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McLean Elects New Mayor, Council Members, & School Board Members

The election has come and gone with cheers of and sighs of suco relief.

Mayor race, the In Bob Martin won over June Suggs with 141 141 voters. June received 88 votes. Bob will vacate a on on the city il. There will be positio city council. appointment to fill that position results to be published at a later date. Joe Billingsley and Lavon Watson will fill the empty alderman seats with 145 votes and 106 votes respectively.

McLean will also be changing their Economic Development Corporation. Voters approved of the termination

existing Type "A" EDC with a vote of 174 for and 48 against. The proposition to approve the Type "B" EDC also passed with a vote of 173 for and 38 against. the residents McLean also of

also elected three people to fill positions on the School fill See Election, pg 8



Cast of One-Act Play (left to right): Katrina Route Sawyer, Reo Dennis, Nikki Hefley, and Chase Barr

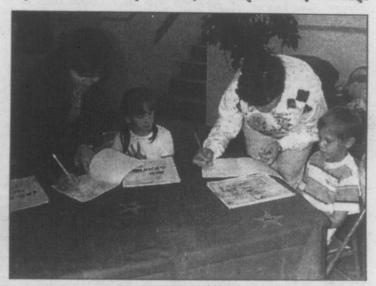
# Dinner Theater Treat For Audiences

Approximately seventy five people attended the annual MHS dinner theater, Monday, May 1, 2001. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious meal prepared by Margaret and Le Milam, a short skit by the One-Act-Play, presented with permission by the Dramatist Play Service, Inc. The theater students participating were Shane Estes, Brad Sawyer, Teddra Simmons, Nikki Henna Katrina Hefley, Kanna Routon, Riley, Katrina Routon, Reo Dennis, and Chase to all who the theat Barnes. A big "THANK YOU" to all who

The Graduation Edition is coming! Attention Businesses, Grandparents, Clubs, and Parents! Call today to sponsor your favorite senior in this years issuel 779-2141



Clinic in McLean will be closing its doors this Friday, May 18th. Jerry will be there to help patients with their medical records during regular business hours through May 29th. After that you may access patient records through the Pampa Regional Medical Center.



Jace McLain and Tori Bybee at the Author's Tea. **Elementary Students Host Authors Tea For Special Guests** 

The first grade class of. McLean Elementary hosted an Author's Tea Friday, May 4 at the McLean United Methodist Church. Each student had written and illustrated a story.

The guests would visit

### Regional Academic Met Attended

Five McLean High School students traveled to Levelland, Texas April 19-20 to compete at the Regional Academic Meet. Those competing were Veronica Fite, Randi Riley, Nikki Hefley, Bethany Rogers, and Riley, Nikki Bethany Roger Nikki Rogers, and These Sarai Sawyer. girls competed in several of the toughest competitions. The ready writing contest is a twohour writing competition.

The spelling contest is the use of proofreading skills and spelling of usually very difficult words. The literary criticism contest covers numerous readings that have to be studied plus over half of the test is questions over literary information about terms, periods of writing, and authors. These girls represented McLean High very well and should be congratulated on their achievements.

any student they wished cookies and punch and a and would listen to them fun time was had by all. read their story. The Mrs. Glass is quoted their story. quest was then asked to their guest book sign The students were all dressed up and looked very professional and their stories were wonderful. The authors and quest were served

as saying that the boys and girls worked very hard on their writing this year and have done a wonderful job. She is wonderful job. She is very proud of the first grade students.

# REMINDERS

SPORTS BANQUET will be on May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Devil's Rope Museum. The students will be selling tickets.

JUDGEMENT House resented by Trinity JUDGENIL presented by Trinity Baptist Church will be Set May 12th at on Sat., May 12th at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. DON'T FORGET DON'T FORGET Mother's Day on Sun. May 13th.

2ND ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER TO BE HELD

The second annual The second annual Alanreed Baptist Day of Pray will be held on May 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. till?. A covered dish luncheon will be held. Preachers, speakers, musicians from Texas, Oklahoma, and all through the area will be speaking.

FUN DAY at the McLean Elementary is today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NO SCHOOL Friday May 11th.

COUNTRY CLUB Dance will be held on Saturday, May 12th from 8:00 - 11: 30 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN graduation will be on May 18th at 9:00 p.m.

**RECOGNITION OF** the Senior students at a Bar BQ at the home of Troy and Jerry Corbin, sponsored in conjunction with the First Baptist Church will be on Wed. May 16th at 6:30 p.m.

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

# The Family Healthcare

McLean Clinic To **Close On May 18** 

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# CARD OF THANKS Thank you for the concerns, prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital.

Pat Barker

THANK YOU!!! Thanks to all of the nanks to all of the people who supported me in the city election! The last year has been a pleasure! Good Luck to Mayor and new Council! Doyle Lee

### McLean Birthdays

Anniversaries May 10 - Bob Holwick, Larry Swanson, Robbie Larry Sw Sanderson.

May 11 - Steven Myers, David Tolleson. May 12 - Wanda Myers, Lynn Reeves, May Lynn Reeves, Jane Sheplor. May 13 - Sue Griffen. May 14 - Velma Henley, Amanda Hauck, Maybelle Brown, Dorthea

Goodwyn. May 15 - David Haynes, Bobbie Albin, Tex Buckhaults, Brenda - David

Jasper.

May L Littlefield, Avare Crockett, Leigh Ann Flores, Charlie Destiny Kirkland, Samantha Krueger.



Pamela Greer received scholarship from the Pampa Center Foundation of \$500 for this Spring semester. She had also received a \$500 8 scholarship the past fall semester from the PCF. To be eligible for a PCF scholarship, a student must enroll in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a 2.5 grade average a semester prior to application. The to application. The scholarships are financed through The Amarillo

through The Area Foundation. Pamela Greer was one of several students to be recognized by the faculty and administration for he accomplishments. Pamela was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa on April 29, 2001. Phi Theta Kappa is an international junior college honorary scholastic society. To be eligible for membership, students must achieve and maintain a 3.0 grade

# Greer Receives Scholarship

point average for all courses taken. A faculty committee recommends students for membership on the basis of character citizenship, and scholarship.

### **ELECTION**

Board. They are 85 follows: Mike Darsey with 200 votes, Toni Bohlar with 149 votes, and Joe Riley with 145 votes

Congratulations to the winners and a big thanks to all who cared enough about McLean to run for public office.

### "Egyptian Allure" Junior-Senior Prom Held

McLean High School held their held their Junior-Senior Prom Friday May 4. The festivities were kicked off with a banquet, and a formal dance followed. The theme this year was Egyptian Allure. There were black and gold streamers and accents accompanied by a lighted pyramid and other egyptian symbols. There was plenty of music and dancing. A fun time was provide a function of the second second

### THANKS wish to thank you for your support by electing me your mayor Let us all

work together to make the City of McLean a more enjoyable place to live Bob Martin

Dear Citizens. Thank you so much for the efforts and support given me in the recent city election I will work very hard with the mayor and other council members for the best interests of McLean Sincerely,

# LaVon Watson Obituaries

RUBY MAE ANDERS MCLEAN-Ruby Mae Anders, 77, died on Monday, May 7, 2001. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m.

beld at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Hillcrest Cemetery. Glen Walton, minister, and Chris Ragle officiated.

Mrs. Anders was a member of the Church of Christ. She had lived in Shamrock for 60 years. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Bradley of McLean and Jeanne Caho of St Louis; two sons, Lenny Smith

of Shamrock and Johnny Anders of Amarillo; a brother, Henry Steen of Truth and Consequences, NM; two sisters, Edna Woods of Amarillo and Nadine Fry of Ada, OK; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

great-granoctant The family sugg memorials be Chamrock Church suggest to of Shamrock Church of Christ, Shamrock, TX 79079; or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, Jefferson TX 79101.

RITA GAYLE WELDON PANHANDLE-Rita Gayle Weldon, age 59, died on Wednesday, May 2, 2001. Graveside services were

held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed. Texas. The Rev. Jim Bible officiated.

was born on 13, 1941. She She February 13, 1941. She is a native of Pampa,

Texas. She was a computer analyst. She was preceded in death by her mother, Adelaide Weldon, and a daughter, Michelle Goddard.

She is survived by her father, Olin J. Weldon of Alanreed; two sisters, Peggy Hestilow of Borger and Beth Flowers of Peggy Hestilow of Borger and Beth Flowers of Panhandle; two grandchildren, Emily Goddard and Timothy Goddard, both of Oklahoma City, OK. The family suggest memorials be made Lupus Foundation, 3131 N. McArthur Blvd. #106B, Oklahoma City, OK 73122.

THOMAS E TROSTLE MCLEAN - Thomas E. Trostle, 87, died Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

May 1, 2001. Services were held on Thursday, May 3 in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker with the Rev. Haynes, officiating.

Interment will be at a later date.

Mr. Trostle was born Feb. 8, 1914, ck. He married Shamrock. Inez Hamby in Memphis on May 17, 1947. He had worked for Fort Worth Tower Co., from which he retired.

Mr. Trostle veteran of World War II, serving in the Army with the 60th Signal Aviation Heavy Construction Heavy Battalion.

He was a member of ne McLean United McLean United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Quinn Easley.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lonnie Easley of Skellytown; a brother, Robert B. Trostle of Shamrock; a sister, Mary Ruth Snodgrass of Claude; three grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

As part of the Bank of Commerce's commitment to serve the financial needs of the community we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the service's available. PASSBOOK SAVING ACCOUNTS CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT MONEY MARKET DEMAND ACCOUNTS CHECKING ACCOUNTS SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TRAVELERS CHECKS CASHIER CHECKS LOANS FOR: PERSONAL AUTO PURCHASES HOUSEHOLD GOODS BUSINESS OPERATING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REAL ESTATE LOANS MEMBER F.D.I.C BANK OF COMMERCE A Subsidiary of GrayCo BancShares, Inc. 

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> > 211 N. Main McLean, Texas 806/779-2030

After June 29, 2001 Call 906/663-5700

Family Healthcare Center of McLean 211 N. Main Street, McLean, Texas 806/779-2030

Dr. Craig Shaffer **Medical Director** 

# Letter To The Editor. Waffle Iron Cornbread Part Of Family Heritage

### Dear Editor:

Our mother was always very innovative and still is! In the hot summer time instead of "lighting oven" the the oven" to make combread to go with fresh garden vegetables, she would make it in the waffle iron. Crispy brown, dripping in butter, smothered smothered with red beans, or served with stew, it was special, and now, years later--No atew, it was special, and now, years later--No matter what the season, a family favorite is still "Mother's Waffle Iron Combread!" The only difference now is that with 7 grandchildren and

5 great grandchildren she triples the recipe! MOTHER'S WAFFLE

IRON CORNBREAD 1 c flour, 1 c. meal, 3.4 t. salt, 2 T. sugar, 4 t. baking powder, 1 c. milk, 1 egg, 2 T. melted fat. Beat egg together with milk. Add dry ingredients, mixing well. Stir in melted fat. Cook in pre-heated, lightly in pre-heated, lightly greased waffle iron just as you would regular waffles.

(This memory makes me smile! Thanks for opportunity to share it!) Cindy Walton

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# McLean's First Annual

The Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa would like to thank everyone who participated in the Walk for Life. It was a huge success. We have been amazed at what a community can do when everyone pulls together. We appreciate your support. We would like to recognize Emma Jean McDonald and Rhonda Sparling for collecting the most donations, and a special thanks to Luann Mantooth for all the work she put into organizing this Walk. Hope to see you next year.



McLean Elementary-Jr. High Students of the Week April 30 - May 4:Kindergarten Rocco Rodriguez: 1st Grade Jace McLain; 2nd Grade Timothy Jeffries; 3rd Grade Caleb Crawford; 4th Grade Suzanne Howard; 5th Grade Lucas Webb; 6th Grade Brandon Phillips; 7th Grade Nicholas Odom; 8th Grade Nick Jones.

# More Science Fair Results

Amber Staton won Grand Champion for the third and fourth grade division of McLean ISD Science Fair and went on to win Grand Champion for the whole elementary.

Her project was on the

needs of plants. Travis Fish won Grand Champion for the fifth and sixth grade division and won Reserve Grand Champion for the whole elementary. His project determined which antacid worked the fastest.

MCLEAN IS GEARING UP FOR 91ST CELEBRATION 9151 CELEBRATION McLean is gearing up for it's 91st Annual Round-up and Rodeo to be held on June 15 and 16. Billy Billingsley with the help of Stock suppliers Wayne and Kenneth Gleghorn, will head up the organization of the Rodeo, that was thought for a while to be doomed, due to lack of organizers. "We still need a lot of help," said Billingsley.

help," "We "We plan to have parade on Saturday

we plan to have a parade on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., but we still need people to help coordinate this event." Books will open on the Monday prior to the rodeo and those interested in entering events should watch for the announcement of who to contact. The event will be TRCA approved. All general inquiries should be directed to Billy Billingsley at 1-806-779-8918.

# LAST FAMILY READING NIGHT

The last Family Reading Night for the school year was held keaning regin for the school year was held May 7th. A drawing was held and Becca Reyna and her family won a day of picnicking, fishing, and paddle boating provided by Freida Holland. Congratulations to Becca

and her family. Summer Family Summer Family Reading Nights will begin the first week of June and will be on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Students must have a parent or responsible adult present to attend. Be sure and share the pleasure of reading with your child.



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# Students Bring Mom To Breakfast

McLean ISD hosted "Bring Mom to Breakfast" Day May 8th. The students and mothers enjoyed a breakfast of sausage, eggs, toast, and fruit. Many mothers,

grandmothers, and were present for the breakfast. Isn't it nice that our parents can be involved in the lives of our students and that our school welcomes their







JUDGEMENT HOUSE

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that tell the story of a Graduation party, a Car accident. three teenagers who lost their lives

## and face Judgement,

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This Saturday May 12th

Trinity Baptist Church

Churches of McLean, Altus, OK., Martin Baptist Church Clarendon,

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# Pioneer Study Club Learns To Laugh

Club met Thursday, May 3rd in the home Nama Webb. At After touring the beautiful pine and rock home of the Webb's, everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments of raspberry tea, salsa relish dip and chips, cookies, and spice cake served by Mindy Reeves. Members present were

Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Margan Jackson, Wan Magee, Wanda Lamb Zeld McClelland, Betty Morgan, Beverly Odon Lynn Reeves, Mind Mindy Reeves, Ella Mae Reyna Ruth Trew, Nama Webb and Mary Emma Woods and guest JoAnn Gray County Extension Gray Agent. Beverly

Odóm introduced guest speaker. JoAnn Gray from the extension office. JoAnn delighted everyone with her program of laughter The experience aughter can increase ou emotional The and well-being. The benefits of laughter can be documented when we consider how laughter

and the

serves to safeguard our health, to increase our ability to problem solve, and to help us with difficult events or situations Laughter builds

cardiovascular, respiratory, and muscular systems, boots your system, i immune increases productivity. stimulates your imagination, reduces stress, makes you more playful, helps you sleep better, lowers blood better, lowers blood pressure, connects relationships, and helps

communications. 17:22-A Proverbs Proverbs 17:22-A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones Next club meeting will be Thursday, May 17th Lovett Memorial at Each member Library. will bring an outdoor plant for the library. Pioneer Study Club has been given several trees for the library grounds. Wanda Lamb and Zelda McClellan,

nominating committee, presented the following for new officers: president, Ruth Trew; vice president, Mickey Jackson; secretary-Trew:

reporter, Jerry Corbin; Nama treasurer, Webb; and historian, Pat Stubbs The motion was passed that these be accepted.

Mary Emma Woods and Ruth Magee asked to be honorary members starting in the fall of 2001, after more than 60 years of active ip in the membership in the Pioneer Study Club.

Invitations to Author's Tea were read, along with thank you notes from seniors and McLean ISD.

### **Ruth Magee Recognized For Volunteer Work**

Ruth Magee ecognized last recognized in last Monday's Amarillo paper as one who devotes a great deal of her time to volunteer work includes many civic projects. Some projects include Her volunteering. many civic projects. Some projects include being a board member of the McLean Alanreed Museum, helping the Devil's Rope Museum, and the Taxas Pourte 66 and the Texas Route 66 Association. She said, Association. She said, "It is rewarding to see good things happen."

April 22nd-28th was National Volunteer week.

An appreciation tea was

volunteers on Wednesday

April 25th in the Care

sandwiches, and cookies ches, and to the served to Those

volunteers. Those present were Betty Lowe, Leta Mae Hess, Margie Fish, and Louise Watson.

I appreciate more than I can say. My job would be impossible without

party will be this Saturday, May 12th, at

us on this very

Our Mother's

the

Tea.

Day

Come and

held to honor

Center Sun Room.

were

them.

join

2:30 p.m.

# Area Museum Hosts 64 Visitors in April

By Dorthey McKee Had 64 visitors for the month of April, from 14 different states and four from Switzerland and a couple from Canada. Had Robert A. McLean in here from Ft. Worth-a in here from PL words a great grandson of WP. McLean, that was a Judge, Lawyer, Pr. Commissioner, that the

Judge, Lawyer, Commissioner, that town was named after. They were a couple from Wisconsin that said, The McLean Alanreed Area Museum had a clothes pin, that the Smithsonian didn't have.

Dear Mrs. Suggs,

Enjoyed having the Daisy Girl Scout Troop 524. They were nice and polite bunch of girls. They were Richardson, Kendra Candace Cassondra Miranda Shackelford. and Ingle, Ingle, and McMordie. The Scout leaders The Girl were Shawn Bybee and Judith Ingles and her son was with her. Roxie McMordie and her son was with the group.

We have one window display finished. Come by and see. Lavern Back and Ruth Magee did an excellent job.

# Care Center To Hold Mother's Day Party Andus. We will miss them.

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended Church services with the Reverend James Mantooth and congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church officiating.

Activities were nail care and bingo Monday. Crafts and Dominoes on Tuesday. Wedney morning w Reminiscence Circle. Wednesday Was In the afternoon we played bingo. Thursday was bingo. beauty shop and dominoes. Friday nail care time Friday was and dominoes.

We regret the loss of two of our residents, Polly Burnett and Ruby



Youngsters of Little League can survive undercoaching a lot better than overcoaching. —Willie Mays

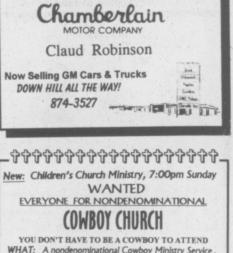
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paper. It's of little consolation now, but please know that it was a simple mistake and one that we deeply regret. If it makes you feel any better. I was told ,by more than one person, that you ran an excellent campaign and reached many people with your door to door canvassing. 9 am so sorry and embarrassed that this happened. I hope you know that Mrs. Quisenberry did her job by getting the information to me, but I somehow failed to get it in. I wish we had more time and a bigger staff to double check more things that go in the paper Again I am so sorry this happened and ask your forgiveness Donna Burton, Managing Editor The Groom-McLean News NES HEA

As Editor of The Groom-McLean News, 9 hope you will accept my sincerest apology for

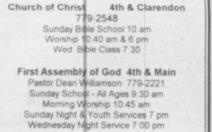
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McLean Church Directory

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

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337 Sunday School 9.45 am Worship 10.50 am & 6 pm Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm Wed. Choir 7.00 pm

> 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 am Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm





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GRANDVIEW. Hopkins Independent School District will be taking applications for an elementary teaching position. If interested, call 669-3831 for call 009-3831 for an application. Applications for the position will be received through May 25, 2001. The District is 2001. The District is also seeking bus drivers.

Legal Notice

Applications are being accepted to serve as Depository for the purpose of assisting with the banking functions for funds of the Melars funds of the McLean Independent School School Independent School District. Bids need to be sent to John W. Griffin, P.O. Box 90, McLean, Texas 79057, no later than May 18, 2001. Depositories will be selected at the may Regular Board Meeting. Legal provisions are set forth in subchapter G, Sections 45.201 through 45.209, of the Texas Education Code. Investments will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment. Funds Investigation of the securities will be governed by the Code. Chapter 2257

AUCTION

Sat., May 12, 2001

Sale Time: 10:00 AM

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VILLAGE Consignments Choctaw and 1st Street. Now accepting consignments of antiques and gently used furniture. For more information call 248-7418. FOR SALE: 89 Ford XLT Lariet F150 Pickup, loaded, extended cab with a long wide bed. Call 248-7035 for more information.

### Seeking Bids

McLean Independent School District is seeking insurance. For specifications contact John Griffin, Superintendent, P.O Box 90, McLean, Texas, 79057. Phone number is 806-779-2301. Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2001

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# Voters Elect Kuehler, Friemel, Britten, Homer, Welch & McLaughlin

Voter went to the polls last weekend with a fair turnout for local 231 people elections. voted in the Groom ISD school board election. Candidate Ron Kuehler received the most votes with 163. Mike Friemel tallied 114 and incumbent Cliff Britten, 112. These three men will be sworn office on Tuesday, y 8. Three other May May 8. Three other candidates were on the ballot. Jigger Britten had 98 votes, Carla Koetting 89, and Lonny Brown 66.

Groom school board will be re-organized on Tuesday night, electing a new president, vi president, and secretary.

In the City election 170 residents turned out to vote for mayor and 2 city councilmen.

Joe Homer was re-elect as mayor with 122 votes. In a very close alderman race with Chris Welch earning 88 votes and Forrest McLaughlin 87. The two winners will take their oath of office on Tuesday night. Incumbent Kenneth Incumbent Kenneth Weller received 77 votes and Rick Prather 69.

The News would like to thank the candidates for their response to our request for profiles and for being willing to give the people of Groom and the area a choice in the democratic process.

# **Activities To Highlight** "May - Clean Up Month"

May is clean up month in the City of Groom. Residents will have access to the large item City dumpster behind Monday through Hall Friday from 8:30 - 4:30 daily. The

The "Keep Groom Beautiful" program will be having a clean up day on May 12. They still can use volunteers to help if anyone is interested in doing a wonderful community ervice project. (This type of community service really looks good on those scholarship applications!) Please contact David Brown if you would like to help so that they will have an accurate count and

supplies. The groups will meet at City Hall at 8:00 a.m., will be provided. lunch For more information to volunteer or if you are a senior citizen and need

removing heavy help items from your property give Lanna or David Brown a call at 248-Brown a call at 246-7926. If you are not able to help physically, but would like to do something to further their efforts, the group would happily accept donations for supplies and oth miscellaneous expenses. and other

Also after you have cleaned out and sorted cleaned out and sorted out those garages, storage buildings, and attics, get ready, for a City-Wide Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, June 2. Press releases will be

sent out to area news media and classified ads-will be available in this publication at a reduced price.

Groom is a shining star in the crown of Texas, please help keep her looking like one by doing your part to clean up, and fix up!





# **Brooke Britten Wins** Gold At State UIL Congratulations are in

for UIL competitor order Brooke Britten as she brings home the gold medal in last weeks State Texas UIL Britten of Competition. Britten competed in two events, news writing and poetry. She won 1st place in news writing. She was a finalist in the poetry competition and placed 4th in that part of the competition, missing the bronze medal by only 1

Brooke was asked to write a news article concerning an imaginary school, The National Honor Society, and the school board.

In the poetry competition, she performed "History and performed "History and Reality" by Stephen Spinder.

Brooke is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and the daughter U. She Mrs. Greg Britten. She in UIL events all throughout high school. She is a National Honor Society member.

Congratulations to Brooke on a wonderful accomplishment and for keeping the Groom ISD name up in lights at the state competitions.

# **Have Pets Vaccinated Today!**

place.

Today is an important day for your safety and that of your pet. Today that of your pet. Today is the annual Rabies Vacination drive at the Groom Fire Hall from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. Dr. Horne of the Gray county Vet Clinic will be

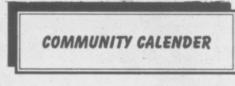
is the annual Rabies Vaccination Groom Fire Hall 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. Vaccination drive at the Hall from Dr. Gray Horne of the Gray County Vet Clinic will be on hand to give local dogs and annual vac cats their vaccinations

protect them from many life threatening diseases including rabies. Rabies had been found

in three animals this spring in the area. It is extremely important to have domestic animals vaccinated. This viral

disease is mainly spread in this area by raccoons and skunks. Even dogs and cats who rarely leav their own yards need to be vaccinated.

It is also important not to leave an invitation out See vaccination, pg 6



RETIREMENT Reception for Leatrice Nelson and Juanita Brown will be held be Wednesday May 16th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GROOM ISD Sports Banquet will be held on May 17th at 6:30 in the Groom School Cafeteria.

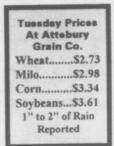
FRIDAY, MAY 11 is FRIDAT, Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. In the Groom area Stacey's Child Care is licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Take time to let Stacy Ford know how much we appreciate her services.

GROOM'S CITY Wide Garage Sale will be on June 2.

GERMAINIA LOCAL Chapter 378 will have a special called meeting on may 15, 2001 at 7;00 special called meeting on may 15, 2001 at 7;00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a local chapter secretary. The meeting will be held at Brumley Insurance Agency located at 93 Broadway, Groom, Texas.

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

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



The Graduation Edition is coming! Attention Businesses. Grandparents, Clubs, and Parents! Call today to sponsor your favorite senior in this years issuel 248-7333

**Board Approves 2** Year Contract For Noack At \$63,000

Groom School Board met in special session last week to finalize the hiring of Kevin Noack for the newly combined Superintendent / Prin

cipal's position. fter a brief closed After a brief closed session, the board returned to the open meeting. A unanimous vote offered Kevin Noack at two year contract at a salary of \$63,000 per salary of year; \$300 per month housing allowance and .30 per mile for school business related travel.

The change in the positions will save the district approximately \$43,988 per Although it is is expected that some additional pay will be given to employees who will be taking on new responsibilities in order to

make the new system work. "I plan on staying very involved with the students," said Noack in a later interview.

have good people around me that a re knowledgeable and will help make the transition as smooth as possible." Noack will take charge

effective June 1. In other business, the board met will Mr. Travis Trussell concerning the property at 3rd and Kirkman. He discussed a minimum price with the board on the property in question. The board will let bids on the 15 feet of property that Trussell needs to be in compliance with City Codes. The Board will 



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### JR HIGH TENNIS You Are Invited Anniversaries May 10 - Susan n, Christopher Junior High Tennis teams recently competed Brown, Christophe Chaney, Robert Newton. for District. Magan To a Retirement Reception the **Bivens** girls won WH singles competition. Dwight Homen placed Honoring Malorie 3rd. May Johnny Brooks. 13 - Corkey - Mrs Britten Katy and Leatrice Nelson & Juanita Brown Ashley Jackson placed 4th in girls doubles. Hickey, Mark Koetting, Mr and Mrs. John W. Gail Yelverton and Sharri Wednesday, May, 16 Britten also competed in Mr and Mrs. John M. Thomas (A). May 14 - Nick and Renee Weinheimer (A). May 15 - Neysa Friemel, John and Terri the contest. Chance Barkley placed 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. 4th in boys singles. Frank Leven was also in the competition. In boys doubles Carter Wilson (A), Rick & Pam Wilson and Adam Britten placed 4th. Brandon Jenkins and Jeffery Rio were also competitors. Vaccination SCHOOL MENU MAY 14-18 Need A Graduation MAY 14-18 Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed Clinic Gift? Give a gift that they Thursday, May 10, 2001 will thank you for all potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies, milk. year long. Get a Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, subsription to the **Groom Fire Hall** Groom-McLean juice, milk. Steak fingers, sausage, News! 2:30-7:00 pm Lunch: Steak nugers, french fries, apricots, texas toast, milk. Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritoes, milk 9 Month Student Subscription is only \$16.50 Rabies (Dog or Cat) --\$10.00 sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Mexican pile on, Call Today 248-7333 or Rabies & Adult Dog corn, fruit cocktail, graham crackers, milk. Thursday Breakfast: 779-2141 Series -- \$25.50\* Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, pears, **Rabies & Adult** Cat Series -- \$36.50\* milk Friday Breakfast: Do-Flea & Tick juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, shaved ham, cut broccoli and Heartworm Prevention products available \*Veterinarian Recommended with cheese sauce. hot Yearly update bread, sherbet, Î sliced milk. ATT-A-GRA Hybrid Sorgo-Sudangrass FORAGE SORGHUM GRAI SORGHUM Attebury Grain, Inc. Groom - 248-7544 White Deer - 883-5451 Pampa - 669-2641 Hoover - 669-1947

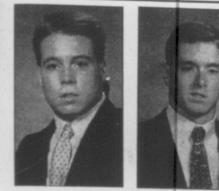
Clarendon - 874-5079

GROOM DAY will be held this year on August 4th. WATCH FOR students walking or riding their bicycles to and from school.

# Four Teens Arrested In **Connection With Burglary**

Carson County Sheriff's Deputy arrested four teenagers last week on a felony one count of burglary of a habitation. Smith, 19, of ton, Timothy Erik Enk Smith, 19, of Perryton, Timothy Mulanax, 19, of Canyon, Sarah O'Brian, 18, of Canyon and Kristen Carson, 18, of Canyon are being held after an alleged burglary of a

home on the west side of Carson County near the Pantex plant on Highway 60. The youths are all West Texas A & M students. Electronic equipment and a hand gun were taken in the incident and pawned in an Amarillo shop. The incident is still under investigation.



# Stapp Brothers Complete Graduate School

Chris Stapp is San Antonio on May 26, receiving a master of 2001. Shannon will hold Business Administration a degree as Doctor of degree on May 11, 2001 Dental from Regent University addition. Shannon has a of Science Virginia. Chris and his wife, Renet, live in A&M. Shannon and his Shannon has Virginia. Chris and his wife, Render, live in Amarillo and he works at live in A&M. e works at wife, the Celanese Plant in Pampa. Chris also holds a Bachelor of Science Amarillo this summer. degree in Environmental Shannon will be joining Engineering from Dr. David Duncan Columbia Southern Amarillo to practi Engineering from Dr. David Duncan in Columbia Southern Amarillo to practice University and an Associate of Science degree in Hazardous Waste Technology from Amarillo College. Shannon Stapp is graduating from the University of Texas Health Science Center in

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Shelby, currently in San Antonio, will move to reside but in

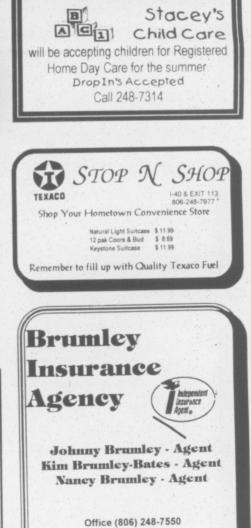


# Thursday, May 10, 2001-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 3 Alpha Mu Xi Founders Day Highlights





(Left Above) Bob and Carolyn West. Bob was recognized with a appreciation plaque for his years of service as the Easter Bunny. (Left Below) Sharlene Lewis received Alpha Mu Xi's People Helping People Award at the Founder's Day Banquet 2001. (Above) Barbara Homer is pictured accepting a gift for helping the Judy Eatmon family after their home was destroyed be a fire. Barbara was also honored as Alpha Mu Xi Sorority's Woman of the Year.



Home (806)248-7315 Groom, Texas



Boy Scouts from Jroop #429 pase in front of a totem pole built by w. left to right are Frank Leven. Tommy Head, Pairol Leader William Ile row are Andrew Thompson. Eric Torres, Chaz Leven. Tyler Case, row are Jacob Torres, Rekton, Weller, and Jess Roskens. Not pictured to hake due to a foot injury. Pack #429 a imer Scouters in 1963 Back r even, and Daniel Thompson M ad Kendáll Weller. In thé front I I Moraniec who was unable

# PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll

- any exemptions that may apply to you the qualification for an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you

### Informal Review

For an informal review of the property owner's property, contact the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S Main or call 806-537-3569

### Review by the Appraisal review Board.

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB)

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing You'H receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening. Indecessity you have root to your hearing in you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence of you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to reviat your hearing. The CAD representative will pres int evidence about your case You may cross-examine The ARB will make its decise presented. The CAD has the Carson County Appraisal Dis Box 270, Panhandle, TA, 7006 per at-102 S Main, PO

Note You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saving that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it

### **Review by the District Court**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order

### Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S Main, PO Box 970, Panhandle, TX, 79068, or by calling 806-537-3569. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district

### **DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTESTS** WITH THE ARB.

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later)

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have cause

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information

### Special deadlines.

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you

For ARB-changes ( the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax hability and change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day

# **Twelve Scouts Brave The Wilderness**

The newly formed Groom Boy Scout Troop joined their brother Cub Scouts on their first camping trip of the season. Twelve boys and eight adults braved the wilderness of Camp M K. Brown near Wheeler. An obvious obstacle was created by the fact that the water had not been turned on at the facility. Cubmaster Tim Case saved the day by returning to Groom and retrieving his 150 gallon

retrieving his 150 gallon water tank. The young men were led on a hike by the athletic Mr. Larry Roskens. They learned to identify some of the native plants including poison ivy. Luckily, there were no close encounters with the irritants, but Jaylynna Fink, the camp nurse was handy just in case handy just in case Thomas Moraniec lended his expertise at the shooting and archery

ranges. Tim Case such his fishing tips and "stories." Corkey Hickey explored the art of shutting. Scoutmaster workt the whittling. Scoutine Weller taught the kenny weiter taught the secrets of campfire tooking Tonda Torres demonstrated "knots" and Christi Weller provided the Lysol spray and hand camitizer sanitizer.

Swimming discouraged due to the cold water and water snakes. The canoes were snakes. The canoes were unavailable as another Troop took them with them. The days were windy and the nights were cool, but everyone

enjoyed the time The Scouts would like to extend a special Thank You' to Kevin. Knoack for the use of his trailer. We would also like to thank chartered organization, The State National Bank of Groom. It takes many hours of planning to accomplish a trip like this. The encouragement from the community made this possible for this fine group of young men. Thank you for your support of Boy Scouts of America.

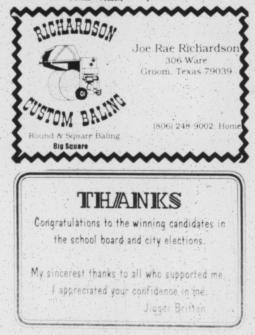


# Walker-Lambert To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker of Aspermont are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kay to Gregory Tyson Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lambert of Groom. The bride-elect graduated from Aspermont High School, Clarendon College with an associate of Science Degree and will graduate from West Texas A&M

University in May with a Bachelor's of Science Bachelor's of Science Degree in Agribusiness The prospective bridegroom graduated from Groom High School and Amarillo College with an Associate Degree in Instrumentation. He is employed by American Electric and Power

September wedding is planned at the first Baptist Church in Aspermont.



# Edith Wade Passes

TOM BALL, TX Edith Evelyn Wade passed away on May 4th at 10:30 p.m. at the Tom Ball Regional Hospital at 10:30 p.m. She was orn on June 26, 1912 at Holline, N.M. Mrs. Wade spent most

ò.

Mrs. Wade spent most of her life in Groom. She opened the first beauty shop in Groom and operated it for many years. She married Gene Wade on Nov. 17 1934. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Groom. Most of her life was spent running her business and caring for her family. Survivors include her

daughter, Colvin Tuggle of Spring, TX and a son, Bob Wade of St. Petersburg Florida; five grandchildren and 12 12 great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in the Groom Cemetery on May 19 at 3:00 p.m. The family requests that any floral tributes be sent to the First Baptist Church. Memorials should be to the senders favorite charity

### Words Of Wisdom

Those who are slowest in making a promise often are

the most faithful in keeping it.

## Groom Yearbook Earns Bronze At State Competition

Last year's yearbook, Mentions. The Tiger, won the Bronze Star at the Interscholastic cholastic League Conference last Press week in Austin.

The theme of the yearbook was "August and Everything After," and it was organized chronologically, a departure from the usual format.

The yearbook also won Distinguished Merit rating, the highest that the ILPC gives. Allison Eatmon was the editor of that book.

In addition, the staff also won 22 individual awards-13 first place medals, 4 second place medals, 2 third-place medals, and 3 Honorable

Ten of the awards went to Jodi Home, who graduated last year. She had 5 first, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 2 Honorable Mentions. First places

were in General Interest Spread, Open Category, Photo Sports Action Sports Feature Photo, and Academic Photo. She won second in Academic Photo and Student Life Feature. Notice that she placed both first and second in Academic Photo because the staff is allowed to enter two in each category.

She had third in Sports Honorable Man Mention in Sports Feature Photo and

Sports Feature Story.

Other first-place winners were Allison Eatmon, Brooke Britten, and Macie Britten in Theme Selection and Development, Allison in Academic Spread and Clubs/Organization Feature Story, Candace Bohr in Class Section Spread, Jessica Kepley in Clubs/Organization Spread, Josiah Scott in Sports Feature Story, Story, Brooke Britten in Non-Academic Photo, and the entire staff in Theme

Copy. Other second places Josiah in Sports Spread and Brooke in Non-Academic Photo. Macie Britten won third in Student Life Spread. Allison was Honorable Mention in Academic Feature Story. Nazareth had 17 awards, Sudan, 15; Follett, 13; and Masonic Home, 11. Fort Worth Masonic Home and Trenton were

the only other two schools who received the Distinguished Merit



Carson County Sheriff's Report Sheriff Gary By

Robertson There were 10 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of May 3 through Currently May 6, 2001. there are 12 person incarcerated in the jail additions 14 and prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Since our recent encounter with the a hail, there have

been several roofing companies appearing. It is suggested that you only do business with a company you have dealt with in the past, have the with in the past, have the company check out thoroughly, and have a contract that you can live with. Most reputable companies will do the job with needing "up front" money. Arrests made this

week: Smith, 19, Erik Perryton, Tx - Burglary of a Habitation.

Timothy Muanax, 19, Canyon, -Burglary of a habitation.

Cody Anglin,19, Amarillo, Revocation of Probation.

Sarah O'Brian, 18, Canyon, - Burglary of a Sarah Habitation.

Kristen Carson. 18 Canyon - Burglary of a Habitation

Bernadette Craine, 27. Amarillo - DPS Warrants Traffic

John Mathis, 22 Amarillo - Revocation of Probation - Potter Co. Cecil Pinder, 23,

Amarillo - Aggravated Theft - Patter Co.

John Caraway, 20, Dumas - Driving While 20.

Intoxicated - 1st. Gene Rogers, 39. Skellytown - Driving While Intoxicated - 3rd.

# THANKS

My sincerest thanks to all who supported me during the recent City of Groom Alderman race. I really appreciate your confidence in me.

**Rick Prather** 

# Card of Thanks

Thank you to all who voted for me in the City Election. I will work hard for the advancement of our fair city and represent all the people of Groom to the best of my ability.

Forrest McLaughlin



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# Away After Short Illness

# Page 6-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursday, May 10, 2001 and finished in time for If You Ask Me ... And Nobody Did!

As a child every time I turned around, someone in the family was telling how much like my I was. it was a mother Sometimes physical comparison, which I could never see

until recent years but most of the time it was being I was when stubborn or getting into trouble. I thought the comparison unfounded. Mom just a mom. She d was was She didn't do interesting things. She just stayed home She just cooking, cleaning, sewing. I planned and to the change world She was so omehow. disapproving of most of my adventures that I know she could never be like me or me her.

When had been I defiant, especially uld take great pleasure in hearing someone tell her how much like her I was. She would look very uncomfortable as if my rebellions were a direct result of her gene pool

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As I grew up and out of the rebellious stage, the darndest thing began to happen. My mother

began to get smarter. Suddenly the things she said and the advice she offered didn't sound so Almost in spite stupid. of myself, I began to sound like my mother and do things like my mother with a couple of important exceptions ...: cooking and sewing.

Mother could sew anything and it would look fabulous and last forever. After Jim and I married, determined to do wifely things, I borrowed a sewing machine to make myself some clothes and save tubs of After two weeks money. After two weeks of blood, sweat, and tears I completed a "Simplicity Easy" pattern and had my brand new pant suit. That evening with great pride I modeled my creation for Jim.

All he would say is .. "You know, I really don't mind buying you clothes."

Years later I would forget that painful lesson and try it again by making my daughters a new bed spread for their recently remodeled rooms. I began in the summer

Christmas. Unfortunately after they were washed for the first time, there were lots unfortunate seams that raveled and loose stitches that were vial to it's construction. Occasionally one of the girls girls would report (usually in front of a that they crowd) had found another straight pin that had somehow been stitched up inside.

Cooking was another thing that I never never Mom's mastered. combread dressing was legendary. Every holiday o I would watch her make I would watch her make it. My job was to taste it and tell her what it According to needed her, it was never quite as good as what grandma used to make. In later years as her health deteriorated, I took over unternorated, I took over making all the other stuff, but no matter how sick she was she always managed to make the description

dressing. I could never put any kind of meal on the table without messing nessing up One year at something. Easter, I cooked the ham with the inside wrapper A child who will on. remain nameless (Aimee Lyles) told her mother after eating supper at my house, that my gravy looked like cement. (And

it did.) I covered my failings with grin and grimace and comforted

myself by saying "You're not at all like your mother."

Thanksgiving, Last after Mom was gone, I finally had to make the dressing all by myself. There were quite a few tears shed that were not caused from chopping onions. Every so often I would ask her out loud to guide me... "Does this

to guide me... Does this look like enough? .... am I forgetting anything?" With a heavy heart, I finally put that meal on the table. Everyone said it was good and I will admit that no one got sick or eauthing sick or anything. Later, my little brother,

who now towers over me, put his hands on my shoulders and did something that he is not accustomed to doing. He looked me in the eye, gave me a hug and said,

"The dresses" like Mom's". I realized what a compliment it was to be "just like was to be "just like Mom." Whether it was her cooking ability or her tenacity, to be compared to someone I truly admired was the greatest compliment I may ever get. I hope that my family continues to think

that I am just like my dusk and then bar their Mom. Happy Mother's Day,

Mom. I miss you and your dressing.



for these pesky creatures, who may decide that city living is for them. Make sure that outbuildings and crawl space vents are secured and that there is secured and that there is not a place in which animals can get under them. This time of year, skunks and coons are usually looking for a place to have their young. If you find that you you already have uninvited guest the best thing to do is leave them alone until the young are old enough to leave the nest with them. Watch for the family to leave at

entrance back into the den. Never leave pet den. food out at night and make sure that trash containers and dumpsters are closed up as tight as possible.

Children should be warned against playing with or handling strange animals of any kind. Be sure to wash hands with soap and hot water after

any contact with pets. Contact City Hall at 248-7929 or the local animal control officer, Donna Burton at 248-7453, if you see a suspicious skunk or raccoon during daylight These nocturnal hours. animals who venture out in the day without good reason should be approached with caution. It is more important than ever to confine your animals to your property. The City of Groom has a stringent leash laws for your protection and the protection of your pets. Violations will be taken very seriously with the emergence of this disease in our area. Any animal ticketed or picked up must provide proof the animal has had it's shots. Please take these seriously warnings for your well being and that of your pet.

