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School Board Sets Tentative Date For New Gym Opening

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 1999. Board members present were Bob Glass, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, and Eugene Galley. Don Dorsey, John Holland, and T.D. Sims were absent from the meeting. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Lealie Darsey, Secretary, Ed Bailey, High School Principal, Brian Fuller, Jessi Fish, Terri Adams, Bill Layman, and Toni Bohlar.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Neal Odom. Jessi Fish and Brian Fuller presented each board member with a 1998 publication of the

Yearbook. Opening prayer was led by Bob Glass. Motion was made by Mike Darsey, second by Eugene Galley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 21, 1998.

Jessi Fish and Brian Fuller presented the board with a request for partial funding for stock show expenses. After much discussion a motion was made by Mike Darsey, second by Bob Glass proposing that Mr. Layman develop

guidelines governing must be met in order for FFA students to receive help with funding by the Board, for hotel, travel, and meals, when participating in stock shows.

The Board approved a budget amendment to transfer \$51,090.03, from the General Operating fund to the Capital Projects fund in order to See School Board, pg. 10



Girls 3-0 For District, Tigers Beat Lefors

The Lady Tigers and Tiger teams hosted Lefors in basketball action on January 12. The Lady Tigers came on strong and defeated Lefors, 81-22. Amanda Cline scored 25 points. She made 7 out of 10 - 3 point shots. Lacy Steel scored 16 points, Rachel Galley had 10, Randi Riley added 8 and Austin Williams earned 6. Nicki Hefley scored 2 points, Vanessa Glass scored 8, Valerie Joiner had 3 points and Jessi Fish had 3.

The Tiger team also held their own battling coming out the winners with a score of 55-41. Scoring for the team was Randy Floyd with 10, Bradley Sawyer with 2, Ike Hanes with 10, Gabriel Vega with 3, Derek Studebaker with 2, Brian Fuller with 2, Brett Montgomery with 17, Terrell Hembree earned 5 and Gary Jones

4. The teams traveled to Hedley on January 15. The Lady Tigers came home victorious and are 3-0 in district play. The team won 57-50. Scoring was done by Vanessa Glass with 24 points. Amanda Cline earned 16 points for the Ladies, Lacey Steel added 10, Rachel Galley 5 and Annie Weaver 2.

The Tigers were defeated after a valiant effort that ended with a score of 53-76. Scoring was done by David Swafford with 2, Randy Floyd with 7 and Ike Swafford added another 2 points, Brian Fuller had 10. Frankie Sparling earned 4, Brett

Montgomery had 2, Terrell Hembree 2 and Gary Jones 4.

McLean will host Groom on January 22 beginning at 5:00 p.m. BEAT GROOM.

Dinosaur Created In Second Grade To Be Displayed



McLean's second grade class will display their hand-made dinosaur at the library this week. Members of the class are Nikki Alvarez, Chase Bohlar, Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Tobey Focken, Suzanne Howard, John Jeffries, Amanda Loya, Evan McMordie, Jamie Sanderson, Kortney Smith, Tammy Syfret, Cameron Taylor, Ben Thompson, DaShae Tolleson, Arely Vega, Christopher Walker, and Tanner Wilhelm.

This year Lesa Greer's second grade class constructed a Stegosaurus to be put on display at the Lovett Memorial Library in McLean. The class of 18 students has learned a lot about patience because the construction of the dinosaur has taken several months. During the construction, the class worked on their regular class subjects in addition to activities about dinosaurs. The students learned the process of decision making and that everyone has a vote in the project. The students also worked on the computers using the Internet to discover about dinosaurs. They made a graph off an Internet site and then answered the questions by going where the site sent them for the answers. The students also used the Internet to discover facts about individual dinosaurs and how to match a dinosaur fossil head to the correct

body. The Internet also showed the students which animals were dinosaurs and which were not. For example, a pterodactyl is not a dinosaur. The Internet site gave the reasons why it is not a dinosaur. The students also practiced being a Paleontologist after reading the story "Digging Up Dinosaurs" by Alike. Here they again learned patience. It is time consuming and slow work to dig fossils out of a rock.

The dinosaur will be on display at the Library after Thursday, January 21st. On Friday at 2:40 p.m., the students will be at the Library to show off their dinosaur to their parents and grandparents. They will sing a song "Dinosaur" under the direction of Mrs. Watkins.

The second grade students are Nikki Alvarez, Chase Bohlar, Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Tobey Focken, Suzanne Howard, John Jeffries, Amanda Loya, Evan McMordie, Jamie Sanderson, Kortney Smith, Tammy Syfret, Cameron Taylor, Ben Thompson, DaShae Tolleson, Arely Vega, Christopher Walker, and Tanner Wilhelm. See Dinosaur, pg. 8

McLean Reminders...

VALENTINE'S DAY is February 14.

PRESIDENT'S DAY is Monday, February 15.

HIGH SCHOOL basketball teams will host Groom on Jan. 22 at 5:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH basketball will play at Groom on Jan 25 at 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL will play Samnorwood on Jan 26, at 5:00.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet on Jan. 21 at the library at 2:00 p.m.

THE NEWS Office has a lot of pictures for sale at 10 cents each. Please pick up the ones that we have borrowed.

BRIEFS

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

January 21 - Darlis Joiner, David Johnson, Kristi Crockett.

January 22 - Cash Carpenter, Debra Acuna, Norma Curry, Johnny and Joyce Haynes (A).

January 23 - Sherry Watson.

January 24 - Emory (Pete) Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Husted (A).

January 25 - Rhonda Thornton, A.A. (Bo) Nicholas, Travis Winegeart.

January 26 - Oma Watson, Jean Longino, Ida Wilson, Daniel Lee.

January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Mildred Mantooth, Casper Smith, Tami Marsh.

Dinosaur

Darsey, Tobey Focken, Suzanne Howard, John Jeffries, Amanda Loya, Evan McMordie, Jamie Sanderson, Kortney Smith, Tammy Syfrett, Cameron Taylor, Ben Thompson, DaShae Tolleson, Arely Vega, Christopher Walker, and Tanner Wilhelm.

New Arrival

Mason Reynolds is excited to announce the arrival of his new baby brother.

Morgan Clay Reynolds was born to Julie and Clay Reynolds on November 29, 1998. He weighed 8 pounds 3.0 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Robin and LaDean Shaftoe and Gerald and Kathy Reynolds.

McLean Resident Named In 1999 Edition of Who's Who

David Lynn Fuller, of McLean, will appear in the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges. Fuller is among 24 students from Clarendon College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors 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.

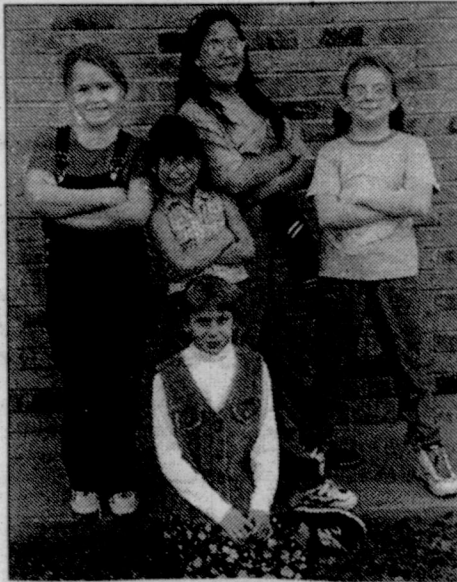
They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Only in a small town! Our mayor has been gone to Poland. He tried to call B&B Turbine, but was connected to the McLean News instead. He left a nice message on the machine instead of hanging up. Thanks Charlie, I'm sure it took a long time to get through.

Vanessa Glass, Rachel Galley and Amanda Cline have been invited to play basketball in Ireland. No definite plans have been made as of yet.

Opal Hugg has moved but would still love to hear from her friends here in McLean.

Her new address is: Opal Hugg, Craig Met. Retirement Community, 5500 W. 9th Windflower 534B, Amarillo, TX 79106



Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop #128 are Tamara Loya, Xenia Buckhaults, Lindsey Ruiz, Amanda Fricks and Kay Taylor, seated. Not pictured is member Andrea Keelin and leaders Amy Herring and Helen Taylor.

Look Who's New!

Ricky and Wendy Jasper are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Chelsie Renee Jasper. Chelsie was born on January 5, 1999 at 11:41 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Rickie and Brenda Jasper and Carol and Jim Lax. Her great-grandparents are Doyle and Wanda Hindman, Esther Mae Jasper and Lou Morris. Her great-great grandmother is Pearl Lerner.

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The year 2000 problem will affect many business-essentially any business or entity using a computer system. your computer will not work properly after December 31, 1999.

The year 2000 may seem to be a long time away, but it will be here in less than two years. Now is the time to consider whether your computer hardware and software is year 2000 ready.

The Problem: Two-Digit vs. Four-Digit Years

For years programmers were able to save storage and computer processor cycles by using the last two digits of the year date. The century was assumed to be 19. The century change demands that computer software and databases support four-digit year dates rather than two-digit year dates, and as a result, many systems are incapable of supporting the century change.

and why is it so important?

Computers and related software used in all types of businesses rely on dates and date processing. If the computer does not recognize that one date is greater than another, the computer may not be able to process properly and could produce erroneous results. If a computer (and/or software) does not store the century digits, then year 1999 is stored as 99, year 2000 is stored as 00, year 2001 as 01. etc. This becomes a major problem for programs that must subtract one date from another to determine the number of years between dates. For example if you subtract 98 from 05 you get -93 years rather than 7 years. This problem may put a business at risk because it can affect its cash flow, inventory, taxes, interest calculations, financial forecasting, customer relations, accounts receivable, accounts payable and many other areas.

How big a problem?

This worldwide problem not only affects computers and their programs, but also every piece of hardware that contains a microchip, including:

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| Manufacturing control systems | Transportation |
| Telecommunications | National Defense |
| Money transfer and other financial systems | Home Computers, Security Systems |
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ANY OBJECT THAT IS DATE SENSITIVE IS AT RISK

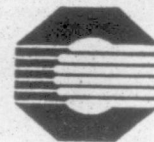
Beyond your own business computer systems, the problem may affect you through the "business supply chain." You buy goods and services from some businesses and you sell goods and services to others. If your trading partners fail, your cash flow can suffer critically.

SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP ASSESS SYSTEM READINESS

1. Can the system perform projections through time? For example, can it calculate interest or payments or make inventory projections?
2. Does the system allow for entering dates? If yes, is the year 2 or 4 digits? What happens if you enter "00" or "01"?
3. Will the system operate differently depending on the day of the week? Will it operate differently at month-end, quarter-end, or year-end?
4. Can the system put things in order by date?
5. Does the system allow you to retrieve things by date?
6. Can the system perform date-based calculations?
7. Does the system have a security feature that includes date checking?

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Meeting Of Mom's Circle Focuses On Husbands

The Mom's Circle met on January 13 at the United Methodist Church. The focus for the day was husbands. The women shared from a book "Marriage on the Rock" by Jimmy Evans on the priorities people

lives should be in, starting with God, spouse, children, church, extended family and friends, work and hobbies.

The book "Five Love Languages" written by Gary Chapman was then shared with the group.

These include acts of service, touch, gifts, quality time and communication. Other ideas for good marriages were shared with communication being a main focus.

The women then lunch.

Those in attendance were Beverly Odom, Diana Roosa and Matthew, Julie Reynolds and Morgan, Terri Adams and Shelby, Amy Herring

with Jordan and Bailey, Nama Webb and Charlie, Jane Overshiner, Cathy Payne and Alex, Kendra Burchfield and Madison, Amy Rodriguez, Natalie Brown and Annette.

Stella Lee and Judy Lee kept the nursery.

McLean City Council Approves Audit

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Tuesday, January 12, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Pro-Tem and opened with an invocation at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Gordon Shepler, Ford Smith Jr., Bob Martin, Jim McDonald and Sam Haynes. Charles McClendon was absent.

Others present: Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon and Gordon Maddox.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Gordon Maddox presented the 1997-98 financial audit for the City and the McLean Economic Development Corp. to the council members. The council voted to accept and approved the 1997-98 audits as presented.

The council appointed city secretary, Toni Bohlar as the Public Investment Officer for the city.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week January 11th - January 15th: Kindergarten Katrina Thomas, 1st Grade Caitlin Manooth, 2nd Grade Christopher Walker, 3rd Grade Stephanie Henson, 4th Grade Seth Childers, 5th Grade Justin Wehrenberg, 6th Grade Ashley McClendon, 7th Grade Robyn Weaver, 8th Grade Bron Bohlar.

WEEKLY BIBLE QUESTION

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Q. Will you tell me about the Old Law?

A. The Mosaic Law and the Ten Commandments are commonly called the Old Law. This is in contrast to the new covenant in Jesus. Let's simply consider some strengths and weaknesses of the Old Law.

STRENGTHS

1. Taught what sin is. Romans 3:20 "because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin."
2. Led us to Christ, Gal. 3:24, "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."
3. Ordained by angels, Acts 7:53, "you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."

WEAKNESSES

1. Could not remove sin without continual sacrifices, Heb. 10:3,4, "But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."
2. Not a permanent covenant, Hebrews 8:6,7 "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, but as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second."
3. It emphasized the physical. The law of Christ emphasizes the spiritual. Romans 8:2,3, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh."

Let us rejoice that we live in the time of the new covenant of Jesus Christ!

Please send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, VA 22107. You may request a free Bible study in your home or office convenience.

May God bless you in the study of His Word.

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McLean Basketball

The McLean Cubs and Cubettes traveled to Hedley on January 11. The Cubs were defeated 18-4. Scoring for the team was Terrence Fite with 4, Tyler Hanes with 6, Josh Seymour with 2, Zane Richardson with 2,

Jay Wallis with 1 and Sonny Northcutt with 3.

The girls were defeated 18-65. Scoring for the team was Kendall Newton with 2, Sarai Sawyer with 7, Shaley Steel with 8 and Jennifer Greer with 1.



McLean Care Center

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Friendship Methodist class. In the afternoon the residents attended church services with the Methodist Church. Those in attendance were Florence Drake, Truman Goodlett, Vernee Bowling, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Dorothy Patterson, Gladys Andrews, Thelma Finson, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie McLemore, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Sylvia McClellan and Glynda Martin.

Monday there was a get together in the dining room with refreshments. later in the afternoon bingo was played followed by exercises with everyone enjoying the bananas furnished by the Lion's Club. Betty Lowe volunteered to help.

Tuesday morning the residents had their nails done. In the afternoon there was a craft session.

Wednesday morning was Wednesday Morning Circle. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing and the

refreshments. An ice cream social was enjoyed later in the day.

Thursday morning there was a craft session with pretty valentines piling up. Bingo was played in the afternoon followed by exercises and a snack.

Friday morning was nail care time. In the afternoon there was another craft session.

McLean Briefs

Peggy Adams made the Vice-Presidents honor roll at college this semester.

School Board

cover new gym construction cost.

The gym construction should be complete within the next week with the exceptions of bleacher seats, lockers and tables. A walk through will be scheduled for all school board members late next week. At that time any problem areas will be written down and given to the cover costs incurred of \$42,790.03 for seating, \$8,300.00 for graphics in the new gymnasium. The Athletic Booster Club will be reimbursing McLean ISD for partial cost of the graphics; as well as, sponsors for the

scoreboard will provide funding, and CIB will be accountable for some reimbursable expenses. Approximately \$17,000.00 will be reimbursed from the above-mentioned sources, which will help contractor for appropriate action. This also releases the school from any liability. Landscaping is still in progress and should be complete soon. The board plans for the basketball team to play at least one game. Seating will be available even without bleacher seats. A grand opening is tentatively planned for the first week of February.

On a motion by Bob Glass, second by Eugene Galley the budget was amended to transfer \$2,937.20 from General Operating to the Yearbook fund to cover the first deposit due in publishing the 1999 edition of McLean ISD Yearbook.

The Board discussed the health insurance policy. Superintendent John Griffin was asked by the board to contact other insurance companies for bids. The current company's rates will go up March 1 and have become slow in payment of medical bills. The board has until May to decide on a \$21,000 advance premium fee that the company is requesting. A decision will be made after other companies have presented bids.

It was approved for Trinity Baptist Church to use the old gym for a donkey basketball game.

The board and visitors were given the address for the school board policy which is now online. The address is: <http://www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/090903/>

Financial Reports A, B, and C were approved.

Approval was granted to pay the December bills as presented.

The board went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:13 p.m. No action was taken on the discussion.

Adjournment came at 10:14 p.m.

Auxiliary Observes 30th Anniversary

The VFW Auxiliary met at the Red River Steak House for lunch on Wednesday, January 13 in appreciation and recognition of the auxiliary's 30th anniversary. Fourteen members were in attendance. Twenty seven members were honored with five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty year pins.

Freshman cagers Randi Riley and Nikki Hefley are geared up for district play.



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FOR SALE: Refrigerator, 19.9 cu. ft., top freezer, almond \$200. Trash Compactor, free standing, white, \$75. 248-1021.

LOST OR STRAYED, Chihuahua, blond, male. Little girl is really missing her puppy! Please call 248-7464, Kevin Kerlee.

McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main 779-2902 * 779-2221
Sunday School all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Night & Youth Services 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Adult Bible Study &
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Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon 779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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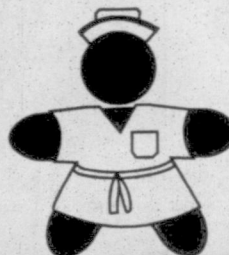
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McLean School Menu

January 25 -29 burrito with cheese, fruit, milk, juice.
 Monday Breakfast: Breakfast Lunch: Corn dogs,

tator tots, pork-n-beans, apple crisp, milk.
 Tuesday Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Frito pie, fried squash, salad, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday Breakfast: Pancake-sausage-on-a-stick, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, corn, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken fajita, peppers, onions, refried beans, salad; fruit, milk.
 Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Cheese burgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, fruit, milk.

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Freedom To Farm Act Looked At By Farm Bureau

Responding to dismal economic conditions in agriculture, delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention here recognized the need to reexamine the three year old "Freedom to Farm Act" at the organization's 80th annual convention recently.

Texas Farm Bureau delegates, led by TFB President Bob Stallman, supported the motion, which placed the nation's largest farm organization on record in favor of a second look at the FAIR Act, also known as "Freedom to Farm."

Stallman stepped forward during the debate, praising certain aspects of the FAIR Act, while stressing the serious situation facing farm families. He helped forge a coalition of Southern and Midwest states to put Farm Bureau clout behind a reexamination of the current farm law. Stallman and other delegates recounted examples of a deepening farm crisis in the U.S.

The resolution said, in part, "AFBF will seek a complete reexamination of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act), to assure that adequate economic and natural disaster assistance is available."

The AFBF delegates, including those from Texas, rejected a return to the supply management programs of past farm bills.

"There is a lot we like about the FAIR Act," Stallman said, "The

problem is that promises were made when we agreed to support it. We were promised expanded trade and an easing of the enormous regulatory burden on agriculture. Unfortunately, the opposite has happened."

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Thursday, January 21, 1999

Groom City Council Approves West-Side Seal Coating, Test Hole For New City Well Site

Groom's City Council met in regular session for their monthly meeting on January 13. Attending were Mayor Joe Homer; Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Jimmy Britten, Pete Ham, and Mary Margaret Brooks all members of the City Council. Also attending the meeting were Dewight Brandt, James Allen, Donald Bland and Rose England, as well as employees Donnie Evans and Mary Sue Lyles.

Minutes from the December 9th meeting were read and approved.

James Allen of Cox &

Allen & Co. of Dumas presented the City's 1997-98 financial audit. Approval was unanimous.

Sealcoating was approved for the west half of Groom. E.D. Baker won the bid with a \$56,784.00 price tag.

W.D. Jones Drilling won the right to drill a test hole for a proposed new water well. The cost will be \$4330.00.

The Council received questions from the floor concerning the proposed well site, which is located at the corner of Texas Avenue and 2nd Street. Rose England, a

property owner in the immediate vicinity of the proposed well posed questions concerning the noise as well as the appearance of placing a well on this particular site. The Council assured Mrs. England that they would do their best to minimize any inconvenience the well might cause.

Donald Bland representing West Texas Gas Company met with the council to discuss Ordinance No. 181 which concerns cutting or digging in streets and alleys.

The bills were unanimously approved.

A motion was approved to amend the budget by moving funds allocated to the Ambulance Fund for the purchase of the defibrillator to the Capital Outlay Account.

Jimmy Britten cast the only dissenting vote on the issue.

A resolution was passed to support development of the Panhandle Water Planning Area Regional Water Plan under the leadership of the Panhandle Water Planning Group.

A discussion was held concerning repairing the ceiling in the Community Center. The Council tabled this issue to allow aldermen to inspect the area in question. Funds have been donated to help with the cost of the repair.

Kristi Barkley earned 8 points. Cassie Ashford scored another 5. Michele Stephens and Karri Britten each had two points.

The girls lost their match against Shamrock 35-23. Brooke Britten was high point with 11. Trisha Broadway put in 4 points, Kristi Barkley had 3, Cassie Ashford and Courtney Sustaie each had 2 points and Nichole Barnett scored 1.

Groom JV boys opened play against Shamrock, winning by a 10 point margin 39-29. Clay Ritter was high point with 16 points. Grant Weinheimer scored 9 points. Garrett Britten and Russell Conrad each had 5 points. Luke Pavlovsky earned Groom an additional 4 points.

In their second game Groom lost to Wheeler 22-37. Clay Ritter led the scoring with 7 points. Hugh Weinheimer had 6, Grant Weinheimer had 5 and Russell Conrad had 4.

The final competition See Tourney, pg. 4



Jessica Stapp takes over editing duties from 97-98 editor Mary Hutsell, who led the staff to win the coveted award.

Annual Staff Wins Highest Award

Groom's 1997-98 yearbook *The Tiger* last week was notified that it had been rated as Distinguished Merit, the highest rating given by the ILPC, Interscholastic League Press Conference.

"The staff members are really thrilled!" Janetta Lamb, yearbook adviser, said. "I think this is the highest rating that the yearbook has ever received. I know it is the highest since I have had it."

Bruce E. Konkle, the judge, made several positive comments. He praised the staff for the unifying concepts of the theme "In Perfect Shape," the reader services (like the index), and the

writing of captions and feature stories.

"The excellent yearbook copy will bring most of the stories/events back to life 25 years from now when students probably won't remember many details about this year," Konkle said. "It is the writing that will truly bring back the memories, the smells, the moments, the tastes, the...you get the point."

He especially praised the sports section, which was designed by the editor Mary Hutsell. "Great use of pull quotes as visual element, excellent use of gray screens, smart use of

See Annual, pg. 6



Carol Wilson, Jennifer Jenkins, and Caren Howard display an effective offense against the Colts.

JV Girls Win 2nd, Boys Win 3rd In Tourney

Groom's Junior Varsity teams earned second place and third place honors at the Shamrock Tournament last weekend. Groom's girls won the second place trophy. They opened the

competition with a win against Samnorwood 23-11.

In this match, Nichole Barnett was high point with 8. Cassie Ashford, Kristi Barkley and Brooke Britten each put

in 4 points. Trisha Broadway earned another 3 points.

The girls teams beat Panhandle, 44-31. Nichole Barnett was the leading point getter. Brooke Britten earned 9

Community Calendar

AFTER Graduation Party Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen. All high school parents and interested people invited.

THERE WILL BE no school at GISD on Friday, January 22.

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Card Of Thanks
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Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 January 21 - Marcie Rhea Babcock, Howard Rose, Brenda Homen, Mrs. Stanley Anthony, Matthew Miller.
 January 22 - Dixie Anthony, Stephanie Nicole Fraser, Christina Galvan.
 January 23 - E.W. Lamberson, Ed Gray.
 January 24 - Joseph L. Homer, Teron Howard, Tyler Jordan Fraser.
 January 25 - W.E. (Bill) Homer, Melanie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Fraser (A).
 January 26 - Robert West, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. R.A. Clark.
 January 27 - Pat and Connie Britten (A).

Groom Resident Named To Clarendon College Honor Lists
 Curtis James Whatley, of Groom, has been named to the Dean's List at Clarendon College. The Dean's honor list consists of full-time students who maintained a 3.6 grade-point-average through the fall semester. Whatley is among 36 students named to the honor list.

Carson County Junior Livestock Show & Sale
 Begins January 21 through 23 at the County Ag Barn in Panhandle. Awards presentation begins at 6:00 pm Jan. 23 Sale will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Amarillo College Announces Fall Honor List
 Linda Bradley of Groom was among more than 300 students recently named to the Amarillo College Honor List for the Fall 1998 semester. Honorees must be enrolled in 12 or more hours of academic courses and make a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or above to qualify for the honors list.
 A Mathematics major, she achieved a 4.0 GPA.

Groom School Menu
 January 25 - 29
 Monday
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, pull-apart bread, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.
 Tuesday
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit cocktail, milk.
 Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Nachos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, sopapillas
 Thursday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, jello, milk.
 Friday
 Breakfast: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Pizza, salad, crackers, pears, milk.

College Students Gain Honors
 Two Groom area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.
 Those listed include Mary Hutsell, a Communication major, and Justin Ritter, a Biology major.
 To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

January Tax Collections Down Slightly
 Groom's sales tax collections are down somewhat for the taxing period of January. Groom netted \$3,419.66. Last year's payment was 1.17% more with Groom collecting \$3,460.24.
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Date: January 21, 1999
 Name of Contractor: City of Groom
 PO Box 217
 Groom, TX 79039-0217

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Groom, Groom, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No 717050/718050.

Project Title: Water system improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Groom's water system by drilling a new well.

Location: City of Groom, TX

Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9501

Estimated Cost of Project: \$ 284,100 (\$ 250,000 TDHCA) (\$34,100 City of Groom)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Groom's Water system improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Karen Babcock, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Groom.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

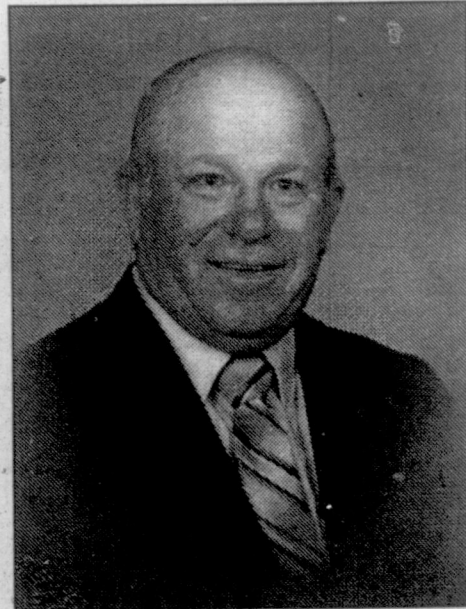
Release of Funds

The City of Groom will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Joe Homer, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in her official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Groom may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Finance Division, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR: Joe Homer, Mayor
 Environmental Certifying Officer
 PO Box 217
 Groom, TX 79039-0217



Billy Fields' Services Held

Billy Raymond Fields, 70, died Saturday, January 16, 1999. Services were held January 18, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Groom with Rev. Byron Williamson officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Billy was born May 31, 1928, to Pete and Gladys Fields of Groom. He was a member of the First Baptist Church since 1943. He was a deacon and loyal supporter of his church. He married Shirley Ann Anglin, June 5, 1949 in Groom. They were to celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. He was blessed with four children all of Groom; Keith Fields, Ronny Fields, and Barry Fields, and daughter Debbie Ollinger. He felt his greatest accomplishment was his eleven grandchildren.

and his last project was a cradle for his first great-grandchild expected in June.

Billy served on the Groom Wheat Growers Association board, Grandview School Board, Groom Cemetery Association, and he was a member of the Groom Masonic Lodge and a past Master. Billy will be missed by the Groom community. He was a great supporter of Groom and the school activities. He always said there was no better place to live and raise a family.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Shirley Ann Fields, three sons, Keith Fields, Ronny Fields and Barry Fields and one daughter Debbie Ollinger all of Groom; two sisters, AnnaLou Cline of Amarillo, and Mary Margaret Brooks of Groom. He was preceded in death by his parents Pete and Gladys Fields of Groom, and a brother Charlie Jimmie.

The family request that memorials be sent to the Billy R. Fields Memorial Scholarship Fund at the State National Bank in Groom, Texas 79039.

Billy farmed in the Groom community for some 50 years. He had taken up the art of woodworking. Each of his grandchildren have a cedar chest that he made

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Groom Travels To McLean

The Groom basketball teams have been busy in district play.

"The next two games are extremely important. The Hedley girls are much better than the past two years. The Owls are beating good teams by a large number of points. Our kids played extremely well during the last two games. It is important to win at home, so we have to take care of business everytime we play," commented Coach Randy Yelverton.

The Groom girls played a very good game against Lefors, winning 81-16. Carrie Sue Davis was high point with 20, Jessica Kepley, Jodi Homen, Sara Britten, and

Jessica Stapp each earned 12 points for the second leading shooters. Kori Brown, Karen Conrad and Krisanne Davis each added another 4 points. Candace Bohr scored 1 point.

In the boy's match Groom won handily 63-15. Josh Evenson led the scoring with 18 points. Dewayne Gray earned 11 points and Wyatt Weinheimer added another 10 points. Dean Fields and Chris Ollinger each added another 6. Daniel Treadwell scored 5 with Dustin Babcock putting in 4 and Dusty Crump adding 3 more.

Groom will face off with McLean, there, Friday night and with Valley, there, on Tuesday, January 26.

Tourney

was held between Groom and Ft. Elliott. Groom breezed past the Cougars 50-33.

Clay Ritter earned 23 points as high point. Grant Weinheimer added another 13 points and Russell Conrad had 11. Cody Bivens and Hugh Weinheimer each added another 2 points.

Assistance Available For Home Owners

The most common hurdle for first time home ownership is having the money saved for the down payment and closing costs. If you're in that position, Panhandle Community Services may be able to help. If you meet income guidelines, they can offer up to \$7500 in down payment and closing cost assistance to help you make that loan.

The program is to assist first time homebuyers, which in addition to people buying their first home can include people who have not owned a home in three years, or a displaced homemaker. Eligibility is based on family income and family size, but in order to qualify an applicant must have credit standing sufficient for the lender to make the loan.

Anyone interested in this program can call their local Panhandle Community Services office to get the exact income guidelines for their particular family. If the applicant falls within the range they would make application for a home loan with a local bank or mortgage company indicating they plan to apply for these funds, which the lender would take into consideration processing the application. When the credit is approved for the loan, the application for assistance would be processed. If an applicant needs help finding a lending source, the PCS office staff will be happy to help.

This assistance may be used on new housing, existing housing, condo's or manufactured homes. If you would like more information, call your local PCS office at 806-874-2573, Clarendon, or toll free 1-800-676-4727, extension 250 or 257.



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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Ms. Burton:
As an educator, I could not have been more appalled than when I received the news that a teacher/counselor in your school system had been re-suspended for the spring semester. I watched quietly in the fall when the events began to unfold, thinking that this could not happen to a fellow educator, that a school board could not be so unethical, and that with time and investigation into the truth, that this matter would be resolved. In the fall, I encouraged Miss Addy to stand on her beliefs, but not before I investigated the charges of breaking of confidentiality of TAAS by releasing to teachers the names of students who need to retake the test via a written memo. I teach in a large school district in Texas; our school advises teachers via a written memo in our faculty boxes of students who need to retake the TAAS. It serves three purposes: (1) alerts us to those who need special encouragement or help prior to the testing dates; (2) allows us to advise those students on the list of the test dates and the locations for testing according to their

last name and classification and test section to be administered; and, (3) allows us to adjust our absentee markings. When I related Miss Addy's suspension to our administration, the guidelines regarding TAAS were reviewed; I was told: 'the intent of the guideline of confidentiality is to insure that names of students are released by professionals to professionals to facilitate the best testing situation for each student. Knowledge of released names may not be used to hinder a student's performance or adversely affect his/her score on the test'. I called fellow educators and asked how they were notified of students who needed to be released for retesting of TAAS; without exception, each received a written memo listing student names. Our counselors and others in the state are not charged with breaking of confidentiality; how can Miss Addy be? In our school system, as well as many businesses, due process is a major concern when job-related behaviors are not acceptable. I doubt many people would work for a business that

suddenly decides to punish a person for performing a job in the same way that he/she has performed that job for years. If an employer wants the job done differently, the employee is advised, usually in writing. If an employee is not performing the job according to standards, that employee is usually warned, even retrained if necessary for the situation. If the employee still does not perform the task according to instructions, due process has already begun for termination or some form of punishment. But, no smart business person would terminate duties of a long-term employee without due process, not if he valued his reputation, his employees' morale, and wanted to be able to afford his liability insurance. Where was due process followed in Miss Addy's suspension? People in larger cities often look the other way when someone needs help; we hear it on the news, and wonder why or how this could happen. It happens because someone thought that another person would take care of it. Having taught in several smaller districts during my thirty-eight years in public

schools, I know one of the greatest gifts from a small-town environment is the caring family atmosphere. That atmosphere is a priceless commodity that allows people to live and grow in one of the best environments available. As Plutarch said: "No one ever wetted clay and left it, as if there would be bricks by chance and fortune." Don't expect someone else to resolve what happened in your school system. Pick up the phone and call someone you know that teaches students who are required to take the TAAS; ask him or her how they are notified. Question how a school, which is a business, has the right to ignore due process, even when it was labeled 'an in-house decision'. And, question, specifically, how prospective new teachers to your system will view Groom's teaching community when they learn how a nineteen-year term teacher was treated. Thank you for allowing letters to the editor so that different ideals and opinions can be expressed. Sincerely, s/Janice L. Cook J.L. Cook Abilene, TX

Finding College Scholarship Money

If you are seeking scholarship money to help pay for rising college costs, there is excellent help now available. Currently there are nearly 400,000 scholarship and grant sources to help pay for college costs, including tuition, room & board, text books, lab fees, and other expenses. Over 80% of these scholarships do not depend on financial need or high grades but are awarded based on factors such as the student's interests, activities, field of study, age, ethnic background or parent's work or military service. Yet, according to the U.S. Department of Education and financial aid experts, many students are missing out on financial aid opportunities available to them simply because they are not aware of the scholarship process and do not know how to locate scholarships that can help them. According to financial aid experts, "Students who take the initiative to find out what sources they qualify for are usually successful in funding either part or all of their education." Ideally, students should

begin the process of identifying scholarship sources starting in the spring semester of their junior year in high school. However, as long as there are college bills to pay, even for later years in college or graduate school, it is never too late to find out what money is available to help. Each scholarship source has specific criteria to qualify, so the challenge for students is identifying those scholarship sources that can help them. The important thing is for students to take the initiative to find out what they qualify for and then apply for it. Now through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1998-99 is available which provides important information.

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Annual Staff Award

small team photos that make faces the dominant elements, inclusion of record in scoreboards (for easy remembrances of the season), and use of the sidebar instant replays--they enlighten and personalize the season," he said.

Konkle made an encouraging remark about the photos.

"Your photography isn't in the distinction category, but it's awfully close," he said. "A few too many 'looking off the page' photos, flat/gray photos, overuse of square photos and some spreads with too many similar shapes and sizes."

"Mr. Konkle gave us a number of things that we

need to work on, and I am glad that he did," Mrs. Lamb said. "We want to do the very best that we can do."

Members of last year's staff, other than the editor Mary Hutsell, were Melissa Anthony, April Burton, Angie Conrad, Maggie Thomas, Jessica Stapp, Macie Britten, and Brooke Britten.

This year's staff includes the editor Jessica Stapp, Allison Eatmon, Jodi Homen, Carrie Davis, Jessica Kopley, Josiah Scott, and Evan Crowell.

The sale of this year's book has been extended to February 19. The books sell for \$20 now, but after that date, they

will increase to \$25. Families with more than one student in school get a further price break, with \$15 for each additional student.

The family plan does not relate to parents and other relatives.

The yearbook staff will have a car wash in the near future to help pay for costs incurred on the cover.

Carson County Farmers Increase Efficiency

Many farmers in the area are starting to realize that in order to succeed in the post Freedom to Farm world, they must increase their efficiency; i.e. become the least cost producer. Carson County farmers wanting to become the least cost producer are turning to a South Dakota farmer for the key. The key to becoming more efficient according to Dwayne Beck, the manager for the farmer owned Dakota Lakes Research Station in Pierre, S.D., is to diversify and intensify farming operations. The name of the game is to store enough soil moisture to grow different crops, diversity, and grow them with more frequency, intensity.

The theory behind traditional summer fallow is to keep the soil cracks closed, thus keeping soil moisture from evaporating. That is also the reason farmers work the ground during the crop season, to protect their moisture. One problem though, traditional farming methods in normal years only save enough moisture to grow summer fallow wheat. However, Beck has found that by leaving the crop residue in a low-disturbance no-till system keeps the cracks closed too. "It covers them up, lets the water go down and doesn't let it come back up."

Rotations have been a key component to Beck's system; "the key word is diversity." Diversity enables them to use their


equipment and labor "so much more efficiently," says Beck. "We harvest from the first of July to the last week of November; we seed from the last week of March to the second week of June. It's because we are growing so many different crops. With such a variety of crops, there have not been too many years that everything goes bad; sometimes everything hits, but that is rare, also." By spreading out the workload and risk, some crop is working all the time. The use of a variety of crops also keeps both diseases and weeds better under control, increasing both

productivity and profitability.

Carson County farmers can hear Dwayne Beck speak at the No-Till on the Plains Conference, January 25-26 to be held in Salina, Kansas at the Bicentennial Center. For more information, call 316-777-9083 or surf on over to www.residue.org.

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Report of Jeannie Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas of Receipts and Disbursements from October 1, 1998 thru December 31, 1998

FUND	BALANCE		RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE	
	Oct. 1, 1998	Dec. 31, 1998			Oct. 1, 1998	Dec. 31, 1998
General	160,311.39	1,350,684.01	538,663.75	972,331.65		
Indigent Health	4,679.25	71.46	1,525.62	3,225.09		
Law Library	66.10	1,006.15	691.75	380.50		
Road & Bridge #1	9,248.19	128,410.63	61,661.07	75,997.75		
Road & Bridge #2	3,884.47	128,512.34	44,189.35	88,207.46		
Road & Bridge #3	9,748.18	129,050.76	56,191.93	82,607.01		
Road & Bridge #4	26,233.61	133,995.56	75,883.40	84,345.77		
White Deer Library	18,575.62	1,242.57	5,711.13	14,107.06		
Check Collection Fund	1,730.03	731.56	-0-	2,461.59		
MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS						
General	132,346.52	63,300.11	100,000.00	95,646.63		
Indigent Health	13,662.44	128.30	-0-	13,790.74		
Unemployment Tax	63,769.86	1,022.13	-0-	64,791.99		
Road & Bridge #1	3,545.18	699.20	-0-	4,244.38		
Road & Bridge #2	32,975.48	3,746.48	-0-	36,721.96		
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT						
General, Panhandle	1,250,000.00	-0-	-0-	1,250,000.00		
General, Groom	250,000.00	-0-	-0-	250,000.00		
General, White Deer	250,000.00	-0-	-0-	250,000.00		
Indigent Health	115,000.00	-0-	-0-	115,000.00		
Road & Bridge #1	50,000.00	-0-	-0-	50,000.00		
Road & Bridge #2	270,000.00	-0-	-0-	270,000.00		
Road & Bridge #3	55,000.00	-0-	-0-	55,000.00		
Road & Bridge #4	35,000.00	-0-	-0-	35,000.00		
Texpool	939.51	12.13	-0-	951.64		

Before me undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Jeannie Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas who duly swore upon oath, says that the within report is true and correct.

Jeannie Cunningham

Sworn to and signed in my presence on the 15 day of January, 1999.

Jacqueline West
NOTARY PUBLIC,
STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-20-2000

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Notary Public for the State of Texas