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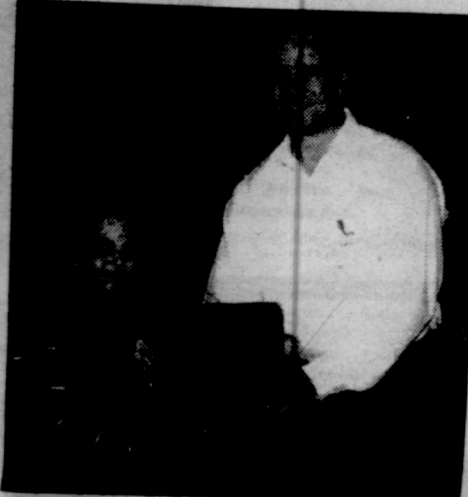
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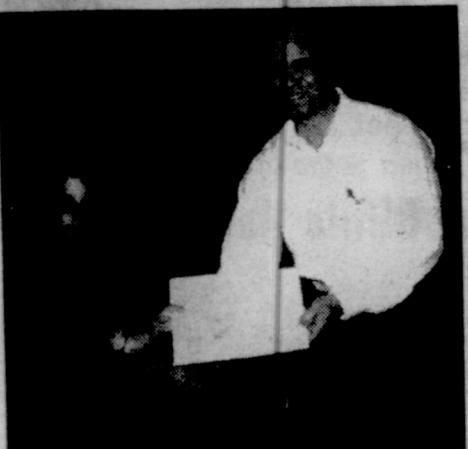
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More Beef Challenge Winners

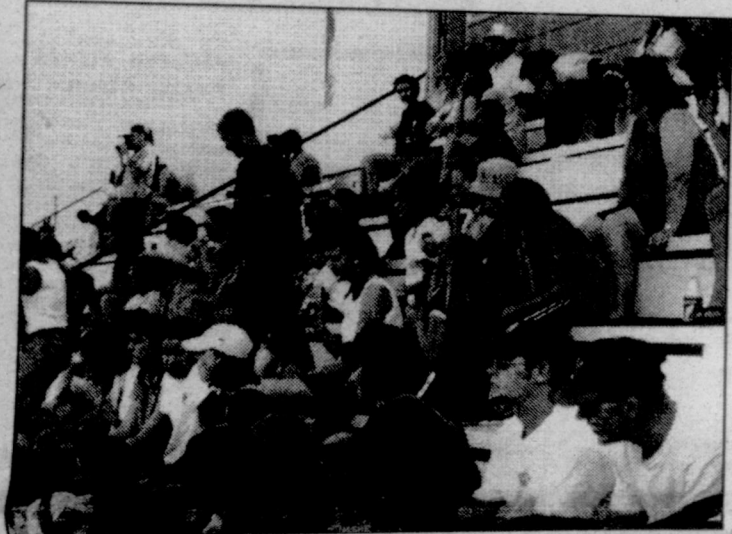
Kristen Odom of McLean won first place individual carcass, first place live evaluation and second place pen of three steers in the junior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is Gary Brown of Canyon, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.



Travis Fluh of McLean received an honorable mention in the junior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is Gary Brown of Canyon, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.

McLean-Alanreed Area Museum to Host Open House

An open house museum on Main Street in McLean. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments, entertainment, personal



Tigers Best Samnorwood Friday

By Coach Burch
At last Friday's scrimmage, the McLean Tigers outscored the Samnorwood Eagles 3 touchdowns to zero. McLean scored on two runs by Aaron Rice and a touchdown pass from Ike Hanes to Brett Montgomery.

Our offense is coming around but we still have lots of room for improvement. Defensively we made two big plays causing fumbles inside our 10 yard line. They really only sustained those two drives.

Frankie Sparling, Chris Sparling, Chris Hauck and Brian Fuller stood out on defense. We are looking forward to kicking off the new season at Miami Friday night. 7:30 p.m. is kickoff time. Come out and support the Tigers!

Chamber To Paint Awnings

The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce met in a special meeting on August 30. The minutes were approved unanimously for the last meeting. A treasurer's report was unavailable due to the absence of treasurer, Rhonda Graham. Vonda Averett reported that the plaque would be ready this week for the McLean/Alanreed Museum presentation. The Chamber has been asked to welcome people during the celebration on September 11. Everyone agreed to help where

needed. Ann Pierce reported that Dale Wall will paint the awnings in front of Simpson Insurance Agency, Mullanax's, The Barking Lot and the Haynes building after each owner agreed to let the Chamber pay for the paint and labor. A motion by Diana Roosa and seconded by Terri Adams was made to ask Mr. Wall for a proposal to paint trim around the office building and finish some minor details within the building. Everyone agreed.

See Chamber, pg. 11

McLean City Council Adopts Ordinance

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Monday, August 30, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Jim McDonald, Sam Haynes, and Charles McClendon. Ray Kirkland and Kendra Birchfield were absent.

Toni Bohlar also attended the meeting. All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

The council voted to adopt a tax rate of .45 per \$100 value for the 1999 Ad-Valorem Tax rate.

It was also voted to adopt Ordinance #269 changing the Ad-Valorem tax rate to .45 per \$100 value for 1999 on its first and final reading. See City, pg. 10

MCLEAN REMINDERS

McLEAN PTA will meet on September 14 in the School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

THE MCLEAN Circle of Friends dinner & auction for the Harrington Cancer Center will be Oct. 11. Look for info in a coming issue of the McLean News.

THE ELEMENTARY Booster Club will meet at 7:00 on Sept. 2nd at 7:00 pm.

THE PIONEER Study Club will begin its season with a brunch at the Hughey House Bed & Breakfast, 321 North West Street, Pampa, Texas at 10:30 A.M. on September 4.

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held at McLean ISD on Sept. 6, 7:00 p.m.

GIRL SCOUT Registration for Daisy's, Brownies and Juniors will be 7 p.m. on Sept. 2. A parent meeting will be held. 420 Main.

MUM SALE by the Junior Class at MHS. Place orders Sept 1 thru 21. See Ad on page 9 for more information.

THE VFW Auxiliary will meet on September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Post Building. Very important.

THE McLEAN Library will be closed Sept. 6 - Sept. 10.

THE TIGERS will travel to Miami, Sept. 3. Games starts at 7:30 p.m.

McLEAN HIGH'S first Pep Rally will be Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Old Gym.

THERE WILL be no school on September 6 in honor of Labor Day.

Briefs

Mozelle Miller called and visited with the news office this week.

Angie and Billie Billingsley are on the final stages of their house.

Billie Ward is back at work after being off for six weeks due to foot surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Collom, 4th & Grove, will be here the week of the 23rd from Michigan.

Sept. 3 - 9

Friday: Breakfast - Cinnamon Rolls or toast and jelly, fruit, juice or milk. Lunch - Hamburgers w/ lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, fritos, dessert &

lemonade.

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, fruit, juice or milk. Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, green beans and milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast

- Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice or milk. Lunch - BBQ on a bun, potato salad, vegi sticks, pickle spears, chocolate cake &

Thursday: Breakfast - Burritos, fruit, juice or milk. Lunch - Chicken pot pie, salad, bread, sherbet cup, and milk.

You're Invited To An Open House To Celebrate The 30th Anniversary of the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 am - 5 pm

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McLean School Lunch Menu

September 2 - Tom Pennington.

September 3 - Odie Calcote, Jeraldine Rodgers.

September 4 - Bob McDowell, Candace Shackelford.

September 5 - Frank Simpson, Pat Barker, Brandon Phillips, Cindi Glass.

September 6 - O.R. Blankenship.

September 7 - Marshall Hanes, Mark McCarty, Steve Carter, Jan Watts.

September 8 - Roy McMullen, Donald Bradley, Anita Thompson.

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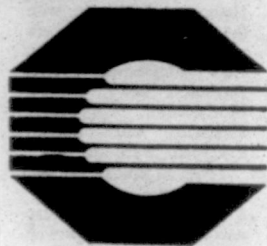
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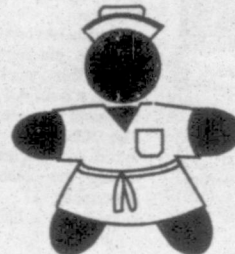
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Dr. Laxman Bhatia is the Medical Director

New Clinic Hours:

Jerry Wilson, P.A.
Mon.-Fri.
1:30 to 5:00 p.m.



Carol Carroll, L.V.N.
Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed Friday, September 3 & Monday September 6

McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began the week for residents with Sunday School provided by the Friendship Methodist Class. In the afternoon church services by the Assembly of God Church were attended by Doris Reborn, Florence Drake, Lets Gifford, Sue Cubine, Boots Phillips, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Dorothy Patterson, Polly Burnett, Phyllis Bailey, Bill Anderson, Fern Patching, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, Dovie Simmons, Lois DePooor, Beryl Halbert, Duella Beverly, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Ruth Caudill, Hadda Moore, Joe Fortin, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Relia Ayers, Bessie McClendon, Glynda Martin, Willie Wheeler, Irene Pakan, Ora Billingsley and Truman Goodlett.

Some of the activities for residents during the week were nail care time, games of bingo and dominos, craft time, a movie, and beachball kick.

Everyone enjoyed the bananas furnished by the Lions Club and appreciated the volunteer time given by Betty Lowe.

Wednesday Morning Circle was attended by several residents and on

Friday Bill Stubbs came to read for the residents' enjoyment.

There are three new members at the Care Center, they are Mary Audleman, Ruth Caudill and Arnold Sharp.



Have A Safe & Happy Labor Day

Private Michael D. Acuna Completes Marine Basic Training At San Diego

Marine Pvt. Michael D. Acuna, son of Deborah A. and Antonio Acuna Jr. of McLean, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Acuna successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Acuna and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Acuna spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a

small infantry unit during field training.

Acuna and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Acuna and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Acuna joins 41,000 men and women who

will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1991 graduate of McLean High School.

HOMECOMING MUMS

The Junior Class of McLean High School will be selling mums for Homecoming this year.

Selling dates are Sept. 1 - Sept. 21. No orders will be taken after the 21st. Orders will be taken by Juniors Only.

Please help support our school. Proceeds will go to the Junior class for Prom expenses.

To place an order call or see one of the following:

Jacque Riley - Class Sponsor - 779-2625
Cesily Cadra, Julie Marsh, Veronica Fite,
Steven Foshee, Will Frost, Ricky Smith,
Terrell Hembree, Nathaniel Roberts,
or Bradley Sawyer

Sponsored by: Prairie Flowers 779-2525



The McLean



Students Of The Week August 16-20:
Kindergarten Jordan Herring, 1st Grade Nicole McClendon, 2nd Grade Dustin Lee, 3rd Grade Amanda Loya, 4th Grade Mark Smith, 5th Grade Courtney Lamb, 6th Grade Coty McMinn, 7th Grade Andria Keelin, 8th Grade Delinda Simpson.



Tigers

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The Hop Deli & Bakery
The McLean News

Puckett's Grocery
Season's
Johnny & Mary Ann Carpenter
McLean Plumbing
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McLean Health Agency

Obituary

Michael Earl Crawford Mexico. He was 57. Michael Earl Crawford Crawford was born on died Thursday, August June 6, 1942 in Borger, 26, 1999 in Grants, New Texas to Cecil Clem and

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McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main
 779-2902 & 779-2221
 Sunday School all ages 9:30am
 Worship 10:45 am
 Night & Youth Service 7:00 pm
 Wed. Adult Bible Study & Royal Rangers & Missionettes for Kids 7:00 pm

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
 779-2548
 Sunday Bible School 10 am
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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

Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15

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

Birdine Bernice (Bernet) Crawford. He graduated from Spearman High School and West Texas State University in Canyon with a degree in Geology.

He married Colleen Marler on August 15, 1992, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Crawford served with the U.S. Army 7th Cavalry in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot.

He was a Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He had worked as a hydrogeologist with Sequoyah Engineering in Oklahoma City.

Crawford was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Birdine Crawford; and a brother, Russell Mac Crawford.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen Crawford, of the home; and one son and daughter-in-law, Shaun and Amanda Crawford of McLean; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Donna Deupree, Phoenix, AZ, Marilyn and John Gragg, Arlington, TX, Cathy and Sonny Herring, Denver,

CO.; a sister-in-law, Cheryl Crawford, Austin, TX; and two grandchildren, Caleb and Emory Crawford of McLean and the children's grandmother Rita Crawford of McLean.

City

The Mayor presented to the council a proposed refuse disposal agreement to be used between the City and the Red River Steak House. The council voted to accept

this agreement on the condition that the owners of the Red River Steak House also agree and approve the agreement. The council voted to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Weekly Bible Question
 Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Bible Trivia!

1. What was the chief city of Greece?
2. What was the name of the angel God sent to Mary?
3. Who warned Queen Esther that the Jews were to be exterminated?
4. Something we eat is also the name of one of Noah's sons.
5. What sickness did Naaman have?
6. In what city did the Apostles receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
7. Who had his thumbs and big toes cut off?
8. In what town did Jesus raise the widow's son from the dead?
9. In what chapter of what book do you find the Ten Commandments?
10. How many people were baptized on the Day of Pentecost?

Bonus Question: Methuselah was the son of _____. How many years did Methuselah live? How long did his father live?

The answers and Scripture references will be listed at the beginning of next week's article! Have fun!

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, Box 152, McLean, TX 79057 or call the church office at 806-779-2182. Please request free Bible studies by correspondence or in your home. May God richly bless you as you study His Word.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, September 13, 1999 in McLean Independent School District Business Office, 4th & Rowe, McLean, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000 *	\$1.450000	\$6,102	\$1,315
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	\$1.450000	\$0	\$0
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$1.685000	\$0.000000 *	\$1.685000	\$0	\$0
Proposed Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000 *	\$1.450000	\$6,102	\$1,315

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$99,667.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$16,017	\$16,048
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$1,017	\$1,048
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.450000	\$1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$14.75	\$15.20
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.45	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.612601. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.612601.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Notice Of Public Hearing On The City Of McLean Proposed 1999-2000 Budget

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed 1999-2000 City of McLean Operating Budget. The hearing will be held by the City Council on the 9th day of September, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 220 N. Main, McLean, Texas. All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the 1999-2000 proposed budget is on file in the Office of the City Secretary for public review.

Toni Bohlar
City Secretary

Chamber

Much discussion was held about the Haunted Hospital. A motion by Terri Adams and seconded by Diana Roosa was made to not exceed more than the amount made last year. All approved.

The date for the Haunted Hospital was decided for Saturday, October 30. Glow necklaces will also be sold. Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will receive free Trick-or-Treat bags, courtesy of the Chamber.

Floor plans for the spook night were laid out and ideas for each room discussed. The Chamber will be looking for volunteers for the evening.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

No News About Dead Woman

No new information has surfaced regarding the woman's body that was found on Aug. 12.

The woman, a white female, 5'6" and 120-140 pounds with short blond or strawberry blond hair is someone's daughter, wife, or mother. She had a deformed right foot, ankle and leg.

If you have any information as to who this woman may be or information about this case, please call 806-669-8022 and ask to speak to Lt. Jim Scott or call Texas Ranger Jay Foster at 806-935-5908.

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HELP WANTED: McLean Care Center is looking for CNA's and LVN's. Call 806-779-2469.

City of McLean Ordinance #269

An ordinance fixing the tax rate & levy in and for the City of McLean, Texas, for the year of 1999, upon taxable property in said City of McLean, Texas for the purpose of providing for the General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Providing for a penalty, providing that in the event any provision of this ordinance be held unconstitutional and invalid; that such holding shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof; and repealing all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith.

August 30, 1999

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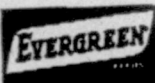
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(Above) "This is your face on watermelon!" Staci Britten and Jessica Bates chow down at the watermelon feed. There were many adults, teenagers and children on hand to enjoy the cool treat. (Below) Kelvin Ollinger, Donnie Conrad, and Donald Burgin cut slices to be served at the annual event.



Superintendent Wilson Speaks On...

GISD Bond Issue Approval Would Allow For Needed Improvements

By John Wilson
As expected, last week's column introducing the idea of a bond election for Groom ISD has generated quite a lot of discussion and a number of questions. Over the coming weeks, this column will attempt to answer as many of those questions as space allows. In addition, a brochure will be available in the next few weeks with facts and information about the proposal. This week, I will discuss more specifically what the bond money is intended to pay for.

Heating, Air Conditioning and Electrical

For almost one and a half years the board and administration have been looking at and working on necessary improvements to the school facilities. An engineering report from Energy Systems Associates revealed that the boiler in use since the 1950s was in poor condition and could be expected to be unusable within the next few years. The system was very inefficient and could at some time become a safety hazard. Heat in the classrooms was difficult to control and often inadequate. Many

of the classrooms had window air conditioning units which were also inefficient and difficult to control, and the large windows in the building allowed a great deal of energy to escape. In addition, lighting in the classrooms was poor due to old lighting fixtures and previous ceiling renovation. Energy Systems Associates also reported to the board that in order to do the HVAC retrofit, electrical renovations were necessary. Some of the circuits in the building were reported to be operating at 140% of capacity at peak usage. Further addition of any electrical equipment was deemed impossible and could present a safety hazard.

In an April 13, 1999 meeting, the school board voted to accept a bid for \$298,700 for heating, air conditioning, and electrical retrofit. In July, a bid was accepted for \$49,123 for the window replacement in order to achieve the energy savings expected. Other costs for engineering, insulation, bid notices, and some minor alterations have brought the total price of these renovations to almost \$390,000. The school board felt that the

retrofit projects were necessary to the future of the school and necessary to the safety and comfort of the students, even though the fund balance would be reduced to a level below that recommended by TEA. It was decided to fund \$184,000 of the project through a loan from LoanStar program of the State Energy Conservation Office. This agency believes that the district will save approximately \$27,000 annually in energy savings in order to pay back the loan. The remainder would be paid from fund balance while we continued to search for other funding options. In May the board passed a resolution authorizing repayment of the fund balance in the event another source of funds was used. During the summer, several options were considered, including time warrants and a new federal program.

Distance Learning Lab

Another project that would greatly benefit our students is the addition of a distance learning center. In this day and age, it is increasingly difficult for small schools to offer the courses in high school that allow students to graduate with

See Wilson, pg. 6

Groom Tigers Prepare To Kickoff 1999 Season On Road Trip Against Klondike

The Groom Tigers will be kicking off the last season of the millennium with Saturday's game against Klondike High School at Patricia, Texas which is just south of Lamesa. The game is scheduled to kick off at 7:00 p.m.

"Klondike is ranked in the top ten," commented Head Coach Larry Reid. "They are very fast and have a great defense. We must play extremely well and eliminate mistakes to have a chance of being successful in week one."

A Pep Rally has been planned for 12:30 on

Friday afternoon in the Big Gym.

The Tigers scrimmaged Hedley last week in preparation for the new season. "We just didn't look as sharp as we did last week," stated Reid. "We made several mistakes (false starts, penalties, turnovers, and missed blocking assignments)."

The Tigers endured the heat and a very fired up Hedley defense to win the scrimmage 6-0.

"I give Hedley credit," said Reid. "They played very aggressive early on. We played better in the

latter stages of the scrimmage. While we threw the ball well against their type of defense, we still made mistakes and dropped several wide open passes."

Groom hooked up on three touchdown passes, (Grant Weinheimer to Josiah Scott; Russell Conrad to Dustin Babcock, and Grant Weinheimer to Dustin Babcock.) Scoring runs were also made by Wade Ritter and Chris Ollinger. Garrett Britten also had a long run called back due to a holding charge. Hedley ran a speed

offensive formation that is designed to utilize their speed. Groom did a good job of containing them.

"We got to see at least ten players on defense. They all did some productive things," said Reid. "We are going to have to be real stingy on defense until our offense can catch up. We are much more affluent right now and that is pretty normal for this early in the year."

Don't forget the opening game Saturday in Patricia, Texas. Get out and support the Tigers!

COMMUNITY CALENDER

GROOM SCHOOL
will release early today, Thursday, at 2:00 pm due to a teacher workshop.

THE FIRST Pep Rally of the 1999 season will be on Friday at 12:30 in the Big Gym. Support the Tigers!!

GROOM'S Homecoming celebration is scheduled for September 24.

AN ANNUAL signing party will be held next Tuesday evening in the Groom Memorial Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.

TIGERS PLAY
Klondike at Patricia, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4.

THERE WILL BE no school on Monday, Sept. 6 at Groom ISD.

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According to R.B. Don and Mary Sue Thornton, Groom is soon to experience a weather change. Lyles have just returned from Hawaii.

Jim and Donna Burton attended the Shriners Circus with Melody Burton; Lauren, Kaytlynn, and Britten Simpson; and Zoenell Simpson over the weekend.

NOTE: The new phone number for the Groom S & H Grocery Store is 248-0408.

Local Happenings

Matthew Mulkey of Weatherford visited his grandparents, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell Saturday.

On The Sick List
 Mary Ann Koetting, Barry Fields, Essie Cooper Knowles.

Jo Ann Baker was the honoree at a birthday party hosted by her daughters in White Deer.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University held it's fifth and final freshmen orientation clinic August 20 on the Weatherford campus. There are 787 incoming freshmen who attended one of the orientation clinics in preparation for the 1999 fall semester.

Marcus James Miller of Groom, Texas was in attendance at the orientation.

It's A New Baby Boy

Katie Fraser and Sherman Ray Jr. are the proud parents of a baby boy. Brennan Lance Ray was born August 14, 1999. He weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 3/4" long.

He is welcomed by sisters Stephany and Kirsten Fraser and brothers Tyler Fraser and

Deandre Ray. Grandparents are R. J. and Honey Kempf, Groom; Sherman Ray Sr. Amarillo; and Ella Hager of Los Angeles, California.

Great-grandparents are Wilbur and Betty Kempf of Lefors; Cora Lee Ray of Plainview; and Atlee Davis of Hale Center, Texas.

The Ledwig Family Holds Reunion

Recently, the descendants of Felix and Ethel Ledwig held their every-three-year-reunion at San Diego, California. Hosts for the event were Daniel and Jane Ledwig, of Pasadena.

Among the events for the group of forty-two were a dinner on the beach at LaJolla; a Mexican dinner in Old Town; a bus tour; and lunch at the San Diego Zoo and Legoland. Much time was spent visiting, reminiscing and seeing other scenic areas.

Texans present were: Bernadine, Guy and Peggy McNeil of El Paso; Lisa and Larry Welsh, El Paso; Florence Ware, Dallas; Jason, Susan, Shane and Preston Ware, Plano; Jerry and Joan Ledwig, College Station; Elaine Chapman, Houston; and Burton Chapman, Houston. From California were:

Jane, Daniel and Royce Ledwig, Pasadena; and Mark Ledwig of Los Angeles.

Colorado residents were: Ralph and Frances Ledwig from Colorado Springs; Gini and Steve Gigliotti and children Jake, Sam and Allison of Colorado Springs; Lana Ledwig, from Denver; and Amanda Pacheco, Denver.

Ohio residents were Kara and Andrew Gigliotti, Caden and Maria of Columbus.

From North Carolina were: Jim and Daniel Ledwig with Renae' and Ryan from Brenard.

Paul Ledwig came from Joliet, Illinois.

From Florida were Angela and Derek Ledwig.

Anna Richards and children Bryant, Colin and Amelia came from Waseca, Minnesota.

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The Betty Hermesmeier Family

Groom Area Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September 3 - Mrs. T.C. Sustaire, Jason Peters, 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 - Mildred Miller, Ray Pool, Jessica D. Cagle, Trenton Charles Fields.

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

September 7 - Mrs. David Britten, Brady Painter, Daniel Wilson.

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Ashmead Family Holds Reunion

Descendants of William Ashmead gathered August 7, Frank and Emma together

Grooms Day evening, at the community center. Lots of hugs, laughter and talk of the days gone by. It was a joy to all that Lloyd Ashmead, the last living child of W.F. and Emma Ashmead, was able to come to the reunion. The group enjoyed some good food and such a happy time that will never be forgotten. Those attending were Lloyd Ashmead of Aurora, Colorado; Joyce Helm Koziol of Bluemont, Virginia; Bobby and Jane Helm of Wellington; Emma Grace Helm Pennington of Austin; Barbara Helm Dickerson and James Dickerson of Phoenix, Arizona; Patsy Helm

Fraser and John Fraser; Cindy Fraser Miller and Wesley Miller and Mark; Randy and Rhonda Fraser of Claude; Britt Fraser of Panhandle; Walter Kent and Shaon Fraser and

Shasta of Amarillo; Tricia Fraser Carson and Anthony Carson of Dalhart; Cleata Grace Ashmead Husted and Leonard Husted, Eugene Ashmead, Dale Ashmead, Pam Ashmead, Chris and Mary Ann Ashmead, Michael, Valerie, Christopher and Cody of Amarillo; Vick Ashmead and daughter Vicky of Amarillo; Rodney of Eric, Oklahoma; Lee Ann Brown Mitchell and Danny of Amarillo; and Berry of Jericho.

Ages of these dear people ranged from 83 years to 19 months.

Groom School Lunch Menu

September 7-10
 Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak fingers, French fries, Texas toast, fruit cocktail, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, potato wedges, pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Beef & bean chaulpa, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, graham crackers, applesauce, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Sandwiches, pork & beans, pickle spears, chips, peaches, milk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET & PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District will conduct a Public Meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for the 1999-2000 school year at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria on the evening of September 14, 1999. The proposed tax rate will be adopted at the regular 7:00 p.m. board meeting on September 14, 1999. Public participation in the discussion is invited at either meeting. The board may not adopt a rate that exceeds the proposed rate shown on the notice unless the district publishes a revised notice and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice. The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District intends to make no change to the tax levy from the past school year.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.842400	\$0.435300 *	\$1.277700	\$6,968.12	\$ 364.51
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$00.000000	\$00.000000
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$0.842400	\$0.435300	\$1.277700	\$6,968.12	\$ 364.51
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$0.000000	\$0.000000 *	\$0.000000	\$00.000000	\$00.000000
Proposed Rate	\$0.842400	\$0.435300 *	\$1.277700	\$5,628.97	\$256.41

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$12,330.00.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$17,376	\$18,265
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$2,376	\$3,265
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.277700	\$1.377400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$30.36	\$44.97
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$14.61	\$00.000000

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.599663. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.599663.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$00.00



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Sheriff's Report Carson County

By Sheriff Gary Robertson
There were seven persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of August 23 through August 29, 1999. Currently, we have eleven persons incarcerated and holds on fifteen additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. The Billy Crawford identified in last week's column was not a local resident.

Arrests for the week include: Thomas Loveless, 50, criminal child non-support; Charles E. Snider, 31, driving while license suspended; Georgia A. Brown, 40, public intoxication; Debbie G. Holt, 36, driving while intoxicated, 1st; Edward J. Jeffers, 46, public intoxication; Kevin C. McGregor, 22, domestic violence and evading arrest; Anthony L. Smith, 46, driving while intoxicated, 2nd.

Tigers Honored With Watermelon Feed

The Groom Tigers were honored with a Watermelon Feed last week in Groom Memorial Park. About 75 people attended the event that followed the Groom vs Hedley scrimmage.

Head Coach Larry Reid introduced Coach Brad Rainer and the 1999 Tiger football team. They are as follows: Seniors - #44 Dusty Crump, #80 Dustin Babcock, #65 Evan Crowell, #35 Chris Ollinger, #20 Wade Ritter, and #55 Josiah Scott. Juniors - #16 Grant Weinheimer, #25 Russell Conrad, and #11 Dewayne Gray. Sophomores - #60 Wyatt Britten, #32 Luke Pavlovsky, #34 Trey Britten, #30 Garrett Britten, #24 Cody Bivens, #50 Clay Britten, and #22 Adrian Delgado. Freshmen - #21 Doug Fields, #40 Hugh Weinheimer, #10 Lance Ollinger, #45 Cody Babcock and #42 Brett Britten.

Reid encouraged everyone to support the Tigers and come to the games. Cheerleaders

Carrie Sue Davis, Jessica Kopley, Allison Eatmon, Brooke Britten and Candace Bohr, along with Tiger Spirit Macie Britten performed before the crowd dispersed.

NOTICE

CARSON COUNTY will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at JUDGE'S OFFICE. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact DEE DEE SMITH for assistance.

CARSON COUNTY will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of income, residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Single Adult and Adult with Children	Couples and Couples with Children	Minor Children Only
1	\$78	---	\$64
2	\$163	\$125	\$92
3	\$188	\$206	\$130
4	\$226	\$231	\$154
5	\$251	\$268	\$198
6	\$288	\$294	\$214
7	\$313	\$330	\$267
8	\$356	\$356	\$293
9	\$382	\$399	\$337
10	\$425	\$425	\$363
11	\$451	\$468	\$406
12	\$494	\$494	\$432
13	\$520	\$537	\$475
14	\$563	\$563	\$501
15*	\$589	\$606	\$544

* Add \$43 for each additional household member if the household exceeds 15 persons.

4. Liquid resources and assets cannot exceed \$2000 (or \$3000 based upon certain family requirements). The fair market value of a car greater than \$4650 is counted against the resource limit. Personal property and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of CARSON COUNTY.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payor of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

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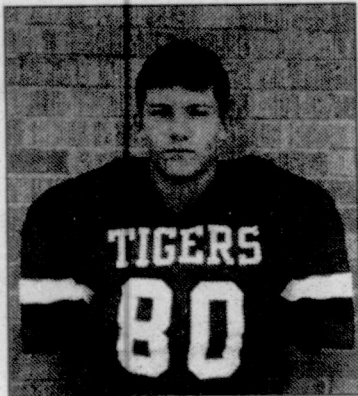
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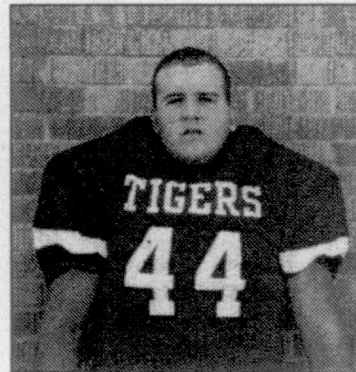
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Students Head Back To College

The community of Groom and GISD are proud to see so many of the youth of Groom go to college. The following is a list of this years college students.

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Conrad, Sandie Conrad, Karen Conrad, Sean Crowell, Brian Baker, Leo Britten, Albeto Vega. West Texas A&M University
Kori Brown, Brandon Crump, Bo Burgin, Bart Britten, Bronte Britten, Kay Case, Sara Britten, Stacy Fields, Jamie

Shuck, Blake Barnett, Wyatt Weinheimer, Rhett Patterson, Seth Ritter. Frank Phillips
Cody Britten, Sammie Thomas. Clarendon College
C.J. Whatley, Todd Gray, Maggie Thomas, (Pampa campus). Angelo State

Mary Hutsell, Sarah Hutsell, Justin Ritter,

Caleb Pool. Altus Junior College
Jacey Richardson, Julie Richardson. Texas Tech University
Joe Britten, Toby Burgin, Stephanie Ollinger, Jessica Friemel, Melanie Friemel, Adam Stephens, Brenda Fields, Stanley Homer, Chris Burger, Dean Fields, Josh (Evenson) Crook, Terry Eatmon, Trisha Treadwell. South Plains

April Burton, Martie Phillips, KayLynn Britten, McLaughlin, Daniel Treadwell. Southwest Texas State
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GROOM ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, September 14, 1999 in Administration Office, 304 W Third Street, in Groom, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1,480,000	\$0,000,000	\$1,480,000	\$4,384	\$2,426
Low State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1,480,000	\$0,000,000	\$1,480,000	\$0	\$0
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$1,495,000	\$0,000,000	\$1,495,000	\$4,125	\$2,995
Proposed Rate	\$1,500,000	\$0,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,138	\$3,008

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$52,857.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$27,916	\$28,298
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$12,916	\$13,298
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1,480,000	\$1,500,000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$191.16	\$199.47
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$8.31	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.519612. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.519612.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$108,000

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$0



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advanced diplomas and to compete with larger schools in course offerings. Many high school students are taking advantage of dual credit college courses in order to gain early college credit. These courses are offered through high school at significant savings to parents and students. A distance learning lab is a videoconference classroom that allows students to take courses from other public schools or colleges while staying at our campus. We believe that such technology is an important part of the future for small schools. Over the next few years, we would develop a full schedule offered by distance learning. In addition, it is hoped that members of the community will be able to use the lab for furthering their education. Currently, plans call for the use of the home economics room for a videoconference site. The costs of this project can vary from \$60,000 to \$100,000 for equipment, renovation, and training. Science Lab

Another important use of bond funds would be

to update the science lab. With the addition of Susan Noack to our staff, students are being exposed to an exciting hands on approach to science instruction that requires a modern science lab. Some of the anticipated changes include addition of space, redesign of lab stations, and a significant amount of new equipment. Estimates of the cost of these renovations are from \$30,000 to \$70,000. Groom ISD already has a dedicated and professional staff. With computer lab updates that are being paid for through the recently acquired grant and the improvements detailed above, our students should be able to enter the twenty-first century with the tools needed to be competitive in college and the workforce. Additional Projects

If funds remain, they would be used to continue the energy and HVAC project so as to get full advantage of heating, cooling, and electrical work. For an estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000 the remainder of the windows could be renovated, the cafeteria air conditioned, and some further electrical needs

met. **Bond Considerations**

After careful consideration, the board decided to begin the procedures that would lead to a bond election. One of the primary uses of the bond proceeds would be to pay for most of the heating, air conditioning, and electrical project, including payment of the LoanStar loan. These funds would allow the school to maintain a comfortable fund balance in case of unforeseen future financial problems. They would also allow the school to use all revenue from Maintenance and Operations taxes to be used for maintaining and operating the school on a yearly basis rather than to service debt. In a time of increasingly expensive legislative mandates, it is felt that the school needs full use of these funds.

One important question to consider when asking the taxpayers to approve a bond issue is how much money should be approved. The fees and other costs of issuance of bonds are approximately \$28,000. These costs make the sale of less than \$500,000 of bonds

Area Obituaries

Donald Rodney Webb HOWARDWICK - Donald Rodney Webb, 60, died Monday, August 30, 1999. Services were in Clarendon Church of Christ with Brian Gochenour, minister, and Mike Suiter, minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Mr. Webb was born in Amarillo and lived in

Groom before moving to Howardwick eight years ago. He had been a cowboy and was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ. He married Josephine Peyton in 1985 at Groom. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Linda Garner of Eules and Wanda Arganbright of Amarillo; three sons, Lewis Alton Webb and Kerry Don Webb, both of Eules, and Daniel Kirk Webb of Amarillo; two brothers, Gayle Webb and Jerry Webb, both of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

untenable since the cost of borrowing would be too high. In effect, the sale of \$500,000-\$600,000 in bonds would allow the district to complete the projects described above. The hope is that this article has helped to provide an understanding of what a bond proposal would do for our school. Over the coming weeks, we will be getting more precise figures on the cost of the projects and will provide the public all the information we can. Next week, we will try to give details on how a bond issue works, what the long range costs are, and the effects of the proposal on your tax bill.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, Crown of Texas Hospice or Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospitality House.

Jack Gasway
Jack Gasway, 74, died Thursday, August 19, 1999. Services were held Monday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, Texas. Mr. Gasway was born in Wichita Falls and moved to Amarillo at the age of three. He was a graduate of Amarillo

High School. He worked for Wilson Batteries and American Parts Systems in Amarillo and moved to El Paso in 1972. A World War II veteran, he married Dorothy Loretta Britten, formerly of Groom. Survivors include his wife of 50 years; three daughters, Brenda Hayes, Kathryn Steele, and Carla Gasway all from El Paso; two sons, Stan Gasway of Dallas and Kenny Gasway of El Paso; two sons-in-law, Carlton Hayes and Thad Steele; and four grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Words Of Wisdom

A grandmother is a mother who has been given a second chance.

Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

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