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## Cesily Cadra Crowned Miss McLean In Pageant

Cesily Cadra, a senior, was crowned Miss McLean on February 24. Cesily is the daughter of Mark and Kim Cadra. She was crowned by the 2000 Miss McLean, Teddra Simmons. Cesily wore a straight midnight blue sequin design. Cesily's escort for the evening was Ricky Smith, son of Fred and Vesta Smith.

First runner-up was Kendall Newton, the daughter of Quentin and Paula Newton. She wore a straight lime melon colored formal. The skirt was connected to the bodice by a diamond

shaped pattern. Kendall was escorted by Reo Dennis, son of Sammy and Vonda Averett.

Second runner-up was Sarai Sawyer. She is the daughter of Barney and Suzie Sawyer. Her dress was a strapless, gold satin complimented by a full shirt. She was escorted by Shane Estes.

Amanda Hauck, daughter of Don and Cynthia Hauck, was

chosen by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality. She wore a white and black gown with a flowing skirt. She was escorted by Jay Wallis, son of Larry and Brenda Wallis.

Other semi-finalist were Shaley Steel, Randi Riley, and Nikki Hefley. Cesily will go on to compete in the Miss Irish Rose pageant on March 17.

## REMINDERS

## Board Takes Steps To Reduce Heating Bills, Contracts Renewed For Crockett & Herring

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2001. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, John Holland, Neal Odum, T.D. Simmons, Don Dorsey, and Bob Glass. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Blaze Herring, H.S. Principal, Dick Crockett, Elem. Principal, Coach Chad Walker, Coach James Burch, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, Pam Crockett, Delbert Trew, Steve and Diana Dampier, Dale, Rose, and Shaley Steel, Mark, Kim, Trent, and Cesily Greer, Renea Chambers, Shelli Long, Cynthia Hauck, Misty Hannon, Freda Holland, Joe Riley, and Black Crockett.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bob Glass, President. Opening prayer was led by Neal Odum.

The minutes of the January 18, 2001 meeting were approved.

Delbert Trew spoke to the Board about McLean's 100th Historical Celebration in the year 2002. Mr. Trew is interested in the school joining efforts with the community to make the

history of McLean known. He suggested that the school might have a poster or essay contest relating to the town's history. Speakers that are familiar with McLean, and surrounding Gray County history could talk with classes and share their knowledge. Classes are

invited to tour the McLean-Alanreed museum. Mr. Trew gave a few interesting facts, such as McLean was founded because of the railroad going through here. The founder was Alfred Rowe, who started the Rowe Ranch, and also was on the Titanic. Some interesting files have been discovered which contain facts about Alfred Rowe. The purpose of the celebration is to tie-in modern day with the old days, and to inform people of the history of their town, of which they should be proud. Mr. Trew will be asked to join the site-based committee of McLean ISD, in an effort for all to work together to make this a wonderful 100th celebration.

A motion was passed for the School Board Election to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001. A motion was passed to appoint Molly

McDowell, as Election Judge, and Ms. McDowell will appoint her own clerks for election day.

Motion was passed to appoint John Griffin, Pam Crockett, and Leslie Darsey as Early Voting clerks.

McLean ISD recently received word that we would be having a DEC (District Effective & Compliance) visit from TEA. Since this initial alarm, the school has received a letter of apology from TEA, as McLean has been an exemplary rated school for the past two years, therefore, making us exempt from this state audit. The DEC visit is to check all special

programs being administered to make sure that the federal guidelines are being followed. TEA's checklist during such an audit consists of about 26 different areas of education being performed in the school system.

The use of facilities was discussed because of the recent increase in natural gas prices. In an attempt to decrease cost, the old hall has been shut off, and Mrs. Riley's classes have been moved to the High School

building. The new gym will be closed, until needed, and kept at a temperature of 50 degrees. The budget will probably have to be a mended about \$20,000.00 this year, due to the increasing cost of utilities. The Alanreed Property was briefly discussed, and the Board will be deciding on options related to the property in the near future.

Financial Reports A and C were approved.

The Board approved to pay the January bills as presented.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. The Dampiers were asked to join the Board in E.S. at 7:50, and they left at 8:25. The Board stayed in E.S. and requested that teachers, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Watkins join them. The teachers came out of the session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board took a short break at 9:15, and then went back into Executive Session with the Steels, Cadras, and Charlotte Hefley to comment on their support of Coach Walker in the Girl's Basketball program. At 9:30 Coach Walker was called into E.S., and all remained until 10:30 p.m.

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ADULT Volleyball will be held Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym.

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 was the first day to accept applications to run for McLean ISD Board of Trustees. 3 seats will be open for this election-Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, and Bob Glass. You may sign up to run for School Board at the MISD Business Office, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. During Spring Break, the week of March 12-16, the Business Office will be closed, but you may see Toni Bohlar at City Hall to sign up for School Board. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot will be March 21, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. At this time there have been no applications.

FAMILY READING night every Monday night at 7:00 in the Elementary Jr. High library.

SPRING BREAK will be held March 12-16.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet on March 1 in the home of Mary Emma Woods at 2:00 p.m.

ADULT Volleyball will be held Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym.

FAMILY READING night every Monday night at 7:00 in the Elementary/Jr. High Library.

ANNUAL Chili/Stew Luncheon at the Community Room at 100 Kingsley St. 11:00 to 1:30, Tuesday, March 6. Carry out available.

THE VFW Auxiliary will meet on March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Please be there.

TEXAS PUBLIC School Week will be March 5-9. If you want to eat with your child in the cafeteria, please contact the school.

EMPLOYEE Appreciation Day is on March 9th.

CHAMBER OF Commerce Meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Please make arrangements to attend.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet today at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Emma Woods.

SPRING BREAK will be held March 12-16.

CITY COUNCIL will meet on March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

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

### McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 1 - Shane Coleman, Betty Mackie, Marvis Godfrey.

March 2 - David Swafford, Robin Smith, Allison Hill, Joel Wilson.

March 3 - Ann Pierce, Glenda White, Wayne Ennis.

March 4 - Norma Sue (Hill) Bassett, Jacque Riley, Herschel Wolfe.

March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, LaTonya Phillips, Becky M. Thomas, Jason Thomas, Sami Staton, Betty Mackie, Gordon Sheplor.

March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Lena Carter, Mary Ann Carpenter, Paden Lane Watson.

**Card of Thanks**  
We want to thank you for all your concerns for Cecil during his sickness and upon his death. He always dearly loved the people here. A cowboy for over fifty years, he rode for many ranches here in the Panhandle and West of Pecos in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. Many friends and neighbors from all these places attended his last roundup here on earth. It made us feel that he was loved and appreciated where ever he was.

Your personal expressions of sympathy, cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, gifts, donations, and most of all your prayers were truly appreciated.

Anita Seaneay  
Daryl & Susie Wynn & Family  
Jim & Connie Seaneay & Family  
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### BRIEFS

Bill Elton and Helen Johnston of San Angelo, visited last week for several days, with his mother, Maggie Johnston and Fred Johnston of McLean. Also visiting Maggie were daughter and husband Betti and Jack West of Groom and daughter Martha and husband Rodney of

#### McLean School Menu

March 5 - 9  
Monday Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot Dogs, chili, cheese, tator tots, pork-n-beans, pudding, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Yogurt, graham crackers, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish Nuggets, seasoned potatoes, hush puppies, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: French toast, toast and jelly, ham, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Tamales, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, cake, milk.

Shamrock. The occasion was Maggie's ninety first birthday on February 5 on Saturday.

Martha Van Huss was in the hospital at Pampa last week but is now at home doing better according to daughter, Peggy Simpson of McLean.

Belinda Simpson, daughter of Danny and Peggy Simpson of McLean attended a livestock show in Houston and Brenham last week with the group from McLean School.

John McMordie, Kenny Hipp, Jack Johnston of McLean and Dan Fish of Alanreed are starting a used car business with one location in Alanreed,

two locations in McLean. Business is booming. Dan has sold his old tan

The McLean Masonic Lodge held Teacher Appreciation night for the teachers and employees of McLean ISD.

under the hood and get the transmission working. The name of the car lots is WE BE CARS.

The night was catered by Richard Dyer's Desperados of Amarillo. There were 27 people in attendance.

### CHILI/STEW/SOUP LUNCHEON DAY

Tuesday- March 6 11:00 A.M. till 1:30 P.M.  
Community Room at Devil's Rope Museum  
\$4.50 per person includes drink  
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### Fish Named To Honor Roll

Seward County Community College has named its 2000 fall semester President's Honor Roll, Dean's Honor Roll and Part-time Students Honor Roll. Jessica Fish was recognized on the Dean's Honor Roll.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes those students who maintained a 3.5 or greater grade point average and completed at least 12 credit hours in courses numbered 100 or above.

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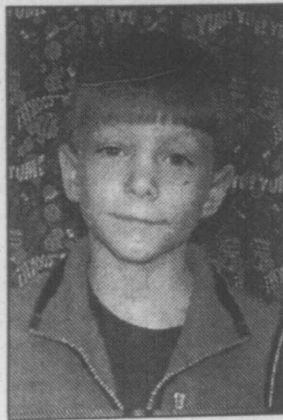
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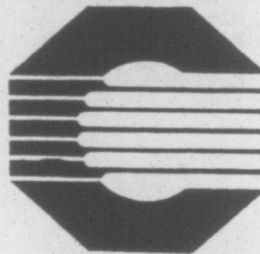
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## Roger McCracken To Retire After 28 Years

Roger McCracken will be leaving the Bank of Commerce after 28 years of service. David Rieff, President of the bank, expressed appreciation for Roger's service to the bank and to the community over his years of service. "Roger will definitely be missed and his accomplishments and banking relationships developed over his years of service are the foundation of our bank's future," stated David Rieff. "Roger is a very humble and understated leader and he specifically requested that a formal reception not be held. I think that is indicative of the type of man Roger is in that he has always been more interested in the well-being of his customers and the stability of the bank than any personal recognition he might receive." The entire staff of the bank wishes Roger and his family the best of luck in the future.

Roger was born and raised in McLean. After graduation from McLean High School he served in the Viet Nam War.

Roger returned to the panhandle to attend college at West Texas State University and graduated in 1972. At

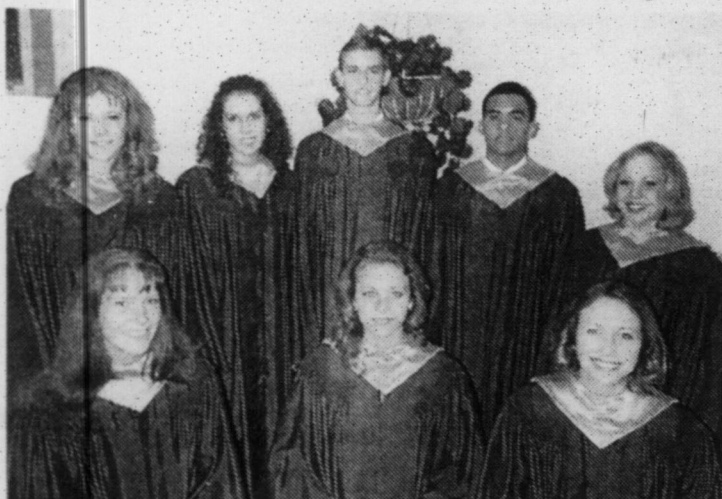
this time Roger and wife, Janet Harkins McCracken returned to McLean. Roger began his banking career at the American

National Bank in McLean as a teller. He then advanced to Cashier and then Executive Vice President. Roger's last

position at the Bank of Commerce was President.

McCracken, Erin McCracken Martin, and Moriah McCracken, and 3 grandchildren.

Roger and Janet have 3 children, Ethan



## National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society held its induction ceremony for McLean on February 22 at the United Methodist Church. New members Katrina Routon and Shaley Steel

were inducted into the McLean Chapter.

The new officers for the year are President, Randi Riley; Vice President, Nikki Hefley; Secretary, Katrina

Routon; and Treasurer, Shaley Steel. The senior

members are Cesily Cadra, Will Prost, and Gabriel Vega. They will be greatly missed.

## Cub Scouts Tour Fire Station

On Wednesday, February 21, 2001, the McLean Tiger Cub Scouts introduced the boys to Volunteer Fireman Dennis Ward, who gave them a tour of the fire station. The boys learned what happens when someone calls 911 and had the opportunity to hear how it is when someone calls 911 and had the opportunity to hear how it is transmitted over the pagers to the firefighters in McLean. Dennis showed all of the fire trucks to the kids and different types of equipment used by the firefighters. The boys were also shown what the firefighters wear to

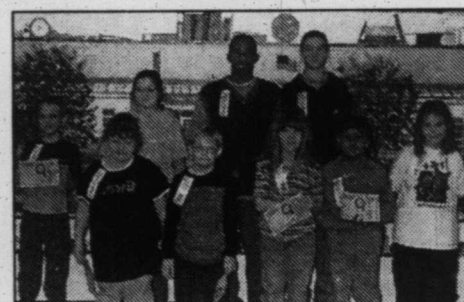
protect themselves. James McClellan then talked to the boys about what to do if you need to evacuate your house in case of a fire. The boys were familiar with making plans about how to evacuate their homes since they had drawn house plans and escape routes earlier this year in school. It was a fun and educational experience for all of the boys and adults who attended. Those at the meeting were Jace McLain, George Patterson, Jordan Herring, Daniel Jeffries, Trent McAnear, Kelby McClellan, Jack Odom, Zachary Odom, Jacob Azazzi, Cody Azazzi, and Chase West.



Pictured is first grader Jordan Herring wearing the bunker gear of Dennis Ward.



McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week February 12-16: Kindergarten Rocco Rodriguez; 1st Grade Becca Reyna; 2nd Grade Anthony Shackleford; 3rd Grade Hogan Ketcherside; 4th Grade Cameron Taylor; 5th Grade Mark Smith; 6th Grade Tamara Loya; 7th Grade Dustin Kirkland; 8th Grade Chloe Smith.



McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week February 19-23: Kindergarten Kendra Richardson; 1st Grade Jordan Herring; 2nd Grade Erin Vassey; 3rd Grade Nancy Castillo; 4th Grade Christopher Walker; 5th Grade Casey Phillips; 6th Grade Courtney Lamb; 7th Grade Troy Pendleton; 8th Grade Zane Richardson.

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## Bybee Looking For 2001 Championship

Local Federal-Mogul Dragster Pilot, Billy Bybee is coming off of his best racing season ever. "2000 exceeded all our expectations, we set some pretty high goals for the team and we have accomplished many of them, along with a few extras," said Bybee. One of the team's biggest goals was to finish in the Top-Ten in the World Standing, Bybee ended up number five. "To finish up knowing that you are one of the top five race teams in the world is pretty amazing," said Bybee. "The whole team has been working toward a season like 2000 for several years now, its nice to finally feel like we have reached a new level in racing."

In addition to the Second Wind team's Top-Five National Finish, they also achieved success at other levels in the sport of drag racing. Bybee came away from 2000 with four event victories, three runner-ups, two top-qualifier awards, and a second place finish in the

West-Central Divisional Points Standing.

Interestingly, the one award from 2000 that Bybee is most proud of didn't even come from winning a race. During the recent season ending banquet in Kansas City, Billy Bybee and the rest of his team were presented the "Road Racing Service Sportsmanship Award." The award goes to the team that most

exemplifies sportsmanship during the course of the season.

"There was one event in particular that I think really shows what this team is about when it comes to sportsmanship," said Bybee. "We were in Earlville, Iowa at the time and we were also right in the middle of a points battle with our rival Bruce Bowler. Bruce and I both made it to the final round and whoever won the race was going to have a significant lead in the points chase. Unfortunately, Bruce broke his car during the semi-final run and as luck would have it, we were the only guys at the track who had a welder to fix Bruce's problem. Without hesitation my team offered to fix Bruce's car so we could race him in the final. We fixed the car, got Bruce on the track and then we ended up winning the race in a close final round against him. I was so proud of my team for what they had done that day. Not many teams would have shown that kind of sportsmanship. I'm also very proud that my team won that award at the banquet, it's an award that really belongs to Gene, Donald, Lon, Bill, Ken, and Mark" said Bybee.

The success of 2000 has been a long time coming for Bybee and his Second Wind Racing Team. In 1996, the team didn't even break

into the Top 50 at year's end. Then in 1997, the team jumped into the pack placing 32nd overall. Bybee continued to improve during the following years, finishing 28th in 1998 and then 17th in 1999. With the Top-Five finish this past year, Bybee can now focus on the world championship for 2001. "Winning the world championship has been a goal of ours since we started racing. I would say we have everything we need to be a serious threat in 2001. We just finished putting together our new dragster for 2001, and if it is half as fast as it looks then we are in great shape."

"Realistically, 2001 could end up being one of the toughest seasons we have ever had to face. There are many other teams out there that have top-notch people with a lot of talent. With that kind of competition, it will be a challenge just to stay in the top-ten. But who knows, with a little luck anything could happen. We will just have to wait and see," concluded Bybee.

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## All District Athletes Named

The Region 1, District 3, 1-A Basketball All District selections were announced recently.

The Lady Tigers held three positions. Nikki Hefley, a junior at McLean High was named to the 2nd team.

Cesily Cadra, senior and Randi Riley, a junior were named as Honorable Mention.

Shane Estes and Terrell

Hembree, both seniors were named to the 1st team for the Tigers.

Senior Brad Sawyer and Randy Floyd were named on the 2nd team. Ricky Smith, a senior, and junior, Chris Sparling were named as Honorable Mention.

Shane Estes will play in the All-Star game in Lubbock.

## BOARD

At this time Coach Burch was called into E.S.

The Board returned to open session at 11:09, and Dick Crockett's contract was renewed. Blaze Herring's contract was also renewed.

All discussion was not finished on the Financial Report, so the Board recessed until the following evening at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, February 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Those present were John Griffin, Mike Darsey, John Holland, Billie Ward, Neal Odom, Don Dorsey, T.D. Simmons, and Bob Glass.

Discussion centered around budget and financial standing. The changing of the fiscal year start date was tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

## Jessica Fish Places Eighth

Jessica Fish recently placed 8th high individual at the Dixie National Livestock Judging Contest in Jackson Mississippi.

She is the daughter of JayDee and Becki Fish of McLean. Jessica graduated from McLean High School in 2000 and now attends Seward County Community College in Liberal Kansas.



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## ALANREED

### NEWS

Kristi Tidwell of Alanreed is doing her practice teaching in McLean. Kristi is in her last year of college at Texas A&M University, Canyon campus. She is the daughter of Bill and Dena Tidwell of Alanreed.

Jimmy, Tammie, Calvin, and Wyatt Armbrister of Liberal, Kansas, spent the weekend with his parents, James and Shirley Armbrister of Alanreed. Jimmy does mechanic and farm work with his father in law, Tommy Cole.

Hadley Tidwell son of the James Tidwell east of McLean spent the day Monday with his grandparents, Bill and Dena Tidwell of Alanreed.

Bill Tidwell has been at home from his Fiberoptic Inspecting job since before Christmas. Bill had heart by pass surgery Christmas week and colon cancer surgery after that. Bill is taking chemotherapy treatments five days a week now

for five more weeks and has rest periods in between. Bill says he feels real good.

Bob and Jeanette Fish had a Sunday family dinner recently. Attending were Larry, Lynn, and Ryan Swanson, from east of Alanreed, Tony and Amy Polito of Clarendon, Dan, Sasha, Ashley, Taylor, and Parker Fish of Alanreed. Also Joe Fish of Alanreed.

## Obituary

**Billy Andrew Turner Sr.** Pampa - Billy Andrew Turner Sr., 82, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, in Amarillo.

The body was cremated. Memorial graveside services were held at 3:00, Friday, at the Alanreed Cemetery.

Mr. Turner was born in Gray County and moved to Pampa in 1955. He managed Sinclair Service Station, was a truck driver for Mojave Petroleum and later owned and operated Bill's Weed Control.

He married Winifred Edis in 1945 at Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Jennifer Tomlinson of Crowley, Loretta Turner of Pampa, Nelda Webb of Chico, and Christina McCowan of White Deer; three sons, Billy Andrew Turner Jr. of Pampa, Dexter Turner of Plano, and Joel Neil Turner of Irving; a sister, Auna Barnes of Fritch; four brothers, Joe Turner and Ivan Turner, both of Amarillo, Vernon Turner of Pampa, and Amos Ed Turner of McLean; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

## Museum to Open for Season

The McLean/Alanreed Area Museum, the Devil's Rope Museum, and the Texas Route 66 Museum will officially open for the summer season on Tuesday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Special activities include the annual Chili/Stew Luncheon from 11:00 to 1:30 at the Community Room in the Devil's Rope Museum at 100 Kingsley St. in McLean. Stew, chili, beans, Mexican soup, and banana pudding are featured on the menu. Condiments and drinks are included in the price with carry-out available.

A special sale table will offer home-baked goods, jellies, and fresh shelled pecans. Chances will be sold on a beautiful Afghan made and donated by Mary Emma Woods to be given away on April 21. All proceeds will benefit operation of the McLean/Alanreed Museum who thanks Neal Odom and the McLean Feed Yard for donating the meat, the Devil's Rope for the use of the Community Room, and the McLean News for the media coverage.

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**GROOM CITY**

Council will meet on Thursday March 8 in the Community Center. On the agenda will be the Open Meeting Workshop. A representative from Classic Cable will be in attendance. The council plans to discuss problems concerning the cable company.

**GRANDVIEW - HOPKINS**

Independent School District will be taking applications for a maintenance position. If you are interested, you may call 669-3831 for an application. Applications for the position will be received through March 2, 2001. The District is also seeking bus drivers.

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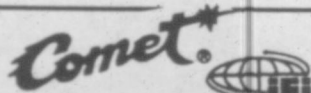
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**First Assembly of God** 4th & Main  
Pastor Rev. Dean Williamson 779-2221  
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Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**First Baptist Church** 206 E. 1st  
Rev. Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church** 2nd & Gray  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
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Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Herald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church** 603 Commerce  
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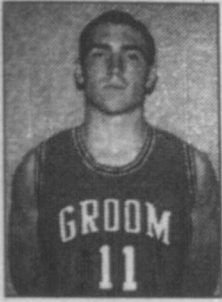
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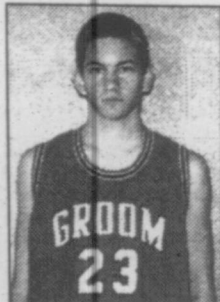
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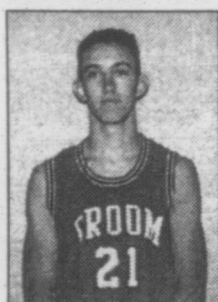
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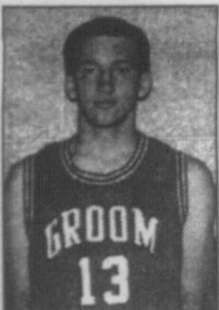
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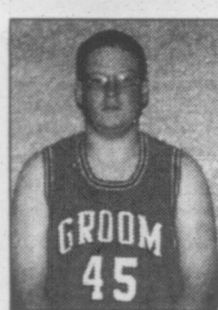
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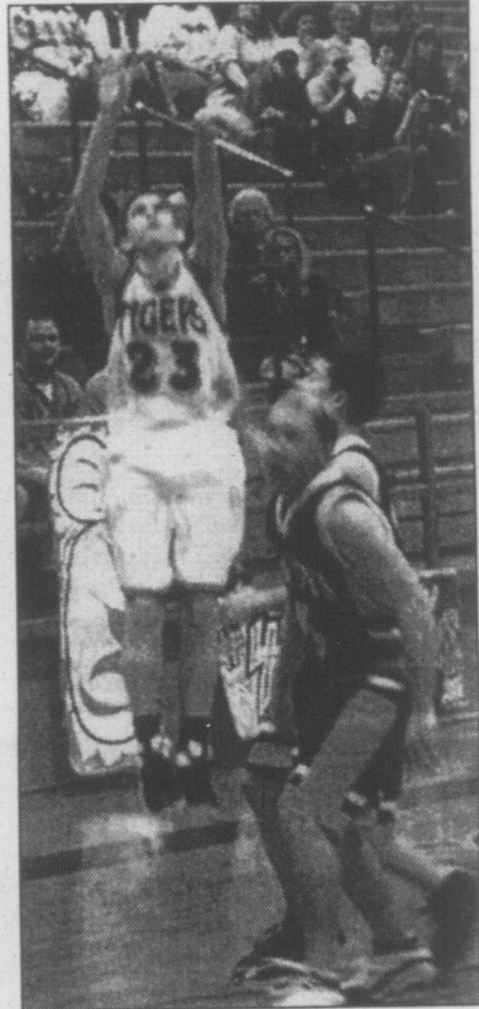
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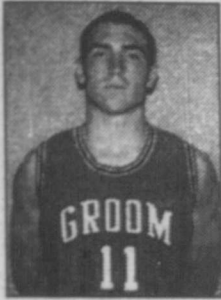
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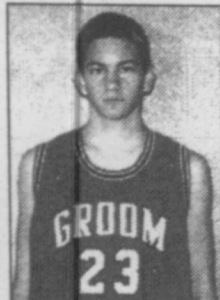
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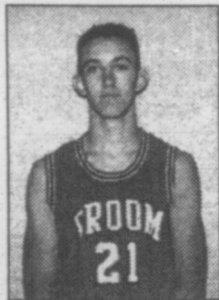
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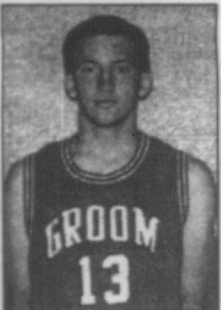
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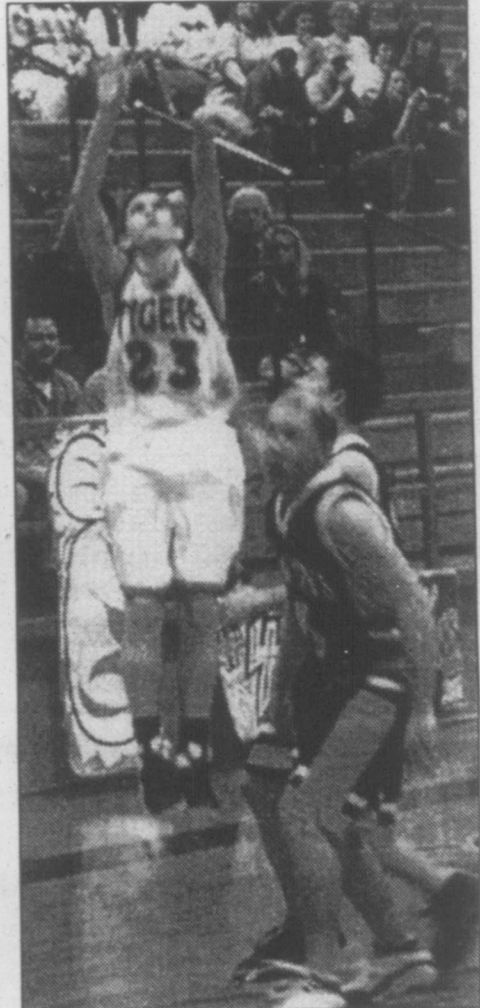
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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Glyen D. and Sybil Harrell attended the annual smorgasbord at St. Joseph's Church in Amarillo Sunday. Rose Mary Weller Pugh, former Groom resident, was the chairman of the event.

**GROOM BRANCH** Library would like to invite you to the pre-school story hour on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our volunteers ask that the parents or sitter stay with their children when they bring them. **GLOW** (Groom Library Offers Wonders) has stories, songs, and activities. See you there.

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**SPRING BREAK** is scheduled for March 12-16 for Groom ISD.

## Sheriff's Report

There were 3 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of February 19th through February 25, 2001. Currently there are 9 persons incarcerated in this jail and 10 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Eliodoro Deleon, age 24, of Pampa TX.- Driving while License is Suspended.

John Dearth, age 24, of Panhandle TX.- Other Agency Warrants- DWI.

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### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 1 - Sharri Renee Britten, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. (Hap) Watson (A).

March 2 - Kenny Schultz, Kenneth Ray Burger, Tommy Head.

March 3 - Dara D'Ann Whatley, Curtis Whatley, Joe McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burgin (A), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope (A), Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C.(Tony) Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Ed) Gray (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burk (A).

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### Late Breaking News...

To date, two candidates have filed for Groom ISD School Board. Jigger Britten and Lonny Brown.

On the City ballot, Joe Homer has signed up for another term as Mayor and Kenny Weller, alderman.

The final day to sign up is March 21.

**Card of Thanks**  
 Thanks to all my friends and family for your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, gifts, food, and all you did to make the "getting well time" easier for me. God bless each of you.  
 Evelyn Ollinger

### Hodges Joins State National Bank Board

The State National Bank of Groom announces the appointment of Beth Hodges to the Board of Directors as an advisory director. Previously, Beth was a banker in Panhandle for 34 years, beginning her banking career in 1967 with First National Bank of Panhandle, becoming associated with the First National Bank of Claude in 1996, and retiring from the First National Bank of Borger, January 31, 2001. She served on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Panhandle for a number of years.

Hodges served on numerous IBAA, TBA and ABA committees through the years. In 1995, she served on the U.S. Treasury Advisory Commission of Financial Services, appointed by Robert Rubin, then secretary of the treasury, who chaired the committee.

President Bobby Babcock states that the State National Bank is very fortunate to have someone with Beth's credentials join our board. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be tremendous asset to our Bank and our community.

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**BRIDGES**

for several departments. Prior to that, she was communications coordinator for the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville, Tenn.; director of communications for International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland; assistant director of admissions for Dallas Baptist University; and account coordinator for McKone and Co. in Irving.

"Not only is Bridges experienced and qualified in the area of Baptist communications," Liebrum said, "but we believe she brings to the leadership of Texas Baptists a generational perspective that is greatly needed."

Bridges, 34, "understands young Baptists, and she understands Baptist history," Wade said. "She is prepared by her experience in Baptist life to help us tell the Baptist story to a new generation of Baptist."

As churches get acquainted with Bridges, Wade said, they "are

going to be eager to use her expertise to help them develop stronger public relations efforts in their communities. She will be developing ways to assist churches, as well as our whole Baptist family, in communicating with our own people and with the public."

Bridges, a member of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, lived in Groom for 13 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism, with a marketing-management emphasis, from Baylor University in

Waco. She is pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, which she expects to complete this summer.

At the Annuity Board, Bridges worked with print, internet, audio, video, and presentation media. She managed web site projects, wrote marketing plans for new products, managed research projects, and wrote copy for sales materials.

**More Local Happenings**

Courtney Candace Burgin was recently named to the dean's list at the University of North Texas. To be eligible for the dean's list students must complete at

least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Superintendent's Corner...by John Wilson

**The Best Is Yet To Come For Students At GHS**

Even though the weather doesn't feel like it, spring is definitely in the air at Groom School. Basketball is over, but track and tennis have already begun. Students are away at stock shows with animals. Cheerleader tryouts, literary contest, One Act Play, and the Prom are near. The dreaded TAAS test is upon us. All these are signs of spring at school. We know our kids will make us proud in all of these areas, as usual.

As most people know, the board and administration have had to make some difficult decisions over the past few months. In all these decisions, input was sought from the community and that input was always given the most careful consideration. We realize that in times of financial burden, no decision is going to make all constituents happy; but the school board has always, above all, put the interest of the students first.

This school has historically been prudent in financial matters. Now especially, every staff member has been aware and has been very careful with the public's money. The facts are that property values have declined, student counts have declined, and we

have raised taxes to the maximum. In the current year, we face deficit spending, and for the next two years, we are certain to cut deeply into the fund balance unless some cuts are made. The board has met for many hours, has held public meetings, and has come up with the best solution possible. Everyone involved would like to preserve

the programs we have in place, and the current solution allows this to happen. Factors that were considered when contemplating cuts were the amount of money to be saved but cuts, whether programs were state mandated, and the number of students affected.

Cutting the band program to half a day will save approximately \$25,000. Some sort of fine arts program is mandated for high school students, although there are alternatives other than band. Under the curtailed program, students in grades K-4 will have to receive music instruction in some other manner than with a certified music teacher, and students in grades 5-8 would have regular band classes. Only thirteen high school students signed up for the band for the 01-02 school year, and all of those students are able to be scheduled into band class. We will still have a Friday night band, and students will still be able to be in contests. Cost of the program will be approximately \$30,000 and will serve approximately fifty-five students.

Cutting the vocational agriculture program to half a day will also save approximately \$25,000. While vocational agriculture is not state

mandated, it does provide vocational education. Under the curtailed program, seventh graders would receive an ag shop class. Twelve high school students signed up for ag for the 01-02 school year. Four of those students are not eligible because the have other graduation requirements. All eight high school students who are eligible are able to be scheduled into ag classes. Students will still be able to participate in all contest and stock shows that are currently available. Cost of the program will be approximately \$29,000 and would serve approximately eighteen students.

The board and administration have considered all possible alternatives. These are the program curtailments that will save the most money while affecting the least number of students.

While these are difficult decisions, it is imperative that we all remain positive about our school and community. Groom ISD will continue to be on the cutting edge of educational excellence. It is still a wonderful place to have children. The school still has a staff that is second to none, and in spite of changes, the best is yet to come for kids in Groom School.

**Groom School Lunch Menu**

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, peaches, bread sticks, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, french fries, pineapples, texas toast, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito Pie,

pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed veg., apricots, cheese zombies, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish or steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies, milk.

**Former Resident Passes Away**

John Clarence Schaffer Wheeler- John Clarence Schaffer, 63, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday Feb 22, 2001 at 11th Street Baptist Church in Shamrock with Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, and Scott Proter officiating. Cremation followed by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Schaffer was born in Gray County. He attended school in Groom and lived in Spearman several years before moving to Wheeler in

1989. He was employed by Wheeler County.

He married Sylvia Kraetz in 1957 in Sedro

Wooley, Wash. He served in the Navy from 1956 until 1959.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, John Schaffer of Houston, Dean Schaffer of Amarillo, Robby Schaffer of Wheeler, and Kenneth Schaffer of Erick, Oklahoma; one daughter, Marri Jayne Nielson of Austin; one brother, Sam Schaffer of Wellington; two sisters, Doris Body of Wheeler and Barbara Clark of Shamrock; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to 11th Street Baptist Church in Shamrock or the American Liver Foundation.

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## GEDC Reports On Work In Progress

The Groom Economic Development Corporation met on February 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center. Present were President; Joe David Brown; Vice-President, Nathan Wieberg; Secretary, Joyce Hutsell; Members, Sandra Britten, Rick Prather, and Joe Rae Richardson. Visitors included, Barbara Homer, Carole Fields, Rebecca Yelverton, and Gailynn Drewery.

The motion was passed to approve the minutes of December 28, 2000, and of January 18, 2001, as corrected to reflect the awarding of land grant of an 84' feet residence parcel of land on First Street to Glen Hill and the absence of Member Rick Prather at the January 18, 2001 meeting.

Properties available for purchase was discussed and a motion was passed to offer to purchase lots owned by Venita Hickey at the corner of Collier and First Street and the

adjoining lot owned by Richard Clark.

Work in Progress Committee reports were presented as follows:

Barkley: School survey, Route 66 and Main Street sign landscaping, Welcome Packages; Britten: New mobile home prospects, Community Center renovations, business owner surveys, GEDC website; Brown: Cross/interstate sign, Community Center renovation possibility,

mobile home dealer consultation, large company bulletin board notices; Hutsell: Property acquisition queries by mail, potential residents mail, GEDC memorial plaque, legal documents on land grants; Prather: Town areas evaluation, possible acquisitions; Richardson: possible land grant residents, possible acquisitions, coordinate labor crews for projects; Wieberg: Land acquisitions research, sign installation,

home builder surveys.

The budget and bills paid were reviewed. A bank balance of \$53,841.05 was reported.

A motion offering to grant Alpha Mu Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi organization \$695.00 for a storage building at the Gazebo Mini-Park on Broadway Street to facilitate the continuing beautification project failed to pass.

### ALL-DISTRICT

Junior Garrett Britten, son of Cliff and Susan Britten.

Doug Fields, a sophomore, and son of Barry and Carol Fields was named to the second team all-district as was Clay Britten, a freshman, and son of Greg and Belinda Britten.

Sophomore Cody Babcock, son of Gary and Cindi Babcock was named to the honorable mention list.

Other honors were also announced with the completion of the district 2 and 3 Boys 6 Man All-Stars. From Groom Dewayne Gray was selected, and Russell Conrad was the second alternate.

The Academic All-District team was announced. Those athletes qualifying were freshman, Clay Britten, sophomore, Doug Fields, junior, Garrett Britten,



Just a lil' ol' West Texas breeze gets this trampoline air born, and slams it into Jerry and Melanie Britten's home. Their kids are wondering if they will have to climb up on the roof to jump on their trampoline now?!

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## I.T. WOODS

Denise Campbell - Mike Taft - Owners

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## WITT BUILDERS SUPPLY HISTORY

Griffith Spencer Witt - founder of Witt Builders Supply was born in Crowell, Texas, the fourth of nine children. His parents John & Paralee were traveling in two wagons from East Texas to live in the Panhandle. They stopped for him to be born and later moved on to Wheeler County to homestead on a section of land. With the help of a neighbor they built a dugout from timber from the abandoned Fort Elliott at nearby Mobeetie. The "ridgepole," timber from the dugout was preserved and is now the fireplace mantle piece in the home of Griffith's son, Scotty C. Witt. "Griffy" as he was known to his friends attended West Texas Normal College in Canyon, earning his way by milking cows at a local dairy. Prior to the depression "Griffy" also owned and managed several service stations in Amarillo. After G.S. Witt's marriage to Era McCaskill in 1929 he moved, he established the Lefors Steam Laundry in oil boomtown of Lefors, Texas. Closing that business in 1938, he drove to Amarillo during the week to do carpenter work. In 1940 the family moved town houses from Lefors to Amarillo. Their residence was near 19th and Wolflin and the old Wolflin Sand Green golf course. G. S. Witt Construction Company then became involved in building new homes and developing rental property.

After World War II, he began manufacturing window and door frames and in 1947 acquired the present property on West 7th Avenue known as The Witt Builders Supply Co., wholesaling and retailing builders supplies. Scotty C. Witt became involved in the construction business with his dad. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1948 and Amarillo College in 1950. For 6 years from 1944 to 1950 he was a newspaper carrier, with the Globe News, with the same route in the Bivins addition, many of his newspaper customers became Witt Builders business customers for later on. Graduating from Abilene Christian University in 1952 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration Scotty joined his father in business full time for a year before joining the Army for two years. Upon his return from service, Scotty assumed more duties as the family owned business became a full service residential and commercial floor-covering establishment.

In 1961, Don Fagan joined the firm as Vice President and a complete carpet department was added; several buildings were integrated with marblecrete exterior at 7th and Lamar; a special carpet warehouse was added to the operation. Witt's Sports Floor Division has been a part of this company for three decades providing gymnasium and recreational maple and synthetic sports floors to a five-state area. At one time in the 50's - Witt Builders Supply had a branch store on Main Street in Groom. Now in its 54th year, Witt Builders Supply continues to serve its many friends, customers, and contractors with quality products and installation service.

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