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Tigers Do Well In Pre-Season Scrimmage Against Lazbuddie



Groom's coaching staff is led by Head Coach Larry Reid who returns to Groom after a stint in Ropesville; (left) Dudley Keim, Groom's newest addition to the athletic department; (right) Randy Yelverton, who returns for his second year.

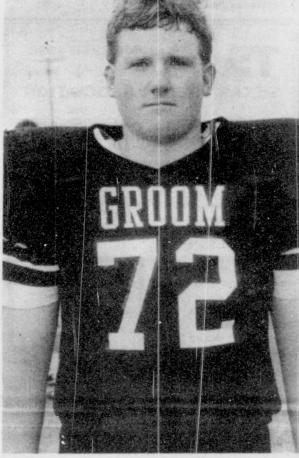
Groom Tigers paired up with the Lazbuddie Longhorns last week at Silverton for their first scrimmage of the season.

"The boys were anxious to play against someone," stated Coach Larry Reid, "I was very pleased with their performance."

Groom's defense did a very good job shutting down the Longhorns offense. Lazbuddie scored three times on defensive "snafoos."

"We had a few instances where people were out of position, expecting a running play when passing was done that allowed scores, but that is to be expected with the change over and this early in the season," he continued.

The defensive line is coming together a bit faster See Tiger Scrimmage, pg.5



Senior Jason Prather ends his football career prematurely after a knee injury he received during "2 a days" requires surgery. His presence will be missed as the Tigers prepare to open their 1996 season next Friday night.

56,986,809. budgets across the state for **College Students To Be** the past two years. Other Year 1995; Real Estate Announced

The Groom News will be publishing a list of Groom and area college students. Please contact us at 248-7333 so that names and colleges will be included.

COMMUNITY CALENDAK

THE BAND BOOSTER Club will meet Thursday night, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Hall. All parents of band students 5th-12th grade are uraged to attend. 1 DC

4-H MEETING Monday, Sept. 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. New members welcome. Must be 9 years old or in 3rd grade or older.

Your School: By Superintendent Ben Ingham Area Loses \$3.2 Million In Valuation

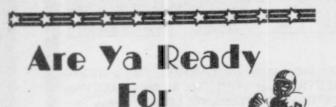
Superintendent

On Tuesday, August 20, 1996, the Groom ISD board of trustees reluctantly voted to adopt the effective tax rate which resulted because of a \$3,210,000 loss in taxable value this year alone. The "effective" tax rate is one that will generate the same amount of money as was generated the last

By Ben Ingham, year. The effective tax rate of 1.44/\$100 (\$1.44 per

\$100 of evaluation) will generate the same amount of money on this year's tax base of \$48,473,491, as \$1.33 did last year when our tax base was \$52,250,000. Groom ISD Certified

Values: Year 1994; Real Estate 30,797,139; Mineral 26,189,670; Total



31,631,961; Mineral 21,648,360; Total 53,280,321. Year 1996; Real Estate

31,613,861; Mineral 18,438,390; Total 50,052,251. 1996 loss = 3,209,970.

State mandated salary increases (which were not funded by the state) have swelled the local school

Tax Rate Set By School Board special called In

than salary increases, Groom ISD has not increased the budget for the past two years and will not increase the budget next year either. State Mandated

Minimum Salary Schedule For Teachers:

Step; Starting 17,000; Cap 28,400.

Starting 18,500; Cap 31,800. Starting 19,950; Cap 35,510.

The increases in expenditures with increases

Year 1985-'94; Scale 10

Year 1995; Scale 20 Step; Year 1996; Scale 20 Step; Year 1997; Scale ?; Starting ?.

Football?

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meeting Groom School Board voted to adopt a tax rate of \$1.44 for 1996-97. Present were board members Denny Babcock, Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara and Steve Anthony. Superintendent Ben Ingham, Business Manager, Joyce Hutsell, and a visitor Curtis Downs, also attended the meeting.

In other business the 1995-96 budget was amended. An application for transfer for a Goodnight student was approved.

in revenue will cause us to spend about \$250,000 of emergency reserve fund money over a two year period.

Another factor which will impact state funding, will be our student enrollment. The state sends us money based on very complicated formulas based on our A.D.A.(Average Daily Attendance) and our W.A.D.A. (Weighted Average Daily Attendance).

When our student population declines, our See Ingham, pg. 5

year's activities will be discussed and officers will be elected.

CITY OF GROOM will hold a public meeting Sept. 10 to discuss the budget.

GROOM SCHOOL will observe Labor Day on September 2 with no classes.

THERE IS A TIME change for the Tiger Scrimmage in Hedley Friday night. The new time is 5:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m.

ANNUAL GOLDEN Spread Antique Machinery Association Show, Sat. & Sun., Sept. 7 & 8 at Recreation Park in Pampa.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO. WHEAT-\$4.58 N. Crop Milo-\$5.68 N. Crop Corn-\$6.32

From 1 to 4" Rain **Reported This Week** Page 2-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursday, August 29, 1996

The Groom News

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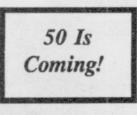
Groom Birthdays Anniver saries August 29 - Matthew Britten, Mr. ard Mrs. John Homer (A). August 30 - Jack Barnett. August 31 - William Robert Leven.

September 1 - Barbara Homer.

September 2 - Mrs. Jack Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A).

September 3 - Mrs. T.C. Sustaire, Jason Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Britten (A). September 4 - Judy Ruthardt, Jarnie Shuck, Mrs. Dean Burger, Douglas Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burk (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool (A).

On The Sick List Essie Cooper Knowles Wynona Koetting Dixie Anthony Charles Burk **Billie Bivens** Vernie Watson



Welcome New Subscribers Mr. and Mrs. James Reid of Rochester, Texas 79544.

Local Happenings

Bill and Norma Jean Homer were in Colorado Colorado on Springs, August 8th for the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame unveiling of the Hugh Bennett Monumental Bronze and the dedication of The Leroy and Susan Littlefield Collection, "Legends of Rodeo," both by Edd Hayes.

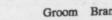
Marc Miller from Groom was an event money winner in the 15-18 age group for Saturday night in the 20th Annual Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo. He placed third in Ribbon Roping.

Marc is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Miller and Ila Miller of Groom.

Thank You Card

I would like to thank everyone who gave a donation to the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon and to all the children who rode bikes and collected donations. People like you who open your hearts and donate time, energy and/or money enable the Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee to continue to help ill children and their families and help fulfill the late Danny Thomas' dream of giving these families hope. Thank you all so very much and may God Bless you all!

Jan Britten, Coordinator St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Campus Paper Honors Black Colby Black, a 1994 graduate of Hereford High School, was recently honored as Columnist of the Summer of The Daily Texan, the newspaper of the University of Texas-Austin.

Black, a junior journalism/government major, was also notified that has been named he associate editor for the fall semester.

He is the son of Chubby and Nita Black of Hereford. Chubby is formerly from Groom.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Truman Goodlett and M.L. Rowan at McLean's rest home and visited Bill and they Dorothy McKee at their new location the R.V. camper business in McLean, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brumley, C.J. and Dara Whatley, Donna and April Burton were in Amarillo Sunday making hospital visits.

Groom football boys were busy Sunday afternoon painting the paw prints back on the streets after a years worth of weather had made them nearly invisible.

Don't forget the scrimmage at Hedley at 5:00.

Thank You Card

Groom Branch Library would like to give a special thank you to Sybil Harrell for the new children's bookcase.

New Subscribers To The Groom News Mr. & Mrs. Larry Reid

and Missy Gibson. Richard is the son of Reta and Zeldon Jenkins of Childress.

Public Notice

Bill and Norma Jean

Homer, Travis Homer of

Amarillo and Kenneth and

Barbara Sweatt of Childress

went to College Station this

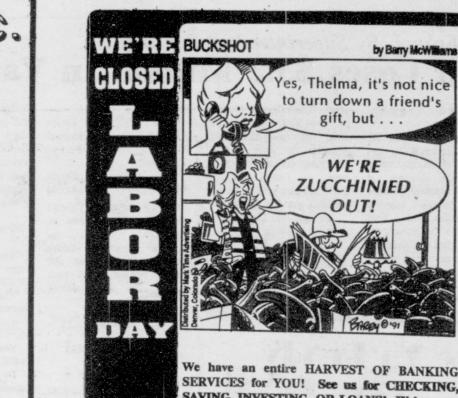
past weekend for the

wedding of Richard Jenkins

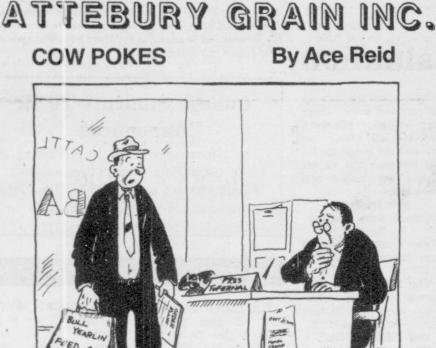
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Groom, Texas, granting a specific use permit to Jane Jackson for a bed and breakfast inn in a "B" (Residential) District, repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public, as required by law.

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Bike-a-thon Riders Raise Over \$700 For St. Jude's Hospital



The annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Wheels For Life Bike-a-thon was held on August 13, 1996 at the Groom City Park. The 18 children who rode in the Bike-a-thon collected \$734.68. The children had a wonderful time riding their bikes on the new track at the park. They also enjoyed cupcakes, Koolaid, and lots of fun on the swings, slide, and merry-go-Those who round. participated were Neal Anthony, Chance Barkley, Barkley, Chad Thane Barkley, Adam Britten, Katy Britten, Korri Britten, Sharri Britten, Gailynn Drewery, Taylor Drewery, Trevor Malorie Homen, Friemel, Howard, Caren Karla Howard. Kecia Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Jamie Moore and Daniel Thompson.



Daniel Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Slim Finck, earned over \$20 by having a lemonade stand this summer. He donated all of the proceeds to St. Jude's Bike-a-thon, as well as riding in the event.

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Early Intervention Screening To Be Held

The Hutchinson-Armstrong-Carson County Special Education Shared Services Arrangement (HAC SSA), along with Region XVI Early Childhood Intervention Program will be screening children, birth through five years of age.

Call the Special Education office for an appointment for the screening if your child has a significant delay in the development of one or more of the following areas: communication or language skills, motor skills, cognitive or thinking skills, self-help skills.

Borger will be the screening site for people who live in the following school districts: PSP, Fritch, Skellytown, Pringle-Morse, Spring Creek, and Borger. The place will be the Church of Christ building on Bulldog Avenue in Borger (road to the football field), from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on September 24th and 25th. An appointment must be made by calling 806-2731008 by September 20th.

Panhandle will host the south part of the HAC SSA if the child lives in the following school districts: Claude, Groom, White Deer and Panhandle. They will go to the First Christian Church, Euclid Street, Panhandle, Texas from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on September 26.

By appointment only, please call the HAC office at 806-273-1008 by September 20th.

Pampa's Chautauqua '96 **Slated For Labor Day**

A free stage of activities bands, singers and dancers will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to celebrate Labor Day at the 15th annual Chautauqua held in Central Park, downtown Pampa. Sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, the September 2 event will open with 5K and Fun Runs by Columbia Medical Center, beginning at 8 a.m. The run registration will open at 6:30 a.m. at the northwest corner of the park, Georgia and Mary Ellen Streets. Contact Terry Barnes, 660-0924, for pre-registration. Fees are \$4 for the fun run and \$8 for the 5K. Cost is \$1 higher the day of the race. T-shirts are awarded all participants, and all entry fees are donated to the United Way.

Designed to bring the arts to the community, Chautauqua '96 will have a full day of art and creative writing under the PFAA

tent sponsored by the Creative Artisans, pinata making by the White Deer High School Spanish club, balloon sculpting by Ziggy the clown, and carding and wool spinning demonstrations by Gaylene Grimsley. There will be many arts and crafts booths and exhibits.

Mountain Men will recreate life in the early 1800s, while Loralee Cooley will spin stories from the stage and PFAA tent and Sarah Gill of Miami will recite cowboy poetry.

A special tribute to Woody Guthrie will include Guthrie music played and sung by Pampa's Jack Selby, as well as Dan Bern of California and Pat Stewart of St. Louis at 3:30 p.m. from the stage. Songwriter Keith Riemer and former Miss Amarillo Area Sona Solana will sing in the morning, and the PHS Show Choir will perform at guard and trumpets will open the stage ceremonies at 9 a.m.

Amarillo participants will include the Los Tres Caballeros mariachi combo at 11 a.m. and the Route 66 Cloggers at 2:40 p.m. John Mann's Western Swing and the Keystone Blue Grass will provide band The Pampa music. Tambourines will wave their colors and Smokey Binion, Jr. will impersonate Elvis.

A large petting zoo, moon dig, basketball shootout, wood carpentry, and other activities have been planned for the children's Food fare will carousel. include everything from cotton candy to sausage on a stick, beginning with a Rotary pancake breakfast at 7 a.m.

The Pampa family day is patterned after the early Chautauquas that brought orators, musicians, dancers and magicians to towns noon. The PHS band color before the radio-television era.



Groom High School Fighting Tiger **Band Elects** Officers

The Fighting Tiger's Marching Band recently elected officers. They are: Sean Crowell, president; Trae Kepley, vice president; Maggie Thomas, secretary; Joe Britten, reporter; 7 & 8 grade representative, Francis Britten; 9th grade representative, Evan Crowell; 10th grade representative, Sam Thomas; 11th grade representative, Andy York; 12th grade representatives, Sean Crowell, Joe Britten and Trae Kepley.



Groom Athletic Booster Club Meets

The Booster Club met on Tuesday August 13, at the football field to begin planning the new school year. It was decided that Nila Burgin and Janelle Sustaire would again be cochairmen of the group with Marcia Conrad as treasurer.

Plans for the watermelon feed were f nalized and the yard signs for the players were discussed. It was decided Fandy Sustaire would dip and clean the old metal signs and Sandra Britten will design new fronts. The club will give \$125. to the cheerleaders for the purchase of the footballs to throw at the games and \$25. was given for advertising in the Pigskin Preview (Amarillo News).

Marcia Conrad (high school) and Sandra Britten (junior high) were put in charge of getting the pictures for the Tiger buttons. They will be ready for sale by the first football game.

Designs were discussed for the annual t-shirt sales and this year shorts and caps will also be sold. The club has stadium bags for sale by order only. Marcia Conrad is the contact person to purchase the

bags. Homecoming was discussed and all members were asked to bring any new ideas to the next meeting. The group ended the evening decorating the fence around the field with slogans written with cups.

Those attending were Nila Burgin, Janelle and Randy Sustaire, Debbie Ollinger, Marcia Conrad, Barnett, Sandra Donna Britten, Stephanie Ollinger and Maggie Thomas. Jan Britten also dropped by to offer her assistance.

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Groom Jr. Varsity & Junior High Football

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Follett (JH)

Obituary

Former Groom

Resident, Marvin

Frederiksen

Passes Away at

Fort Smith, Ark.

Marvin Frederiksen, 86, a

former Groom resident, of

Fort Smith, Arkansas, died

Saturday, August 24, 1996.

Funeral services were Wednesday, August 28 in

Bluff Avenue Baptist

Church with burial at Forest

Park Cemetery, Fort Smith,

Arkansas under the

direction of Putman Funeral

He was a member of Bluff Avenue Baptist

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He also

Home.

Date

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Groom School Menu September 2 - September 6 Monday Labor Day Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes,

Canadian bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagne, salad, fried okra, bread sticks, applesauce, milk. Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast hash browns, burritoes. juice, milk.

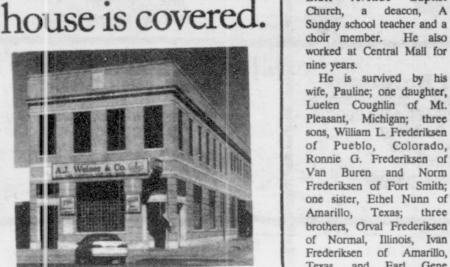
Lunch: Chicken breast nuggets, or chef salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, pull-apart bread, jello, milk. Thursday

Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk.

Lunch: Enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, Spanish rice, tortilla pieces, grapes, milk. Friday

Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots or spinach, hot rolls, brownies, milk.





New Home (JH&JV) Patton Springs 5:00

Samnorwood 7:30 McLean 5:00 Groom 6:00 Lefors 6:00 Groom 6:00 6:00 Groom Follett 6:00

Groom Lunch Menu

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The Groom Branch Library now subscribes to "People" magazine, as well as continuing with such favorites as "Better Homes", "Consumer Reports", "Crafts", "Discover", "Glamour", and "Good Housekeeping".

Other periodicals are "Health", "Journal", "Newsweek", "Popular Mechanics", and "Readers Digest". Also the library has "Science News", "Seventeen", "Smithsonian", and "Southern Living".

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The above can be checked out for three days, as can "Time" magazine. "National Geographic" cannot be checked out of the library, and the collection includes each edition since 1962.

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state revenues also decline, while our expenditures remain constant. Good attendance is not only important for your child's education, it is a basis for state funding. (It basically costs the same amount of money to run a classroom for 5 students as it does for 25 students. were to break down the scores by campus, we would have 2 exemplary and 1 recognized. When a school is as successful as Groom's, the entire community must share the rewards. The teachers and the parents and relatives and friends who inspire and challenge us. We virtually need the

Groom ISD Enrollment

1995: Elem. - 127, H.S.- 82, Total 209. 1996: Elem. - 115, H.S.- 76, Total 191.

Groom ISD has demonstrated proven excellence for many years. Our report card from the state shows that we are "recognized" again this year. Only one sub-group of the entire student population scored below 90 (87.1). All students on all tests, however, scored above 90. Our report card is for the entire K-12 district. If we

scores by campus, we would have 2 exemplary and 1 recognized. When a school is as successful as Groom's, the entire community must share the rewards. The teachers and the parents and relatives and friends who inspire and challenge us. We virtually need the support of those who prepare the meals, keep the campus clean and in proper working order and the bus drivers who transport the students to and from school and other events. Another extremely important member of the team is a school board which is willing to make difficult decisions during difficult times. Groom ISD TAAS Scores: Reading - Spring '95 - 93.9, Spring '96 - 94.4 Math - Spring '95 - 87.3, Spring '96 - 92.1. Writing - Spring '95 - 97.9, Spring '97 - 94.9.

Tiger's Scrimmage Lazbuddie

than the offense, which according to Reid is a normal scenario.

"We did well running and throwing the ball," Coach Reid said, "This will give us options for the types of plays we put together."

Lazbuddie outsized Groom's line up, with at least two players well over 6 feet tall and 200 pounds. "They held their own against the larger players," Reid commented.

As far as weaknesses, Coach Reid felt the biggest drawback the Tigers have is still sheer numbers. "We still lack depth . .

we will have to work extra hard to keep everyone healthy and uninjured."

No major injuries occurred during Friday's scrimmage. Jason Prather, senior, is recovering from knee surgery after he was injured in 2-a-day workouts. Chances of him returning before season's end are slim.

The Tigers will scrimmage Hedley at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 1996 in Hedley.



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Groom Ambulance Service Elects Officers For New Year

The Groom Volunteer EMS Service met Sunday, August 18, 1996 for their annual meeting. Elections were held for two vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service. Jay Lamb was re-elected to the board after expiration of his term. A new face to the board is Danny Chisum. This year's board of directors will be Jay Lamb, president; Jody Ball, vice president; Charlotte Whatley, secretary; Toni Pavlovsky, treasurer, Donald Burgin and Danny Chisum, board members.

The Board is proud to update Groom relidents of the current roster and certification levels. The service now has five EMT-Intermediates running on the truck; Brent Stephens, Jody Ball, Doug Kling, Danny Chisum and Kerry Jay Limb and Jenkins.

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Charlotte Whatley will receive their certifications in weeks to come. To the public this means that you can receive IV therapy, advanced airway management and certain drugs during your transport to Amarillo or Pampa. The majority of the services members are certified in operation of the AED, an automatic defibrillator. Jay Lamb and Charlotte Whatley have become certified in Basic Trauma Life Support, which is advanced training for the trauma patient.

Groom EMS current roster includes: Brent

Stephens EMT-1; Craig Howard EMT/AED; Charlotte Whatley EMT/AED/BTLS/CPR-Instructor (Intermediate Student); David Britten EMT/AED; Donald Burgin EMT/AED: Jody Ball EMT-1/AED/CPR-Instructor; John Bohr EMT/AED; Jay Lamb EMT/AED/BTLS/ CPR - Instructor (Intermediate Student); Doug Kling EMT-1/AED/CPR-Instructor; Kerry Jenkins EMT-1/AED/CPR-Instructor; Kevin Kerlee EMT/AED; Scott Field EMT; Toni Pavlovsky EMT/AED; Tony Treadwell EMT; Danny Chisum EMT-1/AED.



Groom's Top Notch Volunteer Service consists of (back) Kerry Jenkins, David Britten, Toni Pavlovsky, Donald Burgin, Scott Fields, Tony Treadwell, Doug Kling, (front) Kevin Kerlee, Charlotte Whatley, Jody Ball, Craig Howard, and Jay Lamb. Not pictured are Brent Stephen, Danny Chisum and John Bohr.



New officers for the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service are (left to right) President Jay Lamb, Board Member Donald Burgin, (back) Vice President Jody Ball, (front) Secretary Charlotte Whatley, Treasurer Toni Pavlovsky, and Board Member Danny Chisum.

Local Happenings

Several 4-H members attended a leadership retreat at Ceta Canyon, Saturday and Sunday. This retreat taught the members about and Bertha Knight were their leadership duties in 4- among those visiting Billie H. Those attending from Bivens at St. Anthony's Groom were Nicholas Anthony, Brooke Britten, Clay Britten, Macie Britten, Wyatt Britten, Lainie

Britten, Brett Britten. Frances Britten, Lauren Burgin, Crowell, Brin Amanda Martin and Britteny Martin.

Ray and Gaynelle Pool Hospital Sunday afternoon. They also visited in the home of Bertha's brother William and Floretta Neal.

Christian Mothers Organize Bazaar

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers met Monday, August 26, at the Parish Hall for a salad supper and meeting. President Alice Kuehler presided over the meeting. The annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 24. Louise Conrad has donated a beautiful round crochet tablecloth for the raffle.

Church cleaning groups have been assigned, for a month. The chairman of each group (first person listed) will be responsible for calling the other workers in her group and setting up times for the cleaning for the entire month.

Prayer Line Chairman are urged to make their phone calls to all their assigned women. If someone is not necessary. home, immediately call the ensure that all ten chairman praver.

Woman of the Year nominees will be considered at the September meeting.

New members of Christian Mothers will be inducted into the Confraternity at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 13.

Members are asked to bring their used eyeglasses to the bank or to a Lion's Club member.

Monica Weinheimer and Christian Mothers donated two classroom tables for the primary religion classes.

Prayer Pals were distributed. Please see Alice Kuehler if you would like to participate in this activity. Gifts or cards are not necessary to participate in this program, only your prayers for the intentions of your prayer pal are

The next meeting will be next person on the list. It held September 23 at the is an important task to home of Mrs. Art Britten with Nila Burgin and receive the message for Monica Howard as food hostess.



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McLean School District Receives "Acceptable" Texas **Assessment Skills Grade**

The McLean Independent School District has been notified that it has received an "acceptable" status with the Texas Education Agency where it's TAAS scores are Texas concerned. Assessment of Academic Skills tests students in grades 3-8 and grade 10 in areas of reading, mathematics, and writing.

Students in the McLean Independent School District improved over the 1995 considered into the indicator

mathematics while regressing in writing.

Scoring in the "exemplary" status for the schools accountability data were the results on the class of 1995's college admissions test. graduating students took the make. The situation with test. Four of those students scored above the average criteria, which is 36.4%.

One other figure that is

scores in reading and is a schools attendance rate. McLean had a 94.8% rate for 1994-95. "We are extremely proud of our exemplary rating. Even though reading and math have not reached the level we would like, we are proud 10 of the 11 of the improvement we did the writing scores has been addressed and action taken to improve those," stated

> John Griffin, Superintendent.

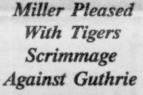


HISTORIC ROUTE

McLean Kindergartners are all smiles as they get the hang of going to school. They are: (back) Tobey Focken, Arely Vega, Nikki Alvarez, Chris Walker, Emory Crawford, Amanda Loya, Kortney Smith and Chase Bohlar. (middle) Tanner Wilhelm, Jamie Sanderson, DaShae Tolleson, Brian Shackelford and Suzanne Howard. (front) Cameron Taylor, Evan McMordie and Tammy

Texas Assessment Of Academic Skill Results

STUDENT GROUPS	SPRING 1996 GRADES 3-8 & 10			SPRING 1995 GRADES 3-8 & 10			IMPROVEMENT TO 90% STANDARD				
(Analysis Groups are those with an "X")	Number Passing	Number Taking	Student Group Percent	Percent Passing	Number Passing	Number Taking	Student Group Percent	Percent Passing	Actual Change	Required Improvement	Met. Req. Imp.
READING:											
X All Students	78	90	100.0%	86.7%	75	94	100.0%	79.8%	+6.9	> 0.0	N/A
African American	0	0	0.0%	-	0	0	0.0%	-	-	-	N/A
Hispanic	5	6	6.7%	83.3%	1	1	1.1%	100.0%	-16.7	< 0.0	N/A
X White	73	84	93.3%	86.9%	72	91	96.8%	79.1%	+7.8		N/A
K Economically Disadvantaged	29	37	41.1%	78.4%	36	46	48.9%	78.3%	+0.1	< 2.3	NO
MATHEMATICS:							- Andread		1	1999 - Store	
x All Students	60	89	100.0%	87.4%	57	94	100.0%	60.6%	+8.8	> 5.9	N/A
African American	0	0	0.0%	-	0	0	0.0%	-	-		N/A
Hispanic	3	6	6.7%	50.0%	1	1	1.1%	100.0%	-50.0	< 0.0	N/A
X White	57	83	93.3%	68.7%	55	91	96.8%	60.4%	+8.3		N/A
X Economically Disadvantaged	26	38	42.7%	68.4%	33	46	48.9%	71.7%	-3.3	< 3.7	N/A
WRITING:											
x All Students	30	42	100.0%	71.4%	34	39	100.0%	87.2%	-15.8	< 0.6	NO
African American	0	0	0.0%	-	0	0	0.0%	-	-		N/A
Hispanic	2	4	9.5%	50.0%	0	0	0.0%	-	-	-	N/A
x White	28	38	80.5%	73.7%	32	37	94.9%	86.5%	-12.8		NO
Economically Disadvantaged	11	18	42.9%	61.1%	17	19	48.7%	89.5%	-28.4	< 0.1	N/A



The McLean Tigers traveled to Guthrie last Thursday for their first test of the new football season.

"I was well pleased. The mistakes that were made were mental not physical mistakes, which is to be expected this early in the season. The hitting was very good," stated Coach Jerry Miller.

In the scoring department, the varsity was outscored 3-2 with the McLean JV outscoring their opponent by a margin of 4-1. Considering that Guthrie is ranked sixteenth in the state, Coach Miller feels that his team did an outstanding job.

Most of the starting positions have been filled with the exception of



Elementary students have a fresh new look to their hallways thanks to murals painted by Danelle Comer. Just inside the Element try School doors students find a "school days" scene. Down the hall over the drinking fountain students will find Mickey Mouse.





GET OUT & SUPPORT the 1996 McLean Tigers as they scrimmage Lefors on Friday, August 30 at 7:30 pm here at McLean.

McLEAN J.V. will scrimmage Ft. Elliott here at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 29.

NO DUMPING allowed at McLean ISD Bonfire site, (east of trackfield). Violators will be prosecuted! Page 8-THE GROOM NEWS-McLEAN SECTION, Thursday, August 29, 1996

Style Show & Brunch To Be Held By CattleWomen

The Top O'Texas CattleWomen's Annual Style Show and Brunch will be held Saturday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pampa Country Club with 13 area merchants participating and a showing of over 75 of the latest and best of fall fashions.

Lynn Johnson owner of Corinne's Style Shop will have nine outfits modeled during the show. Models for Corinne's will be Jan Haynes of Pampa, Pam Crockett of McLean and Eula Johnson of Pampa. Please purchase your

tickets now by contacting Louise Coulter at Rt. 1, Box 15A, Briscoe, TX, 79011 or call her at 806-375-2513.

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"Sales in Texas continue to reflect a healthy economy, with a year-todate sales tax rebate 7.6 percent ahead of total rebates for the first eight months of last year," says State Comptroller John Sharp.

The City of McLean will receive a check for its share of the sales tax rebate of \$2,410.11. This is an increase of 3.77% over last year. Payments to the City of McLean for this year to date are \$17,709.57 up 23.07%.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

Anniversaries August 29 - Johnny Day, Don Crockett, Clifford McDonald, Rae Simpson. August 30 - Tony H a m b r i g h t, J a c k i e Worsham, Lance Hallum, Keith Robinson. August 31 - Buell Wells,

Faye Houdyshell, Cindy Jenkins. September 1 - Mark

Bailey, Robbie Wilson. September 2 - Levie Smith, Tom Pennington. September 3 - Odis

Calcote, Jeraldine Rodgers. September 4 - Annie Eudey, Bob McDowell. Frank Johnson Hommel CLARENDON - Frank

Johnson Hommel, 98, died Tuesday, August 20, 1996. Services were in First United Methodist Church with Dr. James Bell, pastor, and the Rev. Terry Tamplen, pastor of Kingswood United Methodist Church in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Hommel was born in Bellevue, Clay County, and moved to Alanreed in 1909. He had been a resident of Clarendon for 71 years. He married Gladys Irene Johnson in 1923 at El Reno, Oklahoma.

He was a rancher and businessman most of his life before retiring in 1983. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Velma Geraldine Robertson, in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Frankie Henson of Clarendon and Lois Marie Moore of Dallas; a son, Chauncey Hommel of Clarendon; 12 grandchildren; 28 greatgrandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Johnnie R. Back

DUMAS - Johnnie R. Back, 99, died Wednesday, August 21, 1996.

Services were in Ninth Jones, 75, died and Bliss Church of Christ August 18, 1996.

Obituaries

Thetford,

Burial was in

Cemetery at

Arrangements

with Richard

McLean.

Hillcrest

McLean.

minister, officiating.

Additional services were in

the Church of Christ at

were by Morrison Funeral

Mr. Back was born in

Collin County. The Back

family moved in 1904 to

Gray County, where many

family members have been

Borger and McLean before

moving to Dumas, where he

had been a resident for 10

years. He worked for the

tax office in Gray County

before becoming postmaster

at McLean. He retired in

1957. He was a member of

He married Birdie

Fulbright Back in 1919 at

Pampa. She died in 1990.

He also was preceded in

death by three sons, Marvin

Back, Ernie Back and Oran

Wayne Back of Dumas; two

daughters, Dorothea

Goodwyn of McLean and

Mary Ann Hale of Midland;

Survivors include a son,

the Church of Christ.

Back.

Mr. Back lived in Dallas,

Directors of Dumas.

lifetime residents.

were in the First United Methodist Church at McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

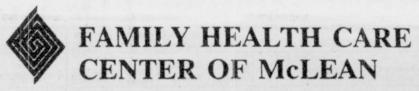
Mrs. Jones was born at Duncan, Oklahoma. She married L.D. Jones in 1962. She had been a McLean and Gray County resident most of her life. She was a homemaker and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, L.D.; three nicces, Glendolyn Watson of Menard, Mauree Moore of Pampa, and Geraldine Grothe of Boulder City, Nev; and three nephews, Max Reiner of Nampa, Idaho, Joe Miller of Phoenix, and Ben Billingslea of Phoenix.

Thank You Card

Allison is in school and doing very well. The surgery was a success thanks to the excellent doctors, our family, community, and God. We will always be grateful for all the help that's been given. We also appreciate the cards, gifts and letters that have been sent since the surgery. God Bless You! Thank you,

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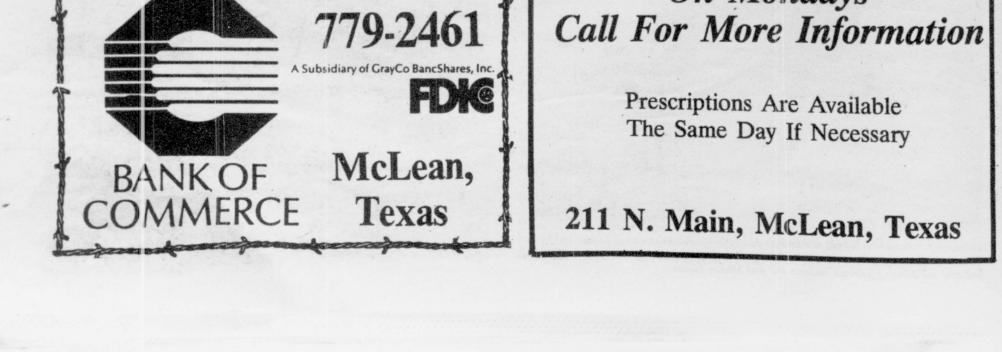
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n of Christ August 18, 1996. Services

10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Majorie Ruth Fowler Jones Marjorie Ruth Fowler Jones

Sunday,

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Pat Anderson, pastor of the Church of Christ was here to hold a worship service.

Resident's playing bingo Monday were Annie Eudey, M.L. Rowan, Truman Goodlett, Dick Wheeler, Phyllis Bailey, Mary Carter, Teresa Richardson, Eula Morrow, Lena Bailey, Florence Drake, Thelma Hopkins, Hadda Moore, Sylvia McClellan and Jessie Watson. Volunteer helper was Cliffie Heasley. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning members of the Church of Christ came to give the residents a social. Cookies and cake were furnished and served by Martha Van Huss, George Watson, Gladys Godfrey, Cliffie

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Heasley and Oleta Harris. In the afternoon the residents enjoyed a video movie and popcorn.

Thursday morning Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. Everyone also enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler Teresa Richardson and played dominos.

Saturday was the birthday party. Residents celebrating were Dick Wheeler, Doris Reborn, Florence Drake, Mable Dickey, Varnie Lowe and Loma Lou Gibbs. Corsages and boutonnieres were furnished by Lamb-Ferguson's florist. Entertainment was furnished by Leland and Wanda Myers. A puppet show then bells played by the Assembly of God Wonderful Wednesday children was enjoyed by everyone. Children participating in playing the bells and singing several songs were Jamie Sanderson, Zane and Zach Richardson, Jennifer Myers, Cheyanne, Destiny and Bubba Larson, Skyler



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Myers and Jerry Ferguson. **Alanreed News** Graveside services were held last week in Alanreed Cemetery for Fleta Hill, old timer here, but of Arkansas.

Fleta was the wife of Jesse (Short) Hill son of one of the oldest of settlers here. They settled north of town and put out a lot of trees. Mr. Hill preceded his wife several years before. They had two daughters and lots of grandchildren.

Denva Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were in Ciarendon on Monday.

The R.L. Leeders were in Wheeler on Monday for medical attention for Peggy. Reports were good.

Old timer Frank Hommel was buried in Clarendon last Hommel The week. brothers, Frank and Ollie were among the first settlers. Ollie had a large orchard and Frank dealt also in cattle.

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Nora Dragoo treated her Sunday school class to a lovely dinner Sunday after church. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Jim Bible, Rush Turner and Lena Carter.

Denva Tidwell, Shirley Armbrister and Nora Dragoo were in Amarillo on Monday for medical attention for Nora.

The Robert Bruces visited in Pampa on Sunday. Community Improvement continues as machines were busy Monday leveling and fixing the old Jewel Warner place for the new house. Looks nice. Some windows are being replaced at First Baptist Church and a new back door is already in

place. Jim Bible, Robert Bruce and Rush Turner attended the fish fry for Baptist men at Pampa last week.

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Trout Honored With 90th Birthday Party Last Week

Susie Ann Lou Trout of McLean turned 90 years old on August 22nd.

On Sunday, August 25th, 80 family members and friends gathered in McLean to celebrate her birthday with her. All of her ten children were present including: Myrtle Holloway, Bea Smith and Vada Matthews, McLean; Maudie and Ralph Alexander, Lefors; Wesley and Jennie Trout, Joyce and Julian Ortega, and Bonnie and A.J. Baker of Amarillo; Donlene Fulton and Susie and Cecil Ferguson of Pampa; and Thomas Trout of Burkburnett.

Grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, great-greatgrandchildren and friends present included Bill and Billy Kingston, Amber and Hunter Kirkland, McLean; James, Anna and Michael Taylor, Sheila, Shannon and Tory White, Kim, Gina and Trae Thomas, Danny, Peggy, Angela, Elizabeth.

Samantha, and Miranda Bible, Dale Bible, Marta and Blake Baldwin, Julie Ortega, Jessica Holt, Mike and Charlotte Johnson all of Amarillo. Jim, Linda and Nicole Bruton, Jade Brown, Dustin Brown, John and Darla Ferguson, Steven Fuiton, Doug, Maxine and MaKayla Fulton, Clifford and Mollie Martindale all of Pampa. Randy, Martha, Sam and Sean Johnson, Kari, Alisha and Asa Woodfin of Borger. Marla, Nicholas and Cody Balzen, Jim Adams, Waco. Wheeler; Rhonda, Tamara, Erin and John McAdams, Dalhart; Peggy and Angelo Meloro, Pahrump, Nevada; Kris Bosley and Joe Dwyer, Canyon; Irene Alexander, Larned, Kansas; James,

Jolene, Brandy and T.J. Trout of Wichita Falls; Minnie Erwin and Mozelle Miller of McLean, sisters of Susie Trout were also present.



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Page 10-THE GROOM NEWS-McLEAN SECTION, Thursday, August 29, 1996 **Ruth Magee Attends Brazilian World** Methodist Conference At Rio De Janeiro

On Saturday, July 27, 1996, four women from Northwest Texas Methodist Church arrived in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil to attend the World Conference for Methodist Women. They were Ruth Magee, McLean; Jeanne Gramstorff, Perryton; Janie Simms, Margie Petersburg; and Titus, Midland. They watched the elected leaders from many countries perform duties and lead the sessions. All of the housing, meetings and meals were in the Gloria Hotel Complex. Some 1200 women from some 75 different countries attended. There were special programs small group studies, Bible studies which were pre-selected, wonderful music by children of Brazil, who were trained in a Methodist supported center in Rio.

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The Theme "Come Holy Spirit, Weave us Together," was used through the meeting. A book containing the program, music, names and addresses of all who attended was given to each one. Some of the highlights were inspiring talks on "Weaving of Sound of Holy Spirit," weaving of "Silence and Spirit," "Weaving from Past and for Future Methodist Women Projects, Activities and Studies." Everyone was wonderfully inspired.

After the conference ended two days were spent in touring. Some of the special sights were a tour to The Christ of Corcovado" which overlooks the city. It was given to Brazil as a gift from France, similar to our "Statue of Liberty". It was given in 1931 and stands 2,330 feet high and is reached by a two mile railway and an added 240 steps further.

moved to different hotels,

all on the Copacabana

Beach and were taken by

bus each day to the World

Methodist Church

Conference at the Civic

Margie and Jeanne were

appointed by Northwest

Texas Conference Bishop

Norris to represent the

conference (at their own

expense). As delegates they

participated in many

Worship Services, preached

by bishops, the best in

Methodism. They chose

special interest groups to

attend and many people

were there, including 87

Bishops from Asia, Africa,

Europe, North America, the

Mid-Ease, Australia and

South America. They came

home feeling proud of their

Church, their Religion, and

a little weary on August 16.

Methodists from all over

Brazil participated in a

service of Praise, Song,

Inspiration, and Fellowship

and Greetings from their

Portuguese language is not

easy to understand and

English is not their second

language and

communications in cafes was

C & H

The

local Bishop.

slightly difficult!

On the last night 15,000

Janie, Ruth,

Center.

Another tour takes you through many parts of the city, the Copacabana Beach, and then up to a cable car that takes you to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain, another "trade-mark_ of the city. A tour takes you to Petropolis, a mountain retreat some one and onehalf hours away where the King of Brazil lived in the 1800's. After several years and two kings the reigning King abdicated and returned to Portugal and left the people to elect a President, without a shot being fired.

The Mansion has been made into a State Museum and is most interesting. Another sight in that city was a beautiful Cathedral with stained glass windows which compare to any in the European area. The countryside around Rio is tropical and many, many kinds of fruits, flowers and trees grow. The fruits were in season and everyone enjoyed many kinds, even some which had not been heard of before.

On August 7, the group



Boosters Elect '96-'97 Officers

The McLean Athletic Booster Club met for their first meeting of the year Monday night and held an election for new officers. The new President will be Cathy Carter and Vice President Joe Ray Riley. Cheryl McFall will be Secretary and Charlotte Hefley will be Treasurer.

The two big activities for the club this year is the football concession stand and painting yard signs. Charlotte Hefley will once again be in charge of the concession stand and it was agreed that they will again ask different organizations to take turns manning the concession stands. McLean Home Health Agency has already volunteered to take Homecoming on October 18.

Kathy Carter and Lynch Glass will be in charge of gathering materials to paint

It's All Trew....By Delbert Trew

identical blue spatter,

porcelain, dish pans. The

two inventors, desperate in

their search, confiscated the

With center holes

punched in the bottoms, the

ingenious use of washers, a

bolt and a nut, the GIANT

YO-YO was ready to

launch. The grand device

was transported up into the

treehouse, the rope wound

tightly, and the drop was

made. The first try, the

invention hit the ground so

adjustments were made.

The second drop worked

perfectly as the GIANT

YO-YO rolled up and down

two pans.

Onie Sims, who lives in Whittier, California, but was raised in hard times just west of Mobeetie, tells the following story.

Christmas in 1941 brought Onie and his cousin a Yo-Yo each and in the following months, persistent practice made them quite proficient with the toys. When not hoeing weeds or doing chores the boys perfected many tricks and stunts.

Always on the search for bigger and better challenges, the boys decided to build a GIANT YO-YO. First came a long, small diameter rope, carefully measured to reach the ground from the floor of their treehouse built in a large cottonwood tree in the yard. Next, came the search for the two sides of the GIANT YO-YO. Two days passed as the young engineers tried different materials. Each try failed for various reasons. Their anticipation grew with each experiment and they became desperate to finish the project. in a totally

Now. unrelated incident that happened a few weeks before, Mama, and Grandma who lived nearby, saved up their egg and cream money and bought

yard signs. The date of September 2, 9:00 a.m., has been set to start work on them. They will meet at the Ag building. Anyone wishing to turn in old signs may do so at that time.

The Booster Club also voted to sell T-shirts if the cheerleaders do not take that project.

The proceeds earned by these fundraisers are donated to the school to aid in the purchase of needed items. In past years some items athletic boosters have helped with are large fans for the gym, basketball and football uniforms, track suits, track warm-ups, little dribbler basketball goals, and a vaulting pole.

Athletic Boosters is open for anyone to join. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9 at the High School at 7:00 p.m.

Lion's Club Give-Away

Members of the McLean Lion's Club met August 11 to distribute items to school age children. Iteras included jeans, slacks, fanny packs and hand bags. An estimated 175-200 pair of jeans and slacks were given away to anyone interested. The only stipulation being that items could not be taken for future sale.

These knock-off items were seized at the border with Mexico as they were being brought into the states illegally. Each item had to have the unauthorized brand name tags and labels removed before the articles could be given away. Lion's Club members made Saturday morning trips to the warehouse in Amarillo to remove these labels and tags so the items could be released for distribution. The Lion's Club will be scheduling another day for distribution in the near future.

the rope, much to the boys delight.

By now, Papa and Grandpa were watching and called to the womenfolk to come outside and see. Everyone was laughing and pointing until Mama discovered the GIANT YO-YO was constructed from the new dish pans. The fun and games came to a halt and the two young inventors paid the price for success and improvision.

In spite of the lecture, the spanking that followed, and the loss of a few tears, Onie swears that the sweep of joy of success with the GIANT YO-YO was worth

McLean High School Varsity Football Schedule For 1996

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/19	Silverton	Silverton	5:00
9/26	Lefors	McLean	6:00
10/03	Groom	McLean	5:00
10/10	Hedley	McLean	6:00
10/17	Samnorwood	McLean	6:00
10/24	Open		
10/31	Samnorwood	Samnorwood	-6:00

McLean Junior Varsity Tigers

1996 F	ootball Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Location	Time		
9/12	Ft. Elliott	Ft. Elliott	6:30		
9/19	Silverton	Silverton	6:30		
10/03	Groom	McLean	6:30		
10/24	Chillicothe	Samnorwood	7:00		

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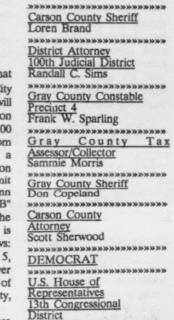
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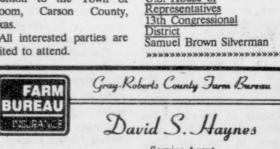
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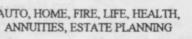
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Notice Of Public Hearing

Please take notice that the City Council for the City of Groom, Texas, will conduct a public hearing on September 10, 1996, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the Groom City Hall to consider a request from Jane Jackson for a Specific Use Permit for a bed and breakfast inn to be located in a "B" Residential District. The property in question is described legally as follows: All of Lots Nos. 4 and 5, Block No. 2, Culver Addition to the Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas. All interested parties are invited to attend.







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WHEAT PASTURE wanted for up to 4,000 head. Will pay \$3.00 per hundred. Call after 7 in evening. (806) 874-2613.

WANTED: Grass to lease on a year round basis. Phone 779-2044, Frank Worsham, Alanreed.

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The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov.5. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the run-off election in April if applicable or the final election in November. Carson County Tax Assessor/Collector Roslyn Watson Commissioner Precinct 1 Mike Britten

GARAGE SALE: Eastern, Groom. Saturday only, 8:30 am till ??

NURSES AID NEEDED for 6-2, 2-10 shifts. Starting CNA classes will train, no charge. \$5.15/hour, differential .75 for 2-10 Call Palo Duro shift. Nursing Home in Claude. 226-5121 ask fo Diane.

311 I WANT TO tear out your old fence. Call 248-7030, Groom.

> MULTI-FAMILY Garage Sat. 8am-4pm. Sale: Antiques, antique glassware, furniture, tools, upright freezer & lots of good stuff priced to sell. Downtown Lefors in front of Martindale Mini-Plaza.



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If You Ask Me And Nobody Did. . . . **Groom Needs Families**

By Donna Burion

O.K. We all know what Groom doesn't have. We don't have a hospital, a railroad, a lot of young people, or a lot of businesses beating down our door to come here. Our school system is our largest employer and it's in serious trouble. We are graduating more kids than we gain in Kindergarten. Our tax rates are almost maxed out. The state is long on mandates and short on funding. That's the bad news.

Here's the good news. We have a solid family structure. There are more lasting marriages and extended families to provide a firm home-life for our kids than broken homes. We have a great educational Most of our system. teachers have a vested interest in the community. If a group of kicls misses a step, someone we know is accountable. Our children

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have a well rounded education with the means to let them excel in just about any area they choose. We have a caring

supportive religious community. Differences are accepted, while common problems receive collective attention.

Business is handled differently. Success only goes as far as ones Community reputation. support is paramount in the life of all businesses, even those who rely greatly on tourist trade.

Groom has an absolutely devoted ambulance service. While the drawbacks of being at least 30 minutes away from medical care are apparent, the professionalism of the ambulance volunteers makes up for it except in the most extreme cases.

Law enforcement is tempered with common sense. Officials would much rather solve the problem than dish out penalties. Drugs, gangs and drive by shootings are not a part of our lives. Isolated cases are dealt with swiftly and are subject to great public scrutiny.

What we have is a 1950's state of mind in a world where trust is almost a thing of the past. All we need is some young families to continue this almost utopian life style.

We are not going to get them by offering them jobs. We are not going to get them by telling them they will get rich. We will get them by offering them an alternative to what Amarillo and Pampa have to offer.

The message has to get We all have to out. become salesmen for Groom. We have to show people that Groom is worth the drive. Panhandle and Claude are growing despite the migration away from small towns. We have to show prospective families that it's only another 15 minutes to Groom. And it's worth the drive.

on August 23 and 24. The format for this year's event was a two person partnership. The teams did a nine hole scramble and nine holes low ball each day. Fifteen teams participated and were divided into three flights.

The McLean Golf Players

Association held their

annual benefit tournament

two day totals The resulted in a tie for top

Fuller Elected President For '96 -'97 Year

Treasurer, Jonathan Bailey; Sentinel, Anthony Albus, and Reporter, Jessi Fish.

A few members are interested in going to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in November. There will be more discussion about this at a later date.

Ike Hanes Wins 1st Place In Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo

Ribbon Roping.

Calf Roping.

The event money winner

from McLean in the 15-18

age group for Friday night

was Shandon Stalls with a

first place win in Breakaway

Roping and 4th place in

in the 12-14 age group for

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The event money winner

from McLean in Bull Riding

in the 15-18 age group for

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2nd place in Ribbon Roping

in the 12-14 age group in

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The event buckle winner

also Shandon Stalls.

Hanes

place in Ribbon Roping.

The event money winner

The 20th Annual Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo was completed August 17 with a total of 183 contestants. These youth were in competition for a total of 3 saddles, one in each age group and 17 belt buckles which were awarded to the 1st place winners in the 9-11 and 12-14 age Saddle blankets groups. were given to the 2nd place winners in the 9-11 age group. Belt Conchoes were given to the 3rd place winners in the 9-11 age A total of 43 group. ribbons and 12 trophies were awarded to the top Pee Wee winners.

Reserve All-Around award buckles were given to the top contestant in all age groups. Ike Hanes from McLean was a buckle winner from the 12-14 age group.

The event money winner from McLean in the 12-14 age group for Friday night

Bill and Eva Terry and the team of Bob Martin and Don Basham both posted a score of 132. Clay Cooper and Jason Thomas took third place with a score of 138.

In the 2nd flight, first place went to Johnny and Sammy Don Haynes with a 144 and second place went to Bob and Andy Glass with a score of 146.

Annual Golf Benefit Tournament Held

In the 3rd flight Roy and Mary Richardson took first with a 159 and Flea Simpson and Sid Lands placed second with 161.

Other teams scores were: Monty Joiner and David Hall, 139; Bobby and Missie Richardson, 140; Kyle Woods and David Chronister, 141; Buck Lee and Casper Smith, 146; Darel Lee and Clyde Windom, 151; Milton Best and Jack Johnston, 155; Junior and Dorris Windom, 163; and Buddy Payne and Jesse Cooper, 169.

Quarterback. The position is a toss up between Junior Gary Bolton and Freshman "Ike had a Ike Hanes. really good game against Guthrie," said Coach Miller.

honors when the team of Other starters on offense will be senior Jason Hooper at left end and freshman Charlie Carter at right end., The position of center will be filled by 185 lb. freshman Brian Fuller and the running back slots being filled by junior Chris Flores and freshman Aaron Rice.

On defense senior Derek Glass and sophomore Sy Brown will play ends with the linebackers being played by Flores, Carter and Rice. Hooper will finish out the squad at safety.

"Freshman Brett Montgomery is pushing all the players pretty hard. He could take anyone's place. Freshman Chris Hauck looked good defensively also," stated Coach Miller. "Over all, I feel that we will make great improvements throughout the year, due to our youth. By the time district starts we could be a team to be reckoned with."

The McLean Tigers will scrimmage Lefors Friday night at 7:30 on their home turf, and the JV team will scrimmage Fort Elliott at 6:00 at home on Thursday. Get out and support the teams.

College Students To Be Announced

The McLean News will be publishing a list of McLean and area college students. Please contact us at 779-2141 so that names and colleges will be included.



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