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## MISD School Board Holds Regular Meeting - Certifies Election Results

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 20, 2005.

Board members present were Marshall Hanes, Chet Bohlar, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, Joe Riley, and David Fuller. Other present were Superintendent Jimmy Hannon and Secretary Leslie Darsey. Absent from the meeting were Dick Crockett, Rhonda Patterson and Billy Bybee.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. and Marshall Hanes gave the opening prayer.

Motion was made by David Fuller, second by Toni Bohlar to approve

the Regular Board meeting minutes of September 19, 2005. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present for comments.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to certify results of the Chapter 41 Wealth Equalization election. Option 3, authorizing the Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues passed with 188 votes "FOR" and 7 votes "AGAINST".

Option 4 authorizing the Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District to educate students of other school districts with local tax revenues passed with 184 votes "FOR" and 8 votes "AGAINST". Motion

carried.

Terri Adams stated that she appreciated the Board and Staff as they were able to spread the word and inform the public in regards to the voting issues that were at hand and necessary to continue education at MISD.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Marshall Hanes to adopt the amended Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct. After much discussion during last month's meeting, Mr. Hannon had revised the policy after checking with other school's regarding their policy and found that some were stricter, where others were more lenient. Four members voted "FOR" the amended

See MISD, pg. 10



Susan Corley, Nona Turpin, Crissy Simpson and Rhonda McWhorter (sitting) are the faces that will be greeting you when you visit the Bank of Commerce in McLean.

## New Faces at The Bank of Commerce

You may have noticed the many new faces at the Bank of Commerce, downtown McLean.

Rhonda McWhorter is the new Vice President and Bank Manager at the bank. Rhonda has been at the bank for several

months.

Crissy Simpson and Susan Corley are two new faces behind the counter. They are serving customers as new bank tellers. Crissy started at the bank about three weeks ago. Susan started at the bank on Monday.

One familiar face at the bank is Nona Turpin. She has been a faithful employee for many years.

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## Drinking and Driving Assembly Held For Red Ribbon Week

Dead bodies, mangled cars, faces of killed or injured people. No, these are not things you see to scare you on Halloween. These are the slides that Texas State Trooper Daniel Hawthorne showed the McLean high school students during an assembly on drug driving.

"57,000 people died in a nine year period during the Vietnam war," stated Hawthorne. "During that same period of time, two million people died due to drunk driving."

Trooper Hawthorne also told the students that every 15 minutes, two people are killed or injured due to drunk driving.

Mrs. Jones, librarian at the high school read the students a story about a



Trooper Daniel Hawthorne talks to the high school students about the seriousness of drinking and driving.

little blue dress that eventually had been worn by a little girl who was buried in the dress. The little girl Sara, Mrs.

Jones' niece, had been killed by a drunk driver.

Trooper Hawthorne's program is part of Red Ribbon Week. The week See RIBBON, pg. 9

## LOCAL REMINDERS

**SHOW YOUR PRIDE** in your local hero. See page 6 of the Groom News for more information.

**HARVEST** Coronation will be on Saturday, October 29 in the High School Auditorium.

**THE CITY** Council will meet on City Council on November 14 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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**REMEMBER** Your Veteran's on Veteran Day, November 11.

**LIGHT UP THE** Night will be held at Trinity Church on October 31, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**PIONEER STUDY** Club will meet on November 3 at Elizabeth's.

**ELECTION DAY** is November 8.

**THE TIGERS WILL** travel to Higgins tomorrow night to play the Coyotes at 7:30 p.m.

**THE CUBS FACE** Off against Higgins tonight at 6 p.m. at Duncan Field.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Will be held at the Assembly of God Church on October 31.

**GATE FEES AT** Football games are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. At JR. High games \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Everyone is required to pay with the exception of MISD faculty and Board Members.

**DAYLIGHTSAVINGS** Ends on October 30.

**HALLOWEEN** Trick or Treating will be on Monday, October 31.

## McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

**October 27** Nana Webb, Tanner Hess, Mert and Jenny Collom (A).

**October 28** - Randi Jo Riley, Britnie Cooper, Nelson Dwyer, Grace McClellan, Bob Sherrid, Linda Fuller, Vonda Averett, Calvin Armbrister.

**October 29** -

**November 1** - Belinda Daniels, Stephen Williamson, Staci Smith, Lyndsey Ellis, Lisa Ellis.

**November 2** - Floyd Morris, Loyd Morris, Butch and Nona Turpin (A).

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

## McLean ISD Breakfast and Lunch Menu

for the week of Nov. 1 - 4

### BREAKFAST

**Tuesday:** Toast with Sausage and Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast Mini Pockets, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday:** Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk

**Friday:** Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Tuesday:** Meat and Bean

Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Rosie Applesauce, Milk  
**Wednesday:** Hamburger Steak, Grilled Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Brown

Gravy, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk

**Thursday:** Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, Salad, Refried Beans, Sopaipillas, Milk  
**Friday:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Cookies, Milk

## "Light Up the Night"

### Family Fun Night

Trinity Church 401 W. Railroad

Monday, October 31 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Admission: a bag of candy (No one will be turned away)  
 C-Fans Spinner, Barrel Race, Hoop Challenge, Rock Chair Slide, Hoop Hoop, Tether Hoop, the Flag Hoop, Face Painting, \$\$\$ Price for Best Costume

### "Concession Stand"

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All Concession Proceeds Benefit "Kids Blitz" coming to Trinity Church on Jan. 14, 2006

## Letter to the Editor.....Hurricane Rita Hits Former McLean Family

Dear Editor:

I live in the city of Port Neches Texas about 7 miles off of the Gulf Of Mexico. With the approach of hurricane Rita we decided to evacuate to Austin, Texas.

On Wednesday 9-21 Cindy, Dustin, and Kaela left the house for Austin which, on a normal day is a 4-5 hour trip. They made it to Bill and Tina Thomas' house in 8 hours. I stayed behind to board up the windows and pickup lawn furniture. I left for Austin 4 hours after my family. As I started down I-10 west out of Beaumont the traffic was running 70-80 MPH.

This all changed when I

got to the I-10, I-45 interchange in Houston. The traffic slowed to a crawl. It took me over 10 hours to go through the Houston/Katy area.

The next morning I was out of water to drink, gas was getting low, and I was getting hungry. There was no way to get off of the highway but that did not matter because there was no place to buy gas or food.

Thanks to my LG phone and Verizon wireless I was able to stay in touch with Cindy. AT around 10PM on the 22nd I was getting close to Columbus Texas. I call Cindy and she told me that her dad (Bill Thomas) was going to head toward me on

highway 71. I was less than 10 mile from Columbus on I-10 and he was 88 miles away in Austin. He met me about 8 mile North of Columbus. He went 80 miles to my 18.

Bill brought me food, water, and fuel. Not to mention Tina to drive my vehicle. There also 2 TxDOT employees that pulled up where I stopped. They gave me 5 gallons of fuel and some of their own food that they had brought from home. I now wish that I had got their names but I will never forget them.

After I got fuel and something to eat and drink the trip continued although not nearly as slow I finally

arrived in Austin around midnight. The entire trip took just over 28 hours.

After we found out that Rita had her aim on our town, we made the choice to enroll Dustin and Kaela in school in Ceader Park ISD. You would have thought we were back in McLean. These people took the kids, gave them school supplies, and personal care items. They set them up with a buddy and the kids hit the ground running.

Cindy and I called the companies that we work for in Beaumont and they both have offices in Austin. We both went to work the next day. Three weeks later we made the decision to come back to Port Neches. The schools are now back open and we are back to work while we clean up and fix up.

We were very luck as far as damage goes. We lost about 200 shingles, trees, trampoline, fridge, freezer,

fence, and the TV blew up the first night back. We have friends that lost everything.

The people of Texas are GREAT they almost all left when they were told to leave. I have only heard of 5 deaths related to Rita in Texas.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for us. (I did alot of praying myself)

Love, Doyle, Cindy, Dustin, and Kaela Lee

## Pioneer Study Club Learns the History of the Founding Settlers

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, October 20 at Elizabeth's. Hostess Ruth Trew served Tiger tea, graveyard cake, tuna salad cups and nutty pretzels.

Those attending the meeting were Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Janet Glass, Mickey

Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Pat Stubbs, Betty Taylor, Rosa Troy, Nama Webb, Ella Mae Reyna, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Magee and Mary Emma Woods.

Members answered roll call with the date of their arrival in McLean. Zelda McClellan presented a

very interesting program on Alfred, Bernard and Vincent Rowe, early pioneer settlers in the McLean area.

The next meeting will be November 3 at Elizabeth's with Rosa Troy in charge of the program as well as being hostess.

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Students of the Week



For the week of Oct. 17 - 21: Pro-K: Dylan Ellis, K: Trenton Jasper, P: Charles Graves, S: Andrew Bybee, S: Chris Walker, G: Shelby Adams, S: Kendra Richardson, G: Sabar Bohler, P: Clay Crockett, G: Nancy Castillo

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# Tigers Season 2-2 In District Play

The score of the game does not always reflect the hearts of the players in football. While the Tigers may have been battered, 48 - 0 by the undefeated Wheeler

Mustangs, their spirits were not broken.

The Tigers did not approach the game Friday night as a team who didn't want to lose. They approached the game as a team that wanted to win.

Even as their opponents score continued to rise, the Tigers never quit. Fighting to the bitter end.

The Tigers are now 2-2 in district and 4-4 in overall play. They will travel to Higgins Friday night at 7:30 p.m. to take



The Tigers defensive line go after their opponent and to protect their quarterback. The Tigers are 2-2 in district.

on the Coyotes. Higgins is a small team with only eight players and one senior.

On November 3, the

Tigers will play at Duncan Field against the Samnorwood Eagles. This will be the last home

game and the last game of regular season. This will also be Senior night.



Mrs. Jones reads the story that was written about her niece that was killed by a drunk driver.

## Halloween Safety Tips

### RIBBON

is to encourage kids and young adults to be drug and alcohol free.

On Friday, the high school students will release red balloons into the air with their names on them.

(NAPS)—Help youngsters celebrate the true spirit of Halloween with easy-to-make disguises that are sure to scare up goodies galore. Begin with wardrobe basics such as tee shirts, hooded sweats, leggings or tights. A few store bought accessories, some VELCRO® brand tape for closures and to attach removable trims and decorations, and a little imagination are the other elements needed.

- To make a fairy or ballerina costume, layer a simple net skirt over tights and matching tee. Decorate headband with tulle, flowers or rhinestones.
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# MCLEAN TIGER FOOTBALL

## The Eye Of The Tiger



The McLean Tigers circle up at a recent game to listen to instruction from Coach Graves and Coach Herring.

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version and Chet Bohlar was "OPPOSED". The Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct will be sent home with students as soon as possible.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Joe Riley to adopt TASH Policy Update 76. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to table the purchase of a suburban. Mr. Hannon was inquiring if the Board though a suburban could be purchased to replace the van, which has over 135,000 miles and transportation departments are trying to do away with the extended body vans to haul students as a result of several reported accidents involving that particular type of van. Mr. Hannon suggested a purchase soon because the price of suburbans is coming down and said that the van could still be used to haul supplies and commodities and for maintenance use. Four members voted to table the motion, Joe Riley was opposed.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller to sell the '74 Chevy pick-up. Mr. Hannon stated that it had several maintenance problems including an oil leak. Bids will be taken on the pick-up. Motion carried.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Joe Riley to approve Financial Reports A, B, & C. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Marshall Hanes to approved to pay the bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business

Mr. Hannon reminded the Board to the Level II School Board Training in Shamrock on November 28. He gave the Board a survey to be completed and turned in by next week.

Chet Bohlar had complaints about students wearing street shoes on the new gym floor and why students were off campus during school hours.

Marshall Hanes stated the collection of old lunch bills has been very successful. The Board requested if Tammy Hanes could be present at the next meeting to go over the Cafeteria Report and give them an understanding of it.

The site base committee

met Tuesday regarding TAKS intervention and invited Mr. Barry Hahnisch from Pampa to speak to the staff about how to improve TAKS scores on October 31st,

which will be an early release day for the students.

There is also a TASH legal seminar at Region 16 scheduled for November 10 and has several topics of interest.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Joe Riley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

## Young at Heart Luncheon Held

There were 30 members and guests at our October 18 meeting. Cozy & Gabe Parson, Pat Barker, Rex Peacock, Ferris & Leta Mae Hess, and Joanne Ratcliff joined us. Amy Burrell with McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish said we had about 54 people attend our recent Health Fair. She wanted to thank Amanda Crawford

and all of those who made it such a big success.

The Young at Heart is planning to have flu shots in McLean at the library on Friday, November 4 from 10:00-1:00 and 2:00-3:30. Pharmacist Kevin Nunemaker with Sunscript Pharmacy spoke about the new Medicare D prescription drug plan. He said there is a chance some of the details may change before the beginning signu

date of November 16. But it is important to pick the plan best for your medical needs and sign up before the deadline of May 15, 2006. There will be increasing penalties every month after that date for those who fail to choose a plan. But once you enroll in a plan you will only be able to change it annually. Our next potluck luncheon meeting will be Tuesday, November 1.

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Pastor Mahlon Richardson  
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Cowboy Church - 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church** 206 E. 1st  
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175  
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

**Trinity Church** Railroad Street  
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Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.  
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.  
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Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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## Friends Turn Out For Labor Of Love



With seven combines and all the supporting equipment like grain carts and semi-trucks, friends of Brian and Michell Conrad harvest the ripe milo. The circumstances made their hearts heavy, but they were glad to be doing something for the family that expressed their love and friendship.

*"Don't judge the day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant." ... Robert Louis Stephenson*

It seems a very long time ago, now, when Brian Conrad had everything to look forward to... the ground tilled with seeds laid in for an

autumn harvest... a new baby to look forward to, a child of his own... to love and be loved by his wonderful wife Michell, extended family and his step-children ... good friends and neighbors to share fellowship and commiserate with about life on the farm. For

reasons now that will only be known by God, all suddenly came to an end. But the seeds that Brian and Michell planted were not just of milo. And the harvest that was done by their neighbors was not just to bring in the crop. When eight combines lined up across the farm

that Brian and Michell had loved it was a harvest, all right, but a harvest of the seeds of friendship. Around 50 friends and neighbors gathered, at the Conrad farm to do one

last thing for their dear friends. With eight combines abreast, Brian and Michell's crop last milo crop was harvested. Donations from various sources brought in lunch

and refreshments for the crew. "I never felt so good... at the same time, felt so bad," said one of good friends of the family.

See HARVEST, pg. 3

## Ready For Trick or Treat?

Halloween will be celebrated by children wishing to "Trick or Treat" on Monday, October 31. Since this is a school night, parents are asked to try to help their children complete their "ghostly" rounds no later

than 9:30. Those in Groom who wish to hand out treats leave their porch lights on. Parents are asked to encourage children to be respectful of the property of residents by trying to stay on sidewalks when they are available and out

of flowerbeds. Property owners are asked to help keep the children safe by picking up hoses and yard decorations that might be tripped over or stepped on in the dark and the kid's

See HALLOWEEN, pg. 2

## Convict Held In Conrad Murders

Texas Rangers and Gray County Law Enforcement Officers returned from Missouri where they are investigating the possibility that a 23 year old man who is suspected of gunning down a Missouri man and woman may be linked to the murders of Brian and Michell Conrad, their unborn child and Michell's 14 year old son

Zach Don. Levi King is being held on two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder in Missouri after he allegedly killed Orlie and Dawn McCool on September 29. He was arrested on October 3 in El Paso as he attempted to return from Mexico driving the pick-up belonging to the McCools. Evidence linking the two crime scenes centered around the discovery of a

name tag that belonged to Brian Conrad in the pick up that King was driving. There is also a link between the caliber of the gun used in the crimes. King is also charged with one count of first degree bugler, one count of armed criminal action and one count of tampering with a motor vehicle. The gun that is

See SUSPECT, pg. 5

## Early Voting Has Begun For November 8's General Election

Early voting has begun for the November 8 General Election began on Monday. County residents can vote during regular business hours at the

Carson County Courthouse until Monday Nov. 4, according to County Clerk Celeste Bichsel. (The office is closed during the lunch hour.) Please bring

your voter registration card to expedite the procedure. The following is a brief explanation of the items on the ballot:

See VOTE, pg. 6

## Groom Community Calendar

**THE GROOM** Tigers will travel to Hedley to play the Owls on Friday, October 28 at 7:30.



**DON'T FORGET** to "fall back" to regular time this Saturday night. Turn clocks back 1 hour.

Tuesday's World Cotton Prices at Carson County Gin is 4386

**HALLOWEEN** will be celebrated on Monday, October 31. Please leave your porch light on if you wish to participate in Groom.

**ANNUAL HARVEST** Dinner hosted by the Methodist Church will be on Sunday, Oct. 30 at the Groom Cafeteria from 11:00 to 1:30.

Tuesday Prices at Atchafalaya Grain Co. Wheat 5.85 per bushel, Soybean 12.50 per bushel, Corn 3.25 per bushel.

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### ATTENTION SPOOKS & GOBLINS

Be sure to Trick or Treat at H & R Tractor Repair on Old Rt. 66! ( Joe Rae Richardson's shop ).

Trick or treaters are invited to come by the Groom Ambulance Barn on Monday, October 31 for goodies and to tour the ambulance. Coloring contest entries are reminded to turn their books in to the city Library by October 24, so winners can pick up their helmets on Halloween.

A FLU shot clinic will be held for veterans on the VA hospital this Friday, October 28 from 8:30 to 4:00 in the mail lobby. Please bring 2 forms of ID. Spouses are NOT eligible.

A FLU SHOT clinic will be held at Groom School on Nov. 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring Medicare Card. \$10 per shot.

Darrell and Charlotte Whatley traveled to Fabens, Texas to visit their son and daughter in law last weekend. They enjoyed helping out the "Corn Maze" that CJ and Kamy Whatley own and operate. While they were visiting, Kamy was on the TV program, "Good Morning, El Paso" to promoted their Maze.



### Halloween

excitement.

Parents should be encouraged to add reflective tape to all costumes so that they can be seen in the dark.

If everyone uses common sense, this will be as much fun as ever for the children!

### Sorority Plan Senior Citizens Lunch

Alpha Mu Xi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met on Tuesday, October 11 in the home of Barbara Homer. Co-hostess for the evening was Donna Barnett. Members were served homemade potato soup while preparing stew for senior citizens of Groom. Pink bracelets were presented to members to support Breast Cancer awareness. Funds to purchase the bracelets went for research to the American Cancer Society.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared by Alpha Mu Xi again this year for senior citizens on November 14.

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

October 30 - Ginna

Miller, Brian Baker.

October 31 - Shirley Ann Fields, Hallie Thompson, Kade Brown, Maddie Wieberg.

November 1 - Milton Thompson, Jackson Kuehler, Katie-Lane Thompson.

November 2 - Bobby L. Jones, Billy T. Jones, Trent Britten.

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## GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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 Wednesday- Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.  
 Thursday, Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.  
 Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.  
**Lunch:**  
 Monday - Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, ranch beans, hot rolls, milk and brownies  
 Tuesday - Chicken Fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, and milk.  
 Wednesday - Corn Dogs, macaroni and cheese, tater tots, fruit cocktail, pickle spears and milk  
 Thursday - Nachos, pinto beans, lettuce, sopapillas, and milk.  
 Friday - Pizza, Salad, Pears crackers, and milk..

## HARVEST

In the end, this labor of love was an illustration of how a man and a woman lived, not how they died. Those who participated, when they went to bed that night tired from their labors, knowing that the seeds of friendship can sprout up without much cultivation, but the harvest goes on and on.

Refreshments and lunch were provided by Western Equipment, Attebury Grain, Stop N Shop and Jiggs Britten. Those helping with harvest included Greg Bowers, Johan Brink, Marius Van Eeden, Chris Ollinger,

Lee Barkley, Ralph Robinson, Clint Babcock, Chief Koetting, Donnie Conrad, Kelvin Ollinger, Tony Treadwell, Kenny Babcock, Gary Don Babcock, Dean Fields, Barry Fields, Chandler Bowers, Buck Babcock, Melvin Wills, J. R. Burton, Richard Bowers, Terry O'Neal, Jerry O'Neal, Cady Koetting Wilson, Rodney Fohr, Dean Burger, John LeVick, Donna Burger, Lynn Burger, Ken Burger, Katlyn Burger, Logan Burger, Casen Cavalier, McKenna Cavalier, Camron Cavalier, Kenzi Larson, Brandon Larson, Sean

## Top Sellers Named In School Fund Raising Contest



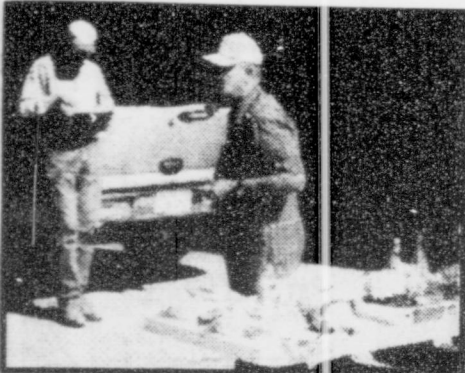
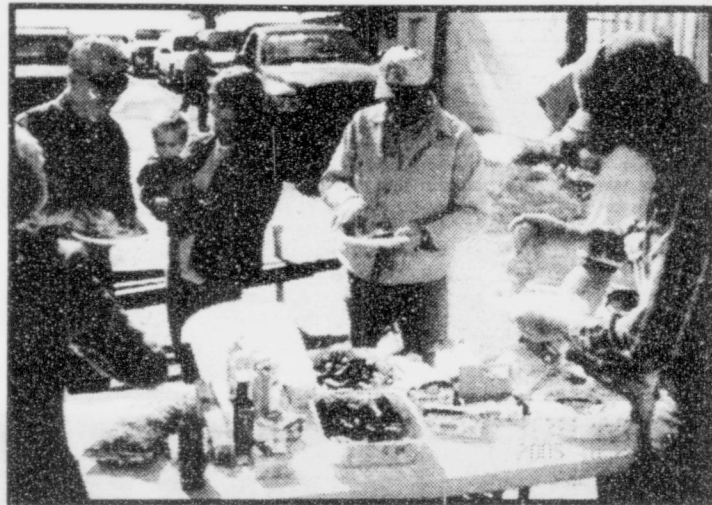
Superintendent Stevens was pleased to announce the top sellers of the school fund raiser. Selling \$277.00, Tyler Case took the top sales position, winning a \$100 savings bond. His brother, Tanner Case earned \$253.00 in sales for the good cause. He will receive a \$50.00 savings bond. Mason Miller earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place bragging rites with \$247.00 in sales and will receive a \$25.00 savings bond.


Proceeds from the sale will be budgeted for the installation of lights on the playground.

Crowell, Dean Fields, Johnny Brooks, Peet Badenhorst, Dave Dane, and Scott Fields

There were many others who will could not be there that day, but continue to benefits from the seeds of friendship that have touched their lives due to Brian and Michell Conrad.

*Volunteers take a moment for a bit to eat during the Harvest. They were (right) Melvin Wills and Sean Crowell, (Left) Mr. & Mrs. Ken Burger, Kelvin Ollinger, and Dean & Donna Burger and (below) Barry Fields, Kenny Babcock, Ralph Robinson, and Lee Barkley.*




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## Tigers Fearless In The Face Of Overwhelming Foe

It takes some intestinal fortitude to stand before a giant and not flinch. While Valley's win might have been inevitable, the Tigers showed no fear when it came to Valley's reputation. During the opening minutes of the

game, the Patriots looked like they were surprised at Groom's prowess on the field and for a little over a minute, the Tigers were beating them.

Most of Valley's success hinged on the running game provided

by Alex Espinoza. He carried the football 14 times for 213 yards and 5 touchdowns. The Patriots one and only pass came from Cole Brown to Kye Fuston on a 34 yard pass.

Groom's Thane Barkley fired several long

"hail mary" passes, but timing was off just slightly, missing connections with receivers by a step or two.

Valley earned 374 yards to 70. The final score was 55-7.

The Groom Tigers will

play Hedley there, Friday night at 7:30.

Next Week the final home game will be played. The seniors and their parents will be honored during pregame activities.

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### GROOM BOY SCOUTS ARE ON THE GO!

Several members of the Groom boy scouts traveled to Camp Don Harrington recently. Some of the activities that they participated in were archery, wall climbing, painting pumpkins and shooting BB guns. Those attending were Tanner Case, Justin, Shields, Sonny Stegall, Lane Stegall, Jonah Cooper and Bailey Hart.



### Services Held For Father Of Shirley Fields, Edward Vincent

**LEFORS** - Edward Vincent, 82, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, in Gray County.

Mr. Vincent was born Aug. 16, 1923, in Pampa. He married Juanita Upham on Oct. 25, 1947, in Lefors. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, Shirley Fields of Groom, Ann Hines of Stinnett, Carol Vincent of Pampa and Lea Ferguson of Claude; a brother, Robert Carr Vincent of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of United Methodist Church of Lefors, and the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be to United Methodist Church of Lefors or a favorite charity.

### SUSPECT.....

believed to have been used at both scenes is suspected to have been stolen from King's father's home.

King was sent to prison in 2003 for second degree burglary, second degree arson and stealing. He was released on July 6 and transferred to a halfway house that he walked

away from on Sept. 23. Local officials are analyzing information and comparing evidence from the Gray County crime scene and King's escape vehicle and other evidence. They hope to have the case solved very soon.

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## VOTE

### PROPOSITION 1

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

**Brief Explanation** - HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

### PROPOSITION 2

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting

this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

**Brief Explanation** - HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

### PROPOSITION 3

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

**Brief Explanation** - HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations

payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

### PROPOSITION 4

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

**Brief Explanation** - SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

### PROPOSITION 5

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to

define rates of interest for commercial loans."

**Brief Explanation** SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

### PROPOSITION 6

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

**Brief Explanation** - HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

### PROPOSITION 7

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

**Brief Explanation** - SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic.

predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

### PROPOSITION 8

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

**Brief Explanation** - SJR 40 would clear

individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas

### PROPOSITION 9

**Ballot Language** - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority." **Brief Explanation** - HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

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