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Firemen Honored During Fire Prevention Week



National Fire Prevention week, what better time is there to recognize the brave men and women who serve our town on or fire our volunteer month has helped us to month has helped us to redefine what a hero is and at the top of the list is the fire department. They are the first to rush

burning building, putting their lives at risk and often the last to leave. The fire department here gets no pay, they do it out of a sense of servitude and duty, but according to one man the only difference between a paid fire department and a volunteer department is the pay check. They are

all certified or toward certification.

They take every opportunity to take classes and training and many go to Texas A&M in the summer for a week of training. in the summer for a week of training.

So far this year the McLean Fire Department has gone out on 97 calls,

See Fireman, pg 10



Hefley Crowned Homecoming Queen

Last week Homecoming There were many activities enjoyed by the students and the community.
Tracy Rigsby was

chosen by the cheerleaders as "Flame Queen" because of her school spirit, and crowned at the Pep Rally on Friday. The Pep Rally was

exciting and entertaining with cheers and skits. Steve Dampier performed the song "Man Eater" with the cheerleaders. The grade schoolers earned the spirit stick.

The "Homecoming

The "Homec Queen" candidates Freshman Ashley McClendon, Sophomore Delinda Simpson, Junior Shaley Steel Randi Riley Steel, Senior and See Homecoming, pg 9

Interim Gets Acquainted With Board, Faculty & Students

McLean at School Independent District Board of Education met for a .m. on October 8, 2001. Board members present were John Holland, Joe Riley, Billie Ward, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom and Bohlar, Neal Odor Mike Darsey. present were Elem. Principal, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, and dy Reeves.

The meeting was called order at 5:37 p.m. by John Holland, President,

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the position of Interim position Superintendent.

After returning to open sion, a motion ide by Toni B second by Billie Ward to hire Ron Gregory as Interim Superintendent on daily pro/rata basis sed on the current the current Superintendent pay scale.

motion was passed to hire Brown, Graham & Company of Pampa to conduct the general audit the year ending

2001. Holland has spoken with Gordon Maddox, recent auditor, to inform him of the decision to change

other business Under Mike Darsey stated that when the Board begins to look for a Superintendent that they should remember the TASB Superintendent Search as a guidance tool to help in this endeavor. Neal Odom inquired if there had been any word from Mr. Griffin's lawyer on Toni Bohlar iy Reeves an appeal. To departed from the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Other discussion mentioned were October payroll outstanding cafeteria bills.

The next regular scheduled Board meeting was set for October 15, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Room.

SCHOOL BURNETING
The McLean
School Independent

regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 2001. F Board members present were John Holland, Joe Riley, Billie Bohlar, Neal Ward, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, and Mike Darsey Others present wellInterim Superintendent,
Ron Gregory, Blaze
Herring, H.S. Principal,
Elem. Principal, Dick
Crockett, Leslie Darsey,
Secretary, Margaret
Milam, Vonda Averett,
Milam, Iskie Hess, Others present were Interim Superintendent, Terri Adams, Jakie Hess, Don Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Vega, Victor Vega, Carmen Vega, Philip Pendleton, and Pat and Mindy Reeves.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Holland, President. Opening prayer was by Neal Odom.

Neal Odom.
The minutes of the September 17 and 24, and October 2, 2001 meeting were approved.

The Board went into Executive Session 7:05, for discussion about placement of a student in AEP.

Return to open session District Board of came at 8:15 p.m. No Education met for a action was taken at this

Mr. Gregory gave the Superintendent's report Superintenser school regarding school re operations. He expressed how much he appreciated work at McLean He stated that work I.S.D. everyone should be proud of our school, and the three years that we have received an exemplary rating reflects having a good administration, good teachers and students. Mr. Gregory reported things as going well, a clean campus, and friendly, happy students were a few of the things he had noticed. He also has tried to meet all the staff, and feels it is very important to have communication with staff. He commended everyone on the jobs they have been doin Mr. Gregory attended have been doing flag ceremony at the Elementary, and thought it was very moving and impressive. He also attended a pep-rally and ball game, where everyone was excited and See School Board, pg 10

REMINDERS

DON'T FORGET to

HALLOWEEN Party at the Care Center at 6:00 p.m. on Halloween.

MOTHER'S CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 31, at 11:00-1:00 p.m. at Methodist Church. at the

FLUE SHOTS AT Young at Heart on Oct. 25. Seniors come from 9:30-12:00. Student vaccines will be at 1:00

PTA WILL meet on Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

IF YOU OR member of your family is currently serving in the armed forces, would you please let Ella Mae know at The McLean News

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet at Mary Powell's on Thursday, November 1, at 2:00 p.m.

TIGERS VS Miami in Miami at 7:30 p.m.

CUBS VS Miami, here at 5:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT Savings Time ends Oct. 28.

MOM'S IN TOUCH is every Thursday at the Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m.

ACT Registration deadline is Nov. 2 for Contact the fall test. C Tami Hargrove McLean High School for more information.

FAMILY READING Night is every Monday night at the McLean Elementary Library from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Kindergarten-Jordan McLain; 1st Grade-Shiloh Brown 2nd Grade-Jace McLain; 3nd Grade-Katy Acuna; 4th Grade-Zachary Odom; 5th Grade-Dashal Tolleson; 6th Grade-Logan Sparling; 7th Grade-Brooke Seymour.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, and visits throughout Peurl's illness and since her death We have been blessed by your love and support The family of Pearl Bybee Larner

The reason some young people are so slim is that they must choose between car insurance

A housing development is where they cut down all the trees and then name streets after them.

STUDENTS NAMED TO NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Rachel Galley and Melissa Krueger were Rachel named to the Dean's Lie recently named National Dean Rachel is a student at South Plains College and Melissa is a student at Clarendon College.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's 'Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor.

MCLEAN SCHOOL MENU OCTOBER 29-31 Breakfast

Monday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday: Breakfast casserole, toast and jelly,

fruit, juice, milk. Wednesday: Breakfast pockets, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch

Monday: Frito pie with chili and cheese, Frito pie beans, salad strawberry shortcake, milk.

Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tator tots, veggie sticks, jello, milk

Wednesday: Shredded ghost, bat wings with vampire blood, shredded lizard, skeleton bones, grave yard marsh, boo

P.T.A. Welcomes New Superintendent

The McLean PTA met on Tuesday, October 16 They hosted a short get acquainted time to meet Ron Gregory, the new Interim Superintendent.
Mrs. Pat Kennedy of

Pampa introduced "Mom's in To ed the Touch" program. This is group of women who meet once a week to pray for the schools, the students, and the teachers. It is not connected to the school or the PTA but is a community program. Beverly Odom has started a group here in McLean that meets at 11:30 every Thursday morning at the Methodist Church. All women are invited to

join the group.
Projects for the school

MCLEAN SCOUTS WILL COLLECT EYE GLASSES

The McLean Daisy couts, Brownies, and Girl Scout troops will be collecting old eyeglasses on Halloween. If you have an old pair of on Halloween. If you have an old pair of glasses that you no longer use, please donate them to the Scouts when they trick or treat. They will be recycled and given to those who need them. If you have any questions or wish to questions or wish to

donate glasses, please call Shawn Bybee at 779-

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

October 25 - Von Holwick, Tanner Hess, Donna Montgomery, Von Darryel Herndon.
October 26 - Becky

Fish, Christopher Bybee, Mindy Reevers.

October 27 - Bonnie Bidwell, Barrie Hastey, Nama Webb, Tanner Nama Webb, Tanner Hess, Mert and Jenny

Collom (A).
October 28 - Randi Jo Riley, Britnie CooperNelson Dwyer, Dwyer, Grace McClellan, Bob Sherrod, Linda Fuller, Vonda Averett, Calvin

Armbrister.
October 29 - Denver

October 30 - Victoria Bradley, Lorie Holland, Sue Simmons.

were discussed. were discussed. Inc.
PTA will be helping to
pay for Reading
Recovery Training, Red
Ribbon Week, and Ribbon Week, and McLean, is a 1A school patriotic t-shirts for the and had heard of the fine program Mrs. Watkins is work McLean Elementary is doing.

The PTA will also be a The Balanced Literacy this year.

The PTA also plans on providing cookies for "Red Ribbon Week" and is asking parents to provide drinks on Halloween, to their child's classroom.

The directory sale was more successful than anticipated and more directories are being printed to be sold at Taylor Mart.

The teachers of K-2nd The teachers of K-2nd grade, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Glass, and Mrs. Greer hosted three teachers from Texline Elementary this past week. Rhonda Cantrell, Syndi Kneller, and Stacy Diller were here to learn more about the Balanced Literacy Program in McLean Elementary. Texline, like McLean, is a 1A school and had heard of the fine

sponsor of the yearbook this year.

Program makes sure that students understand every part of reading and writing so that if and when the students have a problem there is intervention and the student is never left behind.

The teachers from Texline were also interested in observing the Accelerated Reading Program. Reading Accelerated

Program sets each child at a reading level. The child reads books on that level and their level and their comprehension is tested via computer. When the student masters their level, the level is raised. their

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon

779-2548 Sunday Bible School 10 am Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm Wed Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main

Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221 Sunday School - All Ages 9 30 am Morning Worship 10 45 am Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175 Sunday School 9.45, Worship 11 am & 7pm (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337 Sunday School 9 45 am. Worship 10 50 am & 6 pm Sun Sr. High Youth. Alpha Chi 5 pm Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha C Wed Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church

Sunday 9.15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce

James Mantooth: 779-3207 Sunday School 9.45 am Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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Tigers Fall To Cougars 48-0

homecoming was spoiled by the Ft Elliot Cougars last Friday McLean

A bright spot was week. the special teams. The punt return and kick-off last Friday. McLean failed to score during the first half of play. The game ended in the final seconds of the first half by the 45-point rule. Two Tiger players sustained injuries. Josh Seymour suffered a concussion. Adam Johnston pulled a hamstring muscle but is 7:30 p.m.



Shelli Long New Teacher

Shelli Long is the new th grade teacher teaches Reading eventh She teaches Reading, Writing and English, but this isn't Mrs. Long's first year teaching in McLean. She has been teaching Reading Recovery for four years. Mrs. Long grew up in Claude. She is married to Robert Long and these hose teaching. Long and they have one four year old daughter named Samantha Shelli loves spending time with her family. She attends the McLean Church of Christ. Her hobbies are reading and cooking.

HOMECOMING

around candidate Nikki Hefley All the girls Hefley All the girls looked beautiful and were escorted by their fathers Nikki Hefley was crowned queen.
The planned bonfire

concerns of possible bad

Cubs Pound Eagles, 39-12

The McLean Jr High football team entered last week's contest against Samnorwood with a 3-2 record and emerged with a 4-2 record. They defeated Samnorwood 39deteated Samnorwood 39-12. This required outstanding effort since Samnorwood holds a 17-1 record for the past two years. Coach Smith said that this young team is doing very well and expects them to continue to do so. The Cubs face Miami this evening:



Tracy Rigsby was chosen by the McLean Cheerleaders as Flathe Queen 2001. "Detured are thack) Tracy Rigsby, Chiloe Smuth, Britany Primavera, Mascot Randi Riley, (front) James Sett, Danelle Dampier and Jennifer Gree

Project Graduation To Hold Fund Raiser

There will be a brisket dinner on November 4, at 12:30 p.m. served in the school cafeteria for \$5.00 a plate. The proceeds will go to Project Graduation. Project Graduation Project
Graduation provides High
School Students with
something to do to
celebrate graduation. It
is supervised and keeps
the kids out of situations
where they may be where they may be tempted to drink or take tempted to drink or take part in other risky situations. For more information or if you would like to purchase trickets in advance, contact Tammy at the school office at 779-2671

Cross Country Boys **Team Wins District** 1-1A Championship

Cross Country Team won the 2001 District 1-1A Championship trophy at Lefors on Monday, Champioriship trophy at Lefors on Monday, October 22. The team members are: Chris Sparling, placing 2nd in individual scoring, Dusty Moody, placing 7th, Nick Jones, placing 8th, Jay Wallis, James Alexander and Mitchell Steward. On the girls team, Ashley McClendon placed 10th and qualified for regionals. For the Jr. High Boys Team, Troy

Jeffries placed 7th For the Jr. High girls team Erin Bailey placed 7th. The regional competition will be held November 3 in Lubbock. The team takes their championship growing momentum this meet.

Coach Andy Simpso

Coach Andy Simpson says that he appreciated the great support of the families and he expects the team to be very competitive at regionals. He foresees success for his team.

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Letter To The Editor

It was the Summer of our discontent.

Some will be glad to note this my ultimate effort to keep the constituents of The McLean ISD informed as The to the actions and inactions of our school I am in the trustees. debt of this paper, which remains an adherent of remains an adherent of free speech, for providing published space. These letters began, as you know, with my inability to procure information as the disposition of our band instruments and the pronouncement the district would require an additional \$500,000.00 to fund its operations the last two months of 2000. The continued litany of Mal- and Mis-feasances would and will serve no useful purpose. my intention to never vicarious entertainments lie in the discomfort of others, or to add to those discomfitures. There is no notable exception however; when autocratic attitudes and arrogant demeanors are utilized to cover gross ineptitudes.

There are additional audit areas that could use could be beneficial as to

cost overruns of the new gym, and the school cafeteria and vehicle fuel operation. Pampa still has our band instruments on "loan" from 2-4 years.

None of the things that have been brought to light or have yet the harsh light of day are nearly of the import as the restriction and denial of First Amendment Rights by the school board to its taxpaying constituents during its less than open sessions. There is no cover-up, apology or atonement the board can offer to rectify their blatant disregard for their fellow citizens. Our people have died for the rights of free association and free speech over the

been free. I have seen the watch fires of the circling camps. Nothing majestically fearsome or noble has emanated from this miserable exercise of rights. restrictions and denials of the board smack of oppression. There are remedies for this type of conduct. It cannot be cleansed or made a new by the flying of our flag or by the occasional recitation of our flag allegiance. The blood of patriots is indelible.

I would suggest that you never, ever, permit another body or person deprive you of your deprive you of your national birthright and its attendant benefits.

Your kind words have been most appreciated.
Bill Reeves

SCHOOL BOARD

the kids put out a great effort. Mr. Gregory stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be here, even though it is only part-time; and he

appreciated everyone being so cordial. Mr. Holland thanked Blaze Herring and Mr. Crockett for keeping things going during an unbearable

A motion was passed to sign the audit engagement with Brown, Graham & Company, for the year ending August 2001.

A motion was passed to regretfully accept the resignation of Board member, Dorsey. It was the general consensus of the Board not to appoint anyone to this position, and to stay with six members. No action was ecessary.

A motion was also assed to instruct Ken Fields to review overdue cafeteria charges and send demand letters. The outstanding bills total over \$11,000.00

Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss personnel our country has for bus driving positions, and a teacher's aide. Return to open session for voting purposes came The

at 9:18 p.m. A motion was passed for bus driving positions to be an administrative decision.

A motion was also passed to open up the teacher's aide position and to start taking applications.

The Board went into

A motion was to approve the 2001 Tax as prepared by ie Morris, Tax Roll Sammie Assessor-Collector.

The Board also approved a motion to approve Financial Reports A, B, and C, for the onth end of September 2001.

A motion passed to change the signature on Certification of Authority for the

cafeteria.

The Board approved to pay the September bills as presented and for the Financial corresponding checks to be signed.

Under other business Neal Odom inquired about Mr. Griffin's Neal Odom about Mr. Griffin a request for a Hearing request for but no Examiner, but no response was needed, as Ken Fields is handling the matter. Mr. Gregory stated that some goals need to be established, priorities need to be put in order, and he would also like for the Principal's to give a report at the next regular Board meeting.

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Pioneer Study Club

By Nama Webb

The Pioneer Study Club met October 18 at the home of Zelda McClellan. Zelda served delicious apple cake, nuts and coffee. Ruth Trew called the meeting to order and asked members and guests to answer roll call with a funny thing that happened to them when it was cold outside.

During old business, Mary Dwyer reported that some members had followed her suggestion to take flowers from the library flower bed before the first frost. In new business, Beverly Odom reported that the McLean Moms in Touch group is now meeting every
Thursday from 11:30 to
12:30 at the Methodist
Church. This group
meets once a week to meets once pray for children in our school. Also in new business, Mary Dwyer announced that the flu shots will be available Thursday, October from 9:00-12:00. October 25

Mary Dwyer gave the program on winterizing your home to conserve energy. She had several handouts from the Extension Service on this subject. Mary covered a variety of topics including how to read your city gas bill, your city gas bill, insulating your home, conserving electricity, and conserving water. She brought several examples of different insulating materials. Mindy Reeves

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added that the Red Cross recommended that everyone have "Shelter in everyone have supplies. consists of food and medicine to live in your house for two weeks in case of bad weather. Everyone enjoyed the

timely program.

Members attending the meeting, in addition to those already mentioned, were: Babe Brown, Nama Webb, Pat Stubbs, Nama
Barbara Booc,
Magee, Mary Emma
Magee, Betty Taylor,
and Ella Woods, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, and Ella Mae Reyna. A special guest was Peggy Baer. The next meeting will be November 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mary Powell with Babe Brown giving the program.

FIREMAN

51 of those were fires. Besides fires, they are called to wrecks, watch, and check leaks. They are also called on situations.

There are 19 members the McLean Fire Department. They are: Steve Bolin, Sue Burrow, Fish, LeWayne Foshee, Bill Anderson Don Hauck, Joe Lamb, Doyle Lee, Clifford McDonald, Jim Linda McDonald, McDonald, Robert McDonald, Brian Quisenberry, Joe Riley, Robbie Sanderson, Danny Simpson, Larry Swanson, David Tolleson, Harrell Conners, and Conrad Shackleford.

CONGRATULATIONS VIRG AND JO

Virgil O. Richardson and Miss Jo Nell Patterson were united in marriage on October 12, 1957. On October 12, 1957. On October 12, 2001 they celebrated 44 years together.

for after his great grand dad, Thomas Gradie "T.D." Richardson, is in the Air Force stationed in Korea.

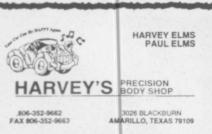
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Red Ribbon Week began in 1988 in honor

of DEA (Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was kidnapped and killed in Mexico in February of The first Week Red Ribbon was proclaimed in 1988 by the U.S. Congress in support of what Agent Camarena stood for. week is marked by the wearing of a red ribbon to send the message: live drug-free!

Students at every level will be involved educational a motivational activities that will inform and encourage students to make wise choices in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. Any organization, business or individual who would to contribute toward funding the special activities planned for this week may do so by bringing any donation to the McLean I.S.D. Business Office.



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entitled:
WATER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT,
REPLACEMENT OF WATER WELL NO. 2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE will be received by City of Groom, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas, until: November 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

A casher's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Groom in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Groom and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Beacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees employment are discriminated agai applicants not against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to spect the site of the work emselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City of Groom, City Hall, Groom, Texas 79039-0217, phone (806) 248-7929.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, Inc., 4537 Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner: Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity of lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations. adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the

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Thursday, October 25, 2001

Tigers Remain Undefeated, 48-14

once again remain undefeated after a victory over the Silverton Owls, 48-14 in last Friday in last Friday night's game.

The Tigers
first downs Silverton's eight. Groom rushed for 233 yards on Groom 30 carries, Silverton ran 19 times for a total of 25 yards.

Groom completed 10 out of 15 passes for 220 yards and five touchdowns. Silverton connected on 18 of 37 passes for 211 yards and

two touchdowns.

The Owls punted four times for an average of 38.80 yards. Groom punted one time for an average of 25 yards. average of 25 yards. Groom had five fumbles and lost two. Silverton fumbles and

regained both.

The first score of Groom was by Wyatt in the first for a quarter, who ran in for a touchdown on a 15 yard pass from Clay Britten. Clay Ritter kicked the P.A.T.
In the second quarter,

Garrett Britten completed 12 yard pass from lay Britten for a puchdown. The P.A.T. Clay Brit touchdown. The P.A.T. was incomplete.

Hugh Weinheimer scored on a 26 yard nass

remain P.A.T was incomplete.

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are a victory whatt Britten ran in a touchdown on a 35 yard touchdown on a 35 yard pass from Clay Britten.

Tigers completed P.A.T.

The Silverton Owls

entered the scoring game in the third quarter with a touchdown by Ivory on a 26 yard pass from Francis. Francis also completed the P.A.T.

Trey Britten rushed 54 yards for a touchdown. Clay Ritter kicked the P.A.T.

Garrett Britten ran in a touchdown on a 43 yard pass from Clay Britten.
The P.A.T. was incomplete.

Silverton once tried to come back into the ball game in the fourth quarter with a fourth quarter with a touchdown by Hale on a 29 yard pass from Wood. However, the Tigers stopped the Silverton owls with a final touchdown in the fourth quarter. Bivens rushed for the final touchdown.

Individual stats were as

Individual stats were as follows:

Garrett Britten lead the rigers in rashing with 94 yards on 16 carries. He gained 55 yards on two passes and scored two passes and scored two touchdowns. Defensively

See Tigers, pg 3



While Groom's Band does not get to march any more, they still show a lot of pride and spirit as they play for pep rallies, and during the high school football games. Groom is very luck to have them perform in any capacity and we appreciate their hard work and dedication.

County Commissioners Approve Increase In Tax Certificate Fees

The Carson County Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 22. Attending were Judge Lewis ludge Lewis Commissioners Powers, Kenneth Mike Britten, Ware, Jerry Stawn, and Kevin Howell.

Judge Powers updated the court on unused road material, which the county is obtaining from the state department from projects along Interstate 40. The judge reported that the contractors have discussed the possibility of hauling some of the substance to certain points in the county. Commissioner Strawn said he would consider paying additional freight to save loading costs and No action was taken at this time.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper petitioned the court for an increase in fees for tax certificates issued by that office. Cosper asked for the cost to be increased from \$4 to \$8. The motion was the report was approved.

Judge Powers asked

endorsement of a representative from the county to be appointed to the Carson County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The terms of Frank Simms of of Frank Simms of Panhandle, Ken Burger of Groom and Sherry Kramer of White Deer this year. Judge expire this year. Judge Powers made the motion to appoint Frank Simms. The

approved. Sheriff Gary Robertson requested the approval of hiring Tammy L. Hoffman to fill the newly acquired position dispatcher/jailer Commissioner Howell made the motion to hire Hoffman at the salary of \$18,627.24 which is a the 21B level, effective November 1, of

An outside audit report from Conrell Company was scheduled on the agenda. accounting company asked for rescheduling as

Kathleen Miller met the court to consider the with the court to discuss

coverage analysis of the Management courty's insurance policies and needs. The representative from the Texas Risk Insurance and See County, pg 2

Community Calendar

A FLU SHOT Clinic will be held on Nov. at the Groom School beginning at 2:30. Please call the school office at 248-7474 to reserve your shot.

NO SCHOOL will be held on Oct. 29 for students.

The 2nd Six Weeks will end on Nov. 2 for students at GISD.
Parents should expect testing during the week of Oct 30- Nov 2.

DAYLIGHT Savings Time ends October 28.

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on October

EARLY VOTING will continue on the Roll Back Election until Friday, November 2, at the Groom School Business office during regular office hours.

HALLOWEEN Wednesday, October 31.

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No Precipitation Reported



Number 10, Thane Barkley, carries the ball for in for touchdown as the Cubs win their last home game Thursde

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Local Happenings

Norma Jean Homer, Tiffani and Cody Kling attended the "Disney On Ice" performance last Thursday.



Groom Birthdays **Anniversaries** October 25 - Korri

Lyn Britten.
October 26 - Judy
Eatmon, Dorothy and Bill Britten (A).

October 27 Ruben Baggerman, Raymond Ruthardt, Wyatt Weinheimer, Jessica Stapp, Timothy McGee. October 28 - Geor

- George (Jiggs) Britten Sr., Robert Homer, Mrs. Gene Earl Steed, Mrs. Bill England.
October 29 - Sharon
Britten, Amanda Chaney,

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Howard (A). October 30 Brian

Baker, Cory Hartsell.
October 31 - Shirley
Ann Fields, Kade Brown, Madalyn Grace Wieberg.

By Ace Reid

FRANKS

Bill Bohr was involved in a farm accident last weekend. He has several broken bones including an ankle and a leg, along with some torn muscles and legiments. He is currently in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, room 545.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer spent last week in Georgia visiting with their daughter and sonin-law, Jeannnette and Blackwell Woodstock, Ga. and their son, Tracy Homer and Katrina Bell of Marietta, Ga.

Card of Thanks
We would like to thank the Groom Fire Department for their quick response to fire. We rereally appreciate everyone who helped. Thanks Again,

Ray & Alice Britten & Wamyth

GROOM SCHOOL MENU OCT. 29 - NOV. 2 Breakfast

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Pancakes,
peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast arritos, hash brown burritos, hash bipotatoes, juice, milk.
Thursday: Bisc

Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice,

Lunch

Monday: No School Tuesday: Turkey and odles, mixed veg., noodles. applesauce, cheese zombies, milk. Wednesday:

Chili cheese dogs, tator pickle spears, cocktail, milk. fruit

Stew, Thursday: sandwiches, pears, corn, bread, crackers, milk.

Friday: Sandwiches, turkey, ham, and bologna, pork and beans, peaches, chips, milk.

Sheriff's Report

There were six people booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of October through October 21.

2001. 2001. Currently there are 17 incarcerated in this jail and additional 16 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Daniel Anaya, age 43 of Amarillo, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-1st and Driving While License Suspended.

> **EATMON NAMED** TO NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Allison Eatmon recently named to the National Dean's List. She is a student at Amarillo College.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor.

NOTE SCHEDULE

CHANGE
There is a schedule lange for next weeks change football games.

Junior High will play Hedley, there, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The High School team will play here, on Thursday, November 1.

COUNTY

policies to eliminate multi deductibles. The court took no action at this time. Judge Powers said the commissioners will the review suggestions and analyze the current coverage.

next meeting of the Commissioners Court will be on November 13,2001.

Douglas Watson, age 2 of White Deer, TX-42 of Assault-Domestic Violence.

William Chitwood, age 65 of Borger, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-3rd or

Anthony Martinez, age
29 of Amarillo, TXDriving While
Intoxicated-1st.

Arlis Yazzie, age 41 of Panhandle, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-2nd.

Teresa Bullard, age 44 of Pampa, TX-Public Intoxication.

JUDGE ATTENDS SEMINAR

Judge William B.
Hinson was certified at
the recent Twenty Hour
Justice of the Peace
Seminar held October 9-12, 2001 in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Creating a Bia-Free Court, Justice Civil vs Small Claims, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Magistrate
Duties, Probable Cause
and Search Warrants,
DOT Regulations, Warrants, DOT Regulations, Landlord Tenant Issues,

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As far as the "treaters" responsibilities, common sense needs to prevail. This is not a time to out home-made treats of any kind. Make sure your treats are securely wrapped so that parents won't be forced to throw out anything you paid good money for. This is great time to hand our non-food treats like coupons for free fast food, pencils, stickers, and other small nick-knacks.

Make sure your home is well lighted if you want trick or treaters to stop at your house. Having your porch light on is great, but if you have yard lights to help the little guys see better now is a great time to utilize them. Remove any obstructions that little ones might fall over like garden hoses and sprinklers. If you don't want these little guys to run through your flower give them a well lighted, obstacle free path to follow. Be very careful of putting real candles in jack o'lanterns.

It is much safer to electric electric or powered lights. battery If you candles, make sure your decorations are well out of the way of coming in contact with costum

Now for tips for the trick-ers: Be sure you use your Sunday manners even thought you may be dressed as "Darth Vader",
"Dracula" or some other
fiendish ghoul. Always
say please and thank you.
Polite monster usually get more candy! No matter what kind of costume you wear, make sure you can see. It is no fun to spend one of the fun-est nights of the year falling down over stuff you can't see, or worse, spending it in a hospital because you ran our in front of a car or something equally as bad. Also make sure that drivers can see Turn you lights off in your room and see if you can see yourself in the mirror. Does your the mirror. have If not reflective tape. If not it just about everywhere this time of year. may want to consider carry a flash light, too. Some of our streets are

not as well light as they should be. While it's fun to go trick or treating with a group, don't all of you rush the door at one time. Form a line and take turns. Leave the take turns. Leave the porch area and wait for the rest of the group out on the lawn. And don't run off and leave the last

Go to only homes that have the porch light on and ones that you know who lives there. Report anything suspicious to an adult.

It's only once a year, so have fun but use your head and be safe.

Happy Haunting!

TIGERS

he had eight tackles.

Cody Bivens rushed nine times for 80 yards. He is credited with one touchdown. He also returned one punt for 11 yards. He is credited for five tackles.

Trey Britten rushed two times for a total of 62 yards. He scored one touchdown. Defensively he made two tackles.

Clay Britten rushed three times for a negative three yards. He completed 10 out of 13 passes for a total of 220 yards and five touchdowns. Defensively he is credited for two quarterback sacks and four tackles.

Wyatt Britten received the football four times for a total of 55 yards and two touchdowns.

Hugh Weinheimer received the ball two times for 44 yards and is credited for one

Clay Ritter received two times for 66 yards. He returned two kick-offs for 70 yards. He punted one time for an average of 25 yards. He also creuring defensively tackles.

Defensively Owen Weinheimer is credited for one quarterback sack and one tackle. Doug Fields credited defensively for one quarterback sack and six

Early Photos Wanted

The Carson County Historical Commission is seeking early photographs of the Panhandle Santa Fe Depot. The depot, which was completed in 1928, was one of the last brick depots built on the Western Line and was one of the largest to serve such a small community.

The discovery of oil in the area in 1926 had caused an enormous amount of business as amount of business as Panhandle was the shipping point for all supplies going to the oil fields north of town. In July and August of 1926 as business took place in Panhandle as in Chicago, Panhandle's citizans. Panhandle's citizens petitioned the railroad for a new depot. The depot was built and the first trains unloaded on May 17, 1928. The last passenger train stopped on May 1, 1971. The railway is still an active freight line for the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway. After several years of vacancy, the depot was leased to the City of Panhandle and the Carson County Square House Museum in It now houses Panhandle City Hall and

museum storage.
The Historical Commission is seeking recognition of the depot for the National Register of Historic Places. The depot was named as a

Recorded Texas Historical Landmark in 1988.

As yet, no photographs have been found of the early days of the depot, although external no changes have been made.
The Historical Commission will be glad to have reproductions made and return the original photographs. Please contact Mogie R. McCray, Chairman, Carson County Historical Commission, P.O. Box 310, Panhandle, Texas 79068-0310 or call (806) 537-5237.

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That's the basis of terrorism; the ability to place fear in the majority by hurting a few. The trick is to create havoc

in the daily lives of all Americans by sending these infections to Politicians and news media, especially the national television

programs. However, should you receive something in the mail that may look suspicious, we are asking that you first and foremost stay calm and use some common sense reasoning on how to deal with your situation. Ask yourself a few simple questions, such as:

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2. Are the postmarked address and the return address the same?

3. Are you expecting package?

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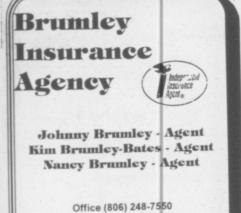
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Sheriff Robertson







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Groom Cubs Wallop Silverton

The Cubs were home last week to take on the Silverton Owls. This was the last home game of the season and the Cubs wanted to play well and go out with a bang. We played pretty good most of the night and came up with the victory 19-13. Kade Brown got the Cubs on the board first with a one yard touchdown run. The touchdown was set up by a 51 yard pass from Kelby Noack to Chad Barkley. Silverton scored to tie the game at 6-6. Blaine Britten then had a one yard touchdown run of his own, right after he had caught a 19 yard pass from Thane Barkley. Thane Barkley added the extra point run after Blaine's touchdown. In

the second half, Thane Barkley hooked up with Kade Brown on a 25 yard touchdown pass. Silverton later scored another touchdown to cut the score to 19-13. But the Cubs did a good job for the rest of the fourth quarter and picked enough first downs to run out the clock.

Thane Barkley ran the ball 17 times for 81 yards, completed three of three passes for 64 yards

and one touchdown, had a fumble recovery, had an extra point run, and had six tackles.

Kade Brown had eight carries for 22 yards and a touchdown, caught a 25 yard touchdown pass, and made four tackles. Kelby Noack had two

rushes for eight yards, completed a 51 yard pass, had two kick-off returns for 10 yards, and had 11 tackles.

Blaine Britten had a

Blaine Britten had a one yard touchdown run, caught two passes for 39 yards and had two tackles.

Brandon Jenkins recorded two tackles. Chad Barkley had a reception for 51 yards and two tackles. Daniel Thompson recorded a tackles for the defence.

Thompson recorded a tackle for the defense.

We have two ball games left and hopefully we can build off of this win and keep getting better to finish off the season. The next game is at Samnorwood, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Top - Junior High Cubs play good defense. Bottom -Jr. High Cheerleaders lead the crowd in chants.





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That was written by the American revolutionary Thomas Paine in his pamphlet "The Crisis" to inspire the Continental Army as it fought for freedom and independence. It is as true today as it was 225 years ago. As we maneuver our way through this unimaginable time that tries our souls, freedom is even dearer.

Our world is a different world now. Ever since September 11th, everything has changed. Yet some things will remain the same: Americans, and our leadership, are still strong. With heavy hearts for those who lost their lives, we will go on. We will keep our nation strong, our economy strong, and our spirits

We began work immediately after the horror: when the President spoke out forcefully about our will and resolve; the FBI and CIA immediately began tracking suspects; the State Department reached out to other nations to build a coalition to stop terrorism; and, here at home, the Defense Department called up reservists to help patrol our airports and our air space. In addition, the FAA banned all knives on airplanes and increased security in airports across the

This issue of aviation security is of particular interest to me, and one on which I have long been working as the ranking member on the Aviation subcommittee and a former vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

One of our key priorities is to restore the public's confidence in air travel as quickly as possible. Therefore, in the days immediately following this tragedy, I introduced legislation to expand the air marshal program, wherein trained, armed security officers would be assigned to passenger flights to help ensure our safety. This program would free our pilots to concentrate solely on their job – flying. I have already seen peace officers on some flights – detailed from other law enforcement agencies – but we need to make this a permanent and organized effort

I believe that federalizing all aviation security functions is an important step in that direction. Currently, security is the responsibility of the airlines— who have different concerns and priorities besides national security. Our transportation security <u>must</u> be a priority, with the focus, coordination and influence that having a dedicated federal office would give.

That is why I am introducing legislation that would completely revamp

aviation security, and place baggage security screeners and federal air marshals under one umbrella. We will institute a higher performance standard for our security practices and personnel, including extensive background checks, as well as more rigorous training that would result in a stronger, more consistent security system in our nation's airports.

Currently, airport security is a mishmash of private security firms employing low-paid workers with a staggeringly high turnover rate. To attract competent, dedicated people who can ensure our safety, I firmly believe that airport security needs to be a career, not just a temporary minimum-wage job.

We will fortify the cockpit in the aircraft. We are also upgrading the equipment used to screen passengers and their luggage to the new state-of-the-art technology available.

A columnist recently wrote, "The World Trade Center isn't the place where our intelligence agencies failed. It is the place where our imaginations failed. "Until September 11th, we believed nothing like this could ever happen on our lands. That sense of security has now been shattered, but our spirit has not. We will institute new security measures. We will defend our citizens and we will defend our freedom.



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Homeland Defense A Top Priority

By Mac Thornberry

Since the September 11 terrorist attacks there has been a lot of discussion about how we as a country could have been better prepared. Lately, there has been a new focus on homeland defense and making sure that our Nation is secure. President Bush made a good first step achieving toward this goal by initiating a new office of Homeland Security. The office, by former headed Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, will work to better prepare our county for terrorists' threats.

But the tasks ahead

will not be an easy one.

For example, defending our Nation's borders is just one part of homeland defense that needs a lot of improvement. Each \$8.8 more billion worth of goods, more than 1.3 million people, 340,000 more than vehicles, than 58,000 more shipments enter country. Yet only 1 to percent of these packages and vehicles are inspected at the border. While we will never be able to inspect everything that crosses the border, it is obvious that we must do better.

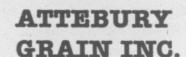
March bill that introduced introduced a bill that would establish the National Homeland Security Agency (NHSA). It would combine the efforts of several existing agencies to make their work more entermore. The bill would put border security agencies such as the Border Patrol, the Coast Guard, and the Customs Service umbrella under one organization with the Emergency Federal Management Agency and rename it the NHSA. It would be lead by a cabinet-level official and given proper budget, authority, and accountability to get the

job done. Better organization of government will us better prepared ture attacks. These for future attacks. are challenging times that face. but

the ability to secure our country's freedom protecting our borders and strengthening our defense at home









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and the Texas Department of Health.

White Deer Polish Sausage Dinner To Be Held, Nov. 4

The White Deer Polish Sausage dinner will be on November 4, 2001, a Sacred Heart parish
4500 pounds of Polish sausage will be served from 11:00 - 3:00, adults are \$7.00 and children \$3.50.

first sausage was held in 1939 The dinner when families of the parish gathered in the pasture behind the church for a parish dinner. by prepared ladies of the alter Society but when the gathering became too large, chairmen were selected from the parish. The first sausage was made in the homes of the families was made in and prepared in large cast iron pots. The parishioners tables. The sausage dinner became an annual affair except for a few years during World War II.

sausage is prepared by Clint and Sons in White Deer. The slaw is prepared by parishioners several days before the dinner and the beans and potato salad are prepared the morning of the meal. We have changed method of cooking Polish Sausage to m the links more tender, but it still has the same fashioned flavor.

Everyone in the Sacred eart Parish work to the dinner This year's make

chairman is Tracy Kotara. Take out dinners and bulk sausage will be available. 2000 people

are expected.

White Deer is the only Polish community in the Texas Panhandle. The Roots of Faith, a historical book focusing on the Polish Pioneers will be available in the parlour. produced by the Carson County Square House Museum will be shown. The video tells the history of how the Poles came to Texas in 1854 and arrived in White Deer in 1909. It is White narrated by nine descendants of the original Polish families.

Taxpayers Due Abandoned Funds

There is over \$900 property in T unclaimed in published last week by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's site posting. Rylander said this years's list contains the names of 115,695 people for who the state is holding the state is holding at least \$100 in forgotten cash stocks or contents of safe deposit boxes.

Groom's list contains one person McLean has about a half dozen.

Assets waiting to be returned to the people on

this years Unclaimed Property List include dormant bank accounts, \$13.7 checks royalties, utility refunds, million \$1.5 million and assets, \$9.6 billion.

The unclaimed property The unclaimed proposi, can be anything from an uncollected pay check, to a forgotten utility deposit, a long dormant bank account or items from an abandoned safe deposit box. The law requires businesses and financial institutions to turn unclaimed assets over to the state after these to five years if the owners cannot be found.

Comptroller Rylander said "Altogether, the state is holding more \$900 million that rightfully belong Texas families business owners." belongs and

Rylander returned \$54.2 million to d property in 2001, unclaimed owners processing nearly 33,000

"While the state holds this money, it is used to help pay for state services such as public education. But it belongs to it's rightful owners forever, and I would much rather see it go into the owners pockets than into a state vault,' says Rylander.

The idea of rugged individualism, completely divorced from the public interest, has a heroic sound, a kind of stalwart simplicity. The only trou-ble is that for many years it has been inapplicable to American life

-Eleanor Roosevelt ***

Testing Schedule Announced For Pampa & Clarendon Campus

Clarendon College will be offering a number of opportunities for GED testing during the next two months at both their Clarendon and Pampa campuses. Tests will be partial, meaning persons will not be able to take the complete 5 part test at one time, but take individual parts to include no more than four partial tests at one setting.

Costs for the partial tests are \$12 each. Payment is due at the time of testing and should be in the form of a check or money order.

Persons should also bring proof of social security and picture identification along with two #2 pencils.

To sign up for the GED or receive GED or receive additional information, receive persons can call the Pampa office at (806) or clarendon at 665-8801 (806)874-3571.

All tests begin sharply at 8 am with check-in starting at 7:30 am. for dates and places see the schedule below:

10-26 - Pampa 11-3 - Pampa 11-13 - Pampa

11-19 - Clarendon 12-1 - Clarendon 12-7 - Clarendon

12-13 - Clarendon 12-14 - Pampa



EMERGENCY LOAN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Effective August 2001, the

Administer declared Donley County, Texas eligible for emergency (EM) physical loss loans due to losses caused by flooding that occurred May 3 and May 4,2001. In addition to Donley County, others counties named contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify are Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hall and Wheeler. This designation makes

family sized farm operators in both the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered considered interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency if they suffered a physical loss from the flooding. FSA will flooding. consider each loan application by taking into account the extent losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility

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