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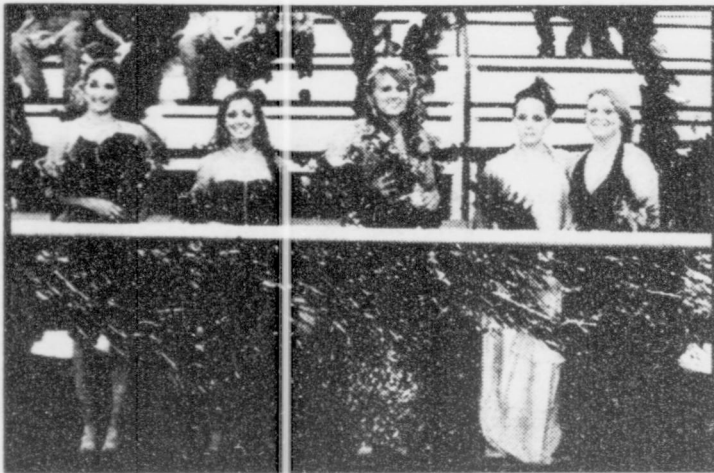
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Tara Thomas Crowned Homecoming Queen...

Homecoming 2006 Deemed A Success



Sheri Haynes, Kelsey Tate, Tara Thomas, Ashlie Green, and Amanda Fricks are the homecoming court for 2006.

Tara Thomas was crowned the 2006 homecoming queen before the football game between McLean Tigers and Hedley Owls.

Tara, a senior, is the 17 year old daughter of Susie and C.W. Thomas. She enjoys singing, playing guitar, riding horses, playing tennis and spending time with her

family and her boyfriend, Seth. She plans to attend college and major in music and also pursue her singing career. She was escorted by her father and Senior Seth Childers.

All-around candidate was Amanda Fricks. She is the 17 year old daughter of Connie Fricks and the late David Fricks. Amanda enjoys hanging out with

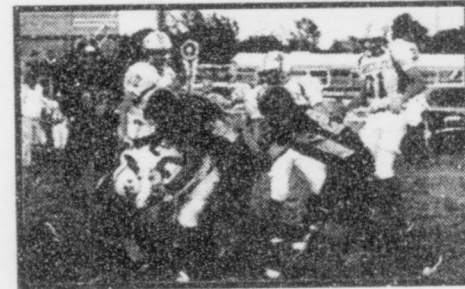
her friends, writing and spending time with her family. She plans to attend Amarillo College to pursue a nursing degree. Amanda was escorted by Senior Jayme Welch and Senior Steven Vassey.

Junior candidate was Ashlie Green. She is the 17 year old daughter of Wendie and Larry Meeks. Ashlie loves to draw and

write stories. She plans to attend Clarendon College after graduation. Ashlie was escorted by her father and brother Freshman Ed Green.

Sophomore candidate was Kelsey Tate. Kelsey is the 16 year old daughter of Mark Tate and Melody Tate. Kelsey enjoys hanging out with friends and working at the Country Corner. Kelsey is not sure yet what she would like to do after graduation. Kelsey was escorted by her father and Senior Matt Applewhite.

Freshman candidate was Sheri Haynes. Sheri is the 14 year old daughter of Ginger and David Haynes. Sheri is the granddaughter of Johnny and Joyce Haynes. Her grandmother, Joyce, was crowned homecoming queen of 1947 on the same field. Sheri enjoys playing sports and hanging out with friends. She hopes to receive a sports scholarship to attend Texas Tech. Sheri was escorted by her father and her brother Senior John Haynes.



McLean Tigers Rout The Owls

The McLean Tigers celebrated Homecoming by pounding the Hedley Owls 59-14 last Friday night at Duncan Field. The Tiger's defense came up big again in shutting down the Owls offense. Hedley had only four first downs and 107 total yards of offense. McLean also recovered two of Hedley's fumbles.

The Tiger's offense exploded for nine touch downs with Jayme Welch, Seth Childers and Zach Richardson accounting for three each. The McLean's offense racked up 426 yards and twelve first downs.

Head Coach Jack Graves praised the team's effort. Coach Graves stated "We are improving each

week and this was a big win for us. Our offense executed well and the defense is stepping up. Mark Smith played a great defensive game."

The Tigers ended the game in the third quarter invoking the 45-point mercy rule used in six man action.

McLean will take on the Lefors Pirates this Friday at home. Lefors is also 2-1 for the year having won their last two ball games. Coach Graves commented, "Lefors will definitely test our defense. They have many quality athletes on their team. We will need to come out strong and keep to our game plan in order to win." Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Circle of Friends Raises Over \$5000



Auctioneer James Jeffrey gets a little help from L.H. Webb and Joe Riley.

A large crowd was treated to K-bobs and all the trimmings at the Circle of Friends dinner and auction. The party was held Saturday, Sept 16 at

the Devil's Rope Museum and catered by Red River Steakhouse.

The party is held annually as a fund raiser for the Harrington Cancer

Center. According to Debbie Powell, Patient Care Committee Chairman for Harrington, the money is used to help cancer patients with various costs

and new programs to benefit cancer survivors. One of these new programs is a boutique with hats and wigs. Another program features seat belt buddies at no cost to patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Harrington Cancer center has the only registered art therapist in Amarillo. They will soon be starting a music therapy program. They also sponsor Camp Alphia.

Also attending from Harrington was Becky Stogner, Harrington Circle of Friends Administrative Assistant.

See Friends, pg. 8

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUTUMN BEGINS
Saturday, September 23.

McLEAN TIGERS vs Lefors, Friday, Sept 22 at 7:30 at home.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER brunch, Saturday, Sept 23, 2006 at 10 AM at Trinity Church.

BLOOD DRIVE at Bank of Commerce, Monday, Sept 26, 3:30-6:30 PM. Call 1-877-574-8900 to schedule an appointment. Donors will receive a T-shirt.

FIRE MEETINGS are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

McLEAN CUBS vs Lefors, tonight, Sept 21 at 5 PM at Lefors.

ANGEL FOOD ministries pick up day is Saturday, Sept 23, 2006 from 12:30-1:30 PM at the Cowboy Church.

AA MEETINGS will be scheduled through Randy Stalls. Call 806-681-4534.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 21 - Kena Stone, Tina Kennedy Lyons, Melody Collins, Quinton Brown, Delores Ann Goodman.

September 22 - Stacy Howard, Wanda Lamb, Mark Morris, Carolyn Coleman, Susan Williamson, Jacob Watson.

September 23 - Katicia Lee, Sharon Haynes, Willie Nicholas,

Diana Watson.

September 24 - Mary Webb, Lee Shaw, Billie Sue Moore.

September 25 - Cari Collom, Katie Warner.

September 26 - Terry Smith, Shaun Crawford, Rickie Jasper, Jr., James Stone.

September 27 - Billy Bob Adams, Shannon Weir, Ora Wayne Barker.

McLean School Menu

BREAKFAST-FRIDAY-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

MONDAY-yogurt, graham crackers, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

TUESDAY-French toast, ham, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY-cheese omelets, bacon, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

THURSDAY (SEPT 28)-cereal, toast and jelly, juice and milk.

LUNCH-FRIDAY-chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, onion, potato wedge, pickle spear, cookie and milk.

MONDAY-taco salad, salad mix, refried beans, brownies, milk.

TUESDAY-hot dogs, baked beans, waffle fries, brownies and milk.

WEDNESDAY-chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, pineapple and orange salad and milk.

THURSDAY (SEPT 28)-grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, veggie sticks, fresh fruit and milk.

Patterson Home Vandalized, Reward Offered For Arrest & Conviction



Crime Stoppers will be on the lookout for a group of vandals with red paint.

Thad Patterson was really "seeing red" when he left for work last week. Vandals had smeared red paint across his garage door.

This is another incident in a string of vandalism plaguing McLean.

If you have any information about the Patterson's garage door, contact Gray County Crime Stoppers at 669-2222. There is a reward being offered.

If you would like to

make a donation or need help from Gray County Crime Stoppers, contact Fred Courtney at 669-2222.

McLean Fire Department Answers Calls For Help

McLean Volunteer Fire Department logged the following calls for the month of August:

- 8-7 Grass fire 10 miles south
- 8-15 Grass fire-County Line Road
- 8-15 Accident at 136.5 mile marker
- 8-19 Grass Fire 10 miles south on 273
- 8-19 Grass Fire 11 miles south on 273
- 8-20 Structure Fire at 303 W. 1st
- 8-23 Structure Fire-Alanreed
- 8-26 Truck Accident at 133 mile marker
- 8-27 Accident at 139 mile marker
- 8-31 Truck accident 9 miles south on 273,

Congratulations to the Students of the Week from the Bank of Commerce



(Front Row) Jurnee Bailey and Dominic Azzazi. (Back row) Brooke Alley, Haley Hardman, Calvin Armbrister, and B.J. Ketcherside. Not pictured are: Jasmine Montoya, Braden Hambright, Dalton Richardson, and Kelsey Ramirez.

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Pioneer Study Club Meets At Plaza Restaurant in Pampa

The Pioneer Study Club held its annual fall luncheon on Thursday, September 7, at the Plaza Restaurant in Pampa. In attendance were Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Shirley Ennis, Janet Glass, Mary Lou Glass, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Zelda McClellan, Sherrie Martindale, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy and Nana Webb.

Following the luncheon, the Club toured the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, at the McLean/Alanreed Museum at 2 PM.

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**Cubs
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The McLean Cubs defeated the Hedley Owls Jr High last Thursday at Hedley, 18-7.

Clay Crockett scored all of McLean's points in the victory and the Cubs improved their record to 2-0. Head Coach Jack Graves commented, "The Cubs had a good game and they are learning more and more each week."

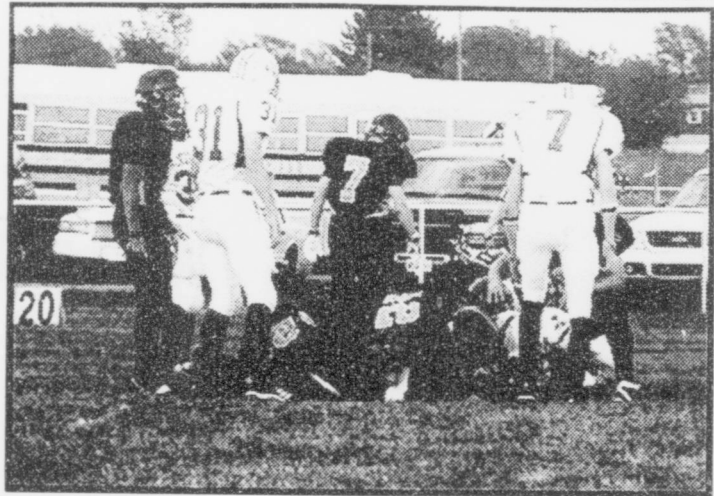
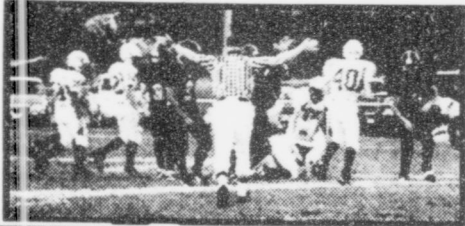
The Cubs will play the Lefors Jr. High today at 5:00 p.m. at Lefors.



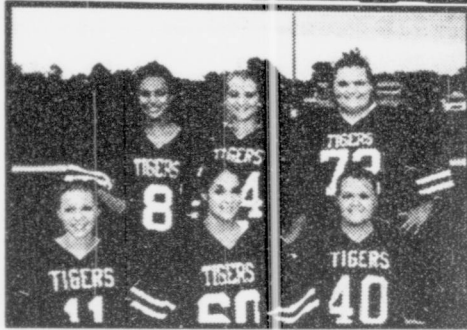
Homecoming Highlights



Ashlie Green is congratulated by Tiger Cheerleaders after her election as Spirit Queen.



McLean High School celebrates their 2006 homecoming with numerous activities.



FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 19	SAN JACINTO/HOLY CROSS (SCRIMM)	TBA
AUG. 24	LEFORS (SCRIMM)	TBA
AUG. 31	PATTON SPRINGS	7:30
SEPT. 8	HIGGINS	7:30
SEPT. 15	HEDLEY	7:30
SEPT. 22	LEFORS	7:30
SEPT. 29	FT. ELLIOT	7:30
OCT. 6	MIAMI	7:30
OCT. 13	SAMNORWOOD	7:30
OCT. 20	OPEN	TBA
OCT. 27	MOTLEY COUNTY	7:30
NOV. 3	GROOM	7:30
NOV. 9,10	LAZBUDDIE	7:30

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Shaley Steel Weds Shawn Elliott



Shaley Steel of McLean became the bride of Shawn Elliott of Childress, Texas in an afternoon wedding on June 10, 2006 in the McLean United Methodist Church. Rev Thacker Haynes, McLean, and Char Richardson of the Childress Calvary Baptist Church officiated.

Shaley's parents are Dale and Rose Steel of McLean. Grandparents are

Mary Dwyer of McLean and the late John Dwyer, Jackie Byars of Eufaula, OK, and the late Bud Steel.

Shawn's parents are Richard and Ruth Elliott of Childress. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Elliott of Childress, the late Robert Detsch and the late Alma Detsch.

Members of the wedding party included Matron of Honor was

Lacey Lee Caldwell of Abilene, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids Lindsay Dwyer of Shamrock, cousin of the bride, Jennifer Smith Martindale and Amanda Hauck of McLean, friends of the bride.

J. D. Elliott, grandfather of the groom, of Childress was best man. Other Groomsmen were Rick Elliott, father of the groom, Childress, Stephen Elliott, brother of the groom, Childress, Jimmy Lane of Allison and Casey Gilmore of Childress, both friends of the groom.

Flower girl was Jacey Ray Steel, sister of the bride. Ring bearer was Scott Taylor Caldwell, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Levi Morris of Childress, a friend and Scott Milk of Denver City, brother-in-

law of the Groom. The grooms sister Sarah Milk registered guests.

Shaley graduated from McLean High in 2003. She is a graduate of Clarendon College. Shawn graduated from Childress High. He is a graduate of Clarendon College.

After a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, NM, the couple are at home in Stephenville, Texas where they both attend Tarleton State University.

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Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Ronnie Ferguson, - 779-2135
Worship Service Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 21, 2006

School Receives \$5,000 From AmaTechTel



Vice President of AMA TechTel, Douglas Campbell presents Groom ISD Superintendent Terry Stevens a \$5,000 check as promised after a recent subscriber promotion.

Groom School is benefitting because area internet and phone subscribers have switched to AMATechTel. Douglas Campbell, vice president of the innovative internet and phone subscriber service was on hand Monday to present a \$5,000 check to Superintendent of Groom School, Terry Stevens.

"I am proud to accept this check on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the teachers and staff and the students of Groom Independent School

District," said Stevens. "We have an important need that this money, along with another windfall, will help fulfil."

The money was gifted to the school as a result of a commitment that AMA TechTel had made to encourage the people of Groom to make the switch to the new technology. A technology that, by the way, was offered to Groom residents first rather than years after everyone else

had the technology.

Stevens went on to say that the funds will be coupled with some other unexpected money to put in a intercom system that will benefit the school in so many ways.

"Today if a student is needed in the office, someone must walk down to the classroom to get them... if there is an emergency the teacher

See Donations, pg. 5

Cross Crusade Tonight

Carson County Commissioners Approve New Tax Rate For 2006-07

The Carson County Commissioners discussed and adopted the new tax rate for 2006-07. The new rate was set at 0.3878864 per \$100 valuation. The new rate is approximately 2 1/5 times less than last year's rate of 0.402054 per valuation. This is 0.023190 less than 2005. The approval by the court was unanimous.

Susie Luchsinger, who is the sister of Reba McEntire, will perform tonight at the Cross during a Crusade which will include inspirational messages and prayer by Kurtis Ivy and Renee West beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event is free to the public.

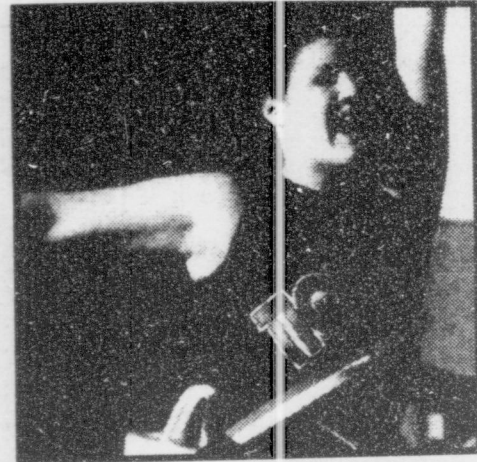
Jack Stone, Southern Gospel Recording Artist and Billy Shaw, contemporary Christian recording artist will also perform. The event is hosted by World Witness Ministries and is an annual event. A love offering will be accepted. Some seating



Susie Luchsinger

is available but you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair.

Groom Tigers Downed By Woodson Cowboys, 65-59



Brittany Kuehler cheers for her favorite team... the Groom Tigers, of course.

touchdowns. Six PAT's were no good in the game for Groom.

The Tigers rushed for 168 yards on the ground and 345 yards through the air. Woodson trailed Groom in these areas as Groom had twenty-two first downs, and Woodson rushed for ten first downs. 313 yards rushing on the ground, 46 yards passing. The Tigers lost two fumbles compared to Woodson who had four fumbles lost and who had ten first downs.

Blaine Britten caught four passes from Barkley for touchdowns of 12 yards, 49 yards, 26 yards and a 6 yard pass. Eric Torres scored on a 20 yard pass from Barkley. T.J. Moranic scored on a 59 yard pass and the PAT was good when Josh Kelly hit Bryan Newton with the ball to score. Thane Barkley scored on runs of 28 yards and 2 yards.

Groom heads to Miami

See Game, pg. 4

Groom Tigers lost their second game in as many weeks to the Woodson Cowboys, 62-59 here last Friday night. The Tigers outgained Woodson 534 yards to the Cowboys 390 total yards.

Groom took a half-time lead into the dressing room

47-20 but Woodson's Robert Perez rallied his team from the deficit. He ran for 287 yards and six touchdowns and returned a punt 58 yards for a score.

Thane Barkley, Tiger quarterback, led the Tiger's scoring while rushing for 450 total yards and nine

Groom Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE time change for the Groom Tigers football game at Miami will be held at 7:00 p.m.

THE JUNIOR High football team will play Miami at 5:00, here on September 21.

CRUSADE AT THE Cross, featuring Kurtis Ivey and Susie McEntire Luchsinger is set for September 21.

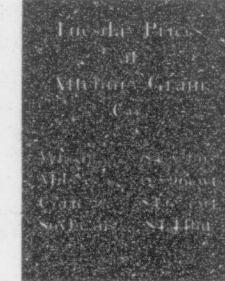
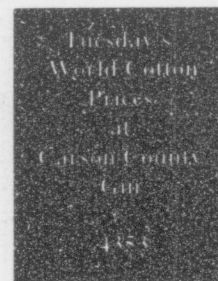
Groom City Council will temporarily have their next few council meetings on Wednesday nights. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

LAST DAY to register to be eligible to vote in the November General Election is October 10, 2006. Contact Jackie Lewis, Voter Registrar at 537-3412.

MEET THE Teachers night, Thursday, October 5, 6:00-7:00. Stew Supper is provided. Report cards will be handed out in the classrooms.

The 5th Annual Buddy Walk is Oct. 7 at Sam Houston Park. Registration is 9 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10 a.m. Call Jeff Medford at 382-2326 or Vicki Cabrera at 670-1568.

GROOM LION'S Club will hold their annual Scholarship Dinner on Oct. 1, 2006 from 11:30 to 1:30.



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Robert Miller Promoted



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 Mr. Donald Bland has been assigned to WTG's Amarillo office and will serve as the Gas Marketing Representative for WTG's operations in the Texas and

Oklahoma Panhandles. Mr. Bland has been employed by WTG since 1984 and has most recently served the past 12 years as WTG's District Manager for the Amarillo (East) pipeline operations. Mr. Bland's marketing office will be located at 7517 Canyon Drive (off of I-27

South) in Amarillo. Mr. Robert Miller has now been promoted to the District Manager's position for WTG's Amarillo (East) pipeline operations. Mr. Miller has been employed by WTG since 1994 and will office at WTG's local office on 502 E. Front in Groom, TX. Mr. Miller resides in Claude with his wife and 3 children. Please stop by the Groom office to say hello and congratulate Robert.

Ashford Family Reunion

Members of the Ashford family met in Vernon on September 9, 2006 for a family reunion. Dan Ashford of Groom and Pat Clark of Sweetwater are the only two remaining siblings of the seven children born to George and Susie Ashford.

This year there were 44

family members who attended. Members of the Dan Ashford family who attended were: Jerry and Pam Ashford, Tami, Cassie and K'Leigh of Groom; Patti McLaughlin of Groom, Kris and Hailey of Amarillo; Mary Sue and Don Lyles of Groom, Julie Lyles, Darcee and Paul Thompson, Grant, Ethan, and Cambree of Amarillo; Hunter and Ainsley Bussard of Dumas; Dan and Cathy Ashford of Amarillo; and Dan and Pat Ashford of Groom.

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- September 21 - Anthony Britten, Ashley Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Baggerman (A).
- September 22 - Gaynelle Pool, Kylie Toylynn Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Sustaire (A).
- September 23 - John B. Koetting.
- September 24 - Tina Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton (A).
- September 25 - Keith Barkley, Melinda Burgin Houchin, Kimberly Richardson, Tammy Case, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills (A).
- September 26 - Laverne Thomas, Adam Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields (A).
- September 27 - Yvonne Barker.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the people of Groom for your prayers, thoughts and all the food during our difficult times. Please keep Robert in your prayers.

The Family of Robert Newton

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 Please remember those who may need special consideration this week. Those who are ill this week include Robert Newton.

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GROOM SCHOOL MENU

The following is the breakfast and lunch menu for the week of Sept. 25-29

- BREAKFAST**
 Monday: Muffins, cold cereal, juice & milk
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
 Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.
 Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.
- LUNCH**
 Monday - Burritos with chili, bean dip, pears, chips & milk.
 Tuesday - Barbeque beef on a bun, tater tots, sliced pickles, peaches and milk.
 Wednesday - Mexican Pile On, corn, pineapple, lettuce & tomatoes, graham crackers, and milk.
 Thursday - Stew, corn bread & crackers, applesauce, and milk.
 Friday - Sandwiches, ham, turkey & bologna, vegetables beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, spears, fruit cocktail and milk.

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Rose England and Queen Mother Pat Ashford discuss the finer points of brown bagging it.

Groovin' Mad Hatters Meet At Rose England's New Digs

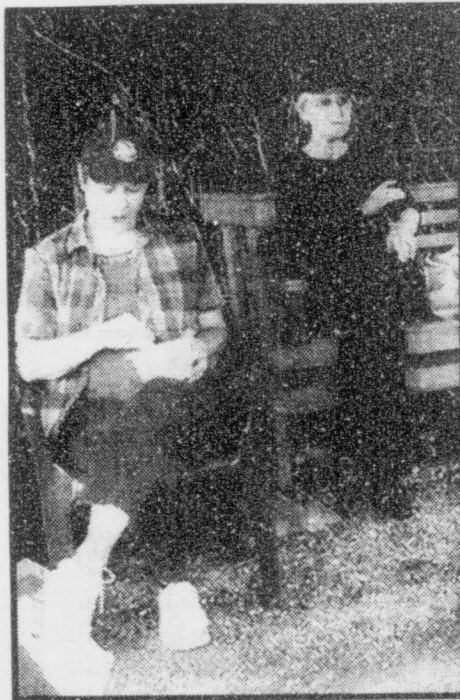
Toni Pavlovsky and Rose England hosted the Red Hatters on Thursday evening September 14 in the home of Rose England.

Everyone brought a sack lunch and we sat outside to eat and visit. Toni had made cookies and muffins for dessert.

Calli, Rose's adopted cat, helped entertain the ladies. Also you might ask

Juandell where her lunch sack was found. Door prizes were awarded.

Enjoying the evening was Juandell Bivins, Shirley Fields, Dorothy McMullen, Janie Britten, Karen Case, April Olive, Queen Mother Pat Ashford, Virginia Jones and Mary Sue Lyles.



Janie Britten and Dorothy McMullen compare contents of their sack lunches.

Former Groom Man Inducted Into TCU Hall of Fame

The TCU Lettermen's Association Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. The annual event, recognizing former Horned Frog student-athletes for their achievements in competition and in the community, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception. The dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the program shortly thereafter.

The inductees will also be honored at halftime of TCU's football game against BYU on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006.

This year's TCU Lettermen's Association Hall of Fame class includes: Steve Garmon '65-football; Henry "Hank" Ohlen '54-basketball; Darrell Patterson '84-football; Steve Stamp '82-baseball and football; and Jimmy Torres '73-baseball.

Lettermen's Association President David Rascoe '88-football will welcome the guests. Horned Frog play-by-play voice Brian Estridge will team up with TCU color analyst John Denton '85-football to be the Masters of Ceremonies.

As a special agent for the U.S. Secret Service, it is no wonder Steve Garmon '65 received the MVP in 1963 and All-

Southwest Conference honors in '63 and '64. Garmon received a TCU football scholarship from 1960-'65. He graduated with a B.S. in political science and a master's of Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

After graduation, Garmon accepted an appointment as Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service initially stationed in New Orleans conducting criminal investigations. Soon he was transferred and assigned to the Presidential Protection Division quickly moving from a "journeyman level" position to be the Deputy Director. His operational Secret Service assignments included protection of Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. He also provided protection to numerous high level U.S. government officials and foreign dignitaries. Garmon also served as the Director of Security and Assistant Inspector General for Investigations at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Garmon's tenure with the federal government totaled 36 years. He and his wife Ann currently reside in Orlean, Virginia and are involved with their three daughters: Stephanie, Ashleigh and Caroline. He is a member of the Lettermen's Association and TCU Frog Club.

Steve will be remembered by local folks as the son of the late Walter and Ora Lee Garmon and a member of the GHS class of 1960.

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Cubs Blast Lefors

The Junior High Cub of Groom traveled to Lefors to open their 2006 season Thursday, September 14, 2006. The game was originally scheduled to be played in Groom last Thursday.

The Cub defense made an early statement by backing the bandits into a 4th and 21 after the hosts chose to receive the opening kickoff. The defense then forced the opposing punter to scramble and eventually lose the handle on the ball, which bounced to the Lefors one yard line.

Taylor Fields had no problems putting the first six points up going untouched on the left side.

Quarterback Jacob Torres added the extra point on a keeper to the right. Once again, the Cub defense held Lefors to three plays and regained possession at mid-field. Torres quickly found Kyler Barkley, who took a short completion 41 yards for a touchdown an a 13-0 lead after only three offensive plays. The conversion pass was incomplete.

The score jumped to 19-0

on the next Cub possession. Michael Kelly joined in the touchdown festival by returning an interception 61 yards just before the half to take a 25-0 lead into intermission. Kelly would go on to cut and shift his way back into the end zone to cap

the Cub scoring with a 59 yard kick-off return for a 32-6 final after adding the extra point pass from Torres. The Cubs will host the Miami Warriors on September 21. Kick-off is set to take place at 5:00 p.m.


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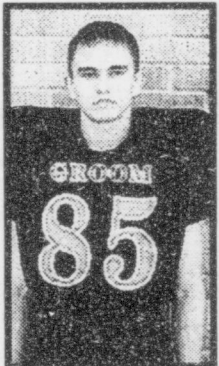
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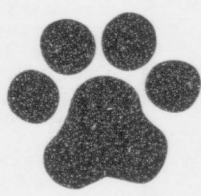
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Services Held For Zoah Mae Britten

WHEELER - Zoah Mae Britten, 87, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2006.

Vigil and rosary was Sunday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wheeler. Mass was held Monday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom with the Rev. Juan Carlos officiating. Burial was in the Groom Catholic Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Britten was born Dec. 1, 1918, in Alanreed to Joe and Emma Babcock.

She attended Groom schools, graduating in 1936. Mrs. Britten married Norbert B. Britten on Sept. 9, 1946, in Groom. She was a housewife, a mother and worked with her husband on the family farm until 1963. In 1963 she went to work at Groom Pharmacy and worked until

1967. In 1967 she attended the John V. London School of Nursing, graduating in 1968.

Mrs. Britten worked as an LVN at Groom Hospital and Clinic from 1968 until her retirement in 1977. She moved to Wheeler in 1994. She was a past member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Christian Mothers and Altar Society in Groom. She currently was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wheeler. She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1976; a grandson, Justin Bryce Haning in 1984; a granddaughter, Michelle Britten King in 2004; and six brothers, Jim, Henry, Frank, Jack, Bud and Bob Babcock.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Haning and husband Buster of Wheeler; four sons, Glenn Britten and wife Beatrice of Anadarko, Okla., Jimmy Britten and wife Sue of Groom, Johnny Britten and wife Shirley of Jacksboro and Larry Britten and wife Donna of Tulia; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two very special friends, Verda Lee Littlefield of Groom and Mary Wagner of Wheeler.

The family suggests memorials be to The Immune Deficiency Foundation, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 308, Towson, MD 21204.

Donations

must send someone after help," stated Superintendent Terry Stevens. "Our school will be safer and operate more efficiently if we had an

intercom system. This money will help make that possible."

Douglas Campbell was pleased at the prospect of helping the school obtain something that will benefit

so many.

"We are committed to Groom and the area," he stated, "We are proud to help out with the donation as well as giving the citizens of Groom this

exciting new technology. Other exciting promotions are on the horizon for seniors at Groom High

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Services Held For Al Alward



ALVIN "AL" LLOYD ALWARD

GROOM - Alvin "Al" Lloyd Alward, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006. Services were Saturday in United Methodist Church of Groom with Weldon Rives, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Claude Cemetery in Claude by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., in Amarillo.

Mr. Alward was born July 10, 1931, in Waveland, Ind., to Clarence Evert and Ethel Day Alward. He attended school in West Terre Haute, Ind., Lubbock,

Tucson, Ariz., and Amarillo. He enjoyed the challenge of moving around as a child and looked forward to each move as a new adventure. While in Amarillo High School he joined the Naval Reserve. On the outbreak of the Korean War, Al Alward dropped out of high school, quit the Naval Reserve and joined the Army.

He distinguished himself on the battlefield and earned the rank of staff sergeant. Upon returning to Amarillo, he went to barber school, using this trade to put himself through four years of college. He met the love of his life, Virginia Ann

Duncan, and married her on Nov. 11, 1954.

He earned his real estate license and sold more than \$1 million worth of homes per year in the late '50s and early '60s for the Odom Co. in Amarillo. His sales ability took him on the road where he sold janitorial supplies. He began his own company, AAA Chemical, and operated it for 30 years. He and his wife, Virginia, also operated Big House Antiques in Claude, where they lived for 30 years. They moved to Groom in 1998. He was a member of the 23rd Infantry Regiment Organization of the Korean War and a lifetime member of VFW Post No. 4747 in Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; three sons, Jerry Dean, Steven Ray and David Ray; his parents; and a brother, Ernie.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Burton and husband Jim of Groom; a son, Terry Alward and wife Brenda of Dumas; four grandchildren, Melody Simpson, April and Brandon Jones, all of Amarillo, and Brittnee Beavers of Dumas; a brother, Willard "Bud" Alward of Amarillo; and three brothers of his heart, George Anderson of Evansville, Ind., Roland Dollmeyer of Cedar Rapids, Idaho and John

Sybert of Granite City, Ill. The family suggests memorials be to United

Methodist Church of Groom or to any veterans organization.

Carson County Sheriff's Arrest Report

The Carson County Sheriff's office arrested the following people this week:
Rebecca Margaret Daly, 41, of White Deer for making a terroristic threat by Carson County Sheriff's officers.

Aaron Gonzalez, 26, of San Ysidro, CA was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram, but less than 400 grams, by Carson County Sheriff's officers.

Eduardo Eduardo Ramirez, 21 of San Diego, CA was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram, less than 400.

Mario Alberto Perez Munoz, 28 of San Ysidro CA, was arrested by DPS officers for possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram, but less than 400.

Jerry Neal Baker, 26, of Stiegler, OK was arrested by DPS for charges of Failure to Appear and possession of marijuana, more than 4 oz, but less than 5 lbs.

Stephanic Lynn Hunt, 30 of Amarillo, TX was arrested by Carson County officers for Deadly Conduct.

Richard Lee Barkley, 21, of Groom was arrested by DPS for Driving While Intoxicated.

Stacy Keonte Lee, 18, of Kansas City, Mo was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than 2 oz but less than 4 oz.

David Matthew Sushane, 32, of Tahlequah, ok was arrested by DPS officers for DWI.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS 480 people die and another 2,880 are injured in disasters every year in the United States, and thousands lose their livelihoods and jobs;

WHEREAS In the wake of September 11, 2001, our nation faces continuing concerns about the possibility of terror attacks endangering our lives and our way of life;

WHEREAS Preparation can help individuals and families to be more self-sufficient in times of disaster, minimizing their own discomfort and fears and minimizing their need for emergency services;

WHEREAS Disaster preparedness is vitally important to ensure the well-being of individuals, families, businesses and the well-being of the state of Texas;

AND WHEREAS Texas Cooperative Extension, a member of the nationwide Extension Disaster Education Network, stands ready with disaster preparedness education to help residents of CARSON County prepare for the unexpected to protect their families, homes, pets, and businesses;

BE IT RESOLVED That the week of September 10-16, 2006, will be declared "Disaster Preparedness Week" in CARSON County.

Carson County Judge

Our Sincerest Thanks

Our deepest heartfelt thanks to all who came to our aid during the loss of our father and grandfather, Alvin Alward. There were so many kindnesses including phone calls, food, visitation, flowers but most of all prayers. A special thank you to Phil for being like a son to Dad and for being so supportive throughout the years when Dad's needs took me away from work. Dad loved this community and was proud to be from Groom.

God Bless you All,
Jim & Donna Burton, Terry & Brenda Alward and all the rest of the Alward Family

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