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WE SAW.

Lots of ice cream lovers at the Community Center social Thursday night.

Dan Ashford treating everyone on Main Street to look at the eclipse through his welding mask.

An aggravated Joyce Hutsell trying to get her keys out of her locked car.

A couple of frustrated "would - be" locksmiths trying to get into Joyce's car. No need to worry that Max Wade or Gary Davis will take up grand theft auto as a hobby!

Mike Conrad sporting new wheels.

A slightly damp and a little late Mrs. James Miller rushing to her shower in a

Pretty new park benches adorning main street.

Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts holding an impromptu "Red Rover" tournament.

Melinda Burgin helping out Monday and Tuesday at News Office setting

Bobby Cornett and Matt Miller organizing the pages of the Ex-Student directory so GEDC volunteers could begin putting the book together Monday night.

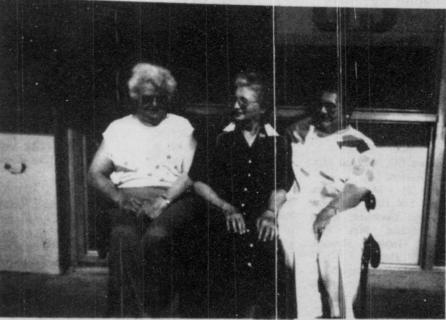
Melvin Wills explaining how he was unplugging the microwave oven in his kitchen when lightening struck, burning his finger.

Doris Britten making her daily run to the post office. *****

Bud Babcock mowing his beautiful yard.

Mary Britten taking an early morning walk.

The Ellingtons moving... just down the street.



If you have passed downtown Groom this week you may have noticed pretty new park benches in front of several local businesses. Karen Brown, Pam and Jerry Ashford volunteered to pick these up for the interested businesses. They put them together and sealed them. These three ladies, Lucille Case, Sybil Harrell, and Helen Witt found themselves a great place to visit.

Board Interviews Applicants For Head Football Job

The Groom School Board met Tuesday, July 9th in regular session. All members were present. Also attending were Brenda Homan, Nila Burgin, Donald Burgin, Bo Burgin, Dena Lambert, Marcia Conrad, Jay Lamb, Tammy Robinson, C. W. Williams, and Donna Burton.

Kenneth Sweatt introduced C. W. Williams, applicant for the football/basketball coaching position. A brief, informal interview was held discussing Groom's current sports programs and Mr. Williams' coaching philosophy.

The board then went into executive session asking Mr. Williams to stay and later asking Jay Lamb in for a brief discussion.

At 9:42 they reconvened and offered employment to C. W. Williams at State Base Step 10, Masters degree overage of \$900.00, Step 10 increment of \$500.00, housing, personal hospitalization insurance and coaching increment of \$5,100.00.

In other business the

Approved use of school facilities for the Groom Day Celebration on Aug. 3,

Denny Babcock reported on the meeting of the CED created by recent legislation. The CED called for an election to

simultaneously with statewide county elections.

Bids were opened for food products, athletic uniforms, medical supplies, gasoline, and janitorial supplies.

two bids were Only received.

David Britten and Gary Friemel seconded to reject the one bid on gasoline and instructed the superintendent to obtain the best possible price for gasoline, oil, bus services, milk, bread, food, medical supplies, and athletic uniforms as they are

Treadwell moved and Lyles seconded a motion to See School. Board, pg. 3.

Fire Dept. Studies **Expansion To City** Fire Dept. Building

The Groom City Council met last week in regular session. All members were

Brent Stephens, representing the Groom Volunteer Fire Department met with the council to discuss placement to an addition to the fire hall. The fire department is currently attempting to seek a grant for the construction of a building. Stephens suggested that they extend the fire hall east towards the street. After some discussion, a suggestion was made that the dept. look at

the lots the city owns south of the city barn for possible expansion. Mr. Stephens plans to look into that possibility and get back to the council at another time.

Mayor Jimmy Britten appointed council members Greg Lamb and Ronny Fields to a Water Rights Committee. The mission of this committee will be to investigate property for future development of

The commission approved a management system of employee evaluation. This will rate all employees as to how well they perform their jobs against their prescribed job description. Done on a year to year basis, the evaluation will rate employees excellent, good, marginal, or poor.

Fees were set for new water taps and sewer taps. They are as follows: Water tap - 3/4" - 225.00, 1" -350.00, 1 1/2" - 535.00 and 2" - 775.00. Sewer taps will be left at 85.00.

The council voted to pay all bills. The meeting was then adjourned.

Community Calendar

WOOD GATHERING for Groom Day will be Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.; meet at Johnny Brooks' shop.

THE SLOW PITCH tournament has been rescheduled for July 26th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.

GROOM 4-H will meet Friday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center.

pictures are now available for those who purchased them. Pick them up anytime at Eddie Hogan's.

ATTENTION BICYCLE RIDERS! There will be a bike decorating contest in the Groom Day Parade. Decorate your bike in patriotic style and win a ribbon. Line up at 9:00 at the school.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Booksale has been postponed until the Watch the Groom News for further information.

THE PRICE of the Groom Day BBQ will be \$4.00 this year.

GROOM DAY Craft Booth - call 248-7226 or 248-7478

ANYONE INTERESTED in participating in the Groom Day Parade should contact Marion or Bobby Pool at 248-7286.

GROOM DAY Committee still needs your pictures of Groom. Your pictures will be returned. Call Shirley Fields, Evelyn Ollinger or Karen Brown.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

> Wheat-\$2.43 Milo-\$3.88 Corn-\$4.51



Approximately 110 people turned out for the Community Center Ice Cream Social Thursday evening. The annual event was sponsored this year by the local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to raise money for the day-to-day expenses of the community center.

Lots of flavors of ice cream, brownies, and cake were available, completely "calorie-free," of course!

The social raised \$540.00.

Pictured are Aunt Barney, Mom Christi, and Baby Kelton enjoying ice



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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt and Rheagan returned to their home in Alto, Texas, Monday. They spent the weekend visiting his mother, Marion Pool. Helen Witt, after assisting

Local Happenings

in Capitan, New Mexico, with a group from Abilene Christian University.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Brown, J. Glen Smith, R. J.

Kuehler, Mrs. Tom Reed.

Mrs. Harvey (Ed) Gray.

July 18 - Mrs. J. C.

July 19 - Mrs. J. E. Lee,

July 20 - Lainie Sue

Britten, Trey Daniel Britten,

Michael Anthony Lewis,

Melanie Renee Friemel, Mr.

and Mrs. Dennis L.

Babcock (A), Mr. and Mrs.

July 21 - Mr. and Mrs.

Norris Lee Hoyt (A), Mrs.

O. Page Blackwell, Randy

Homer, Harris E. Howard,

July 22 - Kenneth F.

July 23 - Darcee Lyles,

Black, Mr. and Mrs. Mark

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose

L. Bivens (A), Mike Addis

Sustaire, Mrs. Paul

Jerry Ashford (A).

Steven R. Hutsell.

with a vacation Bible School

Don,t forget that Groom Day is just around the corner. Be sure to get your parade entries in to



NEW ARRIVAL Carl and Angela Looten of Groom are pleased to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Leo Chapman, on July 3rd at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Looten of Panhandle and Millie Craig Spearman. Greatgrandmothers are Pauline Looten of Groom and Bertha Craig of Mansfield Louisiana.

Little Leo is welcomed home by three big sisters, Sarah, age 8; Faith, age 5; and Leah, age 3.

Bessie Mae Arnold recently attended the Fourth Of July Celebration at Clarendon.

Melinda Burgin has been helping out at the News . Office. She's doing a great job. She is filling in for Jo Ann Baker who's mother is very ill in the hospital.

NEW ARRIVAL Raylynn and Johnny Cline are happy to announce their new arrival, Jason Levi.

Jason was born July 1st at 8:45 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2" He is welcomed home by brother Greg, 5 1/2, and sister Jessica, 3.

Grandparents are Janice and Terrell Rucker of Pampa, and Marvin and Shirley Cline of Altus.

MEMORIALS TO GROOM COMMUNITY CENTER Ronald Homer

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D. Harrell.

Jessie McSpadden Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lamberson, Mrs. Ruth Knight, Mamie Poole.

Leon Burk Mr. and Mrs. Bill Homer. Nellie Ford Mamie Poole George Ashford Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D.

Mertie Schaffer Mr. and Mrs. Bill Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Babcock, Virginia L. Marshall, Paul and Viola Schaffer.

Virginia Johnson Mrs. O. P. Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brumley. Jim Babcock

Irene Kotara.

Harrell.

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CHOW LINE MENU

July 19 - Salmon croquette, French fries, corn, spinach, Birthday cake, and ice cream.

July 23 - Goulash, cabbage slaw, Jello salad, dessert, and bread.

Visiting Bess Mae Arnold over the weekend was Al Virginia Alward of Claude.

Visiting Mamie Beavers earlier this week was son Leroy and wife Rose of

John and Jean Fish of weekend. grade.

Mrs. Mears will have a Amarillo Thursday

Crowell, Texas visited Mrs. Sarah Mears over the Mrs. Mears taught John in the third

doctor's appointment in

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SCHOOL BOARD

reject the one bid on janitorial supplies and in structed the superintendent to obtain the best possible price at the time needed. All members were in favor except Ken Burger who abstained.

FORD

State National Bank was awarded the bid for depository of state funds for the school. All members were in favor except abstaining members Ken Burger and Adela Kotara.

(Editor's Note: Since this Board meeting was held, Mr. Williams has declined the position. Groom I.S.D. is still attempting to fill this position.)



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Carson, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Carson, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.r.t. to 7:00 p.m., on August 10, 1991, for voting in a special election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session; also, the County Education District Propositions.

sion; also, the County Education District Propositions. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electordles sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el augusta de 10 de 1991 a loptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas de 1991 para vota en la Eleccion Especial para pro la 72ª Legislettes Regular Session).

latura, Regular Session.)
LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES
(Direction(es) de Las Casillas Electorales)
Precinct No. Precinct Name

Carson County Library - Panhandle
AJ. Labus Home - Liberty
Panhandle High School - Panhandle
White Deer School - White Deer
Conway
St. Mary's Hall - Groom
Skellytown School - Skellytown

A. Jones Home - Fritch, Pawnee Rd.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) County/Dist. Clerk's office, Courthouse, Panhancle, TX, July 22 thru Aug. 6, during regular working hours.

Issued this the 10 day of July, 1991. (Emitada este dia 10, de July, 1991.)

(Signed) Jay R. Roselius County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

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Mr. Kuehler also reported that some isolated fields south and east of here have received two to three inches more.

Not everyone was as happy about the rain as the local farmers. The slow pitch tournament being held to benefit the fireworks

display on Groom Day was rained out. Efforts are being made to reschedule the contest for this weekend.

The Claude Caprock round up was a little soggy but was held much as planned with part of rodeo rescheduled for Sunday afternoon as opposed to Saturday night.

National Weather personalties on television have dubbed this the monsoon season for Texas and New Mexico. After a week of near 100 degree weather, the rain was very refreshing. Locals agree that if this is indeed the monsoon season, then let's have one every year.

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Fewer persons were killed in traffic accidents in Texas during the July 4th holiday period than at any time since at least 1970, according to preliminary figures released by the Texas Department of Public Safety

"While we regret that we had seven fatalities in Texas during the 30-hour July 4th holiday period, we were pleased to see that we fell short of out estimate the 12 persons would die on Texas' streets and hig ways during the holiday," said DPS Assistant Director Lt. Col. James Wilson.

The previous lowest July 4th traffic death count was in 1973, when 9 persons died during the 30-hour holiday period. Four others later died of injuries, pushing the final total to 13 deaths that year.

"Of the seven deaths reported this July 4th," Wilson said, "three were in motorcycle accidents, two in auto-pedestrian accidents and two in vehicle accidents. both the vehicle accidents, the victim had not been wearing a safety belt. The count might have been even lower if they had been

buckled up." All available Highway Patrol Troopers were on the roadways during the holiday period, which Wilson said have discouraged may drunken driving and speeding, the two leading causes of traffic cleaths.

"Texas motorists also deserve our thanks for helping make it a safer July 4th," Wilson said.

NOTICE OF COUNTY **EDUCATION DISTRICT** ELECTION

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE **GROOM INDEPENDENT** SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 P.M. on the tenth day of August, 1991 (August 10, 1991), for voting in a component school district for Carson-Armstrong-Randall County Education District issues:

to allow the exemption of 20% of the market value of residence homesteads located in the Carson-Armstrong-Randall County Education District;

to provide the exemption of \$10,000.00 of the market value of residence homesteads belonging to a disabled person and the exemption of \$10,000.00 of the market value of a residence homestead belonging to a person 65 years or older in the Carson-Armstrong-Randall County Education District.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

Catholic School located at the corner of 4th and Martin Streets in the City of Groom, County of Carson, State of Texas.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the office of the County Clerk, Carson County Court House located in the city of Panhandle, County of Carson, State of Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.,

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ISSUED THIS, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY, 1991:

s/ Dennis Babcock President, Board of Trustees Groom Independent School District *

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TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS ARMSTRONG COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2 OF GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS:

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s/ Dennis Babcock President, Board of Groom Independent School

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ALFONZO JAMES BABCOCK, Deceased, were issued on July 15, 1991, in Docket Number 3002. pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas, to RUBY LEE BABCOCK, Groom, Texas, 79039.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by

DATED the 15th day of July, 1991.

Marshall Sherwood Attorney for the Estate of ALFONZO JAMES BABCOCK, Deceased MARSHALL SHERWOOD

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Jr. Olympic Hopefuls Stranded In Groom

Toni Pavolasky was welcomed by a strange sight as she pulled up to her home last week. Her drive way was filled with thirteenyear-old boys.

It seems that three van loads of boys were headed to the Junior Olympics when one van had engine trouble and pulled into Groom to be repaired. Spying the goal on the Pavlasky's driveway was just too tempting for the championship basketball team, as they quickly organized and impromptu

practice.

The team, known as the Lubbock Trinity Mustangs, is a member of the American Athletics Union. They won the championship of the West Texas Area beating Amarillo in the playoffs. They will represent Texas as one of 62 teams in Roenoak, Virginia in tournament play July 14th - 21st. The team has four returning players from last year's championship team, one being the AAU National Boxing champion.

Last year's team placed 25th out of 62 teams. The

Mustangs consist of thirteen-year-old boys, four being from Lubbock and six are from Shallowwater. After Toni's surprise

wore off, she did what makes us different from larger towns, she rolled out the red carpet, and opened her home to them, and called the Groom News. The team was very appreciative and extended their thanks to Toni for being such a gracious hostess.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR Friday, August 23 Workday Monday, August 26 - School starts Monday, September 2 -Labor Day holiday Friday, October 4 - End of 1st Six Weeks Friday, November 15 - End of 2nd Six Weeks Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 -Thanksgiving holidays December 23-31 and January 1-3 - Christmas holidays Thursday, January 16 - End of 3rd Six Weeks and 1st Semester Friday, January 17 -Workday Thursday, February 27 -End of 4th Six Weeks February 28-March 3 - Ski holidays Thursday, April 16 - End of 5th Six Weeks Friday, April 17 and Monday, April 20 - Easter holidays Thursday, May 28 - End of 6th Six Weeks and 2nd

Semester

Friday, May 29 - Workday



BROWN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Heather Brown, daughter of Betty Rae Brown, was recently notified that she has been selected as a recipient of the Accounting Careers Scholarship awarded through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Heather will receive \$4000.00 to help with her education. She is a 1991 graduate and Valedictorian of her class.



Ted Friemel, Billy Cornett, and Rex Brown enjoy a good visit waiting for the line to shorten at the Community Center Ice Cream Social.

SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM

RECEIVES GRANT

Three Panhandle-area museums have been selected as recipients of operating grants from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency appropriated monies to museums, Congressman Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) announced May 31st.

receiving the grants are the Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo, \$75,000; the Amarillo Art Center Association, \$55,232 and the Carson County Square

The area museums House Museum in Panhandle, \$23,000.

"Only 432 museums in the nation received these federal grants, out of more than 2,000 applicants."

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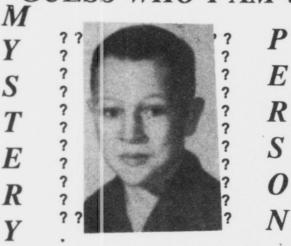
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1967

- 1. Who were the editors of the Tiger's Tale in 1967?
- 2. Who won the Betty Crocker Contest sponsored by FHA?
- 3. Who was named Angus Breeder of the year?
- 4. Al's Texaco was robbed by a gunman. Who was the attendant on duty?
- 5. Who was struck in the head by a 12 lb. shotput at a Panhandle track
- 6. What happened to Groom phones all over town?
- 7. Forty-one boys reported for this on August 17.

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