

# The McLean News



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## McLean Reminder



**HALLOWEEN** IS just around the corner! It's time to start preparing for the ghosts and goblins!

**THE SCHOLASTIC** Book Fair is October 28, 29 and 30 with a special family event on Monday.

**THERE WILL** be a Judgement House benefit dinner Sunday, October 20 at the school cafeteria at noon. For more information, call Brenda Jasper at 779-2480 or Rhonda Sparling at 779-2207.

**THE CIRCLE** of Friends will be holding their annual membership dinner Monday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steak House. For reservations call Charlotte Hefley at 779-2445 or 779-3134 by October 23.

**PIONEER STUDY** Club will meet at Mary Dwyer's house on Thursday, October 17, at 2 p.m.

**MCLEAN JUNIOR** High plays host to Higgins on Thursday. The game is set to begin at 6:00.

**THE TIGERS** do not have a game this week. Their next game will be Thursday, October 24, here against Miami. Game time is 7:30.

**ATTENTION:** PLEASE contact the news office if you have family currently serving in the U.S. Military, Reserves, or National Guard for a special Veteran's Day issue. Also, please call if you have family that has been left off previous lists.

**FAMILY READING** night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

**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.



Mrs. Glass' First Grade class shows off their pumpkins

## McLean 4-Hers Visit Washington DC

Kevin Smith and Nicholas, Kristen and Beverly Odom were among a group of sixteen youth and ten chaperones from Gray County who visited our nation's capitol from July 29 through August 4. The trip was a culmination of almost two years of planning and fundraising.

The "Wonders of Washington" students and adults flew out of Amarillo at 6:00 a.m. on the 29th of July. Passing through security and the flight was quite an experience for many. While visiting Washington, the group stayed at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

One of the most memorable events of the first day was getting stuck in a traffic jam in the chartered bus while emergency crews rescued the Amtrak derailment victims. That evening, the group took a nighttime tour of the memorials including the Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Vietnam and Korean.

On Tuesday, the transportation was the Metro subway system to the Holocaust Museum and the ESPN Zone. Other Smithsonian's explored that afternoon were the

American History, Natural History and Air and Space Museum. This basically slow-paced group from the Texas Panhandle learned how to get on and off public transportation incredibly fast. They enjoyed an "Action on the Hill" workshop that evening with the 4-H Center representative, Kari Cope, who hosted the entire week. Wednesday's schedule included the Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Ronald Reagan Building and Capitol Hill. Representative Mac Thornberry had just left for Texas but his staff gave an inspiring tour of the Capitol building. An evening performance of "Shear Madness" was seen at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets were finally secured for a tour of the White House on Thursday morning. Only two of the ten adults were allowed to accompany the youth. A day trip to Baltimore that afternoon included the Hard Rock Cafe, National Aquarium, Harbor Place, the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical center and Fort McHenry.

Friday began with a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing with visits to the Old Post Office Pavilion,

Postal Museum, Petersen House and the National Zoo. The evening was spent in Alexandria, Virginia for a "Mostly Ghostly Tour."

Gray County 4-H participated in a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday morning. Kristen, along with three others from the group, helped present the Gray County 4-H wreath at the changing of the Guards. After the guided tour of the cemetery, the group headed to Iwo Jima, the Marine Corps War Memorial, and Mount Vernon. A history bowl workshop was held back at the 4-H Center that evening.

Church services at the National Cathedral concluded the Washington visit on Sunday morning. A very tired group arrived back in Amarillo that night on August 4.

The primary objectives of the "Wonders of Washington" trip were to foster an appreciation in the participants for America's historical, political and cultural heritage; to teach the fundamentals of our federal government; and to explore the principles and responsibilities of American

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## McLean Welcomes New Pastor Carl Cox and Family

The First Baptist Church has a new Pastor. His name is Carl Cox and he comes to McLean from Hedley. Carl was raised in Hedley and is a graduate of Hedley High School. He moved away, but moved back two years ago to become the youth minister there as well as working for TX Dot in Memphis. McLean is his first Pastorate.

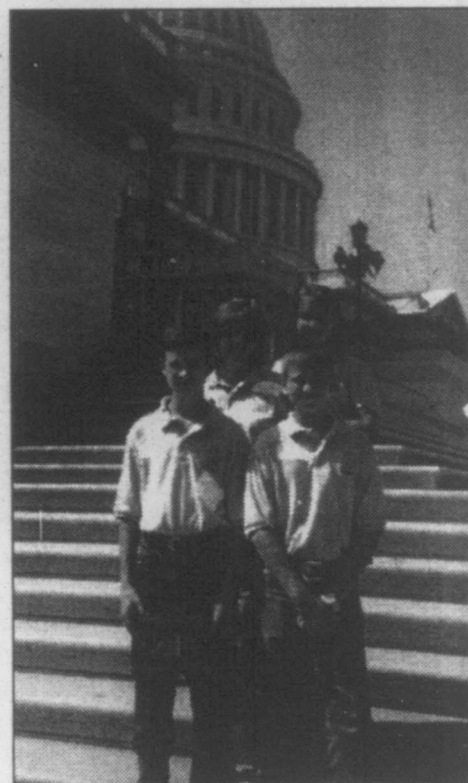
Carl's wife's name is Christy and they have two daughters, Jessie, an Eighth Grader who will be 14 the end of October, and Jordan who is in Kindergarten and will be 6 in December.

Pastor Cox says he is excited to be in McLean and believes he is where God wants him to be. He says a



lot of prayer went into the decision to come to here. "God opened all the doors." He has plans to build a Family Life Center here with an emphasis on the young people, and he believes this is a culmination of what God showed him last year.

Welcome to McLean Pastor Cox and Family.



Front (L-R): Kevin Smith and Nicholas Odom. Back (L-R): Beverly and Kristen Odom. The group is standing beside the Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

## Birthdays & Anniversary

October 17 - Vivian Grigsby, Tommy Cole.  
 October 18 - Toni Bohlar, Bron Bohler, Ruth McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Flores (A), Roger and Janet McCracken (A).  
 October 19 - Justin Myers, Shawn Myers, Billie Joe Skipper, Deborah Thomas Beaty, Cody Seitz.  
 October 20 - Jessica Dee Fish, Lindsay Dwyer, Minnie Caroline Buckhaults, Gerald Reynolds.  
 October 21 - Jim Reyna, Walter Evans, Lloyd Littlefield, Tammy Hanes, Sue Burrow.  
 October 22 - Carrie Hardin, Buddy Payne, Luann Mantooth.  
 October 23 - Peggy Webb, Patricia Adams.

## Scholastic Book Fair To Be Held

McLean Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on October 28, 29, 30, a fun filled book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic book fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and

interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers and the entire community are invited to "Lasso a Great Book!" at the Reading Roundup, the theme of the Fair.

Calling all cowpokes! On October 28, the Book Fair will feature a special family event.

Great photo

### Services Held for Ruth Brooks

Funeral Services were held for Ruth Brooks on Tuesday, October 15 at the First United Methodist Church in White Deer. She was buried at the Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Brooks died on October 13 at the age of 101 in Levelland, Texas.

Born February 11, 1901, in Sparta, Illinois, she

married Horace Brooks in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1973. She moved to White Deer in 1953 from McLean and moved to Levelland in 1996. She graduated from West Texas Normal College in 1926 and taught school in McLean for three years. She was a homemaker and a very active member of the first United Methodist Church of White Deer. She was also preceded in death by a son; Jack Brooks in 1998, and by a daughter, Beth Jordan Perkins in 2001. She is survived by one daughter, Kathryn Harder of Levelland, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charity

opportunities are available as cowboys and cowgirls read aloud with local children, recommend their favorite books for evenings around the campfire, square dance, and more!

One of the Book Fair's primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the fair can check each teacher's Classroom Wish List, then purchase and donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, the school will use funds raised at the Book Fair to purchase essential classroom resources and support school projects.

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main  
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church  
 Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00


First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st  
 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm, (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray  
 Pastor Theaker 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 - Ronnie Ferguson  
 779-2783  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.,  
 Children's Church, Sunday - 6:00 p.m.



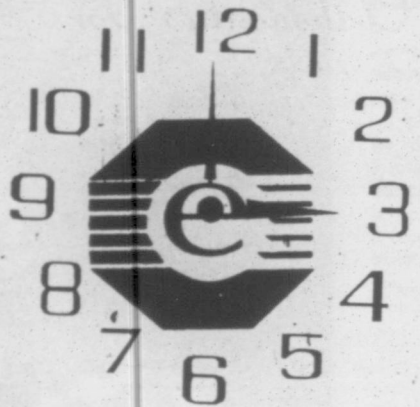
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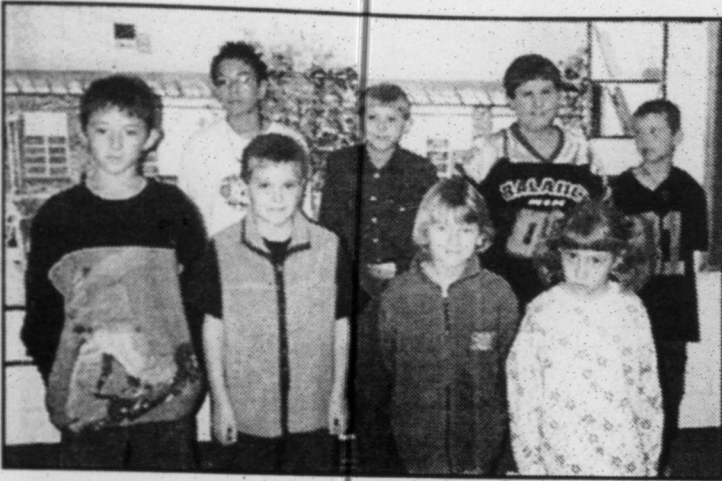
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## Preschoolers To Hold Open House

The McLean Preschool will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 pm at the public library.

This is the first year for the preschool to be in operation in McLean. The community is invited to come and see what the

children are learning.

The preschool meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 am. There are eleven four-year olds attending this year with six parents rotating the teaching. Two parents teach at a time and teach a total of 11 weeks twice a week.

Some parents are not able to teach on a regular basis but have other responsibilities like providing materials and preparing some of the materials needed for lessons as well as substituting.

The children are learning numbers, colors, shapes, and how to write their names. The children are also learning social skills and how to sit still and pay attention. These are skills that will benefit them when they begin kindergarten next year.

If you have a three year old and are interested in starting your preschooler next year this will be a perfect opportunity to check out our new preschool.

**Students of the Week for October 14 - October 18:** Kindergarten- Katerina Fischer; 1st Grade-Jacie Ketcherside; 2nd Grade-Justin West; 3rd Grade-Jace McLain; 4th Grade-Clay Crockett; 5th Grade-Tucker Adams; 6th Grade-Trent Darsey; 7th Grade-Jacob Connors



## Girls Softball Team Wins Tourney

McLean's first girls fast pitch softball team had a fantastic first year, winning the league tournament. Their team name may be the "Rookies" but they played like pros. Four of the girls were chosen for the All Tournament Team: DeShea Tollenson, Lexi Minfield,

Ashley Byron, and Sheri Haynes. Brian Byron is their Coach and Johnny Haynes is the Assistant Coach. Cozy and Gabe Parsons were the sponsors this year.

Pictured from left to right: Top- Gabe and Cozy Parsons, Johnny Haynes, Brian Byron. Middle-

Suzann Howard, Sheri Haynes, Cassey Phillips, Brooke Seymour, DeShea Tollenson, Amanda Lovia Bottom, Lexi Minfield, Ashley Byron, Lacey Wallace, Dana Terhune, Erin Vassey. Not shown are Lisa Janssen and Kristen Ellis, and Holly Phillips.

### You Are Invited To Attend!

You are invited to the Circle of Friends annual dinner and auction benefiting the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. The event will be held at the Red River Steakhouse on October 28 at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or to donate to the auction, please call Charlotte Hefley at 779-2445 or 779-3134 by October 23.

See you there!

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the overall community and especially Crown of Texas Hospice for their love and care of Jo; also the First Baptist Church ladies for their excellent lunch at the time of our loss. May God Bless each and every one of you. The Turner Family

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Wednesday: Yogurt, teddy grahams, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Thursday: Cinnamon toast, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

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

#### LUNCH:

Monday: Chicken Noodle Soup, peanut butter sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, veggie sticks, apple crisp and milk

Tuesday: BBQ ribslet on a bun, curly fries, baked beans, pickle spears, apples w/caramel and milk

Wednesday: Beef tips and noodles, carrots, salad, bread sticks, fruit and milk

Thursday: Sloppy joes, fritos, pickle spears, veggie sticks, cookies and milk

Friday: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, sherbet and milk

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## Cougars Down Tigers

The Tigers were defeated 52-6 on Friday by the Ft. Elliott Cougars. The Cougars scored on their first drive of the game and continued to outmatch the Tigers throughout the game.

Josh Seymour, James Alexander and Nick Jones had some good moments but the team never got a rhythm going despite one touch

down. The Tigers are continuing to work hard in practice and trying to improve and are hoping to make a good showing this Friday.

### TRIP

citizenship.

Gray County 4-H is grateful to everyone who made this trip possible!

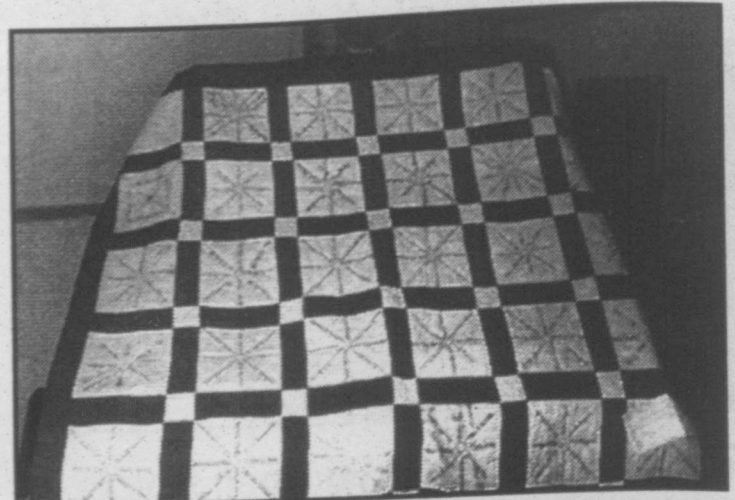
## Methodist Church Celebrates 100th

The McLean First United Methodist Church celebrated their 100 anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13.

One hundred ten people enjoyed dinner under the tent on Saturday night. Two hundred seven people were present at the Sunday morning worship conducted by Bishop D. Max Whitfield. Many people traveled from all over the country and all over Texas to come together for this celebration. Red River Steakhouse was filled to capacity for the meal following Sunday Services.

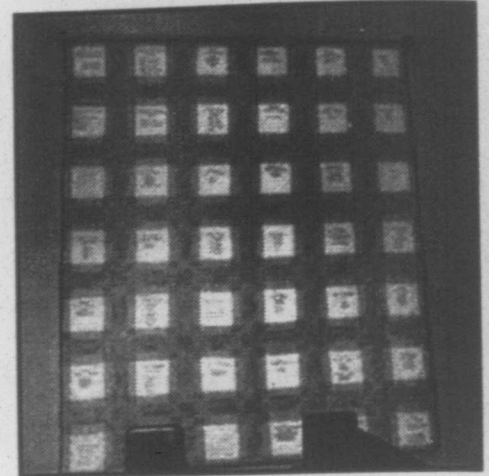
The Congregation was treated to several beautiful displays of times gone by. There was a beautiful quilt on display that was made in 1926 by Frankie Upham

White and Lorene Stanfield Rippey. It is made of alternating red and white squares. There are 42 white squares with the names of past members on each square. It is usually on display at the McLean Alanreed Area Museum. There was also a beautiful quilt pieced together by Inez Trostle this year, consisting of 42 white squares and bordered by 71 tan rectangles all with the names of members. The quilt will continue to hang in the



Sanctuary for a while.

A brass cross was presented to the church in memory and honor of Jack and Lorena Bailey who were members of the church until their deaths. Direct descendants of the Jack Bailey family have been and remain members of the church. The family members David and Darren Johnson, Pam Crockett and husband Dick and great-grandson Blake, Angie Ware and husband Kent, and great-grandsons Jake and Levi are frequent visitors. The Bailey family presented the cross as a memorial in their parents' and grandparents' name to honor them for generations to come.



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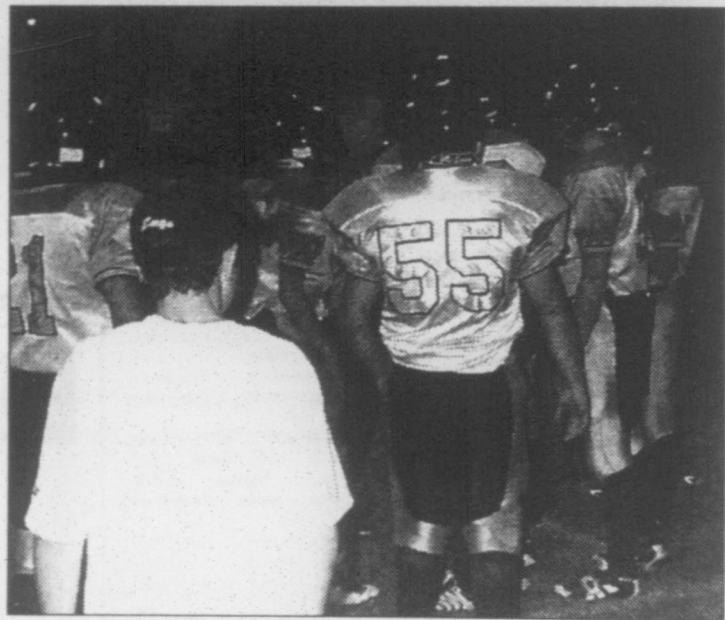
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These amendments shall become effective upon the publication of these changes. For more information or a complete copy of these amendments, contact Groom City Hall, 248-7929.

### Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

#### DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1  
**Bill Hinson**

For Carson County Treasurer  
**Jeanne Cunningham**

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk  
**Celeste Bichsel**

#### REPUBLICAN

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### Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

#### DEMOCRAT

For Carson County  
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Precinct 1  
**Bill Hinson**

For Carson County  
Treasurer  
**Jeannie Cunningham**

For Carson County Clerk  
& District Clerk  
**Celeste Bichsel**

#### REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge  
**Lewis Powers**

For Gray County Clerk  
**Susan Winborne**

For Gray County  
Commissioner  
**James Hefley**

For Gray County  
Inspector Of Hides and  
Animals  
**Bill Reeves**

### Public Hearing

An ordinance, amending Chapter 13, Planning and Zoning, Section 13-19, Manufactured/Mobile Housing, adopting the State Code for Manufactured/Mobile Housing, regulating the time limits for underpinning, and regulating manufactured housing to lots zoned for manufactured/mobile housing; amending Section 13-27, Enforcement; Building Permits, defining the validity of building permits and limiting building permits to a one year expiration date, and setting regulations for construction dates; and amending Section 13-30; Amendments and Changes, authorizing a filing fee to be set for requesting a change to a zoning ordinance.

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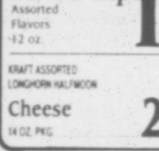
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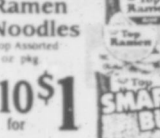
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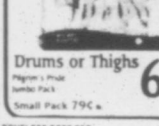
**Pork Steak**  
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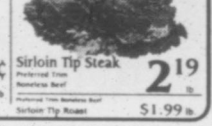
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## Community Calendar

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Bazaar** will be held on November 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**CUB SCOUTS** will have an organizational meeting Sunday, October 20, at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. All boys in the 2nd-5th grade are welcome to attend. We still need leaders! If you have any questions, call Tim Case at 248-7290 or 248-7975.

**UNITED METHODIST Church Annual Harvest Dinner** with turkey and all the trimmings will be held on October 27 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Groom School Cafeteria. Adults; 11 & Older \$7, Children; Ages 5-10 \$3, Ages 4 & under eat free. Everyone welcome!

**ATTENTION:** PLEASE contact the news office if you have family currently serving in the US Military, Reserve or National Guard for a special Veteran's Day issue. Also please call if you have family that has been left off previous lists.

## Fields & Crowell Named King & Queen



2002 Homecoming Queen Lauren Crowell and Homecoming King Doug Fields. Also pictured is Flower Girl Brooklyn Kerlee and Crown Bearer Trenton Fields.

Glitz and glamour were no strangers to Groom High School on Thursday night when the 2002 Homecoming King and Queen were revealed. Candidates for the honorary crown included Jessica Bates, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell and Malorie Homen. King candidates were Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Doug Fields, Lance Ollinger and Calvin Schaffer.

The escorts for the event were Caren Howard, Chance Barkley, Laurissa Noack and Kelby Noack. Flower Girl was Brooklyn Kerlee and the Crown Bearer was Trenton Fields.

Steve Hutsell was the master of ceremonies and introduced each candidate with a brief summary of their many accomplishments and activities. Janetta Hudson was the pianist for the event. Special music to serenade the newly crowned King and Queen was performed by Karla and Kecia Howard.

The Groom High School Homecoming King and Queen are Doug Fields and Lauren Crowell.

## Farm Tagged Vehicles Will Be Included In Tax

**THE PUBLIC** Hearing Residents of the Groom Independent School District will be asked to come together on October 25 for a public hearing concerning the School Board's proposal to discuss the implementation of a personal property tax. The Board held a hearing about the same matter a few months ago which was met with a negative response from those attending. The Board has agreed to revisit the issue with more knowledge of how the tax will work and how it will benefit the school.

**THE GROOM** Economic Development Corporation has four openings to fill on the board. Please contact City Hall if you would be interested in serving the community of Groom in this manner. The number to call is 248-7929.

### Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....	\$4.46
Milo.....	\$4.18
Corn.....	\$4.71
Soybeans.....	\$4.68
Sunflowers.....	\$9.00

months ago, it would have enabled the Board to pass a balanced budget this year. As it was, a budget with a \$90,000 deficit was approved with funds coming from the reserve fund balance. With that balance at

about \$350,000, Groom will have only a short time to find a solution to its funding woes. "Our district has about \$6.6 million of valuation out there on personal property. That would help keep this school going for a few years," he said. "In the meantime, we have to hope that the Legislature will overhaul the school

finance laws in a way that will help smaller schools."

Noack stated that he had talked to both gubernatorial candidates and several members of the Legislature. "We are pretty sure that it will be at least two years before this matter will have the attention of State of Texas lawmakers," he said.

Many questions that could not be answered at the last hearing will have answers this time. By the time the hearing is held, Noack stated that he hoped to have the actual print out of who has personal property registered. The tax would be collected for the 2003-2004 school year and will not be retroactive. The Chief Appraiser for the county would be responsible for appraising the property using the N.A.D.A. "Blue

Book" loan price to set values. While no other school district in our county collects the personal property tax, several school districts in our area do. Clarendon, Claude, Silverton, Happy, Follett, Nazareth and Higgins are just a few of the 22 out of 63 schools in our area that have a personal property tax.

**"...The Board can do away with this tax by resolution anytime they feel the additional tax is no longer needed."**

**Kevin Noack**

An example of the tax on a 2001 Cadillac would be roughly \$400 per year. A 2001 Suburban would cost \$390 at this year's rate

of \$1.50. The vehicle would be taxed according to its "Blue Book" value as long as it was registered. There is always an increase in delinquent taxes when this type of tax is levied because it is not limited to property owners. According to Donita Davis of the Carson County Tax Office, they will pursue these kinds of delinquent taxes with the same intensity as they do other unpaid tax bills.

The tax would appear on the annual tax statement that comes from the Appraisal District, and it would be set at the rate agreed upon by the Board when they set the budget and tax rate. For instance, if it had been passed this year, it would have been the same rate as our property tax;

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**MORE COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**GROOM TRAVELS**  
 to Follett this week.  
 Game time is 7:30.

**GROOM JUNIOR**  
 High play Follett in  
 Miami Thursday, October  
 17. Kickoff is slated for  
 5 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN IS** just  
 around the corner! It's  
 time to start preparing  
 for the ghosts and  
 goblins!



## Local Happenings

Anyone interested in contacting Bertha Knight may do so at IHS Rehabilitation Center, 5601 Plum Creek Dr., Room 219, Amarillo, TX 79124. She would certainly love to hear from you!

Weekend visitors at Donnie, Marcia and Sandie Conrad's home were Marie and Jaden Reid of Lewisville, TX; Toby, Rebecca and Aaron Vincent of Dalhart, TX; Angie and Sami Amphay of Amarillo; Karen Conrad of Wichita Falls, TX and Russell Conrad of Canyon.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 17 - Carol Shuck, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barker (A).
- October 18 - Sybil Harrell, Ronald Dale Fields, Jerome Weinheimer.
- October 20 - Jeannie Ruthardt, Johnny and Mary Brooks (A).
- October 21 - Frances Britten.
- October 22 - Charles Burk, Tyler Samuel Babcock.
- October 23 - Carolyn Moraniec, Dakota Miller, McKenna Beth Britten.



### Moore - Reeves To Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moore of Gruver, Texas

would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tomara Gail to Scott Ray Reeves. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeves of Grand Prairie, Texas. The couple are planning to wed November 30, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville, Texas.

The bride graduated from Gruver High School in 1997 and Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas in 2001. Tomara is a teacher and coach at Stafford Middle School.

The groom graduated from Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Texas, Rice University in Houston and received his Masters Degree from Texas Christian University. He is the Director of Strength and Conditioning for Rice University.

## Christian Mothers Plan November Bazaar

The Christian Mothers meeting was held on Oct. 14 at the home of Joann Britten. Hostesses were Cindy Babcock and Sandra Britten.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, November 24, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The theme is "Give Thanks to the Lord." A roast beef meal with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The price is \$7 for 13 years old through adult and \$3 for ages 3-12. Circle Chairmen will call members about bringing salads, vegetables or dessert. Members are asked to be

ready with a "yes" to food and to assisting with the bazaar. Members are asked to bring craft items to the Christian Mothers Booth to help Louise Conrad with this endeavor.

There will be two raffles which include a Nativity Set and a night out at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo with a dinner for two.

The Diocesan Meeting will be in Pampa at St. Vincent's on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 & 19. Doris Britten will be our Woman of the Year nominee.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer.

*Please join us to celebrate the  
 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of  
 Sybil and Glynn D Harrell*  
 October 24, 2002  
 3:00 - 4:30  
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 Children: Ages 5-10 \$3.00  
 Ages 4 & Under Eat Free  
**Everyone Welcome**

# 1st Six Weeks Honor Roll

## A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade: Michael Kelly, Jacob Torres, Cecilia Unger, Maddie Wieberg.  
 Fifth Grade: Korri Britten, Britney Evenson, Ashley Murray, Jes Roskens, Micah Wagley.  
 Sixth Grade: Brett Friemel, Joshua Kelly.  
 Seventh Grade: Chad Barkley.  
 Eighth Grade: Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Karla Howard, Kecia Howard.  
 Ninth Grade: Katy Britten.  
 Tenth Grade: Adam Britten.  
 Eleventh Grade: Britney Martin, Owen Weinheimer.  
 Twelfth Grade: Jessica Bates, Manuela Bogge, Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

## A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade: Tanner Britten, Heather Brown, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Friemel, Kassandra Graves.  
 Fifth Grade: Tyler Babcock, Tyler Case, Christopher Chaney, Ricky Fehr, Kathryn Herndon, Alannah King, Shane King, Eric Torres.  
 Sixth Grade: Trent Britten, Kelton Weller.  
 Seventh Grade: Taylor Drewery, Whitney

Evenson, Michaela Roskens, Katie-Lane Thompson.  
 Eighth Grade: Berklee Ruthardt.  
 Ninth Grade: Sharri Gailynn Drewery, Malorie Homen, Kelby Noack.  
 Tenth Grade: Chance Barkley, Ashley Jackson.  
 Eleventh Grade: Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, William Leven, Bobby Ratterree, Calvin Schaffer.  
 Twelfth Grade: Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Staci Britten, Stephany Fraser, Lance Ollinger.

## TAX

\$1.50 per \$100 valuation. The Board of Trustees does not need public approval to vote the tax into law. However, if the increase makes the District meet the requirements for a rollback election, voters will have the final say by voting for or against the rollback. Superintendent Noack made it clear that the Board could do away with the tax at any time by resolution. There is no set number years that the tax has to be on the books. "I just cannot repeat this often enough," said Noack. "We need this tax to help us meet the needs of our students."

# School Earns TEA Gold Award

The Groom School Board met in regular session on October 10, 2002. Present were Board members Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Mike Friemel, Tony Treadwell, Denny Babcock, Ron Kuehler and Tony Britten. Superintendent Kevin Noack and guest Curtis Downs were also in attendance.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved before the Board recessed to attend the Homecoming Queen Coronation. They returned at 8:25.

Superintendent Noack presented a video produced by TASA and TASB addressing school finance. Discussion was held concerning the public forum set for October 25. Information that needs to be presented to the community at the forum was discussed.

During the open forum, Board President Clifton Britten stated that the board meeting and coronation conflict needs to be avoided if possible. The Board indicated that the target meeting night will be the second Thursday of the month and will be adjusted as needed. The Superintendent thanked Tony Treadwell, Clifton Britten and Susan Britten for painting the trim on the school house.

A discussion was held concerning the closing of school facilities after school hours. The Board

will consult with the school attorney to determine the school liability.

Superintendent Noack presented the TEA Gold Performance Report. Groom ISD completed six of nine requirements, scoring higher than any other school in our area. The school was cited for the attendance rate, results of the Algebra I exams, the Advanced Placement International Baccalaureate Result (which is a program that gives college credit to students who score high enough on a subject test), college readiness, and recommended high school program participation.

Mr. Noack presented a list of checks and a budget analysis for the Board's approval.

The Board then went into executive session at 10:26 to discuss a personnel matter. They reconvened at 10:53 and then adjourned.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

### BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk  
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk  
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice and milk  
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk  
 Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

### LUNCH:

Monday: Fajitas, sauteed onion and green pepper, lettuce & tomato, peaches, graham crackers and milk  
 Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, pineapple, Texas toast and milk  
 Wednesday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce and tomato, yogurt and milk  
 Thursday: Beef stew, applesauce, cornbread, crackers, and milk  
 Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet and milk

## GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Ashton Standerfer  
 Second Grade: Claire Hopkins and Alex Stevens  
 Third Grade: Amber Harris and Hilary Zedlitz  
 Sixth Grade: Jessica Baggerman and Hannah Hopkins

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First Grade: Ela Earhart and Bracie Harris  
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 Third Grade: Jazmine Rose, Celby Snapp, Chloe Zeditz  
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# PUBLIC HEARING

All Groom Independent School District residents are invited to a **PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on Friday, October 25, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at the usual meeting place of the Board of Trustees at the District Offices located at 304 West Third Street in the City of Groom, County of Carson and State of Texas.

The purpose of the hearing is to consult with residents of this political subdivision regarding Section 11.14 of the state of Texas statutes concerning the taxation and exemption of **Tangible Personal Property Not Producing Income.**

All interested taxpayers are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against taxing the property described in this section of the law.

This public meeting is held pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(e) of the Texas Constitution.



## Tigers Drop District Contest Against Eagles

Groom dropped to 1-5 on the season with last week's 46-14 loss to Samnorwood. "The kids just keep on giving everything they have," said Coach Toby Tucker. "They keep working their tails off, and we know that if we keep on working hard, good things will happen to us." Groom started the game off with a 60 yard drive that was capped off by a one yard TD run by Doug Fields. Brett Britten added the extra

points to make it an early 8-0 Groom lead.

From there, Samnorwood took control and scored four unanswered touchdowns to run the score to 32-8. Groom would again score on another one yard Doug Fields touchdown run. The extra point try was no good.

"We have some kids here in Groom that just don't have any quit in them," said Coach Tucker. "You got to love the effort that these

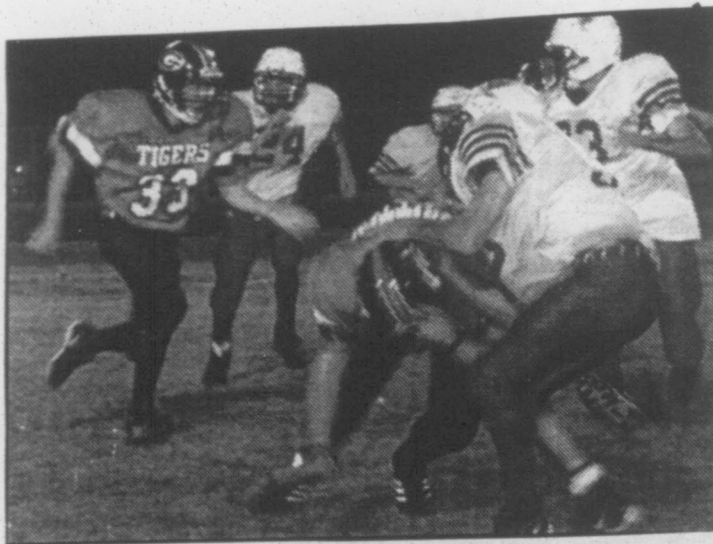
boys give every week. We are getting better.

We need to stop making the little mistakes that keep average teams from being great. These kids are just what every coach could wish for in that their work ethic and attitudes are great. Good things are going to happen to these kids, not only in football, but in life."

Offensively, the Tigers were led by Doug Fields, who rushed for 179 yards on 31 carries. Willie Leven, Bobby Ratterree, Cody Babcock, Brett Britten and Kelby Noack had some fine blocks that opened up much of the holes for Doug on the night. Bobby Ratterree had another fine night catching the football with three catches for 62 yards. Kelby Noack threw seven times for 25 yards. Brett Britten had seven carries for seven yards. Lance Ollinger had one catch for three yards.

Defensively, Doug Fields had 11 tackles, followed by Brett Britten's four. Bobby Ratterree had three, Lance Ollinger and Jeff Rios each had two, Javier Caro and Cody Babcock each had one tackle. Brett Britten also had an interception. Brandon Jenkins had an assisted tackle on special teams.

Groom travels this week to state ranked Follett. Game time is 7:30.



## Junior High Loses To Samnorwood

The Groom Jr. High Cubs traveled to Samnorwood last week to play a very tough match against the Eagles. Thane Barkley threw an amazing 50-yard touchdown pass to Blaine Britten for Groom's only score. The final score was 43-6.

"We really need to work on our defense this week," stated Coach Jym Dennis. "The boys did not seem focused this week, but I feel sure that they will be working hard to improve."

The Cubs will play Follett in Miami at 5:00 on Thursday.

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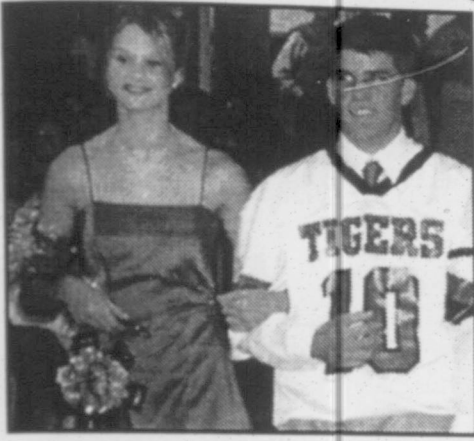
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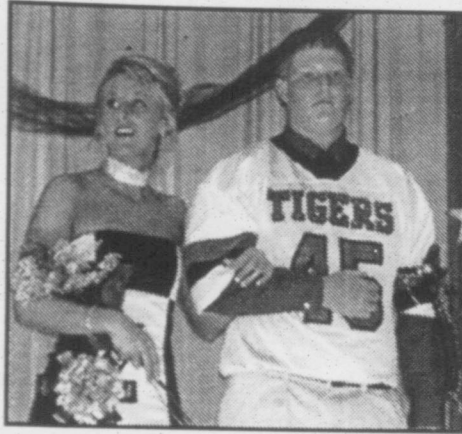


Groom Cubs Brett Friemel, Trevor Friemel, Ben Thompson, Josh Kelly & Kendall Weller.

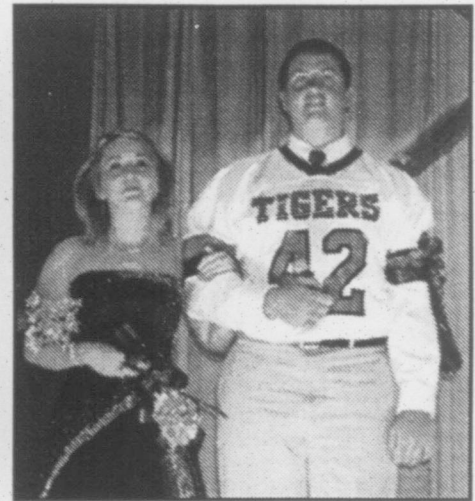
# Homecoming Highlights



Amanda Conrad and Lance Ollinger



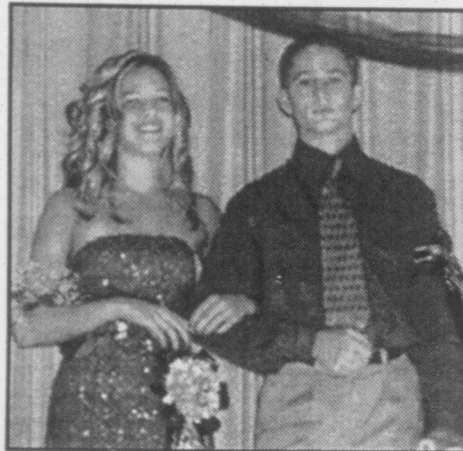
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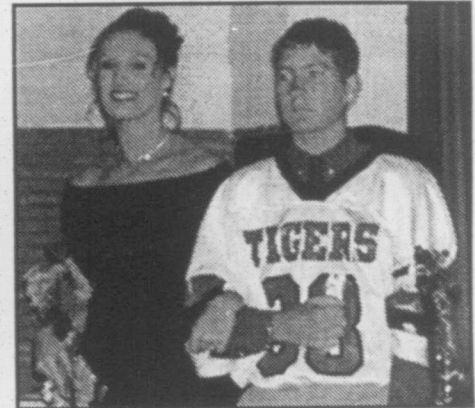
Brin Burgin and Brett Britten



Doug Fields crowns Queen Lauren Crowell



Malorie Homen and Calvin Schaffer



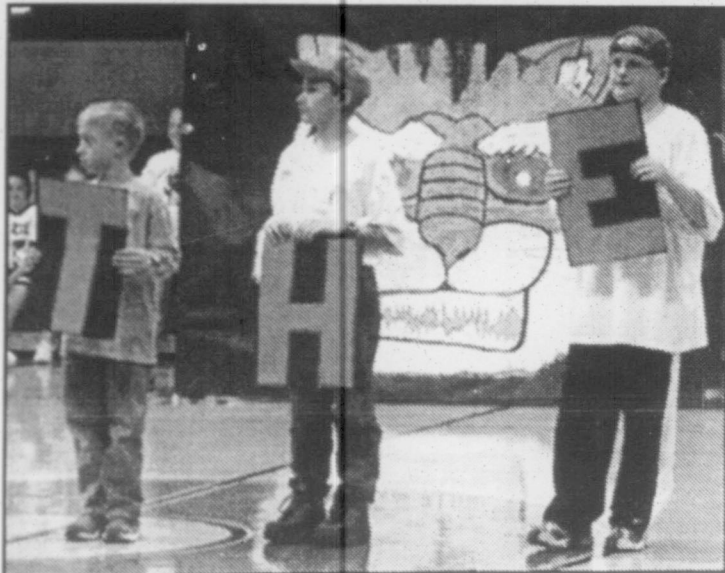
Laurissa Noack and Kelby Noack



Third grade boys and girls cheer for the Tigers at the Little Kid's Pep Rally



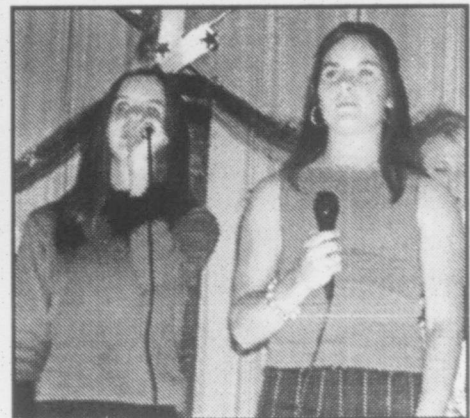
Caren Howard and Chance Barkley



Shane King, Ricky Fehr and Tyler Case



Christy Painter



Kecia and Karla Howard sing at Coronation



Letter To The Editor...

District Does Not Need Tax

In response to Tony Treadwell's letter, I believe the Groom School District does not like or need a new tax at this time.

First, this is an election year and what a mess it is. The Governor and the State Representatives can do nothing but sling mud at each other. One State Representative candidate promises to give our schools the lottery money we should already have. I wonder if former Governor Richards knows

what agency has it. The state complains about lottery sales. Maybe they would go up if smaller schools see more of it. This view is similar to sentiment in an August 22, 2002 Groom News article asking us to write our elected officials.

Second, this tax is not spread out evenly over the entire district. In my estimate, the district is 80-85% farm related. Vehicles with farm tags are exempt from personal

property. I understand farm prices and the troubles a farmer faces every day. These families need every form of help that Mother Nature and Theresa can give them. In today's economy, the city folk need to keep what they can also. Layoffs are happening everywhere and the stock market is dissolving a lot of family's savings and retirement accounts. Retired people on fixed incomes and disappearing IRA's, people who bought a new car or truck to be able to watch the grandkids play sports, will be hit harder by this tax. I tried to help stimulate the economy by

buying a new pickup with 0% interest over five years. This tax makes up for 0% interest over five years. If I get laid off at work, is the school going to fight Ford Credit for the delinquent taxes on their pickup. Also, there are the other people who can work around these taxes with fraudulent affidavits of exemptions and out of district addresses.

Another article in the Groom News stated that nothing was set in stone until the last state payments were in place. There was a mention that some money might be replaced in the general fund at that time. Tony states we need to be looking at alternatives to survive which is a good idea, but this tax is not. If it was so fair, why did we do away with it ten to twelve years ago? These dates may be off, but they are as close as most citizens I have talked to remember. I am to believe that the tax delinquency rate went down after this tax was revoked.

If the state wants to mandate raises and fees, they should pay for them. If a school cannot cover a teacher step up in pay, maybe the State Teachers

Association should argue with the school to the state. Teachers influence our children more today than some parents and get paid less than most of us. Teachers need more money. The state needs to help small schools do it so we can keep good teachers. Quit promising; "just do it." UIL fees are ridiculous; small schools pay the same as big, multi-school districts. It is totally out of proportion.

Well, opponents of my thoughts and opinions may think I have gotten off track or out of my mind, but I haven't. This whole tax situation boils down to one thing: THE STATE. Groom has always prided itself on taking care of it's own. This tax will only band-aid the problem when it needs a tourniquet from the state. The GEDC is working on what it can, but the biggest words I heard at our last meeting was, "A chunk of change" will make a difference. This idea was echoed several times, but if we had that change, we would not be talking about taxes. I invite everyone to our next meeting about the dairy in November. I hope for the same turnout and more for the October 25 hearing on this tax. I agree with Tony on not splitting the community. We should show a calm, peaceful and united front against

this tax. Pray that the board is not already set on this issue since someone decided it needed to be revisited, and we can weather this severe storm until sunlight comes through the State of Texas.

Sincerely,  
Rick Prather

Carson County Jail Intake Report

There were 5 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of October 7 through October 13, 2002. Currently, there are 7 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

- Arrests made this week:
- Christine Stephenson, 40, Pampa, TX-Theft more than \$500 but less than \$1500.
  - Melissa Heard, 34, Fritch, TX-Assault Causing Bodily Injury
  - Steven Gonser, 46, Borger, TX-Probation Revocation-DWI
  - James Lanham, 19, Pampa, TX-Other Agency Warrants-Hutchinson County
  - Amy Dizon, 20, Hollister, CA-Absent Without Leave-US Navy



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**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES**

Precinct 101	-	St. Mary's Hall - Groom
Precinct 102	-	Antler Gym - White Deer
Precinct 103	-	Carson County Library - Panhandle
Precinct 201	-	Carson County Library - Panhandle
Precinct 202	-	Mary Ann Labus Home - West of Panhandle
Precinct 301	-	Panhandle High School - Panhandle
Precinct 302	-	Thelma Dugan Home - Fritch
Precinct 401	-	Antler Gym - White Deer
Precinct 402	-	Skellytown School - Skellytown

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. beginning October 21, 2002 and ending November 1, 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
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Issued this the 23 day of September, 2002.

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