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Bohlar Garage Burns To The Ground During Family BBQ

An enjoyable family barbecue at the home of Chet and Sally Bohlar suddenly turned into a shocking experience. On Wednesday, July 10 at about 7 p.m., their garage ignited and was totally destroyed. They are unsure whether the propane bottle leaked or whether the closeness of the barbecue to the structure caused the fire. They had stepped into their home when they heard a loud popping sound. The garage was quickly engulfed in flames. They called 911

immediately. Mrs. Bohlar said that the McLean fire department responded within fifteen minutes but the inferno only took about seven minutes to consume the garage. The garage was a total loss. Mr. Bohlar managed to salvage a pickup truck and one four-wheeler. Another four-wheeler, many tools, clothes and various belongings were destroyed. Doyle Lee, a McLean firefighter said that seven fire trucks responded and about sixteen fighters. They

were on the scene for about two hours. He also said that if anyone has questions about their propane bottles, the bottles can be checked at Cantrells in McLean. He cautions everyone saying,

"Be very careful. Even though we've had some rain, it's still very dry."

Chet and Sally maintain an optimistic and grateful attitude saying that they are glad that no one was hurt.



The Bohlar's were able to save their pick-up and a 4 wheeler that were in the garage when the flames started. Everything else was lost.

3rd Annual Music Festival To Be Held

The Third Annual Old Mobeetie, Texas Music Festival will be held July 26-28. The festival features Bluegrass, Western Swing, Country Western and Gospel music along with the weekedn schedule is Friday, 6 p.m. - midnight, Saturday,

10 a.m. - midnight, and Sunday, 9 a.m. - noon. Sunday's program will feature gospel music. Several fine groups will be featured including Star Canyon from San Angelo, Texas Country from Wickett, Buddy and Tina Wright of Lubbock, Triple L Bluegrass Band from Portales, New Mexico, Larry Ford Bluegrass Band of Leedey, Oklahoma, A Lot of Grass from the Texas Panhandle, Susie Country of Texola, Oklahoma. They are the opening act for David Frizzell and Box Car Willie. Also appearing are The Magic City Cowboys of Magic City. Some of the

band members were with the Bob Wills Band. Mary McDonald and A Touch of Grass are appearing. They are from Stonewall, Oklahoma. She was the 1998 Female Vocalist winner as awarded by the Traditional Music Association. The Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival is the primary fund raiser for the Old Mobeetie, Texas Museum Association who sponsors the festival. Proceeds from the festival will be used for museum activities as well as helping provide for the continuation of the music festival. The

See Festival, pg. 8



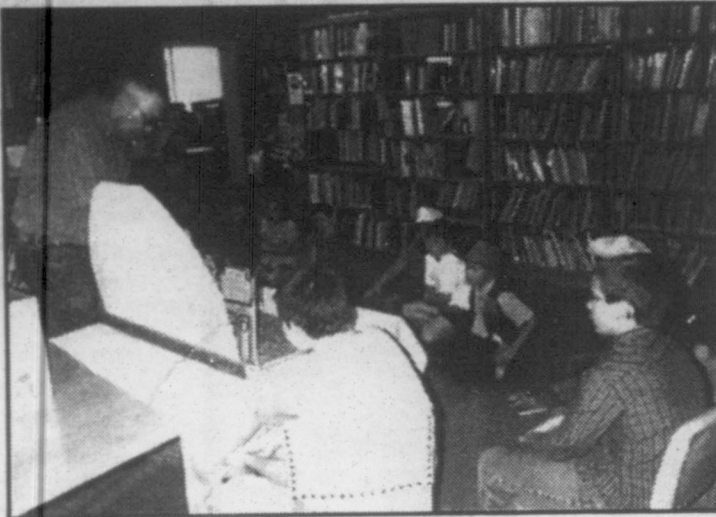
McLean Reminder

SUMMER READING
Program at the Library will begin July 15-Aug. 9.

IDENTITY THEFT
Seminar hosted by the Young At Heart Senior Citizens, McLean Home Health Agency, Inc. and The Better Business Bureau of Panhandle will be held July 23, at 12:00 noon followed by a free lunch at McLean Senior Citizens Center.

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

THE SENIOR
Citizens group is having a special meeting and meal on Tuesday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. The topic is "Senior Benefits" Bring a friend and a dish to share.



Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program in McLean got off to a great start on Monday, July 15 with about 15-20 children in attendance. Several parents were there, too! Delbert Trew gave an interesting presentation on the History of Transportation. He used toy-sized props and a homemade background of mountains, land and sky to illustrate the various modes of transportation throughout time. The earliest mode, of course, was walking. Another early mode of transportation was the use of animals like horses and mules. Man invented the wheel and used carts attached to the animals. As

man progressed, he used boats, trains, cars and airplanes. He challenged the youngsters thinking by asking them what types of transportation might be used in the future. One child said, "Rockets!" He also helped them understand that everything we do involves transportation in form or another. The children and parents were treated to delicious cookies and punch. The next special event is scheduled for July 29th with Bill Reeves making the presentation. A schedule of events can be obtained at the library.

Cookbook Committee Raises Nearly \$6,000

The Cookbook Committee raised \$5,998.50 through ads and selling cookbooks. The Committee paid off the printer of the cookbook and divided the remaining money between the two museums.

Many thanks to all the businesses that bought ads and to all who have purchased cookbooks.

The cookbooks will continue to be on sale at the two museums and at the Bank of Commerce.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to the ones that found me May 9 at twelve noon Meals on Wheels. You know who I mean. Thanks a million times over. I had laid on my back for 14 hours with night wind blowing across me. So thanks again for call 911 for me. Sorry this is so late and thanks to the McLean ambulance that responded to my calls so promptly. I am proud of you all.

Thanks again.
Ms. Vada Matthews

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the McLean Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at our home. We sincerely appreciate your efforts.

Chet and Sally Bohlar
and Family

Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.
—Will Durant

Festival

festival will be held on the Old Courthouse Square. This is the site of the Jail Museum in Old Mobeetie, Texas.

Camping sites will be available and reservations are being taken for campers and RVs with or without hookups. The Mobeetie Fire Department will provide a food concession including homemade ice cream. No alcohol or drugs will be permitted and dogs must be kept on a leash.

There will be a nightly picking and jamming session on the campgrounds and plenty of fun for all. For more information or reservations, call the museum at 806-845-2028 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Letters To The Editor

School Daze-

The Highland Park School in Amarillo has experienced a transgressive situation much as the one we had here at the McLean ISD. The primary difference being that the Amarillo school board took the bull by the horns, promptly dismissed an individual they felt was responsible and effected a considerable restitution. In McLean the matter languished for at least 6 months and no restitution was requested or effected. The local board should take note in the unhappy event we face a similar situation in the future. There has not been anything like closure to the McLean ISD problem.

Will reparations ever be received for 5 years of band instruments "loaned" to the Pampa ISD? Has any move been made to resolve the arrears at the school cafeteria? Has the investigation promised by the Texas Ranger been conducted, reported and results provided to this community? Apparently, we have embraced the "lets put all this behind us" way of operating rather than facing up to facts and then making corrections and moving forward. Forgiving and forgetting are two different words. Forgiving is easier.

The citizens of this community and taxpayers to the local ISD have not abrogated their rights to be informed when there is some question as to the disposition of assets common to the ISD.

Bill Reeves

DON'T FORGET!
McLean Basketball Camp, July 22-25, 8 am-12 noon. Call Andy Simpson for more information at 779-2301

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

July 18 - Jim Bible, Shandon Stalls, Dorinda Haynes, Janie Marie Jackson.

July 19 - Lee Erin Stubbs, Johnny Day, Jr., Troy and Jerry Corbin (A).

July 20 - Mrs. W.A. Davis.

July 21 - Thelma Holman, Melissa Krueger.

July 22 - Bill Holmes, Clyde Holman.

July 23 - Dan Fish, James Barker, Jeanie Williams, Sarah Cunningham, Gelemma Back.

July 24 - Edna Taylor, Judy Trew, Joe Webb, Jill Hardy, Judy Thornberry, Sue Marsh, Dennis and Linda Meador (A).

July 4 - Nicki Hefley.

Dear Editor,

If you have one of the new cookbooks from the museum and you have an urge to make cookies with graham crackers this will work better than that recipe on page 213.

Thanks,
Katy Graham

Boil 2 minutes:
1 cup brown sugar, 2 sticks margarine

Stir in:
1 cup chopped nuts

Place in large flat pan 3 dozen whole graham crackers. Four syrup mixture over crackers. Bake in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Cool. Break apart.

Master Naturalist Program Is Looking For Applicants

AUSTIN, Texas -- Seven chapters of the Texas Master Naturalist Program are accepting applications for volunteers to attend training this fall. The program has 18 Texas chapters in all and five more in the works and aims to develop a corps of well-informed citizen volunteers, who educate their communities about the management of natural resources.

The main qualification needed to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in

learning about and playing an active part in conservation. Volunteers will receive about 40 hours of training from topical specialists. Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions of Texas and natural systems management. Volunteers are expected to give 40 hours of service each year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects. They are also expected to pursue a minimum of eight hours of advanced training in areas in which they are interested.

The following locations/chapters have openings:


Wichita Falls - Rolling Plains Chapter. Application deadline is Aug. 16 and training starts mid-September. For more information, call 940-716-5580.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Cooperative Extension co-sponsor the Texas Master Naturalist Program statewide. For more information on training and other developing chapters contact Michelle Haggerty, Texas Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, 111 Nagle Hall, 2258 TAMUS, College Station, TX 77843-2258, or call 979-458-2034 or e-mail mhaggerty@wfsc.tamu.edu.

San Antonio -- Alamo Area Chapter. Application deadline is Aug. 1 and

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Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
Sunday Evening 7:00
Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
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2 Home Bible Studies

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

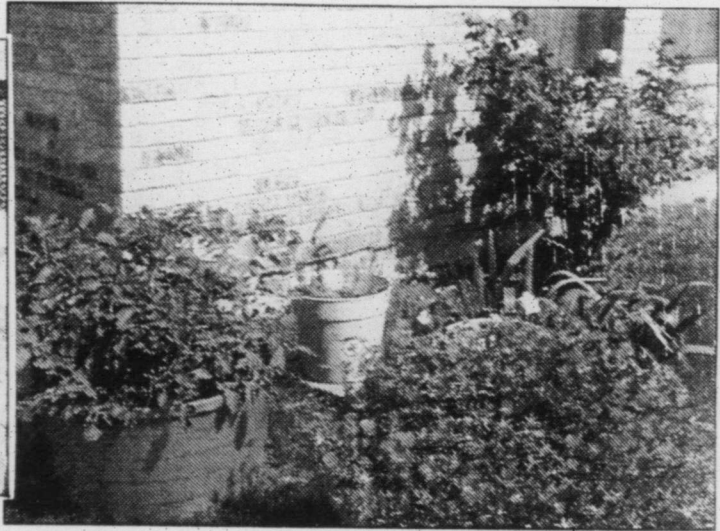
United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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

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Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

Care Center Residents Enjoy Weather



While the McLean Care Center has plenty of activities going on to keep residents busy, there is always time to stop and smell the roses or enjoy a little "porch swing" time. These lovely flowers provide a cheery accent to the surroundings. These residents enjoyed some of the lovely weather of late.

Industry Should Be Aware Of New TB Rules

AUSTIN June 10, 2002 Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today urged everyone in the Texas cattle industry to educate themselves about bovine tuberculosis and be aware of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's change in TB status for Texas cattle and bison.

Combs today urged everyone in the Texas cattle industry to educate themselves about bovine tuberculosis and be aware of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's change in TB status for Texas cattle and bison. Combs, an accredited veterinarian, "inspired accredited advanced."

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published the interim rule mandating the bovine tuberculosis downgrade and rules for moving breeding cattle and bison June 6 in the Federal Register, with an effective date of June 3. Comments will be taken until Aug. 5.

The announcement came after two herds of Texas cattle tested positive for cattle tuberculosis in Fayette and Pecos counties in 2001. According to the USDA's Code of Federal Regulations for tuberculosis, any state will lose its TB-free status when two infected herds are detected within a 48-month period. The new rule requires Texas breeding

cattle that are transported out of the state to test negative for TB and be officially identified.

"The animal health industry has dealt with tuberculosis in livestock for years," Combs said. "The Texas Animal Health Commission will continue to monitor the industry and work with the USDA until they have a new confidence that Texas cattle are TB-free. All that time has built up a reputation of TB-free status."

"In the meantime, now more than ever, we must be sure the appropriate authorities closely monitor all livestock coming into

Texas from TB areas," Combs said.

"At the rancher level, producers are extremely concerned that they will not be able to sell their cattle out of state. Texas cattle are known around the world for their quality, and anything that compromises their marketability is something we take very seriously," Combs said.

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UIL Studies Additional Activities

AUSTIN - Under the direction of the UIL Legislative Council Standing Committee on Policy, the UIL Staff will study the issue of adding an additional classification for UIL activities, and place the issue of adding water polo as a UIL sanctioned sport on the Fall Survey to be sent to schools across the state.

The issue of creating an additional conference was proposed by IA school officials, including a representative of the Six-Man Coaches Association. After hearing the presentations and discussing

the issue, the Policy Committee voted unanimously to have the UIL Staff study the issue and present their findings to the entire UIL Legislative Council in October. The study will include getting feedback from coaches and school officials, and the effects an additional classification would have on the UIL's biennial reclassification and realignment.

In other action, the Policy Committee voted to place the issue of adding water polo as a UIL sanctioned activity on the Fall Survey that will be sent to schools across the state in late August. The results of that survey will be presented to the full Legislative Council in October.

The Policy Committee also voted to reject the following items:

Adding bowling as a UIL sanctioned event.

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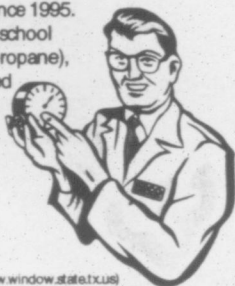
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For more information about the training program contact AFRED's lead automotive instructor, Franz Hofmann, at 512-463-8501.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and http://www.seco.state.tx.us/afred_mechanics.htm

Real Estate News For Consumers



FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD AFFECT STATES' RIGHTS TO PROTECT HOMESTEADS

WASHINGTON — This spring, a panel of U.S. House and Senate lawmakers reached a breakthrough compromise on a key sticking point in the passage of bankruptcy-reform legislation — what to do with the homestead exemption.

For countless Texans, the homestead exemption is a sacred thing. For more than 150 years, the state constitution has allowed homeowners to shield an unlimited amount of home equity from creditors in the event of personal bankruptcy.

Previous attempts in Congress to eliminate or curb states' rights to maintain their own homestead exemptions have failed.

But ever since Enron and other recent scandals involving publicly traded companies, lawmakers appear more eager to close financial and accounting loopholes.

The April 23 House and Senate agreement on bankruptcy-reform legislation curtails use of the homestead exemption. If passed, the federal legislation would supersede state law, capping the homestead exemption at \$125,000 for convicted felons, or persons with debts related to a violation of securities laws in the past 10 years.

The proposed legislation creates a two-year residency requirement to qualify for the unlimited exemption. This provision is designed to prevent debtors from relocating to a state like Texas, which has the homestead exemption, for the purpose of shielding their assets in an expensive home and then filing for bankruptcy.

The compromise bill would allow debtors to use the state's unlimited homestead exemption if they have lived in the state for two years before filing for bankruptcy. Texas and Florida are two of several states that have homestead exemptions in place.

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was among those in Congress who continued to oppose a homestead cap. "I just think it's a matter that should be left up to the states," Hutchison said.

Historically, the 50,000-plus member Texas Association of Realtors also has opposed any homestead cap.

"For Texans, protection of the family home is paramount," said Mary Frances Burleson, chairman, Texas Association of Realtors.

The spring 2002 compromise on the homestead-exemption issue brought the legislation one step closer to passage — something that seemed unlikely just six months before. In an election year, bankruptcy reform had little support from politicians who had no desire to hurt debt-strapped voters and help prosperous credit card companies in seizing debtor assets under bankruptcy.

Burleson said that although the congressional compromise seems reasonable, the homestead cap could pose problems for honest people who move to Texas on a job transfer, purchase a home, and then fall on hard economic times through no fault of their own.

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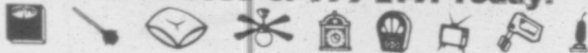
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City Wide Garage Sale

2 FAMILY Garage Sale, 307 Wilkerson, 8:00 am, lots of goodies & clothes.

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Political Calendar
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DEMOCRAT
For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Bill Hinson
For Carson County Treasurer
Jeanne Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN
For Carson County Judge
Lewis Powers

For Gray County Clerk
Susan Windom

For Gray County Commissioner
James Hefley

For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals
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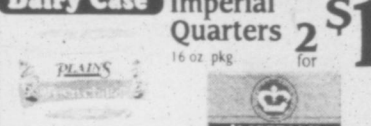
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8 OZ PKG

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12 PACK

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8.4 OZ PKG

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Thursday, July 18, 2002

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Community Calendar

ANYONE interested in joining a team for the Relay for Life Cancer Walk to be held in Panhandle on Aug. 9 call Kathleen Barkley at 248-7070.

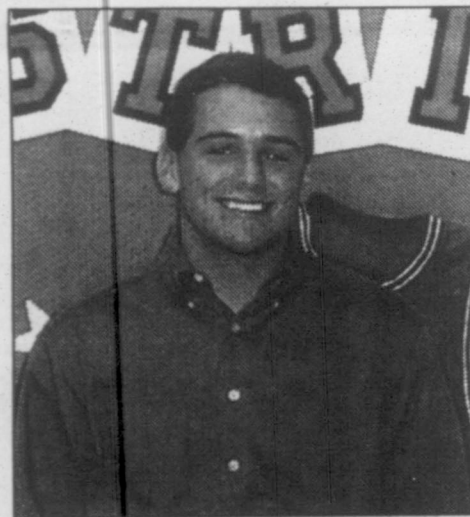
ATTENTION 2002 SENIORS: Your athletic Letters are in. Please pick them up at the Groom ISD Business Office.

FIRST BAPTIST Church will hold it's annual Vacation Bible School beginning on July 21-25, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. See the ad in this weeks paper for more details.

WANTED! Any info on a Downtown Bible Study Class that was held in the late 40's conducted by Clyde Cruise in a building near the Old Theater. Please contact Virginia Jones at 248-7045 with anything you know about this group.

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3 Local Athletes To Compete In All-Star Games In Lubbock

Three of Grooms star athletes have been invited to play in the Six-Man All Star games this summer.

Candace Bohr and Krisanne Davis have been selected to play for the North team in Basketball on July 19th in Lubbock at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University at 7:00 p.m.

Candace and Krisanne both graduated from Groom High School in May. Candace is the

daughter of Rodney and Michlele Bohr. Krisanne is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Davis.

Clay, a sophomore at Groom High School last year will play in the All-Star Football game on July 20 at 7:30 pm at Lowry Field in Lubbock. He is the son of Greg and Belinda Britten.

Congratulation to these athletes on this wonderful honor and thank you for representing Groom High School so well.

Contacts For Groom Day Events

Raffles: Karen Brown 248-7210

Ranch Rodeo: Lonny Brown 248-7310

3 on 3 Basketball: Toby Tucker 248-8629

Tennis: Shirley Fields 248-7435

T-Shirts: Points West 248-7363

Parade: Dondra Downs 248-7940

Softball: Josh Crooks & Russell Lewellen 248-7016

Volleyball: Pam Ashford 248-7347

Museum: Shirley A. Fields 248-7973 or Karen Brown 248-7210

Horseshoe Contest: Justin McGee

Water Volleyball: Skye Brown 248-7103

Worklist & Food Preparation For Groom Day

Potato Salad - First Baptist Church & Alpha Mu Xi

Beans - Christian Mothers

Coleslaw - Methodist Women

Onions & Pickles - Church of Christ

Apricots - Sharlene Lewis

Sign Making
 July 22, 6:00pm At Groom School

Wood Gathering
 July 25, 7:00pm
 Meet at Johnny Brooks Shop

Call the News at 248-7333 to add your class reunion, family reunion or other activities to the list!

Board Approves Handbook, Appraisal District Budget

The Groom Independent School District Board of Trustees met for their regular July meeting on July 11, 2002. Present were Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Denny Babcock, Ron Kuehler, Mike Friemel and Tony Britten, all members of the board; Superintendent Kevin Noack and Coach Toby Tucker. Board member Tony Treadwell was absent.

Minutes of the June 13th meeting were approved.

Coach Toby Tucker discussed the summer program with the members

A refund to Valor Communications was

approved in the amount of \$522.05.

The 2002-2003 budget for the Carson County Appraisal District was approved.

The Groom ISD handbook was approved with only minor changes. All policies remained essentially the same as last year.

Mr. Noack presented a list of text books for the Boards approval.

A list of checks for was presented.

No action was taken on new teacher contracts and their were not resignations or reassignments.

The Board adjourned with no further business.

City To Raise Water Usage Limits For Drought Conditions

Groom City Council met Monday night for their regular July meeting.

Present were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Don Case, Chris Welch, Ellis Stapp, and W.H. Ollinger. Forrest McLaughlin was absent.

Also present was Joe David Brown representing GEDC; Donna Burton, animal control officer; and Mary Sue Lyles,

City Secretary.

Joe David Brown lead a discussion concerning the property located at 7th and Martin Street. He informed the council that the EDC board was re-possessing the property. He stated that it would be cleaned up and that the deed would be returned to them, shortly. He went on to

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Our heartfelt thanks to all of our churches, friends 7 neighbors for the cards, food & prayers.

The Royce & Lillian Brown Family

WE SAW...

A whole lot of lawn mowing going on. I, personally, am waiting for the snow to smash mine down.

Pond Tour To Be Held In Pampa

The 5th Annual Garden and Pond Tour of Pampa will be held Saturday, July 20. This year's tour will feature 15 homes and two commercial entries that can be visited during the daytime. An added Twilight Tour has been added as a new feature of this year's tour. Visitors will be able to view eight yards under the start. The Daylight Tour will be from 11 am-5pm and the Twilight Tour from 8:30pm - 11pm.

Sponsored by the Las Pampas KOI and Watergarden Society, the tour offers visitors the opportunity to view yards landscaped with beautiful flower gardens, trees, shrubs, watergardens and ponds containing many varieties of water plants, water features, a great collection of domestic and Japanese KOI and several species of gold fish. Admission is \$5.00 per person with children under 16 admitted free.

For additions information contact the pampa Chamber of commerce at 806-669-3241 or Loyd Waters at 806-665-6466 in the evenings.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 18 - Sybil Brown, R.J. Kuehler, Mrs. Tom Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Koetting (A).

July 19 - Ellen Gray, Bonnie Peters.

July 20 - Trey Daniel Britten, Melanie Renee Friemel, Lainie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashford (A).

July 21 - Randy Sustaire, Harris Howard, Steven Hutsell, Russell Lewellen, Allie & Norris Hoyt (A).

July 22 - Tony Rocha, Kenneth Black, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bivens (A).

July 23 - Darcee Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Q. Rose (A).

July 24 - Betty Treadwell, Donald Britten, Tammy and Mark Bivens (A).

It's a Girl

Matt and Aimee Fields are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Laurel Raegan Fields, born June 19, 2002 at 7:00. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Keith and Shirley Fields of Groom and Danny and Donna Francis of Silverton. Great grandparents are Shirley A. Fields of Groom, Ed

& Juanita Vincent of Lefors, and Denny and Johnnie Quisenberry of Lockney.

This beautiful baby girl is also blessed with Great-Great Grandparents E.A. Bonner of Lockney and Ursel and Garnie Taylor of Lockney.

Groom Church Directory

Groom Church of Christ 101 Newcome
 Delton McGuire, Minister
 248-7271
 Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Class, Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Class, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



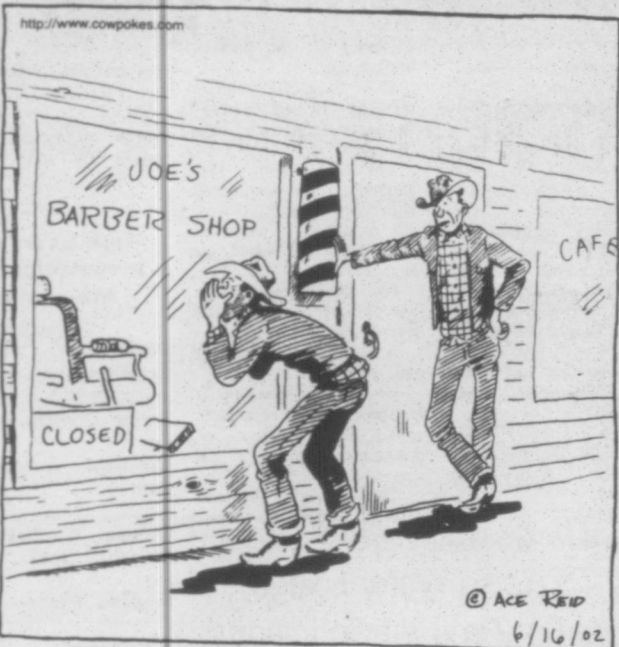
Irina Michele Welcomed To Britten Family

Connie Britten, of 8, 1998 in Kaluga, Plano, Texas lovingly announces the adoption of Irina Michele Britten on March 29, 2002. Irina was born on June 8, 1998 in Kaluga, Russia. The proud grandparents are Tom and Doris Britten of Groom.

The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.
 -G.K. Chesterton

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Family Celebration Comes Home To Groom



By Marilyn Thompson
Doug and Marilyn Thompson had a "family celebration" on Saturday, July 6th, 2002 at the home of Martin Hermesmeier. Many years have past since the "family" were together in their hometown of Groom, Texas. Everyone enjoyed the sharing of memories, hugs, and

giggles late into the night, good food and the bright flashes from all the cameras.

The "family" included: Doug and Marilyn Thompson of Pampa, Texas; John Quirk of Fritch, Texas; Steve and Denise (Quirk) Rode of Port Neches, Texas; Randy and City Quirk of Sunray, Texas and two

of their three children, Keith and Erick Quirk; Doug and Janet (Quirk) Carey of West Jordan, Utah and their children, Michael Carey of Austin, Texas and Matthew Carey of Laramie, Wyoming; Tim and Charlotte (Quirk) Coleman of Magnolia, Texas and one of their two children, Chad Coleman, Gary and Rhonda (Thompson) Lord of Aurora, Colorado.

Here are some other family and friends from Groom that were a part of the celebration: Martin Hermesmeier, Robert (Bob) Hermesmeier, Ray and Alice Britten, W.H. and Evelyn Ollinger, Sharon (Jones) Britten, Gerald and Dani Hermesmeier of

Amarillo, Texas also celebrated with the family.

Unfortunately there were family members that were not able to make the trip. Although they were not able to be with us in person, they were kept alive in our hearts. Denise Rode's children and grandchildren: Taisha Hiles and her daughter Alexia Chavez of Nederland, Texas; Christopher Hiles and his son, Clayton Hiles of Baytown, Texas; Randy and Cindy Quirk's oldest son, Joshua who is

currently in the Air Force assigned to San Antonio, Texas; Tim and Charlotte Coleman's youngest son, Todd who is currently in the US Navy and assigned to Great Lakes, Chicago; Gary and Rhonda Lord's

two sons, Derek and Justin of Aurora, Colorado; Brice and Lynn (Thompson) Cochran and their two children, Shelby and Clay of Windsor, Colorado.

A SPECIAL thanks to Martin Hermesmeier for opening and "surrendering" his home to all of us. His generosity will be cherished by each of us and we appreciate the kindness given to us during our stay.

Denise, Randy, Janet, Charlotte, Lynn and Rhonda have a special message for our parents: As time and distance make its mark, our love for you and one another will always be deep within our hearts. The memories were gathered and will be kept alive in our hearts forevermore. We love you!

Barkley - Cockrell Exchange Vows

Kristi Barkley & Dennis Cockrell were united in marriage on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at the First Baptist Church.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barkley. Parents of the Groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams of Claude and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cockrell of Conway.

LaDonna Cortez, sister of the bride served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Tammy Hatfield, Kira Broadway, Jennifer Jenkins, and Barbie Bowen.

Attending the groom were Best Man Josh Robinson, and Groomsmen Todd Gray, Tony Homer, Lee Corcen and Rusty of Claude.

Ring Bearers were Raymond Wesley Holsey, Jr. and Matthew Bowen.

Flower Girls were Avery Hatfield and Chylene Cockrell. Candlelighters for the ceremony were Richard Barkley and Kandra Gaines.

Guests were seated by Ushers Trenton Gaines, Mike Cockrell, Todd Cockrell, Todd Hatfield and David Cockrell.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Legion Hall. Serving the Bride's table was Kecia mays & Alicia Holsay. Serving the Groom's table was Alta Cockrell and Scooter Cockrell.

The three tier heart shaped wedding cake was made by Melanie Britten of Groom. The Groom's cake was made by Alta Cockrell of Groom.

The couple will make their home in Conway.

WE SAW
Kathleen Barkley working to get teams together for the Cancer walk. Survivors and family members of survivors are invited to join.

ATTENTION ATHLETES

You will soon receive a letter and information concerning athletic physical for grades 6-12.

Every student who wants to compete in any kind of school athletics must have a physical before they can participate. The School will provide a bus leaving at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 26, to travel to Amarillo to the office of Dr. Bjork. YOU MUST bring the form you receive in the mail, signed by your parent or guardian.

Any questions may be directed to Coach Toby Tucker at 248-8629.

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of their three children, Keith and Erick Quirk. Doug and Janet (Quirk) Carey of West Jordan, Utah and their children, Michael Carey of Austin, Texas and Matthew Carey of Laramie, Wyoming. Tim and Charlotte (Quirk) Coleman of Magnolia, Texas and one of their two children, Chad Coleman. Gary and Rhonda (Thompson) Lord of Aurora, Colorado.

Here are some other family and friends from Groom that were a part of the celebration: Martn Hermesmeyer, Robert (Bob) Hermesmeyer, Ray and Alice Britten, W.H. and Evelyn Ollinger, Sharon (Jones) Britten, Gerald and Dani Hermesmeyer of

Amarillo, Texas also celebrated with the family.

Unfortunately there were family members that were not able to make the trip. Although they were not able to be with us in person, they were kept alive in our hearts. Denise Rode's children and grandchildren: Taisha Hiles and her daughter Alexia Chavez of Nederland, Texas. Christopher Hiles and his son, Clayton Hiles of Baytown, Texas. Randy and Cindy Quirk's oldest son, Joshua who is

currently in the Air Force assigned to San Antonio, Texas. Tim and Charlotte Coleman's youngest son, Todd who is currently in the US Navy and assigned to Great lakes, Chicago, Gary and Rhonda Lord's

two sons, Derek and Justin of Aurora, Colorado. Brice and Lynn (Thompson) Cochran and their two children, Shelby and Clay of Windsor, Colorado.

A SPECIAL thanks to Martin Hermesmeyer for opening and "surrendering" his home to all of us. His generosity will be cherished by each of us and we appreciate the kindness given to us during our stay.

Denise, Randy, Janet, Charlotte, Lynn and Rhonda have a special message for our parents: As time and distance make its mark, our love for you and one another will always be deep within our hearts. The memories were gathered and will be kept alive in our hearts forevermore. We love you!

Barkley - Cockrell Exchange Vows

Kristi Barkley & Dennis Cockrell were united in marriage on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at the First Baptist Church.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barkley. Parents of the Groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams of Claude and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cockrell of Conway. LaDonna Cortez, sister of the bride served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Tammy Hatfield, Kira Broadway, Jennifer Jenkins and Barbie Bowen.

Attending the groom were Best Man Josh Robinson, and Groomsmen Todd Gray, Tony Homer, Lee Coren and Rusty of Claude.

Ring Bearers were Raymond Wesley Holsley, Jr. and Matthew Bowen.

Flower Girls were Avery Hatfield and Chylene Cockrell. Candlelighters for the ceremony were Richard Barkley and Kandra Gaines.

Guests were seated by Ushers Trenton Gaines, Mike Cockrell, Todd Cockrell, Bo Hatfield and David Cockrell.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Legion Hall. Serving the Bride's table was Kecia mays & Alicia Holsay. Serving the Groom's table was Alta Cockrell and Scooter Cockrell.

The three tier heart shaped wedding cake was made by Melanie Britten of Groom. The Groom's cake was made by Alta Cockrell of Groom.

The couple will make their home in Conway.

WE SAW...

Kathleen Barkley working to get teams together for the Cancer walk. Survivors and family members of survivors are invited to join.

ATTENTION ATHLETES

You will soon receive a letter and information concerning athletic physical for grades 6-12.

Every student who wants to compete in any kind of school athletics must have a physical before they can participate. The School will provide a bus, leaving at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 26 to travel to Amarillo to the office of Dr. Bjork. YOU MUST bring the form you receive in the mail, signed by your parent or guardian.

Any questions may be directed to Coach Toby Tucker at 248-8629.

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Our sincerest thanks to the Groom and Clarendon Ambulance departments for responding to my Dad's call for help. Thank you for your kindness and your gentle care. Sorry the dog wanted to eat you! We will have to work on that!

The AJ Alward Family

Attention Groom Property Owners!

In conjunction with Groom's 100th Birthday, The Mayor and City Council strongly encourage everyone to clean up and mow their yards and vacant lots.

Trash, tall weeds and junk vehicles are a violation of city ordinances!

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Campers Enjoy Summer Basketball Programs



Morgan Britten, Tyler Bohr, Brody Britten, Britten, Brett Friemel, Barkley, Tanner Case, Michaela Roskins, Tyler Babcock, Katie Caley, Barnard, Cara Case, Shane King, Lana Lane Thompson, Ben Barnard, Ma'cee Rocha, King, Trevor Friemel, Thompson, and Myles Bekah, Roskins, Hali Cady, Wilson, Korri Friemel.

Twenty-two campers attended the Groom Athletic Camp last week, July 8-12.

The campers had a lot of fun and learned some new skills while honing others. The event was sponsored by Toby Tucker, Groom's new girls basketball coach.

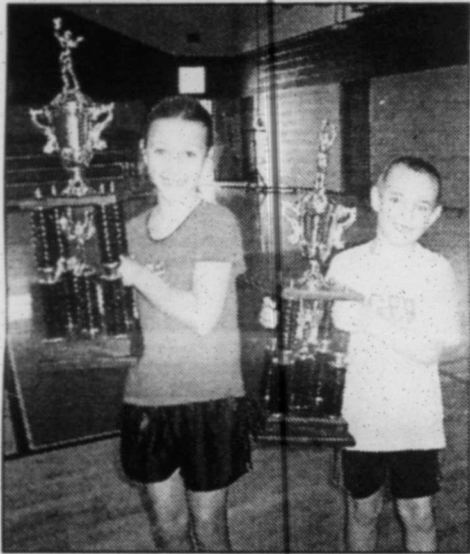
"These kids did a great job," he said. "They learned a lot of fundamentals and played a lot of basketball. They did a super job of battling the summer heat. I was very proud of them all."

The campers competed at the end of the week for several honors. In grades 1-4, the Musical Dribbling Champion was Bekah Roskins. Brody Britten and Hali Bohr earned top honors in the Free Throw Competition. Brody won in the boys division and made 8 in a row. Hali won in the girls division and made 10 in a row.

In grades 4-8, Tyler Case and Cady Wilson were named Free Throw Champions. Tyler hit 3 in a row. Cady sank 4 in a row. "Best Attitude Honors" went to Brett Friemel and Katie Lane Thompson.

The campers earned a T-Shirt and had a great time.

Attending the camp were Chase King,



Attention Groom Residents

The City of Groom Animal Control Officer is Donna Burton. Her phone number is 248-7453 or you may call City Hall at 248-7929 to get a message to her.

If you have a complaint about a dog problem, do not call the sheriff's department. They cannot enforce city ordinances. The only time they should be called is if any animal bites a person. In that instance one should notify both the sheriff's department and Groom Animal Control.

Pet owners are reminded that Groom has leash laws. Dogs can be picked up or a ticket issued. The fines are serious and can be avoided by being a responsible pet owner. Dogs are not allowed to run loose day or night and should be under the owners control at all times. Animal in the back of a pick-up are not under control if they wander around.

Please, remind those visiting you this summer about our laws, too. That way their stay will be pleasant for all.

By order of the Groom City Council

EDUCATORS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, September 23rd is Educators Night at Barnes & Noble Book Store. Exciting guest speakers, special discounts, teaching aids and give-aways are just part of the plans for the event. This will be open to all K-12 teachers including public, private and homeschooling classrooms.

Contact Katherine Moore, Community Relations Manager for more information at 248-7929.

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Great Grandson of Groom Residents Dies In Accident

Zachary Micheal Vasquez, (Bubba), age 10 passed away Saturday, July 6, 2002 after suffering fatal injuries from a 4 wheeler accident. He was born on April 1, 1992.

Zachary attended Spring Hill Elementary school. Zachary was an avid baseball player. The Volcanoes were the most recent team he was playing form but the Cardinals were always his favorite. He loved the Texas Rangers, Texas Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys. His dream was to become a pitcher for the Texas Longhorn Baseball Team.

Zachary is survived by his mother and step-father, Jill and Shane Hodgson; father and step-mother, Micheal and Tina Vasquez; sister Kalli Vasquez; step brother, Tyler Hodgson; grandparents, Carla and Jeff Reed and Larry and Vicki Lamberson of Amarillo, Mary and Juan Vasquez, Melvin and Nancy Lindsey and Lillian Hodgson.

Great-grandparents are Ernest and Shirley Lamberson and Earl and Yvonne Barker of Groom and Emma Maude Lindsay and Manuela Mayo.

Zachary is also survived by numerous

Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, teammates and friends. He was loved and will be missed by all that knew him.

Services were held on July 8. Interment was in the Cook-Walden Cemetery in Pflugerville.

City

say that Groom Economic Development Corporation would be discussing the possibility of suspending the home buyers assistance program for a time and tightening standards on the land grant program.

Donna Burton, Animal Control Officer was on hand to discuss an ongoing animal control situation with the Groom City Council. A letter was received from the Sheriff's Department concerning the situation. Burton reported current actions and responses to the Council concerning this matter.

A discussion was held concerning the need to change the Drought Contingency Plan when the new well comes on line. The plan will reflect a higher daily usage figure for Groom residences. Thus eliminating the need for water rationing except for extreme circumstances and weather conditions.

A discussion was held concerning the possible sale of the Old Clinic Building. The city has had some inquiries about the building. By law, any surplus property must be sold by sealed bid.

There are currently 3 tenets in the building. The city secretary will be in contact with the city's attorney to discuss a way to word the proposal to allow tenants a chance to move should any of the bids be acceptable.

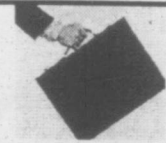
Discussion was also held concerning some other city surplus equipment that will be offered for bids.

A bill in the amount of \$67.89 owed by Rudy Rodriquez will be taken off the books. Should he return to Groom, the bill will have to be paid before new service will be allowed.

Minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

A discussion was held concerning payment of the new well upon completion. The financial statement was approved and bills approved for payment.

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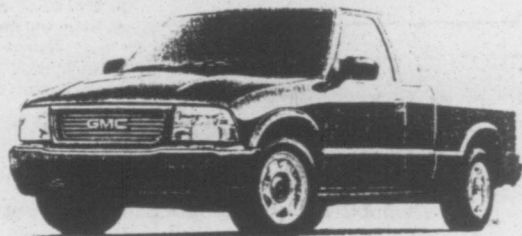
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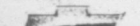
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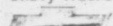
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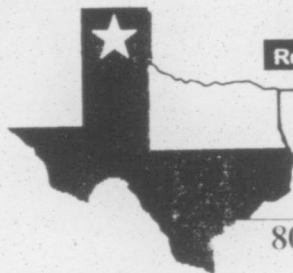
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CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 5 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the

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Arrested this week were:

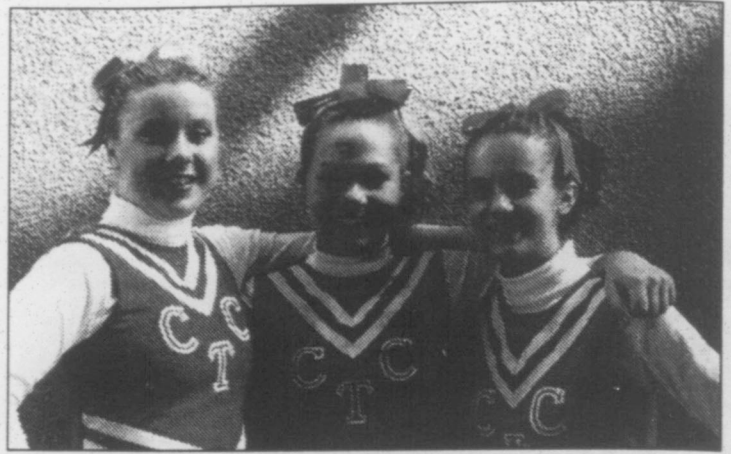
Shane Hill, 35, of Fitzgerald, GA. Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Charlie Lon Jr., 33, of Pampa, TX. Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Debbie Mojica, 44, of Pampa, TX. Traffic Warrants - DPS.

Jerry Ingram, 30, Sentinel, OK. Burglary of a Habitation.

San Martinez, 39, White Deer, TX. Theft - Potter County.



Local Girls Attend ADC Finals

The 2002 ASC Summer National Finals were a fun filled weekend of cheerleading and dance in beautiful South Padre Island,

A team of 15 girls from Cheer Texas Amarillo including Ashley Jackson, Caren Howard and Karla Howard from Groom, competed in the Championship event.

It was hard work and fun for all, with the girls winning their Senior Prep division with Cheer Team Competition on Friday.

The beach was awesome and the facility, South Padre Island Convention Center could not have been nicer. Across from the Convention Center at the

Hehia Mar, everyone attended the annual beach blast with a D.J., dancing, swimming, beach volleyball and lots of camaraderie.

The next day's competition was intense but they went on to triumph and win the Grand National Championship on Saturday.

The girls said all the pulled muscles and sore backs were worth it. "Can't wait till next year!"

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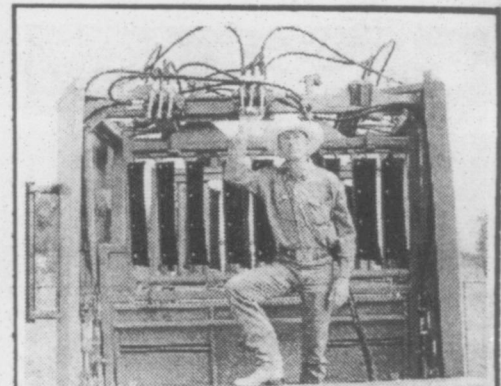
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We Saw...

An "angel" mowing the grass and weeds down behind the news office.

Lots irritated computer users when the power kept going off on Monday!

Irma Rutherford being squired around by her daughter, who was visiting.

Community Calendar

GROOM DAY T-Shirts will be in on Friday at Points West. Shop early for the best selection of sizes.

DON'T FORGET to bring your Family Museum items to the Community Center on Friday from 2-4 pm.

DON'T FORGET to enter the parade by calling Dondra Downs at 248-7940.

CLASS TO HOLD REUNION

The class of 1967 is having a reunion at the home of Kyle and Veretta Black on August 2nd. Visitors are welcome! For information contact Mayor Joe Homer or former Mayor Jimmy Britten.

Monday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

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Groom Day To Sponsor Family, Business, & Club Museum

Something new at Groom Day this year will be a Historical Museum. Shirley A. Fields is heading up the organization of the event.

"We are hoping every family, every church every club, and every business will be represented in this event," she stated.

A brief historical account of your family, business, club or church, memorabilia, pictures and other items are what the Committee is hoping to get. Memorabilia might include your grandmother's pitcher and bowl set, an old quilt, a handmade rocking chair or other items.

Your family history might include who first came to the Groom Area and where they came from, what nationality they were, early memories they shared.

Some families will make a poster display, while others are just going to write their family history.

Business and Clubs can

be done the same way. Old minutes of club meetings, receipts for early purchases, advertisements, pictures or signs are a great way to show where the economy and interests of Groom citizens has come from.

In addition to these displays, Mrs. Fields will be trying to compile lists of many of Groom's past key people and places. Such as a list of all the beauty operators and all of the barbers over the years, city secretaries and employees, all the restaurants, etc. Everyone will be encouraged to add anyone to the list that you can remember.

Mrs. Fields would like everyone to bring their display to the Community Center on Friday, Aug. 2 between 2 and 4 p.m. She also assures those who display items that at least 3 people will be on hand all during Groom Day to insure that their displays will be safe.

If you would like more



information please call Shirley A. Fields at 248-7973.

Another event for Groom Day in honor of it's 100th Birthday will be a wonderful birthday celebration in the park.

"This will be a great time for reunions and visiting!" said coordinator Karen Brown. "We will have cake and ice

cream."

The cakes will have pictures of historical sites in Groom on them. So come early to see them before they are cut!

The highlight of Friday night events will be the Fireworks display and entertainment. Everyone is asked to come to the

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Contacts For Groom Day Events

Raffles: Karen Brown 248-7210

Ranch Rodeo: Lonny Brown 248-7310

3 on 3 Basketball: Seth Ritter @ 248-7100 or Corkey Hickey @ 248-7442

Tennis: Shirley Fields 248-7435

T-Shirts: Points West 248-7363

Parade: Dondra Downs 248-7940

Softball: Josh Crooks & Russell Lewellen 248-7016

Volleyball: Pam Ashford 248-7347

Museum: Shirley A. Fields 248-7973 or Karen Brown 248-7210

Horseshoe Contest: Justin McGee

Water Volleyball: Skye Brown 248-7103

Worklist & Food Preparation For Groom Day

Potato Salad - First Baptist Church & Alpha Mu Xi

Beans - Christian Mothers

Coleslaw - Methodist Women

Onions & Pickles - Church of Christ

Apricots - Sharlene Lewis

Sign Making
July 22, 6:00pm At Groom School

Wood Gathering
July 25, 7:00pm
Meet at Johnny Brooks Shop

Call the News at 248-7333 to add your class reunion, family reunion or other activities to the list!

Clay Ritter Competes As Six Man Football All Star

Clay Ritter, recently graduated senior, represented Groom High School in the state Six Man Football All Star game over the weekend in Frenship.

Ritter was a stand out among the Groom Tigers and was named All State Linebacker and 2nd team All State Offensive End

Carson County Court Approves Roof Repairs

The Carson County Commissioners met on July 22 with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell. Mike Britten was absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

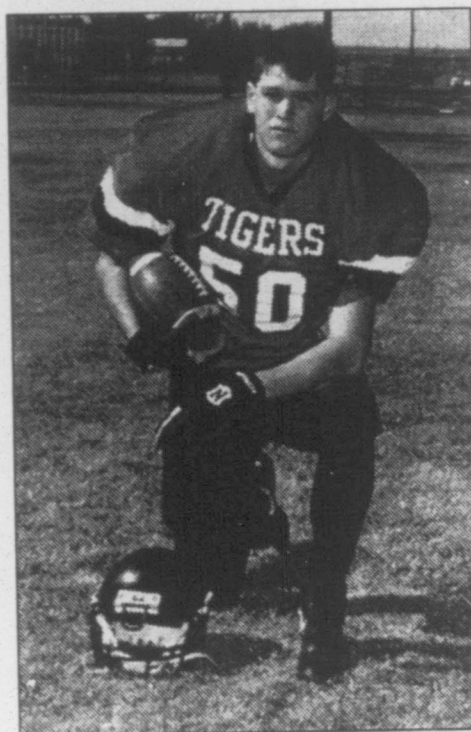
Judge Powers discussed

at the end of play-off season in 2001. He is the son of Sharon Britten and Troy Ritter, both of Groom.

Ritter played for the West team as an offensive end and was their kick-off man. The West team handily beat the East, 32-14.

roof repair contracts with the court. The replacement contract with North Line Construction Inc. and Construction Services were submitted. He stated that the county will have to pay around \$10,000 to modify the courthouse roof before the repairs can properly be made, due to the allotment on the claim

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Local Happenings

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell were in Lubbock to be with their daughter, Glynda Eschle as she had surgery at Covenant Lakeside Hospital.

Museum

football field around "dark thirty" for the event. Fireworks are very expensive to put on and anyone wishing may donate to the show through any Groom Day committee person or by dropping a check in the mail to the Groom Day Committee.

Another new addition to the Groom Day Raffle is the addition of a second prize. A beautiful red and black afghan has been handmade by Portia Harden Thurman especially to mark the 100th birthday of Groom. Thurman is a former Groom resident that now lives in Amarillo.

So don't forget your raffle tickets, you will have two chances to win! Next week the News will have a more complete list of all the activities and where they will be held. So get out and help the committee get ready for Groom Day! All help is appreciated.

Card of Thanks

Our heart felt thanks to all our churches, friends & neighbors for the cards, food & prayers.

The Royce & Lillian Brown Family

OOPS I DID IT AGAIN

My sincerest and heartfelt apologies to Clay Ritter and Family. I am so sorry that I misunderstood my instructions and mixed you up with someone else. I also apologize to our readers for the mistake and those who have been so offended by it.

I cannot promise that it won't happen again but I will do my best to at least keep my Clays straight!

Donna Burton

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 25 - Earl J. Britten, Tyler Case, Mary Rose, Monte Ray Schaffer.

July 26 - Marie Bohr.

July 27 - Phillip England, Laura Kuehler, Jesse McMullen.

July 28 - Lanna Brown, Bobby E. Pool, C.W. Fraser, Caren Rena Howard.

July 29 - Bruce Britten, Wyatt Anthony Britten.

July 30 - Julie Lyles, Randall Patterson, Brody Matthew Britten.

July 31 - Melody Burton Simpson, Mike Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Stephens (A).

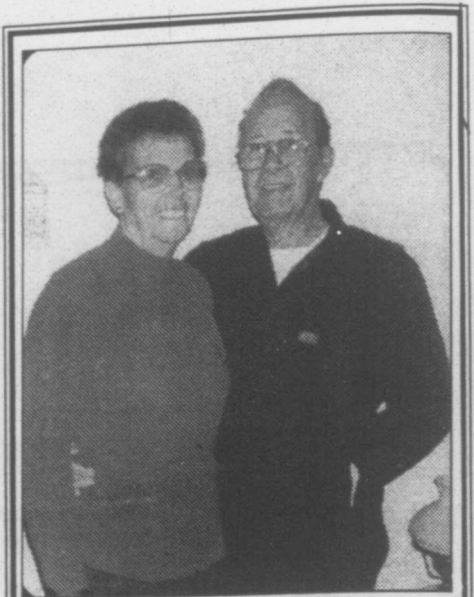
Children's Health Fruit And Veggies Online

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HUNT FLAT ROCKS

Beginning Sat. Morning
Collect Cash Prizes 3:00 to 4:00
At the park on Saturday
See Kay Britten

**HORSE SHOE
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Friday, Aug. 2, 8:00 pm
West of Legion Hall
\$10 Team, Double Elimination
Winner takes all!
Show up & enter
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1:15 Saturday, August 3
in front of gym

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**WATER
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In the Swimming Pool
1:00 Sat. Aug 3
Show Up and Join A Team!

**GROOM DAY
DANCE**

Legion Hall
9:00 pm to 1:00 am Aug 3
No School Children Admitted Without Parent
\$5.00 Per Person
Raffle Drawings 10:00 p.m.

TEEN DANCE

Tennis Courts 9:00 - 12:00 pm
2002-03 School Year
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Contact Pam Ashford at 248-7347

GROOM DAY T-SHIRTS

Contact Points West at 248-7363
Youth to Adult Sizes
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CHILDREN'S TRACK MEET

6:00 on the track at School

TENNIS TOURNEY

Wed. July 31, 5:00 pm
5th - 8th Grade
\$1 entry - Singles & Doubles
Thurs Aug. 1, 5:00 pm
High School & Adults
Singles & Doubles
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Contact Shirley Fields - 248-7435

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

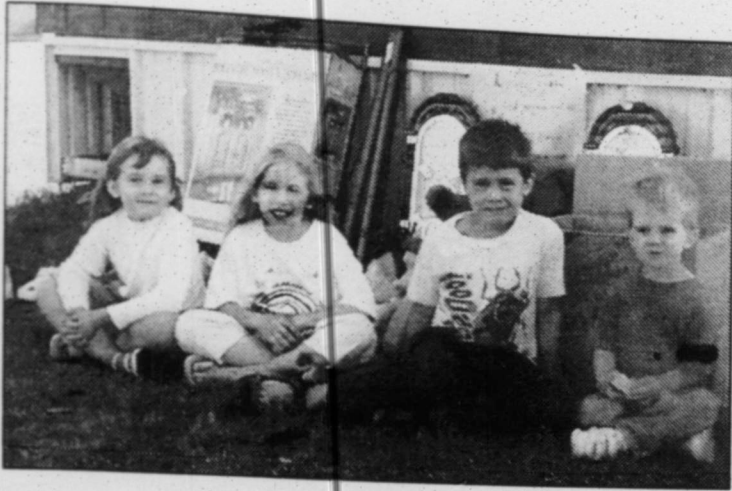
- 6:00 pm: Organizations meet at the school cafeteria to peel potatoes and chop onions.
- 5:00 pm: **TENNIS** - High School & Adults - Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles. \$2.00 Entry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

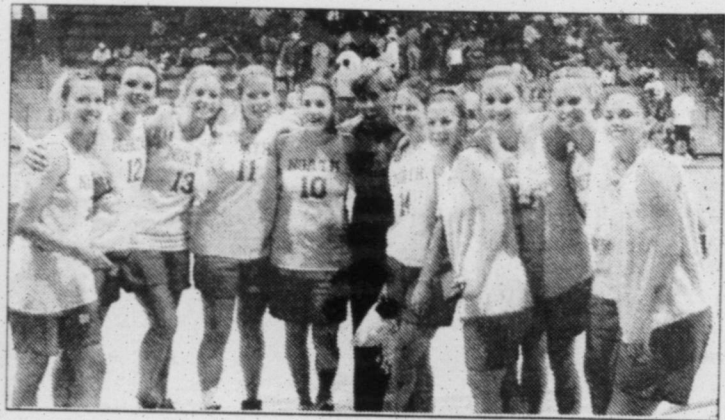
- 3:00 pm: Everyone help decorate grounds of school & park for celebration & put up tents
- 5:00 pm: **SOFTBALL TOURNEY**, \$125 per team, Double Elimination, Limited to 8 teams, Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Will Play All Night. A Concession will be at the baseball park
- 6:00 pm: **Punt, Pass, & Kick Contest.** Football Field. No registration necessary
- 6:00 pm: **Sausage Sandwiches & Drinks** under the tree by the Lion's Club.
- 6:00 pm: **CHILDREN'S TRACK MEET** on the Football Field
- 7:00 pm: **FREE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE PARK**, cake & ice cream, reunions & more!
- 8:00 pm: **HORSE SHOE PITCH CONTEST:** \$10 Team, West of Legion Hall
- 9:00 pm **FREE FIREWORKS SHOW & ENTERTAINMENT** at the Football Field

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- Hunt **FLAT ROCKS** all day long!
 - 7:00 am: Blow Up Balloons In the Park
 - 9:00 am: Begin Parade Line-Up
 - 10:00 am: **"AMERICAN & PROUD, GROOM 1902-2002" PARADE** down Main Street
 - 11:00 am: Community Center Opens -- **HISTORY OF GROOM & HER FAMILIES MUSEUM** & Groom Day T-Shirts
 - 11:30 am --1:00 pm: **BARBECUE DINNER** in the Park. Prices - \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 7 to 12 years old, 6 and under free. Class Reunions in the Park! Mix and Mingle with old friends.
 - 1:00 pm: **BASKETBALL 3 on 3**, Mixed Teams, Jr. High & High School
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT on Practice Field. \$25.00 per team.
WATER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - Show up and join a team
Cheerleader's Dunkin' Board
Clean Up **PARK** after the BBQ
 - 1:15 pm: **COW PATTIE BINGO** in front of Gym
 - 1:30 pm: **KIDS GAMES Open.** \$1.00 admission, Giant Slide & Tyrone T-Rex
Concession at the Park, Alpha Mu Xi Homemade Ice Cream & Junior High Cheerleader Drinks and Boy Scout Snow Cones
 - 1:30 pm: **CALCUTTA** for the Groom DayRanch Rodeo Begins
 - 2:00 pm: **RANCH RODEO** -: Muggin, Milkin, Doctorin etc., FM2300 & Old Rt. 66
 - 3:00-4:00 pm: Redeem Flat Rocks at the Park.
 - 4:00 pm: Games and All Booths Close
 - 9:00 pm-12:00 am: **TEEN DANCE ON TENNIS COURTS** - \$3.00 person,
Grades 7 - 12 for 2001-2002 school year, Refreshments & a Disk Jockey
 - 9:00 pm- 1:00 am: **GROOM DAY DANCE** \$5.00 Per Person at the Legion Hall.
Breakfast Burritos will be served East of the Legion Hall
 - 10:00 pm: Drawing For the **GROOM DAY RAFFLES**
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 1:00 Clean Up! Everyone is Welcome & All Help Appreciated!**



Kevin Fehr, Brenda Fehr, Cecilia Unger, & Brian Unger were hard at work with salesmen duties last Friday during the City-Wide Garage Sale. They are the children of Jake & Betty Fehr and Christina & George Unger.



Winning for the North Team in the Six Man All Star basketball game were Krisanne Davis and Candace Bohr. The final score was North 55 - South 46. Each girl received a gold and silver watch with the 6-Man logo on the face, their jersey's and lots of memories.

County

not being adjusted 100%. The court approved on-line services with Pritchard and Abbott for tax collections.

Land owners from Webb Bragg Subdivision met with the court to determine how the county could legally accept maintenance of the roads in that area. County Attorney Scott Sherwood outlined the statute with the court and owners. Sherwood said that education would have to be a priority in order for the process to be handled smoothly. Sherwood said that a friendly law suit would have to be filed, being served to all land owners, including those absent, in order for the county to obtain possession of the roads. The suit would be filed in district court. Sherwood also stated that he would look into the legality of the land owners just dedicating the property to the county. The county accepted the Webb Bragg Plat

December 13, 1976 but the roads were never dedicated. No action was taken, other than discussion for preparation of permanent county maintenance of the roads. Sheriff Gary Robertson addressed the court concerning courthouse security funds appropriated for a security camera inside the courthouse elevator. The court had previously set aside \$12,699 for the project. However the total claim totaled \$15,533.99. The Commissioners voted to increase the payment.

Robertson stated that the jail passed its state inspection July 17th with good marks. The only concern was a minor problem with the speaker system which will be corrected. The report was accepted.

The court approved budget line item transfers within the Sheriff's budget. A motion was made to move a total of \$5200 from the teletype

maintenance, education & training and radio repairs to cover expenses in auto liability insurance, office supplies and boarding prisoners.

Judge Powers informed the court that Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler hired Brenda Vermillion as secretary of her office. She will be hired at a level 19D salary effective Aug. 1, 2002.

An order from District Judge David M. McCoy reappointing Jacqueline West as county auditor, effective Aug. 1, 2002 was presented to the court. Judge Powers stated that he had contacted Texas association of Counties to confirm that there is no law to prohibit West from being auditor in conjunction with her daughter, Celeste Bichsel who was elected in the primary elections to be placed on the November-General ballot for district and county clerk. Powers stated that the concern was with the public conception of the conflict, but stated that West has done a good job with her position. Also wanting to go on record to express concern with what was going to happen in November was Commissioner Howell. Howell stated that he does not have a problem with how the jobs were being performed but it was with the "appearance of a conflict" with

Celeste Bichsel coming in as the clerk, plus having a relative in the tax assessors-collectors office. Howell also stated that he would have to vote

against" reup", but it is approved so he will work with West.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 98.06% of the taxes have been collected as of

June 30, 2002.

Court adjourned until July 29, 2002 at 9:00 am. That date has been set for a budget workshop for the 2002-2003 year.



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Aquifer Levels Reported

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has completed measuring the depth to water in almost 700 wells. They report that the 2001 average declined for the Ogallala Aquifer is +1.2 feet, the average decline for the Blaine/Whitehorse/Quartermaster Aquifers is -1.4 feet in Carson County. District wide the average decline for the Ogallala Aquifer is +0.6, for the Blaine/Whitehorse/Quartermaster Aquifers is -0.1, for the Dockum Group Aquifers is -0.8, and for the

Seymour Aquifer is -2.1. Summer is here again, and for the District that means water quality season. Almost 300 wells across the district are tested annually for water quality. The District also provides water quality testing free of charge for any resident of the District. If you would like more information about water levels or water quality testing, please contact the panhandle Groundwater Conservation District at 806-883-2501.

Aquifer	County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	4 Yr Avg	5 Yr Avg
Ogallala	Armstrong	2.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.3
	Carson	0.9	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1	1.2	-0.3	0.0
	Donley	0.1	0.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.1
	Gray	0.8	0.6	0.5	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3
	Hutchinson	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	-0.5	n/a	0.8
	Potter	3.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	1.8	0.4	1.0
	Roberts	-0.5	1	-0.6	-2.9	3.1	-0.1	0.0
	Wheeler	-1.6	2.7	1.5	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.0
	District Average	0.8	0.6	0.2	-1.3	0.6	0.2	0.2
	Wells Measured	387	406	435	511	541		
Blaine / Whitehorse / Quartermaster	Carson	0.9	5	-7.3	1	-1.4	-0.6	-0.4
	Donley	-2.4	2.2	-0.4	-1.5	-0.8	-0.4	-0.6
	Gray	-1.3	-2.6	10.7	4	-0.2	0.6	2.1
	Wheeler	0.4	3.1	-2.5	-2.2	2.2	1.6	0.2
	District Average	-0.6	1.9	0.1	-4.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.6
	Wells Measured	10	11	26	30	42		
Dockum & Ogallala/ Dockum	Armstrong	2.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.3	0.4
	Potter	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-1.6	n/a	-1.6
	District Average	2.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8	0.3	0.2
	Wells Measured	10	10	11	19	61		
Seymour	Wheeler	n/a	n/a	1.3	5.7	-2.1	1.4	1.6
	District Average	n/a	n/a	1.3	5.7	-2.1	1.4	1.6
	Wells Measured	n/a	1	2	3	3		

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

There were 8 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of July 15 through July 21, 2002. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 11 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Person listed are charged with criminal activity, but, are not necessarily convicted.

Arrests made this week are:

Randall Schell, 46, of Lubbock, Public Intoxication.

Tron Stover, 20, Panhandle, TX, Criminal Mischief more than \$50, less than \$500.

Zachary Irvin, 18, Panhandle, Public Intoxication.

Telisa Davenport, 20, White Deer, Tx, Driving While Intoxicated - 1st

Sherri Brigman, 41, Amarillo, Tx, Warrants, Potter County.

Carol Cataldo, 41, Southgate, MI, Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

Louay Kezy, 41, Sterling Heights, MI, Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

Larry Hudson, 51, Las Vega, NM, Deadly Conduct.

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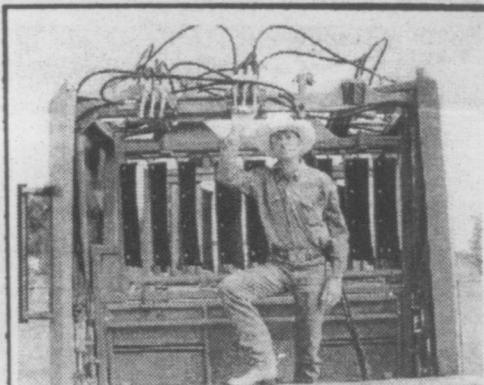
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