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2001-2002 PTA Officers: (Back) Sandi McLain, Shatrel Richardson, Shawn Bybee, Jay Burnett, Susan Williamson, (front) Amy Herring, and Heidi Syfrett.

Richardson & McLain Elected To Lead PTA

The 2001-2002 McLean PTA Officers met on Tuesday, July 24, 2001 at Trinity Baptist Church to discuss events and programs to plan during the year and to set PTA meeting dates. Those who attended were Shatrel Richardson, President, Sandy McLain, First Vice-President, Jay Burnett, Second Vice-President, Heidi Syfrett, Secretary, Susan Williamson, Treasurer, Shawn Bybee, Parliamentarian, and Amy Herring, Historian.

The board is very excited about the events we talked about for our kids. The PTA is kicking off the school year with a school supply drive to help kids start the year off with all the supplies they need to be successful. Any school supplies you can donate are greatly appreciated and can be taken to the Business Office during the week. If you are in need of school supplies, please contact Mr. Crockett at 779-2671, Shatrel Richardson at 779-2759 or Amy Herring at 779-2457.

Several fundraisers were also discussed such as a school directory, a raffle and a bake sale. Our raffle and bake sale raised a lot of money for the PTA last year which helps fund projects for

the kids and provides money for scholarships at graduation. Speaking of raising money, Mrs. Greer and her 2nd grade class collect Box Tops for Education from Betty Crocker products. It is a very simple thing to do, and the kids raise .10 per box top. So when you are at the grocery store and have a choice between brands, try to get Betty Crocker so the kids can collect the box tops. There will also be a display in the lobby of the elementary to collect Campbell's Labels for Education. They accept all of the Campbell's soups, some Pepperidge Farm products such as Goldfish, some Swanson products and Franco-American products and Prego Sauces. Check the label! Some of them just require the UPC code or the lid. Every little bit helps and it all goes to benefit our kids.

For the High School students, a college/day financial aid day was brought up to help the college bound kids and their parents make informed decisions about where to go and how to pay for tuition, etc. We need several parents to help make this work. Project Graduation was also talked about. Several of the officers thought it would be a

good idea to revive this event for the high school to give students a safe place to be on graduation night and still have lots of fun. Again, lots of parents are needed to help with this, along with any donations of prizes and/or money from businesses to give away to the students.

A big project for Christmas time was something we could all agree on. There are several families in this area who are in need of winter clothes to stay warm, food and toiletries. This is going to be a big project but can be very successful with the help of the community. McLean is a great place to live and we need to help our families who are in need.

And last but not least, the meetings have been scheduled for the following dates: August 28, October 2, November 6, December 11, January 15, February 19, March 26, and April 30. All meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Childcare will be provided.

We are so excited about all of the fun things in store for our students and we need your support. Please plan to attend as many meetings as possible.

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Maddox Hired For Specific Audit To Search For Spending Patterns

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Special meeting at 8:00 p.m. on July 26, 2001. Board members present were John Holland, Joe Riley, Neal Odom, Billie Ward, and Don Dorsey. Absent were Toni Bohlar and Mike Darsey. Superintendent, John Griffin was unable to attend due to family illness. Secretary, Leslie Darsey was not present. Blaze Herring, Dick Crockett, and Coach Chad Walker were present. Visitors present were James Hefley, Jim Shaw, Ben and Mindy Reeves, and Pam Quisenberry.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by John Holland, President. Opening prayer was led by Neal Odom.

Visitor comments were asked of Jim Shaw, who responded that "he came to learn," and James Hefley had "no comments." No other comments were made.

Board President, John Holland asked for Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Mindy Reeves questioned why, because it was not on the agenda. President Holland stated that all personnel matters were to be discussed in Executive Session. Notation of such Executive Session is covered at the bottom of the posted Board notice as per Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084. The

Board then went into Executive Session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:53 p.m. Neal Odom reported on conversations with Region 16 personnel in relation to software for preparing financial reports. Region 16 offices are in a major revision of software and it is not complete. Mr.

Odom will continue to be in touch with Region 16 concerning this matter. Mr. Odom has also had input from Jesse Watkins concerning inventory control and that area will be discussed at a later date.

Consideration of an independent auditor was discussed among the Board. Lewis Meers, CPA, has not returned calls to Attorney, Ken Fields. Gordon Maddox, CPA, has returned Mr. Field's calls and would be available to do an audit. Mindy Reeves questioned why the same "old guy" who had done the regular yearly audit would be retained to do this audit. Neal Odom

stated that Gordon Maddox was familiar with the school operations and could do an independent audit. Don Dorsey stated that Mr. Maddox would be doing a "specific audit" to look for particular items and spending patterns on all bills. The audit will go back five years or further if necessary. President, John Holland, will be in contact with Mr. Maddox to give specific audit requests and to discuss Mr. Maddox's fee. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Don Dorsey to hire Gordon Maddox, CPA, as special

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REMINDERS

MCLEAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will meet on Tuesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m. to elect officers, with a meal to follow. Come and bring a dish. There will be a nurse there to do blood pressure checks.

MCLEAN SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 14-17; Teacher in service day.
August 20, Staff preparation day.
September 3, School Holiday.
October 12, School Holiday.
November 21-23, School Holiday.
December 24-31, School Holiday.
January 1, School Holiday.
January 2, Staff preparation day.
February 1, Teacher in service day.
March 11-15, School Holiday.
March 29, Bad weather day.
April 1, School Holiday.
May 27, Bad weather day.
May 31, Teacher in service day.
May 31, Graduation.

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet on Tuesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m. to elect officers, with a meal to follow. Come and bring a dish. There will be a nurse there to do blood pressure checks.

MAMMOGRAM at Lovett Library on August 2. Call 800-377-4673.

AUGUST 3-5 is Quanah's 31st Annual Rodeo and Parade.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VBS, Parent Night is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 3. Come and see what your children have learned and enjoy ice cream and fellowship.

FREE Physicals are available for all students participating in UIL Athletics in McLean. Physicals will be done on Friday, August 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the new gym. Physical forms are available at the business office and must be signed by a parent before the student can receive a physical.

CORRECTION

The interest rate quoted that was necessary to secure the line of credit for the McLean ISD should have read 1/4% or .25% not 25%. We apologize for the misprint.

ATTENTION!!!

Attention all who write "Letters to the Editor" and specifically Suzy Jones.

The McLean News encourages intelligent, thought provoking letters to the editor on any subject. However, all letters must be signed by the writer and an address must be provided for our files. For future reference, letters endorsing candidates, bond issues or other issues for public voting are not considered "Letters to the Editor" but political advertisements.

Thanks,
Donna Burton

Letter To The Editor...

Board Should Hire Independent Auditor

Dear Editor,
In my letter to you on the same subject last week, the last paragraph indicated an audit could be cost-effective for the McLean ISD. This thought was predicted on the proposition that a different auditor, completely independent would be selected. The same auditor has been utilized in prior years and during the years the current financial problems were developing, as these problems did not originate overnight. The local board is against an independent auditor and insists on utilizing the auditor they are comfortable with. The rationale of the board on this issue is two-fold: To save money. The idea of saving money is commendable but this field of endeavor would comprise new ground for

the board and would represent a difficult transition from past practices and procedures. The second reason given to hire the same auditor was that "he would look for different things this time." The obvious question is, what did he not look for in prior audits. In all fairness he

may have been hired to audit only selected portions of the schools business. No other "progress" was made during the open meeting portion of the ISD meeting on July 26. An imprudent use of "Executive Session" could if abused impinge negatively on Open Meeting Laws or Government in The sunshine.

If you are a taxpayer and have an interest in your school system, attend the meetings, ask questions and don't always accept the "we'll have to get back to you." That event occurring is remote at best.

The frequency of vertical nodding by elected individuals at official meetings is directly proportional to the degree of disservice they render their constituents.

The ISD waters

continue to be muddled and can only be cleared up by a greater acquaintance with words such as openness, honesty, integrity, faithfulness, responsibility, loyalty and the application of some pure-dee common sense.

Bill Reeves

PTA

Each meeting will have a program for the parents, which will be educational for you or informative about your child's education. Please come out and support our kids.

ESTES

PARTICIPATED IN ALL-STAR GAME

McLean 2001 graduate, Shane Estes, recently participated in the annual Six-Man All-Star basketball game held in Lubbock July 20th. Shane and fellow all-stars from all over the state had two-a-day practices from July 17th to July 19th with the All-Star Basketball game on July 20th. Estes played on the North All-Star squad, which beat the South All-Stars 96-66. Estes had 6 points and 4 rebounds in the victory. It is a fun week for all of the athletes with trips to water parks, the Omni Max Theater, banquets and other fun activities which keep the athletes busy between their workouts. The week culminates with the boys and girls basketball games on Friday night and the Six-Man All-Star football game on Saturday. McLean graduate Gabriel Vega was selected to play in the football game but was unable to participate because of a knee injury. Congratulations to both Shane and Gabriel for making McLean proud.

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

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

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
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Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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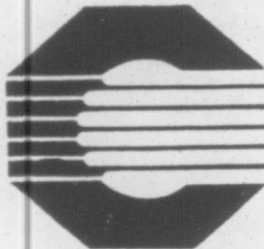
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Webelos Attend Day Camp At MK Brown Camp



McLean School Supply List

Eight Cub Scouts from McLean participated in the Webelo Day Camp at M.K. Brown Boy Scout Camp July 11-14. Activities included archery, bb guns, crafts, water slides, fishing, turtle races, moonwalk and various scientific experiments. Parents helping with the camp and transportation for this group included Amanda Crawford, Doyle Lee and Beverly Odom.

KINDERGARTEN

- Bottle Elmers Glue
- Six #2 pencils
- Large box kleenex
- Small box (8) colors
- School Box
- Backpack (optional)
- Paint shirt (old t-shirt)

FIRST GRADE

- #2 Pencils
- Eraser
- Elmer's Glue
- 16 or 24 Crayons (no more please)
- Fiskars School Scissors
- 1 pocket folders
- 1 School Box
- 2 boxes kleenex

SECOND GRADE

- 3 boxes of kleenex (1 is for music class)
- 1 pair of pointed scissors
- Crayons

Map colors (colored pencils)

- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large white liquid glue
- 4 red grading pencils
- Wide rule notebook paper (no college rule)

1 package of #2 yellow pencils

- 3 pocket folders-plain with brads (1 yellow, 1 light green, 1 light blue)
- 4 pocket folders-plain without brads (2 dark green, 2 dark blue)

1 large plastic supply box (the plastic shoe box at Walmart for 88 cents works great)

- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 wide-rule spirals (no college rule)
- NO ink pens, markers, or mechanical pencils please. It is O.K. if the colors on the pocket folders vary a little.

THIRD GRADE

- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 1 pair of scissors
- Crayons
- Map Colors

Markers

- 1 glue stick
- 1 liquid glue
- 2 red grading pencils

Wide rule notebook paper

- 1 spiral notebook
- 3 pocket folders with brads

- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
- 1 large ziplock bag

FOURTH GRADE

- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Pointed Scissors
- Crayons

Box to hold supplies

- Kleenex-2 boxes
- #2 pencils
- Red Pen
- 2 Pocket Folders

- Ruler
- No Notebooks
- Glue
- Highlighters

FIFTH GRADE

- 2 #2 pencils
- 2 red grading pens or pencils
- Map color pencil set
- Crayons
- Markers (optional)
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 3 pack of notebook paper
- 3 boxes of kleenex tissues

- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 ruler
- 1 notebook or binder
- 1 school supply box
- 2 folders

SIXTH GRADE

- #2 lead pencils or a mechanical pencil
- Plenty of lead for the mechanical pencil
- Black ink pens
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- Notebook
- 5 folders
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 spiral notebook

- 1 package of thin tipped colored markers
- 2 highlighters
- Map pencils
- 1 gum-type eraser
- 2 red pens for grading

SEVENTH GRADE

- Math and Science
- Pencils
- Notebook paper
- Ruler with centimeter and inch markings
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colored pencils (6-8 colors)
- Eraser
- Pens (blue or black ink)
- Red pen
- Highlighter
- One box tissues
- 2 new HD computer disks at least 1.44 MB (may be purchased at school)
- 5 zip-lock type bags, quart size
- 2-inch, 3-ring binder with a clear cover and end that allow you to insert a paper (for science use only)
- Package of divider pages with at least 6 sections (for science use only)
- Language Arts and Social Studies
- Pens
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 5-subject spiral notebook
- 5 pocket folders
- Notebook paper wide-ruled only
- Glue stick



Pictured after the turtle race are Caleb Crawford, Dakota Greenwood, Mike Krueger, Mark Jeffries, Hogan Ketcherside, Timothy Jeffries, Zachary Odom and Dustin Lee.



Resting in between activities are second grade Wolf Cubs Jordan Herring, Jack Odom, Daniel Jeffries, and Trent McAnear. Not pictured is Chase West.

Jack Odom, and Daniel Jeffries. The moms and dad who went with the

Wolves during camp were Beverly Odom and Amy and Blaze Herring.

The boys were grouped with other boys from Higgins and Wellington and it gave them the chance to make new friends. While at camp, the boys enjoyed archery

(taught by McLean's L.H. Webb), the BB gun range, fishing, making crafts related to space, a home made water slide, fun games, and an air filled trampoline. For one of their crafts, the boys were divided into teams to make a basket for an egg, which would be dropped from a helicopter on the last day. The object of the project was to protect the egg so it would not break when dropped. Both of our Wolf teams were successful. Saturday was Family Day. The only Wolf in attendance from McLean was Jack Odom. Jack took his family to join in the fun, which included a picnic lunch and showing his family around the activities which he had done during the camp. The "helicopter egg drop" was also held on Saturday in which we were all successful. All of the boys and parents had a great time and look forward to Boy Scouts next year.

When alone, we have our thoughts to watch; when in family, our tempers; when in society, our tongues.

SCHOOL BOARD

independent auditor. Attorney, Ken Fields, has recommended settlement of WTRCA legal action for \$13,065.82. This amount will be dependent upon Eckerd Drug Company's acceptance of the settlement. The numbers are not final at this time. There will not be any additional legal fees. A question was raised by Billie Ward asking if this amount would clear our employees' medical bills and claims with WTRCA. John Holland will consult with Mr. Fields to see if this settlement will clear employees' bills or only give a settlement with Eckerd Drug Co. The settlement will be attempted on August 7, 2001.

Criteria for the settlement: 1) Obtain settlement with Eckerd 2) All employees' outstanding bills will be covered by this settlement 3) McLean ISD is relieved of all liability.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Billie Ward to accept settlement if all criteria are met.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

August 2 - Debbie Gipson, Josh Swafford, Natasha Simmons, Belinda Hutchinson, Sammy Don and Jan Haynes (A).

August 3 - Jim and Maudine Rutherford (A).

August 4 - Bob and Grace Glenn (A).

August 5 - Scott Stubbs, Tanner Cadra.


August 6 - Leann Webster, Pat & Joann Andrews (A).

August 7 - Davie Gipson, Ora Holloway, Jim Rutherford, Shelly Blum, Sally Seymour, Kendalyn Richardson.

August 8 - Fred Johnston, Harold Studebaker, Gladys Godfrey, Joe and Kay Magee (A).

Wolves Attend Boy Scout Camp

On July 11, 2001, the Wolves of the McLean Boy Scouts started a four day camp near Wheeler. The Wolves that attended were Chase West, Jordan Herring, Trent McAnear,



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Services Held For McLean Residents

WILLIAM HENSLEY MCLEAN-William Theodore (Ted) Hensley, age 57, died July 18, 2001 in McLean, Texas. Services were held Saturday, July 21, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in McLean. The Reverend Brian Quisenberry officiated.

Mr. Hensley had lived in McLean for 10 years. He was a truck driver and a veteran of the vietnam war. He married Rhonda Kay Foshee on July 23, 1998 at McLean. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Stephanie Rice; a sister, Mildred Salyers; two brothers, Rufus Hensley and Normal Hensley.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; 1 son, Steve Hensley of Rush, KY.; 1 daughter, Sandy Castor of Rush, KY.; 1 step-daughter, Melissa Foshee of McLean; 1 step-son, Steven Foshee of McLean; and 7 grandchildren.

PATRICIA SEYMOUR MCLEAN-Patricia Lee Seymour, age 65, died on Monday, July 30, 2001, in McLean, Texas. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Reverend Brian Quisenberry officiated.

Mrs. Seymour was born in Topeka, Kansas on July 30, 1936. She was a long time resident of McLean, residing in the McLean Care Center for many years. She had worked in health care. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Seymour, a sister Dody Clark, and a brother, Donald (Sonny) Larson.

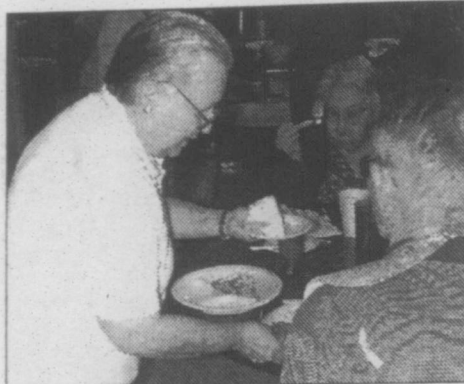
Survivors include six sisters, Mary Auldridge of Amarillo, TX., Helen Beam of Topeka, KS., Betty Taul of Baldwin, KS., Jolynn Ginter, Donna Roberts, and Jacki Ables, all of Topeka, KS.; two brothers, Raymond Larson of Hartfords, KS. and Gary Hunter of Topeka, KS.; also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice.

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Care Center Enjoys BBQ

The McLean Care Center held their annual BBQ Saturday, July 21st. There was BBQ brisket and all the trimmings. The Care Center supplied the meat and the families brought dessert. The table with pies and cakes was so full, it made the choice extremely difficult. There was even homemade ice cream. The dining area was filled to capacity with family and friends. The conversation was lively and the atmosphere was one of fun and friendship. Billie Kingston had several helpers who all did a wonderful job. Billie seems able to keep the residents busy and the families involved with little effort on her part. What a great blessing she is. If you missed the BBQ this year be sure and watch for it next year. It was quite a party!



Billie Kingston and Mary Dwyer help serve at the Care Center BBQ.



Marjorie Fish talks with residents at the Care Center BBQ.

PTA To Hold School Supply Drive

The McLean PTA is kicking off the school year by organizing a school supply drive. All kinds of supplies are needed such as glue, crayons, notebook paper, pencils, erasers, map colors, spiral notebooks, etc. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. A box will be set up at the front door of the Elementary School and at Taylor

Mart during the week for you to drop off supplies. If you are in need of supplies this year, please contact Mr. Crockett at 779-2671, Shatrel Richardson at 779-2759 or Amy Herring at 779-2457. The PTA hopes this is a great year for everyone and we want to make sure that all the kids are starting off with the supplies they need.

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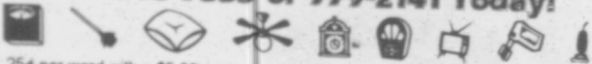


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NOTICE!!!
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Education of the McLean Independent School District will be held on August 3, 2001 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in the Superintendent's office located in the Business Office. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: 1) Call to Order 2) Opening Prayer 3) Consult with Attorney on Item IV and any Personnel items (to be discussed in Executive Session) 4) Consider hiring an independent auditor to audit expenditures by the Superintendent's office, Principal offices, and other budget heads 5) Personnel (to be discussed in Executive Session) 6) Executive Session 7) Return to open session 8) Adjourn.

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Specifications can be obtained from Carson County Commissioner, Mike Britten, P.O. Box 277, in Groom, Texas 79039.

This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated which requires publication of this notice at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of the schedule bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Jackie West, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, Prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday,

August 13, 2001, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as is authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said code.

MCLEAN ISD is accepting sealed bids for a 1997- 16' X 5' stock trailer. The trailer may be seen at McLean ISD from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sealed bids are due in the Business Office, P.O. Box 90, McLean, TX 79057, no later than 12:00 noon on August 13th, and will be opened at the Special Board Meeting.

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Volume 75 Number 10

The Groom-McLean News 79039

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Groom Day '01 Kicks Off Today!

If you are looking for a cure to the summer doldrums, all you have to do is just be in Groom this weekend. There will be something for everyone as the annual celebration gets off to a start with activities beginning as early as Wednesday with the 5th through 8th grade tennis tournament, followed by the High School and adult tennis tournament on Thursday.

Two new events will highlight all your old favorites this year. A slide show that depicts "Volunteers through the Years" will be presented for your enjoyment in the school auditorium before each performance of the Melodrama and at the Groom Day Dance. The slide show has been put together by Luke Pavlovsky and Garrett Britten from hundreds of photographs of past events that like just about everything in Groom, is done thanks to volunteers. The presentation lasts about 2 hours so sit down and enjoy the show for a while and catch the rest later. If you just don't have time to watch much of it on Saturday, the show is available for purchase on a VHS video tape for \$8 or on CD rom for \$5. If you are unable to attend but would like to purchase a copy the address is available elsewhere in this edition.

The other new and exciting event is the Groom Day Auction to be held on Friday night at 8:30. Sponsored by

Phillis Jackson, Fern Anderwald, and Cobb Britten, the event promises to hold some neat surprises. Everything from stained glass windows to vintage pick-ups and trailers will be offered. What really helps is that a portion of just about everything will go to Groom Day. There is no minimum, so you just could make the buy of the century! (Look at last weeks paper for a detailed list!)

Activities begin to pick up steam on Friday afternoon beginning at 3:00 when everyone will meet at the park to help decorated the park, the school and the whole town for the celebration.

At 6:00, get yourself to the school for food and fun. The Lion's Club will be serving sausage sandwiches and drinks under the tree near the bus barn. Kids are invited to take part in the punt, pass and kick contest and the children's track meet held at the football field. No registration or fees are necessary, just show up and have a great time.

At 7:00, you will have a chance to see the first performance of "Ragweed Cowboy Joe", a melodrama under the direction of Aimee Fields. It is promised to be full of laughs as our local "Hollywood" crowd performs for your enjoyment.

After that, starting at 8:00 you will be ready for some physical activities like the horse shoe pitching contest over



Dr. Bypass (Dean Fields) lays a little liplock on Miss Poochie (Kay Britten) in a scene from the Melodrama production of "Cowboy Ragweed Joe". It should be lots of fun and we have it on good authority there will be lots of local name "dropping" so be sure to attend to see if yours hits the floor!

at the Legion Hall or the Softball Tournament. Whether you are a participant or just a spectator, there will be lots of fun in store. Of course, we have already mentioned the Auction and how much fun it will be. It is being held at the old John Deer/lumber yard on the corner of 2nd and Choctaw.

At 9:00, High School and adult basketball players will take the court to compete in some friendly 3 on 3 competition.

On Saturday, if you are an early riser, get on

down to the park to help blow up balloons. No "hot air" required! On your way don't forget to hunt flat rocks. These special prize rocks can be found just about anywhere! You will get to cash them in between 3:00 and 4:00 at the park on Saturday. Find Kay Britten for your prize.

If you are planning to be in the parade, be at the school around 9:00 a.m. to line up. The parade will kick-off at 10:00 a.m.

The Arts and Crafts booths including Groom Day t-shirts and The Quilt Show will open following the parade

around 11:00 a.m. Don't miss getting to see the work of many of Groom's talented people.

The pivotal event of the whole weekend has always been when we gather together to break bread, renew friendships and enjoy fellowship. The BBQ will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the park. Delicious food will be served until 1:00 p.m. lots of class reunions will be held and meals can be taken "to go" if necessary!

More activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Youth 3 on 3 basketball beginning in the Gym and the Volleyball Tournament held on the practice field. The softball tournament will also be getting back underway on the baseball field. A concession stand will be available at the ball park. Schaffer's home grown corn will be a featured item. Cheerleaders will also have their dunkin' board

See Groom Day, pg 4

Community Calender

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 91'
The Class of 91' will meet in the home of Sharolynn Kerlee on Friday at 6:00 p.m.

The Class of 1986 will meet at the School Library on Saturday August 4 at 5:00 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC TO BE HELD

The Texas Department of Health will hold an Immunization Clinic at the Groom School on August 15, 2001, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SCHOOL Registration for new students will be August 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

August 8, for grades 6-12, pick up schedules from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ST. JUDE Bike-a-thon riders be sure to pick up your sponsor packet at Jan Bitten's house immediately.

2001 GROOM DAY CONTACTS

Arts & Crafts: Marla Britten, 248-7470 (wk), 248-7515.

Ranch Rodeo: Lonny Brown, 248-7310.

Tennis: Shirley Fields - 248-7435.

Parade: Dondra Downs, 248-7940.

T-Shirts: Points West, Bettye West - 248-7363.

Auction: Phillis Jackson, 248-7418; Fern Anderwald 248-0055; Cobb Britten 248-7254.

Baseball: Josh Crooks or Russell Lewellen 248-7016.

Melodrama: Aimee Fields, 248-0019.

Quilt Show: Karen Case, 248-7308; Adela Kotara 248-7585; Carole Fields 665-5061.

3 on 3 Basketball: Shannon Fisher 248-0082.

Raffle: Karen Brown, 248-7210.

Horse Shoe Pitch: Justin McGee 248-9007

Children's Track Meet: Brad Rainer 248-1203.

Volleyball Tourney: Pam Ashford 248-7347

Flat Rock Hunt: Kay Britten 248-7254.

City's "Brown Out" Causes "Dry Up"

A series of events struck Groom on Sunday that had people wondering if they were going to get a shower or not Sunday evening.

Apparently, equipment failure at the Conway sub-station caused a "brown out" in Groom. For approximately an hour, low voltage was

experienced creating problems for mostly local businesses. That problem was resolved by Southwestern Public Service quickly but it created another problem that no one was aware of until about 12 hours later.

The low voltage power caused the water well not

to reset. It took most of the day for residents to drain the water tower and alert officials of the problem. At about 8:30 p.m. most residents were without water.

The problem was quickly found and corrected, but it took some time to refill the water tower.

With the city having but one well in operation this chain of events was a reminder that we should all appreciate and conserve our natural resources.

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Local Happenings

Bike-a-thon Planned For Aug 21

It is time one again for the annual St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 1962. They treat about 160 patients every day on an outpatient basis and maintains 56 inpatient beds. They have about 4000 patients in active status. They treat children without regard to race, creed, or ability to pay. ALSAC/St. Jude, the fund-raising arm, pays

all cost associated with treatment beyond those covered by insurance. Families who have no insurance are never asked to pay. Anyone interested in helping collect donations for this cause please call (248-7414) or come by Jan Britten's and pick up a sponsor sheet. We will be collecting donations from now until the ride on August 21st. On Tuesday, August 21st we will meet at the City Park at 6:00 p.m. and ride our bikes, turn in our donations, and have cookies and Kool-aid. Please open your hearts to the children less fortunate than others and lets have another successful Bike-a-thon!!

Welcome To Methodist Preacher & Wife



Weldon and Marjorie Rives will be making Groom their second home as he will be the Pastor of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Rives is a retired minister who has been conducting services for Groom Methodist Church since mid June. He has served several churches in the area such as Phillips, Clarendon and Wheeler.

The Rives live in Borger and plan to spend part of their time here and part there. Please make them feel welcome as new members of our Groom family.

Words of Wisdom

Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| August 2 - Mrs. Billy Jones. | Hutchinson, Solomon Kepley. |
| August 3 - Sandra Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Brown (A). | August 6 - Terrell Britten, Dennis Lee Vaughn. |
| August 4 - Lindsay Ann Britten, Oran Durham, Melody & Hal Simpson. | August 7 - Cleo Nix, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Don Davis (A). |
| August 5 - Alfred Homer, Mrs. Darrell Whatley, Chester | August 8 - Gary Britten, Craig Baker, Ben Weinheimer, Mr. & Mrs. Armando Modellin (A). |

Attention Groom Residents

Water usage has peaked at over 300,000 gallons per day for the past 10 days. Because we are operating at this time with only one well, we are urging the public to voluntarily observe water conservation methods. Please limit you landscape watering to:

Sundays and Thursdays if your street address ends in an even number,
 and

Saturdays and Wednesdays if your street address ends in an odd number
 and to water **ONLY** between the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.

The City has already begun measures to conserve water by closing down the vending machine and resetting the sprinklers in the park and the Community Center. Water uses regulated or prohibited under the Drought Contingency Plan are considered to be nonessential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply conditions are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender to a fine of up to \$250.00 and continued violation of the plan can result in water service being discontinued. These measures will continue in effect until further notice.

By order of the Mayor of Groom, Joe Homer

Carson County Books Nine Into Jail

There were nine persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of July 23 through July 29, 2001. Currently there are 16 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. The White Deer Rodeo was uneventful from a law enforcement stand point. The White Deer City Marshal and this Department extends our appreciation for your assistance with the rodeo and dance this year.

Arrest made this week include:

James Wilson, age 31 of Borger, TX-Possession and transportation of controlled item and possession of controlled substance.

OB Martin, age 55 of Borger, TX-Possession and transportation of controlled item and possession of controlled substance.

Kristi Rodgers, age 37 of Borger, TX-Warrants-Hutchinson County.

Fabian Garcia, age 39 of Portland, TX-Driving while intoxicated and warrants-Arkansas County.

Jose Gonzalez, age 29-Illegal Alien.

Gregorio Gonzalez, age 29-Driving while intoxicated.

Rudolph Proby, age 40 of Pampa, TX-Possession of controlled substance, unauthorized carry of a weapon and driving while intoxicated.

Nilo Ramo, Jr, age 37 of Amarillo, TX-Warrants-Potter County.

Clay Trimble, age 17 of Pampa, TX-Public Intoxication.

Services held for Claude Boy



Methodist Church in Claude, and Dr. Gerald Aalbers, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Claude officiated. A private burial was held at the Claude Cemetery.

John was a member of Claude United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Wes and Jodi Stockett; grandparents, N.M. "Mac" and Bettie Stockett of Claude and Ron and Sharon Berndt of Canyon; uncles, Lee Stockett of Mildred, Mont., Jeff Stockett of Austin and Jeff Berndt of Abilene; and aunts, Michelle Lookingbill of Vega and Susan Stockett of Amarillo.

The family suggest memorials be to the American Cancer Society, 3915 S. Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

JOHN STOCKETT
 CLAUDE-John Mitchell Stockett, 3, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, in Amarillo. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in Claude. The Reverend Gene Weinette, pastor of the First United

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Bill and Norma Jean Homer, Tiffani Kling, and Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi, and Justin of Lazbuddie spent last week at Monument Lake, Colorado. Temperatures were in the 60's and it showered everyday.

Get Ready for Groom Day

Karen (Babcock) Metzger is now a dealer for Premier Designs Jewelry. Come by and say hello to Karen and see this beautiful line of affordable jewelry on Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center. Call 248-7273 to see a catalog. Every welcome.

Groom Day 2001

Dedicated To Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 6:00 pm: Organizations meet at the school cafeteria to begin washing potatoes and sorting beans
- 6:00 pm: TENNIS - Grades 5-8 -Singles & Doubles \$1.00 Entry
- 8:00 pm: Put signs out on Main Street

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 6:00 pm: Organizations meet at the school cafeteria to peel potatoes and chop onions. (Bring you favorite paring knife!)
- 6:00 pm: TENNIS - High School & Adults - Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles. \$2.00 Entry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 3:00 pm: Everyone help decorate grounds of school & park for celebration
- 6:00 pm: Punt, Pass, & Kick Contest. Football Field. No registration necessary
- 6:00 pm: Sausage Sandwiches & Drinks under the tree by the Lion's Club.
- 6:00 pm: CHILDREN'S TRACK MEET on the Football Field
- 7:00 pm: MELODRAMA "Ragweed Cowboy Joe" - Admission \$1.00, Under 5 free - School Auditorium
- 8:00 pm: HORSE SHOE PITCH CONTEST. \$10 Team, West of Legion Hall
- 8:00 pm: SOFTBALL TOURNEY, \$100 per team, Double Elimination, Limited to 10 teams, Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 8:30 pm: AUCTION: Antiques, Furniture, Glassware, Cars etc. Consignments welcome. Old John Deere/Lumberyard A Consession will be at the baseball park
- 9:00 pm: High School & Adult BASKETBALL 3 On 3 in High School Gym. \$20 Adult Team, \$15 High School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- Hunt FLAT ROCKS all day long!
- 7:00 am: Blow Up Balloons In the Park
- 8:30 am: Bring Quilts To Community Center
- 9:00 am: Begin Parade Line-Up
- 10:00 am: "GROOM DAY 2001 - DEDICATED TO VOLUNTEERS" PARADE down Main Street
- 11:00 am: Community Center Opens -- CRAFTS BOOTHS, QUILT SHOW & Groom Day T-Shirts
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm: BARBECUE DINNER in the Park. Prices - \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 7 to 12 years old 6 and under free
- Class Reunions in the Park! Mix and Mingle with old friends.
- 1:00 pm: YOUTH BASKETBALL 3 on 3. Junior High \$10.00 per team
- VOLLEYBALL on Practice Field \$25.00 per team
- Cheerleader's Dunkin' Board
- 1:00 pm: SOFTBALL TOURNEY, \$100 per team, Double Elimination, Limited to 10 teams, Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Clean Up PARK after the BBQ
- 1:15 pm: COW PATTIE BINGO in front of Gym
- 1:30 pm: KIDS GAMES Open. Giant Slide, Obstacle Course and T-Rex Dinosaur \$1.00 admission
- Concession at the Park, Alpha Mu Xi Homemade Ice Cream & Junior High Cheerleader Drinks and Boy Scout Concession
- 1:30pm: CALCUTTA for the Groom Day Round-Up Begins at the Corner of 2300 and Old Rt. 66
- 2:00 pm: BINGO in the Lions Room at the Community Center. \$3 for up to 3 cards, play all or part of the day.
- RANCH RODEO -FM 2300 & Rt. 66; Muggin, Milkin, Doctorin etc. FM 2300 & Old Rt. 66
- 3:00-4:00 pm: Redeem Flat Rocks at the Park. Find Kay Britten
- 3:30 pm: Pick-up Quilts at Community Center
- 4:00 pm: Games and All Booths Close
- 4:30 pm: MELODRAMA "Ragweed Cowboy Joe" Admsstion \$1, under 5 Free - School Auditorium
- 9:00 pm-12:00 am: TEEN DANCE ON TENNIS COURTS - \$3.00 person, Grades 7 - 12 for 2001-2002 school year, Refreshments & a Disk Jockey
- 9:00 pm- 1:00 am: Groom Day DANCE \$5.00 Per Person at the Legion Hall. Breakfast Burritos will be served East of the Legion Hall
- 10:00 pm: Drawing For the GROOM DAY RAFFLE
- Top Hand, Top Horse and Top Team of The Ranch Rodeo will be announced

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 1:00 - Clean Up! Everyone is Welcome & All Help Appreciated!

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Stephanie Ollinger and Toby Tucker Exchange Vows

Stephanie Renee Ollinger of Groom and Toby Patrick Tucker of Ash Flat, AR, were married Saturday, July 21, 2001 at the Immaculate Mary Catholic Church in Groom, Texas. The Reverend Neal Dec officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger of Groom. Grandparents of the bride are Shirley Fields and W.H. and Evelyn Ollinger of Groom.

Parents of the groom are Tommie and Dorothy Tucker of Ash Flat, AR.

Maid of Honor was Jessica Friemel of Groom. Bridal attendants were Tami Ashford of Groom, Marcie Hutchins of Van and Talana Overton of Lubbock.

Best man was Jeff Applegat of AR. Groomsmen were Jesse Burlison of Grand Prairie, Jeff Hutchins of Van and Mack Skinner of Clyde.

Ushers were Chris Ollinger and Lance Ollinger, brothers of the bride.

Flower girl was Keeli Howard of Groom and ring bearers were Brice Graham of Claude and Jake Hutchins of Van. Trainbearers were Sam and Travis Rhodes of Lubbock, nephews of the groom. Registering guest

were Brandi Kilgore of Lubbock, Sha Marricle of Lubbock, Kim

Richardson of Groom, and Brenda Fields of Lubbock.

Candlelighters were Amy Grinnell and Allison Skinner.

The bride sang "I will be here" and other special music, "God knew I needed you", "The Father says I do", and "How Beautiful" was sang by Melanie Britten.

The organist was Jerry Whitten of Pampa and the violinist was Mike Grinnell of Tyler, brother in law of the Groom. Pianist was Stacy Fields of Groom.

The bride graduated from Groom High School. She graduated in May 2001 from Texas Tech University with a dual degree in Business Management and Marketing. The groom graduated high school from Highland High School in Hardy, AR, and is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR. He is currently employed by the South Grand Prairie School District as a high school football coach and special education teacher. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas.

Their new address is 1920 W. Tarrant Rd, #43C, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.



Mrs. Toby Tucker

Fields Family Holds Reunion

The family gathered the last weekend of July 27, 28, and 29 in Amarillo at the Ambassador Hotel. The cousin party was held Friday night in the Ballroom. A western theme was carried out with a barbecue supper and dancing. The Half-

price Band from Vega played for our enjoyment and some dancing. Members of the band were Benny Brown, Don Travis Winifred Whitaker, Raymond Wood, Don Clay, Bill and Edith Johnson, Walter and Terri Shuman, and Charlie and Lois Booker. Everyone met Saturday at the Wellington Room for a picnic lunch, visiting, the auction which provides the funds for the reunion and the evening meal catered by Calico County.

After a visit from "The Dutch Doll", we all said goodnight. On Sunday morning we met for breakfast at the Ambassador followed by a business meeting and church service. The group departed for their homes agreeing that we had another successful reunion. Those attending the 2001 reunion were Frank and Betty Fields, Robert and Kathleen Fields, Eddie and Elizabeth Scott, Keith and Shirley Fields, Matt and Amy Fields, Kim Richardson, Barry and Carole Fields, Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger, Stephanie Tucker, Shirley A. Fields, Karla Smith, Clive and Ann Cline, Leonard and Rose Helen Zielke and grandchildren Zielke and Texxa King, Bud and Connie Fields, Scott, Karen, Taylor, and Trenton Fields, Joe and Kay Henard, Jack and Shelly Fields, Lindsey and Karli Fields, Francine Fields, Trevor Kroger, Betty Thomas, Gary and Susie Jones, Ben and Sam Jones, Betty and Gene McDavid, Travis and Louise Tinsley, Joyce Tinsley, Stan and Linda Hargus, Mina Nell Johnson, Matt Johnson and son Charles, Stacy

GROOM DAY

on hand at the school, so don't forget to try your luck.

Speaking of luck! We have yet to mention that you need to be sure to get your tickets for the Groom Day Raffle and your square for the Cow Pattie Bingo game! The raffle will be giving away a \$600.00 trip and the Cow pattie Bingo game will be for cash as well as a ton of fun! It will be held in front of the gym at 1:15 p.m.

After the park is cleaned up from the BBQ, the Kid's games will open in the park. There will be a giant slide, obstacle course and a T-rax Dinosaur. Cool concessions will be provided by Alpha Mu Xi, the Junior High Cheerleaders and the Boy Scouts.

The calcutta for the Ranch Rodeo will begin at about 1:30 p.m. at the corner of 2300 and Route 66. Get there early and bid on your favorite team!

At 2:00 p.m. get ready to watch some local cowboys strut their stuff as they team up for a Ranch Rodeo. Muggin', milkin', doctorin' are just some of the events you

can look forward to seeing.

If you need a little slower pace, Bingo will be held in the Lion's Club Room at the community center. Some fun prizes will be given

away, so if you are feeling lucky and want to enjoy a little air conditioning give it a try!

At 4:00 p.m. the games and booths will be closing but that does not mean the fun is ending. In fact everyone will have a chance to get their second wind by enjoying another performance of the Melodrama at 4:30 p.m. Even if you saw the first one, there will be new laughs in this one if I know our Groom performers.

Saturday's events will culminate with an old fashioned dance at the Legion Hall beginning at 9:00 p.m. A teen dance will be held on the tennis courts for kids in grades 7-12 in the coming school year.

The drawing for the Groom Day Raffle will be held at 10:00 p.m. in the dance and winners of Ranch Rodeo will be announced.

On Sunday morning everyone is invited to attend the church of your choice, grab a bite to eat and then pitch in and help clean up our mess by meeting at the park at 1:00 p.m. All help is extremely appreciated and remembered! Volunteer for something! It will keep Groom Day alive!

After that... our weary volunteers will fall in bed, get a good night sleep and get up Monday morning to begin plans for next year's celebration!

Fields, Ronny and Linda Fields, Brady, Roni, and Mason Miller, Dean and Doug Fields, Chris and Lance Ollinger, Kirk and Martie Cline, Josh and Micah Cline, Jeremy Smith, Mary Brooks, Jeff and Aimee Fields, Tom and Fern Moody, Henry and Koma Beryl Fields, Nikay and Tracy Smith, Nancy Fields, Evan, Carrie, and Drew Henard, Diana Fields, Christopher and Laura Amen-Kroeger, Lynn and Elane Jones, Robert Jones, Karen Jones, David, Tommye, and Rachel Powell,

Brenda Tinsley, and Fred and Janet Moseley.

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A slide show featuring volunteers of Groom, past and present, will be displayed in the School Auditorium prior to each performance of the Melodrama. The slide show is approximately 2 hours long. Drop in and watch for a while.

The slide show will also be shown during the dance.



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The Superintendent's Corner by Kevin Noack...

Legislators make Changes For Schools

Texas legislators have made several changes for schools during this legislative session. The two biggest changes are in the new school calendar and health insurance for teachers.

Beginning in the 2002-03 school year, schools cannot start any earlier than Monday of the week of the 21st of August. This will push school back about two weeks from its current start date

and could possibly cause the 1st semester to end after the Christmas holidays and the school year to extend into June.

Also beginning in the 2002-03 school year, all school districts with less than 500 employees (80% of the districts in the

state) will be required to join a health insurance pool that will be administered by the Texas Retirement System (TRS). Texas Education Agency (TEA) will contribute \$75.00 per month per employee. TRA will contribute \$1000.00 per year (\$83.00 per month) per employee to be used to pay additional coverage, dependent coverage, or used as compensation, depending on employee choice. The school district must contribute at least \$150.00 monthly per employee. Currently, Groom Schools provide \$150.00 monthly per employee. At this time, TEA does not know the cost or coverage specifics of the health plan.

"Lil' Cheers Camp" Gets Big Cheers From Campers



Attending the "Little Cheer Camp" last week were Hali Bohr, Samantha Clendennen, Ruby Head, Gena Martin, Cady Wilson, Cassandra Brown, Michaela Roskens, Morgan Britten, Brittany Weinheimer, Jessica Schaefer, Korri Britten, Maddie Weiberg, Keeli Howard, Whitney Evenson, Erica Trevino, and Ashley Murray.

Groom School Meals Must Be Paid In Advance

The 2001-2002 school year will begin the prepayment of meals policy enforcement. No charge accounts will be allowed, although students who forget their money will be provided meals on an emergency basis.

Pre-paid meals can be purchased in the cafeteria on Monday and Tuesday mornings and can also be purchased in the school business office. Payment for one meal may be presented in the meals line.

This policy makes participation in the Federal Meals program vital for those families who qualify.

Federal meals assistance programs have been announced for the 2001-2002 school year. The Groom School District participates in both the breakfast and the lunch programs. The entire range of income eligibility guidelines is published this week in the Groom News, reporting weekly, monthly, or annual income figures. An example of eligibility would be: a family of four with total monthly income less than \$2,722.00 will qualify for reduced-price meals; if the income is less than \$1,913.00, the family will qualify for free meals. The income figures qualify Groom School students for participation in the program. Reduced prices are breakfast for \$0.30 and lunch for \$0.40.

Nutritious meals are served each school day. The 2001-2002 calendar for students begins on August 10, 2001, and ends on May 23, 2002. Children may buy lunch for \$1.40 (K-6) and

\$1.50 (7-12) and breakfast for \$0.75. These meals MUST BE purchased in advance. The school will no longer maintain charge accounts and accounts receivable.

Any family now receiving TANF or food stamps can receive breakfast and lunch free for its Groom School students. Persons qualify under the published income eligibility guidelines may also receive free meals.

Parents are encouraged to consult the published guidelines to determine if the household is eligible to participate in the Federal program; a number of federal and state programs are funded on the number of eligible free and reduced-price students in the District. Signing up for the program insures the school of additional funding.

Special situations, such as foster children or handicapped students, are also covered under policy rules.

Once an application has been completed, households have an obligation to advise the school of any change in household size or income. Applications are under the direction of Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager of the School, and any questions should be directed to her at 806-248-7251. Families should also be advised that the application can be made, or changed, at any time during the school year. Families will be advised on the status of the application on file.

The information used to determine eligibility for the meals program is

confidential, and the confidentiality is protected by the application and meal record process. The information may be subject to release only to other means-tested programs conducted by Federal or State government, but no other circumstance.

The operation of this program guarantees that there will be no discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap.

Application forms are available at the school offices at 304 West Third Street in Groom as well as by mail if requested at the above telephone number. In addition to early sign-up, students will be given these applications at the time of enrollment for the school year.



Courtney Head, Cassie Leven, Erynn Brown, Bekah Roskens, Macee Rocha, McKenna Britten (not pictured), Amy Weinheimer, Cari Weinheimer, Kylie Pickering (not pictured), Brooklyn Kerlee (not pictured), Rileigh Welch, Sophia Leven and Emily Trevino also attended the "Little Cheer Camp" held last week.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS 2001-2002 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT


FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,167	\$15,892	\$931	\$1,325	\$215	\$306
2	15,093	21,479	1,258	1,790	291	414
3	19,019	27,066	1,585	2,256	366	521
4	22,945	32,653	1,913	2,722	442	628
5	26,871	38,240	2,240	3,187	517	736
6	30,797	43,827	2,567	3,653	593	843
7	34,723	49,414	2,894	4,118	668	951
8	38,649	55,001	3,221	4,584	744	1,058
9	42,575	60,588	3,549	5,050	820	1,166
10	46,501	66,175	3,877	5,516	896	1,274
11	50,427	71,762	4,205	5,982	972	1,382
12	54,353	77,349	4,533	6,448	1,048	1,490
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Thursday, August 2
Tennis Competition High School & Adults

Friday, August 3
Punt, Pass & Kick Contest
Lion's Club Sausage Sandwiches
Children's Track Meet
MELODRAMA
'Ragweed Cowboy Joe'
Horse Shoe Pitching Contest
Auction • Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 4
Balloon Blow-up In the Park • Flat Rock Hunt (All Day)
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