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Harvest Coronation & Costume Contest Big Hit



Jennifer Smith and Sonny Northcutt are crowned Harvest Oueen and King

McLean was treated to the annual Harvest Coronation, goodie auction and Halloween Costume

McLean Reminder

PROJECT GRADUATION will be hosting a bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 9-5 at the old gym. There are still booths available. For more information, contact Rhonda Sparling or Brenda Wallis.

Precinct 4 will be voting at Zelda McClellan's home on November 5.

TIGERS PLAY their final game in Groom November 7. Kickoff is at 7:30.

THE WO-MAN pageant is coming up on November 9 at 7 p.m.

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

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.

Contest Monday night.
There was fun for everyone.
The evening began with the costume contest. The children competed in four age groups. Pre-kindergarten went first.

There were three winners. Third place went to Autumn Byron dressed as a puppy, second place was Jacey Steel as a cheerleader.

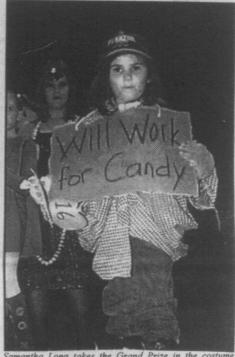
and first place went to Samantha Long dressed as a bum. In the Kindergarten through second grade division there were two awards. Second place went to Braxton Cooper as an alien and first place to Cody Crockett as a rodeo clown In the Third grade through fifth grade, K. J. Averett took second place as a witch and Britnie Cooper received first place as Pippi Longstockings. In the sixth and seventh grade division second place went to Kristen Ellis as Scream and Tammy Syfrett took first place as a flapper. The all around Grand Prize went to Samantha Long as a burn carrying a sign "Will work for Candy."

The second event of the program was the goodie auction. The Eighth through twelfth grades brought baked goods to be auctioned off. The proceeds of the auction go to the classes. The representatives of the

class who makes the most money during the auction becomes the Harvest King and Queen. This year as in most years the Senior Class won. The Seniors made over \$500. For their class. The money will be used for graduation expenses, the end of the year trip and a memory video.

After the auction the final event of the evening was the Harvest Coronation. The class representatives were: Kindergarten-Camrynn Richardson and Daniel Hutchinson, First Grade- Ethan Smith and Jacie Ketcherside, Second Grade-Candace Shackleford and Jack Odom: Third Grade- Rudy Rodriguez and Demis Rodriguez, Fourth Grade- Ashley Byron and Zach Seymour, Fifth Grade-Hogan Ketcherside and Jessi Sixth grade-DaShae Tolleson and Trent Darsey, Seventh Grade-Kristen Odom and D.J.

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Samantha Long takes the Grand Prize in the costume contest with her Bum costume. Samantha is the daughter of Robert and Shelly Long. Tammy Syfrett looks on.

Farmer Hired For Special Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the McLean Board of Education October 21,2002.

The McLean
Independent School District
Board of Education met for
a regular meeting at 7:00
p.m. on October 21, 2002.
Board members present
were Toni Bohlar, Mike
Darsey, Joe Riley, and
Ronnie Ferguson.
Appointees Billy Bybee and
Bobby Richardson were
present. Others present were
Superintendent, Bob
Downs, Leslie Darsey,
Secretary, Margaret Milam,
Eric Smith, Dick Crockett,
Bill Layman, and Mindy

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Board President, Joe Riley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Mike

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Mike Darsey to. approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 16, 2002. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Ronnie Ferguson to accept the resignation of Board Member, Neal Odom. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Two newly appointed Board Members were sworn in. Billy Bybee and Bobby Richardson signed the Oath of Office and Statement of Appointed Officer, notarized by Margaret Milam. The Board expressed appreciation to these gentlemen for their willingness to step in and help, in continuing the best possible education for the students.

Heather Azazzi was on the agenda to speak the Board, but she was not present for the meeting.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Mike Darsey to nominate Sam Haynes to the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carrie

Motion by Mike Darsey, second by Toni Bohlar to pass a resolution casting votes for Sam Haynes as the Board member for the Gray County Appraisal District. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Darsey, second by Ronnie Ferguson to approve the Tax Roll for 2002, with an Actual Tax Levy of \$1,567,305.06. The Board had some questions about how some of the figures were derived. Mr. Downs will contact Sammie Morris regarding those. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronnie Ferguson, second by Toni Bohlar to hire Dane Farmer as a full time Special Ed teacher at the rate according to the State salary scale. She will begin work on November 4, 2002, to serve a handicapped child for '/2 of the day, and the other '/2 of the day will be used to help other kids as needed. Motion carried.

Mr. Layman addressed the Board with a report of his findings on how other area Ag Teachers/FFA Sponsors are compensated. Mr. Layman has a 11-month contract, requiring 20 work days in the summer. He uses his own personal vehicle for school functions and is reimbursed at .28 cents per mile. Mr. Layman explained how he spends lots of extra hours, (approximately 500) in addition to his regular school day to help his Ag/FFA students on

projects. Mr. Layman's request was for the Board to consider paying a \$500.00 stipend for FFA Sponsor. He only thought it fair, since other Sponsors were receiving such stipends for various programs.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Ronnie Ferguson to pay the \$500.00 stipend to Mr. Layman for being the FFA Sponsor for 2002-03. All stipends are paid in June. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Darsey, second by Ronnie Ferguson to raise Clay Cooper's regular salary to \$16,188.00, as per Mr. Downs recommendation. Motion carried.

Mr. Downs gave the Board a report on the Black Activity Bus, which had broken down recently while returning from a football game. A belt had come of the air compressor, and the compressor had come loose. It is leaking oil too, but it was towed in and will not be used until the funding is available to have the costly repairs done. There is another Activity bus that will be used, which is in good shape.

good shape.

Mr. Downs had visited with Walt Wesley of W.D. Wesley Co. Mr. Wesley explained how the energy savings program was put in place to cut down on the cost of utilities for the school. McLean ISD had

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SCHOOL BOARD

Other business consisted of signing the tax roll and a teacher contract. Joe Rilev shared a story from the October 18th edition of the Amarillo Globe News, which had a write up about Groom ISD receiving the Gold Performance Award from TEA for 5 outstanding achievements, but McLean was also one of the few other schools of Texas to receive this award. McLean ISD was acknowledged for Gold Performance in 4 areas-Attendance Rate, Algebra I Exam Results, Advanced Academic Course Completion, and Recommended High School Program Participation. The Board commended the Administrators on this great accomplishment, and the teachers were to be commended also.

Bobby Richardson inquired about the old

outstanding Cafeteria lunch bill debt and Mr. Downs reported that some are paying along, but it has not been pursued very hard.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. by Toni Bohlar, second by Mike Darsey. Motion carried.

entered into a 10-yr contract with W.D. Wesley. Mr. Downs checked the past utility bills, and found that

they had decreased since the contract began. The Board is still concerned about whether the school is really saving money on this plan. They have asked Mr. Downs to contact the lawyer over this debate. He will also contact other schools to see what they may be spending on utilities for buildings of approximately the same size.

Mr. Downs had enclosed a copy of other area school's tax rates, and he stated that eventually all schools would be at the \$1.50 limit. One Board member spoke up and wanted to know what it would take for the state to reconsider school funding, in order to help out the rural schools. Mr. Downs commented that it would take local people getting MAD and making their concerns known in Austin.

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Mr. Downs reported a
balance in the General
Operating account of
\$150,000.00; a balance of
\$300,000.00 in CD's, with
approximately \$23,000.00
worth of checks to be signed
for current expenditures,
leaving an operating balance
of \$425,000.00. Monthly

payroll runs about \$90,000.00, and most startup cost has already been expended. He has a very good outlook on Finances, as the tax collections are already beginning to trickle

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Billy Bybee to approve Financial Reports A, B, and C. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Darsey, second by Ronnie Ferguson to approve to pay September bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried

You are invited to the AnnualElection Day Turkey Dinner at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 5 from 11-1:30.
\$6 per plate.

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Anderson, Ninth gradeConnie Vega and Manden
Conklin, Tenth GradeCrystal Raines and Mitchell
Stewart, Eleventh GradeJaci Grigsby and Dusty
Moody, Twelfth GradeSonny Northcutt and
Jennifer Smith

Sonny and Jennifer were presented with the crown by Kindergartners Camrynn Richardson and Daniel Hutchinson Sonny placed the crown on Jennifer's head. Sonny and Jennifer were also their classes representatives when they were in Kindergarten.

Troopers Stay Busy

A traffic accident on I-40 rerouted interstate traffic through McLean in the early hours on Thursday.

On October 24 at 3:00 a.m. a 1999 truck tractor driven by Shewinder Singh of California capsized on the 144 overpass blocking traffic. Mr. Singh was pulling a 2001 utility trailer full of Pedialite. He was traveling west bound in the right lane, 3/10 of a mile from McLean when he lost control of his vehicle. His rig spun counter clock wise and landed on it's side. The cargo had to be unloaded by hand taking several hours.

Also in October there were two drug busts in Gray County along I-40.

On October 18, at 4:48 p.m. Brook Quinn Jackson, 26, of Tempe Arizona and Benjamin John Billiet, 25, of Portland, Oregon, were stopped in a 2003 Buick Century 7.5 lb. of marijuana with a street value of \$5,000 was found hidden in luggage.

on October 25, at 10:00
p.m., Darrell Dawane
Harris, 22, of Los Angeles,
California and Lakeya
Keylana Toyner, 22, of
Hawthorne, California were
stopped in a 1995 Honda
Civic four door. 1/2 lb. of
marijuana with a street value

of \$800. was found in a duffle bag in the trunk of the

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Students of the Week for October 21 - October 25: Kindergarten-Jared McClellan; I Grade-Cody Azzazi; 2nd Grade-Miranda McMordie; 3nd Grade-Kelby McClellan; 4nd Grade-Ashley Byron; 5nd Grade-Lyndsey Ellis; 6nd Grade-Nikki Alvarez; 7nd Grade-Kristen Ellis

HELLO FRIENDS FROM MINNIE ERWIN FROM NEW MEXICO pain after recovery. I would appreciate your prayers. Other than this, I am doing quite well. I

miss my friends and family there in McLean but this is the way it has to be. Until next time, bye.

On October 23, I had shoulder surgery to repair a problem. I had been having awful pain for some time. Everything went well with the surgery, and

well with the surgery, and now I'm home recovering with home health and my three girls taking care of me. I'm looking forward to not having any more

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

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

October 29 - Denver Marsh.

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



Third Grade Plans Veteran's Program

Students in Mrs. Watkins Third Grade through Seventh Grade Choir will present a Veteran's Program on Monday, November 11, at 2:30 P.M. in the high school auditorium.

The program will feature two choirs made up of third and fourth graders and fifth, sixth, and seventh graders.

This salute to our Veterans has been a long standing tradition for the music department at the McLean Elementary and Junior High School and is always a real treat. The children work hard getting ready for their performance and it shows.



Students of the Week for October 14 - October 18: Kindergarten-Julia Jones; 1st Grade-Ian McMordie; 2nd Grade-Cassondra Ingles; 3rd Grade-Tori Bybee; 4th Grade-Nicole McClendon; 5th Grade-Zachary Odom; 6th Grade-Tammy Syfrett; 7th Grade-

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right away in the first grounding call and the after being injured.

Warriors had to kick away but the Tigers were not able to come away with a TD. They had several good plays Nick Jones and Trent Cadra played well on defense, and Dusty Moody, James Alexander and Bron Bohlar played well on offense with Josh Seymour leading them. Nick Jones was able to block an extra point kick in the second half but the team only came away with one The Warriors scored TD by a pass from Josh Seymour James quarter starting the game Alexander in the end zone. It with an 8-0 score. Trent was good to see Drew Cadra forced an intentional Barker back on the field

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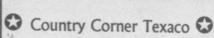
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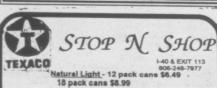
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Community Calendar

GROOM JUNIOR High plays the Higgins Coyotes Thursday, October 31. Kickoff is at 5:00 p.m.

DON'T FORGET the Annual White Deer Polish Sausage Festival on Sunday, November 3. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

ALPHA MU Xi wiil host a Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner on November 4 at the Community Center at noon. Please plan on attending.

BASKETBALL SEASON begins for the Ettes on November 5 with a scrimmage here against Wellington.

NOVEMBER 4-8 is Big Brother-Little Sister week at Groom High School. The National Honor Society will host the week long event.

NOVEMBER 8 is the end of the second six weeks. Students at Groom School should be preparing for tests during the days prior to the 8.

GEDC WILL hold a public hearing on the Dairy Feasibility Study November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Bazaar will be held November 24 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

> Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat......\$4.32 Milo.......\$4.09 Corn....\$4.63 Soybeans...\$4.77 Sunflowers...\$9.00 Almost eight inches of rain fell in October.



School Board President Clifton Britten fields questions from an interested audience.



Mike Friemel, Ron Kuehler and Tony Britten listen intently to comments from the audience.

School Board Passes Personal Property Tax

About 200 people turned out Friday night for the Public Hearing concerning the Groom School Board's proposal to re-implement personal property tax. The Board is proposing the tax due to continued financial problems. The State of Texas currently is providing only about 41% of funding for education, the lowest percentage since World War II. A \$90,000 deficit budget was passed for the 2002-2003 school year. Reserves were used to cover the deficiency, with the new

reserve balance being around \$350,000.

The tax will be levied on all registered vehicles, boats, motorcycles and personal airplanes. 'Blue Book" loan value will provide the value that the tax will be based on. The Board will be able at any time they feel the tax is unnecessary, to resend the tax. The rate at which these personal property items are taxes will be the same as what ever the property tax is set. If it were this year, the tax would be \$1.50 per hundred valuation. Voters will have a say in the tax only if the Board were to set a tax in the future that would necessitate a roll back election.

A film prepared by The Texas Association of School Boards and The Texas Association of School Administrators was shown to the audience. A very grim picture was painted with nearly half of the schools in the state of Texas maxing out their taxing ability and finding shortfalls in their budgets in the very near future, if they are not there

already. They predicted a complete break down in Texas Education System unless the problem is addressed immediately.

School Board President Clifton Britten stated that the Board had already made difficult decisions by cutting out programs and reducing personnel.

This (the personal property tax) will buy us some time, "he said, "But there are no guarantees The community is going to have to be willing to do everything possible to keep our school going."

our school going."

Those who wished to speak were given about 5 minutes each to present their comments.

Several senior citizens and others expressed concerns about the hardship the additional tax would cause them and others.

"This tax will cause an extreme hardship on those of us on fixed incomes," stated Mary Rose.

"According to my calculations," stated City Council member Ellis Stapp, "This will raise our taxes about 85%. That is See Hearing, pg. 3

A Kindness Remembered ...

Man Donates To Pool Fund

About 20 years ago, Groom wasn't much different than it is now. The highway had gone around the city and the hospital had closed. People were pretty much the same. If you don't believe that was a good thing, then listen to this story.

About 20 years ago, a mad had a run of bad luck. He was on his way somewhere when his truck b r o k e d o w n. Unfortunately, he had his wife and young child with him. His funds were limited and his resources were few.

The residents of the Groom area responded the

only way they knew how. They put him up in a motel and fed him and his family while their vehicle was being repaired. Sound familiar? There are probably hundreds of stories like this out there.

The difference is that this man came back to Groom the other day with a mission. He wanted to give back to the community that had helped him and his family. Mr. Steven L. Beck of Panama City Beach, Florida, went to the City Hall and donated \$500 to the Groom Summer Program specifically for the swimming pool

See Donation, pg. 2

Area Residents Urged To Get Out & Vote, Nov. 5

Don't forget to go to the polls this Tuesday to vote in the General and Constitutional Amendment Election.

Resident who live in Carson County Precinct 101 will be voting at St. Mary's Hall located at the corner of Fourth and Martin Streets in Groom.

All Carson County offices are unopposed. They are Lewis Powers for County Judge; Celeste Bichsel for District and County Clerk, Jeannie Cunningham County Treasurer, and Bill Hinson for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.

Early voting may be done at the Carson County Clerk's Office until Friday, November 1 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed during the lunch hour.)

The polls will open at 7 a.m. on November 5 and close at 7 p.m.

Voters should bring their voter registration card when they come vote, if possible

Other precincts will vote in the following locations:

- Precinct 102 and 401-Antler Gym, White

 Deer
- * Precinct 103 and 201-

Carson County Library, Panhandle

Precinct 202-Mary Ann Labus home west of Panhandle

- Precinct 301-Panhandle High School in Panhandle
- Precinct 402-Skellytown School in Skellytown

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program. It turns out that the man owns a swimming pool company Professional Pools and Custom Concrete. This was the first time he had been back through Groom since that day

ingels!



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Local Happenings

Happy Halloween Safety Tips

- · Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the Walk on street. sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Don't cut across lawns go through backyards, parks and allevs.
- · Don't hide behind cars. Don't cross the street from between parked cars, get to a corner.
- · Never accept rides from strangers. Do not take treats from a person in
- · Use a flashlight when walking. Be sure it has fresh batteries.
- · Wear light-colored costumes and put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.
- · Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big floppy shoes are not safe for walking.

SICK LIST

Reatha Dorsey Leigh Ann Hopkins Doris Kuehler Bertha Knight Beulah Shockley

Card of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to the Groom Ambulance Service for their rapid response and tender care during my recent medical emergency.

Also my deepest appreciation to the fifth grade class for their precious get well cards and letters. They really did make me feel better!

And last, but not least, thank you Mrs. Roskens for the wonderful meal that you brought to my

God Bless You All, Leigh Ann Hopkins

White Deer To Hold Polish Sausage Festival



White Deer

Sunday, November

one block east of Main

Street, according to

Carolyn Rapstine, publicity

chairman. Serving time

will be 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults

This annual affair dates

ack to the summer of

and \$3.50 for children.

ROOTS OF FAITH, a historical book focusing on the Polish pioneers, was published to commemorate the celebration. The book will be on sale in the parlor where the history of the parish will be on display.

During the dinner, a

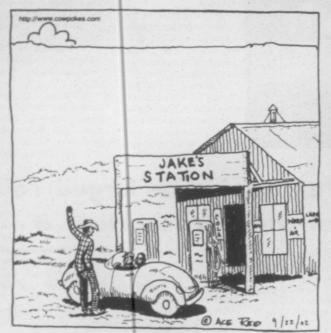
video produced by the Carson County Square House Museum will be shown. The video tells the history of how the Poles came to Texas in 1854 and arrived in White Deer in 1909.

narrated by descendants of the original Polish families.

Groom School readers and writers The Sacred Heart Parish thank Judy Babcock for buying the "Read to Succeed" license plate for has scheduled its annual Polish her car and for making it possible for Sausage Festival for teachers to train on a new TAKS writing program. 2002, at the Parish Hall,

> The Read to Succeed license plate program is designed to help generate money for public school libraries and strengthen the campus reading program. Funds are generated through the sale of specialty license plates. Members of your community have chosen to purchase license plates to support school libraries in our district. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has deposited funds into your school district account. The funds are required to be distributed to the campus for the purpose of providing educational materials for the school





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1938, when Rev. J. A. Zienta, a Polish priest, was pastor. The first sausage dinner was held in an open pasture north of White Deer and large black caldrons were used to steam the sausage. The rest of the food was

prepared by the women in their homes. The meal was served on plank tables. An old family recipe was used which had been handed down for generations Approximately 150 people were served. Today more than 2,000 persons are served. Leroy Haiduk and Arnold Urbanczyk, third generation sons of the original pioneer families,

are the seasoning experts. Some 4,500 pounds of Polish links will be made and served in the traditional Polish way. It will be accompanied by crisp slaw, red beans and potato salad. Take-out dinners, as well as, sausage-to-go, will be available

The proceeds from the festival are used for parish needs and charitable purposes

White Deer is the only Polish oriented community in the Texas Panliandle Sacred Hear Parish celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1988.



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Letter To The Editor

As I reflect on Friday sight's school board I cannot keep from feeling that some things were not said. everyone who wished to speak was encouraged to do so, and many did with a passion. It was not, and should have not, been a place for debate, but many did have valid questions. Because Mr. Noack and the board were sadly ill prepared to answer many budget questions and because the description of a number of the legal issues in the board's presentation appeared to be in error, I feel the board acted hastily in voting for the personal property tax. I must say that citizens had the opportunity to prepare for the meeting in advance by requesting budget information and some did, however the Administration challenged the information provided the business administrator. My past experience in requesting details from the school for budget and spending information resulted in receiving horribly inadequate and reluctantly

provided data. In these trying times, I would suggest that the administration should have available copies of budgets and itemized lists past year's expenditures on hand and if they don't then you should request the information and pay the price for the copies. This lack of disclosure has fostered feelings of distrust and created the image of insincerity by the board and administration when they ask for input from the It is no community. wonder that so many in the community are ill prepared to accept the tax and that many will vote for rollback if given the opportunity.

The meeting began with an unconvincing film that encouraged us to believe that the cause of our problems are the same as those in the state's largest schools. There was no new information in the film and many of the answers to questions in the board's presentation were later challenged with convincing references to There state statute. appeared to be a bias in

the presentation and the language used by the administrator appeared to make the vote for the tax a foregone conclusion. I too was ill prepared for the meeting. I had given little thought about what I might say. I would not have been allowed to express these criticisms there but could have asked budget cuts in athletics and administration were not being taken instead of the

The purpose of this letter is to propose that now. The elimination of the athletics program and the consolidation of the business administrator position will surely free up more funds than the tax will ultimately provide. As much as we all hate the idea, this action would impact few in comparison to the tax. If conditions improve in a few years, as we all hope, then the program could easily be reinstated. The tax voted on Friday is dividing the community, placing hardship on many that can ill afford it and is not a tax to save our school but a tax to save some sacred cows. I would encourage you, if you agree with this alternative, to call each

school board member and request this alternative.

Thank you for the time. effort and consideration of this citizen's opinion

Forrest McLaughlin

HEARING

just too much."

While another Council member, Don Case, stated that he had complete trust in the school boards ability and was in favor of what ever it took to save the school and the community.

Rick Prather, who has been publicly against the stated that he had petition signed by about 10% of the voting population that are against the proposal. As a member of The Groom Economic Development Corporation. he felt the tax will make it harder to encourage new residents and businesses to come to Groom.

Several attending stated that they remembered when their fathers built the school Groom was built when small schools consolidated in the one None of those places like Lark, Boydstun, and Jericho have towns left.

There were some who felt that the Board came to this decision in spite of the

input they received at the previous public hearing.

"The community said no to this tax before," said Leslie Rainer, " Elected officials are supposed to the voice of the community.

Others felt that with the cuts already made had diminished the quality of education to such a point that in the best interest of our students we should be considering shutting down our high school or possible consolidation

With only 35 students in high school next year, what kind of education can we provide," stated former school board member and father of two students. Pat Britten. "Perhaps it is time to begin to look at other

Kim Lewellen who has two daughters and other family attending school in Groom, felt that perhaps it is time consolidation.

'We have had a good school for a lot of years, said Lynn Britten, who has raised several children in the Groom School System and currently has two children in school. "It just seems like poor people have no hope. Let's try to save our elementary."

There were many who felt that the whole school was worth saving. Some felt that if the school closes we will be sacrificing our whole

"With out the school, we will have no city, no EDC, said another City Council Member Chris Welch. While the tax may be a band-aid fix, we have to still be here while the Legislature figures out what to do.

"We need our school," stated Vonnie Barker, Without it the value of our homes will go down. It is the heart of our community. If this tax will help the board has my support.'

"I want the opportunity for my kids as I ad," stated Seth Ritter, father of three. "I just want people to stop and think about how many businesses would close if the school shut down."

have four grandchildren who are in school in Groom," stated Linda Bohr. "I want to see the school continue."

Two other former school board members offered their

Thursday, October 31, 2002-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 3 support to the Board's decision, Barry Fields and Gary Friemel

Barry Fields stated that he supported the school and the decision for the new tax

"I am 110% in favor of this tax," stated Gary Friemel. "It will affect us as much as anyone, but you have my support!

Gary Babcock was one of the final members of the audience to speak. "I have no intention of watching my son go to school somewh

else. You have my support." President Clifton Britten closed the open forum and asked for discussion among the school board members After a few brief statements, a motion was made by Tim Case and seconded by Tony Britten to implement the personal property tax, which will go into effect next year. All members present, Tony Treadwell, Tim Case, Tony Britten Ron Kuehler Mike Friemel, and Clifton Britten voted in favor of the tax. Denny Babcock was absent.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.
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GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 25 -Jenna Brumley, Korri Lyn

October 26 - Jackson Rainer, Judy Eatmon, Bob Shields.

Dorothy and Bill Britten

October 27 - Ruben Baggerman, Raymond Ruthardt. Wvatt Weinheimer, Jessica Stapp.

October 28 - George (Jiggs) Britten Sr., Robert Homer, Mrs. Bill England.

October 29 - Sharon Britten, Amanda Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Howard (A).

October 30 - Ginna Miller, Brian Baker.

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



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TIGERS FALL PREY TO FT. ELLIOTT

The Groom Tigers dropped to 1-7 on the year with a 59-14 loss to Ft. Elliott here last Thursday.

"Our kids battled real hard," said Coach Toby Tucker. "These boys gave a team that had only allowed 30 points all season a run for their Tucker is mentioning Ft. Elliott's defense, which had only allowed 30 points in seven games.

Groom scored twice in the second quarter to pull the game within reach, but as time expired in the first half, Ft. Elliott scored to put the game out of reach.

For the Tigers, Kelby

Congratulations

& Good Luck!

Noack connected with Bobby Ratterree on a 30yard touchdown pass. The kick was blocked. Then after a 20-yard Doug Fields to Kelby Noack fourth down completion, the offensive line led the way for a Doug Fields one yard run. Brett Britten's kick was good.

"I would just like to thank everyone who came out and supported the boys in spite of the weather. Our crowd was great and very supportive of the kids.

Groom's game this week with Higgins has been canceled due to low numbers in the Higgins program. Groom will finish the season against McLean here in Groom next week.



Cody Babcock, Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, Brett Britten and Bobby Ratterree enter the gym at the Pep Rally.

Cubs Thrash Ft. Elliott

The Groom Jr. High Cubs thrashed Ft. Elliott last week 27-13 despite mother nature adding bad weather to the mix.

Coach Dennis was very pleased with the results.

"Our offense did a very good job making the plays work," he said. "We still need work on our defense but I thought overall the boys have improved

Chad Barkley ran back the first touchdown for 50 yards on the first play of the game.

Thane Barkley threw a great pass to Blaine Britten for 30 yards and a T.D.

Thane Barkley rushed 27 yards for a touchdown.

Chad Barkley ran in the last TD 30 yards. He also scored 3 extra points in the game.

The Cubs will play Higgins tonight in their last home game of the season

GROOM HIGH SCHOOL 2002-03 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Place Time Teams							
Date	Opponnent			Teams			
11-5	Wellington (scrim)	Н	TBA	VG			
11-12	Vega	1	6:00	VG			
11-15	White Deer	1	6:30	VG, VB			
11-19	Follett	Н	5:00	VG, VB			
	3 Lefors Tourney	T	TBA	VG,VB			
11-26	Wheeler	Н	4:00	VG, VB			
12-3	Нарру	T	6:30	VG,VB			
12-5-7	Vega Tourney	T	TBA	VG, VB			
12-10	Miami	H	6:30	VG,VB			
12-12-14 Lockney Tourney		T	TBA	VG,VB			
12-17	Lefors	T	6:30	VG,VB			
12-20	Channing	Н	6:30	VG,VB			
12-30	Miami	T	6:30	VG,VB			
1-3	Silverton*	T	6:30	VG,VB			
1-7	Hedley*	Н	6:30	VG,VB			
1-10	Samnorwood*	T	6:30	VG, VB			
1-14	Valley*	T	6:30	VG, VB			
1-17	McLean *	H	6:30	VG, VB			
1-21	Silverton *	Н	6:30	VG, VB			
1-24	Hedley*	T	6:30	VG,VB			
1-28	Samnorwood*	Н	6:30	VG,VB			
1-31	Valley*	Н	6:30	VG,VB			
2-4	McLean*	T	6:30	VG,VB			
*Denotes District Games							
Delicios District Carrios							

GROOM JUNIOR HIGH 2002-03 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponnent	Place	Time	Teams
11-11	Lefors	T	6:00	G,B
11-18	McLean	H	6:00	G,B
11-25	Miami	H	6:00	G,B
12-2	Hedley	H	6:00	G,B
12-9	Lefors	H	6:00	G,B
12-16	Samnorwood	H	6:00	G,B
1-9	Miami	T	6:00	G,B
1-11	McLean Tourney	T	TBA	G,B
1-13	McLean	T	6:00	G,B
1-20	Silverton	T	6:00	G,B
1-23/25	Miami Tourney	T	TBA	G,B
1-27	Hedley	T	6:00	G,B
2-3	Silverton	H	6:00	G,B
2-3	SHYCHOH	11	0.00	U,B

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Staci Britten

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Ben Thompson



Anthony Luna



Trevor Friemel



Chad Barkley



Harvest Dinner Highlights



Jeannie Ruthardt goes through the buffet line at the Annual Umted Methodist Church Harvest Dinner. At least 200 people attended the event



Lauren Crowell, Tyler Fraser and Berklee Ruthardt prepare to serve dessert

Sentencing Held For Convicted Felons

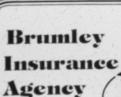
During the week of October 21, 2002 100% District Court Judge David District Court Judge David failing to register as a sex McCoy sentenced four offender and received a Carson County Felons to prison. Wendell Wayne. Chambers was convicted of three separate counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer. defendant represented by defense attorney Earl Jail Felony of possession of a conrolled substance was bepartment of Criminal represented by Curtis Hinshawand the state was Department of Criminal represented by Curtis Justice (TDJC) Institutional Hinshaw and the state was division on each of the three counts to run concurrent. "The defendant was convicted for using his vehicle as a. deadly weapon to try to crash into police officers."

stated 100th Judicial District Attorney Stuart Messer Keith Mabry, convicted sex offender, represented by Mark

the felony offense of sentence to the

Texas penitentiary by Judge Divid McCoy Rhonda Maxwell received a sentence of eighteen months in a State Jail Facility for the State represented by Stuart Messer.

Rick Harris defended David Wayne Viner, who received two years at a TDCI Institutional Facility He pleaded gurlty to the felony of transport/possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.





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- · David Swinford has worked for the past 38 years as an agribusinessman and classroom teacher.
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Robert Duncan, Teel Bivins, John Smithee, Warren Chisum



Jail Intake Report

There were 11 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of October 21 through October 27, 2002. Currently, there are eight 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.

Periodically, we get a call from a county resident about suspicious activity or an unusual conversation. While we attempt to respond as quickly as possible, sometimes we don't get there in time. So if you think something is not as it should be, or you are asked to help someone you don't know, please get as much information the person or vehicle; especially a driver's license name or number and the license number of the vehicle

Watch out for the little ones on Halloween.

Arrests made this week:
David Viner, 38,
Pampa, Texas-Guilty PleaPossession of Chemicals
with Intent to
Manufacture.

Zack Mabry, 26, Wheeler, Texas-Probation Revocation on original charge of Failure to Update Registration as a Sexual Offender.

Brian Thomas, 28, Amarillo, Texas-Assault Warrant-Randall County.

Terry Gollihugh, 47, Amarillo, Texas-Probation Revocation on original charge of Driving While Intoxicated-3rd.

Vernon Stewart, 26, St.

Louis, Missouri-Possession of Marijuana more than 5 lb. but less than 50 lb.

Atif Mahr, 28, St. Louis, Missouri-Possession of Marijuana more than 5 lb. but less than 50 lb.

Craig Thomas, 26, St. Petersburg, Florida-Possession of Marijuana more than 5 lb. But less than 50 lb. and Traffic Violations.

Demetric Mitchell, 21, Belgrade, Florida-Possession of Marijuana more than 5 lb. but less than 50 lb.

Shawn Poor, 22, Canyon, Texas-Public Intoxication and Traffic Violation.

Carolyn Apel, 46, Panhandle, Texas-Public Intoxication

Zachary Guthrie, 19, Pampa, Texas-Public Intoxication.

CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

This past week deputies have dealt with several transients along I-40. Most of the transients we deal

with are potentially dangerous, and most have extensive criminal records. Some are even wanted felons from other states. Residents are cautioned against contact with these people and should report to our office any suspicious activity.

Deputies answered two separate calls of family violence, one in Skellytown and the other in Groom. Both incidents were resolved without injuries and no arrests had to be made. White Deer City Marshal Tam Terry is continuing his investigation into the windows getting shot in several businesses on Main Street. Anyone having any information on this or any other criminal acts are asked to call our 24-hour holline or contact the City Marshal in White Deer. As always, all callers can remain anonymous.

A report of three Middle Eastern looking men was seen walking the railroad tracks near Pantex at Hwy 60 and FM 683. They were seen driving a late model Ford Escort with Texas tags. Deputies and Pantex Security were unable to locate the men or their vehicle upon arrival of the area.

DPS Trooper Corporal Roland McGill arrested a man after it was discovered the man was wanted in Randall County

for "Assault of a Family Member."

Sheriff Gary Robertson assisted DPS at the scene of an early morning traffic accident involving four The accident vehicles. happened on Hwy 60 at FM 2373 during early morning rush hour traffic. One person had to be transported to the Northwest Emergency Room for treatment of minor injuries by Pantex ambulance.

Troopers Tony Rocha, his K-9 Storm and Trooper Gary Davis arrested two men on the interstate when they discovered the men to be carrying marijuana in their vehicle. Both were taken to the Carson County Jail, booked and placed in jail.

The capture of the sniper in Maryland is an example of how you, the public, can help your local law enforcement officers within our community. We have always had the help and assistance of local residents in the county. From time to time, this has resulted in the arrest of criminals.

On a happier note, we are glad to announce the return of Tom and Phyllis

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806-665-8046 16.6 Miles South & 13/4 Miles E of Pampa Tyler after an extensive stay in Dallas while Tom underwent surgery. It would appear now the problem is that we may have to get a motorized scooter for Phyllis so she can keep up with Tom. Our continued hopes and

prayers go to Tom and his family as he continues his recovery.

Over the past week, four

persons were booked in the Carson County Jail. The jail is currently holding seven inmates.

Wendell Wayne Chambers-Attempted Capital Murder-three counts.

Kevin Mcgregor-DWI-3rd, Assault on Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest.

David Dull-Possession of a Controlled Substance, Escapes Custody.

Lola Roper-Possession of Marijuana

Terry Gallahew, DWI, 3rd Craig Thomas-Possession

of Marijuana
Demetrie Mitchell-

Demetrie Mitchell-Possession of Marijuana and may face other charges.



OBITUARY

Gertrude Lee Hulsey Smith Carter, 86, passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2002. Grave side services were held Friday, October 18, 2002, at 1 p.m. in Citizens Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon, officiating, Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery.

Mrs. Carter was born in Yeager, OK to Mack and Jettie Hulsey. She married Ed Smith in 1941 in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and they moved to Clarendon shortly after their marriage. worked for the Ross Darby Dairy and for Boke Bugbee. They also lived in the Groom area where she worked for the Golden Spread Grill Mr. Smith died in 1974 and she moved to Nevada for a time. She then lived in Lefors and Clarendon again before moving to Jacksboro where she met and married Glen Carter. He died in 1986.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Nora Jewel Hulsey Ledbetter; and three brothers, Lester Edward Hulsey, Roy Virgil Hulsey, and Carl C. Hulsey.

Survivors include one niece, Linda Louise Anderson of Oakly, Idaho; a nephew, Edward Wayne Ledbetter of Clarendon; a brother-in-law, Ed Richard Ledbetter of Clarendon; a sister-in-law, Vereda Hulsey of White Deer; and numerous great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk

Friday: Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

LUNCH:

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, apple crisp and milk.

Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, tater tots, applesauce, pickle spears and milk

Wednesday: Cheese zombies, french fries, fruit cocktail and milk

Thursday: Nachos, pinto beans, sopapillas and milk

Friday: Cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato wedges, trail mix and milk

With all of the political ads, are you confused with who to vote for? Party platforms define what a political party stands for as well as its candidates.

PARTY PLATFORM COMPARISON

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There really is a fifference between Republicans and Democrats. The Republican Party stands for conservative principals, the Democratic Party stands for liberal principles. Some consideer themselves a Republican or Democrat becasue that was the party to which their parents or grandparents belonged. But times have changed and so have the political parties. If you're conservitive, you should consider being a Republican since the Republican Party is the only conservitive party. Please support the conservative team and vote a STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET. Early voting is going on now until November 1st. The general election is November 5th.

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