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McLean Reminder

EVERYONES INVITED to meet the athletes and coaches at a watermelon feast hosted by the Athletic Booster Club on Thursday, August 22 at the football field.

REGISTRATION FOR a parent-taught preschool will be held on August 26 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the McLean Lovett Memorial Library. Children must be four years old before September 1 to enroll. The preschool will begin September 3 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A basic preschool curriculum will be taught. The preschool is free but the students will be responsible for their own supplies. There will be a short meeting after the registration for those interested.

THE PIONEER Study Club will have their first meeting on September 5. The ladies will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Bank of Commerce parking lot and will travel together to the Carson County Museum of Panhandle for lunch at 12 noon. Lunch will cost \$10.00. Following the luncheon, a tour of the Historic Texan Hotel will be conducted at about 1:30 p.m. RSVP Mickey Jackson at 779-2909 or 898-3861 by August 28.

A RETIREMENT party honoring Jane Herndon will be held at the Church of Christ annex on Sunday, August 25 from 7:30-3:30 p.m. A memory book is being made and if you would like to add your special memories, pick up a page from the Hair Gallery.

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

188 Students Head Back To School



School started for the 2002-2003 year on Monday with 188 students enrolling. This is a decline in enrollment of 16 students from last year. The tardy bell rings at 8:05 a.m. and children are released at 3:20 p.m.

The lunch schedule is: kindergarten, 10:55 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.; 1st grade, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; 2nd grade, 11:05 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.; 3rd grade, 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.; 4th grade, 11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.; 5th grade, 11:25 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.; 6th grade, 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon; and 7th grade, 11:40 a.m. - 12:10

McLean ISD Earns "Recognized" Status

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2002. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, Steve Bowlin and Ronnie Ferguson. Others present were Supt. Bob Downs, Dick Crockett, Eric Smith, Leslie Darsey, Margaret Milam and Bill Anderson.

Absent from the meeting was John Holland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Joe Riley.

Opening prayer was given by Ronnie Ferguson.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2002, and the Special meeting minutes of August 1, 2002. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about the cafeteria billing system, and Mr. Downs went over the routine used by the students who eat a meal in the cafeteria. There were a few questions from the Board, but it was decided that the system being used currently was the best means for tracking daily charges. Lunch bills will be sent home

with the children on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to regretfully accept the resignation of Board President, John Holland, who has moved out of the District. Motion carried.

Mr. Crockett explained the Accountability Rating Report received from TEA, in which McLean ISD was Recognized. The students are still performing at a higher average than most of the state of Texas. The Board and Mr. Crockett commended the teachers and students for keeping up the good work.

The Board voted to adopt the School Handbook with revisions made to the master copy; motion by Steve Bowlin, second by Neal Odom. Motion carried. The revised handbooks will be given to the students as soon as possible.

Mr. Downs went over the Budget worksheet. He proposed a tax rate of \$1.50, in order to raise \$1,540,000.00 locally. The rollback rate is \$1.808155, and the effective rate to maintain the same level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue as last year is

\$1.633900. Mr. Downs carefully examined the proposed budget and made some corrections that needed changing from the past budget. He stated the fund balance must slowly be built back up. He explained the Federal Programs, and how 85% of the funds must be allocated. A few items he tried to allow for in the budget were a buffer at approximately \$1000.00, and an increased amount for Property insurance. Total Revenues in the proposed Budget are \$1,824,476, and the Total Expenditures are \$1,604,126. In other discussion the need to replace an old bus may be necessary in the future and to network the phone lines or replace the phone system.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Ronnie Ferguson to adopt the Budget as presented. Motion carried. A Public Hearing to adopt the Proposed Tax Rate will be held on September 3, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Downs had received one bid for bus insurance, but will be receiving another bid from Blackwell & Associates from Canyon. Mr. Blackwell is also preparing a quote for Property &

Casualty insurance. Motion by Steve Bowlin, second by Toni Bohlar to table this item until the September 3rd meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Steve Bowlin to pay Vonda Averett \$1000 Supplemental for being the

Yearbook sponsor last year. Motion carried.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Ronnie Ferguson to approve the Supplemental Pay schedule for 2002-2003 proposed by Mr. Downs. Motion carried. The list is as
See Board, pg. 9



BILLIE KINGSTON WINS BIKE

Brandon Lewis, manager of Puckett's Grocery Store, presents Billie Kingston with the Spider-Man bicycle she won in the drawing sponsored by Coca-Cola. Congratulations, Billie!

15 Students Needed For McLean to Offer Pre-Kindergarten Program

McLean ISD will offer a pre-kindergarten program if there are at least (15) students that meet the following criteria:

1. A child is eligible for enrollment in a pre-kindergarten class if the child is at least three years of age and is:
 - A. unable to speak and comprehend the English language;
 - B. educationally disadvantaged;
 - C. homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302

If you have a child or know of a child that qualifies, please contact the principal at (806) 779-2671. Thanks for your cooperation in this manner.

El Distrito Escolar De McLean Ofrecera un Programa Prekindergarten Si A Lo Menos Quince (15) Estudiantes Satisfacen Lo Siguiente:

El Distrito Escolar de McLean ofrecera un programa pre-kindergarten si a lo menos quince (15) estudiantes satisfacen lo siguiente:

1. El/La niño (a) es elegible para inscribirlo (a) en clase de pre-kindergarten si tiene por lo menos tres (3) años de edad y:
 - a. no habla o entiende el inglés;
 - b. esta educativamente desvalido; o
 - c. esta sin hogar, definido por 42 U.S.C. Sección 11302.

Si usted tiene un/una (a) o conoce un/una niño (a) que califica, favor de llamar al principal de la escuela al número (806)779-2671.

Gracias por su cooperación en este asunto.

Contact Bob Downs, Superintendent, McLean ISD

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Letter To The Editor...

City Vacancies Should Be Filled

Dear Editor,

During a McLean City Council meeting Aug. 12, Alderman Jim McDonald moved that an existing Alderman vacancy be left vacant. His motion was seconded by Alderwoman

LaVon Watson. There was no debate on the motion. Alderman Lamb voted against the motion. Previously when a vacancy occurred on the council the mayor appointed the next high vote recipient in the prior election. While the current process seemed well orchestrated, no reason was forthcoming for the vacating action. The motion and the thought behind it could stem conceivably from one of the following.

1. There are or were too many council members.
2. The former member was of no concern and will not be missed.
3. The former member was very participative and was in agreement with all proposals and decision made by the council. The council recognizing the former member's contributions and fearing any divergent ideas and opinions in formulating the business of local government must render the seat vacant until a clone is found.
4. The council has

determined that less government is better, a theory that has broad support. If this be the case then the resignation of two additional Alderpersons would make the council three times more effective than the one resignation must have.

It is generally acknowledged and accepted that the best decisions flow from the most information, both pro and con. To restrict dialogue is to work with

one-half of ones resources.

Since no other information was forthcoming, a speculative conclusion could be that there are personality differences involved. It is not logical that members of an elected body would let such a thing inhibit them from filling a vacant Alderman position. There seems to be no advantage to leaving the seat vacant.

s/Bill Reeves
(Editors Note: We encourage and welcome all letters to the editor that are signed and follow the policies for such. Contact our offices for more information at 248-7333).

Services Held For Former McLean Resident, Dale Howard Of Amarillo

Dale Howard, 77, of Amarillo died on Aug 12, 2002.

Services were held at the Bell Ave. Church of Christ with Glen Walton officiating.

Mrs. Howard was born Jan. 27, 1925, in McLean to Ted Woods and Maude Franklin Woods. She graduated from McLean High School. Dale married Bennie Howard on Sept. 15, 1946. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ.

She loved her family, friends, morning glories, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," crossword puzzles, the color purple, America, and her savior

Jesus Christ, who had taken her home.

She was preceded in death by a brother Will Woods, in 1995.

Survivors are her husband, Bennie; two daughters Linda Howard Rather of Sugarland and Debra Howard Cearley of Amarillo; a stepdaughter Cordelia Ann Howard Munoz of Arlington; twin granddaughters, Julie and Jennifer; grandsons Nick and Lance and a great-granddaughter, Katie.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, 11475 S. Western ST. Amarillo, Tx 79448 or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

You Are Invited
To a Retirement Party
Honoring Jane Herndon
on Aug 25 from 2:00 to 3:30 at the
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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 Children's Church 11:15
Sunday Evening 7:00
Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study
2 Home Bible Studies

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

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.

Savannah Williamson Attends Festival



Savannah Williamson recently competed in the Assemblies of God National fine arts festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico and received a Superior rating. She was one of 403 female vocal soloists. Around 7,000 students from all over the United States were in attendance and resented their God given talents at this festival. □

To have the opportunity awarded her, Savannah first had to compete in the Sectional and then West Texas District Fine Arts festivals earning a Superior with Invitation to Nationals rating. The purpose of the fine Arts festivals with the

Assemblies of God is to help young people discover, develop and use their talents for God while earning scholarships to Christian colleges around the country. Some of the talents presented include: male/female vocal solo and ensembles, instrumental solo and ensembles, choirs, worship bands, puppets, short sermon, drama, human video, sign language, photography, visual art, essay, poetry, song writing, etc. It is so awesome seeing God use so many of our young people in this day an age.

Savannah is the daughter of Rev. Dean and Susan Williamson who pastor the First Assembly of God Church in McLean, Texas. p.m. Watch the McLean News for lunch menus.

The teachers and staff are excited and ready for another great school year. There are four new teachers, one in the elementary and three in the high school.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone in town for the many kindnesses during my recent illness. Thank you for the gifts, flowers, prayers and cards. I would like to give a special thanks to my brother, Randy Eddleman and my friend Betty Heathington for taking care of my kids and a very special thanks to the golf association for the fund raiser.

Love,
Linda Ruiz

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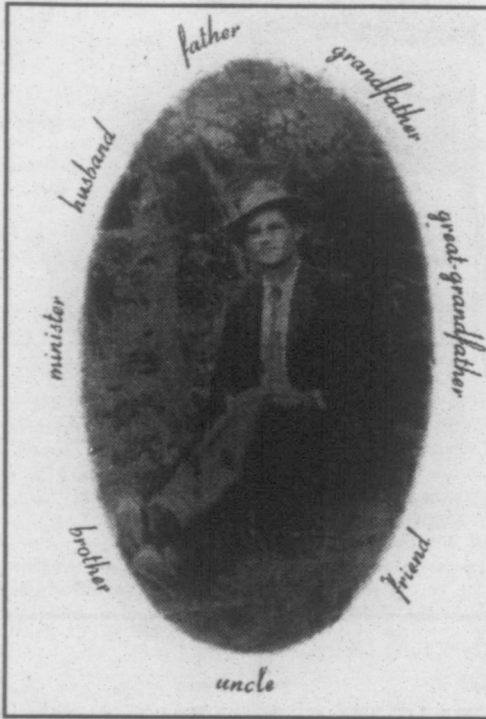
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Refreshments 2:00 p.m.
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Hosts:
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Jerry & Trudy Cooper
Bill & Sharon Blake

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Truck Accident Claims Life Of Carolina Man, David Skipper, 35

A tragedy occurred in McLean on Sunday, August 18 when a semi-truck loaded with cigarettes crashed into a concrete pillar killing Gerald David Skipper, 35, of Morgan Town, North Carolina. The truck burst into flames upon impact. The crash occurred on I-40 westbound, just passed the Country Corner Texaco at mile post 142.

Mr. Skipper was driving a 1999 Freightliner. The truck left the roadway to the right traveling approximately 600 yards before hitting the concrete pillar. It is unknown why the accident or if the driver was wearing a seat belt. The body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy.

Troopers Make Bust, Capture Nearly \$157,000

McLean DPS troopers seized a large quantity of cash on Saturday, August 17 when they pulled over a 2002 Dodge Durango SUV for a traffic violation about three miles east of McLean on westbound I-40.

\$156,840.00 in cash was found in the rear panel wall of the truck. Mark Seid of Portland, Oregon and Ben Rivera of Phoenix, Arizona were transporting the money from Chicago, Illinois to Phoenix, Arizona. Both men were released on \$150,000 bond

Board

follows:

Jr. - Sr. Sponsors (2 for each class) \$500.00
J.H. Cheerleading Sponsor 500.00
H.S. Cheerleading Sponsor 1000.00
J.H. Music 500.00
Drama 500.00

After much discussion on the policy of student travel expenses for 2002-2003, the Board needed more time to think about this issue and look at the cost of funding the different programs in the past. Steve Bowlin commented that if a child misses a meal during a school function, then the student should be fed with funds provided by the District. No action was taken at this time and this item will be put on the September agenda.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss Personnel, and returned to Open Session at 9:40 p.m. Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Neal Odom to hire Jason Farmer as a long-term substitute with a beginning teacher salary plus a stipend for coaching. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Bowlin, second by Toni Bohlar to

approve the Financial Reports A & B.

Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Steve Bowlin to approve to pay July bills as presented and sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business Mr. Downs updated the Board on the Alanreed Property. He had received papers from the Alanreed Community, and the property was deeded to the school in 1904 by a man from England, and another

man from Scotland. Mr. Downs has contacted the school attorney to do a quit claim deed, as agreed upon by Mr. Billy Bob Adams. Further action will be pending.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by Neal Odom, second by Ronnie Ferguson. Motion carried.

TOP O' Texas Cattle Women will be hosting their Annual Style Show and Brunch, Saturday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pampa Country Club.



Jay Miller, a resident of the McLean Care Center, is an avid gardener. With the help of Robert Jones, who works in the kitchen, Mr. Miller maintains a beautiful garden at his home on Commerce Street. Robert takes Mr. Miller to his house so that he can tend his garden.

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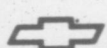
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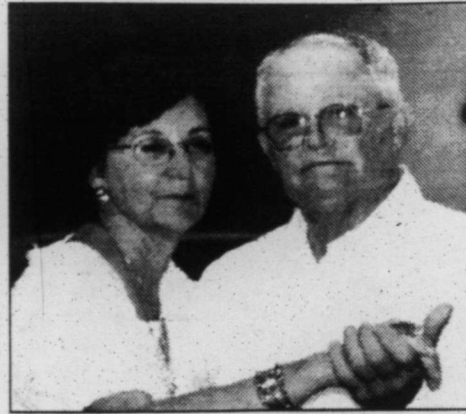
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David and Dixie Jo Crockett Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary



The children of David and Dixie Jo Crockett held a Mexican fiesta honoring the couple on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Family members gathered at Billy and Shawn Bybee's on the evening of July 13th for an authentic Mexican

dinner followed by lots of dancing to the talents of fiddle and guitar players, Glen Studebaker, Dixie Simms, Don and Cathy Dorsey, Dino Boyd and Bob Thompson.

Amid the brightly decorated tables and confetti

were pictures of the couple as newlyweds and of their life together to the present.

After eating, the children enjoyed breaking open the pinatas hanging near the tables.

Hosting the celebration were Brock and Kristie Crockett, Shawn and Billy Bybee, and Juliana and Jay Burnett.

Family members gathering to celebrate were Clay, Cody, Callie, and Benjamin Crockett, Tori and Andrew Bybee, Hayley and Hunter Burnett, Joe and Dixie Burroughs, Don and Rita Jo Crockett, Dick and Pam Crockett, and Anita Thompson. Out-of-town family were Ruth Burroughs of Tyler, Joe Bob, Karen, Lindsey and Derek Burroughs of Tyler, Jessica Simpson of Atlanta, GA., Cassie, Derek and Madison Jones of Panhandle, Dean

and Carly Crockett of Pampa, and Bob, Susan and Billy Wilson of Dallas.

David Crockett married the former Dixie Jo Burroughs in the First Methodist Church on July 14, 1962 in McLean.

Football Season Is Beginning With Scrimmages

Football scrimmages have started. There will be a scrimmage on Friday at 5:00 p.m. in Ft. Elliott with McLean, Ft. Elliott and Lefors participating.

The Booster Club is sponsoring a watermelon feast on Thursday, August 22, at 5:00 p.m. at the football field.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

August 22 - Ella Mae Reyna, Mary Terry, Susie Trout, Bob Thompson.

August 23 - Garth Thomas, Jacob Collom, K.J. Averett, Garth and Marye Thomas (A).

August 24 - Anita Day, Steve Brass, Daniel Syfrett.

August 25 - Mary Richardson.

August 26 - Rickie Jasper.

August 27 - Gregg Mann, Robin Corley.

August 28 - Marjorie Fish, Chris Littlefield, Laverne Brooks, A.M. Dean, Bill Stubbs, Kevin L. Smith, Bobby and Judy Orrick (A).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MCLEAN ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, September 3, 2002 in THE BUSINESS OFFICE, 4TH & 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	\$1.078000	\$0.000000	\$1.078000	\$6,116	\$3,366
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.633900	\$0.000000	\$1.633900	\$8,971	\$510
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.000000	\$1.500000	\$7,900	\$510

* 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	\$15,633	\$15,433
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$633	\$433
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.078000	\$1.500000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$6.82	\$6.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$0.32)

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 \$1.808155. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.808155.

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)	\$150,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

MCLEAN SCHOOL LUNCH MENU Week of Aug 26-30

Monday: Pancake & Sausage On a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast burritos, toast & Jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, & milk.

Wednesday: Yogurt, Graham Cracker, Toast & Jelly, fruit, juice and milk.

Thursday: French Toast, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Peanut butter, fruit, juice and milk.

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Peanut Butter, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH

Monday: BBQ on a Bun, Curley Fries, Veggie Sticks, Fruit roll-ups, and milk.

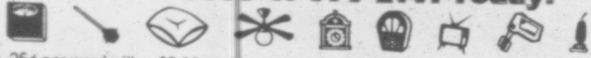
Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Jello, Milk.

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Thursday: Chicken Fajitas, peppers, onions, salad, refried beans, sherbet, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cheetos, cake, milk.

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FOR SALE: Lots 17-18-19-20, Blk. 24, Orig. Town of McLean, TX. Improvements: 1-brick bldg. with lobby space and loading platform. Exterior dimensions approx. 58'x72'. Bids must be in P.O. Box 121 McLean, TX 79057 prior to Sept. 3, 2002 bid opening date. Terms: Cash, within 10 days of successful bid notification. The McLean VFW Post reserves the right to reject any and all bids. To examine Bldg. contact Garth Thomas, 806-779-2826, or Richard Everett, 779-2750.

MCLEAN ISD is now taking applications for a maintenance custodial person. Offering salary with health insurance and retirement benefits. Applications are available in the school business office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 pm.

FOR SALE: House at 211 Broadway in Groom, TX. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, den, utility room, pantry, etc. Call Marshall Sherwood, Attorney at Law in Panhandle, Texas on Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. at 537-3591. Call me at Groom, Texas, in my office on wed. at 248-7220.

HELP WANTED. McLean Care Center is in need of LVNs and CNAs. Please call Cindy at 779-2469.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2/1, propane tank, water well, about 1 acre, 9 miles north of McLean. 806-856-3137.

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NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING: TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
 The City of Groom will hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, August 29, 2002 at 6:45 p.m. at the Groom City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave., in regard to the water system Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with The TCDP and the City of Groom. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, at (806) 248-7929.

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School Bells Ring For 146 Students

We Saw...

Sean Crowell being his usual "sweet" self.

Lots of new shoes going down the hall at school.

Julie Friemel working hard to get everything done in time for the first bell.

Prissy Conrad at WTAMU getting her daughter graduated with a Masters Degree.

College students getting packed to head off the school.

Cobb Britten, Bill Hinson, and Jimmy Britten desperately trying to get put in the paper.

Community Calendar

THE ATHLETIC Booster Club will meet Monday, Aug. 19, at 7:00 at the Dairy Queen. ANYONE who is interested is welcome to attend.

MOM'S & KIDS play group will meet at the City Park at 10:00 on Monday. Kids age 0-4 years old welcome.

MEET THE TEACHERS Night will be held on Aug 27th at 7:00 in the Groom School Cafeteria. Superintendent Kevin Noack will address parents of Groom students before discussions and presentations by individual teachers.

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A trace of moisture fell in the area this week.

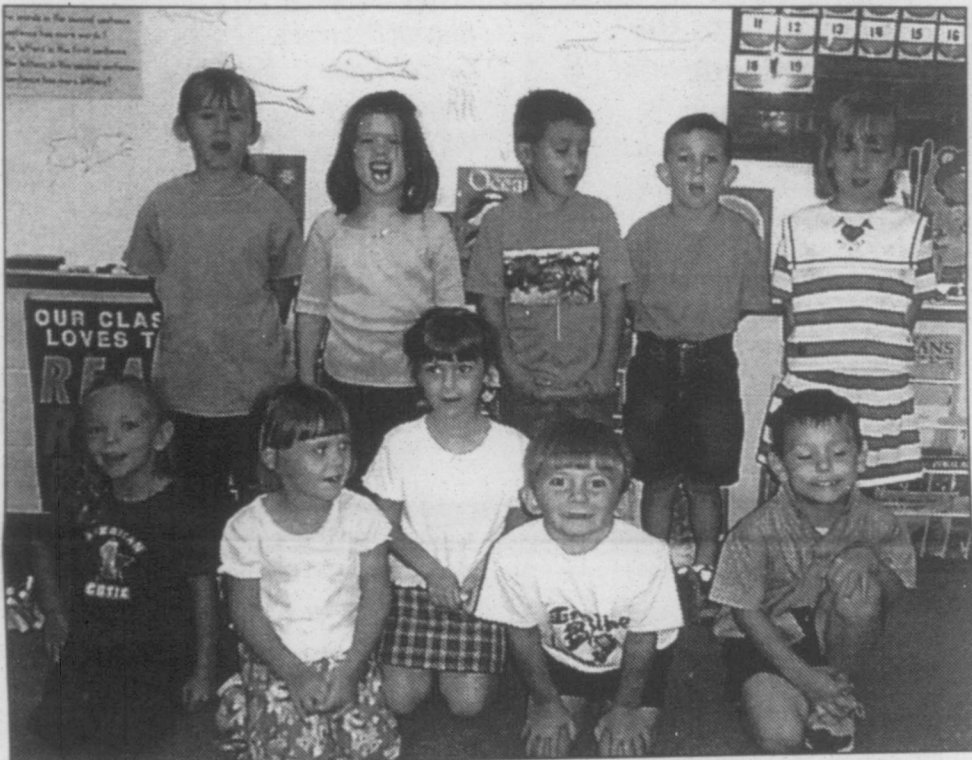
School bells rang bright and early Monday morning for 146 students. Of the 146, 25 are new

students, which includes 10 kindergartens, Nicholas Bohr, Brenda Fehr, Trenton Fields, Caroline Herndon, Alexis Kosechata, Christy Painter, Hayden Ritter, Cari Weinheimer, Raleigh Welch, and Brice White.

Groom graduated 13 seniors last year in May. Groom ISD also welcomes two new teachers in addition to our new coaches who have already been introduced.

Stephanie Tucker is no stranger to Groom and it's school district. Stephanie grew up here in Groom and graduated in 1997. She attended Texas Tech University and is beginning her career as a teacher with the 2002-2003 school year here in Groom. She is the daughter of Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger and the wife of Groom's new football coach, Toby Tucker. She will be teaching 4th, 5th and 6th grade and will serve as the cheerleader sponsor.

Annie Baker will also begin her career as an educator by teaching 4th, 5th and 6th grade. She is a native of Pampa, graduating from high school there. She



The Class of 2016 as Kindergartners- (Front) Alexis Kosechata, Christy Painter, Raleigh Welch, Brice White, Hayden Ritter, (Back) Brenda Fehr, Caroline Herndon, Nicholas Bohr, Trenton Fields, and Cari Weinheimer.

attended West Texas A & M University where she graduated with honors last May. She is a member of Alpha Chi. She is married to Aaron who is also attending West Texas A & M University where he is

studying Engineering Technology.

Welcome back to all our students and faculty and we hope that everyone has the best year ever!

City Council Rejects Bids On Building, Approves Annual Raises

The Groom City Council met for their regular monthly business meeting last week on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002.

Present were Mayor Joe Homer; Alderman Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, and Chris Welch. Also attending were Mike Peters with PRPC, Justin Scarth with Brandt Engineering, Bobby Babcock, and City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles.

Mike Peters, PRPC representative, explained the process for the new

grant to be applied for in order to replace water lines in the city that are aged and too small. He explained to the council that with the new application guidelines, cities will be given extra points in the grant scoring, if they have pre-selected an engineering firm and a firm to administer the grant process. The city is required to select a first choice, second choice and third choice for engineering firms. The

ad requesting applications from engineering firms

has already been run and there were 9 firms that submitted applications. Justin Scarth with Brandt Engineering, was the only engineering firm present to do a personal presentation. He presented an overview of the scope of work that Brandt Engineering has done. Because of the number of applications was greater than anticipated, the council felt that they need more time to look over the applications. The members voted to table

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Mrs. Annie Baker and Mrs. Stephanie Tucker



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Local Happenings

Jimmy Chavedo, a former student of Groom High School, graduated from WTAMU with honors with a Bachelor of General Studies degree. Chavedo lists his hometown as Pampa.

Bud and Connie Fields were visiting Dean and Donna Burger Sunday evening.

Ms. Glynda Eschle visited the home of Bud and Connie Fields Saturday evening.

Dean John Smith of St. Mary's in Amarillo was in White Deer to say Mass.

The official Labor Day holiday is September 2. There will be no school that day.

It's A Boy

Luke Grayson was a new addition to the Cockrell family on Aug. 10, 2002 at 5:20 a.m. He weighed 7lbs.13 oz. and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents, Todd and Alta Cockrell, his big sister Cheyene Nichole age 6 and his big brother William (Will) Edward who is 17 months old.

His proud grandparents are Bud and Bobbie Cockrell of Conway, William Joslyn of Lefors and Beth and Don Watson of Fritch.



Burton Graduates From WTAMU

April Gail Burton graduated Summa Cum Laude in ceremonies last week at West Texas A & M University, College of Education and Social Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. April is a 1998 graduate of Groom High School and the daughter of Jim and Donna Burton of Groom.

April was honored the a celebratory dinner at the Country Barn after the ceremonies. Attending were Allie and Norris Hoyt, Al Alward, Phil Miller, Jim & Donna Burton all of Groom; Charles and Kay Burk of Conway; and John Mayo of Austin, Texas.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 22 - John Koetting, Dondra Downs, Cassie Raylynn Leven, Dan Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara (A).

August 23 - Logan Wills, Christopher Homen, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bland (A).

August 24 - Nancy Patterson, Tiffani Kling.

August 25 - Daryl Homer, Sandy Schaffer, Inez Weinheimer, Kim Kotara, Clay Ritter, Jennifer Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Newsom (A).

August 26 - Fred Brown, Ruby Head.

August 27 - James Moranic, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bohr (A).

August 28 - Mrs. George Britten, Sr., Clay Britten, Jo Ann Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Babcock (A).

You Are Invited To The Annual Meet the Players, Cheerleaders & Coaches Watermelon Feed

In the park immediately following the Scrimmage on Friday

Tigers will Scrimmage the Hedley Owls at 6:00 pm on Friday, Aug 23

The Groom Booster Club will host the concession stand at the Scrimmage

Tiger Fan T-Shirts Order Forms will be available at the Feed!



Hutsell Recieves Degree From Angelo State University

Mary Hutsell, a 1998 graduate of Groom High School has completed her course of study at Angelo State University

and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Mary is the daughter of Steve and Pam Hutsell.

Attending the celebration were her parents, Steve and Pam Hutsell and her grandmother, Joyce Hutsell.



Paula Brown Comes To The Rescue Of Fallen Neighbor

Paula Brown has never let being in a wheel chair stop her from doing things. Last week she didn't let it stop her from being a hero.

Venita Hickey was pulling some weeds in the ally behind her house when she ran across a particularly stubborn one. She pulled so hard that she fell backwards, unfortunately her foot and ankle didn't follow. Hickey found herself in the ally, where no one could see here with a broken ankle. She lay there a long time it seemed.

Paula Brown, who goes everywhere in her motorized chair, came

passing by and heard Hickey's cry for help. Brown immediately responded by call for an ambulance and staying with Hickey until further help could arrive. If not for Brown's help Ms. Hickey might have laid there a very long time until someone came home to find her missing.

Hickey underwent surgery on her ankle and will spend several days in the Rehabilitation Center before she comes home.

A big community wide thanks to Ms. Brown for continuing to be an inspiration to all who know her.

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By Ace Reid

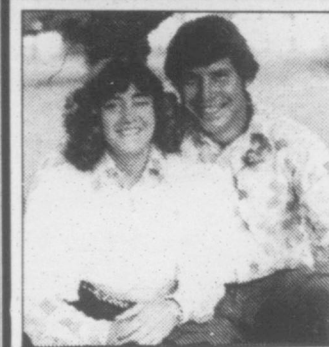


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District Judge Revokes White Deer Mans Probation, Sentence 9 Years

On August 14, 2002, District Court Judge David McCoy sentenced Kenneth Lovejoy, of White Deer, to nine years in the state penitentiary for violating conditions of his probation. Kenneth Lovejoy pled guilty to the State's allegations that he had failed as directed by the court to report to his probation officer, to pay all court costs, attorney fees, and fines to complete community service and to make payment to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.

Mr. Lovejoy had been placed on probation for burglary in August of 2001. In order for a probationer to remain free, he is required to obey all conditions of probation. Failure to report to the probation officer and failure to pay all fees and fines can result in a probationer going to prison," stated District Attorney Stuart Messer, who represented the State at the revocation hearing. Kenneth Lovejoy was represented by Lendon Ray of Claude.

Groom School Earns "Recognized" Status In Final TAAS Testing

The Groom School Board met in their regular monthly session on Aug. 15. Present were Trustees Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Denny Babcock, Ron Kuehler, Mike Friemel and Tony Britten, as well as Kevin Noack, Superintendent.

Minutes of the regular July meeting and the special meetings were approved.

Superintendent Noack reported the results for the 2002 TAAS testing and rating. Groom ISD was given a Recognized rating which is down slightly from last years Exemplary rating.

"We had one student score low on one part of the test in one class," said Noack. "In a campus this size that is all it takes. In most of our testing areas, Groom students scored in the 97.2 percentile passing all subject matters on the test, which," he

continued," is much high than the state average.

This was the last year for the TAAS test. Mr. Noack will discuss the new testing procedures in an article at a later date.

The appraisal district calendar was presented and approved.

Cathy Potts, a retired councilor, was hired to administer the special education program for the district. Potts will visit the school twice a week and be paid \$175.00 per

day plus mileage.

The annual performance report for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities was presented and approved.

A bid from the Groom S & H Grocery Store was accepted for milk products.

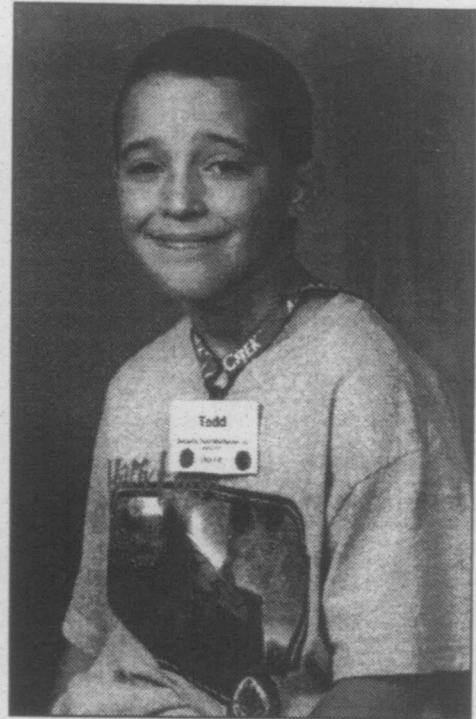
Mr. Noack discussed the date for the public hearing on the 2002-2003 Budget and adoption of the tax rate. The date is set for August 29, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

Options concerning the three houses adjacent to the school and the school property located at 206 Kirkman Street. The Board authorized Mr. Noack to begin the process to sell the properties. The three old teacherages will be sold to move, only.

The board went into executives session at 9:29 and reconvened in open session at 9:55.

The Board approved the offer of a probationary dual contract to Jym Dennis as the boys basketball coach and social studies teacher for 2002-2003 at step 1, \$24,810, plus \$700 for his bachelors degree and \$6,300 for coaching duties.

With no other business the board adjourned.



Todd Weinheimer Attends Lions Club Camp At Kerrville

Thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to an experience that all children dream about - going to summer camp! The Texas Lions

activities for camper's enjoyment, including arts & crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater, and camping overnight. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Lions Club member in your area or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247; V/TDD (830) 896-8500; FAX: (830) 896-3666. The Texas Lions Camp can also be found on the World Wide Web at www.lionscamp.com.

Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and type 1 diabetes.

The summer, Benjamin Todd Weinheimer, Jr. of Groom attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville; Benjamin Todd was sponsored by Jimmy F. Britten of the Groom Lions Club.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through 16 who have visual, hearing, physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of

Carson County Sheriff's Dept Jails 7 This Week

There were 7 persons booked into the Carson County jail during the week of August 12 through August 18. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and 11 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week: Jason Powell, 18, Pampa, Tx - Public Intoxication

Michael Shelton, 18, Pampa, TX - Possession of Controlled Substance & Possession of Drug Paraphenaila.

Wilbur Fernandes II, 55, Greenwood, IN - Money laundering.

Wade Wood, 29, Pampa, TX - Possession of Controlled Substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 gram.

Aaron Davis, 23, Pampa, TX - Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

Kevin McGregor, 24, Panhandle, TX - Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd, & Assault on Peace Officers (two times) & resisting Search.

Manuel Martinez, 26, Perryton, TX, Driving while intoxicated - 3rd.

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Scrimmage Positive Experience For Tigers

There were many positive things that first year Groom Tiger coach Toby Tuckers saw in last Saturday's scrimmage vs. state ranked Follett.

"I thought the boys got better every snap," he stated, "Our defense was very tough. We gave up a couple of big plays, but our goal was to get better and that we did. Offensively we had a couple breakdowns that killed some drives when we were moving the ball. I look for us to improve on that greatly this week."

The Tigers were lead by Doug Fields who rushed for 57 yards on 9 carries. Lance Ollinger completed 3 of 6 passes for 49 yards. Owen Weinheimer had two receptions for 39 yards. Brett Britten had one reception for 10 yard.

Defensively, Bobby Ratteree had 7 tackles and one fumble recovery. Cody Babcock and Willie Leven each had one sack. Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, Owen

Weinheimer, Kelby Noack, and Brett Britten each had several tackles in the scrimmage. Calvin Schaffer, Brandon Jenkins and Jeff Rios all saw playing time and made contributions in the scrimmage.

The wee the Tigers continue the pre-season vs. Hedley on Friday night here at Tiger Stadium. The scrimmage will begin at 6:00 and everyone is asked to get out and support the Tigers.

Immediately following the scrimmage, the Booster Club will hold a get acquainted with the Tigers and the Coaches Watermelon Feed at the Park. The Booster Club will host the concession stand at the game. Everyone can have delicious sausage sandwiches for supper and then top it off with watermelon at the park. The Booster Club will also have order forms for Tiger Fan T-Shirts available. Don't miss any of the excitement!

Attebury Grain, Inc. Adds Automated Grain Pricing Tool For Producers

Ames, Iowa -- August 16, 2002 -- Local grain producers now have a powerful way to make automated grain pricing decisions and manage risk right from their home offices. Attebury Grain, Inc. is now offering The Decision Rules for Contracts™ (DRC) pricing tool. Powered by E-Markets™ as an added value marketing tool for its customers.

The DRC pricing tool places growers in a strategic grain marketing position. By partnering with the staff at Attebury Grain, growers can pick from multiple pricing models to build a marketing portfolio according to the level of risk tolerance. The DRC pricing tool takes the guesswork out of grain marketing by automatically carrying out pricing decisions when grain markets reach the growers predetermined price levels.

"We're excited that we are now able to offer the cutting-edge technology our customers have been asking for," says Dean McIntosh

with Attebury Grain. "A feature I think producers will like is the DRC pricing tool simulation," McIntosh adds. "The DRC database contains more than 30 years of historical market data. Growers can evaluate how the DRC pricing tool would have performed for them in past years." To access the simulation tool go to www.e-markets.com and click on the simulation icon.

"A customer can benefit from the tool without ever having access to the Internet. Our staff will work with you to use the DRC pricing tool through our offices," McIntosh says. "We feel this tool is of real benefit to growers who want to maximize profit potential and minimize grain marketing risk."

E-Markets, the leader in providing Internet-enabled application for agriculture, developed the DRC pricing tool in response to a growing demand for new marketing services. The DRC pricing tool offers a portfolio of models - to fit most any grain

marketing philosophy.

•Market Index forward® model: Price equal amounts of grain automatically every day during a specific time period. You determine the amount of grain to sell over a specific time period and it automatically executes you plan. Compared to the emotional, reactionary selling decisions, this strategy has proven to maximize profits over the longer term.

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parameter options and allows you to "ride the rally" yet capture prices just after the market peaks.

"The DRC pricing tool makes grain marketing easier because it enables producers to execute their grain pricing strategies automatically without constantly monitoring markets," says Regis Lefaucheur, E-Markets product development manager for the DRC program.

For more information or to implement a DRC marketing program, producers can stop by Attebury Grain, Inc. or call Dean McIntosh at 806-335-1639.

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THE GRAY Country Association For Retarded Citizens Annual Trail Ride will be held September 7 at the Reynold's Ranch, north of Pampa. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the ride at 9:30 a.m. Call Gloria Swires for more information.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The CITY OF GROOM will hold a meeting at 8:00 pm on August 29, 2002 at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the year 2002. The proposed tax rate is .484528 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the CITY OF GROOM by 3%.

Public Notice NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF GROOM

Proposed 2002-2003 Budget
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed City of Groom operating budget. The hearing will be held on August 29, 2002 at 8:00 pm in the Groom City Hall at 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas

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the selection of the engineering firm for the grant until the next city meeting, which is a called meeting for Aug. 29.

A resolution was approved that would allow the mayor to enter into an interlocal governmental agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) upon award of the 2003-2004 Texas Community Development Program grant.

Bobby Babcock was recognized by the Council. He requested that the City allow him to graze a few head of cattle on the property he owns east of Helen Witt's Home. Babcock stated that he had visited with Mrs. Witt concerning the matter and she has no objections. He also met with the zoning committee, but they were not sure what could be done about the request. The council voted in a split decision to table the matter until the next meeting so that the city has a chance to research the options available. Welch, McLaughlin, Ollinger and Stapp were in favor, Case was opposed.

The Carson County Appraisal District budget was presented for approval. The Council unanimously approved.

Bids on the property owned by the City at 1st and Broadway were opened. There was only one bid from Jim Huckert for \$1,500. The Council unanimously rejected the bid as too low.

Only one bid from Russell Aikens for \$400 was presented on the pump column. The Aldermen unanimously agreed to accept it.

The Council voted to instruct the City's

attorney to cancel the contract with Ron Smith and Bill and Ilse Riley for property they attempted to purchase for a new well. It has been nearly 2 years since the escrow funds were deposited with Carson County Abstract C. Since the city still does not have a clear title to the property and terms of the agreement have not been met.

Minutes of the July 9th meeting were approved as reviewed. The aldermen agreed to approve an increase from TML insurance for employees health insurance.

The City Council went into executive session to discuss employee evaluations and salaries. at 9:26. The returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

The council approved the following raises: Mary Sue Lyles - \$1500 per year; Donnie Evans

and Louis Leven - 3% increase of their salary. Forrest McLaughlin abstained from voting.

The Council review the proposed 2002-2003 Budget and tax rate. The meeting to set the budget and tax rate will be on August 29 at 8:00 p.m. At that time they will also make a decision about engineering firms for the new grant.

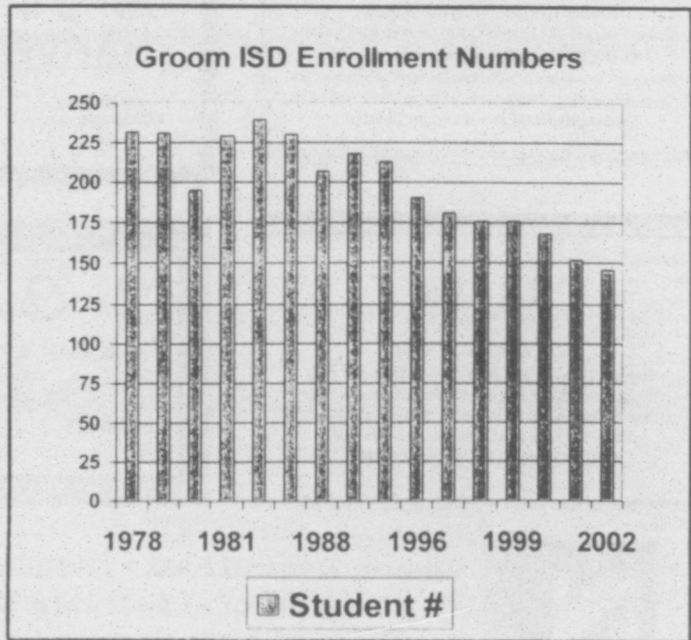
With not further business the meeting adjourned.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Wonderbra at www.Wonderbra.com.
- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants at www.aicpa.org.
- Microsoft Streets & Trips 2002 at www.microsoft.com/streets.
- The Lifestream Cholesterol Monitor at www.knowitforlife.com.
- SEATCHECK child safety seat inspection locations at www.seatcheck.org.

Groom School is still facing declining enrollment although not to the point that it was expected. Of the 146 students registered, 10 are new kindergarten students and 15 are students who are new to Groom ISD. The class of 2002 had 13 students. Last year on the first day of classes 152 students were enrolled. That makes Groom short 6 students from last year. All school in Texas get their money based on enrollment and their tax rate. Last year, Groom's school board was forced to make some difficult decisions. Two major programs were cut from the curriculum, Bank and Agriculture. The Board is hoping that the Texas Legislature that reconvenes in January will have some help on the way to the many school like Groom who are faced with difficult choices in our children's education.

A few students have elected to attend other schools for various




reasons, not all are directly related to the reduced choices at Groom High School.

Now is a very good

time to write to our elected official to let them know that towns like Groom, who have always provided an

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The following are suggestions to help keep your child safe.

(1) Create a Secret Word known ONLY to family members in the event of an emergency. (Do Not use birth dates, Super Heroes, etc.)

(2) Teach your children in whose car they may ride. Children should be cautioned never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a

parent or trusted adult. If a stranger asks for directions or assistance, the child should tell them to ask an adult.

(3) Children should use the buddy system - NEVER walk or ride bikes alone, at night or even during the day. When walking always walk toward traffic so that an Abductor can not drive up behind and pull the child into their vehicle.

(4) Don't put your child's name on their lunch box or where any one can see it. Abductors will see the name and then call the child by name to make the initial contact they need to abduct the child. Explain to your child that even if a stranger knows your name he still could be an abductor.

(5) Teach your child at a young age how and when to use 911. Disconnect the phone and you pretend you are the dispatcher and he is calling. Make sure he knows his full name and yours, the complete address to your house, and your phone number.

(6) Keep your windows closed and your doors locked at night. Recent abductions have taken place at night with the parents asleep in the next room.

(7) Teach your child to SKY - Scream, Kick, Yell and to draw attention to him/herself. Teach your child to yell "FIRE" and not "HELP!" "Fire" presents a danger to everyone and will draw more attention. Regardless of what an abductor says, teach your child to yell. The abductor may threaten to harm a sibling or the parents if the child makes noise. Teach your child to yell, anyway.

(8) Sometimes, abductors are neighbors or someone who is known to the family. Teach your child that there are NO exceptions to the Secret Word rule.

Many police departments and child advocacy agencies have resources available to help protect your child. Contact them about a Child Safety Kit or Child Identification Kit.

On the Internet, contact the Polly Klaas Foundation, <http://www.pollyklaas.org/> or The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, <http://www.missingkids.org/>.

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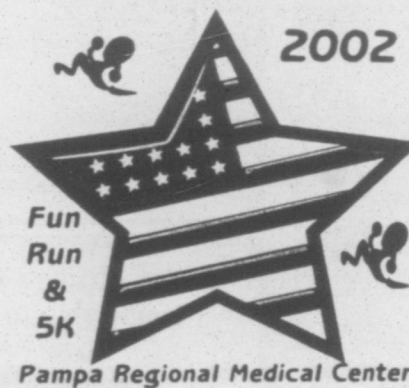
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