

John Haynes displays an auction item as James Hefley encourages the crowd to bid

for a good cause

Board Takes Another Look At Extra Cirricular Activities Code Of Conduct classroom supplies qualify

McLean The Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2005. Board present were Marshall Hanes, Chet Bohlar, Terri were Marshall Adams, Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, David Fuller and Others Billy Bybec. present were Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, and Rhonda Patterson.

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votes A11 are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

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

gave the opening David Motion by David Fuller, second by Joe regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2005, and special meeting the minutes of August 29, Billy Bybee 2005

abst nined from voting as he was not present for the regi lar meeting, while the other five Board members app oved the motion. There were no visitor

Mr. Hannon went over

the School FIRST rating

for 2003-2004, of which

MIS D received a superior

achievement rating.

There are 21 questions

(indicators) to assess the

financial management syst m of the district

basid on the audit performed for that

ans vered yes on 20 of the

indicators, and answered

no to question #11 which

asked-was the percentage

of operating expenditures

exp nded for instruction more than 54 percent?

This indicator shows your

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so that it directly pays for

student instruction. Only

iters such as salaries of

classroom teachers and

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"Instruction as expenditures in this calculation. Mr. Hannon went on to explain that the legislature is trying to pass a 65% rule which mandates schools to spend 65% of the budget for instruction, in the near future

Patterson Mrs. presented some AP English issues to the Board. AP English is currently being offered to the seniors, and there are four students taking this course. She inquired testing these about students for \$75 each, and the test would be given in May with the results coming sometime in July. If a student takes an AP class, they will have 10 points added to their grade point average, and qualifies 25 distinguished achievement, which is See BOARD, pg. 10

NO SCHOOL ON

REMEMBER TO answer your phone tonight at 8 p.m. by saying "Beat The Panthers" to win free admission to the game and a gift certificate to the concession stand.

EARLY VOTING can be done at the School Business Office until October 7, 2005 from 8 am. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday on the Chapter 41 Equalization Election.

A HEALTH FAIR will be held on October 5, 1-4 p.m. at the McLean Senior Citizens building.

THE 4-R WILL meet on October 4th at the Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

THE ALANREED Community Association will have a workday at the community center, Saturday, October 1, 2005 starting at 9 a.m. There will be a community meeting at 6:30 p.m with a pot-luck meal. Please come and help the community out!

THE CUBS VS. Follett tonight @ 6 p.m in Follett.

were Debbie Powell. Patient Care Committee Chairperson; and Kathy Havnes and hushand Mike Circle of Friends was honored to have State Representative Warren Chisum and wife Omega attend the party. Other out

of town guests were Judy

and Dan McDanial. Judy is the Tulia board

representative for Circle of

"This year's fund raiser

was a huge success," stated

Charlotte Hefley, "thanks

to all who attended and

those who supported

althought they couldn't

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Friends.

THE TIGERS VS Follett, Sept. 30, here, @ 7:30 p.m.

TO MAKE Donations to the Brownie Girl Scout Troops call Julie Ferguson at 779-2135.

THERE WILL BE A public information meeting in the McLean School Cafeteria on Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. to inform voters of the district concerning the Chapter 41 Equalization Election.

October 10, 2005.

Charlotte Hefley, McLean Circle of Friends Board Repress tresses the crowd at the 12th annual dinner and auction here wonderful meal of Prime The 12th Annual McLean Circle of Friends membership fund raiser dinner and auction was held September 17, 2005 at the Devil's Rope Museum.

Rib and all the trimmings to 103 guests. Joe Bill Will Frost and the Route 66 Steakhouse catered a

Sherrod Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center updated the crowd

logal reminders

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Local Obituaries

LaRoy "Buddy" Set on assed away September 20, 2005 at the age of 80 in Amarillo, Texas,

Services were held on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at the Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home with the Reverend Thacker Hay ies officiating

LaRoy Nicholas Sut on was born June 27, 1925, in Hammond, Oklahoma to Jake and Eula Mae Sution. He married Bonnie Bailey on October 29, 1944 in Cordell, Oklahoma, They were married for 60 years.

Mr. Sutton was in the Navy from 1943-44. He was a barber for many years until he retired and moved back to McLean where he raised cattle and horses until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife of the home; son Danny Sutton and his wife Nina of South Carolina; son Dennis Sutton and wife Vicke of California and daughter, Taylor Casey and husband Cole of California, 10 California, grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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He was proceeded in death by daughter, LaDonna Sutton in 2002.

Family request memorials to be made to the Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas, 79057.

Willis Muncy, 95, passed away on September 21. 2005 in McLean. A private service for family was held September 24, Bailey-Ware 2005. Funeral Home, McLean, Texas, with Pastor Leland Lewis, First Assembly of God, Pampa, Texas, officiating.

Burial was Monday, September 26, 2005, Hillcrest Cemetery, Las Cruces, NM.

Willis J. Muncy was born in Shady Point, OK, to Levi and Kanzadie Muncy on March 19, 1910. He married Irene Lamb on January 31, 1933, in Poteau, OK. He was a miner and served in the Merchant Marines during WWII. He was a devout Christian who was a charter member of Church Triumphant and active in church all of his adult life. Survivors include (3) daughters: Irma Wagner

(Martin), Eufaula.

Alabama; Phyllis Cunningham (Wayne), Las Cruces, NM; Gayle Rohde (Art), McLean, TX; (3) Grandchildren: Shelley Brooks, Matt Merrick, and Robin McCracken; (4) Great Grandchildren: Lee Erin Brooks, Elle McCracken, Mia McCracken, and Yasmin Hirsch

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Muncy, June 16, 2004.

The family suggests memorials to: McLean Care Center Activity Fund or BSA Hospice, Pampa, TX.

COLBERT, Okla. Harvey R. Shelton, 68, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2005.

Mr. Shelton was born May 10, 1937, in McLean, Texas to Johnny D. Morris "Fotch Shelton and Rosa Lee Darnell Shelton. He married Rogene Norris on Dec. 27, 1986, in Quinlan, Texas. He was veteran of the Navy. He retired as a supervisor at E-Systems after 35 years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Odis C. Shelton. and his parents.

Survivors include his wife: son, Steven Shelton and wife, Paula, of Lone Oak, Texas; two daughters, Becky Deckard and husband, Kevin of Canyon, Texas, and Sandra Bergstresser of Amarillo

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Texas; three stepchildren, Larry Spradling and wife, Robbie, and Gary Spradling, all of Greenville, and Terri Bowman and husband, Danny, of Lone Oak; three brothers, Alvis Shelton and Loyd Shelton, both of Wills Point, Texas, and Billie Vick Shelton of Rosenberg, Texas; seven grandchildren. Andrew Deckard, Nicholas Deckard, Brenndon Fussell, Bradly Fussell, Steven Fussell, Craig Shelton and Chris Shelton five stepgrandchildren. Truitt Spradling, Mark Williamson, Steven Williamson, Carley Spradling and Rowdy Spradling; two stepgreat-grandchildren. Ethann Spradling and Eli Spradli and several nieces and nephews.

Just remember, the only people not making mis-takes are those who aren't doing anything. —Tim W. Welborn

MCLEAN **BIRTHDAYS AND** ANNIVERSARIES

September 29 -Chester Jones, Gabe Parson, Robert Brass. September 30

Dianne Stewart, Tony Acuna, Gwen Stewart, D.J. Basham. October 1 - Elaine

Pierce, Nolan McClellan. October 2 - Don Sanders, Ben Reeser,

Shandee Tolleson. October 3 - Bill Graham, Billy Bybee, Joe Riley, Carey Richardson, Stephanie Ritchie, Don and Mary Basham (A). October 4 - Heather Hess, Clara Hupp, Andrew Stacy Jackson, Don Hauck. October 5 - Ruth

Magee, David Wells

Assembly of God Church Welcomes New Pastor and His Family



The Assembly of God is welcoming a new pastor and his family into their fold.

Mahlon Richardson and his wife, Tawnya along with their three sons moved back to Texas from South Dakota.

Mahlon grew up in Borger, Texas and Tawnya graduated from Plainview. They married in 1994.

Tawnya has traveled in Gospel music since she was three years old and she sang on the 700 Club at the age of four. The couple has been in the ministry for 12 years. In 2001-2002, they traveled full time in Southern Gospel music and released and album called "Can We Reach Them."

"We had just signed with Son Sound Records in North Carolina when Gad called us to pastor in South Dakota," stated Richardson. "After being there for two and a half years we planted a church there which is still doing well." After that the Richardson's felt that God had begun to call them home to Texas.

"An evangelist had told someone for the McLess church our story," said Tawnya. "They wondered if we would be interested in coming here. Little did we know, or them, that in jart three months we would be interviewing for this very church "

The couple says that they are very excited to be here in McLean and to see what God has in store.

Young at Heart Learns About "ICE" Program There were 28 members

and guests at our September 20 meeting. Buna Gudgel was able to join us again. Lynn Swanson with McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish reminded members about the new "ICE"" program for cell phones. It is suggested that you program your phone with your ""call in an emergency"" contact

number(s) for EMS/police to use if you are injured and they want to notify your family members. Jennifer Page, the dietician with the Pampa Regional Medical Center, spoke about Diabetes and Seniors. She said that sugar free candy contains "sugar alcohols" that can upset your stomach. If the package says the "average serving" is two pieces eating additional pieces at one

sitting may cause pre She stated that 15 cashs is considered "one serving" on package labels. Marja announced our upon Health Fair is on everyone (not just st and will be in our in on Wednesday, October 5. We still need donatio our building remodeling Our next potluck leach meeting will be Tuesd October 4.

Hunter Safety Course To Be Offered in McLess

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for October 4, 11 and 18 for 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. in McLean according to Bill Layman, Hunter Education Instructor.

Effective September 1, 1993, all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Layman.

The course is open to adults and youth and will include instructions in rifles, shotguns, and bow hunting, handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; law regulations; conservation; hunting traditions; wildlife identifications; field care of

game; wilderness fint ald nd survival.

Students 12 years of age or older successful CON picting the course will be issued a heated education certificate fa the Texas Parks Wildlife Department.

For more inform contact Bill Layman at 779-2504 or 1-800-792-1112

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Chi wch of Christ 4. & Clarendon Pastor Jim Reyna 7/9-2548 Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wild. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4. & Main Pastor Mahlon Rich ardson Morning Worship 10 30 a.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Cowboy Church - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1. Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175 Ray School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m. day Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ed bA hodist Church 2nd & Gray Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-: 049 & 779-2337 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Sunday Sr. High Youth Alphii Chi 5:00 p.m. day Choir 7:00 p.m.

> Heald United Method st Church Kellerville Rost Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207 nday worship 10://5 a.m. Life Groups-Sunday-5 00 p.m. Solid Rock Youth & Sonshine Children's Ministry Wednesday 6:0 Adult Bible Study-Wednesd ay-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of MicLean Ronnia Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135 Sunday at 7:00 | m First Assembly of God ~ 420 Main McLeen



Celebrate, celebrate That's what Sunday celebrate! was going on last Sunday when friends and family gathered to commemorate the 50th year of holy matrimony between Kinneth and LaRue Hambright. All four of their children attended, along with spouses. They inch de: Kinnete, the

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Kerry Anderson. Three of Kinnete and Kerry's four children were there, as well as two of their four grandchildren (grandchild number five was also in attendance, but not quite finished "baking" yet!) Beth, the second in line, and her husband Alan Crawford were there, but AAAAA Phone es 806-779-2485

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eldest, and her husband

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Hambrights Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage With A Party By Niki Hambright their two sons were,

unfortunately, unable to attend. Bill, the eldest son, and his wife Vicki Armbrister-Hambright came with all three of their children in tow. And, finally, Tony, the youngest of the four, and his wife Niki Hollingshis which with Holings-Hambright, with their three children as well. Kinneth and LaRue's niece, Carmel Moore-Hogue was also in attendance with her bushend Bring and two husband, Brian, and two of their three children. Kinneth and Larue's nephew, Chris Moore, came as well, with his wife, Theresa, and their The children. two roundup of "kinfolk" didn't stop there by any means! There were cousins, second cousins, third cousins and kissing cousins running around everywhere! The atmosphere was one of family and honor for two of the most precious people we know. And, there were certainly no shortage of friends and well-wishers at the event. You all know who you are, and on behalf of the Hambright family, YOU!! THANK YOU!! Your presence of smiling faces of sweet memories of time gone by; the generosity of your time for two hours one Sunday, all contributed to a day of love and comradery that ubtedly made God undo smile and giggle alike. It is now an all new memory that we all can share and reminisce about forever!

Events like this should take place more often to honor those who have set as fine an example for us as Kinneth and LaRue obviously have. Many of you may have done so also, or know someone who has. Take the time to celebrate it! It's 25 experience well worth the effort. The comment was made many times over the weekend by several made many times over the weekend by several different people that, really, the only time that friends and family gather like this to tell the guest of bonor how much they've meant to them-to express their open love and honor for them-is at the loved one's funeral. Our family, for one, is so grateful that we didn't wait until then to tell our mentor's and patriarch's how much their love, example of leadership, and hard work have meant to us all! Thank you all again for



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looked upon highly by colleges. Mrs. Patte son wants to be able to offer English III AP clauses next year, as well as, Biology or American History. Teachers of an AP class are required to attend a 5-day work hop during the summer. Students must nect certain criteria and hey must college or d Mrs. must perform at the or professional Patte son wanted approval from the Board and stated that there would be lots of work ahead in order to make these options available for the students. Toni Bohlar made a motion to approve the additional 10 points to be added to an AP student's grade, and that the school pay the testing fee, this

motion was seconded by Chet Bohlar, with five voting for and Joe Riley abstained from voting. Motion by David fuller,

second by Joe Riley to accept Shaun Crawford's resignation upon recommendation by Hannon, Motion carried.

Mr. Hannon made a recommendation to hire Gay Hill as Music Teacher/Special Ed Asst. The board approved this recommendation with a motion by Joe Riley, second by Billy Bybee. Motion carried. Ms. Hill is working with H.S. Choir, some band instruments, Pre-K through 1st grade music and assisting Christy Cox with Special Ed.

The Board then went into a lengthy discussion over the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct as they are not satisfied with the



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Bohlar stated that she has a problem if a student is in trouble with the law then upon returning to school is allowed to go right back into extracurricular participation. After many opinions and scenarios, the consensus of the Board was to change some of the guidelines listed in the Code of Conduct. The Board will seek help in redoing this policy from other districts and will also seek legal council. No action was taken and this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

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Motion by Billy Bybee, second by Joe Riley to approve the student transfers of Autumn Byron and Josh Watson. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the Financial Reports A,B, & C. Motion carried. Motion by

Billy Bybee, second by Marshall Hanes to approve to pay the bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried. During this time Terri Adams wanted to compliment all the hard work on the football field, press box, etc... during Homecoming and all the Board agreed that it did look very nice.

At this time, Mr. Hannon gave the Superintendent report and informed the Board of a Level II Team Building Workshop to be held in Shararock on November 28, 2005, from 6-9 p.m. This would be 28 important session by Region 16 to establish Rea and responsibilities the district and abilities for perintendent. Mr. Hannon had a

conversation with Kathy

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CIRCLE Lupton of TASB, and she attend." Circle of Friends suggested a need to update

Policy Reference

Manual. Rachel Burrow is with TASB Policy

Services and will come to

the district and conduct a

review seminar for a fee.

This review will ensure

that the district's manual

is a solid base that clearly

communicates

requirements for local

management and reflects

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also received some generous donations and these along with the auction and membership dues helped to raise over \$6,000,00 which will be turned in to the Harrington Cancer Center - Circle of Friends, which will aid in cancer patient care.

"Plan to attend next year and join the fun," said. Charlotte. "If you didn't receive your invitation this year, please let me know. I have learned that some did not get theirs in the mail Also, I am always glad to increase the invitation list. Once again, Thanks McLean."



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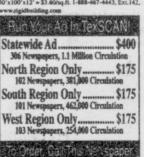
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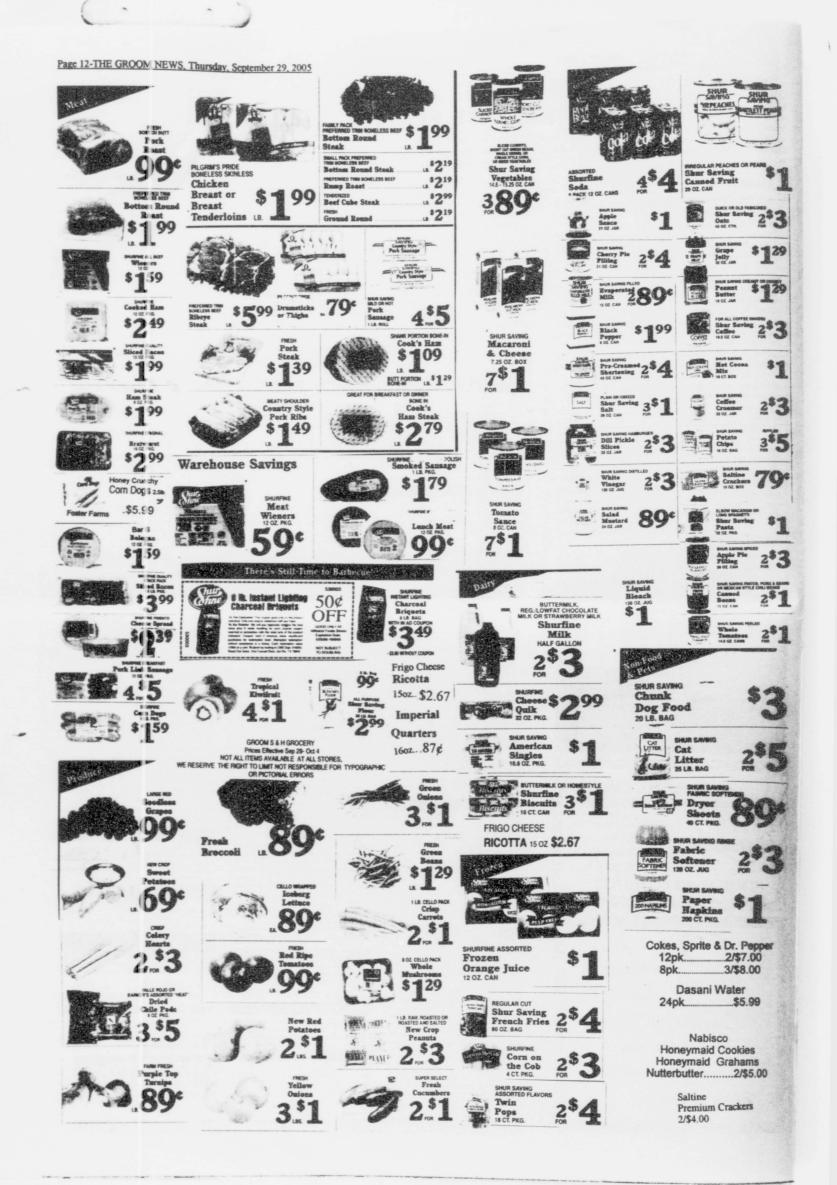
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Lion's Club To Raise Money For Scholarship Fund

From it's founding in 1946, the Groom Lion's Club has served the comm unity where ever there was a need, from philanthropic causes to projects that just needed good old elbow grease. This year, for the third annual time, the Lion's will host their fund raising luncheon to benefit the Groom Scholarship Fund .

The Lion's have long been an advocate of education, from honoring teachers for their service to helping Groom students

achieve success. They will ask the community to come and enjoy fellowship and a really great meal on Sunday beginning at 11:30 A.M. Donations will go into the Scholarships for Groom Seniors Fund. The Lions would also

like to invite communitymir ded individuals to consider becoming a member. Membership is open to any man or wor an who is interested in the community service org: nization.

Commissioners Approve Lower Tax Rate For 2005

The Carson County Commissioners met September 12, 2005. Attending were County Judge Powers, Commissioners Britten, Ware, Strawn and Howell. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All claims approved.

were paid. The court discussed raising the hourly rate for part-time experienced road hands. A motion was approved to set the rate at \$9.00 minimum to \$12.00

Sheriff Tam Terry informed the court that Cindy Rodriguez was terminated. He hired Carolyn Marquez as Jailer at the current salary of \$21,199.44

Bichsel Celeste County and District Clerk, asked the court to

The Annual Respect for

Life pilgramage has been planned for October 2,

2005 beginning at 1:00 at

the Immaculate Heart of

Mary Catholic Church at

4th and Ware in Groom.

The afternoon event will

begin with music and

singing on the lawn of

the church at 1:00. At 2:00, Jim and Joy Pinto, Priests for Life will

Syst ms and Software to purchase a new optical scan voting system. The implementation of the system is a result of Federally mandated law and will be totally funded by a federal grant. The est act was approved.

The court discussed the ax rate for the next budget year. Commissioner Britten said. "I move that prop rty tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .402054." Con missioner Strawn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The court is now the required to use preceding specific wording in any tax rate

See COUNTY, pg. 3

City be able to uphold his obligation to attend city meetings. The council went into

closed session at 7;32 to discuss whether to appoint a new council member.

The members convened in open session after only 3 minutes of deliberation. Ellis Stapp moved and

Chris Welch seconded the motion to leave the position vacant until the May, 2006 election when the term for Mr. Kling's service is expired.

Eddie Fink was appointed City Building inspector by the council. See CITY, pg. 5

Groom Cubs blasted the Hedley Owls winning 33-The Cubs scored 5 touch downs and gained

188 yards on offense They will play Happy, there, on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cubs Blast Owls

THERE WILL be no school at Groom ISD on October 10 in celebration of Columbus Day.

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Yabba Dabba Doo! Nope, you are not seeing things! This really is the Flintstones® boat and house trailers!

GROOM TIGERS will play Happy at home on Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

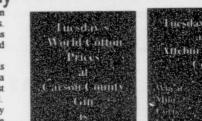
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DON'T FORGET! Meet The Teachers Night, October 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

DON'T FORGET to attend the Lion's Club Annual Scholarship luncheon, Sunday, Oct 2

THE GROOM Cubs pep rally will be Thursday, September 29th, be at 9:36 a.m.

RESPECT LIFE Annual Pilgrimage to the Cross in Groom will be on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1:00 p.m. Watch next week's paper for more details on activities for this event.



Annual Respect For Life Pilgrimage To Be Held Sunday

Paul on two occasions. She has earned numerous awards for her music and pro-life advocacy. At 6:30, the Knights

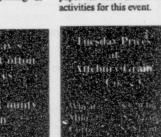
of Columbus will host a hamburger supper. Cost will be \$5.00 for the meal.

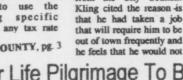
the Cross Ministries, The Diocese of Amarillo, The See PILGRIMAGE, pg 2

performed for Pope John

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Council met in regular

session last Monday.

September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members

were present: Mayor Joe

Secretary Mary Sue Lyles

was also in attendance. Absent from the

proceedings were Aldermen Kenneth Weller

accept the letter of resignation of Doug Kling

from the City Council

Chris Welch moved to

and Doug Kling.

Aldermen Ellis

City

were

Don Case and Welch. City

present a program for

youth entitled "Chastity -Welcoming Fairest Love'

Eishop Yanta will celebrate Mass at 3:00, also at the Immaculate Hear of Mary Catholic Church.

At 4:30 a Eucharistic Procession to the Cross will be held. Everyone who is able is invited to walk the mile from the Church to the Cross. At 5:00 p.m. there will be time at the Cross for Adoration and Benediction before the "Silent No More" Rally

wili begin at 5:10. At 5:20, the recording artist and composer of "We Are One Body", Dana, will perform in a spiritual concert. Dana is

from Ireland and has

These were used in the making of the movie that starred John Goodman, Rick Moranis, Rosie O'Donald and Elizabeth Perkins. Owned by Sam Attebury, these interesting items are being hauled to Branson, MO by David Fields and Fields Hot Shot service. You just never know what will be stopping in Groom, Texas or what you will see headed down Route 661 Doug Kling Resigns consider approving a constact with Election From City Council

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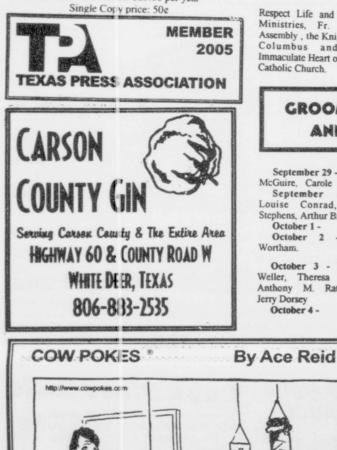
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Local Happenings

Bobby Ratterree recently was in Biloxi, Mississippi to assist with the hurricane clean-up.

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PILGRIMAGE

Respect Life and Youth Ministries, Fr. Dunn Assembly, the Knights of Columbus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

spent last week in Lazbuddie with her grand kids, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo, Justin, and John Henry while Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher were in Tifton, Ga visiting with her brother and family, Tracy & Katrina Horner, Kendall and James.

Norma Jean Homer

ILL OR RECOVERING Ill or recovering this week are Diane Bruso., Jee Ray Richardson, Kylie Pickering, and Anthony Luna

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 29 - Travis McGuire, Carole Fields. September 30 Louise Conrad, Kay Stephens, Arthur Britten. October 1 -

October 2 - Fay Wortham

October 3 - R. G. Weller, Theresa Wills, Anthony M. Ratterree, Jerry Dorsey October 4 -

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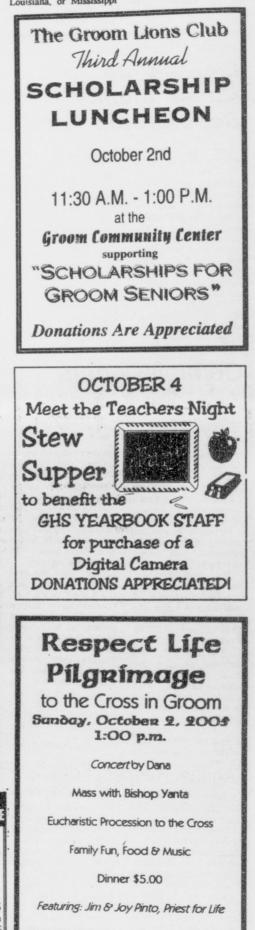
The Groom Yearbook staff is working to raise money tp purchase a Cannon EOS Rebel Digital Camera to replace the old 35 mm cameras. This camera will help reduce the cost of yearbook production by eliminating the need for film processing, taking better sports pictures and speeding up yearbook production in general. The stew supper donations will be used to this end. If you cannot attend the supper but would like to donate you may send your donation to the school or drop it by the office. Contact the office at 248-7474 for more information.



How Did Our Subscribers Fare In Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

The Groom News is interested in how our subscribers who live in the storm ravaged area fared. If you have information on the former residents that live in the Houston, Louisiana, or Mississippi

areas please call us to report if they are alright. We are also interested to know if our community can be of some kind of help in ways other than the usual channels.



Trustees Approve Bids

ISD School Groom Board held a special meeting to discuss the Superior Achievement Rating on the financial Integrity Rating System. In attendance were Clifton Britten, Tony Britten, Kathleen Barkley, Curtis Downs and Rodney Bohr. Members of the Board who were absent were Tony Rocha and Ron Knehler

No members of the public were in attendance. Mr. Stevens discussed the findings with the Board before moving to the regular business for the before September Meeting.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting and special meeting were approved. with a minor correction of the start time for one of the meetings.

During Open Forum, Trustee Bohr asked about policy in handing out community materials at Stevens Groom ISD. discussed his thought and policy along with the board

The transfer list was approved

BRUMLEY

INSURANCE

Bids were approved for groceries and milk for the Groom S & H Grocery.

The 2004-2005 budget was discussed. No action was taken.

Board Training opportunities were discussed. PAASB Board Training will be held a t the Region 16 Service Center and a Team of Eight training will be held later in the year.

Superintendent Stevens discussed a letter from the Carson County Appraisal District about board of director nominations. The nom nation from Groom will be discussed and accepted at the next regular Board Meeting.

Stevens also discussed the fund raiser that Groom ISD will be doing to add lights to the plays round area.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Neighborhood News..... **Claude School Must**

Cancel Football Program For 2005

ISD Claude Superintendent Bill Wood said this week the decision to cancel the high school football season is final.

The program will forfeit its District 2-1A schedule with hopes of returning to the field next year. To date, Claude has lost five to injury and three to grades and would have to play powerful Sunray on Friday with 10 players, mostly freshmen and sophomores.

On Monday, their players were determined physically unable to play and three others ruled academically ineligible.

Wood said, "I am a hometown boy and I know how much this hurts' "But you have to think about the safety of the boys.

Wood said Claude's high school enrollment sits at 109, so it's prospects of dropping to six-man are slender. The upper end of UIL enrollment cutoff for six man was 100 in 2004.

Claude likely will have three senior and four junior football players next season. Two of those future seniors suffered

season ending injuries this

year. The Mustangs plan to build for the future with 11-man football. But the team might be forced to

limit its season with subvarsity games next year. Claude head football

Coach James Henton said, When you are not very experienced or don't have the size, all you are going to do is either get yourself hurt or get somebody else hurt. But it's for the best for Claude and the program to do this."

Commissioners Meet

The Carson County Commissioners met on September 26, 2005. Attending were County Judge Powers and Commissioners Britten and Ware.

Minutes of the September 12th meeting were read and approved. All claims were paid. Celeste Bichsel, County

and District Clerk, asked the court to sign a new order appointing Election The motion Judges. pace

Jennie Cunningham, Treasurer, asked the court to acknowledge nine



Carson County Farm Bureau Insurance is proud to announce the appointment of Rex Young as agent for the Panhandle office. Young has been a Panhandle resident for 14 years. Rex married long-time Panhandle resident Julie Mitchell. They have two children, Jantzen, 11, and Jarrett, 9. Young has

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Young New Agent For Farm Bureau

been employed with Degussa Engineered Carbons in Borger for the He was nast six years. previously employed in the insurance business for 8 years. Farm Bureau offers

life, auto, home, crop and many other products and services. "I am thrilled to

be back working with the public and I am anxious to "go the extra mile" to service my customers' needs." stated Young. Farm Bureau's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rex can be reached at home after hours, if needed.

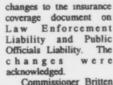
Young welcomes all his old and new customers to come by for an insurance review and a friendly "hello".

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continuing education hours from Partners in Pooling Training. The request was acknowledged.

Mrs. Cunningham also submitted the August Treasurer's Report for approval. The report was approved.

Judge Powers asked the court to acknowledge



made a motion to adjourn until October 11, 2005. Court adjourned.





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Phyllis Tyler, JP #2, asked the court to consider a line-item transfer. She asked that \$861.00 from Conference and Education and \$99.00 from Office Supplies be moved to Office

Equipment. The transfer

was approved. The court court discussed appointing new members to the Child Welfare Board. The appointment includes, Kevin Howell, Jerry Strawn, Kenneth Mike Britten. Ware Brenda Vermillion, Larry Brown, Mary Sue Lyles, Frankie Fries, Bryan, Debbie Yvette Bra Johnny Bruraley, Bill Fuller, and Angela Clay. Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor Collector reports

that 98.86% of the County taxes have been collected. Court was adjourned until September 26, 2005.

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Wednesday: break ast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: biscuits, gravy bacon, juice & milk Friday: doughn its, cinnamon rolls, juice &

milk. LUNCH:

Monday: steak,

mashed potatoes, ranch beans, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies & milk. Tuesday: corn dogs, macaroni and cheese,

tator tots, pickle spears, pineapple & milk. Wednesday: soft tacos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes,

yogurt & milk. Thursday: turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, applesauce, graham crackers & milk.

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

Tigers Lose To Kress

The Tigers ran into a real steam rolling team last week when they faced off with the Kress Kangaroos.

We came up against a "We came up against a team that was playing very well and had tremendous speed," said Coach Doug Galyean. Groom offense was almost completely shut

down, Thane Barkley was

the only rusher with only 19 yards. He connected on 11 of 27 passes for 78 yards. Blaine Britten scored a

touchdown receiving 4 passes for 13 yards. Chad Barkley caught 5

passes for 60 yards. The final score was 56-6

Some injuries plagued the Tigers. Anthony Luna

Groom Cubs listen intently as Coach Galyean and Johnson give them instruction that make for a winning combination.

has taken to the hospital in Plainview as a precautionary measure. He will be recovering from a back injury this week. Blaine Britten is also nursing an injury. It is unknown if he will be able to play this week.

The Tigers will face Happy this week. "They are a very good team," stated Galyean. "We can expect lots of speed." The Tigers will play at

home on Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

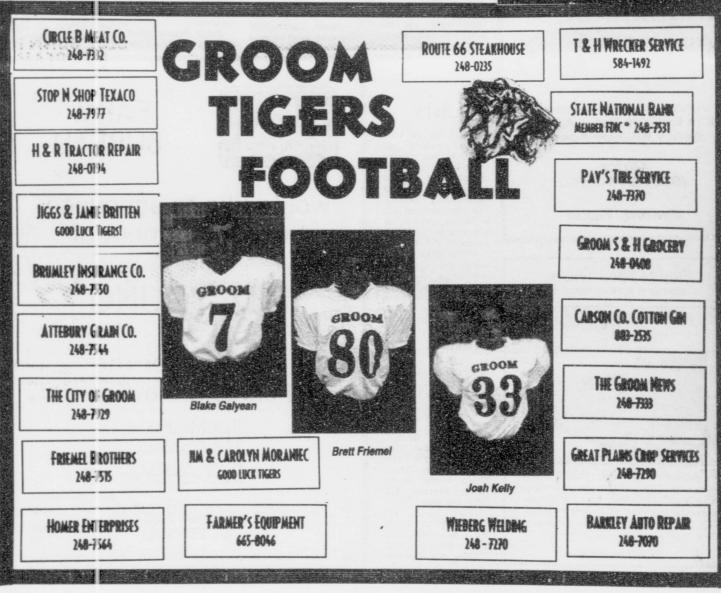


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A resolution was passed recognizing September 2006 as the National Preparedness Month and encouraged local residents to learn more about how they and their families can become better prepared to cope with disaster situations. The city of Groom would also like to encourage local residents to consider volunteering for local and area preparedness efforts.

Action of the City Hall roofing decision was tabled until October when the proposals will be available

The auditing firm of Cox Allen and Co. from Dumas were appointed for

the 2005-2006 audit. The City Council approved Curtis Downs re-appointment as a board member representing the Groom School and City on the Carson County Appraisal

District Board of Directors.



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Gwyn and Jamie Bowen were approved for re-

appointment to the Board of Directors of the Groom Economic Development Board. Mary Sue Lyles was appointed to fill a one year term to replace a member who was removed for too many absences. Chris Welch abstained from the otherwise una nimous decision.

Letters were sent to David Randall and the Rat erree's to request that they clean up their property. The work list was

reviewed. Minutes were approved

from the August 80 regular meeting and the August 23 and August 29 special meetings as pre ented.

After accepting the financial report and approved payment of the bills, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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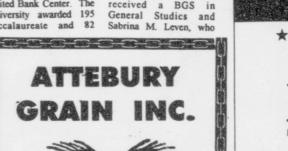
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Degrees were officially conferred on 277 West Texas A&M University students during summer commencement exercises August 12 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 195 baccalaureate and 82

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