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Bailey Ware Funeral Home To Hold Open House

An important service in the community of McLean has changed ownership. Angie Ware

became the new owner in January of the former Lamb Funeral Home. She is working as an apprentice at the current time under the mentorship of Creed and Wanda Lamb, who came out of retirement to sponsor Angie.

Ware started as a

teacher. After 7 years of teaching, she decided she needed a career change.

"You know how when it's a God thing all the right people start coming to help," stated Angie, "this is definitely a God thing."

Angie is half way through her apprenticeship. She received her applied Science degree from

Amarillo College. Her

grandparents were Jack and Lorena Bailey, who were life long residents of McLean. Angie is married to Kent Ware, who is parts manager of Ware Chevrolet in Wheeler. They have two sons, Jake 6 and Levi 4.

Bailey-Ware Funeral Home will be hosting an open house on September 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



School Board Approves \$1.50 Tax Rate For 2002 - 2003

The McLean School Board met in a Special Session for a Public Hearing. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Joe Riley, Toni

Bohlar, Neal Odom, and Ronnie Ferguson. Others present were Superintendent Bob Downs, Dick Crockett, Eric Smith, Leslie Darsey, Mindy Reeves and Bill Anderson.

Opening prayer was given by Mike Darsey.

There was no discussion from the public concerning the proposed tax rate. An Ordinance was approved by the Board with a motion by Toni Bohlar, seconded by Neal Odom to hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 evaluation for the District for the tax year 2002 at a total tax rate of \$1.50, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector at \$1.50 for the purpose of maintenance and operation and \$0.00 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts. The motion was unanimously approved.

The resignation of School Board Member Steve Bowlin was regrettably approved.

Superintendent Downs recommended that the Board accept a bid of \$24,266 from Blackwell & Associates for Property, General Liability, Crime and the School Board Legal Liability insurance. He also recommended to offer with a bid from David Haynes with Texas Farm Bureau for the bus insurance in the amount

of \$2,567.00. The recommendation was approved.

After much discussion regarding student travel expenses, it was decided that a new policy for FFA and other student travel would be presented and voted on at the next regular board meeting.

The Superintendent informed the Board on their options to fill the vacancies on the board. Their options are to hold a special election, appoint new board members, or leave the vacancies unfilled. Steve Bowlin's position must be filled within 180 days from the date of his resignation. Mr. Holland's position can remain open until the regular election or someone may be appointed or filled by Special election. Mike Darsey and Ronnie Ferguson voted to appoint new board members, while Toni Bohlar and Neal Odom voted to hold a Special Election. Joe Riley had to break the tie and voted to go with a special election. There was not enough time in order to hold a Special Election in November. Therefore, the Board decided to appoint two new members. The appointees will be contacted and voted on at the next regular meeting to be held Sept. 16, 2002.

Superintendent Downs

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Leslie Darsey and Missie Richardson sign up for PTA.

Open House is a Big Success For Parents, Students and Teachers

Another school year has begun. The beginning of school always means Open House at McLean ISD.

Students proudly displayed their school work to family and friends. Journalists,

artists, scientist, athletes and possibly a comedian or two look to the future of the community.

Parents prepared for another busy year as they signed up for PTA and Girl Scouts. Class parties, Booster Club,

snacks and fundraisers were also topics during the evening.

Cookies and punch were enjoyed by everyone in the cafeteria as the night came to a close.

McLean Reminder

THE SENIOR Citizens Luncheon is scheduled for September 17.

THE MCLEAN Tigers will play Hedley beginning at 7:30, here, on Friday night. This will be our homecoming celebration! Plan to attend!

THE JUNIOR HIGH football team will kick off their season at Hedley on Thursday beginning at 6:00.

FAMILY READING night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

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SEPT. 14 is the date for the Wellington Cross Country Meet.

THE MCLEAN Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

**McLean Birthdays
Anniversaries**

September 12 - Linda Smith, Konya Guthrie, Jim Adams.

September 13 - Rita Barker, Bryan Bockmum, Mr. Throckmorton, Julie Marsh, Brenda Wallis, Amber Dawson.

September 14 - Jerrett Coleman, Quenton Story, Leslie Darsey.

September 15 - Virginia Jones, Dale and Rose Steel (A).

September 16 - Mary Powell, Tommie Dee Hill, Betty Lopez.

September 17 - Relia Ayers, Sondra Bybee, Julia Lee.

September 18 - Elaine Sims, J.L. Mann, Jared McClellan, Peggy Simpson.

Board

informed the board that interviews would be conducted to fill the custodial position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson

August was a busy month at the Devil's Rope Museum. We had 693 visitors from 41 states and 19 foreign countries. This count is up 130 over last year. Our total visitors since opening is 79,238. This is the most visitors we have had in August since 1997.

We had a bus tour from the United Kingdom on August 9th and a group of 9 students from Japan on August 14.

On August 14, Mary Beth Noble from "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" stopped by to say "Hi". She had worked on a TV segment about the Devil's Rope Museum.

Michael Taylor, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Manager, spent time in the museum gathering information.

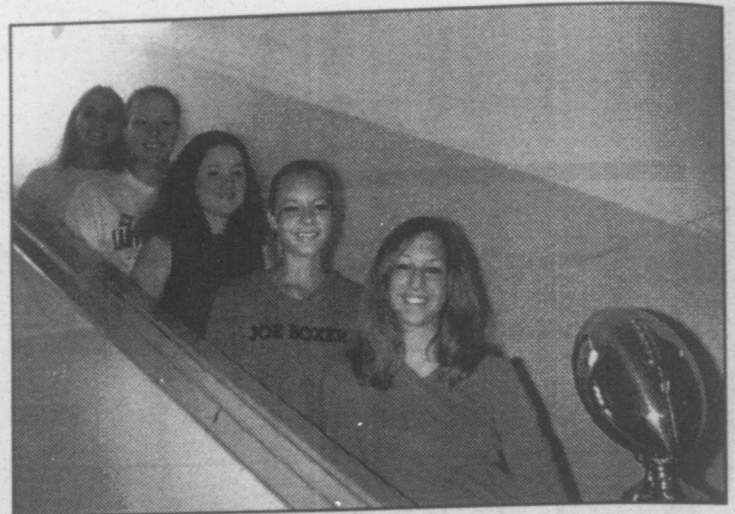
We are looking

forward to September. Hopefully the weather will be cooler.

**FAMILY VISITS
MINNIE ERWIN**

Those visiting Minnie Erwin in her Las Cruces, NM home over the Labor Day week-end were daughters Mollie Martindale of Pampa, Pauline & Butch Pierce of Las Cruces and grandchildren Mike, Dan, & Tammy Martindale of Pampa; Jeff & April Pierce, and Scott & Lori of Las Cruces. Great-grandchildren Casey & Logan Martindale of Pampa, Nichole, Ripley, and Tommy Pierce, Shannon & Jake Clouse

all of Las Cruces also visited. They all had a very good time!



Homecoming Royalty...

The following girls were selected as Homecoming Queen Candidates. One of these lucky girls will be crowned in ceremonies at Friday night's game. They are: Freshman Krista Smith, Sophomore Ashley McClendon, Junior Jennifer Greer, Senior Shaley Stall, and All-Around Jennifer Smith.

IN HONOR of 4-Hers 100th year anniversary, the Gray County 4-H would like to invite former God Star recipients to the annual Achievement Banquet this September to be recognized as one of the top award winners in Gray County 4-H history. The banquet will be held at 7:00pm, Monday, Sept. 23, in the cafeteria at the Lefors school. Please call 669-8033 by Sept. 3 if you are able to attend.

Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study Club traveled to the Square House Museum in Panhandle, Tx. for their first meeting of the year. After a guided tour thought the museum a lovely lunch was served to fourteen club members. Attending were Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Ruth Trew, Mary Lou Glass, Betty Morgan, Betty Taylor, Jerry Corbin, Wanda Lamb, Lynn Reeves, Norma Webb, Angie Ware, Mindy Reeves, Donna Reeves, and Mary Dwyer.

**Pre-School Program
Begun In McLean**

Dedicated mothers in the community have started a Pre-School program in McLean.

Donated space at the library and donated furniture from the First Baptist Church have helped to get the program rolling.

The classes started last Tuesday with 10 children. Parents will take turns tag team teaching, alternating weeks.

The classes were originally set up for two hours, however after the first week, the parents decided to move it to two & one half hours, allowing the children more time on each project or learning activity.

The classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.


**Services Held
For Peri Grigsby**

MCLEAN - Peri Grigsby, 43, passed away on September 5, 2002 in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held on Monday, Sept 9, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in McLean, with Rev. James Martindale officiating. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 in Weatherford, Texas under the direction of the Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean.

Mrs. Grigsby was born to Marcus and Shirley Walker on July 14, 1959 in Houston, Texas. She

married Jack Grigsby on July 4, 1985 in Ft Worth, Texas. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Jack, a daughter Jaclyn of the home; two sisters Michele Meyer of Granbury, Tx and Wendy Roden of Ft. Worth, Tx.; two brothers Duncan Walker of South Texas and Tiger Walker of Benbrook, Tx.; her father Marcus Walker of Rockport, Tx.; her mother Shirley Walker of Benbrook, Tx. She was preceded in death by a son, Marcus Wain Grigsby.



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A Note From The Superintendent

It may be a surprise to some, as the hallways at McLean ISD are full of students and this school year has gotten off to a great start. That's right, the doors have not closed and the students are not being bussed to Pampa. The District will actually have a fund balance for the end of the 2001-2002 school year and be able to continue to operate. There are plenty of teachers for the scheduled classes and they have never missed a paycheck due to the financial shape of the District. Cuts and changes have been made where necessary and a budget has been developed for the new year which will work for the District. The 41.50 tax rate is necessary to

maintain operations at the school. The Board is very pleased and proud of the staff after a very difficult past few years. Two Board members have resigned due to moving from the District, but they contributed much to the school while serving their terms. The Board honored the staff with a luncheon and an evening meal at the Odoms as a token of their appreciation before school started in August. It was a fun time enjoyed by the whole family and the entire staff was presents with the exception of a couple. Eric Smith is serving as lead teacher in the High School and has a good staff with some new faces. Mr. Crockett has gone through a few teacher changes in the Elementary building and there is a new custodial staff. The teachers have lots of duties, as well as the rest of the personnel

but no one seems to mind. Everyone is just content to do their job to the best of their ability to education the children. Enrollment has dropped from 204 to 188 students. The school is still going to be here and it is not going under. Our students are trying hard and succeeding, so let's stand behind them and show our support for their school and their accomplishments. McLean ISD received Recognized status on TAAS scores which is well above the state average. The High School Football team put up an excellent efforts to beat Miami on Friday night. Several athletes will be competing in

Cross Country, and Junior High Football action starts this week. A special program will be held at the Elementary on September 11 to honor the fire dept. police and EMT volunteers. A special dedication will be given by Jon Erickson, author the Hank the Cowdog in memory of Kaid Shaller. A patriotic music program is planned for Veteran's Day, plus many other activities that the community can get involved in. FFA will attend a district meeting in Matador this week. PTA will continue to have program for the students, plus support and volunteer for the teachers. Fundraisers have already started, but remember they are for a good cause, and all the money goes to benefit the students and their learning programs. McLean ISD has been through some tough times, but we have held our heads up high and continue to go on, never giving up, never quitting. The Superintendent's office is always open for anyone, whatever the

reason may be. We will just continue to go on, educating our children like we are supposed to do and hope that some agree with the way in which we're doing just that. Let's work together for the future of McLean ISD.

Bob Downs,
Superintendent

McLean Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Week of
Sept 16-20

BREAKFAST MENU

Mon: Pancake & sausage on a stick, toast, jelly, fruit juice & milk.

Tues: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, jelly, fruit, juice & milk.

Wed: Donuts, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, & milk.

Thurs: Breakfast burritos, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, and milk.

Fri: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, and milk.

LUNCH MENU

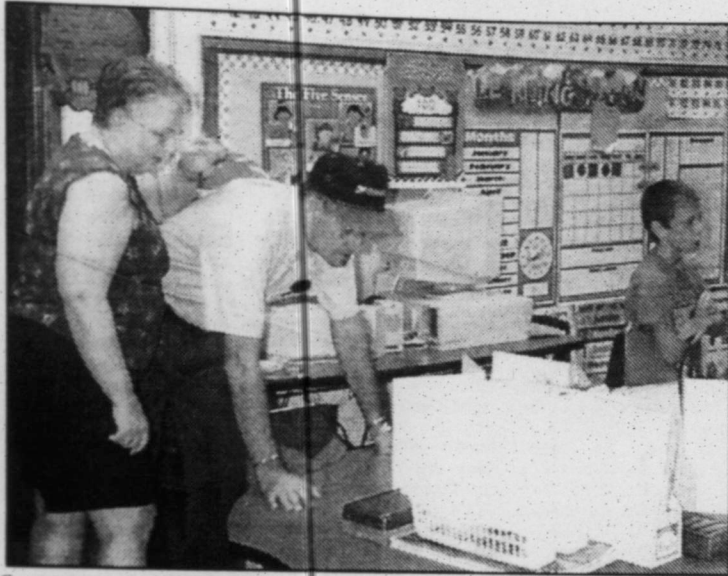
Mon: Nachos, meat, cheese, pinto beans, salad, cinnamon crisp, & Milk.

Tues: Hot pockets, fritos, veggie sticks, pickle spears, trail mix, & milk.

Wed: Chicken parmesan, seasoned sliced potatoes, carrots, hot rolls, sherbet, & milk.

Thurs: BBQ ribbets on bun, french fries, baked beans, fruit salad, & milk.

Fri: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle spears, curly fries, and cheese cake.



Casper & Jeannie Smith visit their grandchildren's classrooms during Open House



Mom's & Dad's sign their daughter up for Girl Scouting at the Open House.



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 Children's Church
Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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, Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
Cowboy Preacher - Ronnie Ferguson
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City To Apply For Grant

The City Council of McLean met in regular session; Monday, September 9th 2002 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by LaVon Watson at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, Jim McDonald, and Doyle Lee. Joe Lamb was absent.

Others present: Scott Perry, Toni Bohlar, Mindy Reeves, Bill Anderson, Jim Adams, John Voller and Boots Stone.

The minutes of the August meetings were approved.

City Water Item: Hibbs & Todd, engineers, have picked a location for the new well north of town. The council is now waiting for the grant process.

Sewer Plant Item: John Voller with Hibbs & Todd went over with the council the grant that the City was applying for. They are applying for a \$250,000 grant for our sewer plant and the City's match would be approximately \$100,000, however, that match does not have to be in cash it can be done with "in-kind" work. The current permit that the City has will need to be changed for our current usage and

to allow for not only evaporation but also an irrigation permit. He also stated that they have designed a plan that will meet the TNRC's regulations and states that we will try to be in compliance in 18 months. The grant application will be scored in late November or early December, but we will not know if we get the grant until March or April 2003.

The council tabled the community service training policy. Toni Bohlar, City Secretary will try to come up with a suitable policy by the next meeting.

The council agreed to a Resolution authorizing the filing of a TCDP application for a \$26,300 grant through Design Services Inc.

The council voted Rachel West as resident board member to the Housing Authority.

The council voted to accept the EMS contract to pay them \$425.00 a month for their services for a 5 year period of time. Doyle Lee abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

West Texas Gas had given the City a lock-in price of \$4.25 - \$4.30 as of this date. JJ King with West Texas Gas said that the market had jumped up today and advised that the council to watch the market closely and if it

should come down to give him a call and try to lock it in for the city. and if the market comes down to use his discretion to lock in a price for the winter months.

The council voted to appoint Scott Perry as a member of the EDC board.

A budget hearing was held and the mayor asked the visitors if there were any questions concerning the budget. Mindy Reeves asked if the amount of \$10,059.00, as stated in the budget will be the balance left as of October 1, 2003. It was explained that it is estimated that it would be the balance left in the General Fund at the end of the next fiscal year. There were no other questions from the public.

The council proceeded to review the budget and then decided to discuss the water and sewer rates before continuing with the budget.

The council then discussed several different options of raising the water and sewer rates. It was decided to table this until next month and to hold a public meeting at the next council meeting to allow the citizens to have a chance to state their opinions concerning the rate increase.

The Council went back to the discussion of the budget and approval was given as the budget was presented.

Tigers Blast Past Miami After Slow Start, 32-24

The McLean Tigers played a white knuckle game against Miami last week, coming from behind to defeat the Warriors 32-24.

James Alexander was out in front to lead the Tigers away from an early deficit scoring 3 touchdowns and throwing a touchdown pass. He scored on runs from 7 yards and 50 yards. Alexander reception of a 38 yard pass from Josh Seymour lead to another touchdown.

Sean Bauer scored a

TD on a 10 yard pass from Josh Seymour and a 25 yard pass from James Alexander.

The Tigers rushed for a total of 267 yards.

The Defense was a key factor in the win. Nick Jones was a clear leader with 17 tackles, 3 sacks and 1 fumble. Matt Guittierrez and Josh Seymour helped out the team with 12 tackles each and Matt completed an interception. James Alexander also contributed to the success of the defense with 13

tackles and 1 interception.

Members of the team are Seniors: Drew Baker, Trent Cadra, Josh Seymour, Sonny Northcutt, Matt Gutierrez, and Brön Bohlar; Juniors: Chris Vega, Robbie Sherwood, Dusty Moody, Harrell Connors, Victor Vega, and Jay Wallis; Sophomores: Mitchell Steward, James Alexander, Nick Jones, and Sean Bauer; Freshmen: Manden Conklin, Keith Rains, Nick Odom, Kevin Smith, and Thomas Glazener.



McLeanTigers running back sweep right for a good gain in a recent game.

MCLEAN TIGERS FOOTBALL 2002

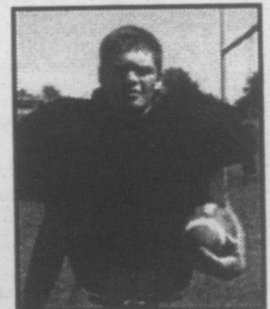
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Public Hearing

The City of Groom will accept bids on insurance coverage for all city buildings, automobiles, general liability, and public official liability. Specifications were available at City Hall, 203 Broadway, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039-0217. Sealed bids will be accepted until close of business on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. Bid opening will be held at a Called City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Groom reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, contact Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary.

Notice Of Public Hearing

The McLean Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting concerning the donation of the Alanreed

School Property to the Alanreed Community Association. The meeting will be held in the Superintendent's office located in the Business Office, 4th & Rowe St., McLean, TX, at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2002.

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Thursday, September 12, 2002

Tigers Lose Season Opener In Spite Of Valiant Effort

The Groom Tigers fell to 0-1 on the season with a 48-6 loss to the hands of the Happy Cowboys.

"Our kids battled their guts out," said Coach Toby Tucker. "We got beat by a good football team who didn't make mistakes. This week we have got to get back to fundamentals and try to fix the things that got us beat."

Groom fumbled three times inside their own 20 yard line that lead to 24 Happy points.

"The thing that killed us with the turnovers was that we had just fought hard to get the ball back by holding Happy on 4th down all three times, then we just gave it back to the. It was a back breaker," said Tucker.

The score was 0-0 after the first quarter. Happy added 16 points in the 2nd before Groom answered with an apparent 60 yard Doug Fields touchdown run that was called back for holding.

"That penalty was a huge momentum swing in the game," said Tucker.

Groom ended up punting and Happy would later score to run the tally to 24-0. However, Doug Fields returned the kickoff back 84 yards to get the Tigers on the board. The extra point try by Brett Britten was blocked.

"I felt good at that point," continued Tucker. "There was 2:00 minutes left in the half and we are starting to gain some confidence and get right back in the game."

However, a Groom fumble in the final minute lead to another Happy score to make the halftime score 32-6.

"I though we came back in the 3rd quarter and played some great defense again holding Happy scoreless," commented Tucker.

In the end, Happy added two more touchdowns and the final score would be 48-6. Leading the Tigers offensively was Doug Fields who had 200 all-purpose yards. On defense Bobby Ratteree

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Community Calendar

THE PEP Rally will be at 3:00 at the football field weather permitting. This will be an American pep rally. Wear red, white & blue.

THE GROOM Tigers will play Bible Heritage School in Amarillo at 7:30 on Saturday, September 14.

THE JUNIOR High Football will kick off their season this Thursday, September 12 with a game against Higgins there at 5:00.

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City Approves 0.484528 Tax Rate For 2003

The Groom City Council met in a called session with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Don Case, W.H. Ollinger, and Chris Welch, visitors Mike Peter of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles. Absent from the proceedings were aldermen Ellis Stapp and Forrest McLaughlin.

The meeting was opened at 6:45 with a final public hearing for the Water Well Grant. At 7:00 p.m., the public hearing for the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget was announced. At 7:33 P.M., the mayor called the meeting to order.

The Council scored the engineering firms that

had submitted proposals for the new water line replacement grant for which the city is applying. The rankings were: 1st Brandt Engineers of Amarillo; 2nd OJD Engineering; and 3rd PSC Engineering. Chris Welch moved and W.H. Ollinger seconded the motion to issue a resolution choosing Brandt Engineers, Inc. to provide selected engineering services for the Texas Community Development Program grant.

All members voted ayes.

Chris Welch moved and W.H. Ollinger seconded the motion to approve the 2002-2003 Budget as proposed. All

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County Commissioners Approve New Soil Conservation Report

The Carson County Commissioners Court met on September 9, 2002

will the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the Aug. 26 meeting were read and approved.

Bills were approved for payment.

Commissioners agreed to allow The Conesco Company to offer an insurance plan to county employees on September 11th.

Judge Powers presented the court with the maintenance inspection report from the Soil Conservation Service concerning the McClellan Creek Site #1 Watershed. Commissioner Britten made the motion to

accept the commendable account. The motion was unanimously carried.

County auditor Jacqueline West provided the court with the June monthly report for that office. The report was approved.

The court considered several line item transfers for the current budget year. Commissioner Strawn made the motion to approve all transfers. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Gary Robertson informed the court of the unexpected resignation of Deputy Tim Dockery. Robertson asked for approval to hire Derek Welch for the position at a level 28D salary, effective September 15, 2002. Robertson also requested to move Scott Sutton to a Fields Sergeant position at a level 29A level, effective

September 15, 2002. Commissioner Britten made the motion to allow these personnel changes. Commissioner Strawn seconded the motion and it was approved.

County Judge Secretary Karrie Smith was commended for efforts in applying for grant money for the county. Judge Powers stated that Smith had applied for money above the amount normally received by the county and in the end it will save money that had already been budgeted for the Sheriff's office. Approval of the AIP grant will be placed on the next court's docket.

The court formally approved revised quotes for roof bids and contracts for county buildings. Commissioner

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Local Happenings

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I am feeling much better and am very glad to be home.

Allie Hoyt

SHOCKLEY TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Beulah Shockley will soon celebrate her birthday on September 21. If you would like to send her a card her address is Beulah Shockley Tulia Health & Rehab 714 S. Austin Tulia, Tx



Did you know that the Groom Dairy Queen will stay open late on Home game nights for all those after-the-game cravings!

Christian Mothers Meet, Install New Officers

Christian Mothers met Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Catholic Hall. The New officers hosted the meal of Mexican Pile-ON.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17th. The theme will be "Give Thanks To The Lord."

The DCCW Convention will be held on October 18 & 19 at the pampa Catholic School Hall. Anyone wanting to attend needs to contact Loretta Britten as soon as possible. Anyone

wanting to donate items for the Silent Auction needs to contact Alice Kuehler. Doris Britten was nominated as "Woman of the Year".

New officers were installed. The officers are President Loretta Britten; 1st vice President Jo Ann Britten; 2nd Vice President Marcia Conrad; 3rd Vice President Charlene Weller; Treasurer Georgann Hinson; Secretary Michele Bohr; Publicity and Reporter - Kay Britten. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Groom School Breakfast And Lunch Menus

Week of Sept 16-20

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, & milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken

Nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, milk and chocolate no bake cookies.

Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, peaches and milk

Wednesday: Steak, mashed potatoes, ranch beans, hot rolls, milk, and rice krispie treats.

Thursday: Nachos, pinto beans, sopapills with honey, and milk.

Friday: Barb-A-Q on a bun, french fries, pineapple, pickle slices, and milk.

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- September 15 - Amanda Paige Conrad.
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Britten made the motion to approve the bids as submitted on the insurance claims for the \$365,453 project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strawn and approved.

County Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham asked the court to allow her to seek a different long distance carrier for the county. Cunningham stated that she is considering Valor Communications in an effort to save the county money and it will be easier to pay all services to one company. Commissioner Strawn made the motion to approve the change. The motion was seconded and approved.

Commissioners considered an interlocal agreement with the City of Skellytown. The City is seeking assistance in repairing various alleyways and streets. In exchange the city agrees to provide water and fuel and any necessary materials. The city also agrees to move the county road which adjoins Highway 152. Commissioner Strawn made the motion to enter into the arrangement. The motion was seconded

by Commissioner War and carried.

The court allowed the bid for a pickup to be purchased for the county extension office. John Chandler Ford did \$24,568 for a 2003 F250 crew cap pickup. Commissioner Britten made the motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners accepted the recognition of continuing education hours for County Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham. Commissioner Ware made the motion to approve the credits from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government. The motion was seconded and approved.

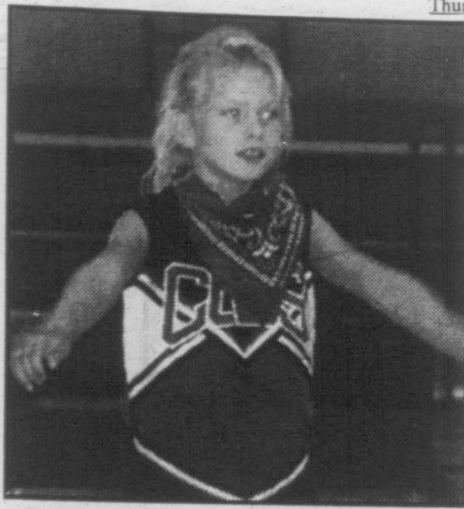
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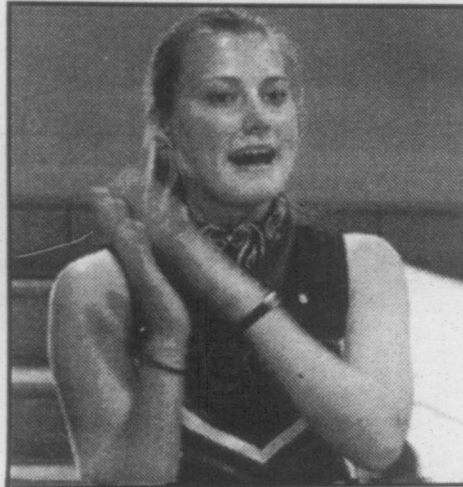
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Amanda Martin leads the crowd in cheers at the pep rally.



Malorie Homen has plenty of spirit at Friday's game.

Carson County Sheriff's Report Of Arrests

There were 5 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 2 through September 8, 2002. Currently there

Arrests made this week:

John Rabbitt, 29, of Galliton, TN, use of illegal license and illegal Alien.

David Dull, 46, White Deer, Possession of Controlled Substance more than 200 grams but less than 400 gram and escape from custody.

David Roy Harmon, 42, Traffic Warrants - DPS

John Hart, 41, Albuquerque, NM, Public Intoxication & Terroristic threat & Disorderly Conduct by language.

Jerimey Howard, 24, Panhandle, Tx, Assault - Family Violence & Interference with 911 system.

are 9 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 14 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted. Information has been received that a known convicted scam artist is in the area attempting to prey on unsuspecting victims. Be sure to check out the practices of anyone you are thinking about employing for any type of construction or roofing job.

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members voted ayes
Don Case moved and Chris Welch seconded the motion to order the 2003 tax rate to be set at \$0.484528 per hundred. The motion was unanimously carried.
With not further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned.

Football

and Doug Fields each had nine tackles. Brett Britten added eight tackles and one sack.

Owen Weinheimer chipped in for six tackles. Lance Ollinger had five tackles and two sacks. Cody Babcock had one tackle. Willie Leven had one tackle and a fumble recovery.

Total Defensive stats are as follows: Tackles - Doug Fields 9, Bobby Ratteree 9, Brett Britten 8, Owen Weinheimer 6, Lance Ollinger 5, Cody Babcock 1, Willie Leven 1. Fumble Recoveries - Willie Leven 1. Sacks - Lance Ollinger 2, Brett Britten 1.

Total Offensive stats are as follows: Rushing- Doug Fields 17 attempts for 57 yards, Owen Weinheimer 1 attempt for 4 yards, Bobby Ratteree 1 attempt for 3 yards, Calvin Schaffer 1 attempt no yards gained, Lance Ollinger 2 attempts no yards gained.

Passing: Ollinger competed 1 of 3 attempts for 4 yards, Ratteree made 2 attempts to pass

for no gain, Fields competed 1 attempt for a gain of 12 yards.

Receiving: Britten had one reception for 8 yards, Weinheimer had 1 reception for 4 yards.

Kickoff returns: Fields returned 3 kick-offs for 135 yards and a

touchdown.

Punts: Ollinger kicked 3 for 94 yards, Fields kicked 1 for 20 yards.

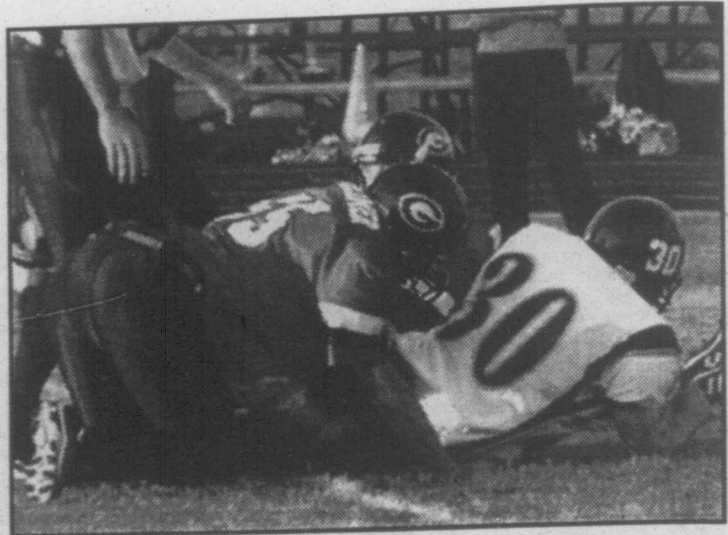
Both teams completed 4 first downs. Groom rushed for 22 times for 46 yards. Happy had 34 carries for 174 yards and 4 TD's.

Groom completed 2 of 6 passes for 12 yards. Happy completed 7 of 16 passes for 150 yards and 2 TD's.

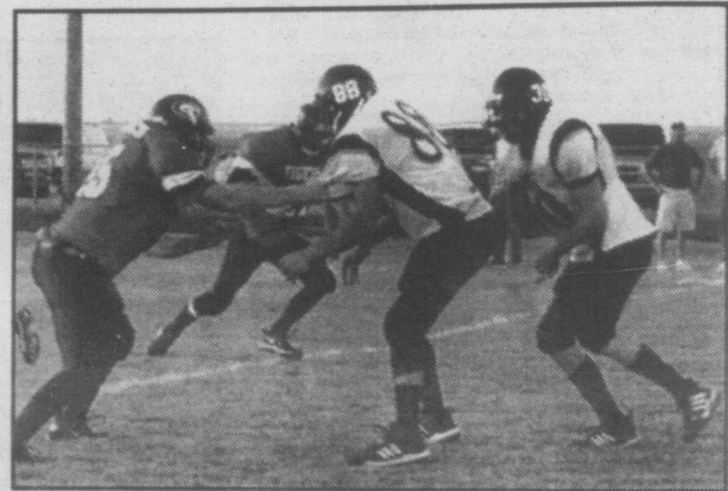
This week the Tigers head to Amarillo to play Bible Heritage on Saturday night. The Tigers do have some key players that will be questionable for Saturday's game. Cody Babcock has a high ankle sprain and will be a game time decision. Lance Ollinger has a deep bruise on his throwing shoulder that will keep him from contact for most of the week, but should be ready to go by Saturday.

"Some of our younger kids are going to be asked to step up and play," said Tucker. "Having two of our senior leaders put puts us in a bind, but we will come together and be ready to get after Bible Heritage on Saturday." "I just love the effort that the boys gave on Friday," commented Coach Tucker, "These kids never gave up and kept playing extremely hard. I am just so proud of them."

Game time is Saturday at 7:30




"Was that a Mac Truck or was it a Tiger?" says this Happy Cowboy.



Tiger Defense is the name of the game as the Happy Cowboys quickly find out!

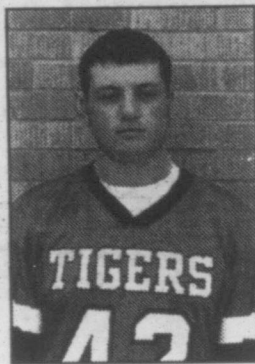
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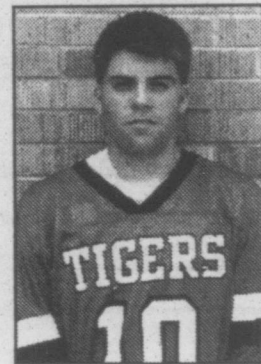
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Respect For Life Procession and Celebration To Be Held In Early October At The Cross Of Our Lord, Jesus Christ



Christ weeps for the Unborn at the Sanctity of Life memorial.



The Empty Tomb is a new display at The Cross.

A celebration will be held on Oct 6 for to honored Respect of Life Month at the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Groom on October 6, 2002. The event will be hosted by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Fr. Dunn Assembly, Cross Ministries and the Diocesan Respect Life Ministries.

Everyone is invited to attend the celebration which will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Groom, Texas, followed by a Eucharistic

procession to the site of the Cross led by Father Jos Palathara and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

The whole family will be blessed and enjoy a day of musical and spirit filled thanksgiving to Our Lord for the precious gift of life. See the beautiful inspirational life size sculptures of the Way of the Cross as will as an exact replica of what is believed to be the burial garment of Christ - the Shroud of Turin. If you have not yet seen the Divine Mercy Fountain and the Empty Tomb,

you must be sure to come.

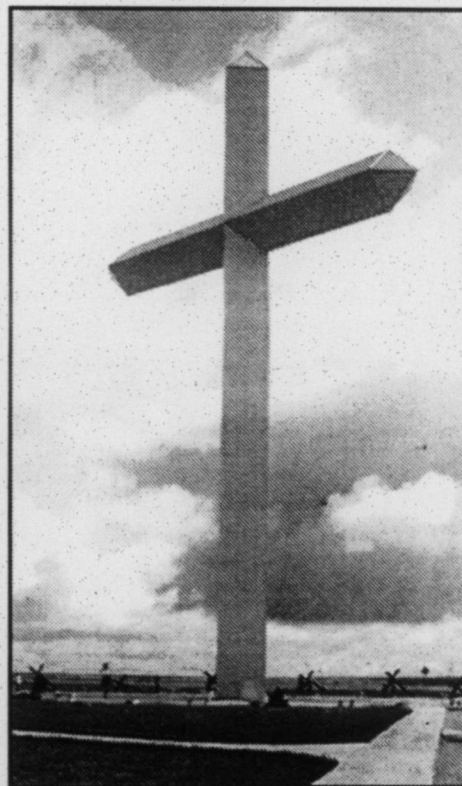
Singers, speakers, and a Tex-Mex dinner will be held.

For more information call the Cross Ministries at 806-665-7788, 806-665-9603 or Rita Diller at 806-665-2646.

See you at the Cross!



The Divine Mercy Fountain is a work of art.



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A: To maintain optimum performance, wipers should be replaced every six months, or sooner if the edges are wavy, cracking or tearing.

Q: Should I have windshield chips repaired a) when they begin to crack b) as soon as possible?

A: Not only do chips compromise your driving view,

they can also become bigger and more costly problems quickly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Special Election
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2
HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitucion que aparecera en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podra obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Davis Receives Appointment

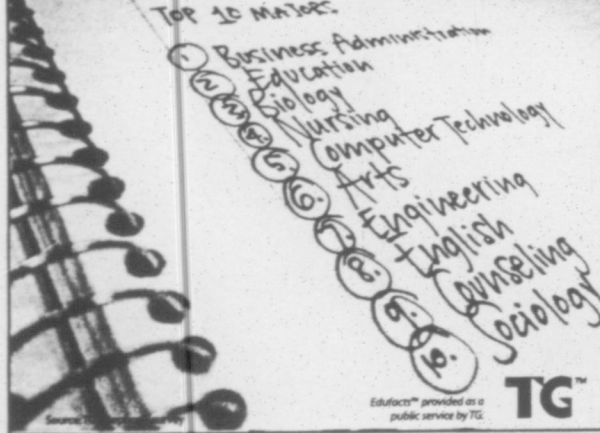
The Institute of Certified Tax Administrators of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers awarded Donita Davis a Certificate of Appointment as a Certified Tax Administrator. The designation was conferred on August 27, 2002 by the action of the ICTA Board of Directors at the TAAO 63rd annual conference.

Donita is a member of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, Texas Association of Assessing Officers, Texas Rural Chief Appraisers Association, Texas School Assessors Association, and The North Plains Regional Chapter, serving on various committees. She began serving the residents of Carson County in December, 1984, serving six years in the Carson County Tax Assessors-Collectors Office. She began at the appraisal office in January, 1999, and became chief appraiser in July, 1992.



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