

Harvest Coronation \& Costume Contest Big Hit

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 Lengstockings. 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 bum carrying a sign "Will work for Candy."

The second event of the program was the goodie auction. The Eighth through twelfh 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: KindergartenCamrynn 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 GradeHogan Ketcherside and Jessi Skipper, Sixth gradeDaShae Tolleson and Trent Darsey; Seventh Grade-
Kristen Odom and D.J. See Coronation, pg. 9
 GRADUATION will be
hosting a bazaar on Saturday, November 2
from 9-5 at the old gym. Minntes of the Regular There are still booths Meeting of the McLean available. For more Board of Education October information, contact 21,2002.
Rhonda Sparling or
Brenda Wallis. The

McLean Independent School District DONLEY COUNTY Board of Education met for Precinct 4 will be voting a regular meeting at $7: 00$ at Zelda McClellan's p.m. on October 21, 2002. 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.

Billayman, and Mindy
FAMILY READING Reeves.
night is Monday from All votes are unanimous 6:00-6:45. MCLEA N unless otherwise stated. THE MCLEAN Board President, Joe and ALANON will meet order at 7:02 p.m. Opening on Tuesday night at $8: 00$ prayer was given by Mike p.m. at the Trinity Darsey.
from the area is welcome Mption by Toni Bohlar, to attend.

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Other business consisted of signing the tax roll and a teacher contract. Joe Riley shared a story from the October 18 th 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 McLear was also one of the few other schools of Texas to receive this award. McLean ISD was acknowiedged for Gold Performance in 4 areas-Attendance Rate, Algebra I Exam Results. Advanced Academic Course Completion,
Recommended High Schoo Program Participation. The Board commended Administrators on this great accomplishment, and tho teachers were to be commended also. Bobby Richardson
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 $10-\mathrm{yr}$ 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. Mr. Dowris 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 in.

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

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Children, Youth

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Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am \& 7pm, (Youth) \& Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm, Wed. Choir $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ Sun. Sr. Aigh Youth Aipha Chi 5 pm, Wed. Choir Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 803 Commerce - Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207 Sunday School 9:45 am Worahlp 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm, Birle Stay Evening Worsing Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse Cowboy Preacher - Ronnie Fergueon Sunday Evening Worship -8:00 p.m. Sunildren's Church, Sundey - $8: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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CORONATION

Menefield, Eighth GradeAmanda Fricks and Kutter Anderson; Ninth grade Connie Vega and Manden Conklin; Tenth GradeCrystal Raines and Mitchell Stewart; Eleventh Grade Jaci Grigsby and Dusty Moody. Twelfth GradeSonny Northcutt and Jennifer Smith.

Sonny and Jennifer were presented with the crown by Kindergartners Camrynn Richardson and Daniel Futchinson. 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 taffic accident on $1-40$ rerould 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 Califomia capsized on the 144 overpass blocking traffic. Mr. Singh was pulling e 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 spurf 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. $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. of marijuane with a street value

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


Students of the Week for October 21 - October 25: Kindergarten-Jared McClellan; 1 Grade-Cody Azzazi; $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade-Miranda McMordie; $3^{\text {nd }}$ Grade-Kelby McClellan; $4^{\text {ih }}$ Grade-Ashley Byron; $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade-Lyndsey Elis; $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade-Nikki Alvarez; $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade-

HELLO FRIENDS FROM MINNIE ERWIN FROM NEW MEXICO
pain after recovery. I miss my friends and would appreciate your family there in McLean prayers. Other than this, I but this is the way it has am doing quite well. I to be. Until next time, bye.

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October 26 - Becky Fish, Christopher Bypec, Mindy Reevers.
October 27 - Bonnie Bidwell, Barrie Hastey, Nama Webs, Tanner Hess, Mert and Jenny Collom (A).

October 28 - Rand Jo
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Thursday, October 31, 2002

## Sthool Board Passes Personal Property Tax

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 wil host a Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner on November ${ }^{4}$ at the Community Center at noon. $P$
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.




School Bqard President Clifton Britten fields questions from an inferested audience.


Mike Friemel, Ron Kuehler and Tony Britten tisten intently to comments from the audience.
reserve balance around $\$ 350,000$.

The tax will be levied on all registered vehicles, boats, motorcycles and personal airplanes. The "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 regular property tax is set. If it were this year, the tax would be $\$ 150$ per hundred $\begin{array}{ll}\$ 150 & \text { per hundred } \\ \text { valuation. Voters will have }\end{array}$ a say in the tax only if the Board were to set a tax in 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.
ur school going
Those who wished to speak were given about 5 minutes each to present their comments.

Sèveral 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

## Man Donates To Pool Fund

About 20 years ago, Groom wasn't much different than it is now. The highvay had gone around the city and the iospital had closed. Pcople were pretty much the same. If you don't believe that was a good thing, the listen to this story.
About 20 years ago, a mad had a run of bad luck He was on his way somewherd when his truck broke down Unfortunately, he had his wife and young child with him. His funds were limited and his resources were few

The refidents of the Groom aro 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; Jeannic 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 $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Voters should bring their voter registration card when they come vote, if possible
Other precincts wil vote in the following locations:
Precinct 102 and 401 Anter 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

## Don't forget

 to leave your porch light on if you want Trick-orTreaters to visit your house!Page 2-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursdav, October 31, 2002

## The (brom ANefors <br> Second-class PSPS 230-380 <br> Gecond-class Pospage Paid at Groom. Tx <br> Carson Counry. Texas, finder the Act of Congress of Marth 3,1879 <br> Published weekly except Christmes Week Publisher Phillip I Miller McLean Eding-Ella Mac Reyna <br> Postmaster piease fend address changes to Box 460, Grode. Tx 79039-0460 <br> SUBSCRIPTION RATES; <br> Annual Rate Casson County $\$ 20.00$ Phone 806-248-7333

## Local Happenings

## Happy Halloween

 Safety Tips- Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the Ieft side of the road facing traffic
Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks and alleys.
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 an auto.

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 sale for walking.

SICK LIST
Reatha Dorsey Leigh Ann Hopkins Doris Kuchler Bertha Knight Beulah Shockley


The Sacred Heart Parish of White Deer has scheduled its annual Polish Sausage Festival for Sunday, November 3 2002, at the Parish Hall, 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 and $\$ 3.50$ for children.

## DONATION

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.

## Card of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to the Groom Ambulance Senvice 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 mea that you brought to my home.

God Bless You All,
Leigh Ann Hopkins

White Deer To Hold Polish Sausage Festival

This annual affair dates back to the summer of 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. I 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 Panhiandle. Sacred Hear Parish cetebrated its $75^{\text {to }}$ anniversary in 1988.

ROOTS OF FAITH, a video produced by the historical book focusing Carson County Square on the Polish pioneers, Hôuse Muscum will be was published to shown. The video tells commemorate the the history of how the celcbration. The book Poles came to Texas in will be on sale in the 1854 and arrived in White parlor where the history of Deer in 1909. It is the parish will be on display.

During the dinner, a
narrated by nine descendants of the original Polish families.

Groom School readers and writers thank Judy Babcock for buying the "Read to Succeed" license plate for her car and for making it possible for teachers to train on a new TAKS writing program.

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## Lette <br> Dear Friends.

As I reflect on Friday sight's school board seeting. I cannot keep from feeling that some dings were not said. I thow 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 by 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 and past year's expendifures 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 insincerty by the board and administration when they ask for input from the community. It is no 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 mecting 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 bbard's presentation were later challenged with convincing references to state statute. There 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 why budget cuts in athletics and administration were not being taken instead of the tax.
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 City 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 tax, 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 of those attending stated that they remembered when their fathers built the school Groom was built when several 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

## "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it " - Thomas Paine

Dear Fellow Americans,
On Tuesday November 5 , we have an opportunity to do something for the people we That opportunity is to From United States want to represent us. important to our future.
Please join Sally and me on November 5 by voting. Let's do our part to keep America the greatest, freest. richest, most blessed Nation on earth. Voting is
our privilege and our responsibility


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Thursday, October 31, 2002-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 3 input they received at the previous public hearing.
"The community said no to this tax before," said Lestie 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 poin 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 othe options."

Kim Lewellen who has two daughters and other family attending school in Groom, felt that perhaps it is time to conside 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 elt that the whole school was worth saving. Some fel that if the school closes we will be sacrificing our whole town.

With out the school, we will have no city, no EDC," aid another City Council said another City 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 his tax will help the board has my support"
"I want the same opportunity for my kids as I had," 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."
"I 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
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.
" 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 somewhere 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 tar 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 Britten.
October 26 - Jackson Rainer, Judy Eatmon, Bob Shields,
Dorothy and Bill Britten (A).

October 27 - Ruben Baggerman, Raymond Ruthardt. Wyat 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.

HARVEY ELMS
PAUL ELMS

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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 Taby Tucker. "These bays gave a team that had only allowed 30 points all season a run for their money." Tucker is mentioning FL. Elliotf'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. Elligut scored to put the garne out of reach.
For the Tigers, Kelby

Noack connected with Bobby Ratterree on a 30 yard 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.

## Congratulations EGood Luch! Staci Britten

 at Cross Country Regionals!

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 weck 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 nicely.
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 |  |  |  |  |
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| 2002-03 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE |  |  |  |  |
| Date | Opponnent | Place | Time | Teams |
| 11-5 | Wellington (scrim) | H | TBA | VG |
| 11-12 | Vega | T | 6:00 | VG |
| 11-15 | White Deer | 1 | 6:30 | VG, VB |
| 11-19 | Follett | H | 5:00 | VG, VB |
| 11-21-23 | 3 Lefors Tourney | $T$ | TBA | VG,VB |
| 11-26 | Wheeler | H | 4:00 | VG, VB |
| 12-3 | Happy | T | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 12-5-7 | Vega Tourney | 1 | TBA | VG, VB |
| 12-10 | Miami | H | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 12-12-14 | 4 Lockney Tourney | T | TBA | VG,VB |
| 12-17 | Lefors | $\dagger$ | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 12-20 | Channing | H | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 12-30 | Miami | T | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 1-3 | Silverton* | 1 | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 1-7 | Hediey* | H | 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 * | H | 6:30 | VG, VB |
| 1-24 | Hedley* | T | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 1-28 | Samnorwood* | H | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 1-31 | Valley* | ${ }^{\text {H }}$ | 6:30 | VG,VB |
| 2-4 | Mclean* | T | 6:30 | VG,VB |


| GROOM JUNIOR HIGH |  |  |  |  |
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| 2002-03 BASKETBALI 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 |



Harvest Dinner Highlights


Jeannie Ruthardt goes through the Harvest Dinner. At least 200 people

Iffet line at the Annuial Unted Methodist Church tended the event


## Sentencing Held For Convicted Felons

During the week of Bu/zar was convicted of October 21, 2002, 100 the folony offense of District Court Judge David failing or register as a sex McCoy sentenced four offende and receved a Carson County Felons to two-yeat sentence to the prison Wendell Wayne. Texas penitentiary by Chambers was consicted Judge D yodMce. of three separate counts of acmeravated assanit on pcace officer The cighteen montlis in a State detense attorney Earl Jatl Fel on of possession Ginffin, received twenty of a con rolled substance. vears in the Texas Ms Fiaxwell was Department of Criminal represerfed by Curtis Justice (TDJC) Institutional:Hinsliaw and the state was division on each of the represenfed by Stuart three counts to run concurrent : The defendant was convicted for using his vehicle as a. deadly weapon to try to crash info police officers. stated $100^{\text {th }}$ Judicial Distind Ationcy Sirat Messer Keith Mabry a convicted sex offender. represented by Mark

## Rick Harris defended

 David Whyne Viner, who received two years at a TDCI Institutional Facility He pleaded gurly to the felony of transpor possession of certain hemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance


There's no doubt about it Agriculture drives our area's economy. Wc need a team of dedicated leaders working for Panhandle agriculture in Austin.

Who can serve our area best? Do you want a New York trial lawyer like Jesse Quackenbush or a veteran public servant and native Texan like incumbent David Swinford who is serving the best interests of the 87th District?

David Swinford has served as chairman of the Texas House of Representatives Agriculture and Livestock Committee and the Texas Agriculture Policy Board
He serves on the House Committee on Transportation, the Rural Coalition and the Republican Caucus
-David Swinford has worked for the past 38 years as an agribusinessman and classroom teacher.

- He has served with integrity for the last 11 years in the Texas House of Representatives. Not once has his character or ethics been questioned by anyone but his politically motivated opponents

The Panhandle has a strong team working to protect our agriculture industry. Help us re elect our team member David Swinford.

Robert Duncan, Teel Bivins, John Smithee, Warren Chisum


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## 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 addifional 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 aqdivity or an unusual conversation. While we attempt to respond as quickly as possible. sometimes we don't gel 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 bout the person or velicie: especially a driyer's license name or number and the license plate number of the vehicle.
Watch out for the fil ones on Halloween.
Arrests made this week:
David Viner, 38, Pampa, Texas-Guilty PleaPossession of Chemicals with Intent to Manufacture.
Zack Mabry, 26 Whecler, Texas-Probation Revocation on original charge of Failure to Update Registration as 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, MissouriPossession of Marijuana more than 5 lb . but less than 50 lb .
Craig Thomas, 26, St. Petersburg, FloridaPossession of Marijuana more than 5 Tb . But less than 50 lb . and Traffic Violations

Demetrie Mitchell, 21 , Belgrade, FloridaPossession 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 weck deputies have dealt with several transients along l-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 scparate 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

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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 acis are asked to crill our 24-hour hotline 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 Reland McGill arrested a man after it was discovered the man was wanted in Randall County
for "Assault of a Family Member."
Sherift Gary Roberison assisted DPS at the scene of an carly morning traffic accident involving four vehicles. The accident happened on Hwy 60 at FM 2373 during early morning rush hour traffic. One person had to be transported to the Northwest Texas Emergency Room for treatment of minor injurics 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 velicte. 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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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-DWI3rd. Assault on Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest.
David Dull-Possession of a Controlled Substance, Escapes Custody
Lola Roper-Possession of Marijuana
Terry Gallahew, DWI, $3^{\text {rd }}$
Craig Thomas-Possession of Marijuana
Demetrie MitchellPossession 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 ettie Hulsey. She married Ed Smith in 1941 in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and they moved to Clarendon shortly after their marriage. They 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 facksboro where she met and married Glen Carter. He died in 1986
She is preceded in deatl by her parents; one sister. Nora Jewel Hulsey Ledbetter; and three brothers, Lester Edward Hulsey, Roy Virgil Hutsey, 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-inlaw, 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 arid milk
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk
Friday: Do-Nuts, cinalamon 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

## ISSUE

REPUBLICAN
DEMOCRAT

| Gun control | Against | For |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Big Government | Against | For |
| Homosexual Marriages | Against | For |
| Capital Punishment | For | Against |
| School Prayer | For | Against |

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 $1^{\text {st }}$. The general election is November $5^{\text {th }}$.

