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Court Session Results In Grievance Request

A budget discussion in the Monday session of County Commissioners brought voices of disapproval in relation to a proposed 4% salary hike for the Judge and the Sheriff.

County and District Clerk Sue Persons and County Treasurer Peggy Butler each voiced objection to the increase since it involved only two of the elected officials. Later, Mrs. Persons presented a letter to Judge Roselius, stating, "I am aggrieved by the setting of my salary and wish to request a hearing before the Grievance Committee."

A local Government Code, enacted by the Texas Legislature, provides a method whereby an elected county or precinct official who is aggrieved by the setting of his or her salary or personal expenses may request a hearing before a committee of nine individuals in hopes of persuading the committee to make a recommendation to the Commissioners' Court to raise either the salary or personal expenses of such elected county or precinct officer.

The Carson County Grievance Committee is made up of five elected officials (sheriff, tax assessor-collector, treasurer, clerk and attorney) and four public members. The judge is also chairman of the committee, without a vote, so named

for the purpose of chairing meetings. Members from the Grand Jury who have agreed to serve on this committee are E.R. Nichols of Skellytown, Jerry Biggs of Panhandle, and Joe D. Freeman and Terry G. Sergeant both of White Deer.

The committee will hear Mrs. Persons sometime before the next Commis-

sioners' Court meeting scheduled for August 26.

Another discussion in Monday's court meeting centered on the realignment of county precincts. Public hearings were set for Thursday, September 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the Skellytown Community Center, at 10:30 in the White Deer Community Center, at 1:00 p.m. in the

Groom Community Center and at 2:30 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at Panhandle. During those hearings, the public will have an opportunity to see a map that shows the new dividing lines between each precinct, ask questions, and become better acquainted with the redistricting process that is federally mandated.

Commissioners were in agreement to allow the County Tax Office to sell

property in the Webb-Bragg addition back to its owner, Janet Trimble.

In other business, Rebecca Sue Ulmer was deputized as a tax assessor-collector to replace Sherry Daves of Skellytown.

Commissioner Britten moved to allow a request by Commissioner Strawn for

permission to advertise for a used loader for Precinct 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Strawn, seconded by Britten, payment of a bill to Panhandle Butane was allowed. Smith abstained from voting.

Grandview School Hosts First Reunion Saturday With 250 Attending

Grandview hosted their first and only reunion last weekend. 250 people from the surrounding area and several different states; Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Texas and Washington attended.

Organized by Mildred Miller, the event was held in honor of students who graduated from Grandview before its consolidation with Hopkins in 1973. Ex-student Carolyn (Weinheimer) Madison of Everett, Washington traveled the farthest.

The first student to graduate from Grandview, John R. Davis in 1925, was in attendance, as was Holly Gray of Pampa, one of the

oldest board members.

The group was fed a barbecue meal by the Pampa Shriners. Lara and Ruben Baggerman provided the BBQ sauce. Juanita and Henry Long of Austin provided the decorations. Music was provided by Doil Stokes of Hurst, Texas; Albert and Leon Stokes of Pampa; Glen Studebaker and Marge Miller of Alanreed.

Mildred Miller made a cake in the shape of the Grandview School and all the out buildings. Mrs. Miller also made two afghans which were given as door prizes. Leo O'Gorman of Columbus, Texas and Lorene Babcock were the lucky winners.

Groom To Receive 911 System In Oct.

The City of Groom and all of Carson County will soon be able to call 911 when an emergency arises. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission representative, Pam Nielson, announced to the city council at Tuesday's regular meeting that the emergency telephone system would be fully operational by mid to late October.

The system will not only provide Groom with a universal number to call in a crisis situation but also a tremendous amount of information that could benefit those needing help.

For instance, John A. Citizen, who lives alone, feeling ill, calls 9-1-1. Moments after he dials he is overcome by chest pains and becomes unconscious. The 911 dispatcher almost immediately has Mr. Citizen's address, his medical history and the phone number of his family that Mr. Citizen has given the 911 network. The dispatcher now knows how to proceed and where the emergency is taking place.

All emergencies, medical, fire and law enforcement matters will be handled through 911. These calls will go through the Carson County Sheriff's department.

In other business the city council held the public hearing on the proposed budget for 1991-92. This was up only slightly from last year. Line item increases were noted in

areas of F.I.C.A. taxes - up approximately \$250, insurance and bonds - up \$200, summer program - up \$350, hospitalization - up \$325, postage and office supplies - up \$100, water works operations - up \$678. See City Council, pg. 3



Josh and James, sons of Shelia Cline, enjoy a long summer afternoon racing their remote control car on main street. With school starting soon these kinds of diversions will soon be replaced by books and homework.

Community Calendar

THE 1990-91 Yearbooks are in and will be distributed on Registration day.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 SOS will meet at noon with the Groom United Methodist Church hosting.

PLANNING MEETING for after game parties will be held Sunday, August 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Groom First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Representatives of all churches are asked to be represented.

GROOM DAY Barbecue meat is available at Circle B.

REGISTRATION will be Aug. 23 from 9 to 11 for K-8; 8:30 to 9 for 9th; 9:15 to 9:45 for 10th; 10 to 10:30 for 11th; and 10:45 to 11:15 for 12th.

GROOM YOUTH'S Back to School Splash will be held Saturday, August 24, at Groom Pool at 7:00 p.m. All youth are encouraged to attend.

SECOND GRADE students will not need P.E. clothes.

ROWDY RIDERS Playday at the White Deer Arena at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 1991.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

Wheat \$2.58
Milo \$3.97
Corn \$4.41

Public Hearings Offer Taxpayers Chance To Speak

A public hearing is just that -- a session open to the public for people to voice their opinions on the topic at hand. Too often in today's world, the public hearing becomes a private meeting attended by people of one accord and "public" has fallen by the wayside because no "public" shows up for it. As a result, the taxpayers become upset with the way the government is run and do little more than complain to each other.

Government entities are currently in the budget-making process. It's public money -- taxes -- that is being spent and the public has a say-so in how it is to be used -- or misused if the privilege offered by public hearing is neglected.

Carson County Commissioners have been working on a new County Budget. A hearing on that budget has been set for 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 26, in the commissioners' courtroom at the courthouse in Panhandle. Here are some facts and figures to help the public decide how it wants its elected officials to vote on proposed salary increases in that budget.

Carson County has nine elected officials -- judge, tax assessor-collector, sheriff, clerk, attorney and four commissioners -- and pays them all very well. According to figures published by the Texas Association of Counties, Carson County elected officials are among the highest paid in the state for counties its size (5,000-9,999 population). Carson County's 1990 budget was \$2,702,036. The judge's salary is listed at \$28,839; with other compensations, he receives \$35,539 annually. Commissioners in this county each have a salary of \$21,857 and an expense allowance of \$3,600. The county and district clerk, tax assessor-collector, treasurer, attorney and sheriff each have a \$26,795 salary. The attorney has a \$300 expense allowance and the county furnishes the sheriff a car for his business and personal use. Comparing those salaries to those of officials in Texas counties of the same size range, Carson County has the highest paid judge, the commissioners are the second highest paid and the others rank right up there in the top bracket.

The 1991 proposed budget includes a recommended 4% salary increase for the judge and sheriff as well as increases for others on the county payroll. More figures from the proposed budget will be printed in next week's edition of this newspaper.

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CARD OF THANKS

A special thank you to all who expressed concern and encouragement during the time of my recent surgery and recuperation. May God Bless!

Meredith Kendrick

Juanita Brock from Richardson visited her sister Evelyn Hubbart last week.

CORRECTION

1st place was misidentified. The correct winner was Chris Bernard.

Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley returned Monday from vacationing in Oklahoma City. They enjoyed the water park and on their way home they visited in Vernon and Childress with family.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to all who assisted with the Grandview reunion. Your help setting up and cleaning up was tremendously appreciated.

Mildred Miller

Local Happenings

The Bud Babcocks entertained with their annual Grandkids Party on Monday evening, August 5. The group gathered for yard games, including croquet, a pizza supper and then a movie. The next morning they visited the Dairy Queen for breakfast and returned to the

Babcock residence to share birthday cake and ice cream with T.J. before returning to their respective homes.

Those attending were Susan, Karen, Clint, Buck, Dusty, Marci and Cody Babcock, all of Groom; and T.J. and Kaci Barclay and their mother of Vega.

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed County Budget for October 1991 thru September 1992

Notice is hereby given that a hearing concerning a proposed budget for general expenditures will be held by the Commissioners' Court of Carson County in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse, Panhandle, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on the 26th day of August, 1991. A copy of the proposed budget is on file in the office of the County Clerk and may be viewed by the public during the regular business hours, Monday thru Friday.

Included in the proposed budget is an increase of salary for the County Judge and Sheriff of 4%. Any citizen has a right to attend this hearing and to provide written or oral comments and ask questions regarding the budget. Summary of proposed use of budget is as follows:

CATEGORY	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS
Administrative & Elections	\$182,704
Public Service, Agricultural Health, Welfare, Indigent Health	481,639
Road & Bridge	885,866
Building Maintenance	146,350
Tax & Recording Offices	231,842
Judicial	300,366
Criminal Prosecution	50,281
Correction & Law Enforcement	364,832
TOTAL	\$2,643,880

This notice is in compliance with 3912-K V.C.S.

CARD OF THANKS

I for one would like to thank the many committees who spent many long hours putting together a wonderful day of events, it was a great success, the best ever. Thank you.

Thelma Pool

The crew at the Dairy Queen was recently notified that they set a new weekly sales record. Betty and Jackie want to thank all of their customers for their loyal patronage. As well as their staff for their hard work and dedication. The Groom Dairy Queen appreciates you!

Members of the Class of 1937 met on Groom Day at the school for their biennial get-together.

Former classmates who registered included John R. and Margaret Ann Kimmins, C. F. Brown and Alfred Nimmo, all of Amarillo. From Groom we had Glen Smith, Ruth James, Agnes Koetting Homer, Page and Irma Blackwell, Margaret Britten Babcock, Veona Barnett Davis and Ethel Whatley Neal. Guests included Gene and Maxine Byars Collins of Amarillo.

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Richardson's Win Again

Joe Rae, Julie, and Jacey Richardson have been competing all summer in the area's rodeos.

Jacey, 9, competed in the Junior Barrel race at the McLean Amateur Rodeo, winning first place.

Jacey also entered the Shamrock High School Rodeo, 19 and under, winning first in the polebending with a time of 21.87.

Joe Rae and Julie took All-Around honors in their age groups at the Pampa Kid Pony Show placing in the barrels, poles and goat tying.

Jacey competed in the Kid Pony Show, winning first in the poles and second place in the barrel race.

Jacey won the Reserve All-Around in the Hansford Cty. 4-H Rodeo in Spearman. She won first in the goat tying, third in the flag race and fourth in the barrels. At Spearman, Julie won first in the barrels and third in the break-a-way roping.

At the recently held White Deer Amateur Rodeo, Julie, 12, placed a fifth with the time of 17.795.

This last week was the Wheeler Cty. 4-H Rodeo, on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.

Jacey was awarded the All-Around Cowgirl Buckle in her age group Thurs. night when she won first in the polebending, first in the barrel race, second in the goat ribbon and second in the flag race.

Julie and Joe Rae competed Fri. and Sat. night

in their age groups. Joe Rae won second in the ribbon roping.

Julie won first in the barrels Fri. night, second in the flag race and second in the break-a-way roping.

Saturday night Julie was awarded the All-Around Cowgirl title in her age group and received engraved trophy spurs. She won first in barrels, first in the flag race and first place in the polebending.

City Council

and trash - up \$2,255.00. Full time employees were given a \$50. a month raise.

After discussion as to the current and long range needs of the city, the council voted to leave the current tax rate at its present level .60 per \$100.00 valuation.

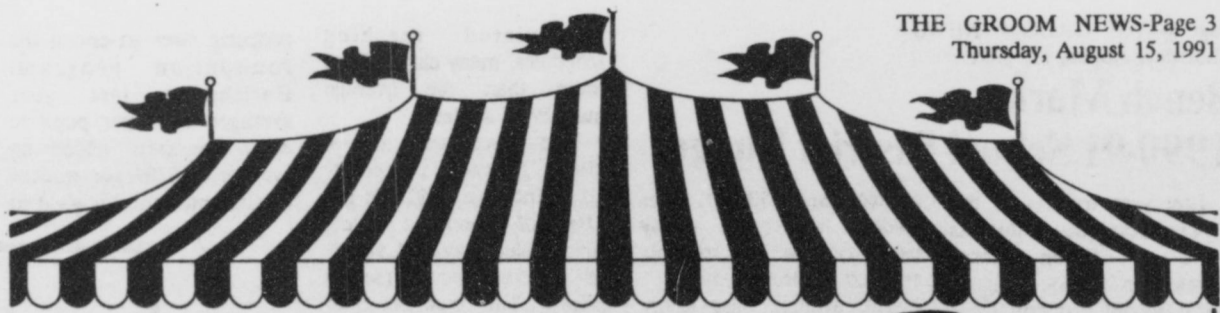
A board was appointed for the zoning ordinance.

Repair of the buildings on Broadway street were discussed and tabled.

A zoning board of adjustment was appointed to decide special exceptions in zoning ordinances. The new board consists of Earl Barker, Gary Davis, Mary Sue Lyles, Martin Hermesmeyer, and Janelle Sustaire.

Jack Barnett was appointed building permit inspector. He will be responsible for seeing that all construction meets the city requirements for current ordinances.

The meeting ended after all bills were paid. All members were present with the exception of Greg Lamb.



Children born at Coronado Hospital 1981-1991 are invited to join the CELEBRATION of CORONADO HOSPITAL'S TENTH BIRTHDAY Saturday, August 24 10 a.m. to noon Circus Tent behind Coronado Hospital



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1991-92 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$ 8,606	\$12,247	\$ 718	\$1,021	\$166	\$ 236
2	11,544	16,428	962	1,369	222	316
3	14,482	20,609	1,207	1,718	279	397
4	17,420	24,790	1,452	2,066	335	477
5	20,358	28,971	1,697	2,415	392	558
6	23,296	33,152	1,942	2,763	448	638
7	26,234	37,333	2,187	3,112	505	718
8	29,172	41,514	2,431	3,460	561	798
9	32,110	45,695	2,676	3,809	618	879
10	35,048	49,876	2,921	4,158	675	960
11	37,986	54,057	3,166	4,507	732	1,041
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Bench Marks 1990-91 School District Budget

Last year trustees in the 1,047 Texas school districts voted a billion dollar increase in school budgets. Local school property taxes were increased by a half a billion dollars. School budgets totaled \$15.3 billion expended for the 3,377,223 children enrolled last October, for an average of \$4,524 per pupil.

The figures come from the latest issue of Bench Marks 1990-91 School District Budgets in Texas, an annual publication of the Texas Research League, and Austin-based, educational corporation engaged in governmental research.

An average of \$3,775 per student for current operations was budgeted last year plus \$316 for repayment of debt and \$443 per student for capital outlay.

Groom ISD's budget provided \$5155.16 per student for current operations, \$00 for debt

service, and \$301.91 per student for capital outlay based on the 222 students enrolled in October 1990.

The average base salary for classroom teachers paid by Groom ISD in October 1990 was \$25,145.00 plus supplements for the career ladder. The average for administrators was \$34,461.00 and \$24,275.00 for other professional support employees (librarians, counselors, nurses, supervisors, etc.).

Four dollars in each five were spent for salaries. Statewide payroll expense averaged \$3,087 per student, as compared to \$3760.86 in Groom ISD. Payroll expense is determined by salary levels and staffing patterns.

Taxpayers provided one teacher for 11.8 students in Groom ISD while the statewide pupil-teacher ratio was 16.4 to one. Because of the existence of small classes, especially at the high-school level, and

abbreviated teaching schedules, many classes have more than the average number of students.

The average school district imposed a property tax at the rate of \$1.088 per \$100 of appraised value, which value averaged 98.0% of market value (selling price). The "true tax rate" was \$1.066 (\$1.088 times 98.0%) statewide. Locally, the Groom ISD imposed a rate of \$1.225 while property was appraised at 108.2% of its market value making the true rate \$1.323 per \$100 of market value (selling price).

The report points out that the calculation of a true tax rate based on market value rather than on appraised value is necessary to make a valid comparison of tax levels with other schools.

The tax on a house that would sell for \$80,000 in Groom ISD would have been \$1047.00. If the homeowner were eligible for homestead exemptions, the tax would have been \$986.00, and if owned by a person 65 years or older, the tax on an \$80,000 house in this district would have averaged \$864, or less if subject to a tax freeze. That compares with statewide average tax bills of \$871, \$771 and \$586 respectively for an \$80,000 house.

Last year Groom ISD's revenue from the property tax increased by 2.2 percent for 1990-91 as compared to a 8.7 percent increase statewide.

Local property taxes plus state aid totaled \$5177.00 per student in Groom ISD as compared to \$3,661 statewide.

Under the new school finance system, the state and the new county education districts will fund the total cost of the foundation program, which averaged \$2,458 per student last year and was \$3195.00 in Groom ISD. Local school districts can levy

property taxes to enrich the foundation program. Enrichment last year averaged \$995 per pupil to which the state added an average of \$207 per student to guarantee the tax yield in

property-poor districts. Enrichment by the Groom ISD was \$1800.00; the state guarantee added \$132. "the challenge to the Texas school finance system

continues in district court," said Gary Wood, president of the Texas Research League, "but presumable SB 351 will go into effect for the coming school year."

Public Notice

On July 22, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of two new optional services, Exchange Connection Service and Customer Alerting Enablement. Exchange Connection Service will permit a customer of the Telephone Company to provide voice messaging service, telephone answering service, or other services to itself or to patrons of the customer. Customer Alerting Enablement will permit residence and business lines to receive an alerting tone (intermittent dial tone) transmitted by an Exchange Connection Service customer. The proposed effective date for this offering is September 25, and will be available statewide where facilities permit.

The calling party's telephone number and other originating network call information will be delivered to the Exchange Connection Service customer when the calling number and the called number are served by the same switch. Additionally, the caller's telephone number and other originating network call information may be recorded and stored by the Exchange Connection Service customer. Customers may be able to identify the caller before the call is answered. All Exchange Connection Service customers will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement prior to being provided service. In the agreement the customer agrees not to disclose the calling party's telephone number unless the customer has written permission from the calling party.

The Telephone Company estimates these new services will increase its annual revenues during the first year by approximately \$1.2 million. Providers of voice messaging service and telephone answering services and their subscribers are the types of customers likely to be affected by approval of these services.

Exchange Connection Service is provided to customers in two parts: Local Serving Arrangement, which provides access to the exchange network; and Optional Service Features. The proposed rates, for both Exchange Connection Service and Customer Alerting Enablement, including installation charges, are as follows:

Local Serving Arrangement	Monthly Charge	Installation Charge	
		First Unit	Additional Unit
Access Link			
2-wire, each	\$ 28.00	\$190.00	\$110.00
DS1, each	\$170.00	\$915.00	\$565.00

Features/Functions	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Switch Terminations			
Analog Voice Grade (Line Side) (Select One)			
Inward	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Outward	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
2-way	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00

Multiplexed Arrangements	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Multiplexed DS1 to Voice, per DS1 Access Link	\$190.00	---	---
Analog Voice Grade Channel Interconnection, per Activated Channel	\$ 5.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00

Subsequent Order	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Analog Voice Grade Channel Interconnection, per Activated Channel	\$ 5.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00

Transport	Rates per Minute
Originating	\$.009

Terminating - per minute of use within Local Calling Scope

Call Miles	Rates per Minute
0 to 1	\$.0645
Over 1 to 25	\$.0925
Over 25	\$.1018

Rearrangement Charges	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Change Type of Supervisory Signaling Per Switch Termination	---	\$ 45.00	---
Change Directionality Per Switch Termination	---	\$ 30.00	---

Optional Service Feature	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Subscriber Information Interface, each	\$260.00	\$800.00	---

Originating Call Information \$.008 per call delivered

Call Management Service	Monthly Charge	First Unit	Additional Unit
Customer Alerting Enablement			
Residence	---	\$ 2.70	---
Business	---	\$ 5.40	---

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by September 13, 1991. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Substitute Teacher List Updates

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Groom School Principal Judy Babcock is in the process of updating the district's substitute teacher lists for the 1991-92 school year. According to Mrs. Babcock, the personnel files for substitute teachers are required by school policy to contain the same information required for regular professional teachers.

Persons who are currently on the substitute teacher roster should check with Business Manager Joyce

Hutsell to verify that their 1991-92 file contains the following: teacher certification, where applicable; a complete teacher-application; a notarized Oath of Office required for State of Texas teachers; and a copy of the high school diploma or latest college transcript showing hours of college credit.

"Since the district traditionally requires the services of substitute teachers to check in as soon as possible. If there are any persons who would like to assist the district when substitutes are needed, we would appreciate having applications on file," continues Babcock.

Joyce Hutsell can be reached at 248-7251 or interested applicants could come by the business office at the west end of the school building at 304 West Third Street in Groom.

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CARSON COUNTY 4-H
Carson County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Sign-up Party from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18 at the Carson County Agriculture Building. This day is being organized so that existing members can re-enroll and anyone interested in joining 4-H can come and learn what 4-H has to offer. It will be a come and go affair.

Carson County 4-H currently has organized projects in Sheep, Beef, Swine, Horse, Clothing, Foods, Shooting Sports, Breads, and numerous other activities. All of these projects are used as vehicles to teach young people responsibility, leadership, citizenship, specific knowledge about projects, and important life skills. There will be representatives from each project group at this sign up party who can answer specific questions you might have about the projects.

To be eligible to join 4-H you must be 9 years old or in the 3rd grade and not older than 19 years of age. If you are unable to attend on the 18th and you are interested in joining 4-H please feel free to call 537-3882 or come by the County Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse. There are no dues involved and these programs are available to anyone in this age category.

More Local Happenings

Andrea, Drew and Shannon Jennings arrived on Wednesday evening to visit with Jack and Billie Bivens and enjoy preparations for Groom Day. Jerry joined them on Friday. Jerry's parents, C.H. and Dorothy Jennings from Dallas arrived on Friday. They were all guests of Jack and Billie, and also visited with Mark, Tammy, Cody and Magan Bivens.

Wanda Adkins and Dottie Wheless, from Borger, came to Groom on Sunday, August 4th to accompany Billie Bivens to Waco, to attend the WMU House Party. They returned home on Wednesday evening, reporting good training conferences and a good time.

LOCAL VOTERS SAY NO! STATEWIDE VOTERS SAY YES!

The Constitutional Amendment election held Saturday was a split decision by a very low turnout of voters last Saturday. Locally, however, the amendment failed.

County clerk, Sue Persons reported "out of over 4,000 registered voters only 762 turned out to vote."

Constitutional Amendment 1 would allow homestead exemption and personal property tax under the newly formed County Education District. This amendment appeared to be failing in early returns. The tide turned however when larger metro areas like Dallas and Houston began to tally their returns. In Carson county the amendment failed; 360 votes for to 450 votes against.

Constitutional Amendment 2 would have authorized up to \$300 million in general obligation bonds to pay as loans to Texas students. It was defeated statewide as well as locally.

268 Carson County voters were for and 486 voters were against.

For the school election, locally, Proposition 1 failed with 71 against and 51 for. Proposition 2 passed with 65 for and 58 against. While Proposition 3 failed with 109 against, and only 13 for.

Wayne Shaw's name recently appeared in the Baptist Standard, a newsmagazine for Texas Baptists. He was named a Pillar of the church.

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City Council Approves Ten Year Cable Contract With Sammons

A ten year cable contract was approved with Sammons Communications at the City Council meeting Thursday evening.

The agreement is contingent upon Sammons officials allowing a sentence in the contract stating that any renewal of the franchise in 10 years will be subject to the City Council's approval.

Attorney Rich Harris, who represents the city of McLean, said that without the sentence, the City Council is "locked in" with Sammons because the contract states that the renewal "shall" be approved if the company shows it has made a good faith effort to serve the needs and if the company does not violate any laws during the franchise period.

The current franchise agreement that McLean has with Sammons expires on Saturday, said John Mason of Sammons Communications of Texas Inc.

Changes in the new franchise agreement include a 10-year franchise, rather than a 15-year franchise; a 5

percent franchise fee to be paid to the city of McLean, rather than a 2 percent franchise fee currently paid; and the addition of three program channels on or before Jan 1, 1992.

Also changing will be the rate of \$13 (without tax) to \$15.95 (without tax) for basic cable.

Mason said there would have been some sort of rate increase, regardless of whether any channels were added.

Mason said the three new channels to be added could not be named as part of the franchise. "They will be based on the reader survey," he said, stating he could not say what the channels would be.

Based on the reader survey, City Secretary Stella Lee said, the top requested channels are the Nashville Network, Country Music Television (CMT) and American Movie Classics (AMC).

McLean has 300 cable television subscribers.

In other business, the City Council held the first of two required public hearings for submitting an

application to the Texas Department of Commerce for a Texas Community Development Program grant.

Following a discussion of the city's needs, the City Council agreed the top priority is water supply needs and decided to apply for a grant to drill a water well.

Mayor Sam Haynes said, "We've gotten information from the state that we need to improve our water."

Haynes said the current water supply is high in nitrates.

Jon Sessions with Panhandle Planning Commission in Amarillo told the Council that this year \$1,285,863. is available in community development funds, which is about \$108,000. more than last year.

Awarding of the grant money is based on a two-tiered scoring system. A regional reviewing committee will award up to

350 of 700 points to each project proposal and the Texas Department of Commerce staff will have discretion on awarding the

other half of the points.

This year, there will be about 35 applications that McLean will compete with and five to eight will be funded, Sessions said.

Sessions said the project must show it will help at least 52 percent low-to-moderate-income residents. He said good news for McLean is that it will get the top number of points in one category because 1980 census figures show it has more than 60 percent low-to-moderate-income residents.

A second public hearing on the application for a grant is scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the City Hall.

In unrelated business, the council voted unanimously on a motion by Martha Jo Bailey and seconded by Casper Smith to not send second letters to residents regarding cleaning up their property. In lieu of the letters, Bailey's motion included putting an advertisement in the newspaper thanking residents for their clean-up efforts and encouraging them to continue.

Greg Martin, Of Alanreed, Joins The U.S. Navy

Greg Martin of Alanreed and a 1991 graduate of McLean High School, left on August 13th for a six year stint in the Electronic Strategic Weapons Systems program of the U.S. Navy. Greg will receive his basic training at the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. After graduating from basic, Greg is scheduled to attend six weeks of indoctrination at the Navy's Basic Submarine School in Groton, Conn., then 14 weeks of basic electricity, electronics and digital theory at the Electronics Class "A" Technical School in Dam Neck, VA before attending more specialized training in one of three submarine related specialties. His desire is to train as a

Missile Technician that maintains ballistic missiles and associated equipment



on Poseidon and Trident submarines, but could be assigned as a Fire Control Technician (Ballistic) or as an Electronics Technician. While in recruit training Greg plans on volunteering for the U.S. Navy's S.E.A.L. team. Greg's proud parents are Dan and Susie Martin of Alanreed.

Public Hearing For Water Project To Be Held

McLean City Council will conduct its first public hearing, during a Thursday meeting, for submission of an application to the Texas Department of Commerce for a Texas Community Development Program grant.

The group will look at submitting a grant for a water project this year. In prior years, the city has tried to get grants on street improvement projects and came in about 34th last year, according to city officials. Only the top-rated projects are funded annually.

In other business, the City Council is scheduled to consider the cable television franchise with Sammons Communications Inc. of Texas.

The group is also scheduled to continue discussions on city clean-up letters to city residents.

The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

Pennington, McCracken Take Advantage Of 4-H Learning and Competitive Programs



Local 4-H'ers have had a very busy summer participating in a wide variety of programs.

Jennifer Pennington, daughter of J. T. and Evelyn Pennington, attended the first 4-H water camp held in Monahans. Twenty eight other people were selected based on their

educational level. They learned in a hands on laboratory environment to analyze water and make hydrological maps. They also spearheaded project activities such as; detecting water contamination, water management on ranges and salinity effect on crops.

Due to the critical concerns regarding water quality and conservation to the economical and environmental well-being of Texas, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with Chevron, USA, DuPont Corporation, Martin County Underground Water Conservation District, Soil Conservation Service and TU Electric, are creating a core of informed youth to nurture interest and commitment in a safe and secure water supply for the future of Texas.

4-H'ers used computer designed programs to determine the most effective water systems. Correctly adjusted home sprinklers could save 40% of homeowners current water usage.

Another big project of local 4-H participants has been the Texas 4-H Fashion Show.

Gray County 4-H'ers were among 140 4-H'ers from across the Panhandle competing in this year's 4-H Fashion Show competition. Senior 4-H'ers advancing to state competition will vie for top awards including college scholarships. The Texas 4-H Fashion Show competition will be in Nacogdoches, August 22-24, 1991.

Erin McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCracken earned a top spot in the Tailored



Daywear Construction Division.

Jessica Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fish earned a slot in the top four Junior Casual Daywear.

Moriah McCracken, also the daughter of Roger and Janet, made an outstanding showing in the Junior Casual Daywear.



A COMMUNITY Builder's award will be presented to an outstanding citizen of our community on August 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the Barb Wire Museum's Hospitality Room.

FOOTBALL TWO-A-DAYS will begin Monday August 12th at 7:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SCRIMAGE WILL August 23, here, with Gutherie.

THE VFW AUXILIARY is hosting a picnic, Friday, August 16th. For all post and auxiliary members. We will meet at the post home at 5:45.

COMMODITY DAY is Tuesday, August 20 at Senior Citizen Building 9 to 1. We have new financial guidelines. Come see if you qualify.

PLEASE SAVE your styrofoam egg cartons for Betty Lopez at the Nursing Home. She needs them for arts and crafts.

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County Budget Hearing Starts At 10 Monday Morning, Aug. 26

Carson County taxpayers who want to ask questions, discuss, or simply become better informed on the proposed 1992 County Budget are reminded to be at the courthouse Monday morning, Aug. 26, when a public hearing on the budget begins at 10 o'clock.

The 1992 tax rate, which is contingent on budget approval, and how the money will be spent through that budget is at the discretion of four men (the commissioners) who are led by the judge. They have been elected to represent the taxpayers, whose duty is to let them know if their decisions are acceptable.

An article in last week's issue of this newspaper let the public know part of the proposed budget -- a 4% salary hike for the judge and sheriff. As promised, this week more of the proposals are outlined and a salary comparison chart is printed to let taxpayers see what elected officials in surrounding counties are paid.

A 5% salary increase is also proposed for county employees holding non-elected positions. Those raises and the ones proposed for the sheriff and judge come to a gross total of \$38,341. Withholding, social security, insurance, etc. are not included in that total.

No salary increase is proposed for the county's three Justices of the Peace. Phyllis Tyler, Prect. 1, and Max Wade, Prect. 5, each will receive \$19,336, while Sharon Harper, Prect. 6, receives \$14,149. The 1992 allotment for a secretary in Prect. 1 is \$10,400, compared to \$12,679 in 1991 when a more experienced person held the job. An increase of \$400 (\$800 to \$1,200) is proposed for part-time help in the Prect. 5 office. The Prect. 1 office is in the courthouse and office expense (rental) is paid to the other JPs. Wade receives \$4,800 for his office, located in a building that he owns in Groom, and Harper receives \$1,200 for having her office in her home in Skellytown.

In the Extension Service office, Danny Nusser is included in the proposed 5% pay raise category, proposing \$9,078, while Tracy Lowrey, in her first year, receives \$8,654. Their secretary's pay raise would bring her to \$17,504 from \$16,542. The county also provides a pickup for Extension Service use.

County expenses related to the Square House Museum are \$7,600 for utilities (down from \$8,600 last year), \$500 for the Historical Survey Committee, \$5,769 for insurance and \$19,734 for the attendant's salary (up from \$18,794.) The county also allots \$8,819 for utilities, insurance, telephone and repairs for the Ag Building in Panhandle, \$3,150 for utilities, insurance, telephone and maintenance of the DPS office in Groom, and \$2,000 for the Groom Community Building.

Under the heading of Social Services, the question arises about the proposed increase from \$12,500 to \$29,000 for indigent court attorneys and from \$35,136 to \$40,613 for Child Care. Judge Roselius explained that the District Judge is appointing more indigent court attorneys than in the past and there has been an increase in child welfare cases. The county is reimbursed by the state on child welfare expenses, according to Roselius.

An increase in allotments for county court jurors jumps from \$400 in the 1991 budget to \$1,800 in the 1992 proposal. "This," said Roselius, "is due to more county jury cases being handled. Last year, although \$400 was budgeted, the county spent \$964 for those jurors." County jurors are paid \$6 for reporting for duty and \$12 if they serve on a case.

The 1991 budget allotted \$600 for Emergency Management Coordinator and \$350 for mileage, while the 1992 proposal lists \$1,544 for an E.M.C. assistant, \$380 for mileage and \$1,299 for travel.

The library budget proposal includes 5% increases for the head librarian (\$22,018) and her five assistants (\$53,782) and part-time assistant (\$4,968).

A 4% pay hike for the sheriff, 5% for four deputies, secretary, occasional part-time help and an additional deputy brings the total salary budget for that department to \$204,741, up from \$182,929.

When questioned about the seemingly large amount of money spent on heavy equipment over the last few years, Judge Roselius said, "When I came into office eight years ago, we looked at our heavy equipment and realized that we had a lot of junk. That was great for holding taxes down, but caused operating problems. Yes, we have updated our equipment substantially in the past few years. We now have about seven new or late-model road graders and a couple of old ones. Some precincts are sharing back hoes and belly-dump trailers. We have done a lot of cliché work lately, but must slow down on that because of fuel costs."

Not all county money comes from taxes. The proposed budget estimates receipts of \$478,708 from various sources, the largest of which is from the three JP courts that are expected to collect \$104,344. The second highest of those receipts is \$96,507 expected from earned interest. Tax office commissions (\$74,390) and county and district clerk fees (\$44,188) will account for \$118,578 of the proposed income.

Earned income from interest comes from reserve funds, which it has been said is a great need in case there is a law suit filed against the county, etc. However, when the spending exceeds the budget, as it has occasionally, the reserve funds (Certificates of Deposit) are dipped into to put enough money into the overused accounts. As an example, the treasurer's report for July, 1991 showed \$26,529.59 more disbursements than receipts in the general fund and need for additional funds for commissioner precincts 1, 2 and 3. Therefore, \$100,000 was transferred from the reserve funds (CDs) for the general fund, \$20,000 each from CDs in the Road and Bridge reserves for Precincts 1 and 2, and \$25,000 for Precinct 3. Although there are still ample reserve funds, transactions like that can gradually deplete the reserve supply.

A study of the \$2,643,880 proposed budget for 1992, compared to the revised 1991 budget of \$2,773,112, had led the three Carson County newspapers to believe that expenses have been held in check, but there doesn't seem to be a need to spend more just because the funds are there. In these economically depressed days, taxpayers would surely voice their approval of taxes staying the same for a year or so.

See Budget Hearing, pg. 2

Groundwater District Proposes 33% Tax Hike

A notice of public hearing on a tax increase for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District has been published outside the water district announcing a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1991 by 33%.

According to a district board member, included in this budget proposal is a salary increase for Director C. E. Williams from \$25,000 to \$28,000.

The public hearing will be held August 28, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. at the Panhandle Ground Water Office at 300 S. Omohundro in White Deer.

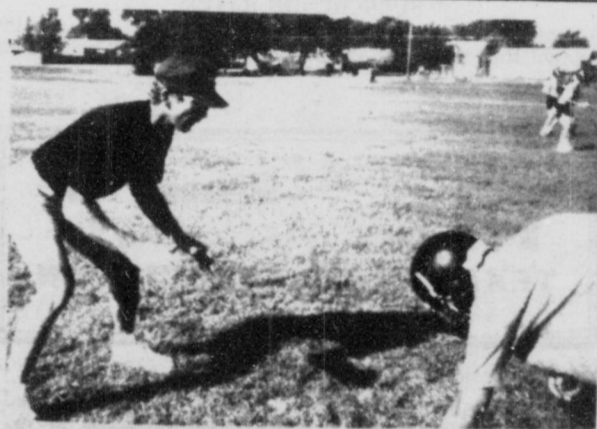
Voting for the proposal, John Spearman, Frank Simms, Raymond Blodgett, Charles Bowers and Phillip Smith. Voting against the proposal, none.

Dress Code Committee Makes Recommendation

In the regular session of the Groom School Board, the dress code committee, composed of parents, students and teachers; made their recommendation to the school board. This is the fourth year the committee has met. The current committee members are: Alice Kuehler, Linda Fields, Marcia Conrad, Randal Patterson, Denny Babcock, Ken Burger, John Allen Homen, Kristy Case, Amy Brown, Matt Fields, Kenneth Sweatt, Judy Babcock, Georgann Hinson, and Debbie Addy. The following changes were made: Cotton knit warm-up type sweat pants are not allowed. However, the dressier parachute or nylon type fabric will be permitted. Leggings or tight knit pants will be considered the same as tights or panty hose and cannot be worn unless outer clothing worn by the student can meet the dress code requirements.

See School Board, pg. 10

ALZHEIMER and related disorders support group will meet Tuesday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Groom Community Center.



Tigers Prepare For 1991 Season With Scrimmage

If you've been awakened to the sound of "Down! Set! Hut!", don't worry! You're not caught in some kind of Monday night football time warp. It's just our local Tigers getting ready to roar into the 1991 football season.

Coach Terry O'Dell reports that twenty two boys reported for the "Two-A-Day" workouts that began last Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. Fourteen boys are returning from last year and eight freshmen will round out the team.

Five seniors will provide leadership for the team. They are Brian Baker, Bruce Britten, Daryl

Homer, Nick Kuehler, and Kirk Webb. Other team members are: Juniors, Paul McLaughlin, Corkey Hickey, Matt Fields, Shannon Miller, Rhett Patterson and Steven Daffern; Sophomores, Bronte Britten, Wes Hall and Ronnie Jenkins; Freshmen, Bart Britten, Chris Burger, Bo Burgin, Bryan Crowell, Tom Lambert, Ty Lambert, Matt Miller and Seth Ritter.

The first scrimmage will be August 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Silvertown against Amherst.

If you would like to be a booster on the Groom News' football page give us a call at 248-7333.

Community Calendar

KINDERGARTEN students will be released at 12:00 noon the first week of school according to Principal Judy Babcock. The kindergarten students will eat lunch at school. After the first week the kindergarten students will be released at 3:05 p.m.

CLASSES BEGIN at 8:20 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:40 p.m.

COMMODITIES will be distributed Tuesday, August 27, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Groom Library.

NIGHTIN GALS will meet Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Thelma Pool. Mrs. Pool and Pearl Banks are hostesses.

GROOM DAY Barbecue meat is available at Circle B.

REGISTRATION will be Aug. 23 from 9 to 11 for K-8; 8:30 to 9 for 9th; 9:15 to 9:45 for 10th; 10 to 10:30 for 11th; and 10:45 to 11:15 for 12th.

BOOSTER CLUB Meeting will be Thursday, August 22nd at 8:00 p.m. at the football field. Everyone is invited to come and support our teams...

GROOM YOUTH'S Back to School Splash will be held Saturday, August 24, at Groom Pool at 7:00 p.m. All youth are encouraged to attend.

THE GROOM ISD Board of Trustees will adopt the budget for school year 1991-92 at open meeting on August 27, 1991, at 8:00 p.m. The board invites interested persons to attend the budget meeting.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

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Friday and Saturday of this past week a group from the First Baptist Church of Groom travelled to Randall Patterson's Family Place near Wheeler for a camp out. Enjoying the outing were; Bobby and Caleb Pool, Troy, Justin, Seth, Wade and Clay Ritter, Kevin Brown, Tom Lambert, Steve and Nickolas Anthony and Randall and Rhett Patterson. The group enjoyed the out doors.

C. J. Whatley attended Blast-Off Aerospace at the Discovery Center on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. DeHart of Dublin, Texas visited in Groom Wednesday afternoon. The DeHarts were visiting their niece Billy DeHart Garrison of Amarillo. It had been ten years since passing through Groom before now.

Local Happenings

Melvin and Etta Lee Tucker of Michigan City, Ind., and Mina Lou Tucker of St. Louis, Mo., relatives of the late Edna Frederiksen stopped in Groom last week to meet Gaylon Frederiksen. They visited with Jack and Billie Bivens and Teresa Hermesmyer. They had attended the wedding of granddaughter Sheila Tucker in Amarillo.

Bobby and Caleb Pool, Wayne Shaw, Bill Ellington and Bill Cornett attended the men's association Fish Fry last Thursday.

Dr. Wallis Davis, President of Wayland Baptist University spoke during morning services at First Baptist Church of Groom this past Sunday. Following services youth and parents of First Baptist served a covered dish lunch for Davis and wife.

Fanny Asberry will be transferred to Tennessee Friday. She will be living with her daughter there after her surgery and recuperation.

Edward Dziuk, Jr. was master of ceremonies when 224 people gathered for the 23rd annual reunion of the Anton Urbanczyk family at Thompson Park in Amarillo on Sunday, August 11.

Budget Hearing...

By law, the commissioners can raise the effective tax rate by not more than 1.03% without holding a public hearing on the increase. "We expect our tax rate to hold close to the same (.3059) or increase slightly," Judge Roselius said.

County	Bud.	Jdg.	Comm.	Clrk.	Tax A/C	Treas.	Atty.	Sher.
(Pop. 5,000-9,999)								
Carson	2,702,036	35,539	25,457	26,795	26,795	26,795	27,095	26,795*
Childress	1,249,524	18,942	9,545	13,368	13,488	13,368	16,368	17,568*
Crosby	2,080,961	28,536	22,176	24,336	24,336	24,336	23,712	24,336
Dallam	1,256,472	27,960	13,668	25,380	24,120	20,120	16,548	25,380
Floyd	1,737,558	21,084	17,556	16,884	16,884	16,884	no fig.	16,884
Hall	963,430	17,102	12,836	16,089	16,529	15,425	16,089	26,083
Hansford	2,190,451	21,950	13,248	24,468	24,468	24,468	18,060	32,196
Hemphill	2,530,954	32,661	16,366	27,038	27,038	27,038	27,038	29,645*
Swisher	2,486,097	24,694	16,376	17,588	17,588	17,588	18,743	18,690
(Pop. 10,000-24,999)								
Castro	2,250,303	23,364	15,192	20,928	20,928	20,928	no fig.	22,764
Deaf Smith	4,308,184	37,483	18,995	25,005	25,005	25,005	no fig.	29,211
Moore	4,376,563	35,709	15,193	26,840	26,912	26,552	28,583	31,775
Parmer	2,494,222	23,187	16,168	17,747	17,747	17,747	14,290	21,525
(Pop. 25,000-49,999)								
Gray	4,610,097	44,740	23,652	32,529	32,589	32,229	32,229	32,529
Hale	7,596,957	28,824	23,136	22,920	23,652	22,920	no fig.	22,920
Hutchinson	7,584,477	45,755	25,327	35,860	35,860	35,860	35,860	35,860
(Pop. 50,000-99,999)								
Randall	9,207,648	45,200	17,890	30,964	37,009	31,836	no fig.	41,960
(Pop. over 100,000)								
Lubbock	26,927,637	57,831	36,540	35,640	42,384	26,952	no fig.	44,040*
Potter	16,676,416	47,504	17,268	34,008	34,008	34,008	49,176	45,432

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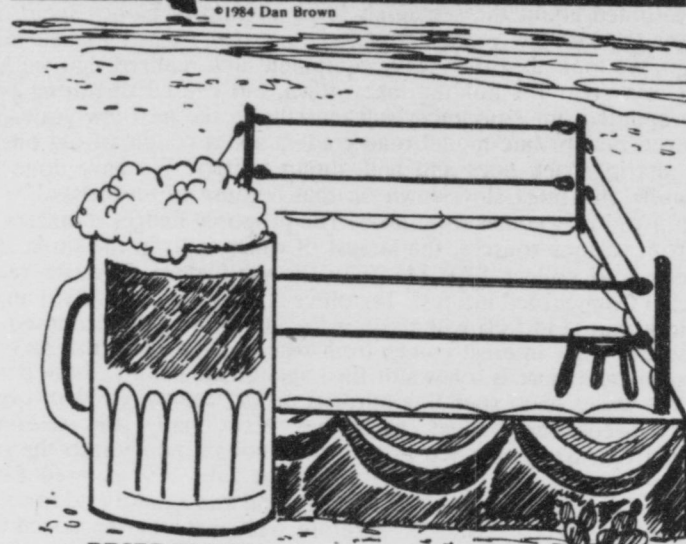
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PRIZE FIGHT ...

In 1895 promoters of the heavyweight championship fight between Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher wanted to hold the fight in Texas, but the state legislature passed a law against public prize fighting. Judge Roy Bean of Langtry came to the rescue. The fight was held on a sand bar in the Rio Grande river, international territory. The site was complete with ring, pontoon bridge, and dollar-a-glass beer.

Wells - Mashburn Exchange Vows

Staci Dawn Wells and Sean Kevin Mashburn were married Friday evening at Sam Houston Park. Loran Harper, minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gene Wells of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gene Mashburn of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Reed Strickland of Amarillo. Great-grandmother Thelma Pool of Groom, Texas.

Maid of honor was Monica Martin of Sacramento, Calif. Bridal attendants were Paula Benson, aunt of the bride, of Duncan, Okla., Amy

Nodine, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo and Darla Golightly of Oklahoma City.

Best man was the father of the groom. Groomsmen were Larry Luper, cousin of the groom, of Amarillo, Chad Rosebrook of Arlington and Conan Critchfield of Albuquerque, N.M.

Ushers were Marty Wells, brother of the bride, and Quincy Nodine, cousin of the bride, both of Amarillo, and Greg Glover, cousin of the groom, of Dumas and Tobi Lee Allen, niece of the groom, of DeSoto. Ring bearer was Timothy Allen, nephew of the groom, of DeSoto.

The bride attended

Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City and Amarillo College where she studied law and business.

The groom received an associate of science degree in business administration from AC. He plans to study at the University of Texas at Arlington.

GROOM SCHOOL TO RECEIVE SATELLITE DISH

Superintendent Kenneth Sweatt announced today that Groom School applied for and received a grant for a satellite dish. The school will provide a separate telephone line for the hook up.

The dish will link the school with Texas Educational Agency and provide the school with late breaking information on educational matters as well as teacher training.

"The possibilities are endless" stated Sweatt, "We can possibly offer some college classes through this, provide teacher training or even some foreign language class." This will be a welcome addition to our growing technological resources.

Churches to Host After Game Parties

All four churches were represented at a meeting Sunday evening to plan after game fellowships for the students of Groom ISD. Present was: Frances Payton, Mark Metzger, Karen Case, Bobby and Marion Pool, Kathleen Barkley, Susan Burgin, Nancy and Randal Patterson and Charlotte Whatley.

The following schedule was set for the upcoming football season.

9/6 High School Party by First Baptist Church

Junior High Party by Church of Christ

9/20 High School Party by United Methodist Church

Junior High Party by First Baptist Church

10/4 High School Party by Catholic Youth Organization (Dance)

Junior High Party by United Methodist Church

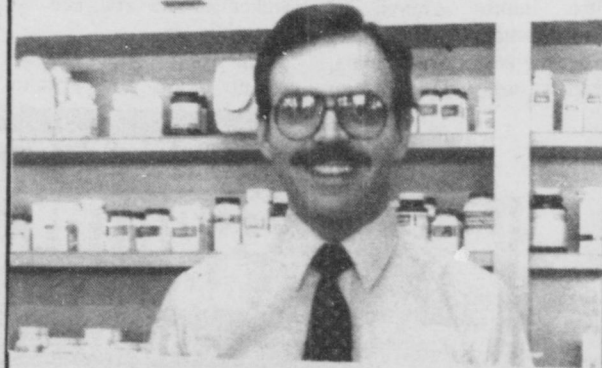
10/11 High School Party by First Baptist Church

Junior High Party by Church of Christ

11/1 High School Party by United Methodist Church

Junior High Party by Jr. CYO.

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Angel Louise Whetstine
Angel Louise Whetstine, 17, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 1991.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Groom with the Rev. Eddie Hogan, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Groom

Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel.

Miss Whetstine was born in Alma, Nev. She moved to Groom in 1984 before returning to Alma. In 1989 she was diagnosed with leukemia and returned to Groom.

Survivors include her parents, Don and Loretta

Whetstine of the home; two brothers, John Whetstine of Wilcox, Neb., and Larry Whetstine of Burwell, Neb.; a sister, Patty Finck of Groom.

The family requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

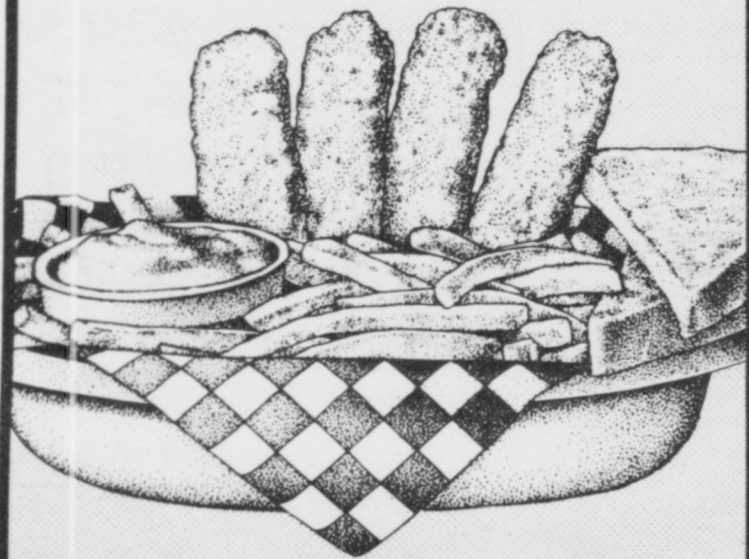
Bill Stallings

Bill Stallings, 37 years old, died Tuesday morning at High Plains Hospital, Clovis, N.M. He was the husband of the former Kayla Ruth Wade of Groom.

Mr. Stallings was diagnosed as a cancer patient and was treated at the MD Anderson Hospital in Houston 18 months ago. The family resides at 3709 Autumnwood, Clovis, N.M. The Steed-Todd Funeral

Home of Clovis will handle funeral arrangements and services are planned for Thursday at Clovis. Stallings is a son-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. Max Wade of Groom.

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Public Notice

On July 22, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of two new optional services, Exchange Connection Service and Customer Alerting Enablement. Exchange Connection Service will permit a customer of the Telephone Company to provide voice messaging service, telephone answering service, or other services to itself or to patrons of the customer. Customer Alerting Enablement will permit residence and business lines to receive an alerting tone (intermittent dial tone) transmitted by an Exchange Connection Service customer. The proposed effective date for this offering is September 23, and will be available statewide where facilities permit.

The calling party's telephone number and other originating network call information will be delivered to the Exchange Connection Service customer when the calling number and the called number are served by the same switch. Additionally, the caller's telephone number and other originating network call information may be recorded and stored by the Exchange Connection Service customer. Customers may be able to identify the caller before the call is answered. All Exchange Connection Service customers will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement prior to being provided service. In the agreement the customer agrees not to disclose the calling party's telephone number unless the customer has written permission from the calling party.

The Telephone Company estimates these new services will increase its annual revenues during the first year by approximately \$1.2 million. Providers of voice messaging service and telephone answering services and their subscribers are the types of customers likely to be affected by approval of these services.

Exchange Connection Service is provided to customers in two parts: Local Serving Arrangement, which provides access to the exchange network; and Optional Service Features. The proposed rates, for both Exchange Connection Service and Customer Alerting Enablement, including installation charges, are as follows:

Local Serving Arrangement	Monthly Charge	Installation Charge	
		First Unit	Additional Unit
Access Link			
2-wire, each	\$ 28.00	\$190.00	\$110.00
DS1, each	\$170.00	\$915.00	\$565.00

Features/Functions

Switch Terminations			
Analog Voice Grade (Line Side) (Select One)			
Inward	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Outward	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
2-way	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00

Multiplexed Arrangements

Multiplexed DS1 to Voice, per DS1 Access Link	\$190.00	---	---
Analog Voice Grade Channel Interconnection, per Activated Channel	\$ 3.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00

Subsequent Order

Analog Voice Grade Channel Interconnection, per Activated Channel	\$ 3.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00
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Transport

	Rates per Minute	
Originating	\$.009	
Terminating - per minute of use within Local Calling Scope		
Call Miles		
0 to 1	\$.0845	
Over 1 to 25	\$.0923	
Over 25	\$.1018	

Rearrangement Charges

Change Type of Supervisory Signaling Per Switch Termination	---	\$ 45.00	---
Change Directionality Per Switch Termination	---	\$ 30.00	---

Optional Service Feature

Subscriber Information Interface, each	\$260.00	\$800.00	---
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Originating Call Information \$.008 per call delivered

Call Management Service

Customer Alerting Enablement			
Residence	---	\$ 2.70	---
Business	---	\$ 5.40	---

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by September 13, 1991. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



Southwestern Bell Telephone

SCHOOL DOORS OPEN

7:30 a.m. - Front doors by flagpole open. Students remain in foyer and west hallway.

7:45 a.m. - Bell rings - students go to lockers.

7:50 a.m. - Breakfast begins.

7:55 a.m. - Teachers available for tutorials.

8:15 a.m. - Bell rings to signal 5 minutes until first class.

8:20 a.m. - Tardy bell for first period.

Johnny and Jo Ann Byrd of Perryton were here to visit Mrs. Lula Walls on Monday. Johnny is Mrs. Walls grandson. They also brought Chase and Ashton Findly, children of Danielle who are Mrs. Walls great-grandchildren. The visit was a real day brightener for Mrs. Walls.

GHS CLASS OF 1971

Saturday, August 3rd, 1991, the GHS class of '71 met to celebrate their 20th reunion. Classmates who could be in Groom early Saturday, participated in the parade, followed by enjoying visiting many friends and teachers of days-gone-by at the bar-b-que, arts and crafts booths, and tent activities. At 6:00 p.m. 15 classmates and their families arrived at Marcia and Donnie Conrad's for a patio party. Those attending were: Margaret West Hardin, Sydney Cranmer Roach, Toni Howerton Knolls, Tommie Everson, Rosene, Anita Wiebert Irby, Mary Nell Britten Crownover, Billie West Lewis, Jackie Pair Howerton, Prissy England Conrad, Larry Britten, Mark Britten, Jerry Britten, Jerry Crowell and class reunion organizers, chefs, and hosts Pam Ollinger Ashford, Jerry Ashford, and Marcia Blackwell Conrad. After enjoying sausage or brisket sandwiches the group was entertained with the "pickin and singing" of Steven Lewis, son of Billie and Bob Lewis. A quick "class meeting" took place and Mark Britten was unanimously named coordinator for their 25th reunion. Jerry Britten was elected as his helper.

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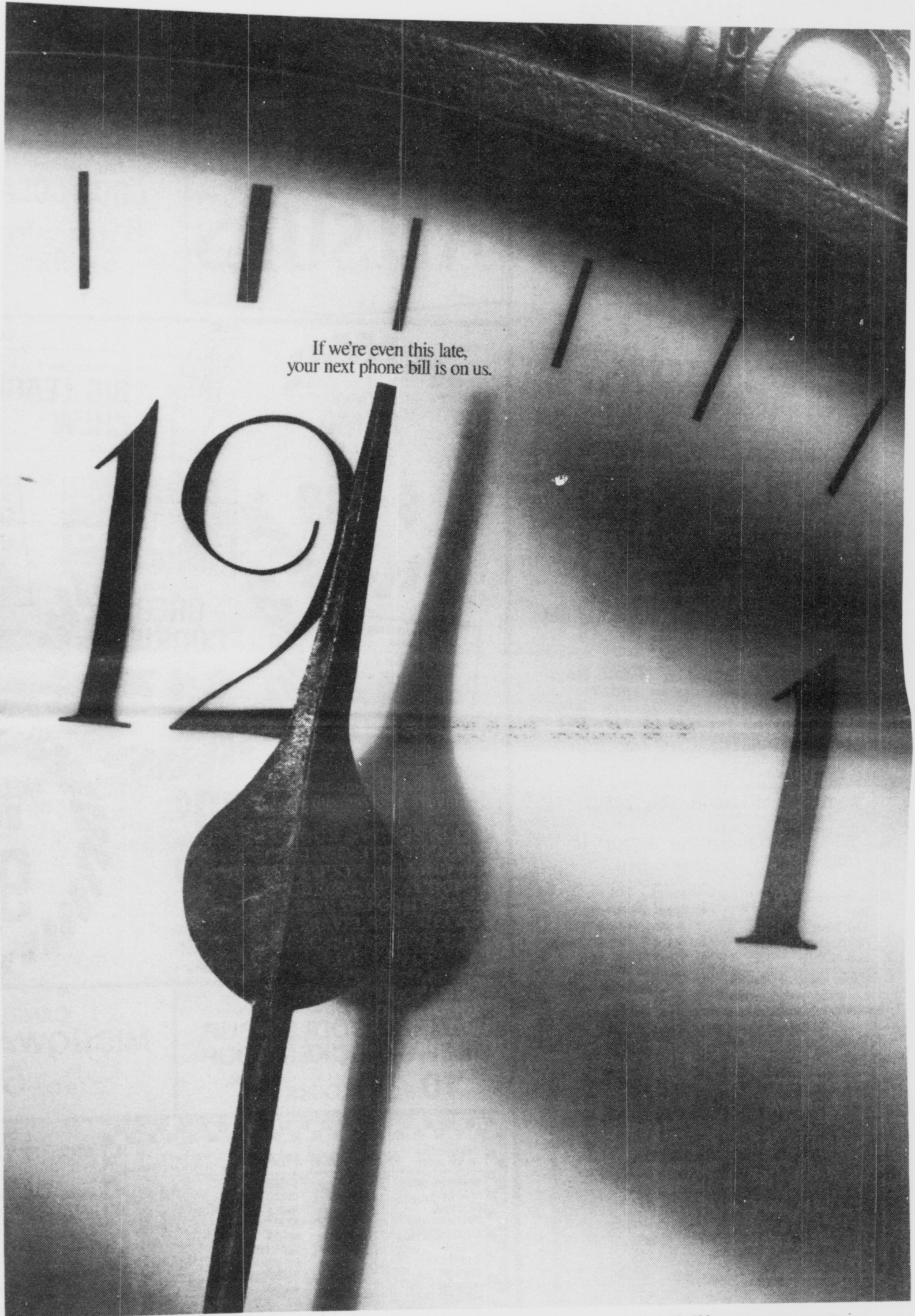
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GROOM DAY TRIVIA

1. What year did Groom celebrate its 75th Anniversary, the celebration which set the precedent for future Groom Day Celebrations?
2. In that early celebration, what float won the parade and what did it depict?
3. Who were the "Bunch of Old Bags" that won the parade in 1981?
4. Who won the 1st Groom Day Pet Show in 1983?
5. What musical predator was the highlight of Groom Day 1988?
6. Who was "Queen For A Day" in '88?

- Trivia Answers . . .
1985
1. The Sesquicentennial Celebration.
2. Stop N Shop.
3. House Bill 72 - No Pass
- No Play.
4. Speed Bumps and Animal Control.
5. Barbara Homer.
6. From \$.20 to \$.22.
7. Charlene Weller.
8. T. J. Adkins.

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The Carson County 4-H Better Bake Show will be September 7, 1991 at the County Extension Office at 1:00 p.m.
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