

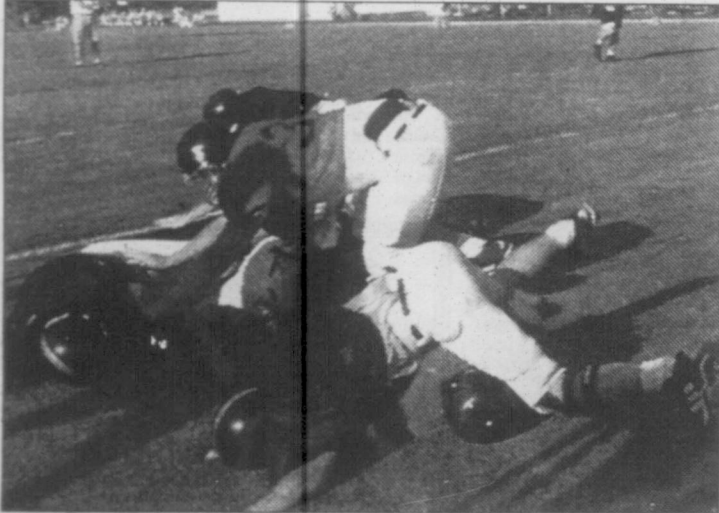
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McLean Tigers Scrimmage Lefors And Ft. Elliott Last Week

The McLean Tigers engaged in a three-team scrimmage with Lefors and Fort Elliot on Friday, August 24. The scrimmage was held at Lefors. The Tigers lost

to Fort Elliott, 2-0 but beat the leading contender, Lefors 3-1.

Coach Smith said that the Tigers are improving weekly. They are blocking better and

staying with the blocks. They are gaining valuable experience in preparation for the first game.

This week's scrimmage is Friday, September 31 in Chillicothe at 6:00 p.m.

McLean Athletic Boosters Host Community Watermelon Feast For All

The Athletic Booster Club hosted a watermelon feast for the community of McLean on Thursday, August 16, after football practice. There were high school and jr. high students there who represented cross country, football, basketball,

tennis, and golf. Our three coaches this year are: Coach Eric Smith, Coach Blaze Herring, and Coach Andy Simpson. We all look forward to seeing our students compete and learn valuable lessons for their lives. We know that the McLean athletes will always be playing with heart in any sport.



Amy Herring and her daughter, Bailey enjoy some watermelon at the Athletic Booster Club Watermelon feast hosted on Thursday, August 16.

ARE YOU READY FOR FOOTBALL?!



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Lady Tigers Host Two-Man Scramble

The McLean Lady Tigers basketball team hosted a two man golf scramble at the McLean Golf Course on Saturday, August 18, 2001. There were 15 teams entered to play golf. The basketball girls served hot dogs for lunch and watermelon after the scramble. Sponsors for this scramble were: Wood Group, McLean Bank of Commerce, Red River, Elizabeth's, McLean Athletic Booster Club, Country Corner, Frank and Rhonda Sparling, B & K Detail Shop, Richardson Texaco, McLean Flower Shop, The Hair Gallery, C & H Supply, Wade Kirk Automotive, McLean Plumbing and Joe Riley, Jane Simpson Insurance, Randy Hiddleman, Pucketts, Taylor Food Mart, McDonalds, Golf USA, Wayne's Western Wear, Clarendon Country Club, Hidden Hills Public Golf Course, Pampa Country Club, T-shirts & More, Shamrock Country Club, Tommy Lindsey,



The McLean Lady Tigers show their leadership after they host the two man golf scramble and serve refreshment following the event to the 15 teams that participated in the event.

See Golf, pg 10

REMINDERS

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

If you know the current were abouts, or how to contact the following, please call The Groom-McLean News at 248-7333: Lisco Tractor or Gary Lister; L & K Custom Bailing and Swathing or Betty Kotara; and Glenn Keelin.

FRESH START

Divorce recovery seminar is September 7th and 8th at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church, Amarillo. For more information call (806) 353-6615.

SCHOOL BOARDS

Tax Rate Hearing will be held Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIBRARY

Night is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Library.

PTA Open House is September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.

TIGERS FOOTBALL

Scrimmage against Chillicothe is in Chillicothe at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31.

AMARILLO Botanical Gardens is holding their Garden Club meeting the 4th Sunday of the month, March through October, at 2:00 p.m. at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Dr. Contact Betty Sproul 354-0306 for more information. On Sept. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. they will be hosting a Day Lily sale.

MCLEAN SCHOOL MENU
August 30-31
Breakfast

Thursday: French toast sticks, pancake, sausage on a stick, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch
Thursday: BBQ riblets on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, brownies, milk.

Friday: Turkey and rice, gravy, green beans, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

CARD OF THANKS

Throughout Denver's illness your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement have been a source of strength. Thank you McLean, the Church of Christ, and BSA Hospice for your many acts of kindness.
Sue Marsh

WELL WISHES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Good luck to Julie Marsh and Cesily Cadra. They have left to go to school at AC in Amarillo. Julie is studying Elementary Education and Cesily is studying to be a Medical Tech. Good luck ladies. We hope you visit often.

AGRICULTURE

Commissioner Susan Combs will host a town hall meeting in Pampa (Gray County) on Thursday, September 6, 2001 from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. to discuss with farmers, ranchers, rural economic development and community leaders and rural citizens issues that are affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

BRANDS MUST BE RE-RECORDED

Ranchers, once again it is time to re-record your cattle brands. By Texas law brands must be re-recorded every ten years.

Beginning September 1, 2001 and continuing to February 28, 2002, brands must be re-recorded in every county they will be used in. Any brands not recorded by February 28 will be available to others on a first come first serve basis.

Brands used on horses must be recorded separately.

Fees for registration varies in each county, ranging from \$8.00 to \$17.00.

For more information contact your Grey County Clerk at 1-800-252-5476.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Mrs. Greers second grade class is collecting box tops and labels, to earn free things for the school. If you would like to help just save your labels and box tops on these brands: Campbells Soup, Franco American, Swanson Canned Products, V8 Juice, Prego Pasta Sauce, Pace Picante Sauces, and Pepperidge Farm. You can give them to any second grader or take them to the school.

SERVICES HELD FOR VELMA CORNELL KINARD

PADUCAH: Services for Velma Cornell Kinard, 92, of Lubbock were held on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church in Paducah, TX with Rev. Thacker Haynes, minister of the First United Methodist Church of McLean officiating. Burial was in Garden Of Memories in Paducah.

She passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2001 in Lubbock, TX.

Mrs. Kinard was born November 24, 1908 in Erick, OK to the late William Walter Eason and Elsie Lloyd Eason. She attended school in Coke, TX. She married Everett Cornell on December 28, 1924 in Canton, TX. He died on September 16, 1979. She and her husband retired to the Brock community and moved to Hedley and McLean in 1976. She married R.B. Kinard in June 1981. He passed away in 1984. She then moved to Lubbock from McLean in April of 2000. She was a homemaker and seamstress who enjoyed cooking, quilting and embroidery. She was a member of First Methodist Church in McLean.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jodie Thomas on June 3, 2000.

Survivors include: 3 sisters - Mozelle Hughley

of Lubbock, Tx, Fay Nell Slaughter of Big Spring, TX and Betty Conway of Odessa, TX; 4 grandchildren - Buddy Thomas, Sandy Clark, Debbie Beaty and Donna Payne; 9 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials to: Loaves and Fishes, First United Methodist Church, McLean, Texas 79057 or to a favorite charity.

CLAUDE HUNT

MCLEAN-Claude Lloyd Hunt, 91, died Thursday, August 23, 2001, in Wheeler.

Graveside services were held on Monday, August 27, 2001 at the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Reverend Thacker Haynes officiated.

Claude Lloyd Hunt was born March 16, 1910 at Dodson, Texas to Claude and Myrtle West Hunt. He married Evelyn Lois Veazey on August 19, 1939 at

Olney, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 30, 2001. Mr. Hunt was a devoted husband and father. He loved and was always very dedicated to the youth of McLean and to the community.

He was an Army Veteran of WWII. He taught math in the McLean school system and was retired. He was

a member of the First Baptist Church of McLean. He had lived in the McLean area for 42 years.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald L. Hunt of Burlington, Wash. and John M. Hunt of Shamrock; two daughters, Marsha Evelyn Points of Tyler and Melinda Sue Finn of Dallas; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10 am
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 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
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
779-2456 or 779-2965
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

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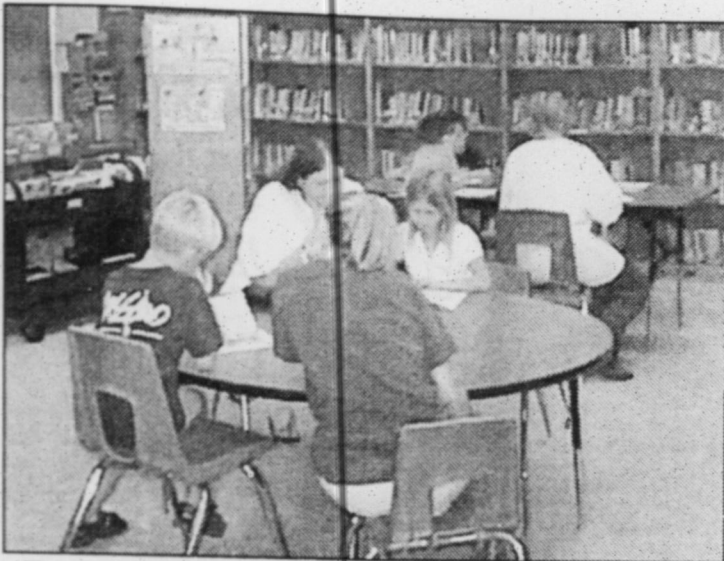
Greer's 2nd Grade Goes On Nature Hike



Mrs. Greers class enjoys their natural environment as they prepare to study insects.



Mrs. Greers' second grade class goes on a nature hike looking for living things that need air, water, and food, and non-living things. The children were encouraged to be aware of their environment. This will lead into a study of insects, plants, and animals throughout the school year.



Family Reading Night Back In Swing

It is family reading night time again. Tuesday, August 27th was the first night and it will be held every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

Family Reading Night is an after hours program that provides an opportunity for you and your children to come to the school one night a week to read, together or alone, and to talk about books. It's also a chance to have fun and invest some quality time in your children, and in their education. If your child is struggling with reading, it is a good time to help them to learn.

When you demonstrate that reading is an important activity in your life, it goes a long way to instill the importance of reading in your child. Please plan to drop in on Family Reading Night. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a monthly drawing for both students and adults. See you there!

will be on hand to help find books and if the student would like, to take computerized tests with the Accelerated Reader program, it will help their grade.

You need not commit to every week, and you are welcome to come and go on your own time schedule. Mrs. Holland



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COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETINGS

On August 9, 2001, the Commissioners Court met in a Special Called Session at 9:00 a.m. with the following officers and members present: Richard D. Peet, County Judge; Commissioners, Joe Wheeley, Pr. #1, Jim Greene, Pr. #2, Gerald Wright, Pr. #3, James Helley, Pr. #4.

The Commissioners Court reviewed the proposed 2002 budget.

The Court went into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Discussion of settlement offer regarding WTRCA, Sec 557.071(1)(B), was held. This item and no other was discussed in closed session of the Court. Court returned to open session at 11:35 a.m.

No action was taken at this time. The Court recessed until August 10, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

On August 10, 2001, the Judge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Paul Loyd, representative of the Airport Board; Danny Nusser, Extension Agent; Rick Roach, District Attorney; and Todd Alvey, County Attorney, presented budget requests to the Court.

No action was taken at this time. The Court recessed until August 15, 2001.

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Public Notice

The City of McLean is now accepting bids for Grass Lease property-description as follows: A 46 acre tract of land lying and being situated in Section 65 in Block 23, H&GN RY., Co. Survey Gray County, McLean, TX (near Sewer Plant). Approximate 40 acre tract of land lying and being situated in Section 66, Block 23, H&GN RY., Co. Survey Gray County, McLean, TX (near Landfill). The lessee will have the option of a three year lease and the right to the above grasslands as long as it does not interfere with the normal operation of the landfill or sewer plant.

Both properties will be bid together as one total bid, and all bids will be received until Friday, September 7, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Send bids addressed to: City of McLean, "Grass Lease", P.O. Box 9, McLean, TX 79057. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive formalities and technicalities.

Bob Martin, Mayor
City of McLean

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It has been impossible to determine from school officials the disposition of McLean High School band instruments other than general statements which fail to convey where the instruments are, where they have been, how long they have been loaned and used by Pampa ISD Middle and High School students. It is not known who authorized the loaning of these assets, where they have been maintained, and the amount of wear and damage they have sustained. In a school board meeting in the high school auditorium a few weeks ago, the Superintendent of Schools stated that Pampa ISD did not have the money to pay for them. He did not reply when asked who authorized their sale. He requested and was furnished a list of questions as to the handling of these assets. He later stated he must

have misplaced the list and no additional information was forthcoming. The McLean ISD has not historically demonstrated a high degree of protection and security of school assets paid for by

local tax payers. Board members when apprised the instruments were in limbo stated the instruments would be better off loaned than stored. This position is highly arguable and can be resolved only on the receipt of a complete inventory and their condition noted. The period of their loaning has not increased their value.

It has been like pulling teeth to obtain information on this subject and efforts to do so have encompassed better than two years. Inquiries have been made to board members that fell on deaf ears and to the superintendent of schools with unsatisfactory results. The Pampa Daily News, issue of August 24, 2001 carries an advertisement for bids, for of all things, band instruments. Since the time of the consolidation with the Alanreed School, little regard has been afforded the protection and security of ISD assets.

Pampa ISD, to my knowledge, has no plans to borrow operating funds until the first state check arrives. The Lefors ISD, according to their published report, has \$600,000 in operating funds until the first state check arrives. The McLean ISD status has been previously reported. The McLean superintendent of schools has blamed the low price of oil and gas some months ago for our current predicament. I suppose Pampa and Lefors ISDs are dependent on some other commodity for school revenue.

Bill Reeves

GOLF

Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center, Pampa Putt-Putt and China Star.

The basketball team and Coach Simpson would like to say thank you to everyone who made this possible. It was a good day and enjoyed by all.

Two additional prizes were awarded at the end of the day to Carey Richardson for the most graceful follow through on a drive (it involved gravity) and to Brian Fuller for the vicious locust attack on number one.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The "Back to School Fun in the Park and Rally" was a great success. The three big games, Bungy Run, Boxing, and Joust, were enjoyed by all those who played and by those who watched. At the rally, "Which Way" led the crowd of about 200 in several Praise and Worship songs. Marcus Tanner, Youth Pastor from First Assembly of God Church in Pampa, was the guest speaker. People were ministered to at this rally.

Several individuals won prizes throughout the evening. Following the rally, hot dogs, nachos, and watermelon were served.

Plans are being made to have the band, "Which Way," to come back again.

PTA SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE

The McLean PTA has scheduled an Open House for Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Building. All parents are invited and encouraged to come visit with your child's teacher and enjoy some refreshments.



Students enjoy the blow-up toys at the back to school rally.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MCLEAN ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 30, 2001 in McLean School Business Office, 4th and Rowe McLean, Texas.

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

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	\$1.450000	\$5,432	\$1,682
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.018143	\$0.000000	\$1.018143	\$5,345	\$1,782
Proposed Rate	\$1.078000	\$0.000000	\$1.078000	\$5,659	\$1,882

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

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$15,586	\$15,633
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$586	\$633
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.450000	\$1.078000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$8.50	\$6.82
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$1.68)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.078143. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.078143.

Fund Balances

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

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



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Deadlines & Payment: Deadline for classified ads noon Tuesday. All other ads and news submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Payment is due at the time you place the ad, unless you have an established account.

Errors: Check your ad for errors on the first publication. The News will not be liable for errors after the first publication. The Groom-McLean News does not vouch for the legitimacy of any ad, job or money making opportunity. We suggest that you thoroughly check out any offer before making a commitment or give out personal information.

JIM DAVIDSON
 Century 21
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 Business 669-0007
 Home 669-1863

ROBYN'S SCHOOL OF DANCE announces Fall Registration. Classes in ballet, tap, jazz, acrobatics, boys gymnastics, and cheerleading. Students from White Deer, Panhandle, Groom, and Skellytown welcomed. Classes begin September 4th. For more information call Robyn at 883-2129, 610 W. 4th, White Deer.

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FOR SALE: 4-Plex Apartment. All four rented, monthly income \$925. SALE PRICE \$39,500 with new roof. Call 620-697-2202, Ron Wilson.

MCLEAN HOUSING Authority is now accepting sealed bids on a sprinkler system for two sites. For more information you may come by the Housing Authority Office at 711 N. Wheeler or call 806-779-2101. Sealed bids are due in the Housing Authority Office, P.O. Box 449, McLean, TX. 79057, no later than 9:30 a.m. on August 22, and will be opened at the Special Board Meeting.

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

HOUSE OR FOUNDATION SETTLING? Cracks in-brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, Tx.

FULL TIME cook needed in kitchen, call Palo Duro Nursing Home at 226-5121.

LEGAL NOTICE
 The Carson County Commissioner's Court is taking bids on the following: One Office Building to be built in Groom, Carson County, Texas.

Specifications can be obtained from Carson County Commissioner, Mike Britten, P.O. Box 277, in Groom, Texas 79039. This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated which requires publication of this notice for at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of the scheduled bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Jackie West, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, September 10, 2001, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

NOTICE
 The City of McLean, Texas will be accepting bids until 6:00 p.m. September 10th, for a new or used Hydraulic Excavator. Sealed bids should be addressed to Mayor Bob Martin, P.O. Box 9, McLean, TX 79057 and should be marked "BID FOR HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR." Please call City Hall at 806-779-2481 for bid specifications. The City of McLean reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.
 Bob Martin, Mayor

NURSES UNLIMITED, Inc. needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal preparation, and light house keeping. Part-time basis. Please call 1-888-859-0631, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.O.

WINDSHIELD CHIP and cracks repaired or windshield replaced. Call (806) 256-2276. Also, wheel-alignment at Wollards Garage, 1109 N. Wall, Shamrock. Call Jackie at (806) 256-2461.

MCLEAN Tiger/Cubs kids cheerleading outfits, sizes 5 to 6. Call 779-2605, leave message and I'll return call-Sally Bohlar.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City of Groom will accept bids on insurance coverage for all city buildings, automobiles, general liability, and public officials liability. Specifications are available at City Hall, 203 Broadway, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039-0217. Sealed bids will be accepted until close of business on Friday, September 7, 2001. Bid opening will be held at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. For more information, contact Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, 248-7929.

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AUCTIONS

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - PAGOSA Springs, CO. Premier home, new barn on 47+ acres. 99 homesties, 18 selling absolute, Saturday, Oct. 6, 11:00 a.m. Call 1-800-558-5464. Jerry Craig King ER40019339. J.P.King Auction Co. EC40019340.

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Thursday, August 30, 2001

Tigers Prepare For Season Opener Against Higgins

The Groom Tigers are preparing for their opening game against Higgins, Friday night at 7:30 at Higgins. They had a very successful scrimmage against Aspermont.

Scrimmages are a good way to try new plays and let players perform in positions they do not usually play. The pressure to win is absent and it gives coaches a good idea of the skill level of their players.

"We saw a very successful performance on both sides of the ball against Aspermont," said Head Coach Larry Reid.

Groom scored 13 touchdowns, while Aspermont scored none.

They were new to the

game and our experience and execution defensively was too much for them at their current stage of development," he continued.

Aspermont is new to 6 man football.

Touchdown runs were made by Trey Britten (2), Cody Bivens, Doug Fields, Clay Britten, and Clay Ritter.

As receivers, the following scored touchdowns, Clay Ritter (4), Cody Bivens, Hugh Weinheimer, and Garrett Britten.

Clay Britten completed 11 of 15 passes for 348 yards and 6 touchdowns. Garrett Britten completed 3 or 5 passes for 77 yards and a TD. Cody

See Tigers, pg 4



Groom Fighting Tigers Varsity Football Team 2001

City of Groom Sets Budget

The City of Groom is proposing a budget for 2001-2002 of \$307,393, slightly lower than last year's expenses, which totaled \$314,393.

Several expenses the City incurred last year are not anticipated this year, such as the drilling of two monitoring wells and the purchase of property for a well. Also gas prices are predicted to be lower.

Some expenses are expected to rise, such as insurance costs, payroll, and benefits costs.

The City of Groom is currently absorbing an increase in sanitation costs from BFI that it has not passed on to its customers, that at some point may have to be dealt with. The City absorbs about \$7,000 between the eight residential dumpster increase and the free

dumping in the big dumpster behind City Hall. Currently the City has a reserve fund balance of \$94,078.

The City also administers the Groom Economic Development Corporation funds.

They are budgeting \$20,413 for their activities for 2001-2002, of that \$5000 has been earmarked for home buyers assistance and \$10,000 in land

assistance. GEDC can expect to receive \$14,600 in revenues from sales tax and other investments.

The City expects to go over their budget for 2000-2001 by roughly \$14,000 due to many of the items cited above.

Their effective tax rate is expected to be set at .471516 which will raise three percent more dollars than last year.

Reward Offered

The City of Groom will offer a reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who vandalized street and traffic signs in Groom on the weekend of Aug. 24, 25, & 26.

If caught this person or persons will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. They will also be responsible for any accident or injury, including property damage and criminal liability (such as voluntary manslaughter) should an accident occur where signs have been torn down, damaged, destroyed, or removed.

If you know anything about this incident contact City Hall or the Carson County Sheriff's Department. Your help in putting a stop to such destructive behavior will be appreciated and rewarded.

School Board Proposes \$1,511,398 Budget For '01-02

Groom School Board members and administration have been busy working on the budget for the fiscal year which begins on September 1. The board has fine tuned the schools needs down to \$1,511,398. This figure will represent a drop in actual dollars spent in 2001-2002 from 1,622,952, which is a decrease of \$111,554.

Last year a budget was set in August of \$1,537,500, which means that the board under estimated expenses by \$85,452. Much of the additional expenses can be attributed to higher than normal utility prices, as well as the purchase of two used buses and funding two matching grants.

The budget for 2001-2002 will include few

frills. Areas of the budget will be increased are: the athletic budget will receive a slight increase of \$1100, which reflect higher costs of supplies, etc., not an increase in equipment or staff; the plant maintenance budget will also be increased by about \$19,000. This also is to include increased utilities and cost of supplies, as well as an additional part-time janitor.

In virtually every other area, Groom School has reduced their projected expenses. Voters need to remember that the budget is simply a guideline to go by. They can be amended at any time by Board action and approval.

If the effect tax rate is

See Board, pg 3

County Commissioners Approve 5% Salary Increase With Split Vote

Carson County Commissioners met on Aug. 27 with all members present.

Minutes of the August 13 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Bills were paid including a bill for \$11.67 from SPS for a guard light at the county extension farm.

Commissioner Howell informed the court that he had traded 2 used tractors and 1 mower for a tractor for Precinct #4. The court transferred \$8459 with that precinct's budget to accommodate the purchase.

Other budget treasures include \$2202.17 within the sheriff's budget to accommodate expenditures

for office supplies, Jail maintenance and miscellaneous. A total of \$1100 was moved in the treasurer's budget to compensate expenses for additional schooling required for that office.

Commissioner Britten informed the court that bids had been advertised for a new DPS Building in Groom and the bids will be opened on September 10, 2001.

The court proposed budget and salaries for 2001-2002. Sheriff Gary Robertson petitioned the court for one additional full time dispatcher/jailer to be added to the proposed budget at a cost of \$25,690.

Commissioner Strawn make the motion to allow See County, pg 5

Community Calendar

CITY NEWS-Mary Sue Lyles will be on vacation from August 29 thru September 5. Vehicle registration will have to be taken to Panhandle for renewal during that time.

BOOSTER T-SHIRTS now on sale. All shirt orders must be placed before Friday, August 31st. This is the final order date, no reorders.

DON'T FORGET the Public Hearing to discuss the school budget and tax rate on August 30, at 7:00 p.m.

TIGERS will play Higgins Friday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Higgins.

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Letter To The Editor... Driving In Groom Without License Will Not Be Tolerated

It has been brought to the attention of local law enforcement, that there are people driving around without a driver's license. Texas law states in order to operate a motor vehicle you must have a driver's license. The Department of Public Safety does not issue to people that are under the age of fifteen or under the age of eighteen unless they have complied with the requirements of a driver education program. Due to the numerous

complaints received by local law officials, we have been given names of individuals who are driving in town without a license. Some individuals have been confronted personally and given warnings, but have not complied and continue to violate the law.

This notice is to inform you that if you are caught driving without a license, a citation will be given, no warning will be given. Groom is a nice place to

Local Happenings

ILL OR RECOVERING
 Joy Snyder, Jean Morrow, Melissa Ritter, Judy Eatmon, Patti McLaughlin, and Honey Kempf.

CARD OF THANKS
 Thank you to everyone for all your prayers, cards, and gifts during Courtney's recent illness. Mary Head Family

CARD OF THANKS
 My family and I would like to offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the visits, cards, phone calls, kind thoughts and prayers during my illness, surgery and my ongoing recovery.

God Bless You All
 Patti McLaughlin
 & Family

live, but people can often get a false sense of security living in a quiet town such as ours, but laws are laws and they will be enforced. We ask for the community's cooperation in these matters.

Thank you,
 Texas Highway
 Patrol

Pray For Rain

Louis and Judy Ruthardt were pleased to have all of their children and other family members home for Groom Day activities. Visiting from Oklahoma were Judy's mother and brother Esta and Bob Brown; also visiting were Travis, Tonja, Rachel, Haley, and Seth Ruthardt of Lela Lake; Rex, Dawn, Caitlyn, Cade, and Corbin Ruthardt of Amarillo; Ken, Missy, and Taylor Ruthardt of Shreveport, LA.; Judith, Jerome, Steven, Cassandra, and Andrew Ingles of McLean; Brice, Jeanne, Megan, and Nathan Ruthardt of Groom. The Ruthardts are blessed with an abundance of love and happy to have a safe community to bring their family home to.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I want to inform the residents of the community of Carson and Armstrong counties, of the great appreciation I have for all the friends and "family" that I have developed over the past 9 and 1/2 years as Agency Manager for the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. I am retiring as Agency Manager of the Carson-Armstrong and Potter counties, and can honestly state that I have met very few people that match the "family" that I have come to know and love from the communities in this area, and I am a better person because of the friendship I have come to know. Not only through the Farm Bureau family but so many non members that I have come to know. The communities of this area are very fortunate to have such a wide base of good caring people within its borders.

I have a great appreciation for the Carson County board of directors. Having grown up in Iowa, you would've thought I knew a lot about agriculture, but nothing compared to the knowledge I have gained from attending monthly meetings over the last decade with these gentlemen. The time away from their families, that they have sacrificed for the good of all agriculture, should be recognized by all interested and involved in ag production. These guys are very involved and support all in Ag business, regardless of political affiliation. Jhonda Lanier, as office secretary for the Panhandle office for 9 of those years has been a tremendous asset to me and the organization.

Jon K. Wych

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

August 30-31
 Breakfast
 Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Thursday: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cheese zombies, milk.
 Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

September 3-7 Breakfast

Monday: No School.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
 Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, sauteed onions, sauteed green peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, graham crackers, milk.
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, salad, apricots, bread sticks, milk.

Thursday: Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk.
 Friday: Sandwiches, ham, turkey, or bologna, lettuce, tomatoes, pork and beans, fruit cocktail, chips, milk.



Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

August 30 - Jack Barnett, Brody Matthew Britten.

August 31 - William Robert Leven, Jo Stapp, Roni and Brady Miller (A).

September 1 - Barbara Homer, Vernon and Virginia Baggerman (A).

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

September 3 - Mrs. T.C. Sustaire, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Britten (A).

September 4 - Judy Ruthardt, Jamie Shuck, Mrs. Dean Burger, Douglas Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burk (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool (A).

September 5 - Ray Pool, Jessica D. Cagle, Trenton Charles Fields.



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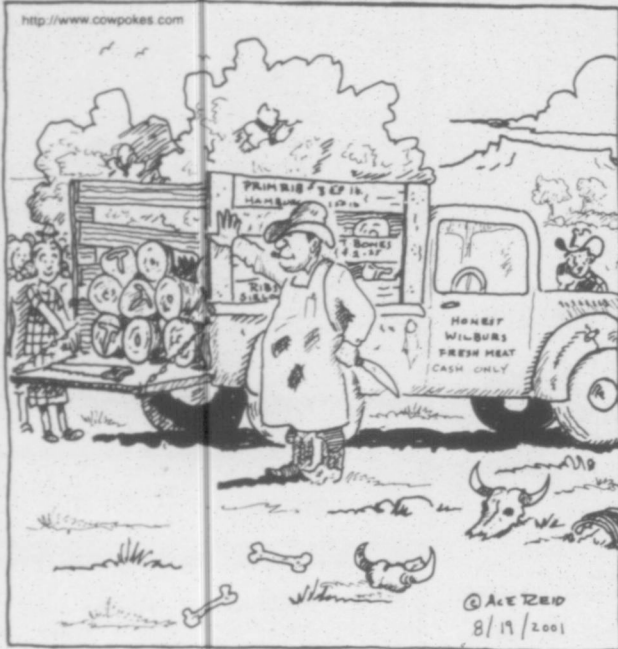
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Jodi Lee Homen and Brandon Lee Reid were married on Aug. 11 at the First Baptist Church in Groom with Rev. Dee Slocum officiating. The bride is the daughter of Brenda Broom and John Homen. The grandparents of the bride are Ellis and Roxie Stapp of Groom and Ed Dora Homen of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Harold and Gwen Reid of White Deer. Maids of Honor were Misty and Malorie Homen sister of the Bride. Best man was

Britt Reid, brother of the groom. Groomsman was Justin Homen, brother of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father John Homen and her twin brother, Justin Homen. Her brother Chris Homen carried her train.

Flower girls were Chelsea, Meredith, and Meghan Homen, cousins of the bride.

Honorary bridal attendants were Jessica Stapp, Joni Bell, Maggie Thomas, Lori Britten, Jodi Byrd, Carrie Davis and Jessica Kepley. Honorary attendants to the groom were Jason Sides, Brandon Sides, Steven Gortmaker, Brandon Trice, Dustin Larkin, Andy Phillips, James Whitley, and Lee Silva.

Serving as ushers were Josh Crooks and Daniel Treadwell.

The music was performed by Melanie Britten, Jerry, Leslie and Evan Crowell.

The reception was held at the Legion Hall in Groom following the ceremony.

The bride is graduate of Groom High School. She is currently attending Amarillo College and employed by Herring National Bank. The groom is a graduate of West Texas A & M University with a BBS degree. The couple traveled to Cancun for their honeymoon. They will reside in Amarillo.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 3-Labor Day Holiday.
- Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Dec. 24-31 Christmas Holiday.
- Jan. 1-New Years Day
- March 11-15-Spring Break
- Mar. 29-Good Friday
- April 1-Weather Make Up Day.
- May 13-Weather Make Up Day.
- May 23-Last Day of School and BBQ.
- May 24-Teacher Inservice/Preparation Day.

"One Voice" To Appear At The Gem Theater

"One Voice," an acapella Christian vocal group from Panhandle, will be featured at the Gem Theatre Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The five members met in church and have been singing together since 1994. All are wives and mothers with 16 children and six grandchildren between them. The group includes Lorrie Lindsay, Brenda Fields, Sheryl Oliver, Nancy Burrell, and Sherrie Bronniman.

"One Voice" has sung far and wide, from Texas to Wyoming and numerous points in between. They give God the glory for opening doors for the group, and for strengthening the ties that bind them all together as friends and sisters. They arrange all of their own music, and write some of their material as well. Worshiping God in song is their main emphasis, but the group has also performed the national anthem for sporting events, various rodeos and other community celebrations.

Also appearing on Saturday, September 8, with the group will be Kent Watson in "Joplin & Co." Be sure to reserve your seats now so you won't miss out on this uplifting and entertaining evening.

BOARD

raised to \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, Groom School is projecting a deficit of only around \$11,000, a great difference than this years \$196,000 deficit.

In the weeks to come, the board will ask residents to consider voting against the roll back in order to keep the deficit low. Groom School ended the year with a Reserve Fund balance of \$434,911. The year begins with approximately \$603,111 in reserves.



Hardin To Attend College In Chicago

Canadian High School Senior, Kendra Hardin has been accepted by the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago for the fall semester of 2001. She plans to major in electrical engineering.

She has been an honor student at Canadian High School and is one of the top two students in the graduating senior class.

In November, Kendra had a scholarship interview at IIT and was awarded a five year Heald scholarship.

In her sophomore year at CHS, she was inducted into the National Honor Society and has served as President of the organization this year. She was chosen by the American Legion to attend Girls State last June, and attended an International Modeling and Talent Association (IMTA) convention in New York City last July with Diana Dick Modeling Agency.

Kendra has been a Canadian High School Drum Major for the past two years and has qualified for the past four years for All-Region Band and for three years for Area Band.

She will be moving to Chicago in August.

Kendra's parents are Wendell and Rana Hardin of Canadian. She is the granddaughter of Art and JoAnn Britten.



It's a Boy

Floyd and Lori Wills are proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Addison Wills, on Thursday, August 23 in Amarillo, Tx. He weighed 7lbs., 12 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills, Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis Poarch. Great-grandparents are Theresa Wills of Groom and Hester Williams of Fritch.

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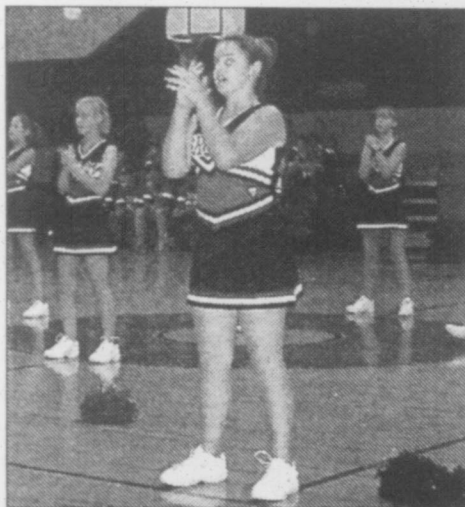
TIGERS

Bivens was 2 for 2 and 23 yards.

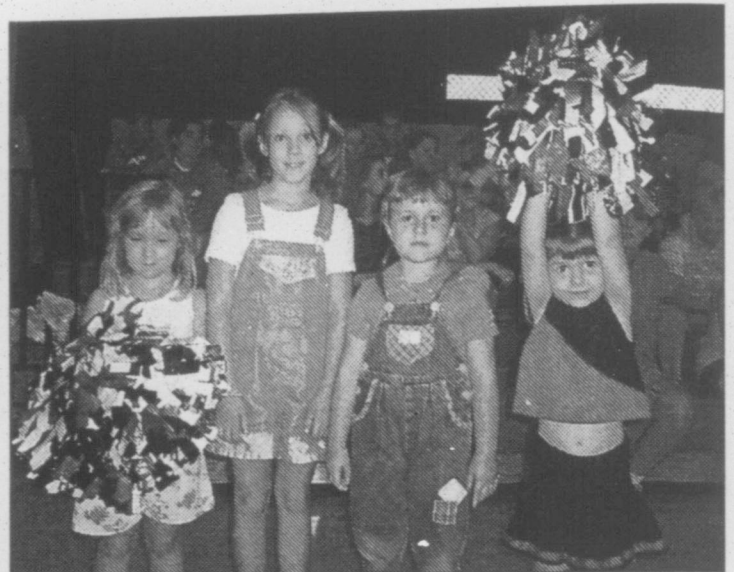
"Our passing game is extremely promising. We had a very good day throwing the ball," commented Reid. "We are going to have to continue to have as balanced of an offensive team as possible this year. We have so many people who can contribute to our teams success, this is a great luxury."

Again, the Tigers travel to Higgins Friday night. A pep rally will be held at 2:55 in the high school gym.

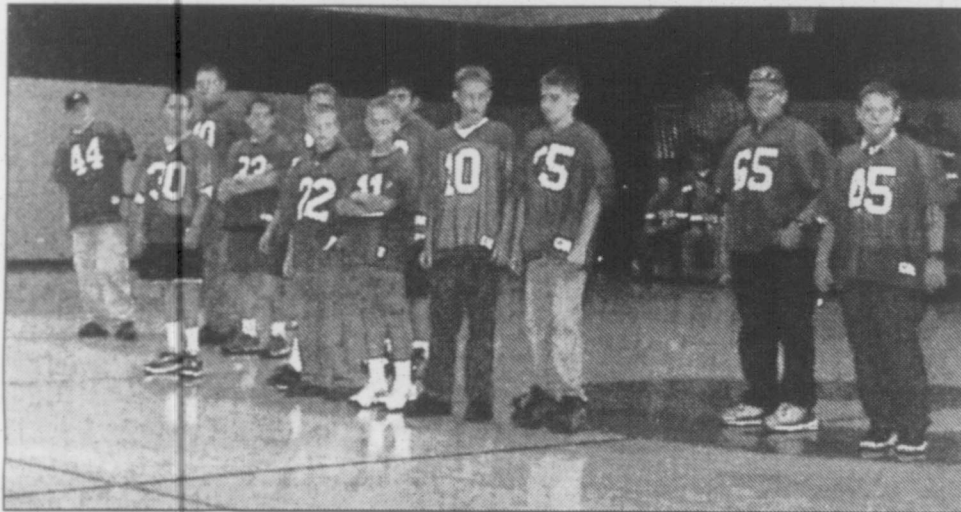
If you cannot attend the out of town game, you may wish to catch Follett vs. Lazbuddie to be played here on Saturday night at 7:30.



Cheerleader Katy Britten helps keep up the spirit.



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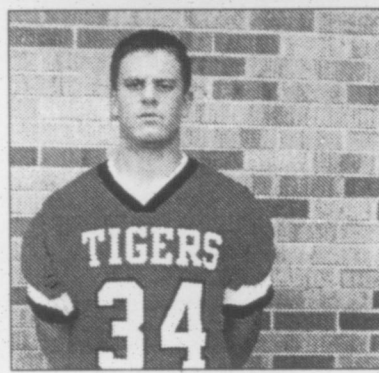
- Groom Tiger Football Team**
- #30 Garrett Britten, Sr
 - #32 Luke Pavlovsky, Sr
 - #40 Hugh Weinheimer, Sr
 - #34 Trey Britten, Sr
 - #24 Cody Bivens, Sr
 - #50 Clay Ritter, Sr
 - #60 Wyatt Britten, Sr
 - #45 Cody Babcock, Jr
 - #42 Brett Britten, Jr
 - #10 Lance Ollinger, Jr
 - #21 Doug Fields, Jr
 - #65 Owen Weinheimer, Soph
 - #55 William Leven, Soph
 - #11 Calvin Schaffer, Soph
 - #35 Clay Britten, Soph
 - #85 Jeff Rios, Fresh

- Groom Jr. High Football Team**
- #10 Thane Barkley, 7th
 - #11 James Reid, 7th
 - #16 T.J. Moraniec, 6th
 - #20 Anthony Luna, 6th
 - #22 Kade Brown, 7th
 - #25 Chad Barkley, 6th
 - #30 Brian Newton, 7th
 - #33 Kelby Noack, 8th
 - #35 Blaine Britten, 7th
 - #40 David Thompson, 8th
 - #44 Brandon Jenkins, 8th
 - #45 Kendall Weller, 6th
 - #50 Javier Caro, 8th
 - #55 Joel Horn, 7th
 - #60 Tommy Head, 6th
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Students from Robyn's School of Dance have performed at several area events this summer. Pictured above, students Ashley Hill, Kendall Wheeler, instructor Miss Robyn, students Rachel Kramer, Beth Guzman, and Dakota Matlock at Kick-Back Day in White Deer.

Robyn's School of Dance Holds Registration for 2001-2002 Classes

Robyn Thomas-Stover, owner/instructor of Robyn's School of Dance is now holding registration for the 2001-2002 dance session. Classes in ballet, tap, jazz, and acrobatics are available, along with two new classes, cheerleading and boys gymnastics.

According to Robyn, this year will be a little different, due to the new class schedules. "This will be an experimental year," Miss Robyn said. "I want to see how well students and parents respond to having more time for each subject and not wasting time on subjects they are not interested in. However, this new schedule will only be for 5th through 12th grade students."

Attention Owners of Unleashed Dogs

Did you know that it is just as illegal to allow your pets to run loose at night as it is during the day? Did you know that we don't have to capture your dog? We can choose to issue a citation instead.

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If your neighbors let their pets out without supervision you can file a complaint with City Hall. Be a good neighbor and keep your pets home under supervision.

Although last year was very successful, some classes were rushed. The new schedule will provide more time for each class, and everyone should feel more comfortable with their dances by recital time.

The new cheerleading class is for girls ages Pre-K through 6th grade. It will include tumbling, learning cheers, cheerleading dances, stunts, jumps, and sharp movements. This class is just for fun, and will give girls the opportunity to learn correct cheerleading techniques.

Boys gymnastics is also going to follow a new curriculum. Not only will this class be about tumbling, it will help with strength, stamina, agility and

balance. These are things every child needs, in order to participate in sports.

The second annual Dance Review is scheduled for June 1, 2002, so be sure to mark your calendars early.

"This year will be even more exciting," Miss Robyn said. "There is something for everyone and I hope to go even further in the next few years! We may be located in a small town, but that is no reason to have small ideas!"

Miss Robyn stressed that students from Groom, Panhandle, and Skellytown are also welcomed. For more information or to register, call Robyn at 883-2129. The studio is located at 601 W. 4th Street, in White Deer.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say thanks to all the men that have helped the R.A. Snyder family while their carpet was being taken up and removed.

If anyone is in need of large carpet pieces you might come and check them out.

Rip Snyder

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There was one person booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of August 20 through August 26, 2001. Currently there are 16 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 19 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. This Agency will soon be incorporating vehicle speed monitoring devices to help us make your community safer.

Arrest this week include:

Kevin McGregor, age 23 of Panhandle, TX-Driving while intoxicated-2nd.

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

If you know the current whereabouts, or how to contact the following, please call The Groom-McLean News at 248-7333: Lisco Tractor or Gary Lister; L & K Custom Bailing and Swathing or Betty Kotara; and Glenn Keelin.

COUNTY CONT

The added personnel. The motion carried. The 5% proposed salary increase for county employees and elected officials was addressed. Judge Powers asked the court to consider a step raise in addition to the 5% increase for maintenance employee Cory Lehman and Sheriff Robertson was asking for step raised for personnel in that office. Commissioner Strawn moved to implement a 5% across the board pay

increase. The motion carried with Commissioners Strawn, Britten and Ware voting for the increase. Commissioners Howell and Judge Powers voted against the measure.

The court voted to adopt the 2001-2002 budget with the amendments submitted for the courts approval.

Judge Powers presented the court with an order prohibiting the keeping of wild animals in the unincorporated area of

this court except otherwise specifically permitted by state or federal law. The order passed.

The court agreed to adopt an order creating a justice court technology fund. The commissioners had approved the \$4 additional fee to each offense in the previous meeting. The order was passed.

The next meeting of the Court will be on September 10, 2001.

NOTICE

CARSON COUNTY will use the following rules to comply with its responsibilities under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact DEE DEE SMITH for assistance.

CARSON COUNTY will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required if questionable.
3. Maximum Countable Income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Minimum Income Standards 21% FPII	Maximum Income Standards 50% FPII	
		25% FPII	
1	\$150	\$179	\$358
2	203	242	484
3	256	305	610
4	309	368	736
5	362	431	862
6	415	494	988
7	467	557	1,113
8	520	620	1,239
9	573	683	1,365
10	626	745	1,491
11	679	808	1,617
12	732	871	1,743

4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2000 or \$3000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.

5. Eligible persons must be a resident of CARSON COUNTY.

6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.

7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is favor of last resort.

8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.



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This year's Tri-State Fair has been scheduled for September 14-22, 2001. The Fair is held annually at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo, and is the region's biggest annual entertainment event. Fair promoters promise that this year's Fair will be the biggest and best ever, with an expanded Midway, a three-day PRCA rodeo and, of course, the most mouth-watering morsels of distinctive Fair food.

Fair president Ted Francher said "No matter what your age, or what your idea is of a good time, we're going to have it at the Tri-State Fair." Francher adds that the Tri-State Fair is a great family event. "The Fair brings families together," he said. "Families can bring the little kids to enjoy the kiddie rides and petting zoo, the teenagers to enjoy the thrill rides and then the whole family will enjoy the entertainment at the Amarillo National Center. For many families, the Fair is one of their great traditions, and they come back with their kids and grand kids year after year."

Special Events Scheduled

High Plains Food Bank Night, Friday, Sept. 14 with a donation of three canned goods. Fair patrons will receive an unlimited ride wristband for \$15. Parking will be free for that night only and gate admission will also be reduced to \$2 for ages 12 and over and free for 11 and under.

Children's Miracle Network will benefit from four Fair nights, Sept. 16-19. Coupons for wristbands can be purchased for \$15 at any Toot'n Totum store in Amarillo or at the Fair and \$2 of each purchase will benefit CMN.

Coke Cantastic Night is Thursday, Sept. 20 and is sponsored by Coca-Cola. With six empty Coca-Cola product cans, Fair goers receive an unlimited ride wristband for \$10.

The Fair is also offering a **Mega Pass** again this year. For \$45, a person can receive a Mega Pass allowing unlimited rides throughout the Fair. The Mega Pass can be purchased at any United Supermarket or at the Fair Office. If purchased during the Fair, the Cost is \$50.

College students and senior citizens will be honored with special events Monday, Sept. 17. On that day, college students will receive a \$3 gate admission when they present a current I.D. at the gate. Senior citizens will receive a free gate

admission until 6:00 p.m. that day.

In addition, a special senior citizens' event including prizes and refreshments is planned

for the Amarillo National Center at 10:00 a.m.

Rodeo Amarillo, a Professional Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned event, will be held Sept. 20-22 at the Amarillo National Center, with events beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Another premier event at the ANC will be the Tri-State Fair Tournament of Champions Calf Roping on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2:00 p.m. Other special events at the ANC will include Shootfighting and Women's Professional Boxing on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Amarillo Indoor Motocross and Freestyle Competition on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Events at the Amarillo National Center require an additional ticket purchase. If purchased in advance at the Tri-State Fair Office or Civic Center Box Office, the ticket includes gate admission to the Fair.

Additional entertainment will take place on the Fairgrounds daily. Acts include a petting zoo, chainsaw artists, GT Bicycle Air Show, a magician and many local entertainers for the Outdoor Free Stage. In addition, A Demolition Derby is scheduled for the Outdoor Arena on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Ground entertainment is included in the gate admission price.

For prices, ticket and event information, contact the Tri-State Fair Office at (806) 376-7767.

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Those facts were at the center of discussions I had in April with EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler on ways to tear down trade barriers that currently impede the export of certain U.S. products to European markets.

The European Union has, over the last 10 years, imposed significant restrictions on American agricultural products, causing great harm to U.S. producers, even though in several cases the U.S. producers have been successful in fighting these bans as violations of World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

Beef represents a case in point: In 1989 the European Union closed its markets to U.S. beef when it was alleged that American cattle were being fed growth hormones that pose a threat to human health. The hormone charge refers to a naturally occurring, growth-promoting hormone that is scientifically proven to contribute to the production of healthy beef products. Since then the European Union has increasingly insulated its own beef industry from competition, despite the fact that in 1996, the World Trade Organization ruled that the EU had failed to make its case against U.S. beef. In May of 1999, the EU missed the deadline for complying with the WTO panel ruling. In this country, we call that thumbing your nose, so in August, 1999 the United States imposed 100 percent tariffs on \$116.8 million worth of imports from the EU. The current crisis caused by outbreaks of "Mad Cow" disease and foot-and-mouth disease in the European Union has made it even more difficult for European consumers to put meat on their tables.

With that history in mind, I made it clear to Commissioner Fischler that trade in agriculture products will be a top U.S. priority at this year's round of WTO negotiations.

Changes we are asking the European Union to make in its agriculture policies include greater market access for U.S. products, the reduction of EU export subsidies, the reining in of state trading enterprises and the elimination of non-tariff trade barriers.

Our discussions were extremely cordial, but I told the commissioner that the United States expects the European Union to comply with the current trade agreements (and specifically with the agreement on beef), and to make substantive progress toward opening its markets to U.S. imports. We want trade equity - and will not settle for less.

Commissioner Fischler understands that trade barriers penalize U.S. producers and European consumers alike, and we agreed to continue to work on mutually beneficial ways to open, rather than close markets. He is scheduled to arrive in Washington for a second meeting the third week in May. We hope that the constructive dialogue we started in Brussels will continue, bringing both the United States and the EU to a workable and fair trade arrangement.

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