

Students Join Nation To Say Pledge Of Allegiance



McLean students joined students all over the nation last week to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing some patriotic songs. Lucas Webb and Evan McMordie lead the flag ceremony. Inspirational poems and themes were also read.

Circle of Friends Annual Event Big Success

Sixty-five residents and fifteen outwn quests enjoyed Circle of Friends of-town Party on October 8, at Red River the the Red River Steakhouse. All of the funds raised from the membership dues and auction benefit cancer patients.

A tasty appetizer of fresh fruit, roast beef and shrimp, chilled huge compliments of Gabe and Cozy Parson, greeted the guests as they arrived for the dinner and auction. meal consisted of The beef kabobs on rice, baked potatoes, salad, and Steve Brass cobbler. provided piano music as everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

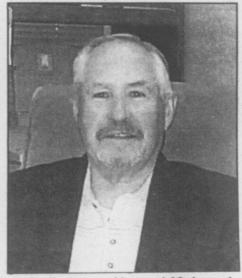
Hefley James conducted the auction. Among the auction items were a patriotic quilted flag made by Pat Stubbs, Barbara Bode's Indian prints and Mary Emma Woods crocheted afghan ranging in top bids from

local \$50 to \$200. Food was very popular item. ma Webb's basket of Nama homegrown tomatoes and peppers went for \$75,

Charlotte Hefley's apple pie for \$100, Deanna McClendon's muffins for \$80 and Mindy brownies for \$50. Reeve's

One month after the terrorist attack on our on our country, the elementary and jr. high school students gathered together to remember and to say the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Crockett, the school principle, urged the children to take the time on the twelfth of October at 1:00 p.m., to stop what they are doing and at to say the pledge of allegiance with millions of school children across the nation. President Bush set the time of unity and asked schools everywhere to join together at that time. McLean schools were not

McLean schools were not in session on that day. Lacy Wallis and Zach Richardson sang the National Anthem beautifully and Autumn Dillman read a poem she had written Mrs had written. Mrs. Watkins read an excerpt from a patriotic program planned for November, about the flag. Finally, Lucas Webb and Evan McMordie lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. All of the children did a wonderful Allegiance. All of the children did a wonderful job.



Ron Gregory Named McLean's Interim Superintendent

hired as Interim Superintendent to fill the gap until a permanent Superintendent can be found. The school board Ron Gregory has been daughters

Mr. Gregory comes to us from Shamrock, where he retired two years ago after serving there for 34 years. He has been in education for 40 years in the Public School System, 12 of those years as a Superintendent. He has been married for 41 years and has twin

and grandchildren ranging in age from 15 years to two months old. Mr. Gregory says that

is hoping that will be by here, the McLean Schools Christmas. while there are problems with quality educators. He has been impressed by the education of the entire staff. Mr. Gregory pointed out that the TEA

has recognized McLean as Exemplary Schools Schools for three years in a row, and that is not See School, pg 10

Jalapeno jelly, apple butter, pickles and pear preserves sold for \$15 to \$30 per jar. Various See Benefit, pg 9

REMINDERS

DAYLIGHT Savings Time ends Oct. 28.

MOM'S in Touch will meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 m. in the chapel at the Methodist Church. All women are invited to join us to pray for our children and our school.

THE CUBS play Samnorwood, there, on Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

IF YOU OR A member of your family is currently serving in the armed forces, would you please let Ella Mae know at The McLean News office.

TIGERS play Ft. Elliot, here, Homecoming Oct. for 19.

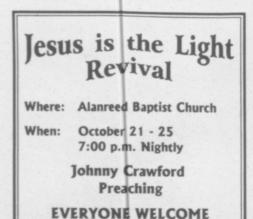
FLU SHOTS are being given on Oct. 25 at The Young at Heart. Seniors come morning from in 9:30 the 12:00 p.m. and school children should come receive vaccines in the afternoon.

ACT Registration deadline is Nov. 2 for the fall test. Contact Tami Hargrove at McLean High School for

more information. FAMILY READING FAMILY READING Night is every Monday night at the McLean Elementary Library from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



McLean Kindergarten students are very impressed with their tour of the Fire Station and get a first hand look at the new fire truck. See the story on page 9



Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson August and September were busy months for us. We had 569 visitors in August and September. 552 in Of these visitors, one hundred ninety seven were from visitors,

25 foreign countries. August 3, we had a tour from England scheduled but it didn't arrive. Instead we had a tour of 44 people from Houston that day. On August 6, we had

six law enforcement officers driving Old Rt. 66 in antique patrol cars. They very were

interesting. We had twelve girls from Poland, Germany,

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Japan, and Saudi. One boy from New Zeland their chauffeur. They were camping out on their way to Santa Fe and the Grand Canyon.

In September, one tour from England arrived. On September 22, our volunteers were very volunteers were very busy with contemporary historical vehicles historical vehicles traveling Old Route 66 showing off their "shiny as new" cars. The Pioneer Study

Study Club met in our Heritage room on September 20, as did the Fine Arts from Shamrock. group from Shamrock. The Gray County 4-H Awards Banquet was held

the in museum September 24. Bob Walmire, one of

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Amendments.

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within Gray County will be able to cast ballots on

Amendments. Early voting will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continue through November 2, 2001, at the County

Clerk's Office temporarily

located in the former Southwestern Public

Service Building at 315 Ballard in Pampa.

Grandview Hopkins School will be the location for those residents and Lovett Library in McLean for

the true Rt. 66 enthusiasts, stopped to say "hello" on his way back to Illinois.

back to Illinois. October is usually the month the "snow birds" make their way to winter homes. We expect they homes. We expect any will make for interesting days ahead.

The Trew's hosted a volunteer party with hamburgers and ice cream on Friday, September 14, at Bull Canyon. Approximately 50 people attended. Thanks to the McLean Feedyard for the hamburger patties and Red River Steakhouse for the hamburger buns.

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Page 8-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursday, October 18, 2001 Voters To Cast Services Held For Pearl Bybee Larner

PEARL LARNER MCLEAN- Pearl Bybee Larner, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001. held Services were Services were held Monday, October 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Brother Q.D. Bevill of Bethel Baptist Church, Plainview, TX and Brother Brian Quisenberry of First Baptist Church of McLean, TX officiated. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Hillcrest Cemetery. Mrs. Larner was born November 16, 1914 in McKinney, TX (Collings County) to James Nevill and Josie Dell Green Barnhill. She married Otto Bubbs Sectorbers 5. Otto Bybee, September 5,



REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

Our lists of men and women in the military continues to grow. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you have a name you would like added to the lists, please give Ella Mae a call at the news office at 779-2141. Those enlisted are:

Jessie Swafford-Air Force, Lakenheath AFB, London, England. Swafford-Air

Joshua Swafford-Air Force, Altus AFB, but scheduled to go to Germany. Donald Ray Basham,

Jr.-Air Force, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OK.

Scott Glass-Army, scheduled to go to Kolsovo. R.L. Payne-Army, Fort

Hood, TX. Brown-Navy, Sara

Virginia. Rejelio Albarado-Navy, San Diego, CA. He is on the carrier Stennis. Bill Corley-Army

National Guard Reserves, awaiting orders. Joshua Acuna-Marines,

Camp Lejeune, SC.

Acuna-Marine Mike Reserves, Amarillo. Armilla Huddleson-Air Force, Minot, ND.

Nathaniel Roberts-Air orce, Shepherd AFB, Force, Shepherd Wichita Falls, TX.

1931. He passed away September 7, 1960. She married Thomas E married Larner, September 9, 1963. He passed away January 19, 1976. She loved her family very September 9. and enjoyed much cooking for them. Pearl was very involved with her church and her and her her church and her family. She helped start a church called Waldon Community Church near Lone Oak, TX. She taught Sunday School and was involved in WMU. She loved having Sunday School parties in her home. She was a wonderful loved cook, canning all kinds of vegetables, and giving them away as gifts. In later years, she led with her traveled husband, Tommy. She began taking painting classes. This was always a dream of hers as a child to paint aintheat child to paint pictures. Pearl loved working in

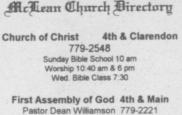
her yard and continued to do it until the last couple of years

Mrs. Larner had been a resident of McLean for 44 years. She was a home-maker.

Mrs. Larner was preceded in death by her usband Otto Bybee and Thomas E husband Wayne Larner, son and great Sheri Bybee. granddaughter She Jasper Reynolds. Survivors include

daughter, Wanda Hindman of McLean; a Lowd Bybee of son, Loyd Bybee McLean; a bro Clifford Barnhill brother, Butcher Pen, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-greatfive great-great-grandchildren. The family suggest

memorials be to Olivia's Angels, Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066.



Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 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

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins 779-2456 or 779-2965 nday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.



Jim Pepper 669-9710

Elementary **Students Visit** Fire Station

McLean Elementary learned about fire prevention during prevention week. fire The Kindergarten thru 5th graders visited the firehouse on Thursday, October 11. Doyle Lee, Thursday, Bill Anderson, Robert McDonald, and Steve Bolin lead the school children on a tour of the facilities and the school Anderson, Bill facilities. Bill Anderson was dressed in his fire fighters suit and the men answered the children's questions. They were instructed on what to do if they were involved in a fire and on how to prevent a fire. Lets take this time to thank the brave volunteers who risk their lives to help us keep safe.

BENEFIT

other were art t-shirts, holiday work. and patriotic items. candles, a barb-wire clock, knife, Barbie doll, mirrors, kitchen stuff and a hat rack. These are candles barb-wire just part of the items that were generously donated to the fundraiser for the area cancer patients. One lady even bought back her own item for \$200. The auction made a total of \$3,275. With the membership dues added in, McLean Circle of Friends has a gift of \$4,500 this year.

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Students of the Week for October 8-12: Kindergarten-lan McMordie; 1st Grade-Jeremy Martin; 2nd Grade-Tori Bybee; 3rd Grade-Zachary Seymour; 4th Grade-Mark Jeffries; 5th Grade-Tanner Welhelm; 6th Grade-Matthe

Care Center News

congregation from the Methodist Church.

Wednesday, Oct. 10, the Care Center had Shugarts Studios come for pictures. Most of the residents got their picture taken and we had a good turn out from the public.

for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services with Reverend Thacker Haynes and his congregation from the She wore a buckskin beaded breastplate and full Indian dress accessories. and questions answered on answered questions on Indian customs. The birthday people were Bonnie Bidwell, Jane Birchfield, Neva Jackson,

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and Johnnie Mertel. Betty Lowe, Margie Fish, Betty Heathington and Zelda McClellan served cake and punch to the

residents. The Care Center sunroom and front offices got a new uplift. We got new carpet on Monday. Come by and

wednesday will be the Methodist Ice Cream social. The residents really enjoy this.

Our next party is the Halloween Party, Wednesday, October 31, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your children in costume for the residente to cost There will be goodie sacks and refreshments for all.

MCLEAN LOSES TO LEFORS

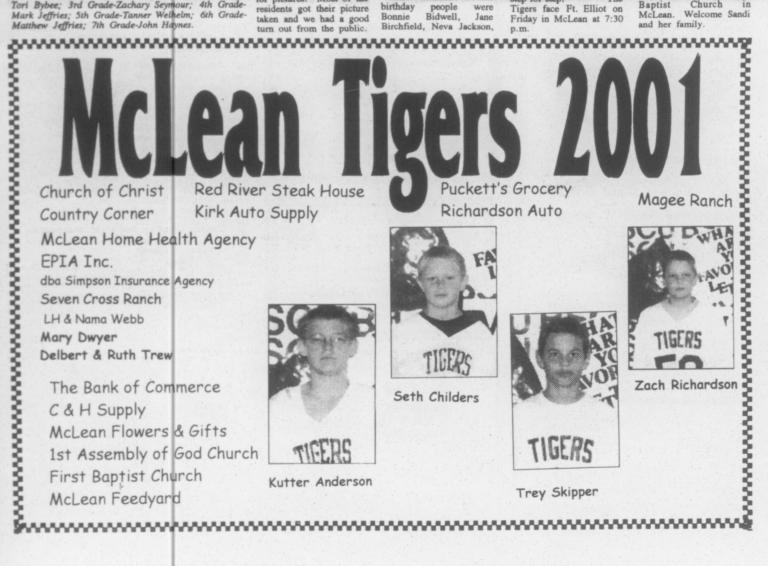
The Tigers lost their first district game to Lefors, 60-39. The game was much closer than the score indicates. Lefors quickly but scored McLean scored two consecutive touchdowns in response. A bad in response. A bad second quarter for the Tigers put Lefors back on top. The Tigers came out after half time and threatened again but could not maintain their momentum momentum. Coach Smith was glad to see an improved offensive performance. He said, "Except for a bad second quarter, we matched them step-for-step." The Tigers face Ft. Elliot on Friday in McLean at 7:30 p.m. momentum. Coach



Sandie McLain Is New 3rd Grade Teacher

McLean Elementary has a new third grade teacher, and she is Sandi McLain. Sandi comes to us from Oberlin, KS, where she taught school

for six and a half years. She is married to Monty who is an inspector for Texas Dept. of ulture. Sandy has the Agriculture. three boys, Jace, who is eight years old and is in the second grade; Jordon, who is six and is in Who is six and is in Kindergarten; and Jayden, who is one year old. Sandy says that she and her family enjoy living in McLean. They like the community and the Giandly appende. She McLean. community and friendly people. Sne enjoys her family. enjoys music, and Monty's and reading, traveling. interests are cattle and they attend the First they attend the First Church in Sandi Baptist Church in McLean. Welcome Sandi and her family



Letter To The Editor

The less things change, the more they remain the The past is prologue.

The auditors new selected by the McLean ISD have put the taxpayers of the district on notice that they will not be trying to disclose nd that if are detected fraud and problems they will provide solutions. My short term memory is not what it ought to be at times but seem to recollect similar audit attitude that has been prevalent in the district for some time. This audit attitude should I his audit attitude should produce a sigh of relief and provide aid and comfort to those favorably disposed toward fraud or those who will now consider taking a shot at it. The attitude does have a cartain does have a certain appeal but I suppose there are no vacant slots. The special meeting took advantage again of the Executive Session ploy to <u>Review</u> <u>Discuss</u> <u>Proposals</u> for <u>Auditor</u>, This session is violation Discuss Auditor, This session is most likely in violation of Open Meeting Act regulations; specifically Section 551.074. This section clearly states outside contractors are meeting status. The auditors are not school howees. The closed meeting frequencies and preventing taxpaying visitors from speaking protect the board from visitor questions, some of which might prove to be

difficult to answer or even embarrassing. board requested The the audit firm to provide

better financial reporting format. today's technology With the board should be furnished a monthly printout of the schools budget status and financial condition. Failing that, and in order July to prevent another Surprise," Big Nickel Tablets and sharp pencils have been found to be useful in similar situations. The addition of a prayer at the conclusion of the ISD meetings is a good thing as the fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much

When you pay your school taxes this year, if you believe the board has an adequate to outstanding job, drop them a letter. The them a letter. The school office might want to produce a small container for these replies.

All the support and luck for the new Superintendent. Bill Reeves

Card of Thanks I would like to thank Jason Henderson, the McLean Fire Department and ambulance service for their quick response when I had my wreck. We are so lucky to have such quick and service in McLean good Carrol Tolleson

McLean Birthdays

and Anniversaries October 18 - Toni ohlar, Bron Bohler, Bohlar, Bron Ruth McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Flores (A), Mrs. Roger and McCracken (A). Outsher 19 - Justin Myers, October 19 - Justin Myers, Shawn Myers, Joe Skipper,

Billie Joe Skipper, Deborah Thomas Beaty, Cody Seitz. October 20 - Jessica Dee Fish, Lindsy Dwyer,

Minnie Caroline Buckhaults, Gerald Reynolds. October 21 -Walter

Evans, Lloyd Littlefield, Tammy Hanes, Sue Burrow October 22 - Carrie

Hardin, Buddy Luann Mantooth. Payne,

Luann Mantoour. October 23 - Peggy Webb, Patricia Adams. October 24 - Randy Ctable, Hunter Thomas Stalls, Hunter 7 Payne, Charles Jesse Watkins, Harris Latigo Collins, Vernon & Judy Kennedy(A), Herman & June Petty(A).

SCHOOL MENU OCT. 22-26 Breakfast

Monday: Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Tuesday: Biscuits and

ravy, sausage, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Wednesday: Donuts, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Thursday: Hot or cold

cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Friday: C

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly,

fruit, juice, milk. Lunch

Monday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, cheetos, cake, milk.

Tuesday: Enchiladas, refried beans, spanish rice, salad, sopiapillas, milk. Wednesday: Chicken

fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

rolls, ruit, turs. Thursday: Burritos, chili and cheese, tator tots, salad, fruit, milk. Friday: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, cheese

cake, milk.

Jim Reyna

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Sunday Special:

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The Sound

Two months before the World Trade Center towers were destroyed, the McLean ISD School Board voted unanimously, Center

to allow our national "In God We motto motto "In God We Trust," to be placed in classrooms, offices, and throughout the school

buildings. Lead Lead by Archie Cooper, interested people in and around McLean worked and gave money to cover the small cost of posters and frames. The McLean News Editor was present August 10 the first motto was when placed in Mrs. Sander's Kindergarten classroom.

Before September 11, and since, Mr. Cooper has traveled from town to town, and from school school, encouraging the placing of our national motto in schools. our He believes our national motto posters, which were produced by the American Family Association, is second best to the Terr best to the Ten Commandments which is not allowed in school rooms. Lawsuits against posting, "In God We Trust," have lost every case. One school board in Florida did reject the Cooper's travels posters. have taken him to Lefors, Pampa, Amarillo, Miami, Canadian, Booker,

SCHOOL

Exemplary is the easy. highest rating a school can get and it is something to be very proud of. He said the school board is on the right track to get things straightened out and they be trying to will se goals at the next board He said, meeting. Whatever we do, We want to make sure it benefits the children." He appreciates everyone's concerns and believes now is the time to pull together. He hopes ease everyone's minds that he intends to determine the schools needs and to make goals to meet those needs. He also stated it is very important to find the



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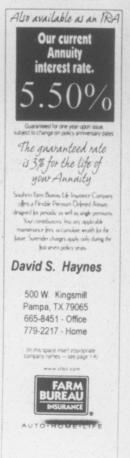
Interest In National Motto Catching On

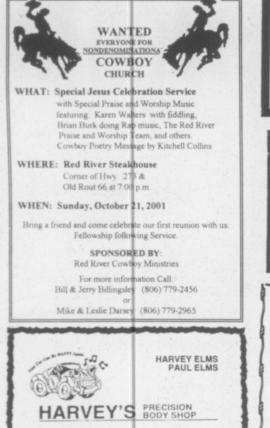
Beaver, OK, Shamrock, Wheeler, Wellington, Samnorwood, Memphis, Childress, and Hedley, and Groom. Besides his travels, he Groom. has sent out posters and information by mail or by friends to Mobeetie, Lubbock. Turkey. Granberry, Odessa, Burkburnett, Boise City, Burkburnett, Boise City, Wetumka, Dodge City, KS, Las Cruces, Hatch, and Garfield, NM, AR, Waldo, Phoenix, AR, Waldo, AK, Rapid City, SD, Milan, TN, and Sacramento, CA.

Mr. Cooper has had order posters. ity Christian several Community Christian School in Pampa has ordered mottos for their rooms, Shamrock is ordering and Burkburnett has set up an account in a bank to receive contributions to cover the cost of 335 posters and They will send frames. the money over and above the cost to the Volunteer Firemen fund in New York.

To help pay his gas Mr. Cooper carries a few "In God We Trust" posters to sell as samples or as gifts, otherwise he pays for all of his own expenses. If you are interested in purchasing a poster, you may reach Archie at 779-2107.

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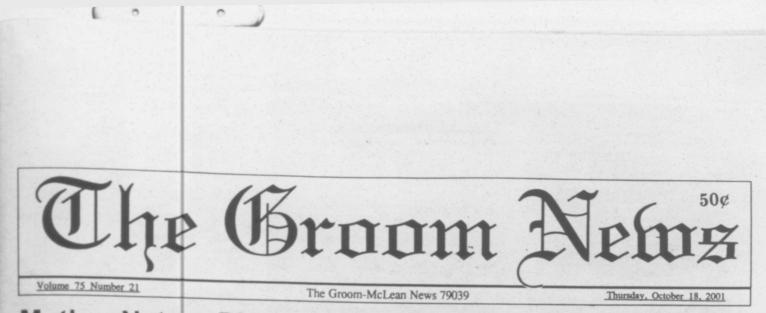


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Mother Nature Disappoints Hundreds At Balloon Glow

While Mother Nature ust would not cooperate. veral hundred people still enjoyed the Third Balloon Annual Glow despite the fact that the balloons could not be inflated due to the wind. Events began earlier in the day with a "Respect Life Pilgrimage" that began at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Approximately 100 people, including area priests and nuns participated in the event, with many more joining the celebration and the ceremonies out at The Cross.

A new statue has been a place for the Pro-Life monument that depicts a weeping Christ holding unborn child Sculptor Chris Dizon of Phoenix, AZ was on hand to gage the reaction to his work of art.

This is Dizon's first contribution to The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Living a christian life is what gave me the inspiration," stated Chris Dizon. "I don't use Dizon. "I don't use models, I just envision how Christ might look and hope that I'm filled with the Holy Spirit as I work," he said. The Cross and it's

activities always attract interesting people. One such incident that might be called "fate" was with Chance Ministries. 2nd Nick is from Garden



(Above) Celebrants of the Respect for Life Pilgrimage included Knights of Columbus, area priests and other dignitaries. (Below left) a new statue depicts Christ holding an unborn child in his hand. (Below right) Only one balloon was briefly partially inflated.

California and Grove. only 4 feet 8 He began his s "Zaccheus," a stands inches. walk as character from the Bible character from the shole who was given a second chance in life by Jesus, from St. Augustine, FL and will culminate at the foot of the Cross at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. Carden Grove, California. He will walk 3300 miles, approximately 100 miles for every year of Christ's life. Nick performs a drama by invitation at churches to illustrate Ged's utmeasurelle low God's unmeasurable love. His wife follows in pick-up pulling a travel trailer. The couple arrived in Groom just in time to participate in the annual event. Organizers of the

Balloon Glow hope to lure the balloonist back next year, hoping that will mother nature provide a better day.



City Adds Kim Bates To G.E.D.C. Board

City The Groom Council met for regular monthly business with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Joe Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Chris Welch, and Forrest McLaughlin; visitors, David Brown GEDC, Robin Donnie Evans, from Welch and Mary Sue Lyles. A public hearing to

discuss the water rate ordinance change was held before the meeting called to order. Was was no discussion There about the rate increase.

A mot was passed on to extend the auditing services contract with Cox, Allen and Co. from Dumas, Texas for the 2000-2001 audit.

A motion was also passed to allow the GEDC to change their membership by-laws so that their eligibility requirements are the energy requirements are the same as the state requirements for serving as a member of the board. The of the board. The GEDC will need to publish written notice of their intent and have a public hearing before public hearing before they vote on this change See City, pg 3

New D.P.S. Office To Be Built In Groom

Carson County Commissioners gave the go ahead after opening bids last week on a new Department of Public Safety building in Groom. Panhandle Steel Builders had the lone bid. Commissioner Mike Britten moved to accept for an 900 the proposal approximately 900 square foot building at a cost of \$40,507. The building will be located

just behind the Justice of the Peace's facing Bivens Street. The metal facility will be 30 feet X 30 feet and include office, storage and restroom facilities.

Construction is scheduled to begin on November 8 and is expected to be complete by January 4. In other business, the

Commissioners decided to See County, pg 3

GROOM will play Silverton, Friday, October 19, there,

Friday, October 1997, beginning at 7:00 p.m. GROOM JUNIOR With Cubs will play on High Cubs Silverton, here, Thursday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is their last home game of the season.

DISTRICT THE Cross County meet has been set for October 22. SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on October

30.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co. Wheat \$2.43 Milo.....\$3.23 Corn.....\$3.60 Soybeans...\$3.58 Sunflowers..\$6.60 No Precipitation Reported

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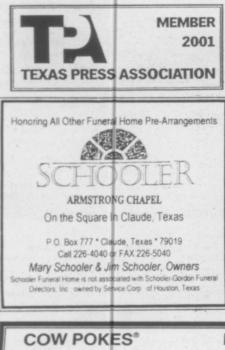
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Visiting Katie Talley er the weekend were

The visitors were here in honor of Katie's birthday.

Gary and Sharon Britten hosted a party last weekend. The guest of honor was Bart Britten

of Houston, who is attending medical school.

Unfortunately, his flight was detained in Dallas

due to weather and he

Attending were Stanley, Kristy, Josh, Tyler, and

Lauren Britten of Amarillo; Russell Britten of Oklahoma City; Jerry, Melanie, Trent, Tanner

and McKenna Britten of

Groom; Barney Davis, LaVesta Barnett, Shelly and David Britten, all of Groom; Bruce Britten and

his friend, Danielle Allen of Dallas; Bronte Britten

of Canyon; Grant Homen of Canyon; Nick, Nichole, & Grace

Nichole, & Grace Kuehler of Panhandle, Nichole Barnett of Groom; Richard, Jeanne, Jake and Blaine Barnett

of Amarillo; Jack & Willie Barnett of Groom, and Bill & Dorothy

Groom Birthdays Anniver October 18 -19 - Sybil October 19 -Harrell, Ronald Fields, Jer

Weinheimer. October 20 - Jeannié Ruthardt, Johnny and Mary Brooks (A). October 21 - Frances

October 22 - Charles Burk, Tyler Samuel Babcock. October 23 - Carolyn Moraniec, Dakota Miller, McKenna Beth Britten.

October 24 - Delton IcGuire, Laurie McGuire, Laure, McGuire, Hoffmann,

Weinheimer Hoffmann, Max Wade, Mr. and Mrs.

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Dale Jerome

Britten of Amarillo. The group reported having a great time, but really missed Bart!

Nick,

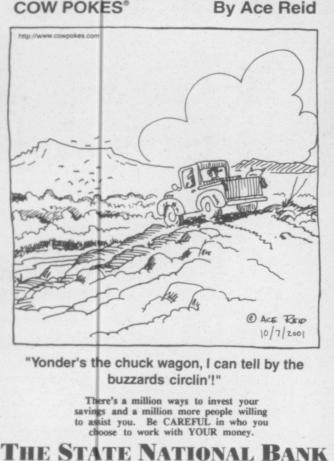
missed the party.

Glenda Rhynehart of Amarillo, visited with her mother, Irma Ray Rutherford, after attending the funeral of her uncle, Glenn Smith.

CARD OF THANKS I want to thank everyone who made my last six months a lot last six months a lot easier. I want you all to know how much I appreciate all that you have done for me and my family. The food, the phone calls, the cards and letters, the books the visit, those who took me to the doctor as well as the offers to drive all and above all, of coarse, the prayers. All these things mall all this time so much easier on me as well as R.J. all the treatment is over now. When we first started all of this R.J. would say it of this R.J. would say it was just a log in the road and will move it and go on. We are now moving on and thanks to all of you the, the log wasn't as hard to push out of the way. As hard as this was at first, I know I couldn't have done this without all the love and support of my love and support of my family. I thank them as well

Thank you all again. Love to you all, Honey Kemph

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GROOM SCHOOL MENU October 15-19 Breakfast Monday: Cold cereal,

muffins, juice, milk. Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, Pancakes,

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

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch Lasagna, Monday: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, pears, bread sticks, milk. Tuesday: Steak agers, french fries,

ingers, french fries, peaches, texas toast, milk. Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, graham crackers, milk. Thursday: Chicken

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, apple crisp, milk. Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, shaved ham, broccoli with cheese

sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.



YELVERTON DOING WELL

Hannah Yelverton was well enough to attend a pep rally last week after she recently had surgery to relieve pressure on her brain.

The six month old infant of Randy and Rebecca Yelverton has had health problems since born. Her she was parents report that although its early, she seems to be responding to treatment.

They ask that you continue to pray for Hannah and them, in hopes that Hannah will be restored to good health.

Monica Howard, Keeli Howard and Mattie Wieberg of Groom Wieberg of Groom attended the production of "Disney on Ice" over the weekend.

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to their by-laws. Robin Welch requested that the City look into some way of putting new

playground equipment in the City Park. The Alpha Mu Xi Sorority has also approached the City about new new playground equipment for the City Park. The council agreed that the equipment was in need updating, and will into ways to find of of updating, and will look into ways to find financing for this project. The change to the Water Rate Ordinance

was read. A motion was passed to approve the changes to the Water the Rate Ordinance #187, to increase the per thousand rate for water by \$0.10 for all water consumed customers after the by first two thousand The base rate gallons. will not change. The terms of GEDC

board members Nathan Wieberg, Joyce and Kathleen Hutsell. Barkley have expired. Council asked The at the September ptember meeting that advertisement be run the Groom News an asking for volunteers to serve on the board. There were five persons who responded to the ad. were Nathan g, Kathleen They Wieberg, Kathleen Barkley, Joyce Hutsell, Kim Bates, and Scott Brown

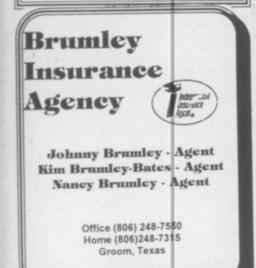
A motion was passed to elect Joyce Hutsell, Nathan Wieberg, and

Card of Thanks

The Alzheimer's Chapter of the Texas Panhandle thanks the State National Bank and the citizens of Groom for your support and contributions to the 9th Annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk, Sunday, October 7th at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. It was a special day for the participants from the Texas Panhandle. Due to your support and caring, the chapter will be able to continue to sponsor educational seminars, support groups, and research to find a cure for this disease.

Thank you again,

Dixie Surratt 2001 Alzheimer's Memory Walk Chairman



COUNTY

Kim Bates to each serve

a two year term on the board. The present Board of Directors

Britten, and Rick Prather. The Council looked at

the task list of scheduled

maintenance for City vehicles and property.

They agreed that it was comprehensive and

covered all the areas of

their concern. They would like a completed

list to be turned in once a month and they will

review it at their monthly city meeting. There was no action

taken on any clean up

The minutes of the September 11 meeting

were read and approved

A motion was passed

to amend the budget to

cover cost overruns for the 2000-2001 budget

A motion was also passed to pay all bills and accept the financial

The meeting adjourned

CARD OF THANKS

My grateful appreciation to the Alpha

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have County Attorney review a contract between AFLAC Company Carson County to the and officially participate in a cafeteria for plan insurance procedures. Sheriff Gary Robertson

petitioned the court to approve the hiring of Ryan Aldrich as a Ryan Aldrich as a jailer/dispatcher beginning October 15, 2001 at a salary of \$19,577.28 Aldrich will replace Aldrich will replace Martin Herrmann.

Sheriff Robertson also reported on expenditures from the forfeited assets budget. A total of \$4,450.00 was paid to Custom Signals Inc, for a camera in patrol cars. The balance of the fund is \$1,780.60.

The court considered security releases from banks. агеа Commissioner Britten made the motion to release receipt No. release receipt No. 386006058 for \$100,000 from State National Bank vauonal Bank was approved. Commission Commissioner Howell

made the motion to release cusip No. 3134A2S82 for the amount of \$250,000 from First Bank and Trust Company of White Deer. This motion was also approved. Treasurer

County Treasure County Cunningham Jeannie Cunningham informed the court that the banks will replace the The next regular meeting of the Carson County Commissioners Court will be on Oct. 22,

Local Happenings

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Visiting with Art and JoAnn Britten over the Ted, weekend were Ted, Robynn, & Joana Britten of Amarillo, Rana Hardin of Canadian, Rita Poor of Canadian, Rita Poor of White Deer, and their future daughter in law Shara Wiseman & son, Jay Britten of Colorado. **Board Approves Track Repairs**

The Board of Trustees f the Groom of Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on October 9, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in it's usual meeting place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Clinger, Barry Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Ron Kuehler, Fields, Ron Kuehler, Mike Friemel and Tony Britten. Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, and Kevin Noack, Superintendent were also present. Guest present was Curtis Downs.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of September regular the September reguma meeting and the October special meeting. Mr. Noack reported that he gave a the

presentation to the Senior Citizens at their luncheon during open forum. Discussion was made

the damage of the solutions. track and possible solutions. The Board stated that the track stated that the should be repaired. Board and

The Board and Superintendent discussed TASB Effectiveness Audit. The cost of hiring a representative from TASB is approximately \$1,200.00. The audit was tabled until next month. Superintendent Noack

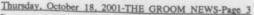
until next month. Superintendent Noack discussed a letter from Fred Stormer, School Attorney, regarding work done by ESA. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was passed to approve Title I School Wide Waiver. Mrs. Hutsell presented

the business manager's report. A motion report. A motion followed to pay all bills as presented. Mrs. Hutsell discussed

the energy report and no action was taken at this time. The Board went into per

closed session as 551.074 at 9:00 p.m. Board came out of closed session at 9:20 No action was p.m. taken.





Memorial Services Held For Glen Smith

GROOM Services were held on Tuesday, October 9 at the First Baptist Church of Groom for longtime Groom resident Glen Smith, age 86

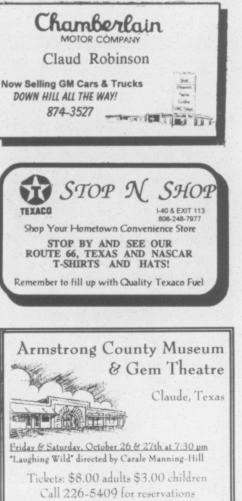
Mr. Smith was born in Leonard, Texas in 1915. He married Jessie Fae Hardcastle in 1937. She passed away in 1937. She passed away in 1970. He served in the Army in World War II. He was a retired farmer and a John Deere mechanic. Smith served the

community of Groom as

a lifetime volunteer with the Groom Fire He Department. Department. He was also the former Fire Chief and was currently serving as Fire Marshall for the City of Groom. He is survived by a daughter Donna Marie Wagner of Stratford,

Texas; a sister Irma Ray Rutherford of Groom; three grandchildren and

The grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be made to the Groom Volunteer Fire Department.



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Groom Junior High Succumbs To Valley Patriots After Tough Battle

The Cubs traveled to Valley last Thursday and ran into a very large obstacle. The Patriots used some huge boys and some smaller ones with a lot of speed to defeat the Cubs 45-13. We had some bright spots, after getting off to a slow start. Valley was ahead 32-0 at halftime. Groom put up a score when Kelby Noack took the Kelby Noack took the second half kick-off and

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returned it 55 yards for a touchdown. Thane Barkley added the extra point run for the Cubs. In the fourth quarter Barkley took a pitch and raced 67 yards for the touchdown. This concluded the scoring for the night. Our next game will be this Thursday at home against Silverton at 5:30 p.m.

***** **Tigers Put End To** Valley's Perfect Record

Groom Tigers remained undefeated after the felled the Valley Patrio they in last weeks game, 55-

16. "We "We started out prolific," stated Coach Larry Reid. "It took us a little while to get our rhythm due to the weather and the wind, but we finally calmed down and began to impliment our game plan.

plan." Reid went on to say that while the Tigers like to balance their game between rushing and passing, becuase of weather conditions they

did a little more running than usual. "But," he said,

"Considering the conditions I think we were balanced in were balanced in effectiveness. I was very pleased with the effort." Groom completed 17 first downs to Valley's five. The Tigers rushed five. The Tigers rushed for 273 yards on 40 carries, Valley ran 29 times for a total of 67 yards. They had been averaging around 300 yards. They had been averaging around 300 yards rushing. Groom completed an impressive 10 passes for 137 yards and four touchdowns. Valley



Groom To Face Undefeated Silverton Friday

Co-captains Hugh Weinheimer, Wyatt Britten, Cody Bivens, and Garrett Britten meet up with Valley's captains as they prepare for battle as both teams were undefeated.

The Patriots punted four times for an average of 34.25 yards. The fumble factor was high (probably due to the weather). Groom had three fumbles and lost one, while Valley had three fumbles and lost one, while Valley had four and lost two. Clay Britten drew first blood on a touchdown culminating from a 37 yard run. Weinheimer completed the P.A.T. on a pass for clay Britten for a touchdown Weinheimer completed the P.A.T. on a pass for clay Britten for a touchdown ward kick-off return Weinheimer completed the P.A.T. on a pass from Clay Ritter. Trey Britten scored on

a six yard pass from

connected on five of 12 Cody Bivens to end the first quarter 13-0. first quarter 13-0. Valley scored in the second quarter on a six yard run.

Cody Bivens completed a one yard rush for a touchdown and Clay Ritter kicked the P.A.T.

yard kicl touchdown. kick-off return

Hugh Weinheimer brought the Patriots back

down to earth with a 15 yard reception from Clay Britten to score a touchdown in the fourth

Cody Bivens scored on a 15 yard run and Garrett Britten ran in the P.A.T.

Cody Bivens also ran in the final touchdown of the game, rushing for 20 yards to score. Hugh Weinheimer ran in the P.A.T. on a pass for Clay Britten.

Individual stats are as follows: Garrett Britten lead the

team in rushing with 138 yards on 21 carries. He

Anthony Luna

The Groom Tigers will face Silverton, perhaps their biggest rival in district play. The Owls, like Groom, are undefeated in District

play. "They are a very quick team," stated Coach Larry Reid. "They are flexible and can throw the ball well."

Groom will need to keep pressure on the Silverton Owls if they want to maintain control of the game. "Who ever wins this

game will definitely be in the drivers seat for District," stated Reid. in the urivers seat for District," stated Reid. "This is one of our biggest challenges of the season. We hope everyone will turn out to give ne their give us their support at Silverton on Friday at 7:00 p.m."

also gained seven yards receiving. Defensively, receiving. Defensively, he is credited with three tackles.

rushed Britten Clay three times for 71 yards and a touchdown. He times passed nine completing seven, gaining 131 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively he had eight unassisted tackles and a quarterback

sack. Cody Bivens gained 43 yards on seven carries and three touchdowns. He also made touchdown after a six yard pass. He gained See Tigers, pg 6



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Chad Barkley

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION AND SPECIAL STATE SENATOR ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7.00 a m. to 7.00 p m. November 6, 2001, to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas and to elect State Senator District 30,

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. beginning October 22, 2001 and ending November 2, 2001

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 20,

St. Mary's Hall - Groom

(Signature on File)

Lewis W. Powers, Carson County Judge

Thelma Dugan Home - Fritch Skellytown School - Skellytown

Antler Gym - White Deer Carson County Library - PanhandlePrecinct

A letter addressed to Mike Smith Ranch in Groom has become the focus of an FBI investigation locally, according the Fire Chief

Tony Treadwell. The suspicious letter was identical in nature to those being received in other parts of the country with a Trenton, New Jersey postmark.

Groom resident and Smith Ranch employee, Joe McMahan received

the letter but never opened it before calling local law enforcement officials. The FBI now

Taking precaution with mail

These are a few sir recognize suspicious mail. If you have received a package or letter that appears to be a threat, contact 911 immediately and do not open it

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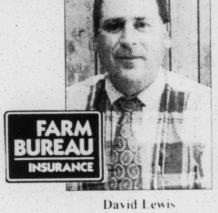
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Texas Farm Bureau would like to Congratulate David Lewis, Carson County Farm Bureau Agent, for his promotion in becoming the Carson County Farm Bureau Office Manager. We would like to invite everyone to come into the Panhandle office at 208 Franklin and visit with David on how he could be of service to your ny your auto. home. could be of service to you in your auto, home, life and your retirement planning.

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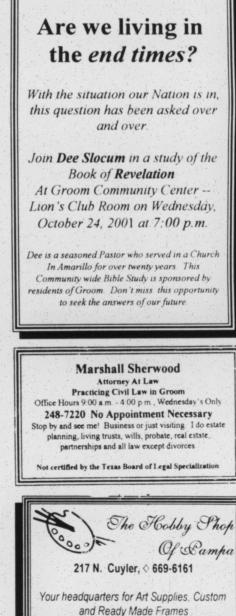


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Suspicious Letter Received By Groom Man Now Under Investigation By F.B.I.

has the letter in their possession to determine if the letter is anthrax infected or just a hoax. Treadwell advises anyone receiving such mail to secure it for determined and the secure is anthray advises and the secure is a secure and the secure



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TIGERS

two yards as a receiver. He is also credited with one unassisted tackle. Clay Ritter carried the

ball three times for 13 yards. He excelled as a receiver, gaining 106 yards and three vards on touchdowns on four receptions. He also lead the Tigers in unassisted tackles with 13.

Trey Britten rushed twice for eight yards. He also received one pass that culminated in a six yard gain and touchdown. He earne down. He earned unassisted tackles nine for Groom. Doug Fields gained

two yards for a carry and shared the defensive carry. lead with Ritter gaining 13 tackles to his credit.

Hugh Weinheimer had a very impressive game scoring a touchdown on a 16 yard reception. He also completed two fumble recoveries, and earned five unassisted tackles.

Lance Ollinger, Cody chaffer, and Calvin Schaffer, and Carves Schaffer gained some ce and some for Groom's yards

rushing. Brett Britten returned a kick-off for Groom. Luke Pavlovsky and Jeff each contackles Rios completed defensive to Groom's credit.

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(Above) Spirits are high as the Tigers take the field Friday night. (Below) Just seconds before Hugh Weinheimer recovers a fumble that gives Groom an early edge over the Patriots.





is were high as Tigers enter the gym at last weeks pep . Tigers Doug Fields and Blaine Britten high five entary students who wish them good luck.





cheerleader Future Caroline Britten already knows most of the moves. already