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MISD To Borrow Money For Tax Short Fall

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 21, 2001. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, John Holland, Joe Riley, and Toni Bohlar. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Blaze Herring, H.S. Principal, Dick Crockett, Elem. Principal, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, and Terri Adams. Absent from the meeting was Don Dorsey and Neal Odom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by John Holland, President. Opening prayer was led by Mike Darsey.

The minutes of the

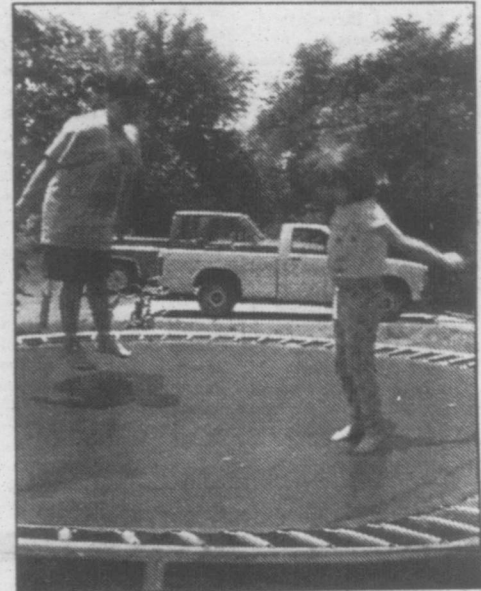
May 22, 2001 meeting were approved. Terri Adams gave a short presentation that allows schools to request computer donations from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. UPGRADE is the unfunded group of volunteers dedicated to serving communities with technology and equipment. Their mission is to assist schools and non-profit health and social agencies with technological assistance, equipment, and materials to facilitate their service to the community. To accomplish this mission they collect old computer equipment, repair, clean, and distribute the

equipment to schools and deserving agencies. UPGRADE assists the recipients of the computers to acquire proper software. They also assist them in loading and learning to use the software. UPGRADE will help the recipients of the computers to keep their equipment working and watch for upgrade opportunities for them. Educationally useful Federal equipment is identified and transferred to schools and nonprofit educational institutions in accordance with Executive Order 12999, titled "Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all Children in the Next

Century." The information was very appreciated by the Board, and Mr. Griffin would be calling Tinker to see if there were any upgraded computers to replace some of the older models still in operation at school.

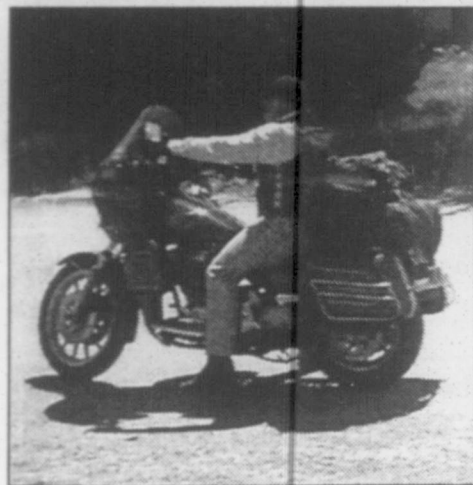
There was discussion about the Student Handbook regarding the dress code and length of shorts and skirts. The Board was in agreement that the rule remains, stating that the length must come to the end of the fingertips. Billie Ward commented that the rule needs to be enforced, and that it is a privilege to get to wear shorts anyway. Toni

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Tucker and Shelby Adams enjoy summer fun on the trampoline.

"Mother Road" Rally Passes Through McLean



Summer is in full swing and McLean is busy with visitors. The Mother Road Rally was held this past week with many motorcyclers through town. About 60 motorcycles left Chicago on their way to Santa Monica gathering others along the way. This is an annual event and now draws not only people from all over America but many from other countries. Of the 108 registered there were folks from New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Texas, and Oklahoma. Others came all the way from Canada, England, and New Zealand.

The riders stop along the way to see the site along Rt. 66. The Devil's Rope Museum has met many of these folks. The pair from New Zealand was one of those to stop. When asked why they came all this way to ride Rt. 66 they said, "Why not." This was a very courageous trip for them since the passenger was blind. Another of the group was a man, with his 12 year old son. What a wonderful history lesson.

This rally consisted of all kinds of people and all kinds of motorcycles, but they all had one purpose-to keep Route 66 alive.

Reception Held For Wilson

Forty-five to sixty people filled the Church of Christ annex this past Sunday to thank Jerry Wilson for his service to the community. Mindy Reeves and Leta Mae Hess put together a cookie and coffee reception to honor Jerry for taking care of the health of our town folk. Many happy memories were shared, but those attending also shared sadness because McLean will no longer have a clinic in town. Jerry still lives in McLean but practices medicine in Pampa. If you didn't get a chance to go to the reception be sure and thank Jerry when you see him.

REMINDERS

ATTENTION!!!
The Groom-McLean News will have an early deadline next week due to the July 4th Holiday. Please turn your news items in by Monday at 10:00 a.m., July 2. Anything you could get to us by Friday, June 29 would be greatly appreciated.

VFW AUXILIARY
meeting is on July 3rd 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall. There will be a party for our veterans.

ROUTE 66 hosts the "Made in America" tour as Harley owners ride Rt. 66 June 30-July 2. They will have a celebration on 6th street in Amarillo with food and entertainment.

MCLEAN CARE
Center will have a bake sale Saturday, June 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Pucketts. Proceeds will support activities for the residents.

FCA GOLF
Tournament Saturday, June 30th. Sign-ups are at 8:00 a.m. and first tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. A two person team is \$25.00 and there will be prizes.

FINAL READING
Party at the Library is Friday, June 29th, at 1:00 p.m.

JUNE 27-30 will be the Spirit of Route 66-Texas Alive for 75 Celebration with special events along the "mother road."

Creed Lamb Honored



Mr. Creed Lamb was honored for 50 years of service to families in the funeral business at the annual Texas Funeral

Directors Association Convention held at Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth, Texas June 18-21.

The presentation was held in the first general session and included a biographical sketch of his life in the funeral business.

Mr. Lamb spent time in the Army in grave registration in Korea. He also owned and operated Lamb Funeral Home in McLean, Texas.

Mr. Lamb received a certificate of achievement and lapel pin from the TFDA, presented by Don Buchanan, President of TFDA.

BOARD

Bohlar stated that if a student is in violation of wearing their shorts too short that they should be sent home to change with an un-excused absence. Cheerleading suits are not considered under this same rule, since they are a uniform. Other

discussion involved students using profanity, and some teachers allowing this in their class. The Administration and Board are strongly against any kind of profanity being used at school or any school function, and if this rule is violated then strong measures will be taken. There will be a teacher's meeting before the start of school and these issues will be discussed, to stress the importance of the rules.

Mr. Griffin gave a report on the band instruments, which have been loaned out to Roger Myers at Pampa ISD, Music Dept. Pampa cannot afford to purchase the instruments at this time. The instruments that are known to be on loan, consist of a set of kettle drums, 3 trombones, 5 or 6 trumpets, 1 fiberglass tuba, and one metal tuba. The consensus of the Board was that the instruments were better off being used, and Mr. Griffin is to get an exact inventory and cost of each one.

The motion was made and accepted to accept the resignation of 7th grade teacher, Cynthia Hauck.

John Holland signed the teacher contracts for the school year 2001-02.

United Healthcare is the new provider of

medical insurance for school employees, and the school received a premium increase from the original quote. The total cost per employee after the increase will be \$332.10, of which the Board will pay \$222.10, leaving each employee to pay \$100.00 out of their own pockets. United has better benefits than Unicare, the previous provider, they will pay 80/20, after the \$1000 deductible. Other insurance discussion was for Mr. Griffin to give the Board an update on the lawsuit against WTRCA. Eckerd's has filed a federal lawsuit against all entities who were in the pool with WTRCA. The case will be tried in Tom Greene County, and the school attorney agreed to this in order to save on legal fees.

July 16 and 17 have been designated as the dates for the budget work session at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The regular board meeting will still be held on July 10, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was passed to set policy for all fixed assets to be classified as having a value of \$5,000.00 or greater.

There was a brief discussion about GASB 34, which is the new required form of reporting for school audits that will begin implementation for the period beginning September 1, 2001. The purpose is to establish a basic financial reporting model to provide more relevant information that will result in greater accountability. It is also to enhance the understanding and usefulness of the annual financial reports to users. Detailed information will be provided at the fund level and synopsis information for the entity and an increased focus on operational accountability through information provided by the districts. Historical asset information and related depreciation are needed on an ongoing basis. In order to be ready for the implementation, a complete physical inventory is to be conducted this summer, and lots of research will be necessary to go back in history to obtain beginning purchase prices of all assets.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:12 to discuss employment of personnel and assignments for next year.

The Board returned to open session at 9:30. No action was taken regarding personnel.

Financial Report A-Check Report was approved after much discussion. McLean ISD will have to borrow money for maintenance and operation, due to the fact of tax property values being down, tax

collections are down, increases in charges for natural gas, and fuel costs, health insurance increases, as well as overspending. Mr. Griffin and John Holland, Board President, will visit with Mr. Rieff of McLean Bank of Commerce to discuss loan options and a sufficient amount needed to provide for operation until state money comes in. There will be necessary cuts, as a result of the money shortage, but no employee jobs are in jeopardy.

Financial Report B was approved.

Financial Report C-Cafeteria Report was approved.

The motion was passed to pay the May bills as presented.

Other business was to notify personnel of a meeting June 25, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the financial standing of McLean ISD. Roy Harris was here Wednesday, June 27, to work with Mr. Griffin on financial work sheets.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Agripartner Report

Southwestern corn borer moth activity as determined by area pheromone traps has declined this past week. Leaf and whorl feeding damage should be evident in non Bt corn. Bt corn should have very little damage from southwestern corn borer.

European corn borer moth activity has declined. Numbers of European corn borer caught in pheromone traps has been low all season. Bt corn should show very little leaf and whorl feeding damage from this borer.

Western corn rootworm larvae continue to be reported feeding on corn roots. Most reports indicate that at-plant and rescue insecticides are working well. Only a few reports have been received that insecticides are working less than satisfactory.

Corn earworm moth

activity declined this past week.

False chinch bugs continue to be reported about the area. These bugs because of their large numbers are largely a nuisance; however, seedling plants may be threatened by these bugs.

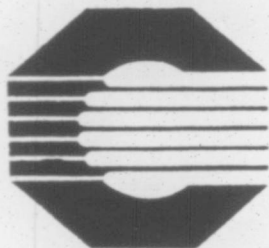
Thrips continue to infest cotton. Thrips numbers migrating from mature small grains and weed hosts have subsided, but continue to monitor seedling cotton for this pest. Cotton at the 5th and 6th true leaf stage is generally safe from thrips damage.

Beet armyworm pressure has dropped somewhat. The hot temperatures and

predators can be credited for this decline in activity. Continue to monitor this pest for any flare up at anytime.

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

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 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.

Trew Ranch Hosts Biennial Reunion

Bull Canyon on the Trew Ranch was the setting for the biennial Trew Reunion on June 15-17. Sixty-seven relatives and friends attended the "shindig."

In addition to the hosts, Delbert and Ruth, those attending included: Don and Barbara Trew, Harold Trew, Carter and Jana Trew, Megan and Barbee, all of Lubbock, Glenn and Jerec Oldham, Rachel, Kristen, and Ian (and Kristen's friend Shannon), Steve, Clayton, and J.T. Trew, Blakeney Terry, Donna Barlow, Beth Keaton, Howard Coulter, Mary Lynn Flowers, and Jim Gill, all of Amarillo, Beryl Trew, Lois Bartz, Justin Brooks, and J.W. and Meesha Hardy, all of Perryton.

Also attending were: Mike and Susan Oldham from Lefors, Jan Trew from Clinton, OK, Jamie Jackson, Kacy and

Kimber Altum from Brownfield, Judy Thornberry and Cortnee from Clarendon, D.C. Barlow from Austin, Keith and Margie Barlow from Midland, Toby and Shay Buchanan and Channing from Ft. Worth, Earnie and LaDawn Baten from Canyon, Vivian Basler from Claremore, OK, Jason and Jamie McGee and Brian from Norman, OK, Leon and Augusta Brown from Pampa, Jo Goen from Floydada, and Charles Gill and Kay Mayo from Panhandle.

Also Elson and Rochelle Rice, Dylan, Devin, and Cole from Booker, David and Shandee Tollison, Jacob (and friend Slade from Lefors), DeShae, and Kirsten, Johnny and Mary Ann Carpenter from McLean.

Good food and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Application Due For Young Ranchers Scholarship

The Young Rancher Scholarship application deadline has been extended to June 30, 2001. The scholarship is a \$450.00 scholarship provided by Memorialvomec Generations of Excellence and Texas CattleWomen to the prestigious Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University at College Station scheduled for August 6-8, 2001. The amount covers the registration fee and helps

on travel expenses. The applicants must be

involved in ranching (it is o.k. to hold another job), must be a resident of Texas, and must be between the ages of 19 and 39 years old. For an application form please call or write Sandra Christner at (806) 826-3572, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, Texas 79096. The application must be returned to Mrs. Christner by June 30, 2001.

MCLEAN CARE CENTER NEWS

June was a busy month. The June birthday party was held on Friday the 8th at 2:30 p.m. We have one birthday this month. It is Geniva Kingston.

Every Sunday morning the Methodist Friendship Class always comes for Sunday school. We appreciate this so much. The community churches have a designated Sunday to have services at 3:30 p.m. I want to try to express how much the residents enjoy and appreciate this. Some that aren't involved in anything come to church and Sunday school.

Besides all of the regular daily activities we have, there were some special ones this month. Tuesday morning on June 12th a large group of young people from the Barber Heights High School of Abilene, TX came to sing for the residents. They were involved in Church of Christ Bible School this week.

Wednesday afternoon on the 12th the residents attended the Methodist Ice Cream Social.

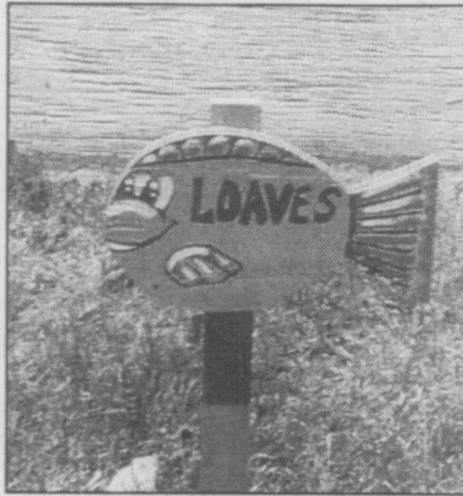
Saturday afternoon on June 16th we had the Father's Day party.

Lois Myers and Wanda Smith helped serve the refreshments. Boutonnieres were pinned on all the men. Lois Myers and Linda Eggers entertained us with piano and singing.

Tuesday morning on June 19th was the Church of Christ social.

This Saturday, June 30, at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is our bake sale at Pucketts. The proceeds will go for activities for the residents. If anyone wishes to bake and donate anything for this it will be greatly appreciated. Bring the goods to Billie Kingston Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Loaves & Fishes Have New Look



Have you seen the cute little fish in the yards around McLean? The loaves and fishes markers have a new look thanks to the Myers family. The Myers collected all the markers, repainted them, and redistributed them to those that receive meals daily. The new signs are bright and colorful and

really show that our meal program in McLean is strong. The program is especially strong this week after many surprise donations of food. Loaves and Fishes appreciates all the help and support from the community to make this a worthwhile program.

LOCAL CONTEST PLANNED FOR GRAY COUNTY CELEBRATION

Gray County will celebrate its 100th birthday next year and celebration organizers are looking to the community for help. "We need a logo," says Celebration Chairman, Darlene Birkes, "and the public is invited to submit design ideas to the logo committee."

From now until the September 15 deadline, the logo committee, made up of volunteers from Pampa Art Club, will be accepting entries to the Gray County Centennial Logo Contest.

"The design for the logo needs to incorporate what Gray County has seen in the last 100 years," said Madeline Gawthrop, loco committee chairman. "We are looking for a design too that will work as a cancellation stamp in honor of the celebration." Plans for use of the logo include banners, posters, and advertising.

The White Deer Land Museum can offer a wealth of information to designers wanting to research Gray County history.

Rules for submission are simple. Anyone may enter. Design size is flexible. No entries larger than 8.5 X 11. Keep in mind stamp cancellations are only 4 X 2 inches. Do not "sign" the design. On a separate piece of paper include name, address, and day and evening phone number. All entries will be judged anonymously. Mail entries to Madeline Gawthrop, Rt. 2, Box 74A, Pampa, TX 79065. Entries cannot be returned unless an SASE is also provided. The winner of the contest will be honored during the formal celebration in the fall of 2002. For more information contact Madeline at 665-6345.

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McLean ex-students enjoyed a wonderful reunion and attended a meeting in the High School Auditorium. All were encouraged to move back to McLean.



Cowboy Church has a good turnout for their float in the annual parade.



Athletes Attend McLean Basketball Camp

Future basketball stars worked on their skills this past week during McLean ISD's Basketball Camp for 5th through 9th graders.

Coach Walker worked with the students on fundamentals. They were taught defensive skills, shooting form, passing, rebounding, and blocking-out techniques.

Those participating in this weeks camp were: Deiter Brannon, Chloe Smith, Xenia Buckhaults, Malcom Byer, Brooke Seymour, Amanda Fricks, Jacob Connors, Kristen Odom, Kelsie Tate, Anna Shackelford, Trenton Darsey, Tammy Syfrett, and Cesly Cadra. Three students were awarded the fighting heart trophy for giving the most effort during the camp. They are Brooke Seymour, Anna Shackelford, and Trenton Darsey.

Coach Walker said we will have a young team again next year but that he is optimistic for basketball season.

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Jackson's Super Shooter Camp, July 9-13 at the Borger Community Activity Center on the FPC campus.

The camp is open to incoming 3rd and 6th grade girls and incoming 7th to 9th grade girls.

CAMP TO BE HELD

Frank Phillips College and FPC women's basketball coach Valery Jackson will host Valery

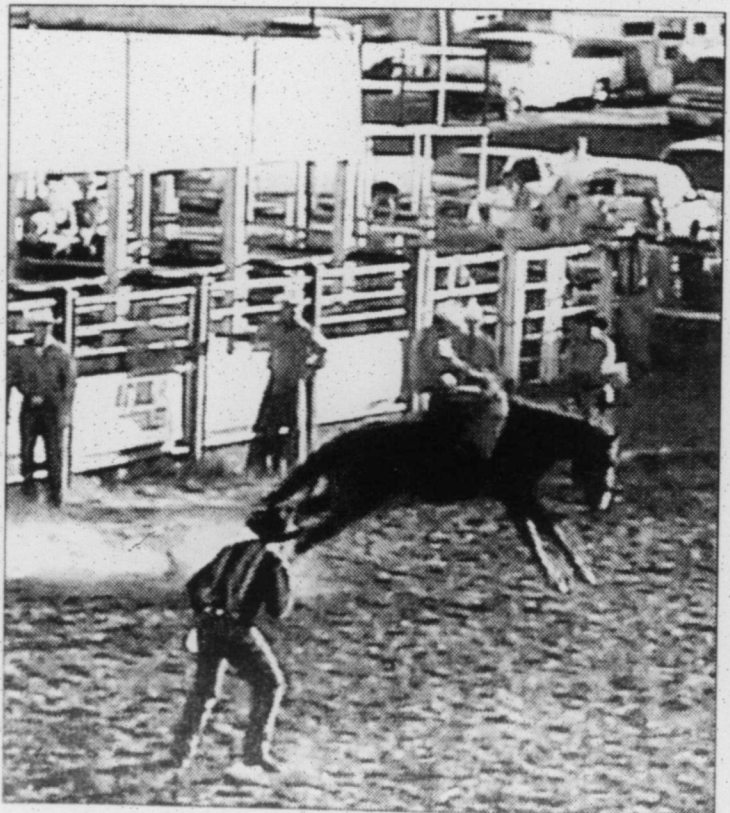
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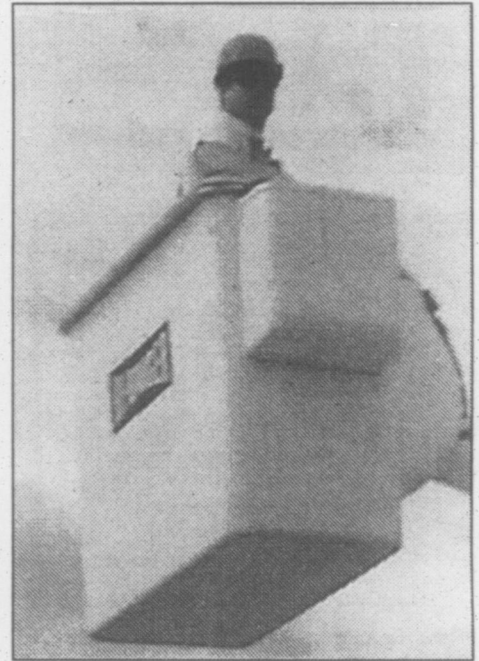


BWXT Pantex employees volunteered Saturday, June 23, in their communities at a number of projects sponsored and funded by BWXT Pantex. Projects were conducted in the towns of Claude, Fritch, Groom, Pampa, Panhandle, Canyon, and Amarillo from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We wanted to give back to the communities that have supported Pantex Plant for the past 50 years," said Denny Ruddy, BWXT Pantex President and General Manager. "Pantexans have always been generous with their time, but the response of the employees and their families is truly amazing."

Twenty Groom employees of BWXT Pantex and members of their families spent several hours Saturday working on various projects around Groom as part of the BWXT Pantex-sponsored and funded Volunteer Day. The 5 projects completed by the 35 volunteers

See BWXT, pg 4



Leonard Koetting making a stop a for something cool to drink...

A.J. Newsome buying a lottery ticket...

The Gary Davis' in the process of getting a new roof on their home...

Bob Pool picking up his mail...

Linda Bohr getting a real kick out of a typo in The Groom News...

Theresa Wills hurrying through the Grocery Store...

COMMUNITY CALENDER

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES

Attention local actors and actresses and those who like to "Ham" it up!

Groom Day is planning to have a melodrama this year! The play will need 6 men and 9 women and lots of extras! Anyone interested in performing in "Rag Weed Cowboy Joe" should contact Aimee Fields at 248-0019. Practices will probably be held in the evenings.

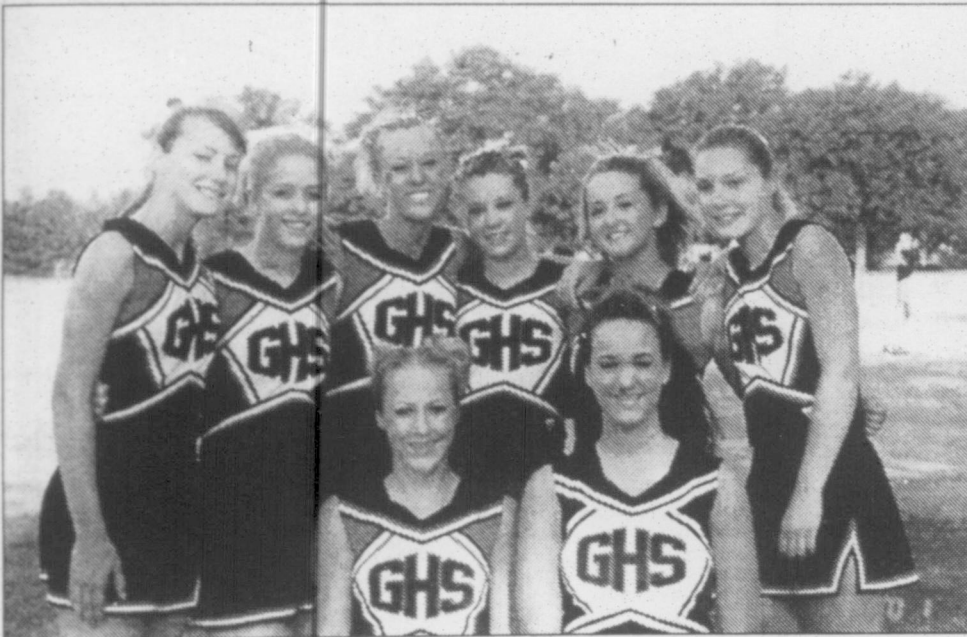
THE U.S. POSTAL Service will host a Diamond Jubilee for Route 66 TODAY, Thursday June 28 at 8:00 a.m to 10 a.m.

ATTENTION!!!

The Groom-McLean News will have an early deadline next week due to the July 4th Holiday. Please turn your news items in by Monday at 10:00 a.m., July 2. Anything you could get to us by Friday, June 29 would be greatly appreciated.

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Cheerleaders Earn National Honors

The Groom varsity cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp. The camp was held at Texas Tech University and attracted over 450

cheerleaders from the surrounding states.

The National Cheerleaders Association selects award winners at each of the over 1,000 camps it administers around the world each

summer. The NCA, the largest privately held cheerleader organization in America, holds events for over 150,000 cheerleaders and dancers around the world. The National Cheerleaders

Association, founded in 1948 by L.R. Herkimer, has been conducting camps for over 53 years.

The Groom varsity cheerleaders received numerous awards at the

See Cheerleaders, pg 2

Attention!

June Car Tag Buyers

Tags will need to be purchased in Panhandle during the week of July 2-6.


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Local Happenings

Lynell Peek and Danese McGill of Clarksville visited Helen Witt from Friday until Monday, helping celebrate her birthday.

On Sunday those who joined them for birthday cake and punch were Shannon Peek of Amarillo, Becky Vinley of Claude, Valerie McGuire of Canyon, and Melissa Hill of Groom.

The **JULY GROOM** City Council meeting will be held on July 12, Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

- Groom Birthdays Anniversaries**
 June 28 - Jack Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A), Staci Dian Britten, Kenneth and Christina Weller (A).
 June 29 - Ross Brooks, Kenneth Weller.
 June 30 - Don Smith, Alice Kuehler, Doris Kuehler, Mr. and Mrs. John Koetting (A).
 July 1 - Clifton Britten, Kevin and Susan Noack (A).
 July 2 - M.B. Bolden, Michael Anthony Lewis.
 July 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMahan (A).
 July 4 - Gregory Britten, Lucille Merrick, Stacy Jean Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kuehler (A).

WEINHEIMER GRADUATES FROM A&M

Jarret Karl Weinheimer graduated from Texas A&M University during their annual spring commencement ceremonies.

Jarret received a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 10 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 18 through June 24, 2001. Currently there are 18 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 16 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest this week include:

- Clint Walker, age 34 of Panhandle, TX-Forgery of financial instrument.
- Michelle Luster, age 28 of Pampa, TX-Commitment on possession of controlled substance.
- Tessa Whitley, age 23 of Amarillo, TX-Revocation of probation on possession of controlled substance.
- Charles Rhodes, age 40 of Cleburne, TX-Revocation of probation on possession of controlled substance.
- Ramona Weaver, age 25 of Panhandle, TX-Theft by check-Carson County and theft by check-Hutchinson County.
- Antonio Galindo, age 37 of Del Rio, TX-Driving while intoxicated.
- Alfredo Rodriguez, age 30 of Amarillo, TX-Public intoxication.
- Kimberly Dear, age 30 of Amarillo, TX-Driving while intoxicated.
- Derrick Lucero, age 18 of Borger, TX-Traffic warrants-Hutchinson County.
- Zach Irvin, age 17 of Panhandle, TX-Burglary of habitation.

CHEERLEADERS

National Cheerleaders Association summer camp they attended.

Lainie Britten received the All American Mascot and Spirit Stick award.

Nominees for All American awards include Amanda Martin for jumps and Caren Howard for tumbling.

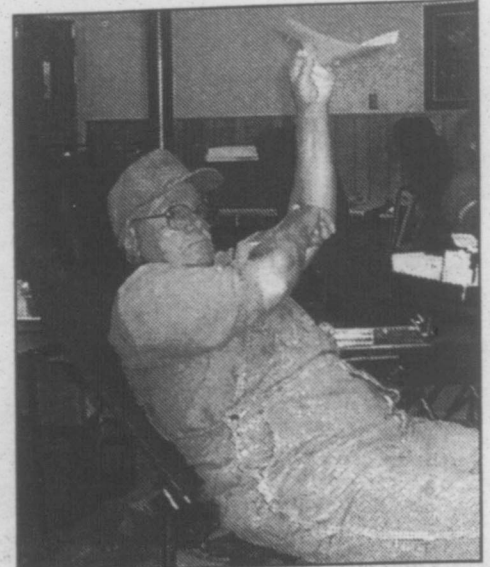
Groom varsity cheerleaders received the spirit stick award.

Each day there were evaluations for a cheer and a chant. The Groom cheerleaders received seven blue ribbons and one red ribbon.

Cheerleaders are: Brin Burgin, head, Amanda Martin, Penny McMahan, Jessica Bates, Caren Howard, Britteny Martin,

Lorri Britten, and Lainie Britten, mascot.

Groom Raises 18 Pints Of Blood For Claude Boy



Groom Area residents donated a total of 18 pints of blood Monday to help a young man at Claude who is suffering from cancer and is in need of frequent transfusions. The turnout was much less than expected, however those that intended to give may still do so by giving at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo. Be sure to tell them that you want your donation to benefit John Stockett of Claude.

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By Ace Reid



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- The Groom/Claude Masonic Lodge
- Mrs. Billy Fields
- Pizza Hut Delivery, Pampa
- Harvester Lanes Bowling Alley, Pampa
- Wal-Mart, 7-40 & Grand, Amarillo
- Britten Enterprises, Stan Britten, Amarillo
- Western Builders, Amarillo
- Tan Inn Tanning Salon, Amarillo

Carson County Receives Employee Safety Award

Carson County has been awarded the 2000 Safety Award by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers a Worker's Compensation self-insurance pool for counties and other local governments.

James Cain, TAC Safety Specialist, presented the award at the Carson County Commissioner's Court meeting on June 25 to members of the Carson County Loss Control Committee. Members of that committee are Dee Dee Smith, chairman, Ed Story, Jim Raney, Don Case, Becke Reynolds, and Bud Stafford.

Cain said what was significant about the award is that only 15 percent of counties in Texas receive the award. The award was earned for the County's record of involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling their Worker's Compensation claims.

The honor means that Carson County, which participates in the counties' pool through TAC, is obtaining substantial savings for their taxpayers as a result of their TAC Worker's

Comp coverage. Premiums are reduced for public entities that have lowered their claims rates and participate in other coverage through the self-insurance pools administered by TAC.

To qualify for this honor, the entity must have a safety program rated in the top 15 percent of approximately 300 governmental entities that collectively self-insure their Worker's Compensation in this pool. Only 31 entities were honored this year.

These programs are evaluated by the TAC Safety Specialist who work with each pool member to develop loss control and safety programs.

In the evaluation of the program, the following criteria are considered:

Activity and success of the program in the 2000 calendar year; Support for the program by the upper management, governing board or commission that directs the operations of the entity; recent loss history; and improvement in the safety program since 1999.

The TAC awards are presented annually.



Vacation Bible School teachers and students: (back) Marcie Babcock, Brett Friemel, Kelsey Webb, Berklee Ruthardt, Cindy Babcock, Thane Barkley, Chad Barkley, Sharri Brütten, Katy Brütten, Lorri Brütten, Melanie Brütten, (3rd row) Stephanie Friemel, Korri Brütten, Tiffani Kling, Eric Torres, Tyler Babcock, Trevor Friemel, Cady Wilson, Bailee Ruthardt, Danielle Rodriguez, Renee Weinheimer, Trent Brütten, (2nd row) Myles Friemel, Brody Hermesmeier, Morgan Brütten, Keeli Howard, Maddie Wieberg, Hali Bohr, Nick Bohr, Taylor Fields, Jacob Torres, Tanner Brütten, (front) Tyler Barkley, Trenton Fields, Teron Webb, McKenna Brütten, Amy Weinheimer, Cari Weinheimer, and Stetson Ruthardt.

St. Mary's Church Holds Bible School

By Melanie Britten

St. Mary's Catholic Church recently held their annual vacation bible school. This year's theme was Soncreek Junction and was attended by children ages four years

old to children in the sixth grade.

Kids learned bible stories in the Soncreek School House, heard music at the Soncreek Opry House, enjoyed snacks at the Chuckwagon Cafe, visited

the general store, and panned for gold. They learned about growing in God's family and that the true "gold" nuggets were found in learning bible verses. Younger children made lots of neat crafts from horse puppets to pet

rocks. Older children learned how to make hemp bracelets.

Teachers were Melanie Britten, Renee Weinheimer, Stephanie Friemel, Cindy Babcock, and Jennifer Weinheimer.

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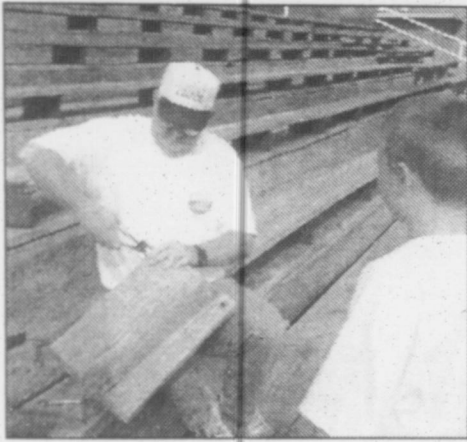
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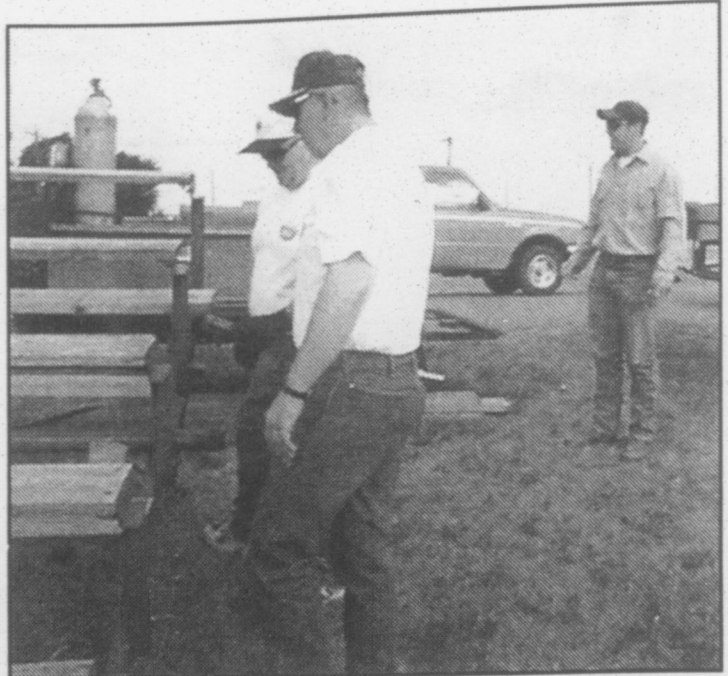
Kim Lewellen weed eats at the baseball park.



Brenda Broom, Susie Martin, and Joanea Horn washed all downtown businesses' windows.

BWXT should benefit the community at large. At the Legion Baseball Field, light bulbs were replaced and light fixtures adjusted; weeds were cut inside and outside the fence line of the field; both dugouts were cleaned out and the roof was replaced on the visitor's side; trash was picked up; and numerous seating boards were replaced in the bleachers. Along Main Street, windows were washed and trash was picked up. The Pee Wee Baseball Field adjacent to the school received a facelift when volunteers painted the bleacher frame bright red and replaced splintered boards. At the football stadium, fans will notice the addition of a handrail in the center aisle; numerous warped and splintered seating and foot boards were replaced; and gravel was spread near the east ramp to build up a low spot. (BWXT Pantex thanks Mike Britten and the County for getting the gravel and hauling it. Thanks also to Tony Treadwell and Attebury for the use of the skid loader and to Jamie Shuck for operating it.) The fifth project was the tennis courts where three broken fixtures were replaced.

More than 700 Pantex employees and family members participated in the first BWXT Pantex Day of Volunteering. Along with the volunteer projects in the towns surrounding Pantex Plant, 40 Amarillo and Canyon nonprofit and community organizations benefited.



Jerry Ashford, Donald Burgin, and Paul McLaughlin prepare to do some welding and painting on the baseball bleachers.



Kenny Weller, Kendall Weller, Pat Britten, Blaine Britten, and Jamie Shuck fill in a low spot near the football bleachers.



Forrest McLaughlin, inspects Jerry Ashford's work.



Janice Koetting does serious damage to weeds at the baseball park.

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Local Fire Chief Warns To Be Safe With Fireworks

Groom and the area are preparing for another July 4th Celebration.

Fire Chief, Tony Treadwell would like to remind everyone to be safe with their fireworks this year.

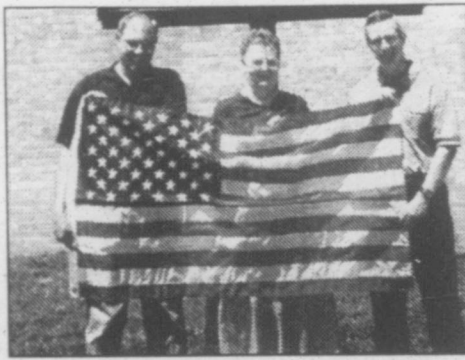
"We are hoping for a rain before the 4th gets here," he said, "but everyone needs to be careful about how and where they set off fire crackers. There is a lot of dry wheat stubble and hay out there, yet."

Always set your fireworks off in an open space free of debris that would catch fire. Locally children have been allowed to use the baseball field for this purpose.

The City asks that if you use the baseball field, please pick up all debris and trash so that the area is not a hazard to mow later.

Children should always be supervised by an adult, even if they are only using sparklers. One should always know what a firework is suppose to do, before it's fuse is lit. Does it go up in the air, stay on the ground, spin or jump around. It is always a good idea to expect the unexpected with fireworks. A first aid kit and a small fire extinguisher are good equipment to have on hand.

The City of Groom has a "no fireworks in the city" ordinance. If you feel someone is popping fireworks irresponsibly in town or out, contact the Carson County Sheriff's Department to report them. However response time may be lengthy as the department's call time usually doubles during the holidays.



Flag Day Celebrated

By Aloise Martin
Every year in commemoration of Flag Day, June 14, the officers of the Carson County Branch 56 of the Catholic Life Insurance Company presents a U.S. flag in one of the towns in Carson County.

This year the Groom School was chosen to receive the flag. The flag will be flown at the Groom School during the

2001-2002 school year. Presenting the flag to Mr. John Wilson, superintendent, were officers Stephen Warminski, secretary and treasurer, and Aloise Martin, president. Other

officers not available for the picture are Kenneth Martin, 1st vice-president and Randy Warminski, 2nd vice-president.

Commissioners Approve Computer Upgrade For Sheriff

On June, 2001, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment, with the members and officers present as follows: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Commissioners Mike Britten, Pr. 1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. 2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. 3, Kevin Howell, Pr. 4.

Minutes of the June 11, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The court heard a request from Sheriff Gary Robertson to upgrade the computer network for the jailer-dispatcher department at a cost of \$250.00.

The motion was passed to pay this claim and all others.

Judge Powers told the court that the county is currently reviewing three requests for indigent health assistance. The commissioners discussed the consequences of depleting the indigent funds for the fiscal year. Commissioner Strawn informed the court that no allotments will be reimbursed by the state once the funds are exhausted.

Judge Powers informed the court of upcoming budget planning. Discussion was held concerning pay increases and property valuations. Official 2001 tax valuations should become available by the end of July, at which time more concrete budget plans will be made.

The motion was passed on a request to transfer a total of \$12,500 in Precinct #4's budget. The money will be moved from parts, repairs, and part-time help to equipment rental and lease, utilities, tires, and equipment payment.

The court discussed a fireworks ban in the county. No ban will be in effect. The law states that anyone using fireworks will be

responsible for their own actions.

Jerry Lockhart and Jesse Coble with the AFLAC Insurance Company met with the court to seek permission to meet with county employees to offer a supplemental policy. The court agreed to allow the company to explain its benefits. No date was set.

Commissioners discussed a resolution and an amendment to a tax abatement agreement with Llano Estacado Wind Company. The motion was passed to increase the area included in the investment zone by 3 1/2 sections to accommodate larger wind power machines.

The motion was passed to approve the resolution which consents to the first amendment to the tax abatement agreement.

Judge Powers discussed recent hail damage to county owned buildings. Powers will seek bids for roof repairs to the courthouse, ag barn, museum building, and precinct barns.

The court recognized Auditor Jacqueline West for recent completion of continuing education. West was certified through the University of Texas Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs by attending the Forty-third Annual County Auditors Institute.

West presented the court with a recap of money activity in the General Fund for May 2001.

James Cain with the Texas Association of Counties presented the county with the 200 Safety Award for the county's record of involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace as well as controlling Worker's Compensation claims. Cain said that only 15 percent of the counties in Texas receive this award.

Court adjourned until July 9, 2001.

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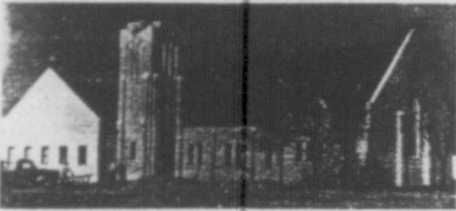
Well, it finally happened. Groom got into the flying saucer news this week, although it was a little slow in reaching the office of this newspaper.

On Monday evening, April 17, as Mrs. Neva Fine and Mrs. Bettie Fields were walking home from church, they saw an object in the sky they classed as a flying saucer. The object was spotted not far from the home Mrs. Bettie Fields "It seemed to move back and forth and turn around like a fish swimming" said the two people. "There weren't any doors or windows or lights in it. It was not making any sound. We stood and watched it for a minutes. Then it suddenly disappeared." They reported that reflection of

light from the Ludwig building on the saucer drew their attention. They reported that it was found not more than the height of the building.

It was described as being 22-24 inches and about the size of a living room couch. It was traveling in a general northerly direction when spotted. They could make no estimate of the speed of the saucer or balloon seen in Memphis. Children and Clarendon Tuesday of last week, but it is doubted that it was the same object.

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Chitter-Chatter
We wonder what was wrong with Charleen on the picnic Thursday? By the way, who won, Charleen or Darlene???

Nell Dean and Lawrence Knorpp have been seen making eyes at each other! Barbara Kirk you had better watch that boy!!

Clona, Jean, Virginia, Barbara, and Sue surely did like the baby pictures on display by the Majestic Arts salesman!! Girls, you are too old for that kind of pictures he thinks!!

Curt and Ruby Patterson really like to play ping-pong together!! They're pretty good, too!! Better watch, Sue!!

This was found on the library table—Mrs. Patterson must be having new problems in math!! x- Barbara Kirk; x2- Nell Dean Knight; x3- Wilma Hickox; x2 plus x3-x6. Dopes!!

Doris and Charleen were seen with some of the cutest guys in a blue Ford Sunday afternoon! Who were they, girls!!

Is it true John Praser is supposed to go with June Reed Wednesday night??

Mozelle Bural really goes for these red-headed freshman boys!! Better watch out, Edward!!

Carey had better start looking before leaping. What is this about.

Carey? Janelle and Douglas are both down in the dumps since they broke up. Why be so stubborn, Doug?

Curt and Sue don't make chitter anymore. If the truth were only known!

What's the matter, Jean? Did Arnie's Buick wear out? Bob Hale has found a new girl in fourth period, study hall, but he'd better look out for Johnny Lee.

Woods, what is this we hear about Sue Smith? Surely you haven't gone back to her.

David and Patsy are blue since they were separated in study hall. Cheer up, kids there is plenty of time to be together besides in study hall.

Kenneth Brewster has a two-tone car, huh Janelle?

Kenneth Anglin just likes to turn backward somersaults doesn't he, Janelle?

Jean has got that Panhandle senior ring again. We're wondering!!

Janelle do you really like your name in chitter-chatter or is it just a rumor?

What boys were seen at Pampa Saturday night? Just ask James Why did Mrs. Leggett move

Dorothy in study hall Boys, watch it!!

Personal Mention
Carey, Barbara, and visited in Amarillo over the week-end. Mozelle, Virginia Looten, Clartine and Evelyn Britten were Amarillo shoppers Saturday. Virginia Lamb was in Clarendon Saturday to see the dentist. Mrs. O. B. Leggett was a visitor in her daughter's home at Herford over the week-end. Teachers attending the meeting

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