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## Woman's Body Found By Hi-way Mowers, Cause of Death Unknown

MCLEAN - On August 12 at about 11 a.m. a person doing contract mowing for the state of Texas was in the process of mowing a pasture line fence near McLean when he came across the dead body of an unidentified woman. The scene was located 6/10ths of a mile west of FM 273 or old Route 66.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Wallis was called by the shaken mower from the Post Office in McLean. After arriving at the Post Office, Deputy Wallis was still unable to get the mower to explain what it was that he had seen. Not until Wallis arrived at the crime

scene did he find out about the body.

Other officers were immediately dispatched to the scene. Evidence around the body and on the person was taken and Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter was called out to certify the death and call for an autopsy.

The investigation is being treated as a homicide, according to the Gray County Sheriff's investigation team. The body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy on August 13. Deputy Wallis and Lt. Jim Scott both attended the autopsy.

The body has not been identified at press time. However, it is known

that it is a female body, approximately 20 to 30 years of age. She had been at the scene for seven to ten days. Dental records and fingerprints are being sought to help identify the victim.

According to Gray County Sheriff's office, several people in the panhandle have called to report missing loved ones, but as of yet, none have fit the description of the deceased woman found near McLean. They also reported that several people have called in with leads in the case, but so far none have produced the answers they need to solve the case.



The Class of 2013. Pictured are the members of the first Kindergarten Class that will graduate in the new millennium. Jamie Alvarez, Katelyn Averett, Sabber Bohlar, Charita Briscoe, Levi Bybee, Devin Chambers, Cari Collom, Britnie Cooper, Jordan Herring, Daniel Jeffries, Jeremy Martin, Kelby McClellan, Jack Odom, George Patterson, Rebecca Reyna, Rudy Rodriguez, Ashley Russell, Rena Smith, and Chase West.

## McLean I.S.D. Receives Exemplary Rating

The McLean ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session last week.

Superintendent Griffin proudly announced to the Board that McLean ISD had been given an Exemplary rating on the TAAS scores.

Representatives from the Alanreed community met with the Board to discuss the property of the former Alanreed School.

Billy Bob Adams, former Superintendent and spokesperson for the residents of Alanreed stressed to the members that the community definitely had an interest in the property and wanted the Board to allow Alanreed the first opportunity in acquiring the property, when and if the MISD Board decided to dispose of the property.

It was the general consensus that the school building was probably beyond repair at any reasonable cost, but the gymnasium need only minor repairs to the roof, heaters, floor tile and windows. Adams and Don Dorsey agreed to take a look at the building and discuss repairs and get a cost estimate in mind. No decision was made, but

everyone was in agreement that the building would be an asset for the community of Alanreed and it should be utilized. The community holds elections, meetings and other activities in the building. Adam's one big concern was that the community could not financially operate the building, upkeep and maintenance as well as provide insurance.

President Odom suggested that Adams hold another Community meeting and come up with a proposal for the property to present at the next regular meeting of the board.

Sally Bohlar, also representing Alanreed will look into insurance with schools who have similar circumstances.

"The last thing any of us want to do is make this a McLean vs. Alanreed thing," stated Odom.

Problems with the gym continue to plague the board. The school's attorney will be in contact with CIB, the contractor. CIB has failed to follow up on previous requests from MISD concerning the water leakage problems.

In other business, the

board approved state mandated changes in the student handbook. The board approved continuing the policy of no hats or caps, as well as, allowing shorts to be worn year round. Graduation requirements will be clarified in the revised handbook before they are issued to parents and students.

Blackwell and Associates was awarded Auto Insurance bids of \$1,643.00, provided that they are admitted as an insurance carrier in the state of Texas. They were also approved for the Property and Casualty insurance in the amount of \$8,272.00 with the same stipulation.

The Board discussed the proposed budget for 1999-2000. Adoption of

the budget was postponed until the appropriate public meeting and hearing can be held on Aug. 23, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Leslie Darsey was commended for all her hard work on the budget.

Griffin issued a request for additional custodial help 2-4 hours per day for two people.

Bus routes and the time drivers are spending on each route was discussed by Don Dorsey.

Ideas were discussed but no action taken.

The Board went into executives session at 9:40 and returned to open session at 10:21. No action was taken on items discussed in

See Board, pg. 10

### MCLEAN REMINDERS

THE VFW Auxiliary will meet on September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Post Building. Very important.

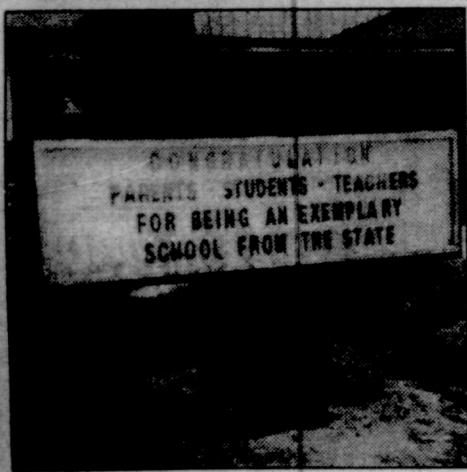
THE SCHOOL Board will meet on August 23 for a Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

THE SCRIMMAGE on August 20 at Tucuman, N.M. has been cancelled.

THE EDC will meet today at noon.

NO SCHOOL on September 6.

BACK TO School Ice Cream Feast on Aug. 19 at 6:00 p.m. Football Concession.



## City Approves Preliminary Agreement With Chamber

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, August 12, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, Jim McDonald, Kendra Birchfield, Charles McClendon and Ray

Kirkland. Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Donnie and Mary Basham, Doyle Lee, David and Ginger Haynes, Terri Adams, Ann Pierce, Diana Roosa and Vonda Averett.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved. See City Council, pg. 10

## As Students Head Back To School, Keep Safety In Mind

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School has started and again on everyone's mind. Here are some safety rules, that if followed can keep the children of McLean safe.

The first rule is buckle up your children. Second, watch for kids at the cross walks and DO NOT park in the cross walk areas. New lines have been painted so that it is easy to see where cross walks begin and end. The yellow painted area is a No Parking Zone. Third, if a school bus has its flashing lights on, it is against the law to pass. Children may be entering or exiting the bus and unable to see traffic. Also remember to slow down in the school zone. Last, if your child rides their bicycle to school, teach them the traffic and safety rules, so while they ride they can practice safety first.

### Words Of Wisdom

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A. "Repent" in its various forms occurs 73 times in the New American Standard translation. Two Hebrew words are translated "repent." One word emphasizes the emotions of repentance and the other emphasizes the actions of repentance. The Greek word, "metanoia" emphasizes both the emotions and actions of repentance. Repentance is a changed mind leading to a changed life.

Repentance is more than just feeling sorry for one's wrongdoing. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance," 2 Corinthians 7:9. Genuine sorrow leads to actions that show one's repentance. Jesus told the Pharisees to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, Matthew 3:8.

Repentance is coupled with other Christian actions: 1) repent and believe, Mark 1:15. 2) repent and let each of you be baptized, Acts 2:38. 3) repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, Acts 3:19. 4) therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray, Acts 8:22. 5) repent and turn to God, Acts 26:20. 6) repent and do the deeds you did at first, Revelation 2:5.

God declares that all people should repent, Acts 17:30. Jesus said that people must repent or they will perish, Luke 13:3. Repentance is part of God's gracious plan for the salvation of mankind. Godly sorrow coupled with the actions that show a transformed life is God's way of repentance.

Please send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. You may request a free Bible study in your home at your convenience. May God bless you in the study of His Word.

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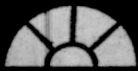
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 Sun. Youth Bible Study 5 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
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 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
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 Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
 James Mantooh 779-3207  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

to see if they can come up with a closer estimate on terminating the current retirement plan. The council agreed to this request.

The Mayor passed out copies of a preliminary agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce on the clinic building. The council voted to accept the agreement with the following modifications to the agreement: the City will not be responsible for relocating tenants in the building should the City ever sell the building; the City shall provide at least 90 days notice to the Chamber if it should decide to use the Clinic for other purposes; the City will maintain full ownership of the entire hospital and clinic building and major repairs such as roof, exterior walls, replacement of air conditioning equipment, etc., will be the City's responsibility, unless the damage is due to neglect or misuse, then the responsibility is the tenants. Approval was given to the Chamber to have a Halloween Spook House in the hospital part of the building this year as long as everyone keeps out of the rooms with asbestos tiles that are damaged and as long as the hospital is cleaned up three weeks after the event is over.

Doyle Lee inquired as to why the garbage rate for a business was higher than residence rate and had the same amount of pick ups as the residences. The Mayor explained that it was because a business generally generates more trash than residences so therefore the rate is higher.

Mary Basham, Executive Director of the Housing Authority asked the council to appoint Butch Kirkland as the resident board member of the Housing Authority. All voted in favor, except for Ray Kirkland who abstained from voting.

Ginger Haynes, secretary for the EDC, asked the council to appoint Pam Skipper as a board member to the EDC. All voted in favor to appoint Pam Skipper as a board member.

Fred Smith brought up the fact that several new sprinkler systems had been installed in town and they have been using a lot of water, but that what concerned him was that there was a lot of the water being wasted and running down the streets for long periods of time. The council agreed to run a notice in the paper asking people to conserve water and to be aware of wasting water.

1999-2000 Ad-Valorem Tax Rate was tabled until the necessary information is received from Sammie

Morris. The council voted to renew the contract with Terminix Pest Control for termite control for the Devil's Rope Museum.

Several of the council members had received a request that the council approach the county commissioners and ask that 10% of the tobacco allotment money that the county receives to be used in tobacco cessation classes in McLean and Gray County. The council voted to appoint Sam Haynes to approach County Commissioner James Hefley to take the proposal to the commissioners and Neal Odom, school board president, to see if they could have some classes at the high school for the students. A progress

report will be brought to the next meeting.

The council voted to transfer \$5000.00 to the local Employee Retirement Fund checking account, used for monthly retirement payments.

Discussion was held concerning some problem garbage pick up areas in town. Several ideas were discussed and it was decided to talk with the property owners and invite them to the meeting next month to see if a resolution can be reached.

The council voted to accept the proposed budget amendments for the Water Sewer and Gas Fund and the General Funds.

The Mayor called for an executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning probation period, wage increases and job duties of employees.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

The council voted to give temporary employee Bob Glenn \$2.00 more an hour retroactive to the last council meeting July 8, 1999.

The council voted to pay current bills and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Words Of Wisdom**

Three ways to get something done -- do it yourself, hire someone, or forbid the kids to do it.

**Board**

executive session. Financial reports were approved and the bills were paid before the adjournment.

**City Of McLean Notice**

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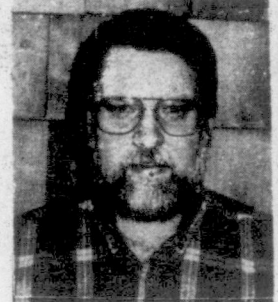
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By Don Biggers, RPh



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There is evidence that sleep apnea may increase mortality due to stroke or other cardiovascular diseases - so if you snore, be sure to see your doctor for a physical examination to determine the cause.

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## Motion Tabled To Rename Street, Raises Approved

The Groom City Council met at 8:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing to hear discussion regarding the proposed ordinance regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses. There was no one present who wished to speak. The Public Hearing was declared over at 8:05 p.m.

The Groom City Council then met for their regular monthly business session with the following members present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen, Pete Ham, Don Case, Kenneth Weller, and Mary Brooks, Ellis Stapp was absent. Visitors included Mary

Sue Lyles, Donnie Evans and M.B. Bolden.

All motions were voted unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The minutes of the July 13 meeting were read and approved as read.

The motion was tabled on a request by M.B. Bolden that the city rename 4th Street after Dr. John Witt until next month to give the City Secretary time to check and see if this will create any problems with 911 calls, residents, or other things.

The motion passed to pay the bills and approve the financial statement.

Discussion was held about setting aside the money generated when contractors used city water for construction on I-40 this summer. It was decided to put the money into a Capital Improvements/Equipment Fund, the funds will be matched with equal funds from Water Works, and the vending machine money collected each month will be added to this fund. For the purpose of this fund, equipment is defined as "rolling stock."

The council went into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel evaluations, salary

evaluations and insurance benefits for employees. The council reconvened into open session at 9:17 p.m.

The motion passed to give across the board raises of 3% to employees, to increase the life insurance coverage from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for full time employees, and to accept the increase in cost of health insurance coverage for full time employees for the 1999-2000 budget year. Those voting Ayes were Kenneth Weller and Don Case. Mary Brooks and Pete Ham voted noes. In case of a tie

See Street, pg. 6



## Lack of Oxygen Keeps Fire From Spreading

Firefighters were called to the scene of a structure fire at 2nd and Texas streets on Thursday evening. The home of Brad Rogers was filled with smoke but the fire had put itself out due to a lack of oxygen.

A candle left burning in a bathroom appeared to have been the cause. The bathroom was gutted by the blaze and

extensive heat, smoke and some water damage were throughout the house.

Fire Chief Tony Treadwell stated that it could have been much worse, that had a window been open and the blaze had been fueled by air the house could have been fully engulfed before anyone would have noticed.

## Groom School Welcomes Back 176 Students

School bells rang for 176 students in the Groom area last Thursday. Among them are fifteen new students, including two from foreign countries.

Groom's first grade class has a new student from Memphis, Samantha Clendennen.

The second grade got one of the biggest influx of new students with three. They are Bill Corley a transfer student from McLean, Kathryn Herndon also from McLean, and Daniel Wilson formerly of Texline.

Charles Leven will be new to the third grade and attended school at Highland Park.

Matthew Wilson is new in the fourth grade class.

Sixth grade added three new students, Carter Wilson of Texline, Kelby Noack of Grand Falls-Royalty, and Frank Leven of Highland Park.

Tiffany Edwards, who attended Grandview-Hopkins last year will be added to the seventh grade class.

New to the freshman class is Laurissa Noack, formerly of Grand Falls-Royalty.

Coming to Groom from Gruver is Adrian Delgado. He is a sophomore.

In the junior class, Kristina Tjarks formerly of Illinois and one of the

See Groom School, pg. 4



Lunch is another part of Kindergarten that takes some getting used to as children tackle their first day at Groom ISD.



Pictured are Groom's new teachers: (Back) Kevin Noack, Chris Summerall, and Brad Rains. (Front) Susan Noack and Terri Wilson.

## COMMUNITY CALENDER

SEPTEMBER 6th is Labor Day and a Groom ISD holiday.

GROOM'S Homecoming celebration is scheduled for September 24.

GROOM DAY meeting Friday, Aug. 20, 7:00 pm at the community center. Scholarship will be on the agenda.

BE CAREFUL of our walking little scholars to and from school.

THE TIGERS will scrimmage Lazbuddie at Silvertown at 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 20th.

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**NEW FAMILY IN GROOM AREA**

A new family has moved to the Groom area. Welcome to Armando and Esmeralda Medellin and their son Adrian Delgado.

Mr. Medellin works for Smith Ranch. Mrs. Medellin is currently a housewife but plans to work outside the home once they get settled in.

Adrian is a 15 year old sophomore. He comes to Groom ISD from Gruver. He enjoys track and football. He also plays the trumpet in the band.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited in McLean on Saturday at the Rest Home with Truman Goodlett, Mrs. Essie Knowles, and with Mrs. Glass. They sent their hello's to Groom.

**Groom ISD School Board Meets**

The Groom ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting last week for an alternative funding workshop. All board members were present with the exception of Barry Fields, who is ill.

Leon Johnson of Southwest Securities presented information on facility funding alternatives.

No action of the Board was required or taken.

## Local Happenings

Sandra Kotara McWherter from McKinney, Texas was recently visiting here with friends and family.

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**Groom Birthdays Anniversaries**

August 19 - Margaret Crowell, Trae Kepley.

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, Dondra Downs, Cassie Raylynn Leven, Dan Martin, 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, Tiffani Kling.


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

Maxine Kelso of Clovis visited her mother, Lucille Merrick this past week end.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the Neals and Skeet and Alene Brown in Clarendon on Sunday.

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell, accompanied by Louise and Bob Mulkey of Panhandle, visited in the home of their grandson, Matthew and Melissa Mulkey of Weatherford and Darron and Brandi Eschle of Flower Mound this past week end. Saturday they attended the commencement exercises of the University of North Texas at Denton where Darron received a Master's Degree of Business Administration. Saturday evening the Harrells hosted a dinner honoring the graduate at Paul's Porter House in Dallas. Those present were Glynda Eschle and Jason of Lubbock, Erin Kate and James Wolf, Elysa and Camden of Austin, Darron and Brandi Eschle, Madison and Bailey, Johnny Eschle of Lubbock, Louise and Bob Mulkey, Matthew and Melissa Mulkey, Lauralee Ingram of Lewisville, Dennis and Evelyn Anderson of Miami and the hosts.


Small Taxing Unit  
**Notice of Proposed Tax Rate**  
 The City of Groom will hold a meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 31, 1999 at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.476768 per \$100 of value.

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# More Groom Day Candidals...



The Class of '59 Rides Again! See their story on page 4.



Above: Kids just want to have fun playing tennis. Right: It's a long parade route for this little horse. Left: Even clowns have to eat!



David Britten dishes up yummy BBQ to hungry Groom Day goers.



Grandpa Ruthardt is a popular guy with these three little beauties.

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## Class of 1959 Holds Reunion on Groom Day

The 40th reunion of the Class of 1959 was kicked off Friday evening, August 6, with a patio party at the home of Bill and Linda Bohr. Chips and dip, hamburgers, sausage, roasting ears, watermelon, cake and home-made ice cream were on the menu. Everyone enjoyed visiting and reminiscing. Many stories, most of which had been conveniently forgotten, were told and laughter abounded. Catching up on family, events and grandchildren took a LOT of time. Guests popped in for the fun and we just enjoyed each other thoroughly. Those attending Friday night were Bobby and Shirley (Atchley) Burgin; Bill and Norma Jean Homer, Chubby and Nita Black of Hereford, Ferman and Maxine (Stephenson) Kelso of Clovis; Jim and Beverly (Harrell) Ingram of Amarillo; Portia (Harden) Thurmond of Amarillo;

Glynda (Harrell) Eschle and Jerry Houchins of Lubbock; Marilyn (Cooper) White of Kansas; Roy Harris of Canyon and Linda (Gross) Bohr. Guests during the evening were Sybil and Glynn D Harrell, Brandi Eschle and children Madison and Bailey; Joannie Kling and children Tiffany and Cody, Travis Homer and Trena Blackman.

Saturday morning, we met for breakfast at the Dairy Queen. We were joined by Lucille Merrick. After breakfast we boarded a trailer for the parade. Chubby was in high form calling out

all the names of people we had been to school with. We then made our way to Dan Steed's field so "Ms. Click Click Kelso" could get our pictures made with the sunflowers. Maxine is going to use a blowup of this picture for her bathroom decor. Where

else??? We then retraced the parade route so everyone could see us again. We sure did not want to be missed. We had a good time and in five years hope to do it all again. For those who did not come, we missed you and for those that have gone before us, we missed you too!

A big thank you to Bill and Norma Jean Homer and Chubby and Nita Black for their help and to Beverly Ingram for doing the contact work. Thanks to Ferman Kelso for driving the float and taking pictures. It wouldn't have been possible without you.



"Out standing in the field - Class of 1959" Pictured left to right, Maxine Kelso, Linda Bohr, Beverly Ingram, Shirley Burgin, Marilyn White, Bill Homer, Glynda Eschle, Portia Thurmond, and Chubby Black.

### Groom School Welcomes New Students

foreign exchange students, Claudia Neugebauer of Germany will add to the class numbers.

Yuka Uenishi of Japan will round out the senior class. She is Groom's second foreign exchange student.

In addition to the new students, a whole new crop of Kindergarten students began their trek through the hallowed halls of learning. These are the members of the Class of 2013: Hali

Bohr, Stormy Cave, Cody Conrad, Neva Corley, Kattie Davis, Mikayla Fancher, Kevin Fehr, Taylor Fields, Chris Homan, Keeli Howard, Sophia Leven, Allison Martin, Trent Murray and Jonathan Robinson.

### Local Happening

Joy Snyder was the lucky winner of a pretty quilt made at the McLean Rest Home by the patients.

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## School Welcomes New Teachers To The 1999-2000 School Year

After a delicious snack of homemade ice cream, cookies and brownies about 50 people were introduced to teachers new to the district at an informal get together last Thursday night.

Principal Noack introduced all the teachers to the group before briefly outlining the Accelerated Reading Program for students in 1st through 8th grade. The program will

encourage students to read for the pleasure of reading as well as the educational value by use of the reward system. Noack and the teachers involved with these students have some excellent plans and rewards in mind for this program some of which include candy and snacks, free homework passes, banana split parties, and chances to win a trip to see the Dilla's and/or Rattlers play.

Noack also discussed new graduation requirements and the different type of diplomas students may receive. A minimum plan, a recommended plan and a distinguished achievement plan will now be available. Noack welcomes parents who have questions about the accelerated reading program, the graduation requirements or any other school matters to come by the school office or call him at 248-7474.

### Carson County Commissioners Meet

Carson County Commissioners Court met on August 16, 1999 with the following members and officers present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners, Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to approve fee adjustments determined by the state legislature for county and district court costs.

Adjustments include increases of \$5 for marriage licenses, and court case increases of \$15 for law library, \$10 for records management, and \$1 for judicial and court personnel training.

The court discussed the proposal of rescinding the recent 3% pay raise for the county judge, because of a judicial salary supplement that the legislature made mandatory this past session. The increase is funded by additional fees that were assessed to county civil, probate and criminal cases. These include \$40 additions to probate and civil and \$15 to criminal cases. The motion carried unanimously to rescind the 3% increase.

A hearing was held on the 1999-2000 proposed budget. The court agreed to changes that included salary adjustments of road hands Danny Farrell and Dennis Vaughn. Farrell will be moved from a 16D to a 17D salary and Vaughn will be moved from a 19A to 20A effective October 1, 1999. The motion unanimously passed to accept the salary changes.

The court discussed budgeted items for fire contracts with the cities. A quarterly pay schedule with the entities will be considered at a later date.

The 1999-2000 budget was accepted by the court. The court voted to accept the proposal to increase total tax revenue by 5%.

August 27, 1999 was set as the public hearing date for the tax increase. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court Room.

Court adjourned until August 23, 1999.

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Carson County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 5.00 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 27, 1999 at 10:00 AM at Carson County Courthouse (Commissioners Court Room).

For the proposal: Commissioner Kevin Howell  
Commissioner Mike Britten  
Commissioner Jerry Strawn  
Commissioner Kenneth Ware

Against the proposal: None  
Present and not voting: N/A  
Absent: None

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 residence homestead value	\$35,606	\$36,070
General exemptions available	\$7,121	\$7,214
<small>(Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)</small>		
Average taxable value	\$28,485	\$28,856
Tax rate (per \$100)	0.319160	0.388140
Tax	\$90.91	\$112.00

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$21.09 or 23.20 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.06898 per \$100 of taxable value or 21.61 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 57.64 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 26, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at Panhandle Ground Water District's Office, 201 W. 3rd St., White Deer, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Frank Simms, Charles Bowers, Jim Thompson, Robert A. Clark, Danny Hardcastle

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: Phillip Smith

ABSENT: John Spearman, Jason Green

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	\$49,360	\$47,073
General exemptions available	\$0	\$0
<small>(Amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)</small>		
Average taxable value	\$49,360	\$47,073
Tax rate	0.012347	0.021300
Tax	\$6.09	\$10.03

Under this proposal taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$3.94 or 64.70 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.008953 per \$100 of taxable value or 72.51 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.



Mr. & Mrs. Ray Britten Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Ray and Alice Britten celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass on Saturday, August 14 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. A reception and dance followed at the Legion Hall with the highlight of the evening being a video of Ray and Alice and their family and their years together.

This event was hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren.

Ray married the former Alice Homer on August 23, 1949 at Groom. Mr. Britten is a farmer and Mrs. Britten is a

homemaker. Mr. Britten served in World War II. Mrs. Britten is a member of the Christian Mother's Society. Both are lifelong residents of Groom.

Children of the couple and their spouses are Donny and Glenda Britten of San Juan Capistrano, California; Tony and Wamyth Britten and Hop and Jan Britten all of Groom; Kathy and Wayne Stoerner of Amarillo; Sandi and Gene Schaefer of Mesquite, Texas.

The couple have seventeen grandchildren.

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available to minors, Furnishing firearm to child; Robert White, 29, Burglary of a building, Manslaughter by negligence; Carmona-V Margarito, 25, Illegal Alien; Deann Atwood, 54, Criminal Trespass; Jeffrey Young 27, DWI - 2; Flavio Sosa, 32, DWI - 1.

**Street**

the mayor is the tie breaker, Mayor Homer voted Aye.

The contract was renewed with Jim Huckert for rental of the building at 98 Broadway. The terms will be for five years at \$75.00 per month.

Mary Brooks moved and Pete Ham seconded the motion that from this time forward the city will charge water and sewer and trash for all meters, including second meters at a residence where there is a second dwelling involved, even if the dwelling is on the same property. Mary Brooks, Pete Ham and Kenneth Weller voted ayes. Don Case voted no.

The annual review of the investment policy was approved with all members voting ayes.

The Council reviewed the Clean-up list and the meeting adjourned.

**Groom School Menu**  
August 23-27.

- Breakfast: Monday Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
- Tuesday Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
- Wednesday Burritos, hash, brown potatoes, juice, milk.
- Thursday Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
- Friday Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

- Lunch: Monday Chicken fried steak, ranch beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, cherry-crisp, milk.
- Tuesday Lasagna, salad, fried okra, breaksticks, applesauce, milk.
- Wednesday Chicken fajitas, shredded lettuce, graham crackers, pineapple, milk.
- Thursday Pizza, salad, crackers, fruit cocktail, milk.
- Friday Turkey & Noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, pears, milk.

**Carson County Sheriff's Report**

By Gary Robertson, Sheriff

There were six persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of August 9 through August 15.

Currently there are eleven persons incarcerated and holds on eleven additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include: Robert White, 29, Making alcohol

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