

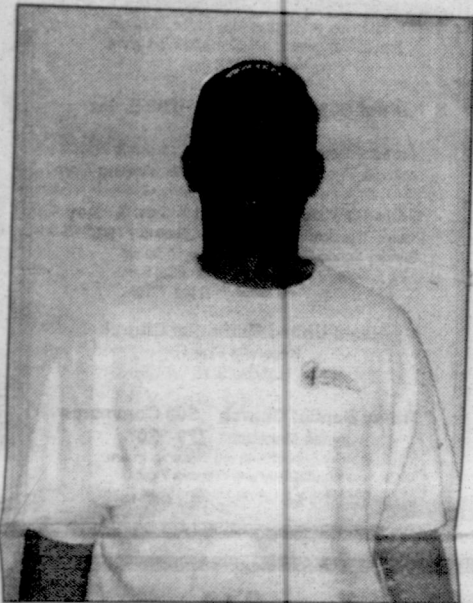
The McLean News



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Chad Walker



Julie McGee

McLean ISD Welcomes Two New Teachers

McLean Independent School District wishes to welcome two new teachers. Welcome to Mrs. Julie McGee. Julie comes from Groom and teaches Science. Julie graduated from Southwest Oklahoma State in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Julie resides in Groom with husband Justin, and son Riley, 2 years. Also welcome to Coach Chad Walker. Coach Walker came to

McLean from Woodward, Oklahoma. He coaches girls P.E. Coach Walker graduated from Southwest Oklahoma State in Oklahoma. Chad resides in McLean with wife Tonya and children, Morgan, 3 years old, and Courtney 8 months old.

Smith Makes Progress On Landfill Project

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, August 1, 2000 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present. Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Jim McDonald and Charles McClendon. Bob Martin was absent.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Creed Lamb, Jarrett Atkinson, Justin Scarth, Mike Fugitt, Mindy Reeves, Alan Mixon, Stephen Roosa, and Ann Pierce.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Fred Smith gave a progress report on the landfill. It's ready to have tests done on two of the pits. They are approximately 35% through with getting the pits covered as needed. The council agreed to

lease Gerald Johnson's scraper at \$100.00 per hour with Gerald running the scraper and furnishing the fuel.

The street signs have been sanded but not painted. Fred is to send a couple of our hands over to help Mr. Warner get the signs painted.

Jarrett Atkinson with the PRPC was here to get the council to approve the Resolution to authorize the submission of the City's application for a water/sewer grant. The grant project will consist of approximately 4500 feet of new 6" water line and approximately 1700 feet of new sewer line. If the grant is received, the City's match will be approximately \$15,932.00. The council approved the resolution.

Creed Lamb came before the council to express that in his opinion the council packets and agenda's that are mailed out each month before the council meetings should be hand

See Council, pg. 10

Bids Rejected On School Roof

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2000. Board members present were Billie Ward, Neal Odom, T.D. Simmons, and Bob Glass. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent. Absent from the meeting was John Holland, Mike Darsey, and Don Dorsey.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Bob Glass, President.

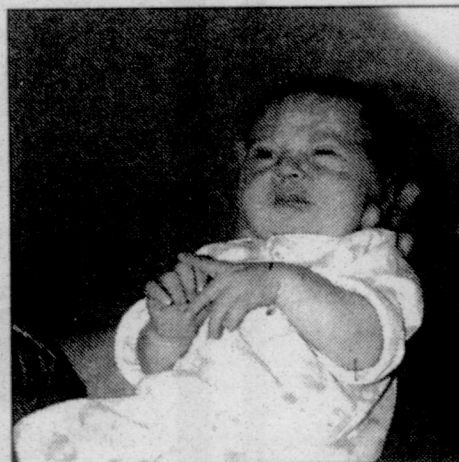
The bid from Parsley's Roofing on the High School Building was rejected. The bid of \$53,800.00 was too high; other options will be discussed in the future.

Other discussion was to change the date of the Teacher Service Award and meal from the Board, to Friday, August 18, 2000.



FOOTBALL
Scrimmage Saturday, August 19, 6 pm between McLean and Hedley in McLean.

CUSTOMER
Appreciation Days Sept. 2, 3, & 4 at Thunder Junction, Clarendon from 2 pm to 9 pm.



Local EMT's Make Special Delivery

There is a new arrival in McLean. Saavik Wooldridge was born August 7, 2000 weighing 7 pounds 12 1/4 ounces. Saavik was the first baby delivered by the McLean EMT's. Congratulations to mom, Amanda Walker and grandmother Colleen Wooldridge.

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McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

August 17 - Rachell Glenn Melville, Blake Crockett, Joe Burroughs, Dale and Mary Lou Glass (A).
August 18 - Kristina Carter, Ella Ann Hanes, Teresa Hastey, Rodney Luther Kennedy, Charlotte Bockmon, Lacy J. Ferguson, Brock and Kristie Crockett (A).
August 19 - Cynthia Hauck.
August 20 - Bill Skipper, Kassandra Marie Jackson.
August 21 - Noble Fish, Evelyn Sanders, Jeannie Smith, Quinton Brown, Traci Rigby.
August 22 - Mary Terry, Susie Trout, Barney Lowe, Bob Thompson.

McLean School Menu August 21 - 25

Monday Breakfast: Cinnamon toast or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti/meat sauce, sweet peas, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** BBQ Ribetts on a bun, twister fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.
Wednesday Breakfast: Blueberry muffins or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
Thursday Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Soft tacos, pinto beans, salad,

fruit, milk.
Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls or toast and jelly, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, fried squash, salad, fruit, milk.

McLean Care Center News

Activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services with the Baptist Church.

Regular activities went on as usual, with the hot weather everyone stays in pretty close.

There are two new residents, Robert and Ova Lea Williams. They are from Pampa and are welcomed to the home.

Saturday was the birthday party for August. The birthday people were Mary Audleman, Florence Drake, Dick Wheeler, Varnie Lowe, Doris Reborn and Eunice Strahn. Several family members came to

celebrate with their loved ones. Ella Mae Massey came to play the piano with everyone enjoying her music. The volunteers who helped were George and Louise Watson, Betty Lowe, Laverne Back and Ruth McLain. Each of the volunteers are very much appreciated for their care and time.

Obituary

Opal Ernestine Davis
 Opal Ernestine "Teen" Davis, 81, died August 13, 2000 at Amarillo, Texas. Services were Wednesday, August 16 at Heald Methodist Church with Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mrs. Davis was born, July 20, 1919, to Jack and Stella Pennington Sparlin. She married William Arthur "Ott" Davis January 2, 1937 at Oklahoma City, OK. He preceded her in death in March of 1999. She lived all her life in the McLean area. She was a long time member of the Heald Methodist Church. She worked side by side with her husband on the farm and was a loving wife, partner, mother, sister and neighbor to all and a very special lady to many and will be missed by her many friends of all ages and a host of nieces and nephews.

Survivors include three daughters, Jacqueline Younger of Amarillo, Jana Davis of Canyon and Rhonda Graham of McLean; 2 grandsons, Terry Gray and James Randell Gray; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Gwyn Clement of Pampa and Claudine Thomas of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The family requests memorials to Heald Methodist Church.

Galley Named To Dean's List

Rachel Galley was recently notified that she had been selected to the National Dean's List, 1999-2000. The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing gifted students selected by their deans, comparable faculty members or other educational organizations. Only half of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award. Rachel is the daughter of Gene and Brenda Galley of McLean.

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 420 Main St.**
 Quenton Newton, Pastor 779-2221
 Sunday School 9:30 am - Regular Service 10:45 am
 Sunday & Wednesday night 7:00 pm
 Royal Rangers & Missionettes 5-12 yrs.,
 Youth 13-18 yrs.
- First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**
 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm
- United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm
- Heald United Methodist Church**
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15
- Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**
 James Mantooth 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

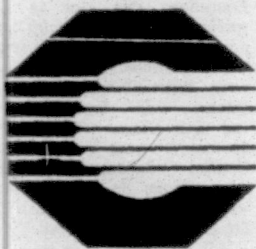
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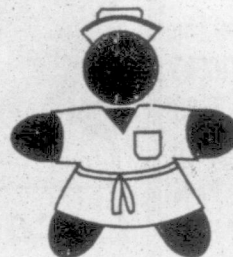


**Family Healthcare
 Clinic Of McLean**

NEW HOURS

Monday & Friday
 8:00 -1:00 & 2:00-5:00
 Tuesday
 1:00 - 4:30

Jerry Wilson, P.A.



Carol Carroll, L.V.N.

**DR. CRAIG SHAFFER:
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Around Town...

Saw drag racing by two unnamed students Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. on Main Street.

Spotted Toni Bohlar out several mornings for her morning stroll.

Creed Lamb was seen checking out several areas of town with the City Superintendent.

Janice Magee and Ron Francisco from Plainwell, Michigan and Donna Smith from Amarillo are visiting the Magee family this week.

Construction is going on at the Red River Steak House.

Vonda Averett spotted visiting with next door neighbor.

Farm Facts
The following facts were compiled from 1998 Texas Agricultural Statistics, Agricultural Outlook (Nov. 1999) and the Texas Forest Service. Leading states in numbers, livestock production, exports, and cash receipts: Receipts For All Commodities: Million Dollars. 1. California 26,137; 2. Texas 13,208; 3. Iowa 12, 944; 4. Nebraska 9,803; 5. Illinois 8,984. Cash Receipts For Crops: Million Dollars. 1. California 17,777; 2. Iowa 6,217; 3. Illinois 6,167; 4. Florida; 5. Texas 4,986. Value Of Farm Real Estate: Million Dollars. 1. Texas 78,243; 2. California 74,955; 3. Illinois 60,882; 4. Iowa 56,100; 5. Minnesota 34,391. Cash Receipts For Livestock And

Products: Million Dollars. 1. Texas 8,220; 2. California 6,845; 3. Nebraska 5,124; 4. Iowa 4,778; 5. Kansas 4,537. **Farms And Ranches** Number (1997) 1. Texas 205,000; 2. Missouri 102,000; 3. Iowa 98,000; 4. Kentucky 88,000; 5. Minnesota 87,000.

Farm And Ranch Land Thousand Acres (1997) 1. Texas 129,000; 2. Montana 59,600; 3. Kansas 47,800; 4. Nebraska 47,000; 5. South Dakota 44,000. **Value Of All Cattle And Calves** Million Dollars 1. Texas 7,000; 2. California 4,100; 3. Nebraska 3,791; 4. Kansas 3,341; 5. Wisconsin.

Cattle On Feed Thousand Head 1. Texas 2,720; 2. Kansas 2,110; 3. Nebraska 2,110; 4. Colorado 1,140; 5. Oklahoma 410. **All Cattle And Calves** Thousand Head 1. Texas 14,000; 2. Nebraska 6,650; 3. Kansas 6,550; 4. Oklahoma 5,200; 5. California 5,000. **Value Of All Sheep And Lambs** Thousand Dollars 1. Texas 95,850; 2. California 70,470; 3. Wyoming 57,420; 4. Colorado 40,920; 5. Utah 40,000.

All Sheep And Lambs Thousand Head 1. Texas 1,350; 2. California 810; 3. Wyoming 660; 4. Colorado 440; 5. South Dakota 420.

College Offers Scholarships

Applications for \$500 scholarships to Clarendon College, Pampa Center the Fall 2000 Semester must be submitted by Monday, August 21, 2000.

Scholarships are also available to students attending the Tech Center (the certified Machinists School) of CC/PC in Pampa.


Students must complete the application form and include three recommendations, as well as a copy of their last grade transcript. Scholarship applications are available at the CC/PC campus at 1601 West Kentucky in Pampa or by calling (806) 665-8801 to request an application by phone.

Completed applications should be mailed to the following address:

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Pampa, Texas 79065

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 21, 2000 in MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE 4TH AND ROWE MCLEAN, TEXAS..

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	* \$1.450000	\$5,781	\$1,972
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.402199	\$0.000000	* \$1.402199	\$5,590	\$2,219
Proposed Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	* \$1.450000	\$5,781	\$2,219

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$15,024	\$15,586
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$24	\$586
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.450000	\$1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$0.35	\$8.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$8.15

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.462199. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.462199.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

McLean City Council

delivered instead of using the money to mail these to each council member. He also expressed his concern about things that were not getting done throughout the City. The Mayor informed Mr. Lamb that he had five minutes to voice his opinions. Mr. Lamb thanked the council and left the meeting.

Mindy Reeves, explained to the council about the Restore project in town. Restore is a non-profit corporation that Gerald and Kathy Reynolds began and works with the ministerial alliance. She asked the council if it would be possible to rent a couple of rooms at the clinic building to be able to have a thrift store there. The council informed her that our attorney would need to look over the Restore's Article's of Incorporation before they could make a decision.

There are some limitations on what kind of business can be in that building because it could change the status of the building making it taxable and the City would have to pay property tax on it.

Toni Bohlar asked the council to look over the present Animal Control Ordinance. It was enacted in 1987 and needs updated. The council proposed the following changes. Change the daily charge for an animal impounded to \$10.00 a day and add to Section IV of the Ordinance that animals that have bitten someone will be kept the lawful limit of time and will abide by the law according to the Health

and Safety Codes of Texas. The council also wants a flyer sent out with the bills stating that all animals will need to

have a City Tag which will cost \$3.00.

The council voted to adopt the tax rate of 45 per \$100.00 value for the 2000 Ad-Valorem Tax rate.

The council also voted to adopt Ordinance #271 making the 2000 tax rate at .45 per \$100.00 value on its first and final reading.

Mike Fugitt and Mindy Reeves asked the council to consider a house number Ordinance requiring all residents inside the city limits to number their houses. The council asked them to put together a sample of their proposed ordinance and asked the City Secretary to also call around and see what kind of Ordinances the other towns have.

The council voted to continue the Terminix Contract at the Devil's Rope Museum.

The council voted to buy the Canon copier from Tascosa Office Machines for \$995.00 plus the maintenance agreement.

City Bank Accounts was tabled until next month.

There had been several complaints on trash barrels not being emptied completely. The trash barrels are to be emptied completely on pick up days. The wood chipper is to be taken down the alleys once a month to pick up the limbs.

Truck and Trailer item was tabled.

The Mayor called for executive session at 7:23 p.m. Discussion was held concerning employees and hiring a new employee.

The meeting returned

to open session at 7:40 p.m.

The council accepted Donnie Basham's letter of resignation effective August 31, 2000.

The council voted to place an ad in the paper for applications for a new employee(s). There will be a special meeting on August 28th to consider the applications.

Motion passed to pay all bills excluding the Fire Department and EMS bills.

The motion to pay EMS bills passed with Doyle Lee abstaining.

The motion to pay Fire Department bills passed with Jim, Doyle and Joe Lamb abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Sgt. Phillip L. Jarvis Responds To 911 Request in Korea

Soldiers of 1st Platoon 552nd Signal Company, were notified by Capt. Michael T.H. Ngo, of an emergency work request to establish strategic communications for a bomb-threat crisis action team at Camp Giant, Munsan, South Korea, Jan 4.

Mr. Nam, Yun Son Korean General Staff-07, Electronics technician for Camp Houze ESS and Mr. Pak, Sun Tae Korean Wage Board 0-7, Cable Splicer for Camp Houze Outside Plant, responded within 30 minutes. Sgt.

1st Class Herman T. Dudley an electronic maintenance chief and Sgt. Phillip L. Jarvis (from McLean and due to return home in November) a wire equipment repairer departed for Camp Giant to assist in the installation of ten phone lines for the Emergency Operations Center there.

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Public Notice

McLean City Ordinance #271

An ordinance fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of McLean, Texas, for the year of 2000, upon taxable property in said City of McLean, Texas, for the purpose of providing for the general fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, providing for a penalty; providing that in the event any provision of this ordinance be held unconstitutional and invalid; that such holding shall not effect the remaining provisions thereof; and repealing all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith.

Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

Republican Party

District Attorney
100th Judicial District
Stuart Messer

District Attorney
31st Judicial District
Rick Roach

Carson County Sheriff
Gary Robertson

Gray County
Tax Assessor/Collector
Sammie Morris

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Frank Sparling

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
The CITY OF GROOM will hold a meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 24, 2000 at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is 0.473210 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the CITY OF GROOM by 3%.

FOR SALE: Cornet and Saxophone, 248-7554.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF GROOM

Proposed 2000-2001 Budget
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2000-2001 City of Groom operating budget. The hearing will be held on the 24th day of August, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Groom City Hall at 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas. All Taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the 2000-2001 proposed budget is on file in the office of the City Secretary for public review.

FOUND: Black CD wallet. Call to identify CD's at The News Office, 248-7333.

Basham's Plumbing & Lawn Mower Repair
779-2168 or Cell 886-3480
Taking Care Of Your Needs

Public Notice
The City of Groom will accept bids on insurance coverage for all city buildings, automobiles, general liability, and public officials liability. Specifications are available at City Hall, 203 Broadway, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039-0217. Sealed bids will be accepted until September 8, 2000.

FOR SALE: Blackeyed peas. You pick them. \$5 a bushel. Sonny Blaylock residence, Alanreed, TX 779-2278 or 779-3233.

WANTED: Bus Drivers! Part time or full time. Contact Groom School business office or Superintendent John Wilson at 248-7557.

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE FOR DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
An ordinance of the City of Groom, Texas, adopting a drought contingency plan; establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses, including watering schedules, unacceptable water uses during drought stages, and water rationing allocations; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions; establishing procedures for granting variances; and providing severability and an effective date.

Any person who violates this plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or no more than \$250.00. Penalties shall include fines from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for failure to notify the City of Groom of a reduction in the number of persons residing in a household and a surcharge of \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each thousand gallons of water used by any customer over their allocation. For a complete copy of this ordinance, inquire at the City Hall, 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas.

Invitation For Applications To Be A County Depository
Any bank that wants to be a county depository for Carson County, Texas, must deliver its application to the County Judge of such county on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Monday, the 11th day of September, 2000, at which time depositories for County funds, whether one or more, will be selected. Applications must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus, and the applications must be accompanied by statements showing the financial condition of the applying bank on the

date of the application as well as a certified check for at least one-half percent of the county's revenue for the preceding year. For information purposes, the County's revenues for the 1998-1999 fiscal year were \$3,158,736.36. All applications submitted as well as the action of the Carson County Commissioner's Court in regard thereto shall be governed by Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, which governs depositories for County public funds. S/Lewis Powers County Judge

5 FAMILY Garage Sale, Saturday 8-19-00. 9:00 till ??? First house east of JB's Restaurant, Alanreed.

TWO WATER TANKS with trailers for sale. For info. call 779-2689 or 835-2702.

THE GROOM NEWS office has numerous pictures that you have loaned us, please come get them.

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Thursday, August 17, 2000



The Class of 2014 began their trek on the education highway. They are (back) Colby Williamson, Brady Painter, Forrest Yelverton, Ryan Reid, Stetson Ruthardt, Kyler Barkley, Tanner Case. (front) Amy Weinheimer, Macee Rocha, Molly Stewart, Courtney Head, Victoria Moranic, Brody Britten, Kevin Reeves.

168 Students Begin Classes For 2000-01

Groom ISD welcomed 168 students to school for the fall semester of 2000, down from last year's enrollment of 176. Of the 158, twenty are new students including fourteen Kindergartners.

New students are Gailynn and Taylor Drewery; J'Lynn James; Ellen Leven; Rebekah, Jeshaiiah and Michaela Roskins.

Kindergarten students are Colby Williamson, Brady Painter, Forrest Yelverton, Ryan Reid, Stetson Ruthardt, Kyler Barkley, Tanner Case, Amy Weinheimer, Macee Rocha, Molly Stewart,

Courtney Head, Victoria Moranic, Brody Britten, and Kevin Reeves.

Work is almost complete on the new science room, teachers lounge, workroom and video conference lab. Students were able to move into the lab on Monday although some work remains incomplete.

A new sign is going up in front of the school. It is being donated by Coca Cola. Keep watching for it's installation.

Again, welcome back, students and teachers. Have a great year.

Troopers 2, Druggies 0

Area troopers have been doing their part in the war against drugs and you could say that in the last week they have won at least a small battle.

Local Trooper Gary Davis found 54 pounds of marijuana in a car he had pulled over for following a tractor trailer too close. Cheryl Lord, 26, of Illinois was traveling with her 5-year-old son in a 2000 Grand Marquis. She gave permission to search her car and was arrested after the discovery and placed in the Carson County Jail for possession of over 50 pounds of marijuana.

The child was placed in protective services.

On Monday morning a trooper from Borger, patrolling Interstate 40 near Conway, spotted a Volvo truck-tractor rig speeding, headed eastbound. As the trooper talked to the driver he observed inconsistencies in the story he was telling and he seemed very nervous. After receiving consent to search, the trooper discovered 1200 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$685,000. The driver was arrested and placed in Carson County Jail.

8th Graduation Policy Rescinded; No Marching This Year for Band

Groom School Board and Administration met last week in regular session and announced two policy decisions that will have a direct effect on students. The first rescinds the policy decision to eliminate Eighth Grade graduation.

"We have decided to continue the ceremony," stated John Wilson, "in light of the input received from parents and

other community members."

Reasons for their original decision for doing away with the celebration was the time and cost involved. Designing and printing programs, ordering flowers and practicing took as much as 7 hours out of a busy spring calendar.

The other policy decision will put the

"marching" part of the band on hold for at least a year. Superintendent Wilson announced that due to the decision not to require juniors and seniors to take band, the numbers of experienced players were down.

"We think we need a year to rebuild," he said. "The band will play in the stands at many of the games, just not march."

New band director,

Larry Portter commented in a later interview, "It is hard to learn to play and march at the same time... this will give us a chance to have a good concert band by working to improve our skills early in the year."

According to Wilson, few of the smaller schools still have marching bands. "This

See School, pg. 4

Construction Continues On New School Facilities At Grandview ISD



Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District is growing -- by some 22,000 square feet. Construction has begun on a \$2 million facility. Voters passed a bond election on June 27, 1998, to provide for

capital expenditures to meet the District's needs both today and in the immediate future.

The project will build three new regular classrooms, renovate the library and art room, build new offices and meeting room, new

cafeteria, gym and auditorium with under ground storage facilities.

The community needed a center within the school to bind community functions together and this new facility will certainly serve the local community for years.

The District voters decided to take this course of action for several reasons:

Keep GHISD tax money within GHISD rather than sending it to the state.

Keep GHISD school See Grandview, pg. 3

COMMUNITY CALENDER

CUSTOMER Appreciation Days Sept. 2, 3, & 4 at Thunder Junction, Clarendon from 2 pm to 9 pm.

WATCH FOR students walking or riding their bicycles to and from school.

SEPTEMBER 4th is Labor Day. There will be no school for students at Groom Schools.

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School Lunch Menu

August 21 - 25

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, ranch beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, Rice Krispie treats, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, bread sticks, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burritos w/chili, bean dip, tortilla pieces, fruit cocktail, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, sauteed onion and green pepper, shredded lettuce, pears, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, crackers, peaches, milk.

Norman and Martha Sublett of Pampa visited Rip and Joy Snyder Monday.

Local Happenings

Bill and Norma Homer attended the official grand opening celebration of the Amarillo National Center at the Amarillo Tri-State Fairgrounds on Saturday evening.

Visitors in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer over the Groom Day weekend were Leroy and Susan Littlefield of Rosenberg, Travis Homer and Brenda Appel of Amarillo, Mary Jo Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi and Justin of Lazbuddie and Doug and Joannie Kling, Tiffani and Cody of Groom. Travis' birthday was celebrated with a bar-b-cue.

Thursday, August 10, Glenn D and Sybil Harrell, Louise and Bob Mulkey of Panhandle and Jim and Beverly Ingram of Amarillo met for lunch at Desperado Steak House. The occasion was to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of the Ingrams.

Melanie Friemel is recovering from knee surgery.

Visiting with Shirley Fields during Groom Day were Linda and Leon Anglin of Mt. Home, Arkansas.

Ill Or Recovering
 Bill Bohr, Virginia Alward, Louise Conrad, Leona Newsom.

Card Of Thanks
 Thanks to everyone for their cards, phone calls, concern and especially the prayers during my recent hospital stay. Special thanks to my family and grandchildren for their care. God bless each of you.
 Louise Conrad

Card Of Thanks
 Thank you for your cards, prayers, and thoughtfulness during Shelley's stay in the hospital in Boston. It was very much appreciated.
 David and Shelley Britten

Rosa Lopez and Rip and Joy Snyder were Pampa visitors on Monday.

MORE GROOM DAY VISITS, WINNERS, AND OTHER STUFF

The Hop Brittens were lucky, lucky, lucky at the Groom Day drawings. Jan won movie tickets at the Jr. High Cheerleaders Raffle. Hop won a novel from "Barnes and Noble". If you will recall, Hop won one of the cow patty bingos as reported last week.

Also pretty lucky were other winners from the Groom Jr. High Cheerleaders raffle. Phillis Jackson won a dinner at the "Outback Steak House" and Ellis Stapp won dinner at the "Red Lobster."

Visiting the Burton's on Groom Day were Lauren, Kaytlynn, and Britian Simpson of Amarillo; Dorinda Leigh Been of Moore, Oklahoma and Brittnee Beever of Dumas.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

August 18 - Louis Ruthardt, Joshua Robinson, Daniela McCoy.

August 19 - Margaret Crowell, Trae Kempley.

August 20 - Jacey Richardson, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter (A).

August 21 - Mrs. Marvin Morrow, Lucille Vaughn.

August 22 - John Koetting, Regina Gray, Dondra Downs, Cassie Raylynn Leven, Dan Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara (A).

August 23 - Christopher Homen, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bland (A).

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He is welcomed home by big brother Corbin.

Grandparents are George and Janice Boucher of Elko, Nevada and Kenneth and Frances Payton of Groom.



Britten Wins State 4-H

Brooke Britten received 1st place at State with her 4-H record books. She entered her record books in Fashion Review. Brooke will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. November 24th - 29th for receiving 1st at State on these record books.

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Carson County Appraisal District Approves Budget

The Carson County Appraisal District met on Aug. 9 at 102 Main in Panhandle. Present were Donita Davis, Chairman Frank Simms, members Terry Lewis and James Rotramel. Absent were Sherry Kramer, Ken Burger and Barbara Cospier.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Simms.

A motion was received to adopt the budget for the year 2001 in the amount of \$247,602. The vote was unanimous. Minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as well as accounts payable for May, June, July and

August. A bid was accepted from Sun Bank of Panhandle as the depository for the appraisal office for the years of 2001 and 2002. A discussion was held concerning the expiration of terms on the Board of Directors (James Rotramel and Terry Lewis); The Appraisal Review Board (Melvin Dennis, Joe Hillhouse and Dean Matthews) and the Ag Board (David Hodges). No action was taken. Investments for the quarter were reviewed and approved.

Melody Burton and Hal Simpson Exchange Vows

Melody Ann Burton and Hal Lee Simpson, both of Amarillo, were married in a candlelight double ring ceremony on Aug. 4, 2000 at the First Baptist Church of Amarillo with Dr. Howard Batson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton of Groom, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Alward and Mr. and Mrs. Norris L. Hoyt, also of Groom. Honorary parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burk of Conway.

The groom is the son of Zonelle Simpson of Amarillo and the late William "Bill" Simpson. He is the grandson of Byrdlee Simpson, also of Amarillo.

Flower girl was Kaytlynn Grace Simpson, daughter of the groom. Britian William James Simpson, son of the groom, was the ringbearer. Candlelighter was Brittnee Beevers, of Dumas, cousin of the bride.

The groom, his mother and grandmother began the ceremony by placing a rose at a memorial candle in memory of his late father, Bill Simpson. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jim Burton.

Other special moments in the ceremony were the exchange of family vows by the bride and the groom's children. Melody and Hal presented the children with family unity pins designed by the bride's uncle, Terry Don Alward of Dumas. The Marine Corps. Sword Brigade saluted the newly weds and welcomed Mrs. Simpson to Corps.

The reception was held in the Grand Room at the First Baptist Church. Reception attendants were Tuesday Whittenburg, Marti Jo Phillips, Kay Burk, Buck Burk, and



Class Of '50 Enjoys Reunion

The Class of 1950 met Saturday morning, August 5, 2000 to ride a float in the Groom Day Parade. After enjoying a wonderful Bar-B-Q dinner in the park each one spent the afternoon taking

in the activities of their choice. At 7:30 p.m. they met in Amarillo at the lovely back yard of Jim and Jean Heisler for pizza and dessert and more fellowship.

Those attending were Patsy and John Fraser,

Curtis and Margaret Whatley and Shirley Fields of Groom; Barbara James and Mike Dickerson of Phoenix, Arizona; Nadine Lee of White Deer; Dean and Donna Burger of Pampa; Vick Ashmead, Amarillo; Richard and Virginia Trevathan of Durant, Oklahoma; Sue Williams of Houston; Clona Blakney of Clarksville, Texas; Evelyn Putman of Wylie, Texas and the hosts Jim and Jean Heisler of Amarillo.

April Burton of Canyon, sister of the bride was the Maid of Honor. Attendants were Chala Frieze of Amarillo and Lauren Ashleigh Simpson, daughter of the groom, also of Amarillo.

Ross Renner of Dallas was the Best Man. Groom's men were Jason Riddlespurger and Scott Woolery, both of Amarillo.

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For more information or to register please call Jana Williamson at 248-7364 before August 25th.

Terri Dysert. Videographers for the service and reception were Jesse Baker and Phillip Miller. Also helping with the service in other ways were Jo Ann Baker, Mary Sue Lyles, Marcia Conrad, and Pam Ashford.

The bride is a graduate of Groom High School and attended the University of Texas at

Arlington. She is assistant manager of The Timbers Apartment homes.

The groom attended Amrillo College and West Texas A & M University at Canyon. He is a police officer for the City of Amarillo and in the Marine Corps Reserves.

The couple will reside in Amarillo.

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Council Approves EDC Contract With Moraniec

The Groom City Council met in regular business session with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Kenneth Weller, Mary Brooks.

Visitors included Mary Sue Lyles, Charlotte Whatley, Kerry Jenkins, Brandon Jenkins, and John Bohr.

A Public Hearing to hear comments about the Drought Contingency Plan was held.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M.

During the time for Visitor's Comments, the Council recognized Charlotte Whatley, speaking on behalf of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service. Ms.

Whatley gave a brief update on the status of the Ambulance Service and asked that the line item in the budget concerning the Ambulance Service be kept in the 2000-2001 budget.

Kathleen Barkley, representing the Groom Economic Development Commission, asked that at the next City Council meeting the Council consider a request from the GEDC to enter into a contract with Jim Moraniec, who is in the process of opening a restaurant business in Groom. Ms. Barkley reported that, with the approval of the City Council, the GEDC is considering a grant to help with the repairs on

the building. A contract will be drawn up and the terms will include an agreement with Mr. Moraniec that he will stay in business for three years or the loan will be pro-rated and he will have to reimburse the GEDC for the remainder on the contract.

The minutes of the July 22 regular meeting and the July 21 called meeting were read and approved as read.

Mary Brooks moved and Ellis Stapp seconded the motion to charge off three past due water bills. The bills will be charged off, but should any of these people return to Groom and apply for water service, their application will not be approved until they have made arrangements to pay the past due amounts. The charge offs are: Mark Ball, \$45.41; Lisa Shuck Stegall, \$97.75; Jason

McCoy \$42.39. All members voted ayes and the motion carried.

Kerry Jenkins was appointed as representative to the PMESS Board and John Bohr as alternate.

The County reviewed and discussed the Drought Contingency Plan. After some changes are made, the Council will review and vote on the plan at the next meeting.

The Council reviewed and discussed the 2000-2001 Proposed Budget. Ellis Stapp moved and Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to add Groom Day to the budget for 2000-2001. The budget will be reviewed and a vote will be taken at a called meeting to approve the budget and tax rate for 2000-2001.

Voting ayes were Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Kenneth Weller and Don

Case. Voting noes was Mary Brooks. The motion carried.

Executive session was called for 9:56 p.m. to discuss personnel and reconvened to open session at 10:25 p.m.

The motion passed that the City will absorb the rate increase for the TML insurance coverage for City employees.

A motion passed unanimously to approve an extended leave policy, which provides family leave of absence without pay, to eligible employees according to federal guidelines.

Employees were given a 3% increase for the 2000-2001 budget year. Voting for the measure were Kenneth Weller, Don Case, W.H. Ollinger and Ellis Stapp. Voting noes was Mary Brooks.

A motion carried to not send out any Clean-up letters this month.

The financial statement was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Athletic Boosters Plan Back To School Social

The Groom Athletic Boosters are currently planning their annual back-to-school come meet the Tigers social. This year the Boosters are planning to introduce the Tigers, Tiger cheerleaders, coaches and administration as well as the Cubs, Cub cheerleaders and GISD staff. The event is set for Thursday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Groom's City Park. Come out and show your Tiger Spirit!

Anyone who wishes to help with the booster club is invited to be a part of the spirit-oriented organization. A sign-up sheet will be available at the up-coming social.

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will just be something we have to look at each year and it will save us some money by not having them march."

The board toured the renovation project. While the project is just slightly behind schedule, the science lab is shaping up nicely and students will soon be able to use the state of the art facilities.

Additional cost for the project include \$2100 for carpet in the video conference lab and \$2800

for extra plumbing and electrical work to move the washer and dryer to the athletic department.

August 22 was approved for a public hearing on the budget and tax rate. The board and any interested person within the district may address these issues at 7:00 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

A request was heard for busing to a day care center in Groom for after school. The request was denied as no funding is available for in town student transportation.

The board reviewed the proposed budget for the Carson County Appraisal District.

Visitors to the meeting included Jessica Paynor of The Amarillo Globe News, Rose England, Tony Painter, Tina Painter, Tonda Torres, Jane Horn, Fabian Torres, and Curtis Downs. Trustee Tim Case was absent from the proceedings.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a typo correction and the financial statement was read.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Grandview Hopkins ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 AM, September 12, 2000 in Grandview Hopkins School Cafeteria.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.842400	\$0.435300	* \$1.277700	\$3,830	\$0
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.826600	\$0.506300	* \$1.332900	\$3,603	\$0
Proposed Rate	\$0.872400	\$0.455300	* \$1.327700	\$4,260	\$0

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$18,265	\$18,265
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$3,265	\$3,265
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.277700	\$1.327700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$41.72	\$43.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$1.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.332992. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.332992.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$860,240
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Sheriff Responds To Citizen Complaints

By Gary W. Robertson, Sheriff
 Recently, concerns of some citizens of Groom have reached this office and deserve a response. It seems that the law enforcement efforts of a deputy have created allegations of misconduct

Carson County Sheriff's Weekly Report

Sheriff Gary Robertson reported that there were eight persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of August 7 through August 13, 2000. Currently there are ten persons incarcerated and nine additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

Toby Phillips (Pampa), 29, Traffic Warrants, Panhandle Police.

Cheryl Long (Lansing, IL), 26, Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds.

Arturo Castellano (Blue Island, IL), 37, Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds.

Paul Denas (Albuquerque, NM), 35, Bond Surrender - Potter Co.

Jeremy Halvei (Pampa), 19, Traffic Warrant, DPS.

Clinton Walker (Panhandle), 33, Warrant - Potter Co.

Jeremy Ackors (White Deer), 19, Possession of Controlled Substance & Driving While Intoxicated.

and rampant rumors of authority abuse. This feeds an atmosphere of hurt feelings and lack of trust for law enforcement in general, and this department and its officers in particular.

Involved participants in these allegations have been contacted and their various concerns are being looked into by myself and other administrative staff. Preliminary results indicate that, while his actions to provide service to the community were well intended, this deputy made some judgmental errors in his application of enforcement, and these errors have been addressed departmentally. However, rumors of a pistol being drawn are unfounded and apparently only serve to incite an already emotional community.

This department will continue to serve the citizens of this county by enforcing the laws of this state, however, if substantiated information comes to my attention that any deputy is responsible of wrong doing, the matter will be dealt with appropriately.

If, in the future, you feel that your encounter with department personnel needs to be addressed, do not hesitate to contact my office.

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Local Happenings

Bertha Knight, Rip and Joy Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool had dinner on Sunday at the Lantern Cafe and they visited the Neals at the rest home.

More Local Happenings

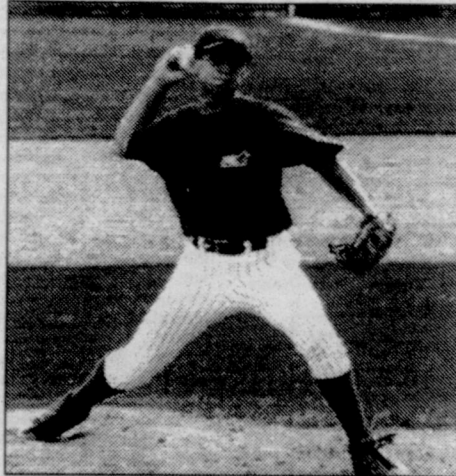
Grandpa Bill Musser reports that his family has increased Groom's city population 1.5% the past week.

Chris and Robin and children Trenton and

Raleigh are now residents of Groom moving here from Colleyville. Chris is working for Corporate Systems of Amarillo. Larry and Lisa

Roskens, Michaela, Jef, Bekah and Nate moved here earlier in the summer from Ft. Worth. Larry teaches math and science at Groom School.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the rest homes in Clarendon and McLean on Sunday.



Britten Competes In Regional Tourney

North Randall baseball team from Amarillo traveled to Monticello, Arkansas to attend the regional baseball tournament. NRC placed second in the tournament beating teams from Monticello, AR, Springdale, AR, Bay

City, TX, Tri-County, TX, Little Rock, AR, Meridan, MS, and Russellville, AR. North Randall lost in the finals to Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Groom's Clay Britten played positions of pitcher and shortstop for North Randall's team.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

The Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG), a Regional Water Planning Group formed pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (75th Legislative Session), will hold a Public Hearing on September 19, 2000 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, Texas beginning at 6:30 p.m., CST. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public the results of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan for Region A, Panhandle Water Planning Area, and to solicit input and comments from the general public and interested parties and entities. Region A comprises all of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, and Childress Counties.

Action at the Public Hearing will consist of a presentation on the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan, receipt of written and oral comments from the public, and comments from the PWPG.

For more information, please contact: Jarrett Atkinson, Local Government Services Director, PO Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105; telephone 806/372-3381; e-mail jatkinson@prpc.coq.tx.us The PWPG will receive written and oral comments at the hearing and will also receive written comments separate from the hearing. Individuals wishing to submit written comments separate from the hearing may address their comments to the Panhandle Water Planning Group, Attn: Jarrett Atkinson, at the above address. All written comments submitted separate from the hearing must be received at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2000. All comments received will be considered prior to final adoption of the Regional Water Plan.

Copies of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan will be available for public review and inspection at the County Clerk's office in each county listed above. In addition, copies of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan will be available at the following public libraries or alternate locations for public review and inspection: Dallam County (Dahart); Sherman County (Stratford); Hansford County (Spearman); Perry Memorial (Perryton); Higgins; Channing City Hall; Kilgore Memorial (Dumas); Hutchinson County (Borger); Roberts County (Miami); Hemphill County (Canadian); Oldham County (Vega); Amarillo (Downtown Library); Carson County (Panhandle); Lovett Memorial (Pampa); Wheeler, Canyon, Claude; Clarendon; Wellington; Memphis; Childress and the offices of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group will be held at 8:00 p.m. or immediately following the Public Hearing. Further information on the meeting is available by contacting the PRPC, 806/372-3381 or by viewing the website, www.panhandlewater.org

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Commissioners Approve 911 Changes

Carson County Commissioners' Court met on August 14, 2000 with the members and officers present as follows: Judge Lewis Powers, Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Britten made the motion to pay all claims with the exception of a request by the sheriff's department to send Deputy Mike Fox to a firearms school in Illinois. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Strawn made the motion

to pay for the school. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Britten voting against it. Cherokee Te-Design

petitioned the court for a permit to place a buried fiber optic television cable on Carson County Road Y in Precinct #4 and County Road 12 in Precinct #2. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ware discussed with the court the ownership of a tract of land in Precinct #2 that had been previously used as a landfill. The 11 acre tract is located just off old Route 66 on County Road H. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (THRC) has requested the clean up of the landfill. The land was owned by the county at one time but has since been returned to the current property owner of Section #28.

Doug White of the TNRCC presented the court with a proposed resolution and ordinance for the county to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Participation in the program would enable citizens to obtain such insurance. The resolution would have to be in effect by January 1, 2001. The court decided to adopt the resolution and to appoint Judge Powers as coordinator of the plan.

Sheriff Gary Robertson asked the court for permission to transfer funds to cover expenses at the end of the current fiscal year. The request was allowed.

Sheriff Robertson petitioned and the court decided to hire Tracy Poteet as jailer/dispatcher starting August 15, 2000 at a level 21-B.

Judge Powers discussed proposed mapping from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for 911 purposes. The court had previously voted to keep the same numbered and alphabet listings for the roads but reverse the order. Powers said PRC now suggests that the pattern remains the same but some of the house numbers would have to be changed to better serve the system. Judge Powers made the motion for the road names and pattern to remain the same with Commissioner Strawn seconding the motion which carried.

Representatives from the Skellytown Area Volunteer Fire Fighters - EMS Association, Inc. met with the court to discuss payment of calls in the third quarter of this year. The Skellytown entity had

previously contracted with the county under a different name for fire service. On April 14, 2000 the fire department withdrew its connection from the City of Skellytown, therefore there was no authorization to make payment. The motion carried to pay the \$2100 claim to the new entity as successor of the existing contract.

Tax Assessor Collector Barbara Cosper asked and the court signed the contract, to acknowledge a tax collection agreement with the City of Skellytown.

Cosper presented to the court the effective and rollback tax rate which had been previously published.

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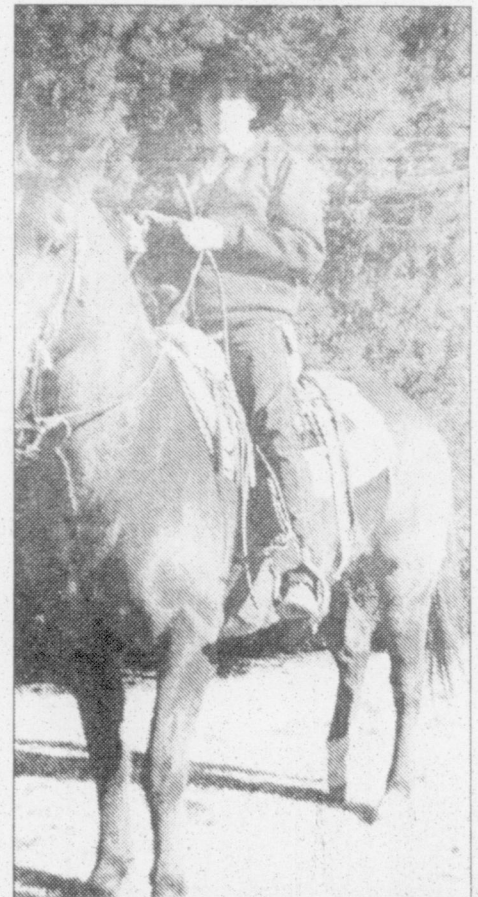
Miller, Crump Wins County Roping In WD

The Carson County Roping event was held in White Deer last week. Several Groom ropers did very well.

Marc Miller and Junior Crump won the team roping event. Cody Britten and Timmy Ray were second and Darren Bennett and Tim Mansfield were third.

In the individual event, steer stopping, Rusty Armstrong placed first; Junior Crump was second; and Shawn Creg was third.

Junior Crump was the top money winner. The White Deer Rodeo Club sponsored the event and furnished the stock.



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