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## City Council Approves Ad-Valorem Tax For 2002-2003

The City of McLean held two special meetings recently.

On August 20, 2002 the meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the following members present: Joe Lamb, Doyle Lee, LaVon Watson and bob Martin. Jim McDonald was absent. City Secretary Toni Bohlar was also present.

The Council looked over the applications that had been received for the

director of Public Works. It was decided to contact two of the applicants to arrange a time that they might be able to meet with the aldermen for an interview.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

On August 26, 2002 the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Joe Lamb, Doyle Lee, LaVon Watson, Bob Martin and Jim McDonald, members of the council present. Also in attendance were Toni Bohlar, Bill Anderson and Allen Mixon.

The Council unanimously approved to adopt the Ad-Valorem tax rate of .305590 per \$100.00 valuation.

The council voted to adopt Ordinance #286 fixing the tax rate for 2002-2003 at .305590 per \$100 valuation.

The council held a discussion concerning

mosquito control within the City. The Mayor will be sending out a letter with the utility bills urging the residents to do what they could to eliminate the breeding grounds for mosquitos around their own property.

The council discussed the applicants for the Director of Public Works and their qualifications. A Motion was made by Lavon Watson and seconded by Jim McDonald to hire Scott Perry as the Director of Water Works at a salary of \$32,000 a year with no overtime, contingent on his getting his water and wastewater licenses reinstated for Texas as quickly as possible. voting for the motion were LaVon Watson, Jim McDonald and Joe Lamb.

Voting against was Doyle Lee.



## Opening Game Called Due To Lightning

The McLean Tiger's First game of the regular season ended just before half time when the officials called the game due to lightning. The score when the game was called was Bible HERitage

39, the McLean Tigers 14.

James Alexander led the pack in scoring with 12 points. One touchdown came with an 80 yard kick off return. Dusty Moody added to the board for the Tigers

with a two point conversion run.

The Tigers face the Miami Warriors Friday night at Miami. Then on Friday, Sept 13th, the Tigers host the Hedley Owls for Homecoming.

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### McLean Reminder

IN HONOR of 4-Hers 100th year anniversary, the Gray County 4-H would like to invite former God Star recipients to the annual Achievement Banquet this September to be recognized as one of the top award winners in Gray County 4-H history. The banquet will be held at 7:00pm, Monday, Sept.23, in the cafeteria at

the Lefors school. Please call 669-8033 by Sept. 3 if you are able to attend.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT will be on Sat. Sept. 7 from 9 am - 3 pm at the Trinity Baptist Church. Infant to 5th grade children welcome.

MCLEAN TIGERS will play Miami, there on Sept. 6 at 7:30 pm.

HOMEcoming for McLean High School will be on Sept. 13.

MCLEAN 4-CLOVER meeting is Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 pm at the Methodist Church.

THE MCLEAN Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

## "Hank The Cowdog" Author To Visit Students

McLean Elementary and Junior High students will have a treat on Wed. Sept 11 when John R. Erickson, the author of the "Hank the Cowdog" comes to town for a special performance to help dedicate a new set of "Hank the Cowdog" that were purchased by students and faculty in memory of Kaide Shaller.

The event will begin at 9:30 am in the new gym. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books after the program.

"Hank the Cowdog In Concert" is a 60 minute program of innocent fun and wholesome family entertainment. Through songs and readings, John R. Erickson brings to life characters from his award-winning "Hank the Cowdog" series of books and audio books.

John R. Erickson is a fifth generation Texas, raised in the small panhandle town of Perryton. He has a

degree from the University of Texas, studied two years at Harvard Divinity School, and left Harvard three hours short of a master's degree in theology. After marrying Kristine Dykema in 1967, he spent 15 years writing in the early morning hours and working at odd jobs, including eight years a ranch cowboy. After receiving many rejection slips, he started his own publishing company in his garage and self-published the first ten "Hank the Cowdog" stories.

Hank the Cowdog is now a national character and his books and tapes have sold in the millions. Hank appeared in a thirty minute animated episode on "CBS Storybreak" and the stories on tape were named the best children's audio books for 1993 by the American Audiobook Sellers Association.

Erickson has also established a reputation

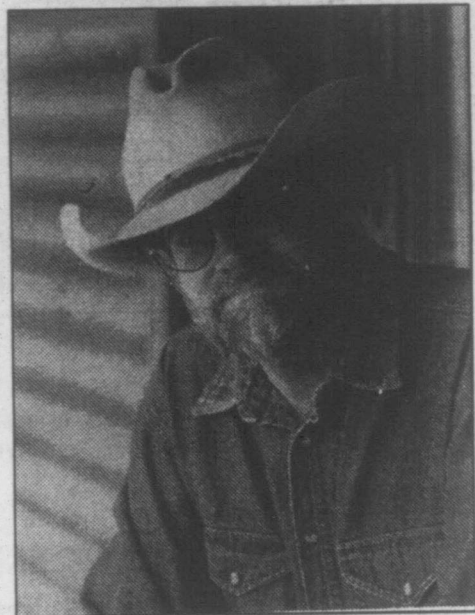
as a speaker and performer. He has appeared at conventions, conferences, and banquets in 17 states and provinces; has been a keynote speaker at conventions attended by librarians, teacher of English, reading, special education and drama; and has spoken at the Library of Congress, the Institute of Texas Cultures, The Houston Children's Museum and the Witte Museum in San Antonio.

Since he began performing his work in school in 1984, he has left a trail of Hank the Cowdog books in hundreds of communities, from the Texas Gulf Coast to Fairbanks, Alaska and has appeared before more than 1.75 million people.

Recently, Hank the Cowdog books have found a new home at Penguin Putman, the nation's largest publisher of children's books. Rights have been

purchased by Nickelodeon to produce an animated movie.

In an unprecedented move, Erickson recently



## Thomason Named To Who's Who

Laura Thomason was recently named to Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition for the 2001-2001 school year.

### MOTHERS DAY OUT PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Mothers Day Out is being planned for Sept. 7 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Trinity Baptist Church. Children from infant to 5th grade are welcome.

The event is being planned for each first Saturday of the month.

The purpose is provide a day filled with activities for the children and to give the Moms a day off!

Age appropriate activities will be provided, giving each child the opportunity to experience success and self-confidence as well as exposing them to new and exciting challenges. Lunches and snacks will be provided for the children. Please let your children join in the fun!

Contact Shelly Henderson at 779-3125 or Glenda Dickey at Trinity Baptist 779-3207 if you have any questions.

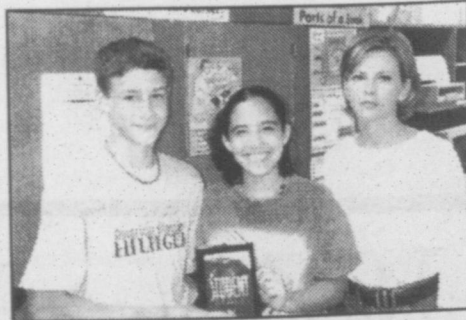
### CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to all who did so much to make my retirement reception very special. For all the letters, cards, comments, gifts and attendance at the reception I want to say I deeply appreciate them all. I have had a fulfilling career. The people in McLean have been good to me and mine. The memories will be a blessing to me always.

Jane Herndon

Imagination grows by exercise, and contrary to common belief, is more powerful in the mature than in the young.

-W. Somerset Maugham



## McLean Students Can Now Take Accelerated Reading Test On The Bible

McLean Elementary and Jr. High students will now have the opportunity to read and take the Accelerated Reading tests on the Bible. The school purchased the test with memorial donations. The Bibles were purchased by the local

churches and donated to the school.

There are 60 tests for the students to take. The tests are based on the NIV Student Bible. The test grade levels range from 4.3-7.5 and the points test range from .5 to 7.0.

## Cowdog

donated a serial story to newspapers across the nation. This Hank the Cowdog "mini-story" has now been seen in over 200 newspapers in 31 states by 8 million people.

Erickson was born in Midland, Texas on October 20, 1943. He now lives on his ranch near Perryton, Texas, with his wife and son, Mark where he ranches and continues to write books in the Hank the Cowdog series as well as non-fiction western books and a syndicated column.

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### Letter To The Editor

## Last Week's Letter Draws Response From Billingsley

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the letter in last week's paper from Mr. Reeves. I wonder if his intent was to make a mockery of my time and effort spent as alderman on the McLean City Council. If not he certainly gave that impression. I took great pride in serving the community I called home and my time on the city council was spent in the hope that I could represent my fellow citizens and give voice to their concerns and get answers for their questions. My votes and opinions expressed during the meetings were my own and came from the 36 years of living and working in McLean. I admire and respect the time and effort any citizen puts into serving in a public office as it is often times a thankless task. I would ask Mr. Reeves to examine his

motives for once again taking a stance in a public forum with only barbs and slings and half formed and named accusations. What is the outcome he seeks? Was it to cause hurt and attempt to damage the reputation of one no longer present at the meetings? The city council survives and functions due to the contributions of all of the citizens of a town. I will hope then that the intent of Mr. Reeves most recent missive to the local paper was to bring attention to what he perceives as a misstep in city government and it was only an unfortunate oversight on his part that made the letter seem to be a direct attack on my character and reputation. Sincerely,  
s/ Joe D. Billingsley  
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### McLean Welcomes New Teacher

McLean I.S.D. welcomes five new teachers to the staff for the 2002-2003 school year. The first teacher to be introduced is Sharmin Perkins.

Mr.s Perkins is teaching the fifth grade at McLean Elementary. This is her fifth year to teach fifth grade.

She started her teaching career in Lubbock with the Head Start Program. Mrs. Perkins then taught at Nazarene School one year and the Hereford school system for three years.

Sharmin was born in Abernathy. She attended college at Wayland Baptist University. Her husband, Larry Perkins is the pastor at Trinity Baptist Church. They have two children, Kirstie and Kaleb. Both children are attending McLean school.

### Schoenhal Renunion Held

Labor Day week-end, August 30 - September 1, was the date of the biennial Schoenhals Reunion in Bull Canyon on the Trew Ranch. Fifty-eight members of Ruth's family and five friends or in-laws enjoyed the near-perfect weather; eating playing games and a Saturday night auction. A special treat this year was the Saturday evening meal catered by Dyers Barbecue of Pampa followed by two freezers of homemade, hand-cracked ice cream. The oldest family member present was Helen Herbel(82) of

Valley Center, Kansas, sister of Ruth and the youngest was Alex Bussard (1 month) of Belton, Missouri, great-great nephew of Ruth. Gerald, Barbara and Adam Herbel of Milpitas, California traveled the greatest distance to attend the reunion. A good time was had by all with plans already underway for the next reunion in 2004.

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779-2548  
Sunday Bible School 10 am  
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm, Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God** 4th & Main  
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church  
Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

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

**United Methodist Church** 2nd & Gray  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
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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  
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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## Back To School Bash Held Aug. 28th

The Municipal Building was alive with the sound of music and a message about the love of God on Wednesday, August 28th. "The Back To School Bash" which was held there, was a venue to tell

the youth of McLean that they matter to God," explained Pastor Larry Perkins of Trinity Baptist Church. "We want the students to know that God is aggressively seeking to be involved in their lives and that He really can make a difference, if they will just trust Him. Our vision is to see the youth of this city know and feel that they are a priority. We will aggressively seek to

engage the youth and help them any way we can."

"Basically, the 'Bash' was just the kickoff for a years worth of activity and ministry aimed at supporting the students in the city. Every Wednesday we will continue to do our best to present excellent ministry that will truly make a difference. The Bash did boast a youth band from pampa which we have not seen develop here yet, but we will continue to do aggressive praise and worship and proclaim the Word of God in a relative way."

Dave Boyd from Trinity Fellowship Church of Amarillo preached the message on Wednesday.

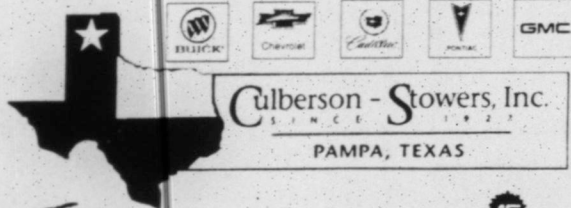
"We invite the youth to take part in what we are calling 'Solid Rock Youth Ministries' every Wednesday night," he continued.

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-30	Bible Heritage	T	7:30
9-6	Miami	T	7:30
9-13	Hedley#	H	7:30
9-20	OPEN		
9-27	Samnorwood*	H	7:30
10-4	Follett*	T	7:30
10-11	Ft. Elliott*	H	7:30
10-18	Higgins*	T	7:30
10-24	Miami*	H	7:30
11-1	Lefors*	H	7:30
11-7	Groom*	T	7:30

\*District Games #Homecoming

### 2002 McLean Jr. High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-12	Hedley	T	6:00
9-19	Follett	H	6:00
9-26	Samnorwood	T	6:00
10-3	Follett	H	6:00
10-10	Ft. Elliott	T	6:00
10-17	Higgins	H	6:00
10-22	Miami	T	6:00
10-31	Lefors	T	6:00

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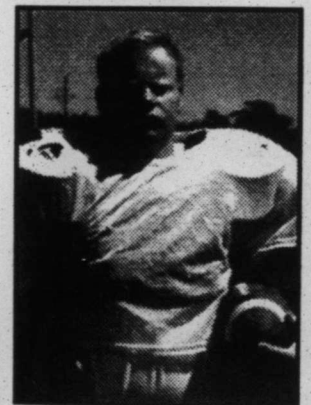
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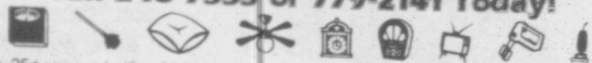


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Thursday, September 5, 2002

## Groom ISD School Board Approves 2002-2003 Budget At \$200,000 Less Than 2001-2002; Tax Rate \$1.60

The Groom Independent School District met in special session on August 29, 2002. All members were present which includes Clifton Britten, Tony Britten, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Mike Friemel and Denny Babcock. Also present were Superintendent Kevin Noack and Business Manager Joyce Hutsell. "A Public Hearing was held on the 2002-2003 Budget. Mr. Noack led the discussion. He announced that the budget for 2002-2003

would be set for \$1,157,469. This figure represents an approximate decrease of \$200,000. "This savings has come mainly from all the personnel cuts we did last year," stated Noack. Last year's budget was \$1,313,583.

The new budget will require Groom School to dip into its reserve fund balance for about \$90,000 dropping the reserves to about \$320,000.

Noack stated that he hoped there would be some money left from

this year to put back in the fund, but until the audit is done and the final payment comes from the State of Texas there is no certainty.

The tax rate was set for \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for the M & O,

plus another 10 cents for the I. & S.

In other business, the board voted to increase milage reimbursement for school travel to .35 cents per mile.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.



## Tiger Seniors Prepare To Lead Team To Victory In Season Opener

Four seniors will lead the Tigers to victory Friday night with their opening football game against the Happy Cowboys, here, at 7:30.

Our first two seniors will bring stopping power to the line. Brett Britten, No. 42 is a 6'3" 245 pound guard and end. Cody Babcock, No. 45, will serve as center and end. He is 6'2" and weighs 240 pounds.

The other two seniors will add speed and agility. They are Lance Ollinger and Doug Fields. Lance is no. 10 and will play quarter back and safety. He is 5'11" and weighs 160 pounds.

Doug will be bringing experience to the line.

He will serve as running back and line backer. He is 5'10" and weighs 170 pounds.

Filling out the roster will be Juniors Bobby

Ratteree, Calvin Schaffer, Willie Leven, and Owen Weinheimer; Sophomore Jeff Rios, freshman Kelby Noack and Brandon Jenkins.

Ratteree will number 8. He will play end and safety and is 6'tall and weighs 140 lbs.

Schaffer, number 11, is 5'9" and 145 pounds. He will be a running back and a line backer.

Leven will be a dominant force as an end and nose guard. He is number 55, 5'8" and 235 pounds.

Weinheimer will sport the number 65 and serve as a running back and line backer. He is a towering 6'3" and weighs 195 pounds.

Rios is 5'8" and weighs 180 pounds. He will wear the number 85 as he plays end and nose guard.

Noack will wear

number 33 and play quarter back and safety. He is 5'8" and weighs 135 pounds.

Jenkins is 5'7" and weighs 165 pounds. He will sport number 44 and served the team as a guard and end.

No team could function without the help of good managers.

Chance Barkley and Mike Portugal will round out the roster in this capacity. Head coach is Toby Tucker and assistant coach is Jym Dennis. Kevin Noack is the athletic director.

Cheering the team to victory this year are Head Cheerleader Amanda Martin and Cheerleaders Britteny Martin, Lorri Britten, Malorie Homen, Sharri Britten and Tiger Spirit

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### Community Calendar

**THE GROOM** Tigers will play the Happy Cowboys here, Friday night beginning at 7:30.

**THE GROOM** Economic Development Corporation will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00 p.m.

A **PEP RALLY** will be held in the Groom High School Gym on Friday at 3:00. Support the Tigers in their season opener.

**THE GROOM** Booster Club and ST. Mary's Catholic Church will host a Tail-Gate Party in front of the school this week after the game.

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## Dr. Joe Hillhouse, Confirms 2 Cases Of West Nile Virus

Two cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Carson County, one from the Panhandle area and one from the Groom area, according to Veterinarian Joe Hillhouse.

The disease has spread through Texas rapidly and is carried by birds, mostly blue jays and crows. The birds are bitten by mosquitos which then transmit the disease to other warm blooded creatures, such as horses and humans.

Other warm blooded creatures do get the virus but rarely if ever get sick. The virus has been found in dogs, cats, domestic rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels and skunks.

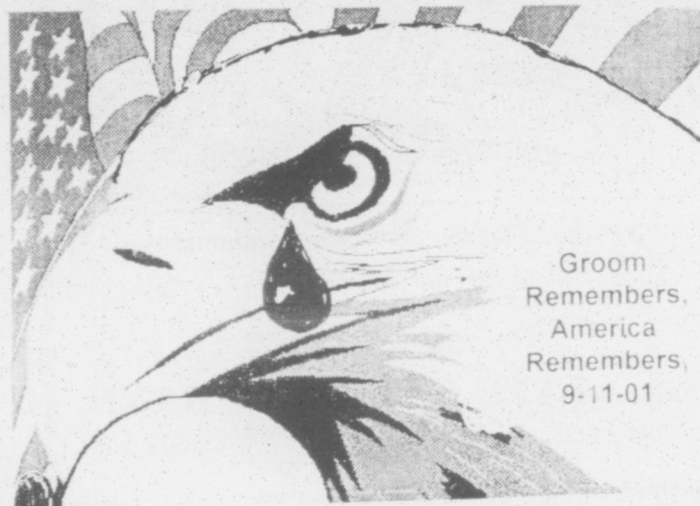
There is no vaccine for dogs, cats, or humans.

Symptoms of the disease are fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes. The first human death in Texas occurred on Aug. 16. Most at risk are those

who for what ever reason have low resistance to disease. Less than 1% of the people of people who are bitten and become infected become severely ill.

Birds can die from many other causes such as pesticides, drought and severe weather. If you find a dead bird that you suspect may have died from unknown causes you should contact the Department of Health.

The most important thing to remember is that you can control the mosquito population by making sure you have no standing water near your home. After every shower or watering session look around to make sure there are no buckets, bird baths, old tires or other items that will hold water, giving mosquitos a place to incubate. When you are going to be out of doors use products containing deet to keep mosquitos from biting.



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## Local Happenings

Marcus Miller, a senior at The University of Oklahoma, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester with a GPA of 3.75. He is the son of Phillip Miller of Groom and Ila Miller of Pampa. He is majoring in Finance.

Allie Hoyt is recovering at home after having emergency surgery while on vacation at Red River. She developed altitude sickness which aggravated some undiscovered heart problems. She has a new pacemaker as her souvenir from her "vacation". She didn't get to see much of the mountains but said that Taos has a nice little hospital.

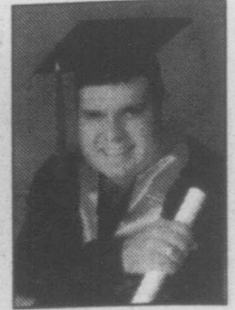


### Martin Named Gold Star Recipient

Carson county held it's Annual Appreciation Banquet for participants and leaders.

Britteny Martin of Groom was named the Best Senior Record Book. She was also recognized as a Gold Star Recipient. She is the daughter of Kenny and Melanie Martin of Groom and a junior at Groom High School.

The Friend of 4-H award was also presented. This year's award went to Carson County Commissioners Court members Kevin Howell of White Deer, Mike Britten of Groom, Jerry Straw, Kenneth Ware and Lewis Powers all of Panhandle.



### C.J. Whatley Graduates

C.J. Whatley, son the Darrell and Charolette Whatley graduated from

Texas Tech University on August 10 with a Bachelor's degree in Food Technology, from the College of Agriculture.

Whatley graduated from Groom High School in 1997. He is employed by Laprino Foods in Roswell, N.M.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 5 - Ray Pool, Jessica D. Cagle, Trenton Fields.

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

September 7 - Shelly Britten, Brady Painter.

September 8 - September 9 - Mrs. Bill Hammers, Julie Friemel, Garrett Britten.

September 10 - Leonard Koetting, Gregory Martin, Cody Ray Schaffer, Charles Rennie, Eric Torres.

September 11 - Karen Case, Jared King, Bill Hammers, Carolyn Brooks.

### Card Of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to everyone who has responded with such kindness since my recent accident. The ambulance crew, Tony Treadwell, John Bohr and Sabrina Leven were just wonderful. I really appreciate all the cards, flowers, food, visits, phone calls and prayers.

A very special thank-you to Paula Brown for her help and tender care. You will never know how much it meant to me when you came to my rescue! God Bless you, Paula and all who have been so caring.  
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## GEDC To Look At Dairy Strategy, Everyone's Invited

The Groom Economic Development Corporation will meet in special session on September 10.

Among items on the agenda, are the Dairy Strategies Feasibility Study, and consideration of new youth center games & food business

assistance.

GEDC operates under the same open meetings guidelines as entities such as schools and cities. Any interested parties are welcome to attend. The current president is David Brown.

## A Decrease Is A Decrease, As Groundwater District Prepares To Lower Tax Rates

WHITE DEER - The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will lower their tax rate for the next fiscal year. According to C.C. Williams, PGCD general manager, it will be a small decrease, but it is a decrease.

The tax rate was lowered from 0.0156 cents per \$100 of value to 0.0154 cents. Although the tax rate will be lowered, the District expects increased revenues, because of added property on the tax rolls. The District encompasses all or parts of nine counties and property appraisals are

made by the counties.

Williams said, "We have to set the same tax rate for everybody in the district. The final bill to property owners may vary from county to county because of differences in evaluations."



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### 2002 Groom Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-17	Follett(Srim)	H	5:00
8-23	Hedley(Scrim)	H	6:00
8-30	Open		
9-6	Happy	H	7:30
9-14	Bible Heritage	Ama	7:30
9-20	Chillicothe	H	7:30
9-27	Lefors*	T	7:30
10-4	Miami*	T	7:30
10-11	Samnorwood*#	H	7:30
10-18	Follett*	T	7:30
10-24	Ft. Elliot*	H	7:30
11-1	Higgins*	T	7:30
11-7	McLean*	H	7:30

\*District Games #Homecoming

### 2002 Groom Jr. High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-12	Higgins	T	5:00
9-19	Silverton	T	5:00
9-26	Lefors	H	5:00
10-3	Miami	H	5:00
10-10	Samnorwood	T	5:00
10-17	Follet	Miami	5:00
10-22	Ft. Elliot	T	5:00
10-31	Higgins	H	5:00
11-5	McLean	T	5:00

### Boosters To Host Tail-Gate Party After Game

The Groom Booster Club is hosting a new event for football fans and players this year. After each home game, a tail gate party will be held in front of the school with snack and music. Everyone is invited to attend from children to adults. The events will be hosted by the local churches in turn. This weeks celebration will be hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church. Snacks and tunes will add to atmosphere! Be sure to attend this fun event.

### Football

Gailynn Drewery. Stephanie Tucker is the sponsor for the cheerleaders.

"There is a lot of excitement going around the school," stated Coach Toby Tucker. "This group of boys has worked hard and are ready to get after it."

"Happy has a very good Quarterback who can cause teams some problems," he continued. "We will have to contain him and not take plays off to be able to put ourselves in a position to win."

The Tigers have used the off week to heal up some minor injuries. They will be coming to Friday nights game without any major problems.

Get out and support the Tigers in their season opener! A pep rally will be held in the gym at about 3:00. Kick-off time is 7:30.

### Groom School Breakfast And Lunch Menus

#### BREAKFAST:

Mon - Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tue - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wed - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, & milk.

Thurs - Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Fri - Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

#### LUNCH:

Mon - Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls,

milk, pineapple upside down cake.

Tue - Sloppy joes, sliced cheese, french fries, pickle spears, applesauce & milk.

Wed - Burritos w/ chili and cheese, bean dip, fruit cocktail & milk.

Thurs - Turkey & noodles, mixed vegetables, pears, graham crackers, & milk.

Fri - Shaved Ham or cheese, baked potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, bread, milk, and sherbet.

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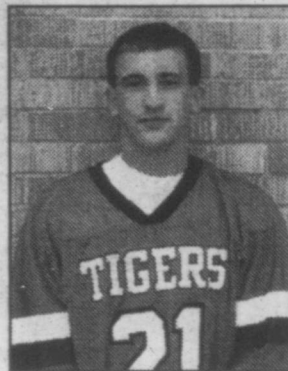
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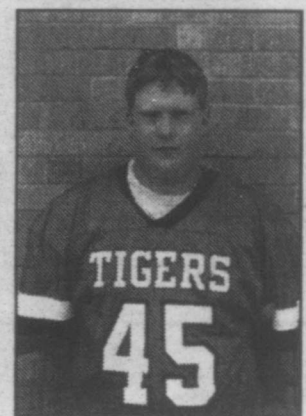
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# If You Ask Me...And Nobody Did

July, 4, 1776.  
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 September 11, 2002.  
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 Remember the Maine,  
 Remember Pearl Harbor,  
 D-Day, Heartbreak Ridge,  
 Hamburger Hill, Flight  
 93. Mention any one of  
 these and most people  
 know what you are  
 talking about. Why?  
 Because America  
 remembers. Sometimes  
 the picture gets a little

out of focus because  
 there is always someone  
 out there that will try to  
 pick each event apart,  
 laying blame here and  
 there. But most of  
 America remembers.  
 Most of American knows  
 that for every one of  
 these actions that there  
 some ordinary person  
 who stepped up to the  
 plate to sacrifice his or  
 herself for the good of  
 others.

Not all were soldiers,  
 but they gained that  
 status, as one who was  
 willing to sacrifice  
 themselves of a cause,  
 when they put their life  
 on the line. Times are  
 troubling. War seems to  
 be on the horizon, no  
 matter what happens.  
 Many more of our people  
 will be asked to be heroes  
 in some way or another  
 before this is done.  
 Something I think we

need to all remember and  
 keep in mind when  
 things get tough and it  
 seems like we are paying  
 a very high price is  
 this...

A reporter didn't give  
 you the right to free  
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 you freedom of religion...  
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 didn't give you the right  
 to bear arms... a soldier  
 did.

A lawyer didn't give  
 you the right to due  
 process... a hero did...

A politician didn't give  
 you the right to be  
 represented before you  
 were taxed... a soldier  
 did!

Stop and think about  
 it. You would have the  
 right to nothing unless  
 these rights were not  
 won on the backs of our  
 soldiers and heroes.

As we approach, the  
 anniversary of September  
 11, let us not weep and  
 wail at what we have  
 lost. Let us remember  
 the sacrifices of those  
 everyday people, soldiers  
 and heroes. Let us  
 remember the firm  
 resolve that the fire  
 fighters and policemen  
 had as they worked to  
 get as many people out  
 of the World Trade  
 Center as possible, many  
 of them dying in the

wake. Let us remember  
 those on Flight 93 who  
 knew that they were  
 dealing with people who  
 had nothing to lose and  
 still fought back.

Let us remember what  
 we have gained. A  
 country firmly committed  
 to the ideals on which  
 this nation was founded.  
 A people determined that  
 we will not live under

the heel of the boot of  
 an tyrant who twists  
 religious beliefs into a  
 bloody massacre. We  
 have regained the  
 strength and faith that  
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