

# The Groom News

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## GHS Welcomes Teachers, Students



**Donnie Carroll, New Principal**

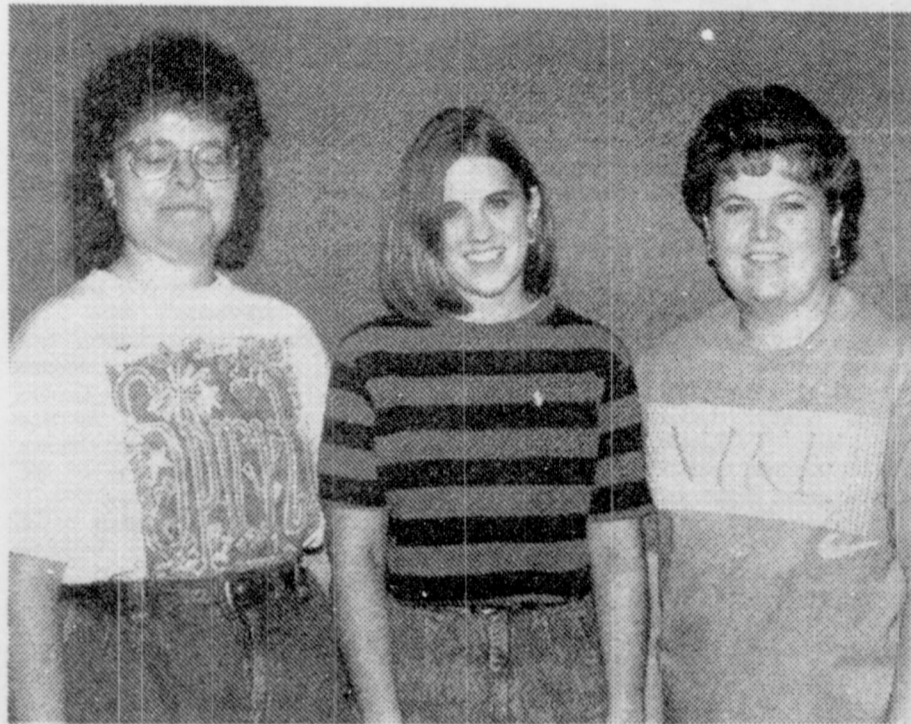
Bells rang last Thursday morning for students headed back to school at Groom I.S.D. Principal Donnie Carroll began his first day along with sixteen new kindergarten students and three teachers.

Kindergarten students had a great first day according to their teacher Mrs. Pam Hutsell. They will attend school only till noon until the 24th of August as they get used to the routine. They are: Jonathon Robinson, Tyus Crain, Kailey Crump, Brady Miller, Jacob

Torres, Bethany Williamson, Maddie Weiberg, Michelle Nunn, Todd Weinheimer, Morgan Britten, Cecilia Unger, Myles Friemel, Ashlyn Curtis, and Kattie Davis.

Student enrollment is down this year to 176 as hobbies are reading and doing step aerobics.

Donnie Carroll, is, of course, the new principal at Groom ISD. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and got his Masters degree at Angelo State University. He started his teaching career



**Linda Carroll, Mendy Heuerman, & Karen Reid, New Teachers**

at Lubbock High School as a coach/teacher.

He and his wife have also taught at Higgins, Spur and Clarendon. They have two children; John, a freshman and Ryan, a 6th grader.

The News welcomes back all the students and teachers and encourages you all to have a great year.

compared to last years 181. Groom graduated eighteen seniors last year.

**New Teachers**  
Karen Reid, wife of coach Larry Reid, will be teaching 2nd grade. Mrs.

Reid attended Angelo State University and West Texas A & M University. She received her Bachelor's degree in general studies and earned a teaching degree in December of 1997. This is her first year to teach. Mr. & Mrs. Reid have two children. James is 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Ryan is 3 years old. When Mrs. Reid has free time she enjoys reading and riding bikes. "I am really excited to be teaching second grade in Groom!" she commented.

Mendy Heuerman will be teaching 4th grade. She is originally from Abilene, Texas where she went to college at Hardin-Simmons University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She and her husband, Jason, have lived in Amarillo for a year. They came to this area so that he could attend the Texas Tech Pharmacy School in Amarillo. They have no children, but do have a dog  
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## City Council Approves Bids, Pay Raises

The Groom City Council met in regular session last week with all members present with the exception of Ellis Stapp who was absent. Also present were Mary Sue Lyles, Donnie Evans and Doug Kling.

Minutes of the July 14 meeting were approved with the following correction:

The motion to rent a porta-potty from Panhandle Portables should read "Don Case moved and Pete Ham seconded the motion to rent a porta-potty for the park from Panhandle Portables of Borger for \$75.00 per month. This company will replace the present supplier."

In a unanimous decision, the council approved paying monthly bills and the financial statement.

Pete Ham and Mary Margaret Brooks seconded a motion to amend the 1997 budget as follows: General Fund - Unemployment Fund: Raised \$20 to \$420; Capital Outlay Raised from \$0 to \$3500.

In Waterworks Fund: Operating Raise \$1500 to

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The Class of 2011 made their debut last week as they went to school for the first time, beginning their trek through academia. They are Morgan Britten, Tanner Britten, Tyus Crain, Kailey Crump, Ashlyn Curtis, Kattie Davis, Myles Friemel, Chris Homen, Brady Miller, Michelle Nunn, Jonathon Robinson, Jacob Torres, Cecilia Unger, Maddie Weiberg, Todd Weinheimer, and Bethany Williamson.

## Community Calendar

THE TEXAS Dept. of Agriculture will host a workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 25, in Plainview, 1:30 p.m. to provide information to drought-stricken farmers. For more information call (512) 463-7593.

ON FRIDAY, Aug. 21, the Tigers will participate in a 3-way scrimmage with Lazbuddie and Silverton at Silverton. The Junior Varsity will begin at 5:00 pm with the Varsity to follow immediately after.

ANNUAL St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon to be held Aug. 22. Contact Jan Britten 248-7250 or 248-7414.

IN GROOM, girls age 5-17 can sign up Sat., Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Groom City Park for Girl Scouts. There will be a watermelon feast, a treasure hunt and many other games. Contact Kerry Jenkins at 248-7255 or Denise Bertrand at 1-800-687-8740.

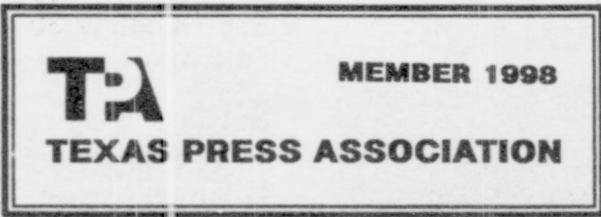
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## Groom I.S.D. Lunch Menu for Aug 24-28

Monday Breakfast:	Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.	Lunch:	Steak, mashed potatoes, Ranch Style beans, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk.
Tuesday Breakfast:	Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.	Lunch:	Soft tacos, cut corn, cheese cake, milk.
Wednesday Breakfast:	Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.	Lunch:	Corn dogs, tator tots, pork & beans, graham crackers, applesauce, milk.
Thursday Breakfast:	Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.	Lunch:	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.
Friday Breakfast:	Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.	Lunch:	Shaved ham, baked potatoes, broccoli, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

## Local Happenings

James and Barbara Dickerson from Phoenix, Arizona spent a week in Groom visiting with friends and in the homes of their sisters, Dorothy Weller and family and Patsy Fraser and family.

Ellis and Roxie Stapp returned home Sunday after vacationing in Eagle Nest, Red River, and Monument Lake. They were joined Friday night and Saturday by grandson, Josh. Don't know who caught the most fish, but the number sure increased after Josh got there.

### Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 20 - Jacey Richardson, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter (A).

August 21 - Mrs. Marvin Morrow, Lucille Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burger (A).

August 22 - John Koetting, Regina Gray, Daniel E. Martin, Dondra Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara (A).

August 23 - Christopher Homen, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bland (A).

August 24 - Nancy Patterson.

August 25 - Daryl Homer, Sandy Schaffer, Inez Weinheimer, Kim Kotara, Clay Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Newsom (A).

August 26 - Fred Brown, Ruby Head.

### G.E.D.C. To Seek New Members

Four board member's terms on the Groom Economic Development Corporation will be expiring soon. The Groom City Council appoints these members to oversee work to promoting and expanding the economic environment in the area. Members serve a two year term.

Anyone who is interested is invited and encouraged to submit their name to the Groom City Council. At this time, the Council knows that at least one of the seats will be vacant.

The president of GEDC is Ben Ingham. Anyone wishing more information concerning the responsibilities of being a member of this civic group is asked to contact him.



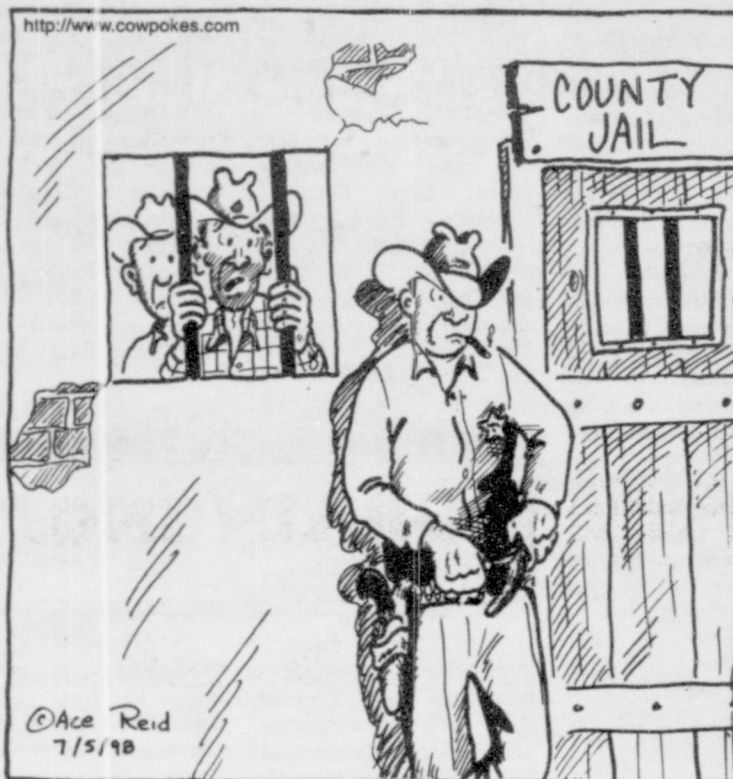
## Patterson-Spiva To Wed In October

Randal and Nancy Patterson are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lee, to Mr. Todd Kevin Spiva of Austin. Heather is a 1990 graduate of Groom High School and a 1994 graduate of West Texas A&M University. Heather lives in Austin where she is employed as

an executive search recruiter with Greywolf Consulting Services, Inc. Todd is the son of Robert Spiva of Austin and Pamela Kay Welch of Arkansas. Todd works in Strategic Marketing for National Instruments. An October 10th wedding is planned in Austin.

### COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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## Lacy Buckingham & Jack Britten Exchange Vows

Lacy DeLynn Buckingham and Jack Franklin Britten were united in marriage on July 14, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. Father Joseph Hendriks performed the private ceremony.

Lacy is a graduate of Kelton High School, and graduated with a B.B.A., cum laude, degree from Baylor University in 1989. Additionally, she received her J.D. degree from Baylor Law School in 1991. She worked as the Chief Felony Prosecutor with the Ellis County District Attorneys Office, and as a sales representative for West Group, a legal publishing company. She is the daughter of Billy and Carolyn Buckingham of Kelton, and the granddaughter of J.W. and Julia Buckingham of Twitty and Ruth Ledbetter of Wheeler.

Jack is a graduate of Groom High School, and he received his B.A. degree from Texas Tech University in 1993. He is employed by J.B. Hunt as a Senior Manager in their Dedicated Contract Services Division. Jack is the son of Jo Ann and Arthur Britten of Groom.

The Maria Lanakila Church, the oldest Catholic church on the island of Maui, was decorated with traditional Hawaiian tropical flowers. The bride wore a simple full length "diamond white" gown with chapel

length train. The scoop neckline and back were bordered with various sizes of pearls and clear sequins. The bridal bouquet consisted of white orchids and tulle ribbon.

Following their wedding and honeymoon in Hawaii, the bride and groom hosted a celebration and dance on July 25, 1998, at the Colleyville Community Center in Colleyville, Texas. Approximately

200 family members and friends attended the event that included not only a western swing band, but also various musical performers from the bride and groom's families. Matt Britten of Groom, brother of Jack, entertained the group with his guitar, nine year old Whitney Wood, daughter of LaWanna and Michael Wood of Flower Mound and cousin of the bride, impressed the audience with her rendition of several country songs; Texas Tonight, a band featuring Larry Homen of Lubbock and Louis Home of Lewisville, both cousins of the groom, also performed some of their favorite songs for the audience; seven year old Courtney Britten, daughter of Ben and Patricia Britten of Colleyville and cousin of the groom, sang a song for the group; and the bride performed two of her favorite Patsy Cline songs.

The couple is currently at home in Eules, Texas.

### Tiger Scrimmage Slated For Friday In Silverton

The 1998 Groom Tigers football team is ready to go as they kick off the season with a three-way scrimmage with Silverton and Lazbuddie this Friday.

Twenty-three high school athletes and fifteen junior high athletes will make up the rosters of the Tigers and Cubs.

"The teams are really looking good," stated football coach Larry Reid. "Two-a-days went well and we have had no injuries to slow down our progress."

The Groom Tigers have been ranked 12th in the state by the Huntress Report, a weekly ranking system. Silverton is ranked at 4th or 5th and Lazbuddie is a step or two ahead of Groom ranked 10th or 11th.

"This will be a very good test of our skills," stated Reid. "We have five of six starters with plenty of experience, so I expect we will look pretty sharp." We hope to see everyone at Silverton showing their support for the boys.

### Local Happenings

Visitors in John and Patsy Fraser's home during the Groom Day weekend was James and Barbara Dickerson of Phoenix, Arizona; Anthony and Tricia Carson of Dalhart; Walter Kent and Shannon Fraser, Dillon and Shasta of Amarillo; Randy and Rhonda Fraser of Claude; and Britt Fraser from Panhandle. All had a great time.

### 1998 G. H. S. Football

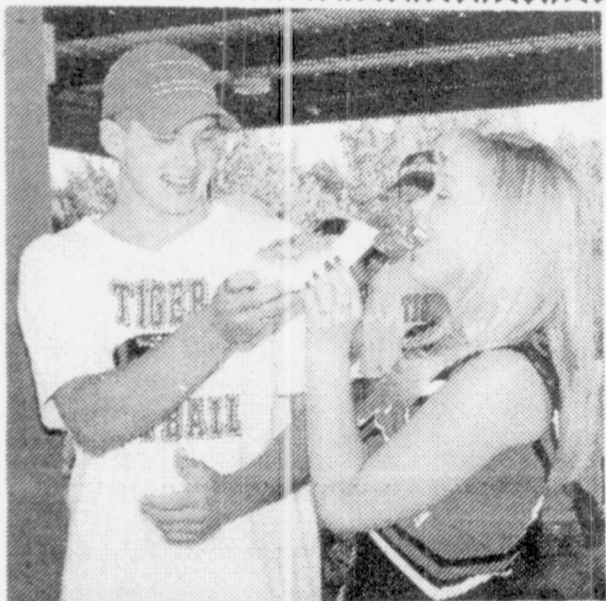
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-21	Lazbuddie (s)	Silverton	5:00
8-28	Hedley (s)	Hedley	5:00
9-4	Ama Christian	Groom	7:30
9-10	Samnorwood	Sam'wood	7:30
9-18	New Home	Silverton	7:30
9-25	Cotton Center	Cotton Ctr	7:30
10-2	McLean**	Groom	7:30
10-9	Follett*	Groom	7:30
10-16	Ft Elliott*	Ft. Elliott	7:30
10-23	Miami*	Groom	7:30
10-30	Lefors*	Groom	7:30
11-6	Higgins*	Higgins	7:30

(s) Scrimmage \*District Games \*\*Homecoming

### 1998 GJV & GJHS Football

Date	Opponent	Team	Site	Time
9-10	Open			
9-17	Samnorwood	JH	Groom	6:00
9-24	Silverton	JH & JV	Silverton	5:00
10-1	McLean	JH & JV	McLean	5:00
10-8	Follett	JH & JV	Follett	5:00
10-15	Ft. Elliott	JH	Groom	6:00
10-22	Miami	JH & JV	Miami	5:00
10-29	Lefors	JH	Lefors	6:00
11-5	Higgins	JH	Groom	6:00

### Mr. & Mrs. Jack Britten



"Have a big bite, Cuz!" says Josh Evenson to his cousin Jessica Stapp at the Booster Club Football Feed.



"Two-a-days are hot and thirsty work!" The water barrel is a favorite stopping place for the football boys to take a break.



Senior Boys are ready to provide leadership for the Tigers as they begin their quest for victory and the district crown. They are Dean Fields, Alberto Vega, Daniel Treadwell, Wyatt Weinheimer, Jamie Shuck, Josh Evenson, and Gustavo Caro.

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**Board Accepts Resignation, Hires New Teacher**

The Groom ISD Board of Trustees met last week for their regular monthly session. Present were Ben Ingham, Superintendent; Donnie Carroll, Principal; Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager; Board members Denny Babcock, Barry Fields, Brad Rogers, Tony Treadwell, Tony Britten, and Tim Case. Member Cliff Britten was absent. Curtis Downs also was present.

Minutes from the July 14 meeting were read and approved.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Terri Moore.

Mendy Heerman was hired as an elementary teacher at a salary of \$21,050; which is step 0 on the Texas State School Board scale.

A discussion was held concerning the official letter from the May District Effectiveness and Compliance visit. The review committee found several areas that need to be improved in regard to the physical plant in relationship to students with handicaps. At this time Groom does not have any students with physical accessibility needs.

Some of the areas the group found that were not up to handicap standards were:

- A. Restrooms do not meet handicapped standards.
- B. Shower areas in both gyms have thresholds that are too high, and mirrors and sinks are not at the appropriate height.
- C. No access to the band hall.
- D. No access to the main gym from the handicapped parking area.
- E. Thresholds to building are too high.
- F. Signs should be in Braille.

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**Class of 1948 Holds 50th Reunion on Groom Day**

The class of 1948 began their celebration by meeting at Pecos Red's Steakhouse in Amarillo for dinner on Friday, July 31st. They then went to the home of Royce and Betty (Byes) Garrett for dessert and visiting. Those attending from the Class of '48 were James Dickerson and wife, Barbara of Phoenix, Jerry Ollinger and wife, Faye of Amarillo, Laurel (Knorpp) Chucovich of Missouri, Kathleen (Weinheimer) Dickey of Pampa, Wylafae Whatley of Amarillo, and Betty (Byes) Garrett and husband, Royce of Amarillo. There were eleven in the graduating class and three are deceased, Mary Lou (Helm) Martin, Ludeen (McAdams) Wieberg, and

Marvin Koetting. J.D. Weems of Levelland was unable to attend and the address of one other member, Floyd Frazier, is unknown. Wylafae Whatley was unable to join the class in Groom for the Groom Day celebration on Saturday where Jerry Ollinger provided and drove a pickup for the rest of the class in the parade.

improvements would require an expenditure of \$46,500. Mr. Ingham will have 30 days to reply to the letter. No action was taken.

Bills were paid and the 1997-98 budget approved accordingly.

A preliminary discussion was held concerning the 1998-99 budget. No action was taken. The Trustees will meet on Aug. 24, 1998 at 8:00 p.m to adopt the budget and set the tax rate.

The highlight of the get-together was the presence of Mr. and Mrs.

W. B. Harris of Canyon. Mr. Harris was the school Superintendent in 1948 and recalled many "activities" that we had forgotten about. Their attendance was a surprise to both classes arranged with the help of Ed Musser of Canyon.

The '48 Class also was joined by some members of the Class of 1949. Those were Ed Musser and wife Patsy of Canyon, Gene Steed and wife, Shirley of Perryton, Clifford Schaeffer and wife, Josie of Amarillo, Florence (Ledwig) Ware of Dallas, Billy McMasters and wife, Susie of Abilene, and Betty (Higdon) Pittman and husband, Hugh of Abilene.

The group enjoyed visiting and having lunch together in Groom on Saturday. Everyone is looking forward to celebrating together again next year when the Class of 1949 has their 50th reunion.



The Class of 1948, celebrated their 50th class reunion during Groom Day. Pictured are Jerry Ollinger, Betty Byes, Laurel Knorpp, Kathleen Weinheimer and James Dickerson.



The Class of 1949 joined the Groom Day Celebration with their 49th reunion. Pictured are Gene Earl Steed, Betty Higdon, Florence Ledwig, and Ed Musser.

  
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## Wayne's Western Wear Nominated For Award

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Wayne's Western Wear was nominated in the Single-Unit Retailer category.

Two other operations that are in the running for the award are Trice's Western Wear in Gallup, N.M. and The Affordable Western Store in Azle, Texas.

Mr. Wayne Stribling, owner of the store stated, "We really feel honored to be nominated."

The winner will be announced at ceremonies to be held on August 22. Other categories include: The Rising Star Manufacturer of the Year, Manufacturer of the Year, Multi-Unit Retailer of the Year, and Salesperson of the Year.

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Terri Rose, recently, had the opportunity to meet with Governor George Bush at a Town Hall meeting held in Pampa.

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# Bike-A-Thon To Be Held

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

This hospital was founded in 1962 by the late Danny Thomas and is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. Treatment is provided at no cost to the family and all findings are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, pediatric AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, and other life threatening diseases

now have a better chance to live.

You can help make these dreams come true by supporting the annual "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon. It will be held on Saturday, August 22, 1998 at the Groom City Park from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in participating,

helping or donating to this very special cause please contact Jan Britten, this year's coordinator at 248-7414 or 248-7250. Jan said, "I know everyone gets bombarded all to often for donations for every reason under the sun and it can be hard to ask for more... But if we open our hearts and just take the time to stop and think of the children and families going through difficult times, then it makes it very easy to get out and work to help in some small way. Please open your hearts when the children come around to collect their donations. I have video tapes and a very good audio tape if anyone is interested in them, please give me a call. Thanks to everyone for helping us out!"

**Kid's heading off to college... Get them a student subscription to the Groom-McLean News.**

## Evelyn Hubbard Moves To Amarillo

A longtime Groom resident, Evelyn Hubbard, recently moved to Amarillo. Her new address is; Evelyn Hubbard 4302 Emil Amarillo, Texas 79106

## Wynona Koetting Passes Away

Wynona Koetting, 87, died Thursday, August 13, 1998.

Rosary was in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Groom. Services were Saturday, August 15 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Neal Dee officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Groom by Schooler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Koetting was born in Hines, Iowa and lived in Kansas City throughout her teen-age years. She moved to Texas in 1927 and moved to Groom in 1973. During World War II, she worked for Hughes Tool.

From 1946 until 1972, Mrs. Koetting was employed by Forum Cafeteria and Federated Department Stores in Houston as an accountant. She was a longtime volunteer for Veterans Hospital and member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She married William G. Koetting in 1938 at Fort Bend. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Survivors include a son, Robert "Bob" Koetting of Webster; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, Box 950, Amarillo, Texas, 79176-0001; or St. Mary's Christian Mothers Scholarship Fund, Groom, Texas, 79039.



The 1998-99 Groom Cub cheerleaders attended the West Texas A&M Cheerleading Camp on Saturday, July 19. They were awarded a trophy for "Best Cheer" during competition. They also learned many new cheers, chants and dances. After the camp the girls and some of their family members enjoyed ice cream at Braum's in Canyon. The cheerleaders (pictured above with their trophy) are Caren Howard, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Martin, Carol Wilson, and Brin Burgin. Nila Burgin and Julie Couch traveled with the group. The cheerleaders would also like to thank Jodi Homen for her help getting them ready for their camp competition.

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## Crockett Resigns, Terri Adams To Be New McLean Editor



"I don't know...We kind of have the boy-thing down! Guess we will just have to wait and see!"

The new McLean News Editor is McLean native Terri (Lee) Adams. Terri is a 1988 McLean High School graduate and has her associate degree in Office Management.

Terri and her husband, Jim Bob, have two children. Tucker is six years old and a first grader, and Shelby, a two year old.

Terri and her husband have recently renovated an eighty-year old home, a hobby they enjoy. She also enjoys reading, working around her home, and her children. She is active in the Trinity Baptist Church and is looking forward to becoming even more involved in the

With a heavy heart, Phil Miller, publisher of The McLean News, accepted the resignation of Kristie Crockett, editor.

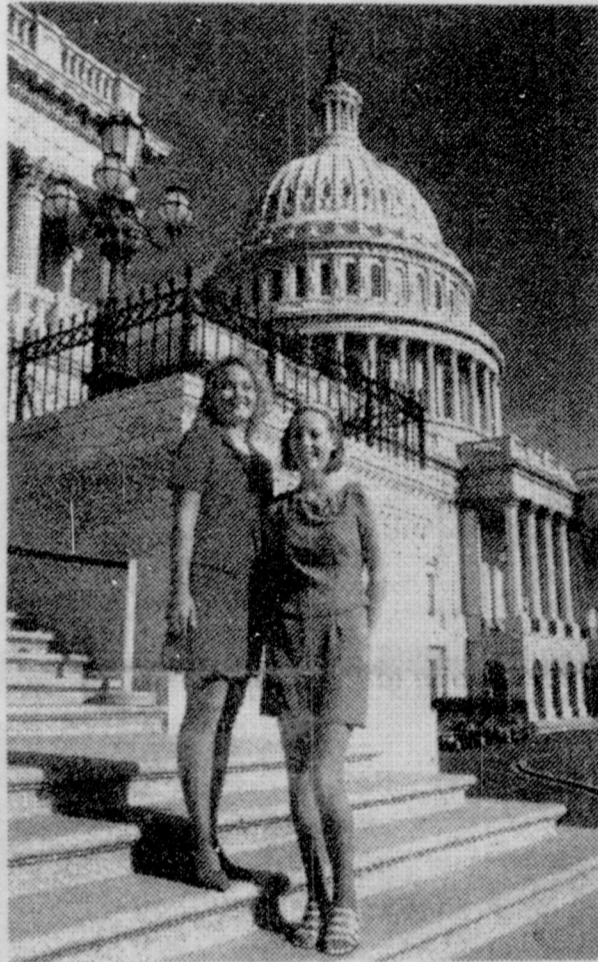
Crockett has been with The McLean News for a little over a year, with July 31, 1997 being her first issue. She is resigning for a very good reason....she's expanding her family and wants to spend more time at home.

Kristi and her husband, Brock, have two sons, Clay and Cody. Clay began kindergarten this year.

We asked Kristi if she was hoping for a girl this time and she stated,

community through her work with the newspaper.

We hope everyone will help us through this transition period and offer their support to Terri.



Kristen Spillman of Wellington and Deborah Morrow of McLean pose in front of the Capitol building in Washington D.C.

## Area Youth Attend Washington D.C. Tour Held by Greenbelt Electric

Deborah Morrow and Kristen Spillman recently returned from a trip to Washington D.C. There they went through a metamorphosis called "Youth Tour Magic." This trip was sponsored by Greenbelt Electric Cooperative and coordinated by their statewide organization Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Deborah and Kristen met with over 100 other young people from electric cooperatives all over Texas and New Mexico in Arlington. The group and their chaperons left for Washington D.C. June 5 and returned home June 16. In between, they had the opportunity to visit the Capital, the Smithsonian, the Washington Monument, and the Library of Congress, Mount Vernon,

Cemetery, and the Lincoln, Jefferson, Imo Jima, Vietnam and Korean Memorials.

The group witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and saw the original Constitution of the United States at the National Archives. Other tours included Mount Vernon, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the FBI building, and Washington National Cathedral.

The Youth Tour schedule was nonstop waking early and staying up late, but both young people felt it was worth it. Exciting memories were made on the trip and lifelong friendships began. The trip was well planned and organized, allowing each to see much more than would be possible on an

See Washington, pg. 12

## Utility Rate Hike Draws Concerned Citizen's Attention

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, August 13, 1998 in the Library.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Pro-Tem and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present: Gordon Sheplor, Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, Ford Smith, Jr., and Jim McDonald. Charles McClendon came in at 8:05 p.m.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Donnie and Mary Basham, Clifford, Linda and Robert McDonald, Gene Smart, Allen Mixon, Ann Pierce, Vonda Averitt, Loyd and Cathy Bybee, Marvin Conners, Johnny and Anita Day, Clarene Williams, June Suggs, Andrew Payne, Joe Billingsley, Vesta Smith, Georgia McPherson, Jo Blaylock, Lana Stump, Martha Jo Bailey, Colleen Stewart, Garth Thomas, Terri Adams, Rhonda Graham, LeWayne Foshee, Bobby and Carey Richardson, and Betty Warren.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Fred Smith gave a progress report on the landfill. No action was taken.

Estimates were looked over for termite control at the museum/fire department building. It was decided that the council members would look over the video tape that Terminix had supplied and to make a decision at the special meeting in two weeks.

Loyd Bybee had asked for a decision from the council last month concerning opening or closing Rowe Street. The council had agreed to give all the information to their attorney and go with his decision. The council gave Mr. Bybee a letter from the city's attorney with his suggestion that the city keep Rowe

Street open since the city had been using it in the past. Mr. Bybee asked if it would be alright if his attorney contacted our attorney to fill him in on some of the circumstances concerning this situation. The council agreed to this request.

Vonda Averitt and Rhonda Graham with the Chamber of Commerce let the city council know about some of their

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McLean Kindergarten Class of 2011: (Back) Lacy Ferguson, Timothy Jeffries, Sarah Shackelford, Ashley Byron, Clay Crockett, Nicole McClendon, Jacob Azziza, Tanner Cadra. (Front) Marissa Keelin, Anthony Shackelford, Stacie Smith, Sammy Staton, Bradley Howard, Zachary Seymour, Katrina Thomas.

McLean Reminders...

**PIONEER STUDY**  
Club will begin a new year on Saturday, August 29 with a brunch and tour of Ye Olde Home Place Bed & Breakfast in Shamrock. Meet at the Bank of Commerce in McLean at 9:00 a.m. to carpool.

**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
 August 20 - Bill Skipper, Kassandra Marie Jackson.  
 August 21 - Noble Fish, Evelyn Sanders, Jeannie Smith, Quinton Brown.  
 August 22 - Mary Terry, Susie Trout, Barney Lowe, Bob Thompson.  
 August 23 - Garth Thomas, Garth and Marye Thomas (A).  
 August 24 - Anita Day.

**McLean School Menu August 24-28**  
 Monday Breakfast: French toast sticks, ham, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Sub sandwiches, French fries, vegetable sticks, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.  
 Tuesday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Tamales, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, cake, milk.  
 Wednesday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls.

Thursday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Smoked sausage, pinto beans, French fries, Texas toast, fruit, milk.  
 Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, fruit, milk.

**Utilities**.....  
 upcoming projects and that they had received a grant for some park benches that they would be putting in front of some of the businesses. The council advised them that they would need to get the business owners permission before doing so. They also brought a suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce,

the EDC and the City putting together a website on the internet to promote the City and it's businesses. The mayor asked that they bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Gene Smart, a member of the public safety committee, brought a list of intersections to be considered for street signs to be placed. The council advised him that they would study this list and make a decision at the special meeting.

The city secretary presented the present grass lease requirements to the council and asked if there were to be any changes before publication this year. The city superintendent said that a few fences had to be moved this year and that someone had asked him if it could be for a 3 year period. The council agreed to a 3 year lease and told the city superintendent to give the city secretary the changed requirements so that it could be published and opened at the next months meeting.

The council voted to keep the effective tax rate of .418543 as the 98-99 Ad-Valorem tax rate.

Gordon Sheplor, acting director of the McLean EDC gave the council a report on the EDC's activities and financial accounting since they

have been formed.

A Tax Title bid was opened and approved by the council from Ray Kirkland for \$75.00 for Block 3-Floral Addition, Lots 47 & 48 - Original Town of McLean.

Bob Martin informed the council that he had read the ordinance concerning our water, sewer and gas bonds and he suggested a letter be written to G.M.A.C. asking them to remove some of the stipulations on the spending of the income from these sources. At this time, the city is limited on what they can spend the revenue from the water, sewer and gas money on. If they'll release these stipulations the city could use this income to help in other areas of the city. The council agreed and voted to write this letter.

The superintendent informed the council that a water line in the north part of town consisting of approximately 12 houses needed to be changed because of poor water pressure. The council tabled this item until a later date.

The superintendent explained to the council that the work that was done on one of the city's gas wells recently helped the production of the well quite a bit. He said that he had been pricing what it would cost to do the Fowler well and it would run approximately

\$12,600.00. The council told him to write out the specs and we would advertise for bids to do this work.

Jim McDonald informed the council that there was some street material to be had from the state when they start tearing up the highway between the KOA and Groom, but that we would need to apply for it. The council voted to have Jim apply for the city.

There were numerous citizens at the meeting to relay to the council some of their concerns about the city. Lana Stump served as a representative for the group. She presented a petition to the council from approximately 42 citizens expressing their dissatisfaction with the city's high utility rates. The council explained that the city had been operating at a deficit for quite a while and to keep the city going, had to raise the rates. Other

concerns were dirt streets in town that were in dire need of repair, which the council assured her that they were trying to take care of. The council asked her to bring a copy of her concerns to the city hall and that the city would see if they could take care of some of these issues before the next council meeting.

Robert McDonald gave a progress report on the new sirens for the city, they should be up and operating before next spring.

At 9:59, the mayor called for executive session to discuss hiring a city employee. The meeting returned to open session at 10:10 p.m. No action was taken on issues in the executive session. The meeting adjourned.

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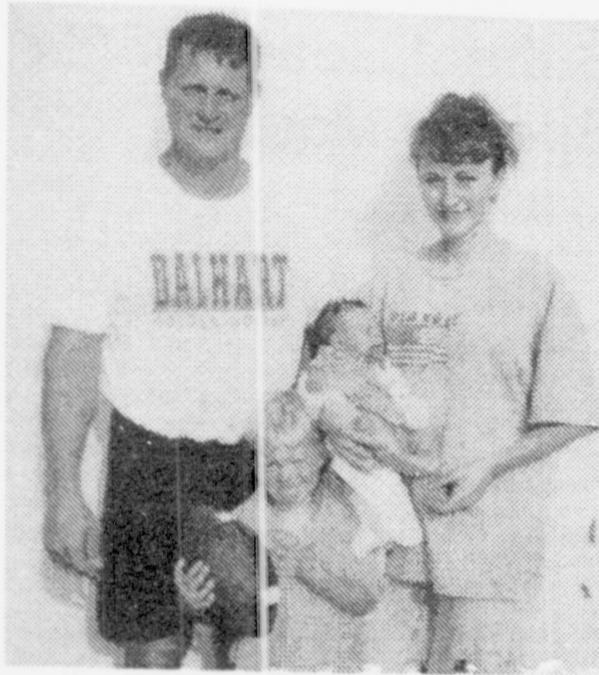
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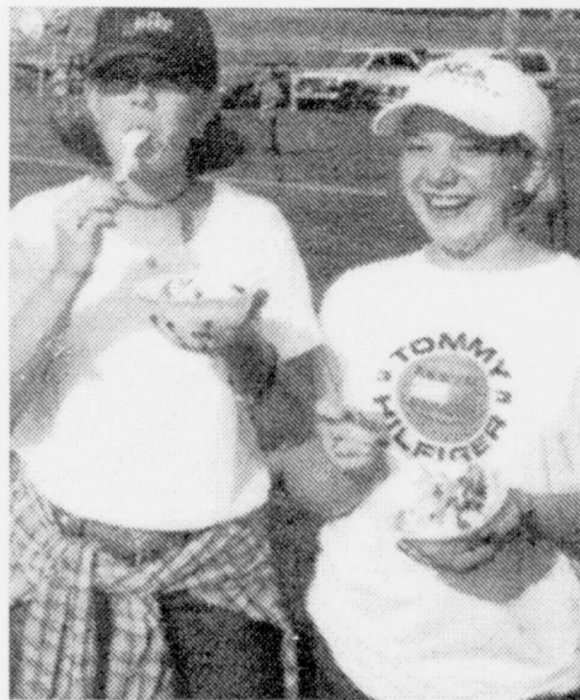
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**McLean Welcomes Back The Blaze Herring Family<sup>s</sup>**

McLean ISD welcomes back Coach Blaze Herring and his family; Amy, Jordan, and Bailey. Coach Herring will be teaching and coaching and is halfway through his administration classes at West Texas A&M. For the past two years he has been elementary principal in Dalhart. His wife, Amy, has also been busy since they moved from McLean, having finished her psychology degree at West Texas A&M.



**Booster Club Hosts Ice Cream Social**

The McLean Athletic Booster Club hosted an ice cream social Thursday evening at the football field. Coaches, players, families, friends and students were served vanilla ice cream with different flavored toppings by the club. This is an annual event and has been for several years. Pictured enjoying themselves are Valerie Joiner, Lauren Williams, and Nikki Hefley.

**Devil's Rope Museum News**

By Davie Gipson  
We have certainly enjoyed the rains and cooler weather. Nice to not have to listen to the air conditioners run for a couple of days.

July was an interesting month with 605 visitors from 31 states and 11 foreign countries. We had only 25 people from Germany and 26 from Switzerland.

Other countries represented were: Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, England, France, Holland, Japan and the Netherlands. Yes, we consider Canada a foreign country and some folks think New Mexico is not one of the states! Wonder what is happening to our geography lessons.

Some visitors comments taken from our guest register make us proud: "Glad you are preserving history," "Better than the Elk City thing," "Absolutely beautiful...great job!," "A wonderful display - friendly people," "A fun place to visit and browse," "Thanks to Tom Trostle." A German couple wrote: "America is great," and from France: "What I expected from Texas." It is always interesting to visit with our guests.

**Longtime Resident Passes Away In Shamrock**

Mary Marshall Carter, 74, died August 16, 1998 in Shamrock, Texas.

Graveside services were Wednesday, August 19 at Panhandle Cemetery in Panhandle, Texas under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Dan Perkins officiating.

Mrs. Carter was a 32 year resident of McLean and a housewife. She was married to James Carter in Delaware in 1947.

Survivors include her husband, James Carter, of McLean, two sons, William Mack Carter of Amarillo, Texas, and James Carter, Jr. of Springfield, Missouri; one brother, James Craig of Jacksonville, Florida; three sisters, Kathryn Carter of Lewisturge, W.V., Margaret Bond of Maryland and Sarah Craig of Grange, City, Texas.

Memorials are requested to a favorite charity.



**Shelli Long New Elem. Teacher**

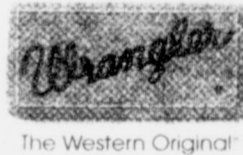
Shelli Long is a new face around McLean Elementary. She will be teaching Reading Recovery, a program that is in its second year in McLean.

Mrs. Long is a 1994 graduate of West Texas A&M University and has taught for five years in elementary school in Dalhart and in the prison system.

Mrs. Long grew up in nearby Claude, and now lives on the Johnson Ranch with her husband, Robert, and ten month old daughter Samantha.

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# McLean Care Center News

Sunday morning began with Sunday School. Those present were R.L. Turner, Pat Seymour, Thelma Finson, Ayers, Dovie Simmons, Ora Billingsley, Bessie McLemore, Ruby Myers, Dick

Wheeler, Don York, Lillie Billingsley, Varnie Lowe, Sue Cubine, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Jesse Watson, Florence Drake and Ruby Myers. In the afternoon the residents enjoyed fellowship provided by the Methodist Church.

Monday morning was craft time. Residents attending were Phyllis Bailey, Sue Cubine, Truman Goodlett, Dovie Simmons, and Bessie

McLemore. Afterwards the residents enjoyed ring toss and "Price is Right." In the afternoon was bingo. Playing were Dovie Simmons, Ora Billingsley, Ruby Ayers, Bessie McLemore, Truman Goodlett, Dorothy Patterson, Dick Wheeler, Jesse Watson, Sue Cubine, Varnie Lowe, Phyllis Bailey, M.L. Turner, Varnie Bowling. Bananas for afterwards were provided by the Lions Club.

Tuesday morning was ladies circle. Those present for the discussion were Bessie McLemore, Dorothy Patterson, Helen Glass, Phyllis Bailey, Sue Cubine, Truman Goodlett, Dovie Simmons and Leona Bailey. In the afternoon a game of dominos was enjoyed by Dorothy Patterson, Dick Wheeler, Dovie Simmons and Ora Billingsley. crafts was attend by Varnie Bowling, Bea Halbert, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Sue Cubine, and Bessie McLemore.

Wednesday morning circle was enjoyed by Varnie Bowling, Duella Beverly, Dorothy Patterson, Dovie Simmons, Bessie McLemore, Ruby Ayers, Gladys Andrews, Don York, Florence Drake, M.L. Rowan, Marjorie Turnage, Eula Morrow, Jess Coleman, Christine Shipley, Thelma Finson, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, and Sue Cubine. They enjoyed visiting and

refreshments.

In the afternoon residents picked fresh peaches from the tree on the front lawn. They peeled peaches for the peaches and ice cream

social. The residents present were Lula Sheegog, Don York, Hadda Moore, Duella Beverly, Lillie Billingsley, Jess Coleman, Lena Bailey, Dorothy Patterson, Jesse Watson, Varnie Bowling, M.L. Rowan, M.L. Turner, Mable Dickey, Sue Cubine, Bessie McLemore, Truman Goodlett, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Pay Seymour, Thelma Finson, Ora Billingsley, Phyllis Bailey, Ruby Ayers, Dovie Simmons, and Gladys Andrews. Helpers were Inez Trostle and Betty Lowe.

Thursday morning was beach ball kick with the residents enjoyed this activity. Later they watched "Price is Right." In the afternoon several residents gathered for bingo followed by exercises.

Friday morning was filled with nail care. Morning circle for the men was attended by Don York, Jess Coleman, and M.L. Rowan.

The activity department is working toward the November Bazaar. All donations, supplies, ideas, and volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

# School Board Holds Special Meeting

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met in special session August 11, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice-President, Don Dorsey.

Present at the meeting were members Bob Glass, Eugene Galley, Mike Darsey, Ted D. Simmons, John Holland, Don Dorsey, and Neal Odom. Also present

were John Griffin, Superintendent; and Rachel Burrow, TASB.

Ms. Burrow discussed Texas Association of School Board's policy updates, and each board member received 1 1/2 hours training certification.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion by Eugene Galley, second by Make Darsey. Vote was unanimous.

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**School**

named Dexter. When she is not at school, she enjoys playing sports and spending time with her family and friends. She said, "I am very excited to be teaching, and also very happy to be here in Groom."

Linda Carroll, wife of

Principal Carroll, is the 6th grade teacher. She was born in Hillsboro, Wisconsin and raised in Kearny, Arizona. Her hobbies are reading and doing step aerobics.

Donnie Carroll, is, of course, the new principal at Groom ISD. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and got his

Masters degree at Angelo State University. He started his teaching career at Lubbock High School as a coach/teacher.

He and his wife have also taught at Higgins, Spur and Clarendon. They have two children; John, a freshman and Ryan, a 6th grader.

**Washington**

unstructured trip.

Both students particularly enjoyed observing the Senate debate a bill, but each had other memorable moments as well. Deborah enjoyed visiting the Washington National Cathedral. "It was very inspirational... the inside was so beautiful."

Kristen said seeing the Vietnam Memorial was also moving. "To see so many names on that wall, to know that so many people died was incredible. That and the Korean Memorial with the words 'Freedom is not Free' meant a lot."

Kristen is the daughter of Bill and Norma

Spillman of Wellington and Deborah is the granddaughter of Cecil and Lillie Hook of McLean.

The tour was an experience that will be in the mind of each student forever.

Each commented that the tour was an experience of a lifetime. Both encourage other students to enter Greenbelt's Youth Tour Contest. "It was really worth the effort of writing an essay," said Deborah.

**City**

\$8500; Electricity \$4000 to \$19,500.

In the Road Fund: Capital Outlay from \$0 to \$3500.

In the Community Center Fund: Repairs \$1500 to \$4500; Gas \$650 to \$3500; Operating \$3600 to \$5600.

In the Economic Development Fund: operating expense was raised from \$2000 to \$2500.

The Council unanimously approved to allow Emergency Services (Ambulance & Fire Department) to set a steel building on city property near the water tower. This will house their repeater system for emergency communications. The equipment is being funded by a grant and the emergency services. There is no cost to the city.

An ordinance was approved to provide retiree health benefits through Texas Municipal League. This doesn't change the present policy of the city but puts the policy in an ordinance to satisfy a TML provision requirement.

A discussion to appoint a new GEDC Board member to replace the vacancy left by the resignation of Dan Martin was tabled until next month.

In a split discussion Mary Margaret Brooks, Don Case and Jimmy Britten approved a motion not to purchase a leak detector alarm for the chlorinator.

Pete Ham voted against the motion.

Upon review by the council, the full time city employees were commended for doing a good job and give a \$50.00 per month raise in a unanimous decision by the council.

The personnel policy was amended to allow full time city employees to have President's Day as a holiday.

No action was taken by the council regarding the new water well.

After reviewing, the 1998-99 budget, the council moved to table

the discussion and vote until Tuesday, August 18.

The council approved a bid from Koetting Construction for the repair of dips in the amount of \$5,951.00.

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