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McLean Reminder

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 is picture at McLean School.

OCTOBER 28 - November 1 is Red Ribbon Week.

THE HARVEST Celebration is Monday, October 28. Enjoy the goodie auction, Halloween costume contest and the crowning of the Harvest King and Queen at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

THE MCLEAN Cub Scouts are hosting a pancake supper on Thursday, October 24, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria before the McLean-Miami game. It is all you can eat for \$4 per plate.

THE ALANREED Community Association is holding a special meeting concerning the November Fest Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Alanreed Community Center.

DONLEY COUNTY Precinct 4 will be voting at Zelda McClellan's home on November 5.

HALLOWEEN IS just around the corner! It's time to start preparing for the ghosts and goblins!

THE SCHOLASTIC Book Fair is October 28, 29 and 30 with a special family event on Monday.

THE CIRCLE of Friends will be holding their annual membership dinner Monday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steak House. For reservations call Charlotte Hefley at 779-2445 or 779-3134 by October 23.

FAMILY READING night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

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.



McLean Pre-School Students have great fun with their teacher and learn stuff, too!

Circle Of Friends To Hold Annual Fundraising Event

The Circle of Friends of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo will host the McLean membership party on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steakhouse.

The Circle of Friends, established in 1983, is a nonprofit volunteer organization with community groups throughout the Panhandle. Founded to assist cancer patients and their families in times of need, funds also aid with education and support programs directed toward improving patients' quality of life.

Membership money is utilized to provide outings for pediatric oncology patients and their families. Funds are also used to maintain two furnished apartments available to patients who live at least 60 miles outside of Amarillo. In addition to decorating the Cancer Center during the holidays, other events sponsored by the group are the Amarillo in the Pink Luncheon and the Komen Amarillo Race for the Cure, which fund breast cancer research and patient care

programs. Annual dues for the Circle of Friends membership are \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples, \$50 for special friends and \$100 for patrons. Reservations for the membership party may be made by calling Charlotte Hefley at 779-2445 or 779-3134.

The entertainment for the fundraiser will be the live auction of "homespun" items conducted by James Hefley. Suggested items include artwork, canned or baked goods, homemade crafts, needlework or "found treasures." If one cannot attend the party but would like to donate something for the auction, please contact Charlotte Hefley or Beverly Odom.

Hosts underwriting the costs of the party this year are Pat Barker, Dick and Barbara Bode, Steve and Pattie Brass, Mark and Kim Cadra, Johnnie and Mary Ann Carpenter, Dick and Pam Crockett, Dan and Sasha Fish, David and Ginger Haynes, Johnny and Joyce Haynes, Thacker and Sharon Haynes, James and Charlotte Hefley, F. J. and

Leta Mae Hess, John and Freda Holland, Dawson and Mickey Jackson, Creed and Wanda Lamb, Bob and Elizabeth Martin, James and Sherrie Martindale, J. C. and Linda McAnear, Zelda McClellan, Charlie and Deanna McClendon, Joe and Betty Morgan, Neal and Beverly Odom, Gabe and Cozy Parsons, Ben and Mindy Reeves, Joe Ray and Jacque Riley, Bobby and Robbie Sanderson, T. D. and Teresa Simmons, Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman, Lane and Susi Thompson, L. H. and Nama Webb, David and Fern Woods.

Red River Steakhouse Burglarized

The Red River Steakhouse was broken into on Friday night, Oct. 18, sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The burglars used bolt cutters to gain entrance.

Many instruments were taken including a 52 Gipsy guitar that had been modified to be electric. The guitar belonged to Tye Thompson and was a gift from his father.

Besides the things taken. See Red River, pg. 8

McLean EDC Discusses Projects At Recent Meeting

The McLean EDC was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Library by President Jim Reyna with following board members present: Mary Dwyer, Betty Morgan, Laverne Back and Jim Reyna. Others present: Mindy Reeves and Mayor Martin.

The invocation was given by Jim Reyna. Minutes of October 3 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Morgan reported a balance as of October 17 of \$10,077.40 in general fund and \$2,883.56 remaining in "clean-up" fund for a total of \$12,960.96.

The proposed financial help for disks for the Accelerated Reading Program at the school was tabled. Betty Morgan volunteered to talk to Freda about costs.

The donation to Panhandle Water Planning Group was also tabled awaiting more information.

Betty Morgan reported on the playground equipment needing to be replaced and repairs at the city park. Mayor Martin stated EDC did not need city's approval on this endeavor. Betty and Jim will report on costs at November 7 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding donation to preschool organization which is meeting in the Library. Although considered a very worthwhile program, it was agreed it should be funded by private donations rather than EDC funding.

The Chair appointed a committee to investigate possibilities concerning a "Monument" on Route 66 at west side of town. Members appointed were Mary Dwyer, Betty Morgan and Laverne Back. Mayor Martin suggested dealing with the Chief Area Engineer in Amarillo.

President Reyna will contact Darlene Burkes in Pampa concerning costs, etc., of black and gold "Welcome to McLean" banners and brackets. He will also check on protocol and costs for American flags for display along Railroad and First Streets.

Mary Dwyer will present plans and apply for "Clean-up" funds for local Senior Citizens Club at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. November 7 at the City Library.

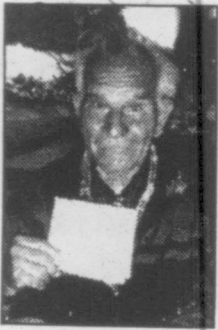
Meeting adjourned at 6:40.



Red River Steakhouse was burglarized Friday night. Thieves took a guitar and made a big mess.

RED RIVER

there was a lot of damage done. The freezer was broken into and food was dumped onto the floor. Experts from Pampa were called and there was a lot of evidence left at the scene.



Obituaries

O.J. "Jay" Miller

O. J. "Jay" Miller, 72, of McLean died Saturday, October 12 in Shamrock.

Texas.

Mr. Miller was cremated and a memorial graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 21, at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Born June 13, 1930 in Pampa, Mr. Miller was a life-long resident of Pampa before moving to McLean Care Center in February of 2001. He was a dairy farmer in Gray County, an avid gardener and a member of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his parents, George Lee and Mary Elizabeth Baston Miller, a grandson, Thomas Jay Miller, and two sisters, Golda Mae Stewart and Rosie Bigham.

He is survived by three daughters, Juanita and husband Henry Jacobs of Austin, Geneva and husband Kenny Maddox of

Whitesboro, and Sharon and husband Mike Price of Pampa; one son, Wesley

and wife Cindy Miller of Stratford; two sisters; Gorda Bell Baten of Winnsboro, and Pat Crocker of Pampa; two brothers: Paul Miller of Odessa and David Miller of Borger. Eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survived.

Memorials should be made to the McLean Care Center Party Fund. 605 W. 7th Street, McLean, Texas 79057 or a favorite charity.

Marguerite Green

Marguerite Susan Green, 85 of Canyon died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002.

Services were Tuesday Oct. 15 in the First Christian Church of Dalhart with the Reverend Barry Walker, Minister of the church, officiating. Burial was in the Fairmont Cemetery of Follett.

Mrs. Green was born Dec. 11, 1916 in Ivanhoe, Oklahoma, to Jay and Jesse Henricks. She married Robert L. Green on June 1, 1941, in Beaver, OK. She was a public school teacher for 33 years having started in a two-room school with grades one through eight. She taught several years here in McLean.

MCLEAN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

October 28-October 31

BREAKFAST:
Monday: Waffles, ham, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Wednesday: Pop-Tarts, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit juice and milk

LUNCH:
Monday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions, french fries and fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Soft tacos, pinto beans, salad, sopapillas and milk

Wednesday: Baked spaghetti pie, salad, green beans, garlic toast, rice krispies and milk

Thursday: Witches brew w/werewolf bits, shredded pumpkin w/eye of newt or mashed bat and goo bed of worms and bugs boo juice

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
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 & 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
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

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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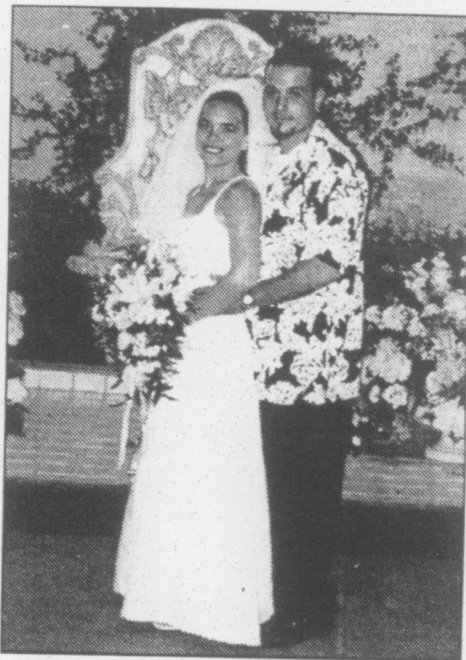
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Lee - Romero Exchange Wedding Vows

Jerrell and Pat Lee would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Trisha to Phillip Romero.

Trisha's grandparents were Ott and Muriel Moore and Bill and Nadine Webb. Great-grandparents were Ben and Bea Teddu.

The couple will make their home in Portland.



McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

October 24 - Randy Stalls, Hunter Thomas Payne, Charles Harris, Jesse Watkins, Latigo Collins, Vernon & Judy Kennedy(A), Herman & June Petty(A).

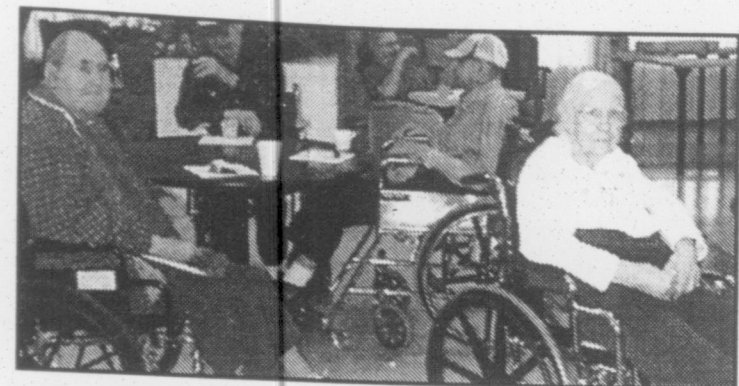
October 25 - Von Holwick, Tanner Hess, Donna Montgomery, Darryel Herndon.

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

October 27 - Bonnie Bidwell, Barrie Hasteley, Nama Webb, Tanner Hess, Mert and Jenny Collom (A).

October 28 - Randi Jo Riley, Britnie CooperNelson Dwyer, Grace McClellan, Bob Sherrod, Linda Fuller, Vonda Averett, Calvin Armbrister.

October 29 - Denver Marsh.
October 30 - Victoria Bradley, Lorie Holland, Sue Simmons.



McLean Care Center News

There is never a dull moment at the Care Center. Last Wednesday, a photographer from Shugarts Studios came to take residents' pictures. That is always very busy and fun.

Friday was the October birthday party. Our birthday people were Jane Birchfield, Bonnie Bidwell and Neva Jackson. Entertainment was provided by Lois Myers and Linda Eggers. They played

"Name That Tune" before cake was served. The volunteers besides Linda and Lois were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Margie Fish, and Boots Stone. Thank you all!

This Wednesday was the Methodist ice cream social. The residents look forward to this regardless of what the weather is like.

The Halloween Party will be on Thursday,

October 31, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your little spooks and goblins for the residents to see. There will be treats for the kids and refreshments for all.

We have two new residents, Maybelle Nash and Bud Simpson.

We regret the loss of Mary Jo Cordell and O.J. Miller. They will be missed.

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Student Council Elects Officers

On October 16, 2002, the MHS Student Council attended the District I Convention that was held at the Civic Center in Amarillo, Texas. There were almost 1,400 students in attendance from 40 different schools in the Panhandle. The new District I officers were elected. The students listened to featured speaker, Howard Flaherty. Those in attendance from McLean High School were: Seniors,

Sonny Northcutt, Katrina Roton, Tami Marsh, Trent Cards, Drew Barker, Juniors; Dusty Moody, Jami Seitz, Jay Wallis; Sophomores; Nick Jones, Amber Raines, Lucas Seymour, Freshmen; Savannah Williamson, Connie Vega and Eighth Graders Meagen Alexander, Amanda Fricks and John Haynes. MHS StuCo sponsor, Jacque Riley, also attended.

Recently, the MHS Council elected officers for 2002-2003. The are President, Sonny Northcutt; Vice-president, Katrina Roton; Secretary, Tami Marsh; Treasurer, Trent Cadra and Reporter, Savannah Williamson. The Council discussed several items of interest for the school year and activities that would take place.

Whenever you hear or see an activity sponsored by the MHS Student Council, be sure to support your local students in their endeavors.

Study Club Meets

The Pioneer Study Club met on October 3 in the parlor of the United Methodist Church. Ruth Magee and Mary Dwyer conducted tours through the sanctuary for members to view the quilt constructed to celebrate 100 years of the Methodist Church, and the wall hangings made by Martha Parker depicting the first church building and the present one. Also on display were many framed collages of pictures of various events in the church that happened throughout the years.

Monta Gene Smitherman presented a very interesting account of the history of the church. It was organized in 1902 and constructed on the block of land donated to the

Methodists by Alfred Rowe. Over twenty of the present members are direct descendants of the twelve that organized and established the church, including the pastor Thacker Haynes. A Texas Historical Marker was placed on the grounds in 1998 designating the church as the first church in McLean and the first church in Gray County.

Delicious refreshments of punch, carrot cake, cheese squares, nuts and petit fours were served by special guests Kay Magee and Jeannie McComas. Members present were, Mary Dwyer, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Magee, Ruth Trew, Mary Lou Glass, Mary Emma Woods and honored guest Monta Gene Smitherman.

Reading of the minutes and financial reports was dispensed due to the absence of Secretary Jerry Corbin and Treasurer Nama Webb.

The Pioneer Study Club also met October 17, in Mary Dwyer's home. Roll call was answered with memories of sever dust storms.

Jerry Corbin read minutes of last meeting and Nama Webb gave treasures report.

Mary Lou Glass gave a report from the book "Woodie Guthrie, A Life."

The book tells how Guthrie's life and music was influenced by living in Gray County during the Depression years. Mary Lou played part of his album called "Dust Bowl Ballads." He described how the drought and dust storms resulted in many people losing their homes and jobs. Because of this many families packed all their belongings on a car or truck and traveled down old Highway 66 to California, looking for work. Others rode freight trains, looking for jobs, wherever they could fund them.

He vividly described the dust storm of April 14,

1935. The storm rolled in, turning day into night, totally blocking out the sun. Many people thought the world was coming to an end.

Guthrie wrote other songs, such as "This Land is My Land," "Oklahoma Hills," and "Rueben James."

Mary served delicious refreshments to the following members: EllaMae Reyna, Mindy Reeves, Angie Ware, Ruth Trew, Babe Brown, Barbara Bodie, Ticie Taylor, Mary Low Glass, Betty Taylor, Mary Dwyer, Nama Webb, Sherrie Martindale, Mickey Jackson, Mary Powell, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, Zelda McClellan, and Jerry Corbin.

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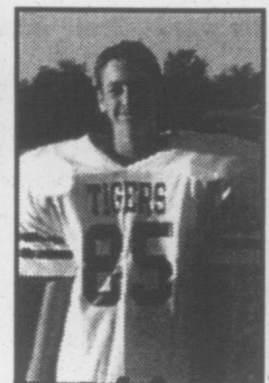
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Public Hearing
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 These amendments shall become effective upon the publication of these changes. For more information or a complete copy of these amendments, contact Groom City Hall, 248-7929.

3 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 bath, located on 22 acres within city limits of McLean, lg. barn and other out buildings, \$89,500.

4 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath remodeled farmhouse located South of Alanreed on ten acres, fenced, central heat and air, out buildings, \$65,000.

4 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, formal living room, music room, central heat and air, brick, located in McLean, \$50,000.

For information on any of the above call Cozy Parsons at 779-8940 or after hours 779-2021.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 The Groom Independent School District is accepting sealed bids on two parcels of property. Parcel #1: 3 small buildings/dwellings to be moved from the site at 300 West Third Street situated East of the main school building to be sold as one unit of 3. Parcel #2: a two-bedroom dwelling situated at 210 Kirkman Avenue, further described as Lot 12 and the northernmost ten feet of Lot 11, Blk 48, City of Groom. Specifications may be obtained at the administrative offices of the School located at 304 W. Third St., city of Groom. Submit a separate bid, marked "Sealed Bid Parcel #1" or "Sealed Bid Parcel #2" prior to Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and considered in public, open and stated meeting on November 14, 2002 at 7 p.m. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A PAIR of prescription eye glasses was found in the Groom Community Center. Please contact City Hall to claim them at 248-7929.

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4 SALE: 91 Toyota, \$2000 OBO. Call 248-7090 for details.

WANTED: CRAFT
 Booths for Groom Christian Mothers Holiday Bazaar on November 24, 11-2. \$10 per space. Contact Kathleen Barkley at 248-7070. Don't miss it!

23RD ANNUAL Arts and Crafts Show
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 The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

DEMOCRAT
For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Bill Hinson
For Carson County Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham
For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk Celeste Bichsel
REPUBLICAN
For Carson County Judge Lewis Powers
For Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne
For Gray County Commissioner James Hefley
For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals Bill Reeves

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Hershey's Ass'd.
Snack Size
10.2-22 oz.
2⁵
for

Sunny Delight
California or Florida
64 oz. btl.
99¢

Apple Juice
or Cider
Shurfine - gallon
2⁵
for

Luncheon Meat
Shurfine
12 oz. can
99¢

Halloween Candy
Assorted M&M's or Nerds - Fun Size
9.7-15.4 oz.
2⁵
for

Shurfine Candy
Assorted Halloween
8-16 oz. pkg.
2⁴
for

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Assorted
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2⁴
for

Little Hugs Drinks
Assorted Mix or Match
5/89¢

Wheat Bread
TenderCrust Thin Sliced
24 oz. loaf
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SHURFINE CLEAR 16 OZ.
Plastic Cups **99¢**
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SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY 9-10 INCH
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25-40 COUNT
SHURFINE
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SHURFINE
Mac & Cheese **4¹**
7.25 OZ. BOX

AMSTER
Beef Stew **3**
24 OZ. CAN
2 FOR
HORMEL
Tamales **1⁹⁹**
28 OZ. CAN
KLEENEX VIVA
Paper Towels **99¢**
REG. HOLL.
SHURFINE LAWN & LEAF
Bags **1²⁹**
10 COUNT

PURINA REG. OR LITTLE BITES
Dog Chow **7⁹⁹**
22 LB. BAG
BETTY CROCKER ASS'D. POP-SECRET
Popcorn **3**
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ASSORTED
Gardetto's **3**
4.5-8 OZ.
2 FOR
REG. OR NO SALT ADDED
Veg-All **2**
15 OZ. CAN
3 FOR

WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED
Alkaline Batteries **3**
1-4 COUNT
2 FOR
WESTERN FAMILY 200400 SPEED
35mm Film **1⁹⁹**
24 EXPOSURE
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Vienna Sausage **1**
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ASSORTED
Bugles or Chex Mix **3**
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Shurfine Fries **2²⁹**
Crispie Cut
8 1/2 oz. pkg.
6 PACK
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Dinners **4**
9.5-11.5 OZ.
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TEXSON
Orange Juice **99¢**
12 OZ. CAN

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Shurfine Sour Cream **99¢**
16 OZ.
SHURFINE
Cottage Cheese **1⁹⁹**
24 OZ.
TROPICANA ASS'D. PURE PREMIUM
Orange Juice **1⁹⁹**
64 OZ. CTR.
PILLSBURY HUNGRY JACK ASS'D.
Biscuits **99¢**
9.5-10 OZ.
PILLSBURY ASSORTED
Cookie Dough **2⁴**
18 OZ.
2 FOR

Drumsticks or Thighs
Family Pack Fryer
(Previously Frozen)
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Preferred Trim
Boneless Beef
1⁹⁹
1 lb.

Rib Eye Steak
Preferred Trim
Boneless Beef
4⁷⁹
1 lb.

Pork Chops **2⁵⁹**
Preferred Trim
Boneless Center Cut
1 lb.

Chicken Breasts **1⁹⁹**
Boneless Skinless
(Previously Frozen)
1 lb.

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Round Steak **1⁸⁹**
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1 LB.
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10 OZ.
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Deli Salad **99¢**
1 LB.
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Pimiento Cheese **2⁹⁹**
FLANDERS' FAMILY PACK W/TVF
Beef Patties **4⁹⁹**
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JACK-O-LANTERN
Pumpkins **1⁹⁹**
EA.
TEXAS
Grapefruit **4¹**
CRISP
DELICIOUS
Cantaloupe **2³**
2 FOR
AMERICAN, FRENCH OR ITALIAN
Dole Salad **1⁹⁹**
10 OZ.
D'ANJOU
Pears **69¢**
LB.
CRISP
Celery **2¹**
2 FOR

Health & Beauty
Bayer Aspirin **2⁹⁹**
Extra Strength
81 mg. Aspirin
100-150 count
Smart Buy **2⁹⁹**
NightTime
Western Family
Cherry Flavored
4 oz.
Speed Stick **1⁷⁹**
Ultimate
Unscented
4 oz.
Rolaids Antacid **2⁹⁹**
Assorted
100-150 count
Smart Buy **2⁹⁹**
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Thursday, October 24, 2002

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Volume 76 Number 18

Community Calendar

GROOM TIGERS play host to Ft. Elliott **THURSDAY, October 24.** Kickoff is set for 7:30.

GROOM CUBS make their way to Ft. Elliott to take on the Cougars. Game time is 5 p.m.

THERE WILL be a tailgate party in front of the school sponsored by the United Methodist Church after the football game.

UNITED METHODIST Church Annual Harvest Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings will be held on October 27 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Groom School Cafeteria. Adults; 11 & Older \$7. Children; Ages 5-10 \$3. Ages 4 & under eat free. Everyone welcome!

GROOM 4-H meeting Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS time will end on October 27. Set your clocks back one hour.

GROOM K-3 will have a Nursery Rhyme Program at 8 a.m. on October 31.

ALPHA MU Xi will host a Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner on November 4 at the Community Center at noon. Please plan on attending.

EARLY VOTING began Monday, October 21 at the Carson County Clerk's office for the November 5 general election.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$4.39
Milo.....\$4.13
Corn.....\$4.67
Soybeans..\$4.67
Sunflowers..\$4.50
.75 inches of rain fell last week

County Discusses Overpass Project Costs of \$65,000

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met October 15, 2002. Presiding County Judge Lewis W. Powers was in attendance as were Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. #1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, Pr. #2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner Pr. #3; Kevin Howell, Commissioner Pr. #4. Minutes of the September 23, 2002 meeting were read and approved. The court voted to pay all claims.

Judge Powers discussed with the court a proposed plan by TXDOT to construct an overpass at the intersection of Highway 60 and FM 2373. Powers stated that the county's cost for the \$650,000 project could be as much as \$65,000. Powers suggested that the county would look into the possibility of receiving financial assistance from DOE. TXDOT representatives said the construction would be similar to the one currently being built at HWY 60 and FM 1912 and the projected date would be 2005.

The court considered several budget line item transfers and one budget amendment to close out the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The motion carried.

County Auditor Jacqueline West presented that offices' July and August reports. The motion was approved to approve the accounting reports.

Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham submitted an updated investment policy for the county. The commission voted to adopt the plan. The court also adopted the treasurer's August report.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper met with the court to clarify a tax exemption for travel trailers. Cosper stated that the court could grant the exemptions, but the owner would have to sign an application to qualify. The motion was approved with clarifications.

Barbara Cosper also presented the court with figures depicting the number of voters affected by redistricting. A total of 95 persons were sent updated voter registration cards indicating their new precinct.

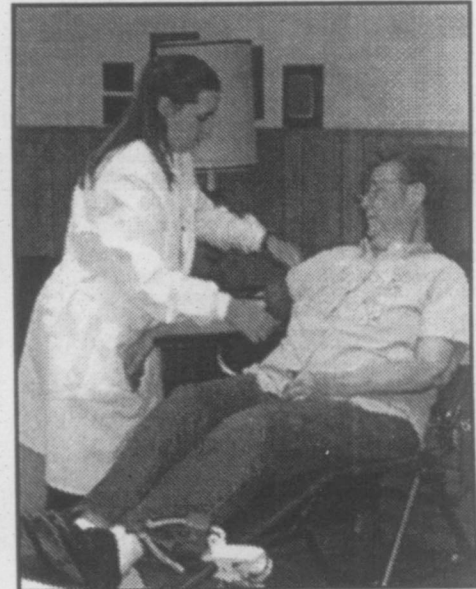
The court approved the purchase of a computer from surplus equipment belonging to the Secretary of State. The court approved the acquisition. The tax office will only have to pay \$30 which will cover shipping.

County Clerk Sonya Shieldknight asked the court to approve election judges for the upcoming general election. The motion carried to approve the list. Added to the judge and alternate judge list are Clara Jane Kelly for Precinct 201, Jeri Blodgett for Precinct 401, and Sondra Eagle for Early Voting Precinct.

Judge Powers asked the commissioners to appoint a representative for the Texas Department of Human Resources. The motion was approved to appoint Karrie Smith to the board.

The court considered membership to CIRA for creating a website for the county. No action was taken. Judge Powers will seek more information to determine the requirements of the site.

Judge Powers asked the court to enter into an amended contract with the Lanier Company for copy machines recently purchased. Model numbers were changed and a maintenance agreement was clarified. The motion was carried to sign the new contracts. The court adjourned until October 28, 2002.



Alice Kuehler is a faithful blood donor. Many Groom residents give the gift of life on a regular basis.

Dairy Queen To Hold Annual Halloween Costume Contest

On Thursday, October 31 at 5 p.m., Dairy Queen will be having its First Annual DQ Costume Contest. There will be three categories: Baby-Cutest Costume, Youth-Most Unique and Funniest Costume. Special awards will be given out to the winners

of each category, but every participant will receive special door prizes, candy and ice cream. Dairy Queen welcomes the Groom youth and their families to come show off their costumes and enjoy the food, ice cream, and festivities.

Groom Rated In Top 4 Schools In Texas

By Lisa Roskens
Groom Independent School District stands as one of only four school districts in the state of Texas to receive the most allotment of Gold Performance Acknowledgements during the first year of this new recognition program introduced by the Texas Education Agency.

Approximately 60 percent of the school districts and 46 percent of the campuses in Texas received recognition with one or more Gold Performance Acknowledgements (GPA) this year. A maximum of seven possible GPA could be attained. No school district received

all seven this year. Four districts claimed the honor of six GPA; Groom ISD, Carroll ISD, Highland Park ISD in Dallas and Muenster ISD.

There are 1,040 public school districts in Texas. "I can't say enough good things about our teachers, our parents and our community members. All of us work together to make Groom a successful place to live and learn," says Kevin Noack, superintendent of Groom ISD.

The GPA system replaces the system of additional acknowledgements previously used as part of the statewide accountability system.

All of the previous additional acknowledgement indicators are part of the GPA, but the standards for acknowledgement may have changed.

After the completion of 2002 accountability ratings, GPA's were awarded this year to districts and campuses that met the acknowledgement standard on one or more of these nine measures:

-Attendance Rate in Grades 1-12 (districts and campuses)

-Campus Comparable Improvement: Mathematics (campuses only)

-Campus Comparable Improvement: Reading

(campus only)

-Algebra I End-of-course Examination Results (districts and campuses with grades seven and above)

-Advanced Academic Course Completion (districts and campuses with grades nine and above)

Advance Placement/International Baccalaureate (districts and campuses with grades 11 and 12)

-College Admission Test Results (districts and campuses with graduates)

-TAA S/TASP Equivalency (districts and campuses with graduates)

-Recommended High School Program Participation (districts and

campuses with graduates)

For additional information, contact Kevin Noack at Groom ISD. Or, visit <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/>.

Don't forget the public forum on the personal property tax
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 Bible Class, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

CORRECTION

My sincerest apologies for stating that Donita Davis was with the Carson County Tax Office. She is with the Carson County Appraisal District.

I am sorry for the mix up.
 Donna Burton

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you everyone for the phone calls and the pretty birthday cards I received.
 Beulah Shockley
 714 S. Austin, Rm. 19
 Tulia, TX 79088

Local Happenings

ATTENTION: PLEASE contact the news office if you have family currently serving in the US Military, Reserve or National Guard for a special Veteran's Day issue. Also please call if you have family that has been left off previous lists.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Bazaar will be held on November 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RED RIBBON WEEK

The following are the theme days for Red Ribbon Week, October 28-November 1.

Monday is Red Day. Everyone wear something red.

Tuesday is Band Against Drugs. Everyone is to wear headbands of bandannas.

Wednesday is Living Drug-Free is No Sweat. Everyone wear sweats.

Thursday is Shade Out Drugs. Everyone wear sunglasses.

Friday is Red Head Day. Everyone wears something red on their heads.

For more information, call Shirley Fields at school at 248-7474 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER 1 is picture day at Groom School. Call the school office for more details.

THE HEALTH Department will hold a shot clinic at the Groom School on October 29. Flu shots will be given to high risk people who reserve their shot in advance.

THE PUBLIC Hearing on the Dairy Feasibility Study by the Groom Economic Development Corporation will be held on November 12.

CLARIFICATION

While the personal property tax will be levied on vehicles with farm tags, it will NOT be applied to grain trucks and tractors or any tagged equipment that is strictly 100% for farm use.

GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

October 28-November 1

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk

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

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, biscuits, juice and milk

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

LUNCH:

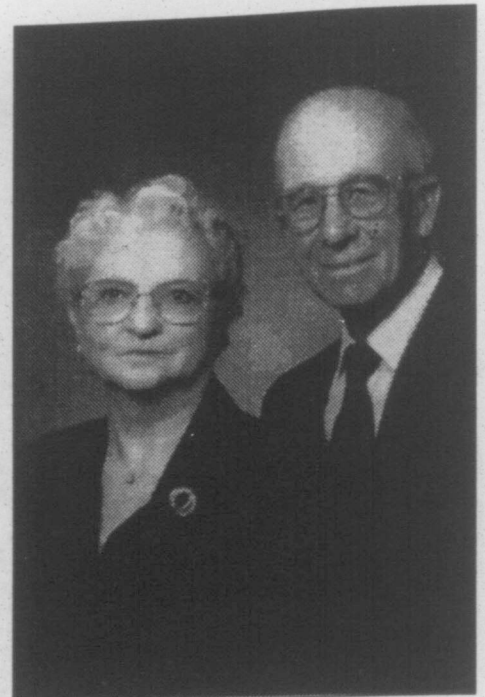
Monday: Burritos w/chili, bean dip, fruit cocktail, tortilla pieces and milk

Tuesday: Baked turkey, mashed potatoes, green, hot rolls, chocolate cake and milk

Wednesday: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, pears and milk

Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, peaches, breadsticks, crackers and milk

Friday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, crackers and milk



Harrell's To Celebrate 65th

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell of Amarillo are celebrating their 65th anniversary with a party in the library at Craig Retirement Community on October 24, 2002 and a dinner that evening with Bob and Louise Mulkey who are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

The daughters of the couple hosted the event. Mr. Harrell married the former Sybil York on October 24th, 1937 in Amarillo, Texas. The couple had resided in Groom, Texas for almost 65 years, moving to Amarillo five weeks ago. He is retired from farming and she is a homemaker. They belong to St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Children of the couple are Louise Harrell Mulkey and husband Bob of Panhandle, Glynda Harrell Eschler of Lubbock, and Beverly Harrell Ingram and husband Jim of Amarillo. They have nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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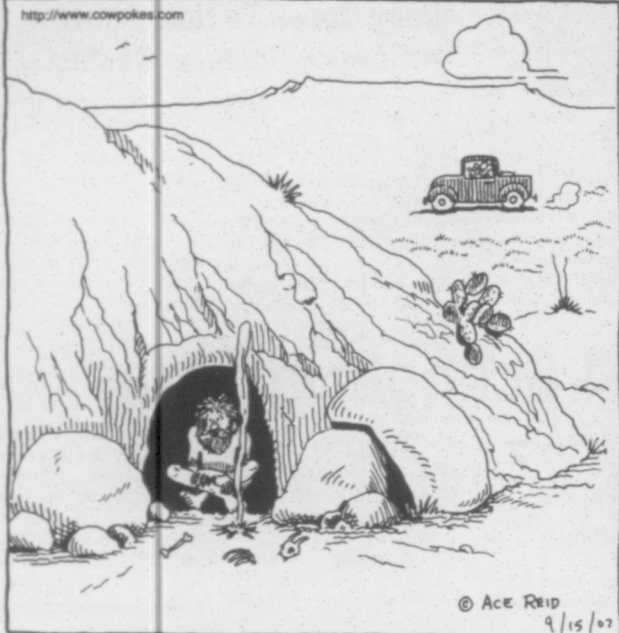


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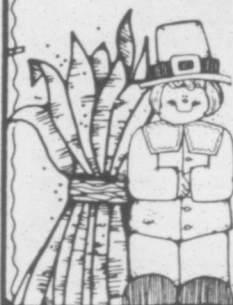
Groom School Cafeteria

Adults: 11 & older \$7.00

Children: Ages 5-10 \$3.00

Ages 4 & Under Eat Free

Everyone Welcome



Officers Attend Classes

Deputy Sergeant Scott Sutton attended a class in Midland on mastering supervisor skills as it pertains to law enforcement as required by the Sheriff's department for all its supervisors. The class deals with basic

supervision and the monitoring of field officers and the prevention of officer misconduct and numerous other topics.

City Marshal Tam Terry received his "Master Certificate" from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards and Education. Officer Terry can be proud of his accomplishment as we are for him. It takes a long time and hours of training and education to receive this certificate.

Dispatcher Mandy Collier attended classes in

Lubbock on TCIC/TLETS course basic procedures as required to be a telecommunication operator. The classes spanned three days and covered a wide range of topics.

On October 8, 2002, city officer Jason Collier answered a call at Taylor Food Mart on a man that had stopped at the store who was having chest pains. The White Deer ambulance responded and transported the man to the hospital in Amarillo.

On October 10, 2002, Chief of Police in Panhandle and City Manager Loren Brand with Panhandle EMS responded to a sick call at a residence in Panhandle on a lady suffering with chest pains and transported her to Amarillo BSA Hospital.

Deputy Terry Brown is continuing his investigation on burglaries which occurred in Groom. He is following leads which may lead to other area towns and suspects. Deputies are also working several burglaries in the Skellytown area.

Troopers were involved in a pursuit near the 110 mile marker on October 10. The pursuit went through Groom and ended at the 128 mile marker in Gray County where both subjects were caught around McLean. The van was reported to be a stolen vehicle.

Two separate accidents

occurring in Carson County and Gray County kept DPS Officer Magill and Trooper Gary Davis busy.

Deputies answered numerous calls of cattle being out throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Department sends their condolences to the family of Buddy Davis who was Justice of the Peace at one time in Panhandle. He served with honor and distinction. He was

a good friend and will be missed.

There are presently 10 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail.

Local Happening

Wyatt and Grant Weinheimer visited Marc Miller over the weekend. They attended the Oklahoma-Iowa State football game on Saturday. On Sunday, they visited the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial.

Marshall Sherwood

Attorney At Law

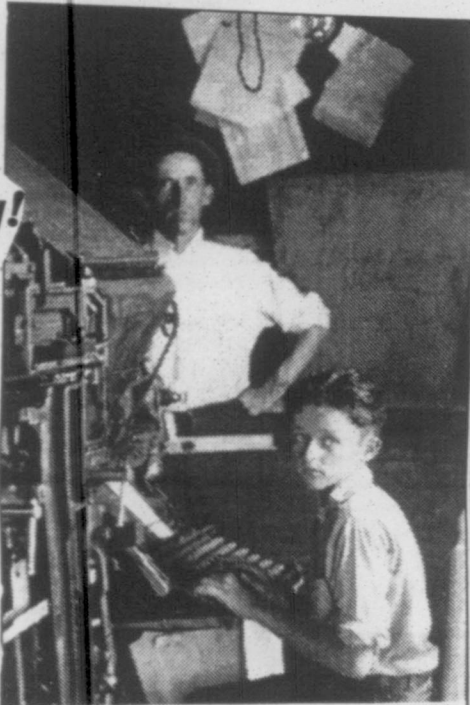
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Report of Jeannie Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas of receipts and disbursements from July 1, 2002 thru September 30, 2002

FUND	BALANCE July 1, 2002	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE Sept. 30, 2002
General	173,795.38	377,888.55	535,401.70	16,282.23
Indigent Health	15,532.84	1,382.46	316.88	16,604.42
Law Library	410.58	665.00	393.50	682.08
Road & Bridge #1	13,516.26	80,192.58	64,613.94	29,814.90
Road & Bridge #2	28,509.76	40,403.62	50,171.59	18,741.79
Road & Bridge #3	41,964.94	40,476.59	51,114.10	31,327.43
Road & Bridge #4	43,688.26	51,174.29	75,600.50	18,914.53
Check Collection Fund	5,865.27	198.33	18.07	6,045.53
Records Management	37,786.11	2,989.33	7,469.55	33,305.89
Courthouse Security	50,218.08	3,515.94	1,910.56	51,823.46
MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS				
General	24,079.80	20,364.75	-	44,444.55
Unemployment Tax	68,069.10	351.17	-	68,420.27
Road & Bridge #1	2,503.29	265.50	1,800.00	1,968.79
Road & Bridge #2	1,323.09	1,136.20	-	2,459.29
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT				
General, Panhandle	2,750,000.00	-	200,000.00	2,550,000.00
General, Groom	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
General, White Deer	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
Indigent Health	175,000.00	-	-	175,000.00
Road & Bridge #1	95,000.00	-	45,000.00	50,000.00
Road & Bridge #2	245,000.00	-	-	245,000.00
Road & Bridge #3	170,000.00	-	-	170,000.00
Road & Bridge #4	140,000.00	-	15,000.00	125,000.00
Treapool	1,121.50	5.40	-	1,126.90

Before me undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Jeannie Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas who duly sworn upon oath, says that the within report is true and correct.

JACQUELINE WEST
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Bring the family, dress up &
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Follett Out Maneuvers Tigers

The Groom Tigers dropped in 1-6 on the season with a 46-0 loss to Follett. "It was

disappointing," said Coach Toby Tucker. "The boys had a good week of practice, and we felt like if we played mistake-free ball, we could compete. You just can't turn over the football against a good team like Follett, and that is exactly what we did."

Follett opened the game with a four play 45-yard drive that made the score 8-0. Groom bounced right back and drove down to the Follett eight yard line before the Tigers committed their first of four turnovers on the night. "That was a big momentum swing. We are about to go and tie the game, and we cough it up. You just can't win games that way," said Tucker. "We are still just real proud of these boys, but we know that we have to be perfect to put ourselves in a good position to win games. This group of boys is giving every ounce of energy they have, and I know that everyone is as proud of them as I am."

The Tigers were lead offensively by Kelby Noack who completed two of five passes for 30 yards. Noack also had

two receptions for 15 yards. Doug Fields had 13 carries for 54 yards. Bobby Ratterree had one reception for 20 yards.

Defensively, Doug Fields knotted six tackles followed by Noack and Ratterree who each had three. Lance Ollinger and Cody Babcock each had one tackle.

The Tigers will tee it up this Thursday in Groom against state ranked Ft. Elliott. Game time is 7:30.

Mayor Proclaims Red Ribbon Week

The City of Groom values the health and safety of all our citizens. Substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers—accidents, homicides and suicides.

It is the goal of the Texas Red Ribbon Campaign and the City of Groom to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent

illegal drug use. The Texas Red Ribbon Campaign theme

promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs.

The City of Groom does hereby proclaim October 23 to 31 as Red Ribbon Week and urges all citizens to join in the week's activities and to work all year long to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

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248-7926**

Jr. High Beats Follett

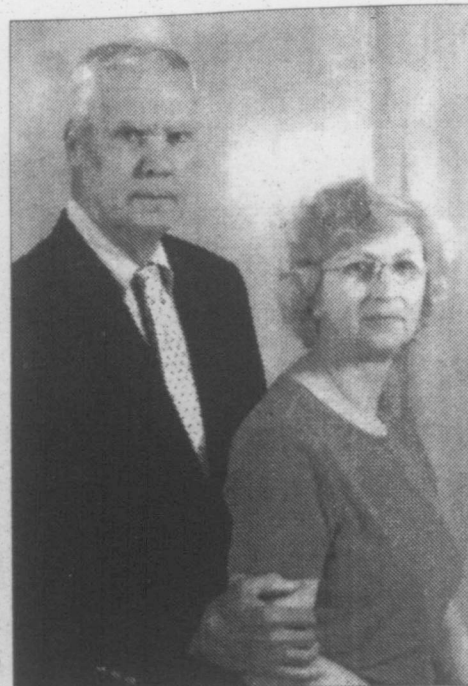
Groom Junior High Cubs blasted Follett last week with a 13-6 victory. It was definitely Blaine Britten's night to shine as he scored twice and ran in the extra point to claim all the points.

Britten was assisted by an excellent offensive effort this week. He scored on a 10 yard run and a 35 yard run.

"Our defense played a wonderful game this week," said Coach Dennis, "This is what I have been hoping for all year. I knew they could do it!"

The Defense tipped away a pass as time expired to keep Follett from scoring.

"They all played an excellent game! I am really proud of them!" said Dennis.



Mulkey's Celebrate 40th

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joe Mulkey of Panhandle are observing their 40th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on October 24, 2002, celebrating also the 65th anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell of Amarillo.

Mr. Mulkey married the former Louise Harrell on October 24, 1962 in

Groom, Texas. They have lived in Panhandle for 33 years. He is retired from Pantex. She is a homemaker. They belong to First United Methodist Church.

Children of the couple are Sara-Allyson Mulkey Hightower of Panhandle, Matthew Harrell Mulkey of Weatherford, and Jeremy Andrew Mulkey of Panhandle. They have six grandchildren.

GROOM CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

- Super Fans
- Attebury Grain Co.
- Chatter Bob's
- Great Plains Crop Services
- City of Groom
- Dairy Queen
- Friemel Brothers
- Mary's Resturant
- Groom Flying Service
- Short Grass Feed Co.
- State National Bank of Groom
Member FDIC
- Stop N Shop
- Groom S & H Grocery
- Wieberg Welding
- Shirley Fields
- Travis Trussell
- Kelvin & Debbie Ollinger
- Greg & Dena Lambert



Back (L-R): Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley, Karla Howard. Front (L-R): Taylor Drewery, Michaela Roskens, Whitney Evenson, Kecia Howard and Berkley Ruthardt.



Staci Britten runs at the District Cross Country Meet.



Back (L-R): Amanda Conrad, Brin Burgin, Staci Britten, Lauren Crowell and Amanda Martin. Bottom (L-R): Brittney Martin, Malorie Homen, Lainie Britten, Jill Britten and Gailynn Drewery.

Letter To The Editor

DEAR EDITOR OF THE
GROOM NEWS:

I am outraged from the personal property tax that is being decided on whether to be put into effect. I would like to tell you the reason my husband and I live in Groom. Both of us drive to Amarillo to work everyday because Groom does not provide a job for us. I am a nurse and my husband is a Foreman for Scottco. There is no businesses here to provide us a job. So we drive back and forth to Amarillo to work spending our time, gas, and car expense. But we like to live in a nice, quiet, safe town that has low taxes. Groom is unable to provide jobs to at least 50% or more of the town so everyone travels to work. But in our case with the new tax we will just move to Amarillo or Bushland and pay their taxes and not be inconvenienced of driving and time. We are newlyweds and plan on having children, and there will be one less child in your school. Also, my family lives here, and we have all discussed that we enjoy living close by each other and that if one of us moved, the others would follow. The overall big picture is that we are not the only families that live here, but with just us moving that puts three homes for sale, children not enrolled

in school, us not buying from this community. I believe with families moving from this town it will not survive.

My question is DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BEFORE TAXING THE GROOM RESIDENTS???? I feel you have not! We attend church at St. Thomas in Amarillo, and there they are always raising money for St. Joseph's school. We continually support their functions like carnival and raffle tickets to earn money for that school. I have never had one person ask me or seen a sign to help support the Groom school. All I see is you trying to get out of doing some work and just tax the people of the town. Have you ever thought for asking for volunteers to help with the school maintenance instead of hiring it from a contractor? There are plumbers, electricians, and general maintenance people in town, and any one can pick up a paint brush. What about Groom Day setting up a booth to raise money for the school? I am sure that the Groom alumni would be happy to help out their alma mater. Why does Groom hire teachers from out of town? Mr. Noack hired a teacher from Amarillo that pays Amarillo tax, and their children go to Amarillo school when there are teachers here in town. Then we hire teachers from out of town and supply them a

home and do the maintenance on the home. Why not have these teachers buy a home here and pay our property tax like the residents of Groom? Maybe the school needs to sell these homes

and/or charge rent to the teachers that live in them for the school. Are we not supposed to be doing things to help the school and the residents?

Another thing about taxing my cars is ridiculous when Groom allows hundreds of cars that are not registered, but yet they junk up our town and I have to pay tax on mine. So why are we being punished when Groom does nothing about this?? If Groom wants to tax, then they need to GET WITH THE PROGRAM and earn that money that me and others are going to have to pay. For example, try giving the jobs to the residents that live here, try cleaning up town by enforcing or fining these people with no tags on their cars, fix the sewer system, and in general, fixing up the town.

If you really think of it, there is nothing that is outstanding about Groom to attract people to move here. If we run out the existing families, who will move here? Groom does not provide jobs for the residents, you drive at least an hour for medical care or just to shop. Why should you live here? You could move to Amarillo or a small surrounding town

like Vega, Bushland or Canyon and pay their tax and be closer to convenience.
Sincerely,
Toylynn Waltersheid

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was nice to see an article that served as a rebuttal to my last letter in the same weekly edition. I still believe this tax is not totally equitable. This a taxation of tangible personal property not producing income. Farm vehicles can be tagged under a farm's or company's name and listed as an asset in the production of income. The way I understand it the asset would be under a different type of tax but not personal property. So any vehicle tagged under a DBA of a farm or business used or modified for production of income would still be exempt.

Also, it is my understanding that a district can only produce 3% more revenue than that of the previous year. If there is \$6.6 million of taxable value in this district, then I would think at \$1.50 per \$100 would put us over that. I understand that a new rate of \$1.40 per \$100 could be used next year, but this to me would be short lived because of property and vehicle depreciation so UP go the taxes again.

In the article, it says than no other district in

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Carson County has this tax and then names area towns that do have it. If I remember right, the \$1.50 per \$100 tax is for maintenance and operation of a district so maybe the superiority of our facilities would not hold much argument against more taxes. Gyms and football fields that can't hold a candle to our school does not say much to me. I would hope teacher salaries and compensations are compatible or better than these other schools. If this tax is so equitable, then why is 2/3 of area schools not collecting it?

On the Friday, October 18, channel 7 news cast, the lead story was about Senator Teel Bivins saying school finance should be heavily addressed by the Legislature. Senator Bivins is Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and from the Panhandle of Texas. This might be more election year hype to help other candidates or

the Senator remembered the Panhandle and wants to help. The more noise we make about the situation, maybe Austin might hear us.

Another point in the article was about the \$90,000 deficit in this year's budget. This money I suppose was taxes not used in previous years and deposited in a reserve fund. Using your savings to cover your budget is done in every

household in America. The family's budget and savings get squeezed that much more when taxes are increased. And not all families can get their boss to cover a budget shortfall.

After last week, I find the majority believes this hearing is the last formality before this tax is upon us. So I wish to make one suggestion about the tax. The district should consider an exemption for the over 65 group on fixed incomes that Social Security and Medicare are already hurting.

Thank you,
Rick Prather

Birthdays & Anniversary

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

October 25 - Jenna Brumley, Korri Lyn Britten.

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

October 27 - Ruben Baggerman, Raymond Ruthardt, Wyatt Weinheimer, Jessica Stapp.

October 28 - George (Jiggs) Britten Sr., Robert Homer, Mrs. Bill England.

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

October 30 - Ginna Miller, Brian Baker.

PUBLIC HEARING

All Groom Independent School District residents are invited to a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on Friday, October 25, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at the usual meeting place of the Board of Trustees at the District Offices located at 304 West Third Street in the City of Groom, County of Carson and State of Texas.

The purpose of the hearing is to consult with residents of this political subdivision regarding Section 11.14 of the state of Texas statutes concerning the taxation and exemption of Tangible Personal Property Not Producing Income.

All interested taxpayers are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against taxing the property described in this section of the law.

This public meeting is held pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(e) of the Texas Constitution.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to address the issue of the personal property tax currently being considered by Groom ISD. We realize everyone has an opinion one way or the other, but we would like you to consider a few things.

Many people have expressed their view of a personal property tax in the paper as well as to us personally. Some of the negative opinions stem from

misinformation. It seems some people are just mad. Mad about the tax, mad at the school board, mad at our administration. Whatever the reason may be, we are going to have to pull together to keep our school.

The open forum is a perfect opportunity for the misinformation to be cleared up. You must attend the forum to clear up these issues. Even if you have already formed an opinion, it would be beneficial to you to hear the specifics from the superintendent and the school board. The forum will clarify the scope of the tax and the specifics of assessing the tax. It would do our hearts good to see an equal number of supporters at this meeting as well as the opponents.

The only advice we can offer to the people who are mad is to assess the situation as a whole. One should not focus only on the tax. One must look at the overall picture of what is trying to be done to save our school. People think that we have not exhausted all our resources. However, this is truly a last ditch effort. There is no other option. Without a school, a town begins to die. It seems to us that we owe it to the children of this community to do all we can to keep our school. We don't intend to give up without trying, and we hope the people that voted me on to the school board would expect as much. Maybe some people don't realize it, but we will be taxing

ourselves with this decision as well.

The statement that bothers me the most is when people say they are going to leave Groom because of a tax. People seem to be willing to move to Amarillo or Canyon to pay college and hospital taxes as well as higher property taxes. The cost of living in Amarillo is much higher than it is here. You can live cheaper in Groom driving back and forth to Amarillo than you can by living there. Granted, there are some communities surrounding us that do not have this tax. But this is where we get down to the nitty gritty.

The quality of education in Groom is unsurpassed. The fact that we are ONE OF FOUR school districts IN THE STATE to receive the highest recognition from the TEA for Gold Performance Standards should say it all. Not only do the majority of our students pass the TAAS, they excel. We have been an exemplary district for three out of the last five years and recognized the other two years. A student can graduate from GHS with enough college credit to enter college as a sophomore. Our students, faculty and administration should be applauded for their efforts.

The beauty of Groom schools is the personal attention given to each and every student. No one is left in the dust. We challenge you to find that in Amarillo or Canyon where you will be lucky if the teacher knows your child by name. How many other school superintendents stand in the hall and greet the students by name as they enter the building? The reason people move to Groom should be because their child is getting a top-notch education that is unparalleled; not because we do or do not have a personal property tax.

Yes, this may be a band-aid on a gaping wound, but it's a fix we all need to just deal with. Hopefully, we can weather this storm as a community. This little town should band

together to get through this. We should be pulling together, not apart, and stand strong. If we let this tear us apart, then we have little left to offer our children. After all, aren't the children supposed to be what this is all about?

Thank you for your time,
Tim and Tammy Case
Groom ISD Trustee
and Taxpayers



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Services Held For Mary Louise (Koetting) Williams



Mary Louise Koetting-Williams, 79, passed away October 20, 2002 in White Deer, Texas. Services were held Wednesday at the United Methodist Church with Rev. Toni Bailey, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the White Deer Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born March 11, 1923 in Groom to Frank and Anna Koetting. She married Horace Allen Williams on August 1, 1942 in Abilene. He

preceded her in death in 1992. She worked in the business office at Pantex during World War II. She later worked as a teller at the First Bank and Trust in White Deer. She then worked in the business office at Richardson's Motor Company in White Deer. She was business manager for Highland General Hospital in Pampa for many years. Next, she became the parts manager for Williams Brothers Supply in White Deer before retiring.

She was a member of the White Deer United Methodist Church, the Venado Blanca Study Club, and the Daughters of the Pioneers.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sophie Bernice Koetting in 1930; two brothers, Paul James Koetting in 1930 and William Koetting in 1939; and her parents, Frank and Anna Koetting

in 1963.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Allen Williams and wife Colleen of Amarillo and Dr. Donald Layne Williams and wife

Katherine of Clarendon; a daughter, Lynette Zurline and husband Steve of Gustine; a sister, Mildred Ann Dowdy and husband Sam of St. Louis, Missouri; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces and many friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to White Deer United Methodist Church, 101 W. 8th, White Deer, Texas 79097, Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd, Amarillo, Texas 79106 or BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176.

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As a former school teacher, David is committed to **excellence in our public schools**.

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