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Destructive Storm Hits The Town Of McLean

Volunteer Services Respond To The Call

Friday evening brought high winds, heavy rain and lightning to McLean and the surrounding areas.

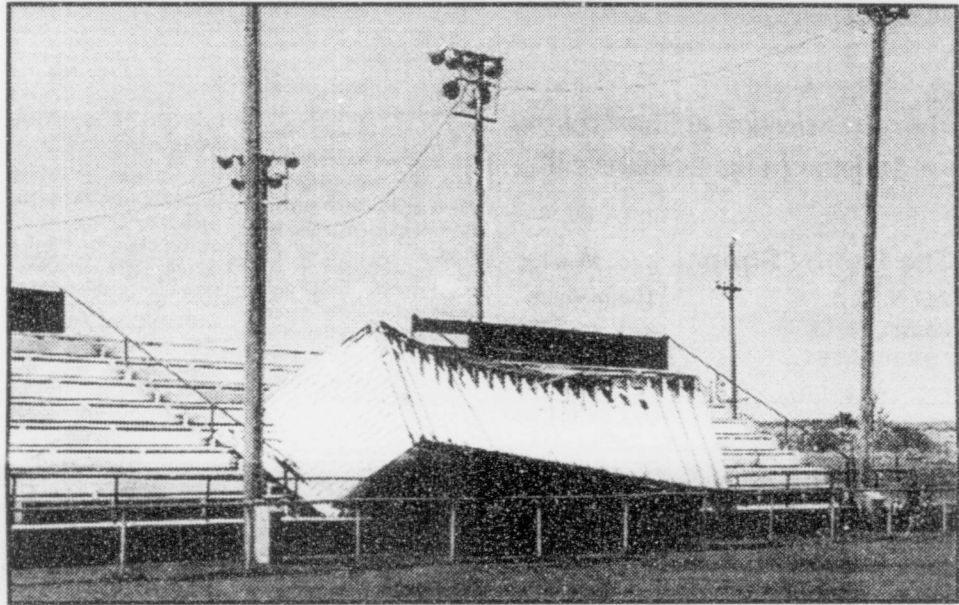
According to the National Weather Service, McLean had wind gusts up to 81 mph. They, also, reported hail up to 3/4 inch in diameter. Local NWS volunteer, Sam Haynes, reported over two inches in less than 45 minutes.

Trees all over town succumbed to the high winds. Three semi-trucks traveling down I-40 turned over. McLean volunteer firemen and the EMS responded to the

accidents. At the same time an electric pole on 5th and Cedar Streets was struck by lightning and some of the volunteer firemen had to respond to that incident.

One home lost a plate glass window. The football field press box was totally destroyed as the high winds carried it to the bottom of the bleachers. Fortunately, the Tiger's football game was in Chillicothe and no one was hurt. Some other homes suffered minor damage.

Forecasters are predicting a hot, dry week for the Texas Panhandle due to Hurricane Katrina.



Duncan Field's press box was totally destroyed after Friday night's storm. The Tiger's first home game will be homecoming and the school hopes to have a new press box at that time.

City Council Answers Questions From Citizens At Public Hearing

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Thursday, August 25th, 2005, in the Library. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Betty Taylor at 6:03 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, and Molly McDowell. Mindy Reeves & Janet Glass were absent.

Others present were city secretary Toni Bohlar, James & Rosa Troy and Zeld McClellan.

Mr. Troy asked if the tax rate was retroactive or if it was for next years taxes. He also asked if the tax increase would be on the bill that he receives in October? The Mayor explained that it would be on that bill, the tax rate increase was for the 2006 budget, but for the tax year of 2005. The Mayor then

gave a little background information explaining that in the year 2000, the tax rate was .45, then in 2001, Wood Group brought in a lot of inventory to their business and the City's valuations rose by \$7 million and the tax rate dropped considerably to .315355 and dropped again in 2002 to .305590, in 2003, Wood Group began decreasing their inventory and the tax rate was .375707, in the year 2004, they decreased it even more and the valuations dropped again and the tax rate rose to .454298, what it was in the year 2000 and then in 2005, the valuations dropped back to where they were in 2000 because of Wood Group moving their business. The city has lost over \$4 million dollars and therefore the tax rate will need to be increased to bring in the revenue that we

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School Board Adopts Tax Rate

The McLean Independent School Board of Trustees met on August 29, 2005 in the Business Office for a special meeting. Those present were board members Billy Bybee, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, David Fuller, Joe Riley, and Chet Bohlar. Marshall Hanes was absent. Others present were Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon; Dick Crockett, Rhonda Patterson, Leslie Darsey and Zeld McClellan.

President, Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Joe Riley gave the opening prayer.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

There were no visitor's comments at this time.

The board discussed at length the 2005-2006

budget for the school. During the course of the discussion, Mrs. McClellan requested that the board consider placing

monies in the budget for a school nurse. She also suggested looking into a grant to fund such a person. The board thanked her for her concern and said that they would look into a grant for the position. Motion by Toni Bohlar and second by Joe Riley to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Billy Bybee moved that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100.00

property valuation. Second by Chet Bohlar. Motion carried.

Board president, Terri Adams then read the following ordinance. "On August 29, 2005, we the Board of Trustees of the McLean Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100.00 valuation for the District for the tax year 2005-2006 at a total tax rate of \$1.50 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and \$0.00

for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District."

The board then made the motion under the recommendation of Superintendent Jimmy Hannon to approve the

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LOCAL REMINDERS

THE TIGERS Take on the Happy Cowboys tonight in Happy at 7:30 p.m.

HOMECOMING is September 16, 2005

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:05 a.m. to 3:17 p.m.

EMAIL YOUR News to jits@centramedia.net.

THE RED Hat Club will meet at the Red River Steak House at 11:30 on September 12, 2005. All ladies are welcome-only requirement is to come and wear a red hat and prepare to have fun.

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McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 1 - Blake Lee, Holly Jasper.
September 2 - Tom Pennington.
September 3 - Odis Calcote, Jeraldine Rodgers, Brandy Rich.
September 4 - Bob McDowell, Candace Shackleford.
September 5 - Frank Simpson, Pat Barker, Brandon Phillips, Cindi Glass.
September 6 - Marshall Hanes, Mark McCarty, Steve Carter, Jan Watts.
September 7 -

Alanreed Receives New Street Names

The Commissioners Court met in regular session at the Courthouse at 205 N. Russell in Pampa, Texas on August 15th, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. with the following officers and members present: Judge Richard D. Peet and Commissioners Joe Wheeley, Gary Willoughby, Gerald Wright, James Hefley

and County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Commissioner Willoughby gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A request was made to change the name of Main Street in Alanreed to Alanreed Avenue. The request was approved. The residents of Main Street in Alanreed have the same zip code as the

residents of Main Street in McLean; this causes a problem for emergency personnel when responding to a 911 call. The addresses will have the same number but a different street name. Gregg Green, representative of PRPC, will meet with the citizens of Alanreed to discuss renaming the remaining

streets.

The motion passed to set the 2006 Sheriff and Constable fees at the same rate as 2005.

Commissioner Willoughby made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Wright. Meeting adjourned.

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"Voluntary compliance is always our goal, but your chance of getting a citation from DPS more than doubles over the holiday weekend," said Col.

Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Driving drunk is a sure way to get a short vacation in jail, not to mention the hassle, embarrassment and costs that go along with DWI convictions."

Last year, DPS made 985 DWI arrests during the Labor Day holiday—59 percent more than the year before. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts 7 of 10 traffic deaths will be alcohol-related during the Labor Day weekend.

DPS supports the Drink. Drive. Go to Jail campaign, a nationwide anti-DWI effort aimed at reducing alcohol-related deaths and injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE—Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.



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Season Looks Promising For The McLean Tigers

The McLean Tigers traveled to Chillicothe last Friday night to take on the Eagles in their first regular game of the season.

The Tiger roster consists of 16 players this year of which only three are seniors. The Tigers will be led by Head Coach, Jack Graves and Athletic Director, Blaze Herring. Both of these men instructed the Tiger team last year.

While the Tigers have many young players, that didn't deflate their confidence as they took on some heavy competition Friday night against Chillicothe. In what was predicted to be a close game, the Tiger team proved to be more than people bargained for as they defeated the Eagles, 52-8.

Zach Richardson led the Tigers in rushing with 114 yards. Serving as quarterback this year, he passed for 55 yards.



The 2005 McLean Tigers gear up for a challenging season.

He had a total of three touchdowns.

Also in rushing were Juniors, Jayme Welch who had 114 yards and Trey Skipper with 110 yards. Welch scored

two touchdowns and Skipper scored one.

Leading receiver for the Tigers this week was Senior, Manden Conklin with 50 yards and a touchdown. Conklin

also ran a kickoff back for 60 yards and a touchdown.

Junior, Seth Childers had two fumble recoveries for the team, one of which he ran back 30 yards for a

touchdown.

The Tigers will head off to Happy, Texas tonight to take on the Cowboys. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Next week, the Tigers will be

back on a regular Friday night schedule when they travel to Hedley to take on the Owls. The first home game of the season will be against Holy Cross. This game will also be Homecoming.

Back To School Lunch Box Ideas That Make The Grade With Your Kids

Snacks can serve as minimeals—delivering important nutrients that help students make it through a busy school day. They can also add an element of fun to school lunches when paired with the right sandwich. Did you know that 51

percent of potato chips are eaten with a meal?

To help make school lunches tastier and more fun, try these additional snack-making ideas.

• When making a sandwich, add a crunchy element.

• Use low-fat mayonnaise to cut calories. Kids don't usually taste the difference.

• Round the meal out with fresh fruit or vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks or some pickles.

• Add a snack for later.

• Peanuts or other nuts make a really nutritious addition to a lunch box. Recent studies indicate that regular consumption of nuts and peanuts are healthy for your heart.

• Pretzels are another great snack. The enriched flour found in many pretzels contains folic acid, a form of folate.

More than just a "fun food," snacks can add nutrition to a diet balanced with daily activity and exercise.

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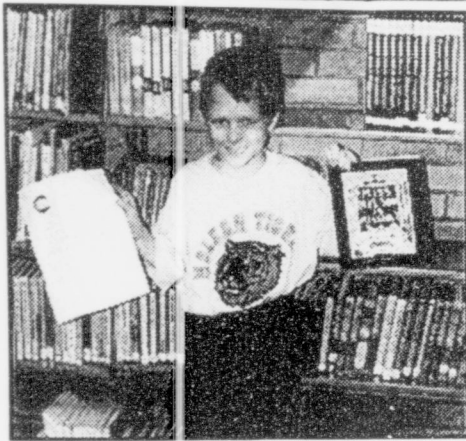
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Beat The Cowboys



Daniel Wells Awarded \$50.00 Savings Bond For Reading The Most Books At The Library

The Lovett Memorial Library was awarded a Tocker Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,191.00

The money will be used for a new circulation desk and storage. \$5000.00 will go to purchase nonfiction books. The Tocker foundation funds libraries that serve a population under 12,000.

Daniel Wells was awarded a \$50.00 savings bond from the Bank of Commerce and a book

from the Scholastic donation for reading the most books this summer during the Summer Reading Program.

Other top readers in the Summer Reading Program will be allowed to choose a book that was donated from Scholastic. The kids are as follows: Jacob Azzazi, Cody Azzazi, Zachary Azzazi, Jacie Ketcherside, Kirstie Perkins, Kaleb Perkins, Hailey Hutchison, Daniel Hutchison and Braden Hambright

Open House At M.I.S.D. Kicks Off School Year

An Open House was held last Thursday night at McLean I.S.D. to welcome in the new school year.

Some changes have taken place this year. Two classes are new in the Elementary/Jr. High building. The eighth grade class has been moved back from the high school. In addition to that class, a Pre-kindergarten class has been added to McLean.

New teachers for the Elementary/Jr. High are Misty Hannon, who is teaching seventh grade and Erin Shaw, who is teaching eighth grade.

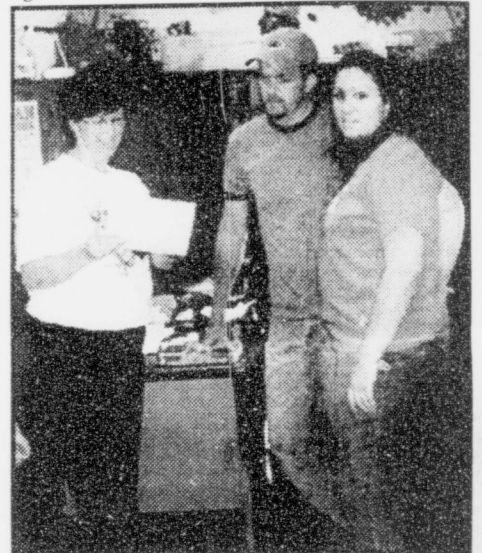
The high school has also had some changes this year. Rhonda Patterson is serving in the high school principal position as Blaze Herring has chosen to go back to coaching. Also added to the high school are teachers Gene Gee, who is teaching Science and Benji Hausen, who is coaching girl's basketball



Melissa Jones sells t-shirts during Open House to raise money for the annual and to support the Tiger and Lady Tiger teams.

and P.E.

Several booths were set up in the school cafeteria for extra-curricular activities. The PTO also served punch and cookies to visitors.



Third grade teacher, Sandi McLain shows parents, Christie and Clay Reynolds some of the things the students will be doing this year at school.

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Council

have been receiving in taxes. The Mayor gave some examples of the increase that the Council is proposing of 629428: for a house valued at \$25,000 the taxes will be raised by approximately \$43.29 for a house valued at \$50,000, the increase will be \$87.56 and for a house valued at \$75,000, the increase will be \$131.35.

Mr. Troy asked if the taxes were figured or projected for what the expenses would be in the budget. The Mayor explained that the figures we get are from the Gray County Tax Assessor and the actual rate is figured at what it would take to bring in the same amount of money that was taken in

last year in accordance with what our valuations are this year and then the Council has to take in consideration the needs of the city. Mr. Troy then asked if the tax rate increase ties in with the natural gas prices. The Mayor answered that the tax rate isn't influenced by the natural gas prices.

Mr. Troy then wanted to know if the tax rate increase affects other city items like trash or sewer? The Mayor explained that the ad-valorem tax rates go into the General Fund that takes care of the streets, landfill and garbage. He said that the City has two main funds - one is the General Fund and the other is the Water, Sewer and

Gas Fund. The Water, Sewer and Gas Fund is where the income from the water sewer and gas goes and that money can only be used to maintain the water, sewer and gas and to pay the annual bond payment of \$50,000.00 and cannot be used for other items like garbage, streets etc. Money can be transferred into that account but not out of that account. Income from the garbage, ad-valorem taxes and landfill go into the General Fund. The Mayor said that there may be increases in other areas like the water, sewer or gas in the future to help offset the climbing costs.

Motion by Teresa Simmons, seconded by Molly McDowell to vote on

the adopted tax rate at the regular meeting, September 12th, 2005. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

School

budget amendments necessary for the 2004-

2005 school year. Motion by David Fuller, Seconded by Toni Bohlar. Motion carried.

Toni Bohlar made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Second by David Fuller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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McLean ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 19, 2005 in the superintendent's office located in the Business office at 4th and Rowe, McLean, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss McLean ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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The Carson County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on **September 14, 2005 at 6:30 PM**
 A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is **\$298,232.00**

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is **\$20,365.00**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be: **4 (full-time equivalent)**

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is: **4 (full-time equivalent)**

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxingunits served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget would take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. The proposed budget may also be viewed at the appraisal district office.

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Thursday, September 1, 2005

White Deer Commissioner Howell Is Lone Voice Against County's Proposed Tax Rate

The Carson County Commissioners met in regular session last week. Attending were Carson County Judge Lewis Powers, and Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes from the August 8th meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made to pay all claims including the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Welch State Bank.

Three requests for line-item transfers were submitted to the court. Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor/Collector asked the court to transfer \$437.00 from Data Processing to Subprocessors. Celeste Bichsel, County and District Clerk asked the court to transfer \$400.00 from Office Supplies to Conference and Education. Jackie West, Auditor asked the court to transfer \$532.00 from

Computer Related to Conference and Education. The line item transfers were approved.

Jeannie Cunningham, Treasurer asked the court to acknowledge 22.25 Continuing Education Units. Nine of the hours were on the Retirement System and thirteen and one quarter at the Post Legislative Conference. Judge Powers made a motion to acknowledge. The motion carried.

The court discussed the lease purchase agreement for a Volvo G726 Motor Grader from Precinct #3. Commissioner Britten made a motion to approve the contract.

Judge Powers asked the court to allow him to send the surplus equipment the County has accumulated to auction. The measure was approved.

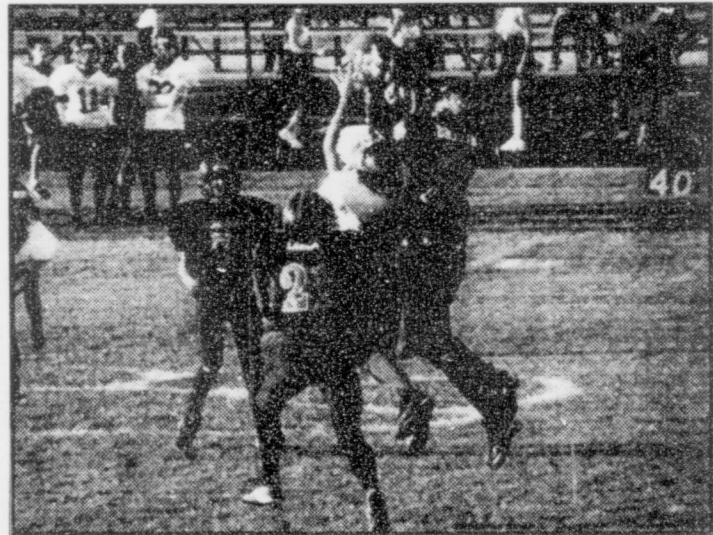
The court entered into a discussion on the 2005-2006 Budget. Commissioner Strawn

made a motion to adopt the Budget with a new line-item to assist White Deer, Panhandle and Groom EMS Services, equally. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion. Powers, Britten, Strawn, and Ware voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Howell was against.

Commissioner Strawn made a motion to set a proposed Tax Rate of 7.5%. Commissioner Britten seconded. In favor were: Judge Powers, Commissioner Ware, Commissioner Strawn and Commissioner Britten. Against was Commissioner Howell.

The court discussed setting a date for a public hearing on the tax rate increase. The date was set for August 31, 2005 from 9:00 am to 10:00a.m.

The court set a second public hearing on the tax increase on September 6, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to See COURT, pg. 3



No. 20 Blaine Britten, intercepts a Longhorn pass in the season opener held on Saturday. No. 7 Blake Galyean and No. 21 Anthony Luna assist with some blocking.

Tigers Lasso Longhorns In Season's Kick-Off

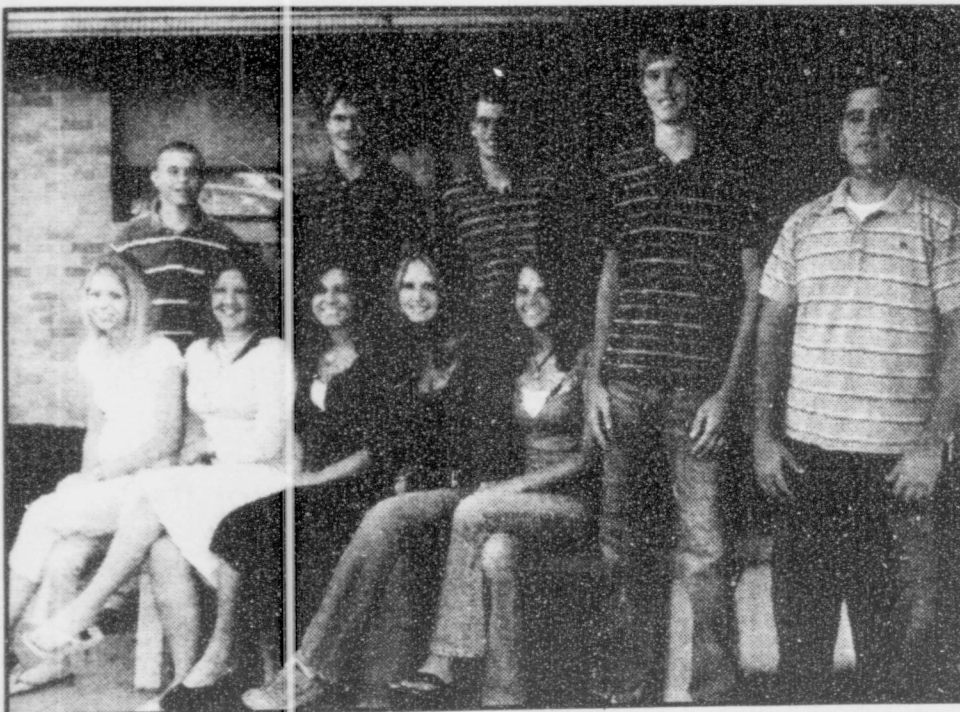
The Groom Tigers opened the season Saturday afternoon by running over Lazbuddie 34-8. The game was called with 5 minutes left in the last quarter after a player for the Longhorns

broke his leg. The outcome of the game was not in question and the officials and coaches felt that it was important to let the game be over. Also there was a question about having back up for the ambulance. According to

Coach Galyean, the boy required surgery but is recovering nicely.

The Tigers gained 353 yards in total offense. Head Coach Galyean could not have been happier with the teams

See LAZBUDDIE, pg. 4



Groom Homecoming Candidates have been selected! Coronation is planned for Thursday, September 8th, in the auditorium. Our candidates are (back) Kade Brown, Chad Barkley, Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley, Javier Caro, (front) Sharri Britten Brittany Kuehler, Brandi Bates, Kyra Stevens, and Kacie Galyean. Watch The Groom News for more on Homecoming activities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

IT WILL SOON BE HOMECOMING!

Groom Student Council members are busy planning Homecoming activities for the week of September 5-9th. The following activities have been tentatively scheduled. Be sure to check with the school for late breaking changes!

Mon. - Mud Football, check for time and place.

Tues. - Mr. GHS, 7:00 Auditorium

Wed. - Flick on the Field - 8:30-9:00 (depends on weather and Church activities).

Thur. - Coronation and Bonfire begin around 8:45 or as soon as the JR. High get home.

Fri - Homecoming

LABOR DAY will be celebrated on September 5th.

PATRIOT'S DAY is Sunday, September 11th.

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CARD OF THANKS

We are blessed to have so many wonderful friends who have provided food for our bodies, flowers to

remind us that to everything there is a season and comfort for our spirits with the many visits, cards, phone calls and most importantly prayers during this time of sorrow. Our sincerest thanks for the many acts of kindness you have shown our father during his illness and our family as we go on without him.

The Family of Al Homer

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 - Barbara Homer, Vernon and Virginia Baggerman (A).

September 2 - Mrs. Jack Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A).

September 3 - Mrs. T.C. Sustaire, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Britten (A).

September 4 - Judy Ruthardt, Jamie Shuck, Mrs. Dean Burger, Douglas Fields, Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Burk (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool (A).

September 5 - Ray Pool, Trenton Charles Fields.

September 6 - Bill Pavlovsky, Mrs. R.J. Kempf, Megan Bivens, Britney Evenson.

September 7 - Mrs. David Britten, Brady Painter, Lane Thompson.

Keep America Beautiful Begins At Home on Texas Highways

A local farmer wanted to "ditto" something he read in another paper in the area. Not having permission from the person who wrote the editorial or any way to get

in touch with them The Groom News will paraphrase what they said...

SOMETHING ALL OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE IN COMMON

America is such a beautiful country, but why do we forget that mother nature needs all of our help to keep her that way. For some reason, people seem to think that the windows of our cars should be used to dispose of trash that we accumulate in our vehicle.

This person keeps a certain area of the highway maintained as a service. He picks up trash

before he mows so that it will be nice and clean. Before he can go home and get back with his mower, there are already bottles, cans and paper thrown out.

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The highways belong to us all and it's everyone's duty to keep them clean!

NOTICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S REPORT

To Those who have been asking about the lack of a Sheriff's Report for the past several weeks. Sheriff Tam Terry stated that he will soon resume the report, but he has been extremely busy.

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Notice of Public Meeting

Groom ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. September 13, 2005 in the Groom ISD Board Room 304 West 3rd Street Groom, Texas

The purpose is to discuss the Superior Rating earned by Groom ISD on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas for the 2003-2004 school year.

(The Groom ISD Regular Monthly Board Meeting will follow this meeting)

Groom EDC Looking For A Few Good Citizens

The Groom Economic Development Corporation is looking for a few good civic minded people who are interested in working for the betterment of Groom ISD. This is a group who works to find ways to keep improving Groom and encouraging people to be a part of our community. The activities of the

organization include providing money for business exploration, home buyers assistance, business loans and much more. GEDC is funded by sales tax money and falls under the open government rule of law.

Several seats on the board of GEDC will be open soon. Terms are for two years. If you would like to serve or would like

more information about the work the GEDC does, contact the City Hall or Joe Rae Richardson, the current president. The City Council appoints the members and oversees the disposition of funds for the organization. Call Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary to add your name to the list for consideration.

Court

10:00 a.m.
The court will adopt a new tax rate during the Regular Session of the Commissioner's Court on September 12, 2005.

Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor Collector asked the court to consider a \$200 00 bid on Lots 1 & 2 Blk 17, Original Town of

Skellytown by Geraldine Christian. The bid was approved, unanimously.

Court was adjourned until August 31.

War Memorial To Celebrate 60th Anniversary of World War II End

In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the signing in Japan of the documents that ended World War II on September 2, 1945, the Carson County Historical Commission and the Square House Museum are sponsoring a program Friday, September 2, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conway Community Church on the museum grounds, 5th and Elsie Streets in Panhandle.

World War II veterans and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Those who perished in the war will be remembered. The Carson County War Memorial Building in Panhandle was built with private funds after the war

and dedicated September 22, 1950. World War II service persons who died in the war are listed on a large plaque in the building. Living world War II veterans will be introduced. The Rev. Bill Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Panhandle, will lead a prayer service. County officials will participate.

The Texas Historical

Commission is hosting a state wide commemoration with a program on the south lawn of the State Capitol in Austin with speeches, marker dedications, and a World War II vintage aircraft fly-over at 9:00 a.m., September 2. All counties throughout Texas are asked to plan ceremonies locally.

Clarendon Church To Hold BBQ

Established in 1890, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon announces the next annual St. Mary's Day Bar-B-Que. Sunday, September 11th, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event will be at the Lions Club, 4th and Sully Streets. Chef's Roy Bertrand and Sam Shelly will be preparing pork ribs & beef with all the trimmings,

including deserts and refreshments. Adults just \$7.00 and children under 12 just \$4.00.

While there, please visit our Country Store and enjoy the other events including the Ladies Alter Society Quilt Raffle and a special event where some lucky person will win an antique 59 year old WWII Russian rifle.



A new Groom Day event that was a lot of fun for our youngsters was the "Food Fight"! Pictured is a messy but happy group of kids. The younger group ran off before they could get their picture made!

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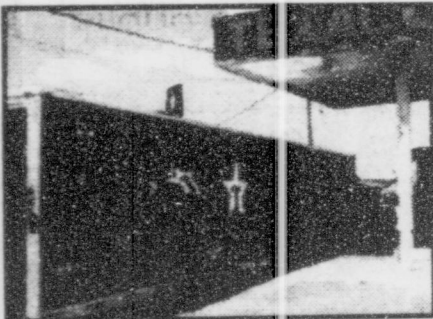
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Lazbuddie

performance for the first game.

"We have been steadily improving over the scrimmages, we are certainly not perfect but I am thrilled with the progress," he said. "We are playing with more aggressiveness and at a

higher level of intensity. We are moving the ball with more consistency down the field."

Thane Barkley, returning for this second year as quarter back, threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns. T.J. Moraniec and Blaine Britten were Barkley's favorite targets completing 16 of 35 passes. Moraniec caught one for a touchdown and gained 25 yards to put the Tigers on the winning path in the first quarter. Thane Barkley also ran in a TD for 9 yards in the 1st quarter.

Britten snagged 9 catches for a gain of 98 yards including a 9 yard pass from Thane in the 2nd quarter. Thane Barkley ran in a touchdown from 11 yards out to help end the quarter 28 - 0.

Lazbuddie scored their only touchdown in the 3rd quarter on a 59 yard pass completion from Steve Pacheco to Jesse Gomez.

Chard Barkley earned a 50 yard scramble for a touchdown in the 4th quarter.

Lazbuddie had 151 yards of offense but only three first downs compared to Groom's 12

first downs and 353 yards.

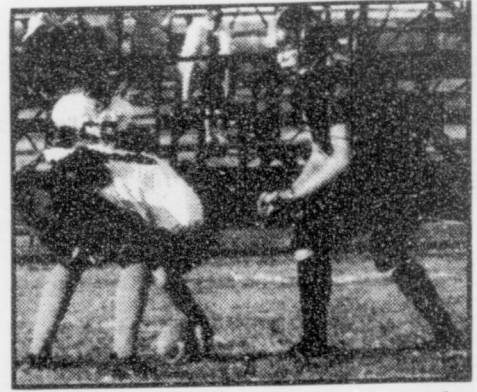
This week the Tigers will travel to Amarillo on Friday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. to play the Holy Cross Mustangs. The Mustangs have seven lettermen, four offensive and three defensive starters. Quarterback Steve Zollar will be a player to watch this week along with Adam Ramos, center and Diego Ruiz, tackle.

Coaches from Holy

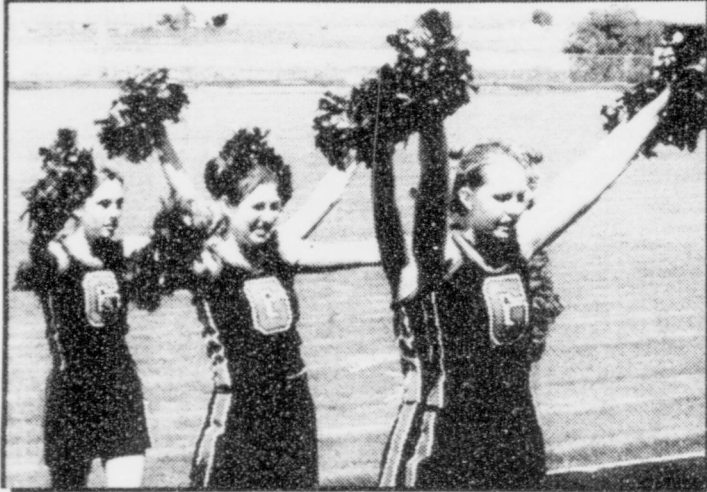
Cross say "Without much size, the Mustangs want to try to spread defenses out and create space in the open field."

Sophomore Matthew Rosas, who is playing quarterback for the first time must have a couple of young receivers step up to the forefront to have success.

The Mustangs are a very young team to host Groom Friday night. It is their first game of the season.



Groom's defense was one of the keys to keeping the Longhorns to 8 points.



Looking spiffy in their new uniforms are cheerleaders Kyra Stevens, Michaela Roskens and Katie-Lane Thompson.



GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of September 5th through September 9th.

Breakfast:

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

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

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

Friday: donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice &

milk.

Lunch:

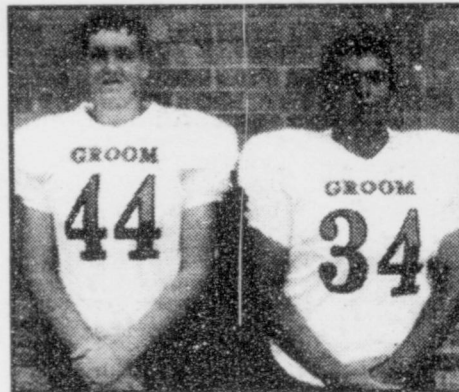
Monday: No School.
Tuesday: steak fingers, french fries, pineapple, Texas toast & milk.

Wednesday: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate cake & milk.

Thursday: Frito pie, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers & milk.

Friday: pizza, salad, fruit cocktail, crackers & milk.

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Mountain Trek Inspires Groom Man

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Travis Britten began an adventure of a lifetime last spring to hike the Appalachian Trail. He is almost at the end of the trail and his family is traveling to meet him in Millinocket, Maine. He should be in Baxter State Park on Friday or Saturday for the final climb up Mt. Katahdin. There are no roads near the top, so he will climb up 7 miles, spend a little time and then head down. His parents, sister and brother will drive as close as they can go to the top of Mt. Katahdin on Saturday, the 3rd and hopefully pick him up that day after he finishes his hike.

Travis has learned to appreciate a lot of things in his journey. His parents have decided to share excerpts from a personal letter that they received on August 6, 2005, here goes-

"As I feel myself nearing the end of my journey, I start to feel the need to slow down - to hold on to every moment - every second of every day. I feel the end of a wonderful trek, the end of living where I feel accepted - as I may have never been accepted - as an equal. It has felt so at home here on the trail. But it can be a lonely home, since you're not here with me physically. You are here in my heart and in my thoughts.

I have seen this side of the



world as so few people have - through the eyes of a man living a simple, basic life. I am so fortunate to have had this opportunity to make this journey to have such a life changing, inspiring trip. There have been things on this trip that I have seen, emotions I have felt, and hard times I have gone through that I will never be able to fully put into words powerful enough to make you understand exactly what I mean. There are events which have happened that

after time, and a gentle nudging of the memory muscles I'll be able to talk about, but only time will tell. The trail may be getting harder with its steeper climbs and "chunkier" terrain, but that is only natural, for if you want bigger and better things in life, you must only work harder to achieve them. A wonderful view is not as rewarding when the way to the top is but an easy journey. Easy may be nice, but it never

has the rewarding feeling that harder work brings about.

The ending to this trail is not only an ending to my trip, but a major chapter of my life. It is an ending to a journey with friends, but a beginning of life-long friendships. It is an end of a hard road, but the start of gentle path to fond memories. It is the end of the Appalachian Trail which I will forever feel a deep, emotional attachment to and the beginning of several trips to come. As when we would

begin the descent into town and the forest would seem to grow greener and feel even more vibrant in color and smell, beckoning us not to leave it's beauty, the trail and it's mountains beckon me now.

So, I will slow my pace to meet my friends I've made. I will slow myself and allow my eyes, ears, and nostrils to be filled to their extremes with nature. I will make the most of this trip, because I will never know if it will be my last. As much as I am ready to see you all again and to be home with

you as soon as possible, I know I must savor these moments and these views because I don't know what tomorrow has in store. I will return all in good time to you, my family, to the ones I love and cherish. I thank you all for

your encouragement and support. Your words fill my heart and feed my soul and body the fuel they need to push on, day after day. Know that I appreciate everything - however big or small - and that it will never be forgotten. Wherever this world takes me, you will follow in my heart and mind. I love you guys. I love you with all my heart and I thank God daily for giving me a family like you have been. I am so lucky, and so thankful that I have you. Thank you for bringing me into this world, for giving me love and compassion when it was needed, and being a friend when you were needed. You all are the best. Love you with all my heart and soul."

Travis Britten

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District Attorney Plea Bargains 14 Cases In Judge McCoy's Court

Carson County District Court was held on August 22, 2005 with the Honorable David M. McCoy on the Bench.

Cause # 3355: Heath Allan Keeton pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony possession of a controlled substance on August 16, 2004. In his plea bargain, he was given 6 years deferred adjudication, a \$2,000.00 and waives all rights to a new trial and appeals. He was also ordered to pay \$318.50 in court costs and \$140.00 to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Cause # 3375: Steven Paul Todd pled guilty to a 2nd degree felony possession of a controlled substance on August 8, 2004. His plea bargain included 7 years deferred adjudication, a \$4,000 fine and he will waive all rights to appeals and a new trial. This charge will also run concurrent with Cause # 3376 in which he pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of possession of marijuana. He will receive 5 years deferred adjudication. In both instances he is ordered to pay court costs

of \$318.50 and restitution to DPS in the amount of \$140.00.

Cause No. 3390: Rafael Santoya, Jr. pled guilty to a 1st degree felony of possession of a controlled substance on September 11, 2004. He was sentenced to 7 years deferred adjudication and fined \$1,000. He was ordered to pay \$318.50 court costs and restitution to the State of Texas Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$140.00.

Cause No. 3393: James E. Butler pled

guilty to a state jail felony for burglary of a building. He was sentenced to a two year state jail felony adjudication deferred to 3 years, and a \$1500 fine. He also loses his right to an appeal. He will also pay \$318.50 in court costs.

Cause No. 3407: Bennie Arik Counts pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of Driving While Intoxicated committed on January 25, 2005. His plea bargain includes 5 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, probated to 5 years, a \$2,500.00 fine, suspension of his drivers

license for 2 years and 10 days in the Carson County jail and \$318.50 in Court costs.

Cause No. 3414: Sigmund Valentine pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of possession of marijuana on October 12, 2004. He was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication, ordered to pay \$3,000 and required to pay \$318.50 in court costs and \$140 in DPS restitution.

Cause No. 3415 Rufus Jones was convicted of a 3rd degree felony by pleading guilty to possession of marijuana on October 12, 2004. The sentence included 5 years deferred adjudication and a \$3,000 fine.

Cause No. 3461 Rhonda Lee Marsh pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of possession of a controlled substance on Feb 22, 2005. Terms of her plea bargain include 5 years deferred adjudication, a \$2,000 fine, \$318.50 court costs and \$140.00 in DPS restitution.

Cause No. 3462 Erick Dwayne Mulberry pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony for possession of a controlled substance on February 22, 2005. Mulberry was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication along with fines of \$2,000, \$318.50 court costs and \$140.00 in DPS restitution.

Cause No 3463 Tommy Dale Rosenbalm plead guilty to a state jail felony of possession of marijuana on August 18, 2005. His plea bargain included a 2

year state jail felony adjudication deferred for 2 years, \$2400 in fines, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140.00 to DPS in restitution.

Cause No. 3464 Dimarie Dixon Gilcrest plead guilty to a State Jail Felony of possession of Marijuana on August 20, 2005. Sentencing includes 2 years deferred adjudication and a \$2,400 fine, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140 in DPS restitution.

Cause No. 3465 Ralph J. Barnes pled guilty to a state jail felony charge of possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 2 years deferred adjudication, \$2400 in fines, \$318.30 in court costs and \$140 in DPS restitution.

Cause No 3466 - Freddie Allen McBee pled guilty to a state jail felony charge of possession of marijuana on August 18, 2005. He was sentenced to 2 years deferred adjudication, \$2400 in fines, \$318.30 in court costs and \$140 in DPS restitution.

Cause No. 3467 - Clayburn Ganit pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony for possession of marijuana on August 4, 2005. He was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication and ordered to pay \$3,000 in fines, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140 in DPS restitution.

CHAUTAUQUA 2005



Fun Run / Walk • 5K Run

Where: Central Park - Pampa, Texas
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When: September 5, 2005

- Registration Bay of Race beginning at 7:00 am
- Fun Run/Walk (one mile) begins at 8:00 am
- 5K Run begins at 8:20 am

Entry Fees: Register Bay of Race

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ENTRY FORM

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