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Thursday, September 4, 1997

Coach Reid, "Tigers Are Improved"



GISD Adopts 1997-1998 School Budget Of \$1,559,005.00

Groom Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 26, 1997. Attending the meeting were Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, Dennis Babcock, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara, Tony Britten, Tim Case, Ben Ingham, Joyce Hutsell and Danny Chisum.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a correction as follows: Adela Kotara abstained when voting to make the State National Bank of Groom the official school depository.

The Board discussed

long range plans for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. No action was

taken as a result of the discussion.

The Board went into executive session at 9:00 pm and returned to open session at 9:40 pm. No action was taken on issues discussed in executive session.

The School Board adopted the budget for the 1997-98 school year in the amount of \$1,559,005.

The Board unanimously voted to pay all bills and amend the budget as necessary.

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE...

Cross Country Schedule

Borger -	September 6
White Deer -	September 20
WTAMU -	October 11
Sanford-Fritch -	October 18



AMARILLO Christian School is located at 4100 Republic Ave., just off the Canyon E-Way.

THE AFTER-Graduation Party Committee will meet on Monday, Sept. 11 at 5:15 at the Dairy Queen for an organizational meeting. Everyone who is interested is welcome and Junior & Senior parents are especially urged to attend.

GROOM WILL play its season opener against Amarillo Christian in Amarillo at 7:30 pm, on Friday, September 5.

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PEP RALLY will be held at 2:47 Friday for the Groom Tigers!

FOOTBALL FANS may wish to bring lawn chairs to Friday's football game at Amarillo Christian. Seating is very limited.

AN IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be offered at the Groom Community Center, Sept. 10, from 2:00-4:00 pm and in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Clinic, 600 West Kentucky on Sept. 3, and Sept. 17, 9:00am-6:00 pm.

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Tigers Travel Friday For Season Opener

The Groom Tigers hosted the Hedley Owls in a scrimmage here last week. The Tigers were focused and ready to play. They put on a

great performance, showing much improvement from the last scrimmage against 3rd ranked Lazbuddie. "I was very proud of

the team," stated Head Coach Larry Reid. "The guys still made some fundamental mistakes, especially in their defensive tackling. But I

feel they have significantly improved. Our offensive game was really improved over the previous week. We are really intensifying our work on those areas that we are still making those type of inexperience mistakes."

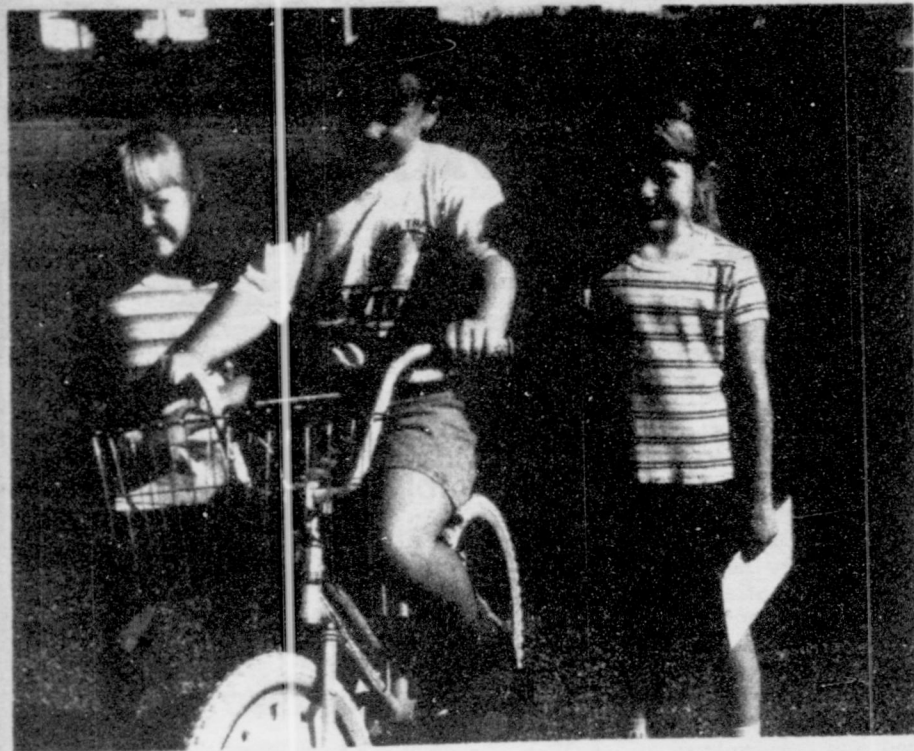
Reid went on to say that he was very pleased with the teams mental attitude and effort.

"Our execution was much better due to the team effort. We had scoring by 5 different running backs."

The Tigers are looking forward to kicking off the season against Amarillo Christian in Amarillo this Friday.

According to Reid, Amarillo Christian is a pretty young team, that has improved since last year. They are still somewhat inexperienced and have few replacement players.

"They should allow us to work on both our running and passing game. We will see how our players respond during a meaningful game. The two games after this will be against fairly difficult opponents. We will see what players step up and take charge."



Bike-A-Thon For St. Jude's

Berklee Ruthardt, Katy Britten and Bailee Ruthardt get ready for their "Ride for Life" as they recently participated in the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon. Berklee and Bailee are the daughters of Raymond and Shonda Ruthardt. Katy is the daughter of Hop and Jan Britten. Jan has been the co-ordinator for the event. See the story on page 5.

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Local Happenings

William and Floretta Neal of Amarillo and Bertha Knight, last Thursday helped their brother Leslie of Claude and his wife Dora celebrate Leslie's 90th birthday by taking them to Ford's Country Kitchen in Clarendon for lunch. They also visited with the Leslie Neal's son Harold and wife Joyce at the Clarendon Nursing Home.

Harold is still improving some from the wreck February 5, when a woman in Fort Worth struck him down with her car.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

September 4 - Judy Ruthardt, Jamie Shuck, Mrs. Dean Burger, Douglas Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burk (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool (A).

September 5 - Mildred Miller, Ray Pool, Jessica D. Cagle, Jessica Ball.

September 6 - Bill Pavlovsky, Mrs. R.J. Kempf, Megan Bivens.

September 7 - Mrs. David Britten, Brady Painter.

September 8 - September 9 - Mrs. Bill Hammers, Mrs. Gary Friemel, Garrett Britten.

September 10 - Leonard Koetting, Gregory Martin, Daniel Lambert, Cody Ray Schaffer, Peggy Cave.

New Arrival

Bryan and Linda Lee Richardson welcomed a new member to their family recently. Faith Anne was born August 18. The beautiful baby girl weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Big brother Garner and big sister, Caroline are mighty proud of their new little sister, too!

Obituary

Helen Bentley

McKinney - Helen Bentley, 59, died Sunday, August 31, 1997.

Services were in Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel, in Amarillo, with Kent Watson of Claude Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services were Wednesday in Panhandle Cemetery at Panhandle.

Mrs. Bentley was born in Dell, Arkansas. She had lived at Pantex Village and graduated from Panhandle High School in 1955. She married Gene Bentley in 1955 at Pantex Village.

She worked 28 years as a bank teller for several banks in Texas. She had lived in many parts of Texas before moving to McKinney three years ago from Harlingen. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Harlingen.

Survivors include her husband, a son, Timothy E. Bentley of Grapevine; three daughters, Penny Zhine of Garland, Terry Bentley of Dallas and Sheri Bentley of Lubbock; two sisters, Rosa Riggs of Amarillo and Anita Baker of Abilene; a brother, James Cummings of Groom; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to MDA, Huntington's Chorea Research, 3505 Olsen Blvd., Suite 203, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

Ray and Gaynelle Pool went to Amarillo Sunday to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and had lunch with the boys. In the afternoon they attended the Boys Ranch Rodeo.

Jeremy Lewis, son of Sharlene and Howell Lewis placed 1st in the 15-18 age group, Bareback division, of the Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo which was completed August 23rd.



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THE CITY Council will meet to set the Tax Rate at their regular meeting on September 9.

Continental Airlines Magazine, August 1997 issue shows a picture of the "Leaning Water Tower" and calls Groom, Britten, Texas!

Ill Or Recovering

Mert Kendrick
 Billie Bivens
 Vernie Watson
 Barney Davis
 Diane Koetting
 Ruby Milton
 Mamie Ritter
 Ruby Latta

Tiffany Saam of Columbus, Ohio, great-granddaughter of Evelyn Hubbard visited here for a week.

While she was here Dan Brock drove her to the Schaffer Ranch so she could see a little of Texas history. She also went to see the show, "Texas", at Palo Duro Canyon.

Tiffany is the granddaughter of Sharron Saam who had visited earlier in the summer. Mrs. Saam, of Columbus, brought her children, Melanie and Zachary and Tiffany's brother, Nicholas.

Groom Homecoming

Homecoming has been scheduled for Oct. 31, Halloween. Mayor Joe Homer has stated that he would be open to proclaiming it (Halloween) a different day, if that is what parents want. Let your preference be known by calling City Hall at 248-7929. Some of the options are: a) having it on Thursday night (possibly still could conflict with Homecoming activities), b) have it on Saturday night, or c) ask residents to begin trick or treating early in order to have it over with by 7:00 pm.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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McNiels Celebrate 50 Years Of Marriage

By Peggy McNeil
Bernadine Ledwig
McNeil (originally from Groom) and Guy E. McNeil (originally from Denton) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 15, 1997 in El Paso, Texas where they are both retired. This marriage has lasted 50 years in spite of the fact that it started with a

series of omens which may have caused less stalwart couples to change their minds.

1) In 1947, two years after WWII, there were few big weddings with traditional white bridal gowns so the bride wore an ice-blue lame tea length gown. She ordered a corsage with a white orchid. The florist

by mistake sent a lavender one which clashed with her blue dress.

2) The owner of the china shop where she had purchased her china died. This is significant since in those days, the bride had to purchase the complete set of china within a year of the initial purchase. Therefore she had to complete her set within a few months instead of the annual time frame. Just a few years later her Lennox pattern was discontinued.

3) After picking up the wedding cake in Amarillo, mom and dad placed the cake on the back seat of the car for the drive back to Groom. After a stop, the cake fell off the back seat onto the floor. Luckily, it was salvaged by a talented relative.

4) No one remembered to bring rice to throw at the wedding. However, my grandfather, a wheat farmer, remembered he had a full truck of wheat nearby. So wheat was thrown instead of the traditional rice.

5) My mother's uncle, a Catholic priest who was slated to perform the marriage ceremonies died before the wedding. Another priest in the local parish presided instead.

Some facts about my parents:

Guy B. McNeil served in WWII in a PBY squadron for three years in north Africa. While in Morocco, he played craps with Humphrey Bogart. The Madcats (acronym) still have reunions.

He achieved his bachelors of arts from North Texas, his masters in education from Sul Ross College and his doctorate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He is retired from the public schools in El Paso where he served in administration as the Director of Research and Evaluation.

At the young age of 50, he became a private pilot. He has flown into Mexico, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado.

He is responsible for

his eldest daughter, me, (Peggy McNeil) passing all my math. In first grade, I didn't understand the decimal system. If my father had not shown me that the tiny dot stood for the ten sticks which he drew out, I would have missed the basic building block of the numerical system.

Philosophically, my dad gave me some advice that has served me well during my life. When times are bad, think about some point in the future when things will be good. That way it helps to last through a difficult situation.

Bernadine Ledwig McNeil grew up in Groom and graduated from the high school class of 1942 which just celebrated their class reunion Groom Day. She attended. She was also the valedictorian of the class.

She was one of the pioneers of the Speech Therapy program in El Paso in 1946.

In 1964, she was the first speech therapist in El Paso to receive a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Therapy.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Texas Women's University in Denton and her Masters of Arts from UT El Paso in 1978.

Because she has never been able to slow down, she is active with the Catholic Daughters of America. She was one of the original founders of the El Paso Chapter.

Philosophically, my mother believes that

"where there is life, there is hope." This phrase reverberates in my mind whenever I think there may not be a solution to a problem and gets me back on track.

My sister, Lisa McNeil of El Paso and I are lucky to have such parents as these. Don't you think? If you have any further questions, you may contact me (Peggy McNeil) in Dallas at (214)826-9473 or my sister Lisa at (915)532-7890 in El Paso.

Band Boosters Make Plans For Upcoming Year

The Groom Band Boosters recently held a meeting discussing plans for the coming year.

Some of the group's plans for 1997-98 include: purchasing garment bags for band uniforms and concert uniforms; and choosing a "band student of the week."

The band has been invited to a Texas Tech game on September 20.

A marching clinic will be held on September 30, while contest is on October 18 in Borger.

The band is expected to march in their jeans and t-shirts the first few games.

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September 8 - 12

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, oats, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot sliced bread, brownies, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, potato rounds, pickle spears, carrot sticks, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots or spinach, hot rolls, jello, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, peaches, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Sandwiches w/shaved ham or turkey, pickle spears, apples w/caramel sauce, milk.

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Note From The Principal

By Danny Chisum
The evening temperatures are becoming milder, that means that our high school football players will soon be competing. With that comes some changes for our younger students. On Fridays when there is game we will have a pep rally starting at approximately 2:55 p.m. On those days if you are picking up a

student in K-3rd grade you will need to be here at 2:45 p.m. sharp. If you are going to let them stay for the pep rally they will be released in front of the gym by their teacher at 3:27 p.m.

On Monday through Thursday those students in K-3rd that ride the bus are kept at school until 3:30. If your child is not a bus student please be ready to pick

them up at 2:47. If you cannot be sure to let the teacher know. This will save us all time and worry. We appreciate your help in this matter. Just a reminder, please return the needs assessment to the school as soon as possible. Everyone who has children in school should have received one. Thanks for sharing your children with us!!!

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Bike-A-Thon Raises \$947.00 For St. Jude's

By Jan Britten, Area Bike-a-thon Coordinator
The annual Wheels For Life Bike-a-Thon was held on Saturday, August 23, 1997 at the Groom City Park. There were 17 children who participated this year and collected donations to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

St. Jude was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas to help build a place of hope for children and their families who were caught in a fight against catastrophic diseases. Since the hospital opened it has treated more than 14,500 children from across the United States and 58 foreign countries. St. Jude has approximately 4,000 patients in active status and it's daily operating costs are approximately \$410,000 which are primarily covered by public contributions. Out of every dollar received at St. Jude's, 87% goes to current or future needs of the hospital. About 9.7% is used to raise additional dollars, and 3.5% is used for

gave their time and effort to collect the donations

for this very worthy cause. We would also like to thank all of you wonderful people who gave donations. A big thanks also goes to the City for letting us use the park. And, last but certainly not least, we would like to thank Melanie Britten for making the delicious cookies we enjoyed at the park. May God bless you all for your generosity. The children collected \$947.51 this year - our biggest year ever here in Groom! Those riding and collection the donations this year were:

Chad Barkley, Brody,

Katy, and Sara Britten, Karri, Korri and Sharri Britten, Trent Britten, Gailynn and Taylor Drewery, Trevor Friemel,

administration costs.

The folks at St. Jude's and myself (Jan Britten) would like to thank all of the young people who

Jennifer Jenkins, Malorie Homen, James Reid, Bailee and Berkleee Ruthardt, and Forrest Yelverton.

Groom FFA Elects New Slate Of Officers

Groom FFA recently elected officers for the 1997-98 school year. They are: Todd Gray president, Toby Burgin vice president, Blake Barnett secretary, April Burton treasurer, Kori Brown reporter, and David Fields sentinel. (Point of interest)

Burton and Brown are the first female officers ever to be elected in the Groom Chapter.

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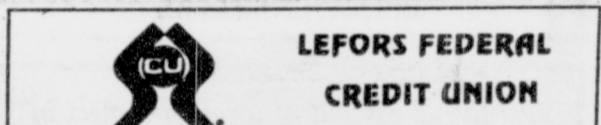
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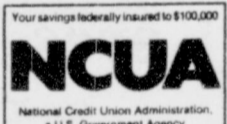


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Commerce Bank Building No. 5 Thursday, September 4, 1997 779-2141



Chamber Plans Fall Car Show & Foliage Tour

Attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on August 26 were Charlie McClendon, Mark McClendon, Andy Payne, Jane Pierce, Billy Bybee, and Steve Roosa.

Previous meeting minutes were read and accepted.

The plans for future rodeos will be tabled until further notice.

B&B Turbine will join the Chamber.

The Lion's Club will be putting on a Halloween carnival and asked the Chamber if it would participate. All agreed that the Chamber would sell burgers and sodas if no one else had made such a commitment.

Discussion turned to the Fall car show and foliage tour. Billy suggested contacting the Amarillo council of Car Clubs.

Mark McClendon and Andy Payne were

accepted as the newest Chamber members.

A tentative route was mapped out for the foliage tour which will be test driven for exact milage and time to complete.

Charlie McClendon will contact the Allen Brothers Circus for the Fall Fest.

Since David Drennon was not in attendance, Jane Pierce will contact him for the update on the children's activities.

All school and church clubs will be contacted for participation in vending.

Gabe Parsons will be contacted on possibly setting up of a barbecue pit.

Charlie McClendon will set up his Deejay equipment and plans for a band are also in the works.

The meeting adjourned until September 8th.

Hannon, Waters Join MISD

Jimmy Hannon is looking forward to this, his first year of teaching.

Mr. Hannon grew up in Lefors and graduated from LHS in 1988. He is also a recent graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Mr. Hannon's schedule at MHS is as follows: 8th grade math, advanced math, Algebra I, money math, and biology.

He recently moved to McLean with his wife Misty and son, Trae.

Outside of school he enjoys hunting, fishing, and snow skiing.

Mr. Hannon says he's learned one thing from teaching already, "Each day that goes by is a learning experience for me."

Waters
Paula Waters is a fresh face on the coaching staff at McLean.

Miss Waters grew up in Arnett, Oklahoma where she enjoyed showing livestock all through her school years.

After high school, she attended college at Oklahoma State University, where she

graduated in 1987.

Coach Waters has taught for five years, and her duties for the McLean schools include teaching elementary, junior high and high school boys P.E., and junior high and high school girls' athletics.

Coach Waters also enjoys playing golf and competing in rodeos in roping and barrel racing.

"McLean is pretty much like where I grew up, so it feels quite a bit like home," Waters concluded.

City Council Approves Tax Rate Increase

The City Council of McLean met in a special session, Tuesday, August 26, 1997 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor McClendon and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mary Dwyer, Gordon Sheplor, Ford Smith, Jr., Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, and Charles McClendon.

Others present were Garth Thomas, Alan Preen, Fred Smith, and Toni Bohlar.

Motion was made by Sheplor, second by Dwyer, to raise the 1997-98 Ad-Valorem tax rate to .422681. All voted in favor.

A transfer of \$31,876.58, from the Equipment Fund to the General Fund to pay off the motorgrader was approved.

It was decided that the landfill key will not be given out. Anyone needing in the landfill outside of regular landfill hours, and during regular business hours will need a City employee to go with them, when an employee is available. The landfill fee is to be paid at City Hall prior to dumping. All voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

REMINDER

FIRST BAPTIST Church will be in revival Sept. 14-17. Evangelist is John Karl Davis from Ft. Worth. Sun. 11am & 6 pm. Mon. thru Wed. 7pm. Nursery provided.

FAMILY HEALTH Care Clinic hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri. 8:00-1:00 and 2:00-5:00. Call 779-2030 for appointment.

THE TIGERS travel to Amherst Friday night for the season opening game at 7:30 p.m.

McLean ISD Trustees Vote To Increase Property Tax

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 29, 1997. Board members present were Jay Dee Fish, Bob Glass, Don Dorsey and Billie Ward. Absent from the meeting were Eugene Galley, Neal Odom and John Holland. Also present was John Griffin, Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Motion was made by Billie Ward, second by Don Dorsey to accept the 1997-98 budget as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Don Dorsey, second by Billie Ward to propose a tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 evaluation. Voting for the proposal were Billie Ward, Don Dorsey,

Bob Glass and Jay Dee Fish. Absent from voting were board members John Holland, Neal Odom and Eugene Galley. Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Billie Ward, second by Don Dorsey to amend the 1996-97 budget as presented. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Bill Lanford has become a world renowned miniature landscape and building model maker. See his story on page 8.

City Of McLean Notice

On your monthly bill you will see a F.D. fee of \$1.00. This \$1.00 goes into a Fire Department Fund that is used for equipment, hoses, etc.

Payment of this fee is voluntary.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
September 4 - Bob McDowell.
September 5 - Frank Simpson, Pat Barker, Brandon Phillips, Cindi Glass.
September 6 - O.R. Blankenship.
September 7 - Marshall Hares, Mark McCarty, Steve Carter, Jan Watts.
September 8 - Roy McMullen, Donald Bradley, Anita Thompson.
September 9 - Judy Kennedy Green, Bill and Tina Thomas (A).
September 10 - Zella Mae Brown, Doug Guthrie.

McLean FFA Kicks Off School Year

By Rebecca Hembree, Reporter
 The McLean FFA kicks off the school year with a busy start. The first annual meeting of the FFA was held Monday, August 25. At the meeting, FFA members elected new officers and discussed a few items of business, such as sausage sales and the District FFA meeting that will be held in Matador, Texas on September 16. The new officers for 1997-1998 are Anthony Albus president, Brian Fuller vice president, Jessi Fish secretary, D.J. Basham treasurer, Rebecca

Hembree reporter, and Gary Jones sentinel. Be sure to watch for FFA members selling sausage, beginning the first of September.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday morning members of the Methodist Friendship Sunday school class came to hold a Sunday school for the residents. In the afternoon Bro. Quenton Newton, pastor of the Assembly of God Church came to conduct a worship service.

Monday morning Bill Hulse came from Pampa to give the men hair cuts and they also had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Emma Graham, Truman Goodlett, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Dorothy Patterson, Florence Drake, Teresa Richardson, Lena Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Jessie Watson, Vernee Bowling, Thelma Finson, Ora Billingsley and Mable Dickey. The volunteer helper was Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished for all bingo players by the Lion's club.

Tuesday morning President Truman Goodlett held her resident council meeting. The minutes were taken by secretary, Phyllis Bailey.

Residents attending were Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Dorothy Patterson, Helen Glass, Bud Simpson, Lula Sheegog and Thelma Hopkins. In the afternoon the residents played dominos. Those playing were Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Dorothy Patterson, Teresa Richardson, Imogene

King and Ora Billingsley. Wednesday morning 32 residents gathered in the dining room to enjoy their donut circle. Donuts were furnished by

Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon they watched a movie.

Thursday morning Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Don York, Dorothy Patterson, Dick Wheeler, Teresa Richardson, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Thelma Finson, Thelma Hopkins, Ora Billingsley, Florence Drake, Emma Graham, Ruby Ayers, Jessie Watson and Eula Morrow.

The birthday party for September will be Saturday, September 6, at 2:30 p.m. Residents having birthdays are Robbie Wilson, Lucille Cullison, Marion Turner and Ross Grogan.

Bill Lankford Turns Hobby Into Miniature Business

Bill Lankford has an exciting and rewarding hobby that he has enjoyed most of his life, making miniature homes and villages.

"I got started with model railroading as a kid, and my interest in miniatures grew from there."

However, his hobby has become a "full time job for the past seven years."

Mr. Lankford has been interviewed in several publications, including "Nutshell News," which features pictures of his tiny, wonderful creations.

"Making miniatures is the second most popular hobby in the world, behind stamp and coin collecting," Lankford said.

Aside from creating these miniatures, it is also a credit to his creativity that he does not work from pictures; rather, he works solely from his imagination. That way, he explains, "It can't be compared to real buildings and homes. They're created just the way I think they should be."

Mr. Lankford's work can be seen in five museums around the world that feature miniatures. They are in the United States,

England, France, and Taiwan.

Lankford also teaches classes on building miniatures. The end of this month will find him travelling to Connecticut, Chicago, and Taiwan to teach.

According to Lankford, every person who works in miniatures has a favorite, or specialty area.

"I like to do buildings and landscapes."

One thing that makes his creations so unique is that he writes stories to go along with his miniatures.

In the October 1992 issue of "Nutshell News", a haunted house that he created was featured, and the story that went along with it had these details:

"He (the owner) was a bootlegger. He was caught on the first day of Prohibition, 1920, I think," Bill explains. "They sent him up and forgot about him. That was 70 some odd years ago, and the house is showing some disrepair. He left it totally furnished, but people have come in and taken a few things."

"I like to put a story with everything because

this is life," Bill believes. The homes are built to

such precise scale that one can easily believe they'd be able to pull up in the driveway, just by looking at the pictures.

Bill just recently finished a village, complete with a rainstorm and all the sound effects. This prize is being prepared to ship to a museum in Taiwan.

The recent UPS strike almost put a damper on some of his projects, but he thankfully said, "Everything is okay now!"

One might think that a hobby like this would be time consuming, but Mr. Lankford explained most take only two or three days.

His next undertaking is something he is excited to begin. "It's almost like a fairy tale series. We'll have Gulliver's

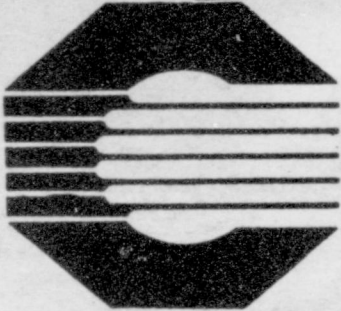
Travels, Cinderella, Snow White, Alice in Wonderland, and something like a Faerie Village."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lankford now reside outside of McLean on his grandparents old homestead.


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Notice of Public Hearing On Tax Increase

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The public hearing will be held on **SEPTEMBER 5, 1997**, at 7:00 PM at **CITY HALL - CITY OF McLEAN**.

FOR the proposal: Sam Haynes, Mary Dwyer, Ford Smith, Jr., Gordon Sheplor, Bob Martin

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor McClendon

ABSENT: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on **AUGUST 7, 1997**. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$15,048	\$15,179
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average home, not including senior citizens or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$15,048	\$15,179
Tax rate (Per \$100)	0.397300	0.422681
Tax	\$59.79	\$64.16

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$4.37 or 7.31 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.025381 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.39 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

McLean Tigers Maul Higgins Coyotes In Pre-Season Scrimmage, Opening Game Friday

By Chris Hauck & Travis Hankins, Tiger Rag Staff

McLean Tigers stomped the Higgins Coyotes 5 to 2 in the Tigers final scrimmage at Duncan Field in McLean. In their final pre-season game the McLean Tigers dazzled the home crowd with several long scoring plays.

Senior back Chris Flores ran to cap off the first drive. Then senior Anthony Albus caught two passes, one from sophomore quarterback Chris Hauck and one from senior quarterback Gary Bolton, for the next two scores.

Sophomore Ike Hanes ran for one score and tossed the pigskin to sophomore Brett Montgomery for the final score.

The Tigers travel to Amherst Friday night for the first game of the regular season. Game time is 7:30 pm.

Gray County 4-H Youths Participate In Rodeo

The 21st Annual Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo was completed August 23 with a total of 161 contestants. These youth were in competition for a total of 3 saddles, and 7 belt buckles, and two All Around Reserve belt buckles. Saddle blankets were given to 2nd place winners in the 9-11 age group. Belt Conchoes were given to the 3rd place winners in the 9-11 age group. A total of 51 ribbons and 12 trophies were awarded to the top Pee Wee winners. In the 15-18 age

group, Ike Hanes placed third in the ribbon roping. He is the son of Marshall and Tammy Hanes.

In the children's division, Trenton Darsey placed third in the stick horse, pole bending and second in the stick horse, flag race. Trenton's parents are Mike and Leslie Darsey.

Ashely Byron, daughter of Brian and Kelly Byron, received two ribbons, one in the stick horse, pole bending and the other in the goat ribbon race.

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9/5	AMHERST	THERE
9/12	FOLLETT	THERE
9/18	JV SILVERTON	HERE
9/19	SILVERTON	THERE
9/26	JV LAKEVIEW	HERE
9/26	LAKEVIEW	HERE
10/2	JV GROOM	THERE
10/3	GROOM	HERE
10/11	HEDLEY	HERE
10/17	NORTHSIDE	THERE
10/18	JV- MIAMI	HERE
10/24	HARROLD	HERE
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The public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 11, 1997 at 5:00 PM at MCLEAN ISD - BUSINESS OFFICE.

- FOR the proposal: BILLIE WARD DON DORSEY
BOB GLASS JAY D FISH
- AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: JOHN HOLLAND NEAL ODOM
EUGENE GALLEY

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	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$14,398	\$14,534
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$9,398	(\$466)
Tax rate (per \$100)	1.420000	1.450000
Tax	\$133.45	\$0.00

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$133.45 or 100.00 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.03 per \$100 of taxable value or 2.11 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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