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Old Fashioned Fall Festival Held In Alanreed

The Alanreed community held its annual Fall Festival on October 15, 2005. The yearly celebration was held at the Alanreed Community Center.

"The event was a great success," said chairperson, Shirley Armbrister. "We appreciate the support of all the communities who helped make this another successful year for the Fall Festival. We could not do this every year without the support of both the Alanreed and McLean communities."

The festival had a total of 12 booths this year in which game participants could win a variety of prizes. The ever popular "Wheel of Fortune" was once again a crowd pleaser from the young to the old. Everyone also seemed to enjoy the "Plinko" game. A favorite of the small children this year was the fishing game and the duck pond where everyone walked away a winner.

Persons attending the festival also enjoyed a rousing time in the Bingo

section where prizes were also given out for one lucky word, "BINGO". The more adventurous types had the opportunity to enjoy the annual hay ride which took riders through the town of Alanreed and around to other areas.

"We tried to have something for everyone," said Shirley Armbrister.

Another crowd pleaser which seems to be everyone's favorite is always the concession stand. Festival goers enjoyed the homemade goodies.

Linda Syfrett was the night's big winner. She

signed up for one of the door prizes and went home with a DVD player.

The annual Fall Festival is sponsored by the Alanreed Community Association. Money from the event goes to buy prizes and sponsor other events that are held at the Alanreed Community Center by the Alanreed Community Association.



The young and old alike enjoyed the fun and activities that the Alanreed Fall Festival provide to the community.

Triston Davis Earns Top Title In Sales Competition



The students of McLean Elementary finished up this year's fund raiser last week. The school had 105 students participate in selling Innisbrook Wraps.

Total sales for the year were \$8206.00. Fourth grader, Triston Davis was the top seller. She earned a \$100.00 bill for her efforts.

Sixth grade had 100% participation and fourth grade had 90% participation. Both classes earned pizza parties.

The Booster Club will keep 53% of sales. Money raised will pay for items in the Accelerated Reading gift case. It will also pay for school trips and the end of the year trips to Wonderland Park and Splash Amarillo.

"Accelerated Reading encourages the students to become better readers," stated school librarian, Freda Holland. "Thanks to all who supported our fund raiser this year."

Remember a Special Veteran On Veteran's Day with a special dedication to Veterans in the McLean News. Watch next weeks edition for more detail.

LOCAL REMINDERS

JR HIGH DISTRICT Cross Country will be held in Amarillo on October 24.

A BOOK FAIR will be held in the new gym October 24 - 28. Family night is Tuesday.

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

RED RIBBON Week is October 24-28.

THE REGULAR School Board Meeting has been changed to tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Business Office.

THE CUBS PLAY Wheeler, there, tonight at 5:00 p.m.

THE TIGERS FACE Off against the Wheeler Mustangs tomorrow night at 7:30 at Duncan Field.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Ends on October 30.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on October 20 at Elizabeth's.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 20 - Jessica Dee Fish, Lindsay Dwyer, Minnie Caroline Buckhaults, Gerald Reynolds.

October 21 - Jim Reyna, Tammy Hanes, Sue Burrow.

October 22 - Carrie Hardin, Buddy Payne.

October 23 - Peggy Webb, Patricia Adams.

October 24 - Ed Brooks, Randy Stalls,

Hunter Thomas Payne, Charles Harris, Jesse Watkins, Latigo Collins,

Vernon & Judy Kennedy(A), Herman & June Petty(A).

October 25 - Von Holwick, Tanner Hess, Donna Montgomery, Darryl Herndon.

October 26 - Becky Fish, Christopher Bybee, Mindy Reeves.

Breakfast and Lunch Menu For The McLean School

SCHOOL MENUS

for the week of Oct. 24-28

BREAKFAST

Monday: Omelets, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Breakfast Burritos, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Apple Churos, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

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

LUNCH

Monday: Pizza Dippers

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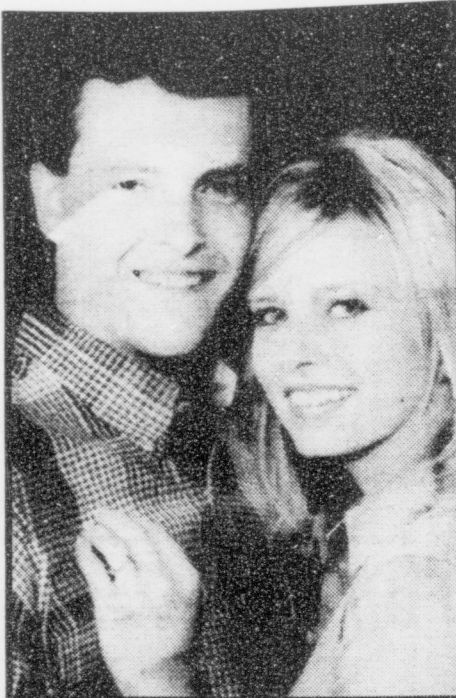
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Frito Pie with Chili and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Salad, Dream Bars, Milk

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Thursday: Stuffed Baked Potatoes with Chili and Cheese, Texas Toast, Cobbler, Milk

Friday: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potatoes Wedges, Cookie, Milk



Cadra~Hecht To Unite In Holy Matrimony

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cadra would like to announce the engagement and the approaching marriage of their daughter Cesily Rachelle to James Bay Hecht.

Bay is the son on Jim and Belinda Hecht of Aspermont, Texas.

The couple plan to exchange vows January 28, 2006. Cesily and Bay will make their home in Aspermont.

44 Members and Guests Enjoy Lunch At Young At Heart

The Young at Heart Senior Citizens met for lunch, Tuesday, October 4, 2005. There were forty-four members and guests present.

Shelly Overturf from Accolade Home Care was on hand to take vital statistics. Other guests were Martha Van Huss' great grandson, Caden Simpson, Mary Dwyer's sister-in-law, Opal Dwyer from Port Arthur, TX., Vonnie Bible and Melissa. Jake and Leta

Mac Hess. There were ten residence from the McLean Care Center.

Marjorie Fish, president, welcomed and introduced everyone. She also mentioned there will be a Health Fair, Wed. October 5th at the center, with several agencies being represented.

A wonderful meal, as usual, was enjoyed by all. All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend.

Red Ribbon Week To Be Held At McLean I.S.D.

Red Ribbon Week will be held October 24 through October 28. Students will be participating in activities all week to encourage drug awareness and being drug free.

A special assembly will be held on Tuesday,

October 25 at 9:00 a.m. for the high school students. Trooper Daniel Hawthorne will present a power point

on teens and the use of alcohol. The students will also be informed of the DWI and DUI laws. Trooper Hawthorne will answer questions at the end of his presentation. Parents are welcome to attend the program.

If you have any questions regarding the program, you may call Mrs. Jones at the high school. The number is 779-2571.

Book Fair To Be Held In New Gym

McLean I.S.D. will host a Scholastic Book Fair on October 24-26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the new gym.

The fair will feature books and educational products, including newly released works, award

winning titles, children's classics, interactive software and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Parents, children, teachers and the community are invited. On Tuesday, October 25 from

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event with refreshments, games and door prizes.

For more information regarding the Book Fair call Freda Holland at the school at 779-2671.

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Students of the Week



For the week of Oct. 17 - 21: 1st - Quinton Davis, 1st - Trista Greenwood, 2nd - Ashley Ferguson, 2nd - Darryl Webb, 3rd - Summer Ferguson, 4th - Nakib Perkins, 5th - Miranda W/lorde, 6th - Jordan Fleming, 7th - Nehey Ramirez, 8th - Jader Adams

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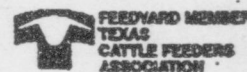
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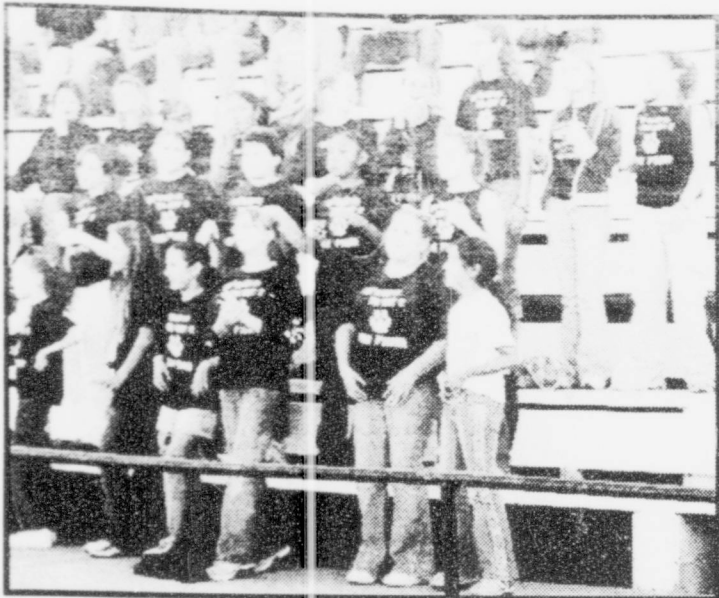


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MJH PEP CLUB SHOWS OFF THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT!! The many members of the Jr. High Pep Club yell loud and clear and they show off their loyalty to the black and white!

Cubs Fall To Ft. Elliott



The McLean Cubs jumped out to a 12-0 lead against the Ft. Elliott Cougars last Thursday afternoon. The Cougars then scored 35 unanswered points.

The Cubs then got back on track scoring a touchdown in the third and also in the fourth quarter.

"Blake Lee did an outstanding job at quarterback, throwing four touchdown passes," stated Coach Herring. Catching touchdowns from Lee were Clay Crockett for 41 yards,

Tanner Cadra for 40 yards, Corey Graham for 35 yards and Jordan Herring for 31 yards.

The Cubs play the Wheeler Eighth grade A team, tonight at 5:00 p.m. in Wheeler.

Lady Cubs Prepare To Maintain 2004 District Cross Country Title

Coach Hausen is leading the MJH girls cross country team in the right direction. The team will head to Amarillo on October 24 for District

Cross Country. "The Jr. High girls are going to try and defend their District title from last season," state Hausen. The team members are

Ashley Byron, Nancy Castillo, Lyndsey Ellis, Casey Graham, Sheri Haynes, and Nicole McClendon.

Speak softly and sweetly. If your words are soft and sweet, they won't be as hard to swallow if you have to eat them.

—Anonymous

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Elementary Classes Compete In October Flag Football



There is a new type of football in town, flag football. Third through fifth graders, both boys and girls are participating in the flag football experience.

Maylon Richardson, pastor of the Assembly of God church is leading the Saturday morning activity for these youngsters. He is being assisted by Jimmy Hannon, Jimmy Armbrister and Larry Perkins.

The practices began on

October 1 at the football field. Each Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. till noon, the kids practice for the first hour and then participate in six-man game play the second hour. The kids are divided into three teams: red, blue and yellow.

The teams will continue to practice and play for the Saturdays of October 22 and October 29. On October 29, the teams will have a three way tournament.



Arnold Sharp and family thank each of you who came by to help him enjoy the celebration of his 90th birthday. He will enjoy the cards and remember the afternoon for a long time.

Above Middle: The MJH Cheerleaders show off their dance moves to show their spirit during the last Cubs game. Above Bottom: Community members from Alanreed and McLean enjoy starting the fall season with the annual Alanreed Festival.

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DPS Troopers Net Over \$40,000 Cash In Traffic Stop

Amarillo- A Missouri man was arrested earlier this week after troopers found a large sum of money hidden inside his vehicle following a traffic stop on I-40.

At 10:40 a.m. on Sunday, October 16, Sergio Sanchez of Kansas City Missouri was driving a 1993 Jeep Cherokee westbound on I-40. Sanchez was stopped for a traffic violation 10 miles east of Amarillo, in Carson County. After consent to

search was given, troopers eventually found \$40,180.00 in cash hidden inside the intake manifold of the engine. The cash was wrapped in home insulation, vacuum sealed and taped with black electrical tape.

Sanchez was later booked into the Carson county jail in Panhandle on money laundering charges. Troopers believe the money originated in Missouri and was headed for El Paso.



AUTUMN FUN AT MOM'S DAY OUT! This lively group from Mom's Day Out had an "Orange" day! They enjoyed pumpkins, orange brew and pumpkin pie. Pictured are (clockwise) K'leigh Thornton, Derek Weinheimer, Halle Barkley, Laurel Fields, Matthew Bowen, Kaylie Ritter, Sidney Ritter, Madison Friemel, Ashley Young, Justina Sater, Colby Britten, Victory Brown, Brittany Stegall, and Hallie Thompson.

Trustees Discuss Need For New Bus In Next Years Budget

Groom ISD Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the usual place in the school administration offices with the following members in attendance: Cliftoa Britten, Ron Kuehler, Tony Rocha, Rodney Bohr, Tony Britten, Curtis Downs, and Kathleen Barkley. Superintendent Stevens was also in attendance.

After a prayer by Mr.

Stevens the meeting was called to order by President Clifton Britten at 7:04.

Minutes of the special meeting of September 13, and the regular meeting of September 13 were approved.

Curtis Downs was approved as a representative on the Carson County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion was approved with Mr. Downs abstaining from the vote.

Board Policy update 76 from the Texas Association of School Boards was approved as presented with no changes.

Audit affidavits were discussed with the Board. The signed documents were returned to Cornell and Co.

A discussion was held concerning the 2004-05 budget and the 2005-06 Budget.

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County Veterans To Be Interviewed For Posterity

The Carson County Historical Commission and the Square House Museum in Panhandle are beginning a program to interview Carson County veterans and citizens of World War II.

The 60th anniversary of the end of World War II brought attention to the fact that many stories of war years will be lost if the actions are not recorded

now. In fact, many stories have been lost as the veterans have died. All across the United States, World War II veterans and citizens on the home front are telling how they were affected by the war. The Texas Historical Commission is focusing on the program, also.

The Square House Museum has discussed such a program for several

years. A committee has been formed, and interviewers will be contacting Carson County World War II veterans to plan for interviews. A list of veterans is being compiled. Carson County veterans are asked to contact the Square House Museum and give their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and

See VETERANS, pg. 5

Judgements Handed Down In District Court

District Court Judge David McCoy passed judgement of several cases pending before the Court on Monday, October 17.

In Cause no. 3361, Derrick Landon Young pled guilty to a State Jail Felony Possession of Marijuana. He was ordered to serve 3 years of deferred adjudication, pay a fine of \$1500, court costs of \$327.50 and restitution of \$140.

In Cause no. 3410, Arley French pled guilty to a State Jail Felony of Evading Arrest. He was sentenced to 2 years deferred adjudication and ordered to pay a \$1500 fine and court costs of \$327.50.

In Cause No. 3434, Gildardo Martinez, Jr. pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He will serve 3 years of deferred

adjudication and pay a fine of \$1500, court costs of \$327.50 and \$140.00 in restitution.

In Cause No. 3473, Kelsie Lee McCann pled guilty to the offense of forgery and ordered to serve 2 years of deferred adjudication and pay \$1365.00 back in restitution, as well as \$327.50 in restitution.

In Cause No. 3404, charges were dismissed against Heidi Jean Hamlin, without prejudice.

In Cause No. 3438, Justin Scott Schimpf was

sentenced to 3 years of deferred adjudication after he pled guilty to evading arrest. He is ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine and Court costs of \$327.50.

In Cause No. 2927,

Jeffrey Paul Gugenheim pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance on June 3, 2002. His probation was revoked and he was ordered to serve 12 months in the county jail.

In Cause No. 3403, Porfirio Avila pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of possession of marijuana. He was ordered to serve 5 years deferred adjudication and pay a \$5,000 fine, \$327.50 court costs and restitution of \$140.00.

In Cause No. 3363, Donte Weldon Lee pled guilty to a 1st degree felony Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison, ordered to pay \$327.50 in court costs and fined \$1,000.

Groom Community Calendar

ENTRIES FOR The Ambulance coloring contest entries must be turned in to the city library by Oct. 24 to be eligible.

GROOM JUNIOR High Cubs will play their last home game on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 5:00 against Hedley. There is a shortage of referees, requiring some teams to play on Tuesday nights.

CROSS COUNTRY runners will compete in a District Meet on October 24th at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

GROOM CUBS will play the Valley Patriots this Thursday, Oct. 20 there at 5:00.

GROOM TIGERS will play the Valley Patriots in Groom on Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30.

THE SECOND six-weeks tests for Groom ISD will be November 2-4.

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.

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

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Local Happenings

Bill & Norma Jean Homer spent last week in Georgia. They were in Tifton, Ga. for 4 days with their son Tracy and Katrina Homer. Kendall and James attended the Georgia State Fair in Perry Ga. while they were there. Then went to Woodstock, Ga and spent the rest of the week with their daughter Jeannette and John Blackwell

Margaret Whatley was surprised with a birthday celebration Wednesday evening. Her children brought dinner, cake and a smile. Those attending were: Debbie Tigg, Sheila Whatley, Carol King & Barbara Whatley of Amarillo, Howell and Sharlene Lewis, and Charlotte Whatley of Groom.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 20 - Jeannie Ruthardt, Johnny and Mary Brooks (A).

October 21 - Frances Britten.

October 22 - Charles Burk, Tyler Samuel Babcock.

October 23 - Carolyn Moranic, Dacoda Miller, McKenna Beth Britten.

October 24 - Laurie Weinheimer Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell (A).

October 25 - Jenna Brumley, Korri Lyn Britten.

October 26 - Jackson Rainer, Judy Eatmon, Susi Thompson, Dorothy and Bill Britten (A).



Prathers Have New Baby Girl

Jordyn Rilee Prather has arrived! She was born on 9-18-05 in Pampa, Texas. She was 20 inches long and weighed 9 lbs. 1.6 oz. Her proud parents are

Jason and Samantha Prather. Jordyn was welcomed home by her big brother Kegan, age 7.

Grandparents of the little girl are Rick and Sharon Prather of Groom, Gareld and Gwen Bright of Dumas. Great Grandmothers are Rosalie Hendrick of Pampa and Mildred Bright of Dumas. Jordyn also has a great-great grandmother Floy Hendrick of Shamrock.

Mini Bullard Family Reunion Held

A mini-family reunion was hosted by Juandell and Jack Bivins on Sat. October 15 when Juandell's cousin, Jimmie Bullard came from Camp Verde, Arizona to visit. Attending were 27 cousins, 2nd cousins etc. representing 6 of the original 11 Bullard brothers and sisters.



CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to Alpha Mu Xi for the wonderful stew and the many other nice things you do for us and the community of Groom.

Thanks again,
Jack & Willie Barnett

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Th 5:16-18

The outpouring of love and kindness for our family during this time of tragedy has been a tremendous blessing. We wish we could thank each of you individually, but the number of people who have reached out to us is overwhelming. We deeply appreciate each of you who have shown your love and support through home calls, food, visits flowers memorials, and cards. Most of all we thank each of you for your ongoing prayers.

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Robert Farley Sends Pictorial Evidence Of Rita's Destruction



AFTER THE STORM... Johnny Brumley shared his letter from Robert Farley with us last week concerning the effect of Hurricane Rita at his home near Lake Charles. As you can see, some very large trees were downed all around his home. His home remained untouched by much damage. Being from the Texas Panhandle, Mr. Farley, like most of us would do in his shoes, grieved for the loss of the towering beauties.



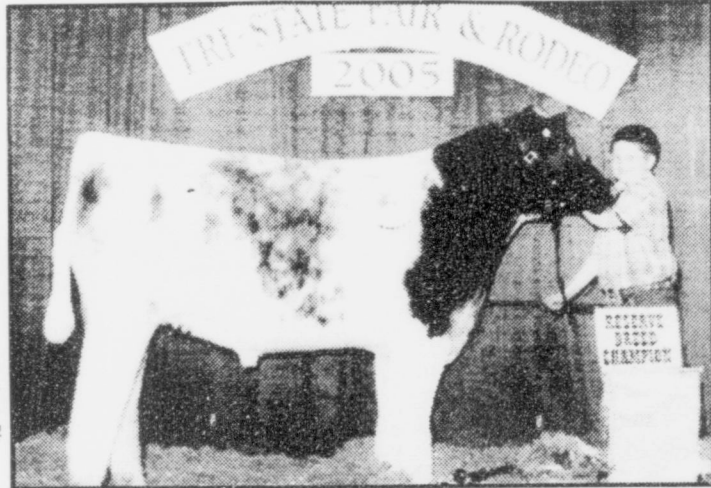
Two Groom Youth Named Candidates For Scholarship

Two Groom students have been named finalists in the Celebrate Youth Contest hosted by several businesses in Amarillo. The random drawing was conducted in the Bank One Center. The names of Cari Weinheimer, 8, and Caroline Britten, 6, both of Groom, were drawn from among 500 original entrants. They have both been selected again from the elimination that

whittled the contestants down to 32. Winners will be determined by random drawings each Thursday, cutting the field of finalists in half.

Of the final four entries, the 3rd and 4th place finishers will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The 2nd place finisher will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and the winner a \$10,000 scholarship.

Ill or Recovering
The following residents are ill or recovering: Mary Sue Lyles, Jeanne Ruthardt.



Chris Homen Earns Top Honors With Livestock Exhibit

Chris Homen, a Groom ISD student and member of the White Deer Junior FFA program recently had some very good success at two stock shows. Chris's entry is a short horn steer named Little Bit. He was selected Breed Champion at the

West Texas State Fair in Abilene. Then Little Bit went on to win the Reserve Breed Championship at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Chris is the son of

Brenda Broome of Groom and John Homen of White Deer. Chris plans to show Little Bit in several other Stock Shows before the year is out.

Local Happening

Al Alward, Donna Burton of Groom and April Burton of Amarillo attended the League of Celtic Nations festival last week end in Amarillo. A really good time was had by two of the trio... the third would have rather been watching Dallas play football!

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GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menus for the week of October 24-28 are as follows:

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 Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.
 Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
 Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.
 Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

Lunch
 Monday - Mexican Pile on, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, apple sauce, graham crackers, & milk.
 Tuesday - Steak fingers, or fish strips, french fries, fruit cocktail, Texas toast, and milk.
 Wednesday - Frito pic, pinto beans, pears, graham crackers, and milk.
 Thursday - Stew, peaches, corn bread, crackers and milk.
 Friday - Sandwiches, pork & beans, pineapple, pickle spears & milk.

Groom Jr. High Cubs Hold On To Win Against Silverton Owls

The Groom Cubs played a white knuckle ball game last week keeping the fans on their feet to the very end. The team trailed early in the game 6-0 and were behind 13-14 at the half.

The Cubs scored two quick touch downs in the second half to pull ahead 26-14. The Owls came back in the fourth quarter with a TD to narrow the gap to 26-22. With less

than two minutes to play, the Cubs successfully stopped the Owls on a fourth quarter drive with less than 1 yard to go to preserve the victory. The Cubs earned 158

yards offensively and had one fumble recovery return for a touch down. The Cubs will play Valley, there, tonight, Thursday, October 20 at 5:00.

Tigers Battle Silverton Last Week, Valley Next

The Groom Tigers traveled to Silverton Friday night and came up short to an always powerful Owl team, 64-18. The game was shortened by the 45 point rule as several of the games this year have ended. The halftime lead as Silverton led was 50-18. The Owls had 456 total yards on the night.

Groom is 4-3 on the season and 1-3 record in District Six Man District 2. Groom scores came on a 57 yard touchdown pass from Thane Barkley to Chad Barkley and a 45 yard kick-off return by Kendall Weller, and lastly a Thane Barkley 6 yard scoring run. Jake Francis of Silverton could not be stopped as he rushed for 218 yard and scored six

touchdowns on Groom. Silverton out rushed Groom 456 total yards to Groom's 189 total yards. Groom passed 20 throws with 8 completions and one interception. Silverton had 11 first downs to Groom's 5.

Groom will host another power house team on Friday night, the Valley Patriots. Last week, Valley remained unbeaten with a 52-6 win over Lazbuddie. Valley's primary threat is Alex

Espanoza who scored on his first four carries last 3week. He finished with 210 total yards on 7 carries for the Patriots and rushed for 5 carries.

The action is slated to begin at 7:30 in Groom.



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Monday students will wear red, white or blue. Tuesday, elementary students will bring a stuffed animal to school, while Jr. High and High

School will wear sunglasses. Wednesday is Sweats Day. Thursday students are asked to wear a team sport shirt or hat. On Friday, everyone is asked to wear red.

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Board

The Board retired to executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:04 p.m. They ended the closed session 8:44 p.m.

Once back in open session, the Board discussed the age and mileage of the Groom ISD bus fleet. Superintendent Stevens discussed the need to budget a bus into next years budget.

A discussion was held concerning the Panhandle Area Association of School Board training on Oct. 20

at Region 16 ESC.

Stevens updated the Board on scheduling the Team of 8 training.

With no further business, the Board adjourned.

Veterans

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The interviews will be stored at the Square House Museum and the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Copies will be available for the persons interviewed.

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Comptroller Issues Report

Texas State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, has issued the State Sales and Use Tax Analysis Report for the first Quarter of 2005. The Amarillo MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Randall, Potter, Carson and Armstrong Counties. The

first part of the report is done by counties. In Armstrong County 45 outlets (all industries) reported in the first quarter of 2005 compared to 41 in the same time frame in 2004. However, gross sales were down by -9.7%, \$1,813,347 compared to \$2,007,246. In the Retail

Trade division, a gain of 1.4% was seen with an increase of 23 businesses in 2005 from 16 in 2004. Gross sales for the first quarter of 2005 were \$1,220,635. In 2004, \$1,204,252 was reported. In Carson County, 125 outlets reported in 2005 compared to 124 in 2004.

A gain of 8.8% was seen from \$10,463,729 in gross sales in 2004 to \$11,386,509 gross in 2005. In the Retail Trade Market only 47 businesses reported in 2005 compared to 59 in 2004. A 3.7% increase was seen with 2005 gross sales totaling \$6,062,783. 2004 gross sales were \$5,844,633.

Gray County had a whopping 44% increase with 644 outlets reporting in all industries in 2005 gross sales of \$209,904,788

compared to 603 outlets reporting gross sales of \$145,637,161 in 2004. The Retail Trade followed the same trend with 275 businesses reporting in 2005 compared to 277 in 2004. Gross receipts tallied \$141,809,674 in 2005 compared to \$89,375,972 in 2004, a 58% increase.

According to the Amarillo MSA the largest increase in the Retail Market Area was a 44.1% increase in the Building

Material market. Consumers bought 7.4% less food than in 2004. Agriculture was up 2.1%.

Manufacturing was the biggest gainer with a 25.7% increase. Wholesale trade was down 33.9%. Financial Services was a gain of 9.8%. Other services dropped 22.6%.

One of the ceaseless wonders of the world: The power of a smile.
—Malcolm Forbes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A group gathered at the Rt. 66 Steakhouse for an impromptu birthday party for Katie Talley. Joining in the fun was Allie Hoyt, Irma Ray Rutherford, Betty Housley, Darlene Jones, Tina Painter, Venita Hickey and Donna Burton.

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Martin - Tipton Pharmacy is located at 1422 S. Tyler ST in Amarillo, phone 373-2812. They are well known in this territory for fine service and the best in drugs. The prescription from your doctor will be scientifically filled to his exact order. A registered pharmacist is on duty at all times to see that the proper drugs are compounded and who understands how to read any prescription. They also have over the counter medications, diabetic and health supplies, convalescent aids, natural vitamins, health and beauty aids as well as prompt prescription service. They welcome Texas Medicaid, Blue Cross, PCS, PPO, Paid and others.

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