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E.D.C. Accepts Pres. Graham's Resignation

The McLean EDC met on Thursday, August 19, 1999, at 12:08 p.m. in the main office of the McLean EDC building at 402 North Main Street. Officers in attendance were Marvin Conners, Vice President, Jane Herndon, Treasurer, Pam Skipper, Secretary and Barbara Bode, Assistant Secretary. Fred Smith and Frank Sparling were also present.

The minutes to the Open Meeting held on July 20, 1999 were approved as read.

Martin Graham's resignation as McLean EDC President was accepted and Marvin Conners is to serve as interim president for the time being.

Pam Skipper was approved at the previous City Council meeting as McLean EDC Secretary Officer. The motion passed and Pam was welcomed into the group.

In regards to Fred Smith's Pizza Take Out business, Fred submitted prices for part of the equipment he required. This agenda item was tabled for another two weeks when Mr. Smith would be able to submit an itemized form for the rest of the equipment's prices. He is also to fill out and submit the necessary form. The form and equipment prices will be submitted

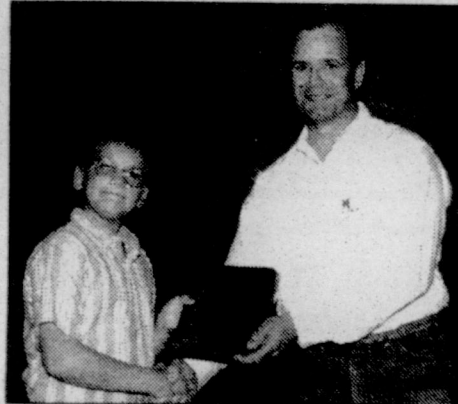
to the City Council at that time for approval.

Frank Sparling submitted a picture of the pipe exhaust bending machine. He stated that he is still talking with Mr. Muffler and Mineke for a lease-to-buy option. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting when Frank can find out more information from Mr. Muffler and Mineke about the lease/purchase program and will report back to the EDC at that time.

Regarding the Business Cable Channel 28, it is still out of commission and the entire unit has been sent to the Video Data Systems in Hauppauge, New York, for either repair or total replacement. Length of time regarding the repair is unknown. There will not be any cost to the EDC as it is still under warranty.

Regarding the grant to restore the sidewalks on Main Street, Marvin Conners stated he will look into it further because he did not have any current information from Martin Graham. This agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

The motion passed to pay the bills and the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 1999 at 12:00 noon.



Beef Challenge Winners

Nicholas Odom of McLean won first place pen of three steers, second place individual carcass and second place written exam in the Junior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is Gary Brown of Canyon, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.



Jessica Fish of McLean won second place record book in the senior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is Gary Brown of Canyon, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping. Look for more local winners in next week's McLean News.

Murdered Woman's I.D. Still Unknown

A white female, approximately 5'6" and 120 to 140 pounds with blond or strawberry blonde hair. Do any of these details sound familiar, because they describe the woman's body that was found outside the McLean City Limits on August 12, 1999. She also had no visible tatoos when the body was discovered and she'd had visible dental work done.

The woman was wearing blue jean shorts, a dark blue tank top type

shirt, white Reebok tennis shoes size 7 1/2. She had on white ankle socks, greenish blue Hanes underpants and a white bra. The woman had a deformed right foot, ankle and leg. She wore orthopedic inserts in both shoes.

The Gray County Sheriff's office is asking anyone with information as to the possible identification of this person to call 806-669-8022 and speak to Lt. Jim Scott or to call Texas Ranger Jay Foster at 806-669-8000.

McLean City Council Holds Special Session

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Tuesday, August 17, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Jim McDonald, Sam Haynes, Ray Kirkland, Kendra Birchfield and Charles McClendon.

Others present were Fred Smith and Toni Bohlar.

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It's All Trew... The Case Of The Roving Brand

By Delbert Trew
The Mexican Wars were over and everyone involved was trying to adjust to living in the new Republic of Texas. Wild cattle roamed the countryside on free graze and few people worried about land boundaries or livestock ownership.

Refugees fleeing from the strife and aftermath of the Civil War were pouring into the new land looking for a place to settle. Disputes arose between the long time

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McLean School Board Discusses Future Tractor Purchase, New Gym Repair Problems

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a special session at 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 1999, to hold a Public Budget Hearing and Adoption. Board members present were Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, Neal Odom, Billie Ward, Bob Glass,

and Don Dorsey. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, and Coach Paula Waters. Absent from the meeting was John Holland.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by

Neal Odom, President. The opening prayer was led by T.D. Simmons.

There were no visitors present to discuss the 1999-2000 Budget. The Board reviewed the proposed budget as Mr. Griffin had made cuts in expenditures where it was allowable to still make all programs work

effectively. After 1 1/2 hours with still no public coming in for the budget meeting the 1999-2000 budget was adopted.

During this time other discussions included the possibility of purchasing another lawn tractor, which would be larger



THE PIONEER Study Club will begin its season with a brunch at the Hughey House Bed & Breakfast, 321 North West Street, Pampa, Texas at 10:30 A.M. on September 4.

THE CHAMBER of Commerce is holding a special meeting, regarding the Haunted Hospital to be held in October. If you are interested in helping, come to the meeting on August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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

THE '98-'99 Yearbooks are still available at McLean High School.

NO SCHOOL September 6.

FOOTBALL Scrimmage here, Friday, August 27, 1999.

SPECIAL City Council Meeting on Aug. 30 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the tax rate.

Briefs

After a scare and a trip to the emergency room, Ella Ann Hanes is home and back at work.

Neal and Beverly Odom along with their children report that they are enjoying their new home and living out in the country.

McLean School Menu August 30-31

Monday
Breakfast: Hot/cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Nachos, meat/cheese, pinto beans, salad, cinnamon crisp, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, pork-n-beans, French fries, cookies, milk.

Dave Gipson has had a few visitors lately. Her son Dale Glenn and his wife Kristie were here from Denton, Texas as was her son Keith with his wife Jaquie and their children Jeff and Kali all from Trinidad, Colorado.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

August 27 - Gregg Mann, Robin Corley.

August 28 - Marjorie Fish, Chris Littlefield, Kathy Bailey, Laverne Brooks, A.M. Dean, Bill Stubbs, Kevin L. Smith.

August 29 - Johnny Day, Don Crockett, Clifford McDonald, Rae Simpson, Mark and Kim Cadra (A).

August 30 - Tony Hambricht, Jackie Worsham, Lance Hallum, Keith Robinson.

August 31 - Buell Wells, Faye Houdyshell, Cindy Jenkins.

September 1 - Mark Bailey, Robbie Wilson, Blake Lee.

Trew residents and the new settlers. Overnight, exact land boundaries and brands denoting livestock ownership became important.

One of these disputes involved Juan Diego, a rancher living in the area most of his life. Juan's brand consisted of a fancy scrolled JD which he might place in several different locations on the hides of his livestock. The brand was a family mark and the varied locations denoted different owners within the family.

This "roving brand location" upset a new rancher named Tom Logan who insisted Juan place the brand in a permanent, registered spot. Juan ignored the request considering it ridiculous. Logan filed suit and the dispute landed in the local courts.

Logan's lawyer presented their case in impressive legal style. When Juan's time came to present his defense, he stood before the judge's bench and asked, "When I stand here before you Judge, who am I?" The

judge answered, "You are Juan Diego," Juan walked to the side of the courtroom and sat in a chair. "When I sit here, who am I?" The judge again answered, "You are Juan Diego, of course." Juan then crossed the room and lay down on the floor. "When I lay

here in this position, who am I?"

The judge thought for a moment, smiled faintly, and said, "You are Juan Diego and I hereby dismiss this case and order Tom Logan to pay all court costs." The Case Of The Roving brand was closed.

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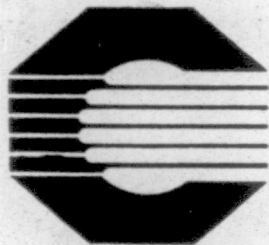
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than the Sears Lawn Tractor purchased recently. The quantity and thickness of grass at the football field have proved that a larger machine will be necessary in order to hold up. Coach Waters had been checking prices of various tractors and discussed those options

with the board. But due to the reduced budget, it could not be determined if this purchase could take place this year. No action was taken as this was not an agenda item.

The necessity of a letter to CIB, the construction company of the new gym, was discussed. They have continued to neglect each request to repair the water leaks, and the damage continues to worsen. Other options were discussed if this letter was to no avail.

The Alanreed property was briefly discussed, as Don Dorsey had attempted to meet with Mr. Adams, but was unable to contact him. Mr. Griffin had asked Shamrock the question of insurance and how it was handled when they acquired the Lela ISD property, but Shamrock's new superintendent was not sure and would have to do some inquiring.

No action was taken in the above-mentioned matters, as they were strictly discussion.

Adjournment came at 8:45 p.m.

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A. Many religions use extra books, manuals or articles of faith to guide them in their religious practices and worship. Attempting to justify this practice some insist that these books contain only what the Bible says. If that is true, then they are redundant and unnecessary. However, if they contain doctrines that are not Biblical, they are heretical and false. If they contain doctrines that are not in the Bible, they are going beyond true teachings. The Apostle John warns against this. "Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God..." 2 John 9.

These manuals are the product of man. The Bible stands alone as the inspired Word of God. It is sufficient to guide us in all spiritual matters. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work," 2 Timothy 3:16,17.

Within God's Word lives the power to save. James wrote, "Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls," James 1:21. The Apostle Peter states, "for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God," 1 Peter 1:23.

Please examine any manuals, disciplines, or articles of faith that you are using. How do they compare to what the Bible contains?

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, Box 152, McLean, TX 79057 or call the church office at 806-779-2182. Please request free Bible studies by correspondence or in your home. May God richly bless you as you study His Word.

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City
All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.
A discussion was held concerning the Ad-Valorem Tax rate for 1999. It was agreed upon to propose a tax rate of .45 per \$100 value to be voted on and adopted at the next special meeting on August 30, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
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 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm
 Sun. Youth Bible Study 5 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
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 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
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 Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 James Mantooth 779-3207
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 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

morning with the Methodist Friendship Class and in the afternoon with the Church of Christ. Attending were Doris Reborn, Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Leta Gifford, Sue Cubine, Essie Knowles, Boots Phillips, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Polly Burnett, Phyllis Bailey, Bill Anderson, Fern Patching, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, Ariza Cocoran, DAVIS Simmons, Lois DeFoor, Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Hadda Moore, Bud Simpson, Relia Ayers, Eula Morrow, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Willie Wheeler, Irene Pakan, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley and Truman Goodlett.

While the activity director was on vacation for a week there were

wonderful volunteers helping out. The following generous ladies

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics
 By Don Biggers, RPh



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Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson
 July was a really busy month at the Devil's Rope Museum.

There was a total of 759 visitors. One hundred four of these were from seventeen foreign countries. There were thirty seven states represented. Visitors were from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, Costa Rico, China and Fiji Islands.

On July 2 there were seven Senior Friend Line Dancers from Pampa. They visited both museums and had lunch at the Red River Steak House.

July 24 Eulene Turner's Sunday School Class came from one of the Baptist Churches in Amarillo. Also that day there were fifty people on a Kincade Bus Tour out of Oklahoma City. They were returning home from seeing "Texas" the night before and having Cowboy Breakfast that morning.

July 28, the Arkansas Champion Girls Basketball team from the Little Rock Area were here. They were on their way to (they said) the World's Championship Play-off in Lubbock. They also said their coaches were voted Best Coaches in the league but I really believe that was a rather one sided vote taken mostly among themselves. They were a lot of fun to have in.

Also on July 28, there were the Gentle Heart Ministry from Lee's Summit, Missouri visiting. They are a family of five gospel singers and were on their way to Roswell, New Mexico to host the Southwest Regional Award's Show. In October they will hold the National Award Show in Clinton, Oklahoma.

All their songs are written by the Mother. There were seventeen bicycle riders from France traveling Old Route 66 from Chicago to LA. They came on one of the hottest days of the month.

As always, the visitors were very much enjoyed and the museum is looking forward to an interesting August as this winds down the summer with school starting.

I have received lots of nice comments about my making Texas Monthly Magazine along with a short article about both museums. Their interest was very much appreciated.

Words of Wisdom

Always behave like a duck -- keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like the dickens underneath!

McLean School Enrollment Down From Last Year

The first full week of school is over. 188 students are enrolled in McLean. That is down three from last year when school started. There are 132 students in the Elementary/Junior High building and 56 students in the High School building. Nineteen Kindergartners were welcomed to McLean I.S.D. plus eight other students in various classes.

Class sizes this year: Kindergarten 19 students; 1st Grade 13; 2nd Grade 16; 3rd Grade 18; 4th Grade 18; 5th Grade 11; 6th Grade 11; 7th Grade 12; 8th Grade 14; 9th Grade 15; 10th Grade 14; 11th Grade 9; 12th Grade 18.

1999 McLean Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 20	Roy, N.M.	at Tucumcari, N.M.	TBA
Aug 27	Samnorwood/Higgins	Here	TBA
Sep 3	Miami	There	7:30
Sep 10	Follett	There	7:30
Sep 17	Silverton	There	7:30
Sep 24	Higgins	Here	7:30
Oct 1	Groom	Here	7:30
Oct 8	Vernon/Northside	Here	7:30
Oct 15	Samnorwood	There	7:30
Oct 22	Hedley	Here	7:30
Oct 29	Harrold	There	7:30
Nov. 5	Chillicothe	Here	7:30

1999 McLean Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sep 10	Follett	There	5:00
Sep 16	Silverton	Here	5:00
Sep 30	Groom	There	5:00
Oct 14	Samnorwood	Here	5:00
Oct 21	Hedley	There	5:00
Oct 28	Samnorwood	There	5:00

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Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

Republican Party

District Attorney
100th Judicial District
Stuart Messer

McLEAN Independent School District is seeking bids for health insurance. For specifications contact **John Griffin**, Superintendent, 4th & Rowe Street, McLean, Texas, 79057. Phone number is 806-779-2301. Bids must be received by October 15.

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Carson County Area In The Midst of Major Crime Wave

The Carson County area has been the victim of what most in small towns would call a crime wave as of late. Since May numerous complaints of drug use and trafficking as well as suicide, murder, rape and robbery have been reported. Carson County

officials as well as District officials have had their hands full with these problems as well as appointing a new sheriff and replacing several longtime deputies.

A Panhandle man is being held in the Carson County Jail after he was arraigned on misdemeanor charges of providing a child access to a firearm and making alcohol available to minors, as well as state jail felony charge of burglary of a building.

Robert White, 29, who just recently moved to Panhandle from Groom, is accused of allowing access of a gun and alcohol to minors that resulted in the suicide death of Sam Martinez age 17.

Martinez was apparently drinking with

other teenagers in the home he shared with White when he, playing Russian Roulette, shot himself. He was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An Amarillo area newspaper had reported last week that a charge of Manslaughter By Negligence was filed, but according to District Attorney Randall Sims, that charge was filed without his knowledge or that of Chief of Police Jeff Oldham's.

"There is no such criminal statute in the State of Texas; therefore," said Sims, "I have filed a motion with the judge to dismiss that complaint based on it being a void document."

Another Panhandle crime under investigation is the rape of the 100 year old woman in the City of Panhandle. While a suspect is under investigation in this case, no charges have been filed at this time. A 23 year old man who lives near the victim, is being held on unrelated charges in Randall County without bond and is the

chief suspect of the crime.

The victim is physically doing fine and is currently living with a family member. According to Sheriff Robertson, she does not remember much of what has happened.

"Steps are being taken to help her recover her memory," he said. "The DPS lab in Lubbock is working as fast as they can to complete vital testing on evidence that will enable charges to be filed should this suspect be a match. However," he added, "It could take up to four weeks for final results of these tests to be completed."

The suspect has refused to speak to authorities concerning the assault.

Carson County and the District Attorney have also taken a hard line on drug and trafficking. Sims commented that he had just finished up a drug trafficking case in Collingsworth County that resulted in 10 criminals going to prison.

"Half of these were jury trial and half plead guilty as a result of a

Task Force investigation."

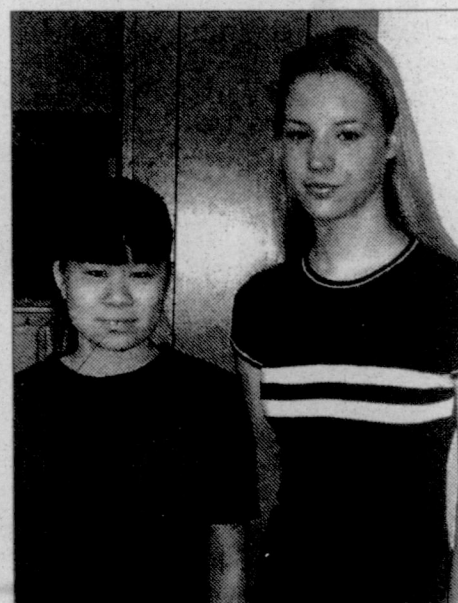
Sims had just been notified on August 18 that in the case of the students at White Deer High School that took drugs on the senior trip, that Oklahoma authorities

have decided not to pursue charges. "I am looking into what charges, if any, can be filed in Texas and how this situation can best be addressed," he said. "To have jurisdiction in Texas we will have to be able to prove under Texas law that an offense occurred in Texas."

In nearby McLean, a body of a young white woman was found by highway mowers.

The woman had been dead approximately 7 to 10 days before she was found. She was very badly decomposed and has not as of yet been able to be identified. No cause of death has been established, but the autopsy has shown that she had a deformed leg. Gray county authorities

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Foreign Exchange Students Bring Diversity To Groom

Groom ISD is more culturally diverse than in recent years. Students will have the honor of learning from two foreign exchange students this year.

Yuka Uenishi is Groom's American Field Service Foreign Exchange

student. She is from Wakayama, Japan. She is 17 years old and attending GHS as a senior.

Yuka has attended high school for three years. She will return to Wakayama for her final year of high

See Students, pg. 6

Bond Election Proposed For School

By John Wilson
As most members of the public are aware, the school board and administration of Groom ISD have been working to improve facilities for over a year. Air conditioning, heating, and electrical work, along with related window construction, are in the final stages of completion. If you haven't had the opportunity to come and see or "feel" the improvements, we would welcome you at any time.

These improvements were an important first step in making the school facilities meet safety standards and enhancing the learning environment.

One important step in securing the future of Groom School was begun

in a special public meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, August 19. In firm financial footing, the board is considering asking the public to allow by election the sale of bonds worth \$500,000 to \$600,000. The board and I both believe that this will allow the school to remain financially stable and progressive with a minimum of burden to the taxpayer.

These funds would be used for:

> Paying off portions of the heating, air, and electrical project we are just completing.

> The acquisition of a teleconference lab that will allow our students to access additional courses not now available. This lab will also be available to other community

members.

> Renovation of the science lab to meet state standards and to better prepare our students for college.

The school board is dedicated to using any funds generated for projects that directly affect instruction.

The payment of these bonds would be over a 17 year period and would require an Interest and Sinking tax of approximately eleven cents per hundred dollars of value over the 17 years. For an example of the tax burden, an eligible taxpayer with a home of \$45,000 value would pay additional taxes of around \$2.36 per month. In the coming weeks, I and others will be writing, speaking, and

See Bond, pg. 4

School Nets \$44,000 Grant

Groom I.S.D. has received a Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools in the amount of \$44,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin, Texas.

These Public School Technology Advancement and Distance Learning Grants will allow Groom I.S.D. to purchase the necessary equipment to enhance Internet access or to improve distance learning capabilities. Non-competitive grants for up to \$600,000 will fund workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs, videoconferencing equipment and other related telecommunications costs in order for the qualified public schools to expand upon their existing network. These grant

projects begin September 1, 1999.

The public school applicants were required

to complete a detailed application. These public school districts and

See Grant, pg. 5

COMMUNITY CALENDER

GROOM'S Homecoming celebration is scheduled for September 24.

THERE WILL be a pep rally on Friday, Sept. 3rd. The time has yet to be determined.

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

NOTE: The new phone number for the Groom S & H Grocery Store is 248-0408.

MEET THE Athletes on Aug. 27 at the Annual Watermelon Feed. See the story on page 3 for details.

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Patti and Debbie Carter and Jerry Peterson of Corpus Christi attended Groom Day. They said the parade was wonderful and that they hope to get to come again next year. They still love Groom.

Norma Jean Homer, Joannie Kling, Tiffani and Cody went to the Texas Inter-Tribal Indian Pow Wow in Amarillo Sunday afternoon. Tiffani got to dance in one of the Inter-Tribal dances.

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Local Happenings

Donnie and Marcia Conrad attended the funeral services for Jack Gasway in El Paso on Monday. Mr. Gasway is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Brenda Hayes, Kathy Steele, Carla Gasway; two sons, Stan Gasway and Ken Gasway; and four grandchildren.

Beverly and Jim Ingram and Lauralee Ingram of Lewisville visited in the Glynn D Harrell home Saturday.

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell attended a surprise birthday party honoring their daughter Louise Mulkey Wednesday evening, August 18.

Hosts were Sara-Allyson and Steven Hightower, Robert and Whitney at their home northwest of Panhandle.

Decorations carried out the 60th birthday date. Other than a number of friends, also present were family members Bob Mulkey and Jeremy, Glynda Eschle of Lubbock and Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

August 26 - Fred Brown, Ruby Head.

August 27 - James Moraniec, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bohr (A).

August 28 - Mrs. George Britten, Sr., Clay Britten, Jo Ann Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Babcock (A).

August 29 - Matthew Britten, Justin McGee, Mr. and Mrs. John Homer (A).

August 30 - Jack Barnett.

August 31 - William Robert Leven, Jo Stapp, Roni and Brady Miller (A).

September 1 - Barbara Homer.

The '98-99 Groom ISD annuals are in! Contact a staffer if you purchased a copy last fall.

Mary Kay Johnson of Fort Worth visited Helen Witt last weekend. They were joined by Scotty and June Witt on Friday evening for dinner and by Dondra Downs on Saturday for lunch.

Helen Witt attended the meeting of the High Plains Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas Saturday afternoon at the Central Library in Amarillo.

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By Ace Reid



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Watermelon Feed Set

The Athletic Boosters will sponsor the annual watermelon supper this Friday night following the Tiger Scrimmage. Ice cold watermelon will be served at the Groom City Park. Introduction of the football players,

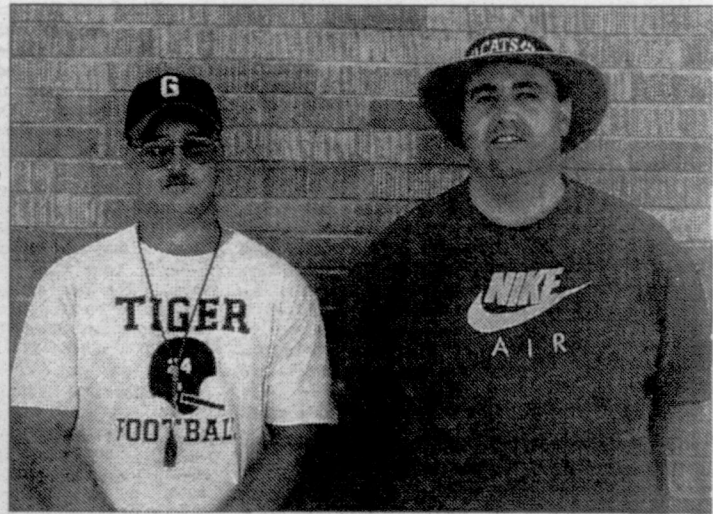
cheerleaders, and coaches, and several cheers by the cheerleaders will be held also. Everyone is encouraged to attend the scrimmage and enjoy some watermelon. The Athletic Booster Club in need of increasing

membership. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to be an active member.

Order forms for the 1999-2000 Tiger T-Shirts were distributed at school on Monday. Additional order forms are available. Orders need to be turned in by Friday to ensure delivery of the shirt by the first home game, September 10.

The annual car wash is taking place a little earlier this year. Weather permitting, this fund raiser activity will be held at the school parking lot. Contact Coach Reid for more information.

The basketball book ads are currently being readied for the 1999 Panhandle Plains magazine. If we missed you and you want to be included, contact Marcia Conrad, 248-7355.



Tigers Roar In First Scrimmage

The Groom Tigers came out roaring completing their first scrimmage of the season on Friday night against Lazbuddie.

"I was very pleased with their overall performance," stated Head Coach Larry Reid. "Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity played an inspiring defense. They both showed a lot of pride."

Members of the Junior Varsity are: Luke Pavlovsky, Cody Bivens, Hugh Weinheimer, Wyatt Britten, Trey Britten, Doug Fields, Lance Ollinger, Cody Babcock and Brett Britten. Cody Bivens scored a touchdown as did Trey Britten. Lazbuddie never got on the scoreboard in the JV match or the Varsity match.

Varsity players are as follows: Wade Ritter, Chris Ollinger, Garrett Britten, Josiah Scott, Evan Crowell, Dusty Crump, Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, Dustin

Babcock, Grant Weinheimer and Russell Conrad.

"We were able to play a lot of people at several positions. I was pleased," commented Reid. "with our balance of performance and depth. Efforts were great and our blocking was really good. We thought we ran the ball well with a multitude of backs. The passing game had some bright moments, too."

The Varsity scored seven rushing and two passing T.D.s. Wade Ritter scored three touchdowns, Chris Ollinger had two and

Garrett Britten scored 2. Clay Ritter scored twice on passes from Grant Weinheimer.

The Tigers coaching staff is still working on filling positions on defense left open by graduating players.

"I felt for the first scrimmage, I saw some really good potential," stated Reid.

The Tigers will scrimmage at home Friday night, against Hedley beginning at 5:00 p.m. Their first game is the following week on Saturday, September 4 at Klondike, against Sanderson at 7:00 p.m.

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It's A Boy!

Austin Cole Friemel was born August 10, 1999. He weighed in at eight pounds 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Mike and Stephanie Friemel. He is welcomed home by big brothers Brett and Myles Friemel.

Grandparents are Roman and Neysa Friemel of Groom and Les and Mary Lou Harper of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Josephine Friemel of Canyon, Texas and Opel Boggs of Panhandle, Texas.

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Precipitation Program Requires Raise In Texas

In an effort to determine public opinion on whether to enter into a precipitation enhancement program, the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's Board of Directors held open meetings in each of the six counties within the District, July 12, 13, and 14. At each meeting, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's senior

meteorologist, George Bomar, and Scott Holland, of the West Texas Weather Modification Association, provided valuable insight and support data, and answered countless questions about the effectiveness of cloud seeding programs.

Comments from citizens attending the meetings were very favorable, and as a result

the Board made the decision to proceed with a weather modification program. The estimated cost of the program is \$312,000 per year. Of this amount, the state will pay fifty percent,

and the District will pay the other fifty percent, or \$156,000. This will cause a tax increase of \$0.0078 per \$100 of value. The cost of the program to home owners (average home valued @ \$50,000) would be \$3.90. Average cost per section of irrigated land (valued @ \$525 per acre) would be \$26.20, or \$.0409 per acre. The estimated return on the investment (based on a projected 20% increase of rainfall during the growing season) would be approximately \$360 for each \$1.00 spent.

In addition to increased rainfall, the program has the added possibility of decreasing the size and amounts of hail; there are indications that seeded clouds have increased rainfall downwind; and cloud tops decrease in size, thus decreasing the risk of damaging winds or tornadoes.

The District will hold a public hearing on the proposed tax increase on Thursday, August 26, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at the District office, 201 W. 3rd St., White Deer, Texas.

Groom ISD School Receives "Recognized Rating" From Test

The Texas Education Agency recently notified The Groom ISD Board of Trustees that their campus has received a "Recognized" rating on last years TAAS testing report.

Ratings are based on student body's performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests, the attendance rate and the drop out rate.

The Groom campus came up in their percentages from last year in every area, however, one student sub-group did not score above the 90 percentile level, which it takes to claim the "Exemplary" rating. A student sub-group could be an ethnic or economic group. In Groom's case, it could be only one or two students who have shown a less than 90% mastery in one subject area according to Superintendent John Wilson's explanation.

In 1997-98, Groom ISD scored an overall 90.2% mastery in Reading, in 1998-99 the score was up, 92%. The previous math score was 88.1%, new scores show a marked increase of 92.2% mastery in Math.

Writing skill are also improved at 94.4%, compared to the previous 92.3%.

The school boasts a 98.2% attendance record.

Groom ISD reports as one campus, while some areas school that have a high school and elementary principal report as two.

"I am extremely proud of the teachers and students!" stated John Wilson, Superintendent. "The hard work done by the students and their teachers has paid off with higher scores. We plan to focus on the sub-groups that need attention in some areas. We are very proud of the rating and everyone's effort," he continued.

"I believe that these kinds of tests are very helpful," stated Wilson, "It helps us pinpoint areas that we as educators need to work on and lets us know if an individual student needs reinforcement in an essential area of their education."

Wilson added that the Class of 1998 had received an acknowledgement from the Texas Education

Agency for their achievement on college admission testing. Of the 80% of the class that took the ACT or SAT tests, 50% scored above the established criteria.

Fall Registration At Clarendon College

General registration for fall classes at Clarendon College is August 30-31 with late registration until September 15.

General registration on the Clarendon campus is August 30-31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Administration Building.

General registration at the Clarendon College Pampa Center is August 30-31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To enroll in classes at Clarendon College, individuals must provide a copy of their official high school transcript or GED certificate, ACT/SAT scores, TASP scores, official transcripts from other colleges attended and admission forms for Clarendon College.

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visiting with members of the Groom community to provide details and to

make sure the public is fully informed before they are asked to make a decision in an election.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and the dedication of our staff, it is always gratifying to see how this community supports the school and we look forward to another exciting year.

Crime

are hoping to uncover some leads to her identity and the circumstances around her death very soon.

All law enforcement officials have stated that they are working very hard to resolve these cases as well as others that are currently active.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District by 57.64 percent on August 26, 1999.

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on **SEPTEMBER 1, 1999, at 7:30 PM** at 201 W. 3rd ST. **WHITE DEER, TEXAS**

Area Obituaries...

Elizabeth R. Hermesmeier

Elizabeth R. "Betty" Hermesmeier, 57, died Friday, August 20, 1999.

Rosary was recited Monday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Groom. Funeral Mass was Tuesday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Neal Dee as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia, Street, Amarillo.

Mrs. Hermesmeier was born in Donley County. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She married Martin E. Hermesmeier in 1969 at Groom.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Bobby White of San Antonio and Gary White of Amarillo; two brothers, Allen Graham of Panhandle and J. R.

County Commissioners Discuss SPS Proposal

The Carson County Commissioners held a short meeting on August 23. Present were Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, and Jerry Strawn.

A discussion was held concerning the electrical work done in the courthouse by Skel-Tex Company. A reassessment of the work and bids will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners.

A request was heard from Southwestern Public Service Company concerning their desire to lease a lot from the county at the loading dock in precinct #2. The

electrical company will be closing its facilities on Main Street in Panhandle. They would like the lot to accommodate a building and parking for SPS vehicles. The Court will discuss the proposal with the county attorney before any action is taken in this matter.

The Commissioners reviewed Justice of the Peace Bill Hinson's recent pay raise for the Precinct #1's secretary. The 50 cent per hour increase is with the J.P.'s pay scale.

The next meeting of the Carson County Commissioners Court is scheduled for Aug. 27.

Graham of Ashtola.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, 200 N.W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to a favorite charity.

Michael G. Loner

Michael G. Loner, 42, died Friday, August 20, 1999.

Services were Monday in First Baptist Church with the Revs. Jimmy and Ronald Sinyard officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, Armstrong Chapel, of Claude.

Mr. Loner was born in Austell, Georgia.

He married Nancy Lorraine Loner in 1976 at Marietta, Georgia.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jeremy Loner of Groom; three daughters, Cindy Loner, Marcia Ball and Anna Loner, all of Groom; his mother, Margaret Loner of Groom; three brothers Robin Loner of Groom, Randy Loner of Franklin, Georgia, and Carl Silvey of Amarillo; three sisters, Joan Ratterree and Tammy Robinson, both of Groom and Bonnie Maugh of Bridgeport, Ill.

The family suggests memorials be to Feed the Children.



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Card Of Thanks

Dear Community of Groom,

How do I begin to say thank you for all you've done? Words cannot express my gratitude enough. During times of sorrow most people are content to offer their condolences. Groom goes above and beyond the call. I appreciate all who sent food for the family. Also those of you who came by just to let me know I wasn't alone. I'd like to tell Melvin Wills I am especially indebted to him, for without his generosity we wouldn't have had a grave lot. Mostly I'd like to thank you all for allowing my relatives to go home with the knowledge and peace of knowing that I'd be looked after and taken care of. Thank you all for everything.

Sincerely,
Nancy Loner

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campuses were also required to provide, in matching funds, a minimum of 10% of the funds requested from the TIF Board.

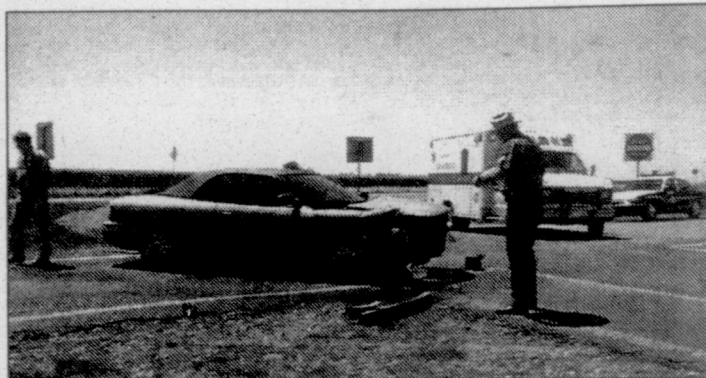
We are very pleased to received this award," said Superintendent John Wilson. "We will use TIF Board funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to enhance our current infrastructure. This will enable us to have a high school computer lab that is state of the art and to prepare our students for an increasingly computer dependent job market. We hope to have all new equipment installed by the middle of September.

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants

to 1018 school districts and charter schools (out of 1145), 57 community colleges (out of 57), 69 public and private institutions of higher education, 592 public libraries and branches (out of 789), 300 public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities (out of 742), 11 collaboratives of model projects, and 132 collaboratives of rural school districts. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

Local Happening

John and Patsy Fraser enjoyed Patsy's two dear sisters and brother-in-law during Groom Day weekend and a few days after. Barbara and James Dickenson of Phoenix, Arizona and Emma Grace Pennington of Austin visited. We love you, come back!



Three persons escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon at approximately 2:00 p.m. after a car-pickup collision at the stop sign and 110 service road 1 miles west of Groom. An elderly couple from Arizona, said to be following Old Route 66, failed to yield the right of way, at the stop sign, to Floyd Johnson of Pampa. Johnson had exited I-40 headed to Groom when the collision occurred. Johnson farms west of Groom.

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Groom I.S.D. Kindergarten students were all bright and chipper on the first day of school. Teacher Pam Huttsell snapped a photo to commemorate their first day. Pictured are (front) Keeli Howard, Johnathan Robinson, Neva Corley, Kattie Davis, Stormy Cave, Abyson Martin, and Sophia Leven. (Back) Taylor Fields, Mikayla Fancher, Cody Conrad, Trent Murray, Kevin Fehr, Hali Bohr and Chris Homen.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

Too many pet owners are letting their dogs out to run at night and early in the morning. If your dog is unattended even in your own yard you are breaking the law. I will begin ticketing these violations due to obsessive abuse. This is your only warning. Fines begin at \$25.00 plus court costs. Just some of the kinds of dogs I have been seeing are: A chihuahua mix, border collie mix, lab mix, rat terrier mix and sheltie mix. DO NOT let your dog out unattended even for a few minutes. They will wander away. You will be fined. Early morning walkers are asked to report any dogs they see out. Call Donna Burton or City Hall.

Donna Burton
Animal Control

Students

school before attending college. Her family consists of her father Osamu, a police officer, her mother Mikiko, a

housewife and her sister Kayo who is 15. Her hobbies are shopping, traveling and Origami. The Back Street Boys are her favorite music group. Her favorite American food is hot dogs. Green beans and cheese are foods that she has found to be quite different and they are not something she would choose to eat. What she misses the most from Japan is her family and friends.

The Brent Stephens family is acting as Yuka's host family. Yuka will be in Groom

until the end of June 2000. Yuka is very glad to be here and says "Everyone in Groom is very friendly."

Claudia Neugebauer is from Blankenfelde, Germany and will be classified as a Junior. She is planning a career in the medical profession. She enjoys athletics, ice skating and track. Her USA parents are Donald and Nila Burgin.

The biggest difference Claudia sees between Texas and Germany is the way we eat.

"We eat more fruits and vegetables in Germany. We also eat at home more," she commented. "However, the fast food is much better here!"

Claudia visits with her family and friends via the internet, so she keeps her homesickness in check. Her father is an engineer and her mother is an economist.

School is a bit different in Germany. "We go to class with the same people for every class, every day. Here there are more choices," she said.

Both students bring a wealth of diversity to Groom School and the students. Our students will learn as much from them as they do from us.

Thought For The Day

I wish the buck stopped here, I could use a few.

Jail Holds 4 New Inmates

By Gary Robertson, Sheriff

There were four persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of August 16 through August 22, 1999. Currently there are ten persons incarcerated and holds on fourteen additional prisoners being

held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include: Rodrick Means, 59, Aggravated Assault; Billy Crawford, 57, Driving while Intoxicated; Guy Weeks, 64, Public Intoxication; Joseph Todd, 34, Driving while Intoxicated, Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

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