

The McLean News



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School Sets Date For Public Hearing On Tax Rate



Mark, Diane and Joshua Watson take advantage of the nice weather and food at the City Park during the welcome back to school cookout for the teachers and staff.

McLean News "Alive And Well"

Dear McLean Residents,
I'm sure of that most of you have heard the adage, "...It takes a whole Village to raise a child...". Well, I would like to amend that thinking... "It takes a whole Village to keep the Village going..." Today, I have heard the most disturbing thing that I believe I have ever heard from a local official and because this is YOUR paper, I think you should know about it, just how your mayor, Bob Martin feels and thinks.

This is tax rate season. If you look through the pages of this issue of The Groom-McLean News you will see that the McLean School, Groom School, Carson County and City of Groom all have their "Notice of Effective Tax Rates" in the paper. This is a legal requirement that

they publish these notices. Why, is it a legal requirement? Because if the notices were not published, taxpayers would not know the rate of taxes they were being asked to pay until they got their tax bill in September or October. Taxpayers would also not know when the meeting was going to be held so that they could protest an increase or in general make their opinion be known to the elected officials.

These entities must publish these notices in a "Legal Publication". The McLean News is a legal publication! This is defined by an Act of Congress as a newspaper of general circulation that holds a second class mailing permit and has been in publication for a specific period of time.

The Mayor of McLean, Bob Martin, has decided that there is according to his own words, "...no newspaper in McLean," therefore he will not allow the City to print their "legal notices" in The McLean News.

In 1985, 20 years ago, the business people of McLean, including the President of the Bank, the grocery store, the funeral home, the convenience store owners as well as other officials in and around McLean came to me and asked me to please take up the paper and not let it go under, after a fire. They saw the importance of having something of their own, even if it meant sharing space with a paper already in publication. For years I absorbed the additional postage costs to

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The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2005. Board members present were Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams, Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, David Fuller and Marshall Hanes. Others present were Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, and Rhonda Patterson. Absent from the meeting was Billy Bybee.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and Chet Bohlar gave the opening prayer.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 18, 2005, and the special meeting minutes of August 8, 2005. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present to comment at this time.

Mr. Hannon discussed the proposed tax rate of \$1.50 and his reasoning. He stated this was one way to prepare for the future, as one can never be certain of what the legislature will do, or the value of oil and gas. While the property values are so high this would be a preventive measure to gain approximately \$185,000.00 in revenue and build up the fund

balance for the following year when there could come a time that MISD was strapped for funds. His decision is to be proactive and do what is best for the school. The general consensus of the board was to propose a tax rate of \$1.50.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Marshall Hanes to set the date for the public hearing to adopt the budget and set the tax rate on August 29, 2005. Motion carried.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller to accept the audit engagement from Charles Kuntz to prepare the school audit for the year ending August 31, 2005,

See School, pg. 10

Council To Bring 5% Increase On Taxes To The Public

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Monday, August 15th, 2005, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Betty Taylor at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, Janet Glass and Molly

McDowell. Mindy Reeves was absent. Others present: Toni Bohlar

Discussion was held concerning the 2005-2206 Ad-Valorem Tax Rate. The general consensus was to go with a 5% increase on the taxes. The tax valuation was down by approximately \$4,000,000.00 and due to many expenses and crumbling infrastructure the

extra money would be needed in the coming year.

Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Janet Glass, to set a special meeting on August 25th, at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing for the tax rate and to set August 30th, at 6:00 p.m. as the date to adopt the new tax rate. All voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

LOCAL REMINDERS

SCHOOL HOURS:
8:05 a.m. to 3:17 p.m.

EMAIL YOUR News
to jts@centramedia.net.

OPEN HOUSE AT
McLean ISD will be held on August 25th at 7 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A
public hearing to set the tax rate for the school on August 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Business Office.

A TEN Commandment
Monument meeting will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Park.

FOR THOSE
Interested in Rodeo, call Robbie Sanderson at 779-2502 or Roni Anderson at 334-0296.

A PUBLIC Hearing will be held on August 25 at 6:00 p.m. for the City of McLean tax rate at City Hall.

SHOW YOUR
Support for the Home Team. Advertise on the Sports Page. Call 779-2141 to reserve your space. \$5.00 a week.

TIGER FOOTBALL
Scrimmage, here, Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6 pm against Lefors. There will be an Athletic Booster meeting at half-time.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 18 - Kristina Carter, Rodney Luther Kennedy, Charlotte Bockman, Lacy J. Ferguson, Brock and Kristie Crockett (A).

August 19 - Cynthia Hauck, B.J. Ketcherside.

August 20 - Bill Skipper, Kassandra Marie Jackson.

August 21 - Evelyn Sanders, Jean Smith, Quinton Brown, Traci Rigsby, Boots Stone.

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

August 23 - Garth Thomas, Jacob Collom, K.J. Averett.

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

Museum Seeks Local Photographers

The Devil's Rope Museum will be

sponsoring a photo show beginning Sept. 10 through Nov. 12, 2005, in the Museum Gallery.

Anyone interested in exhibiting their pictures is invited to bring them to the museum before Sept. 10. The pictures should

be matted or framed and ready to be hung.

A prize will be given for best of show, awarded by people's choice.

Pictures may be picked up at the museum on Nov. 12 or the following week.

This show is free to the exhibitors and public. For more information call 1-806-779-3164.



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August 22-26

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Wednesday: Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday: Pigs in a Blanket, Pinto Beans, Pineapple Orange Salad,

Cheetos, Milk

Tuesday: Meat and Bean Chalupas, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Rosie Applesauce, Spanish Rice, Milk

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Greenbeans, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

Thursday: Corn Dogs, Waffle Fries, Baked Beans, Orange Quarters, Milk

Friday: Sub Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fritos, Baby Carrots and Pickle Spears, Sherbet Cup, Milk

Ten Commandments Meeting To Be Held

BY ARCHIE COOPER

Does McLean and community want a Ten Commandments monument in McLean? Many people are excited at the thought! One spot of land has been offered free, for the location. Any other offers? All ministers in McLean are in agreement with Rev.

Archie Cooper to call a community meeting in the City Park of McLean, Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

In case of bad weather, the meeting will be moved to the First Baptist Church. Voting will be done. Everybody is invited and urged to attend.

Christy Cox Graduates From West Texas A&M

Christy Cox participated in the graduation ceremony for West Texas A&M University on Friday evening, August 12.

This summer she finished her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, majoring in Special Education. She completed her classes on July 29th and earned an honors cord for graduation receiving a 3.91 GPA.

After many years of school, she is relieved to be finished and is grateful for the job she holds at McLean ISD.

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Services Held For Lee Ray "Bud" Steel

McLean-Lee Ray "Bud" Steel, 73, died Friday, August 12, 2005.

Memorial services were held at 4 p.m., Sunday in the Heald Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Arrangements were by Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mr. Steel was born December 6, 1931, in Goree to George and Annie Steel.

Mr. Steel was a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War. He was a pumper in the oilfield for Chevron.

Survivors include a son, Dale Steel and wife, Rose

of McLean; two daughters, Teresa Finley and husband, Rex of Denison and Kay Martin and husband, Fred of Eufaula, Oklahoma; two sisters, Billie Faye Hindman and husband, Emmitt, of Breckenridge and Edie Bea Cole and husband, Bob of Midwest, City, Oklahoma; a brother, Gaylen Steel and wife, Corky of Granbury; a sister-in-law, Mary Steel of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Carl Lee Henley Scholarship Fund, McLean Texas or Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas.

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LETS RODEO ... OR JUST HAVE FUN!

We are trying to put together a High School Rodeo Club for the kids in McLean and the surrounding areas. If you want to rodeo or just be a member and have some fun. Please contact Robbie Sanderson @ 806-779-2502 or Roni Anderson @ 806-334-0296 and we will try to answer all your questions.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 8 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main

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Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st

Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray

Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2048 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church

Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

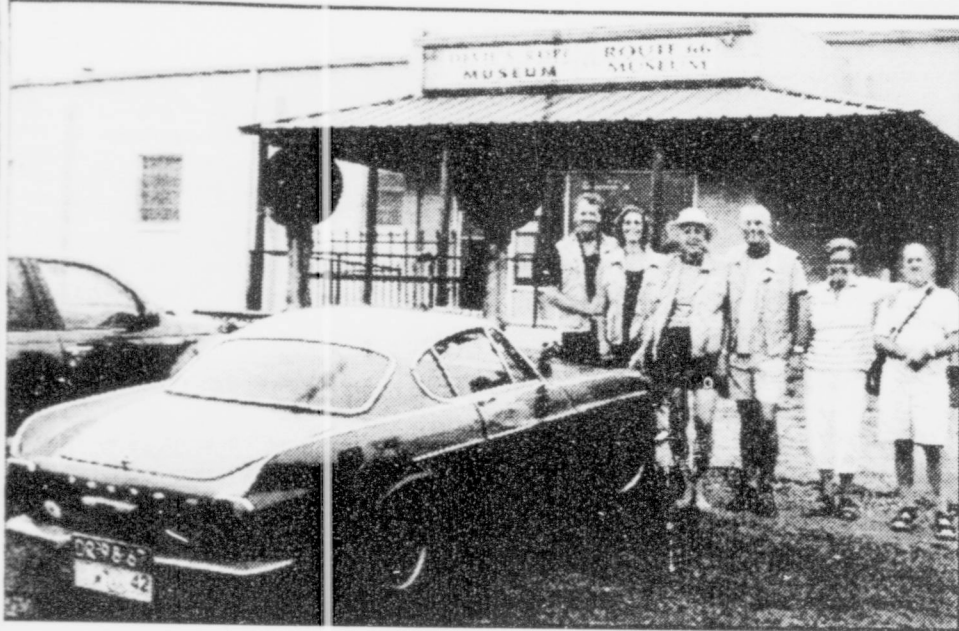
Trinity Church 603 Commerce

Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean

Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
Sunday at 7:00 pm
First Assembly of God - 420 Main McLean

Group From Holland Drive Volvos Down Route 66



Three of the couples from Holland stand in front of the Devil's Rope Museum with one of the Volvo's that was shipped to the States for the trip.

The Devil's Rope Museum always receives visitors from all over the world. Last Sunday afternoon was no different, except for the fact that the visitors were from Holland and all drove the same types of automobiles, the Volvo.

Each car was shipped to the United States to specifically be driven along Route 66.

Despite some language barriers, mine not theirs, (they spoke perfect Dutch), the group seemed to be enjoying their journey along the mother road.

It was interesting to see individuals from another

country relate to the cultures of the Texas panhandle. Yet, despite the differences, I found us to be very much alike. They were typical travelers, with cars that many have driven in America. One man was directing traffic to keep all

the other members of the group in the proper places at the proper times. Somebody has to be the leader. The women were telling the men what to do and the men were doing it.

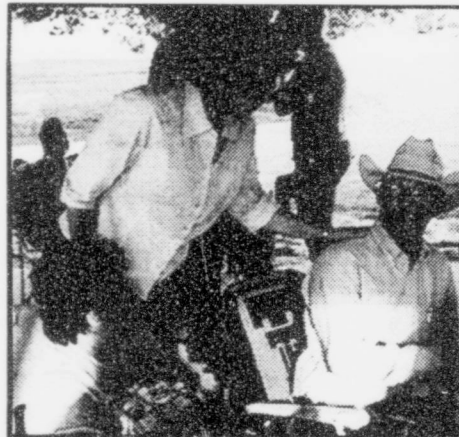
Some things are the same all over the world!

New And Returning McLean Teachers and Staff Welcomed Back With A Cookout

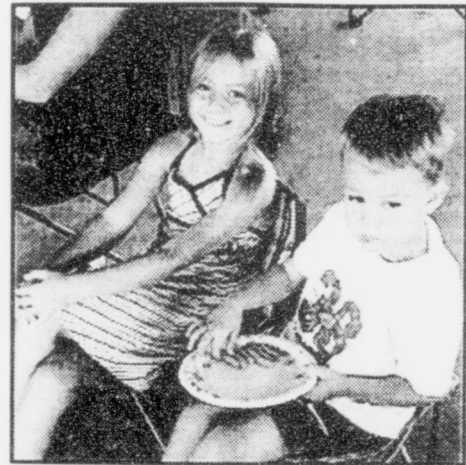
The faculty and staff were welcomed back to a new school year with a cookout at the park given by the McLean I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

New Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon welcomed everyone and introduced the new teachers and the new high school principal for the 2005-2006 school year.

Rhonda Patterson will serve in the position of High School principal. Benji Hausen will be the new girl's basketball coach. Gene Gee will teach high school science. Erin Siaw will teach eighth grade and Misty Hannon returns to McLean as the seventh grade teacher.



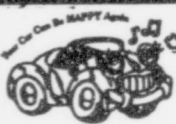
School secretary, Pam Crockett visits with School Business office manager, Leslie Darsey and her husband Mike at the park last Thursday night.



Bailey Herring and Jayden McLain set back and relax while their parents visit during the teacher and staff cookout.



New teachers, Erin Shaw and Misty Hannon enjoy the food at the recent cookout.


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send the paper across county lines to try to keep the cost in line with those mailed "in county." When the postage got so expensive that I could no longer do this I finally had to increase it a little, but I increased Groom's in county rate to help offset the difference. I have kept local employees and have rented office space in McLean for the last 20 years. Terri Adams is a devoted employee and covers just about all your events in town; is there other news coverage from any other sources in McLean?

Yet, in spite of all this, Mr. Martin stated that the reason he would not run the

City of McLean Tax Notice in The McLean News was because it would just be supporting The Groom News.

I cannot believe this reasoning. Martin gave some lame excuse about some ad years ago that he was unhappy about. I have no idea what he was talking about, he could not give me any specifics.

The only explanation that I can come up with is that Mr. Martin does not want the people of McLean to know that taxes are about to be increased or that the council was not prepared to run the notice in a timely way so that they would have their budget and meeting done on time. Perhaps the paper has not

always painted Mr. Martin in favorable light... whatever his reasons, he had not exhibited the kind of face I would want representing my business or my community. I wonder what he tells those who would be looking at McLean to start a business or move in a family?

Small towns are as lucky to have a Newspaper as the Newspaper is to have a home in a small town. The day may come when further combinations are economically necessary for all of us to survive, until then we all share space and work for the betterment of all of our citizens and communities.

I think Mr. Martin owes the people of McLean, the businesses of McLean, all

The McLean News' subscribers and and your editor, Terri Adams a big apology. Perhaps if you have no more faith in McLean than this, you should resign.

Mayor Martin, you can print the city's legals where ever the taxpayers will allow, but do not make such a statement as ignorant as "there is no newspaper in McLean." For now, and the past 20 years there has been a newspaper in McLean! Being the mayor you have slapped all the businesses in the face, including the school, the paper that covers McLean ISD, and its students week- end and week-out!

Phillip J. Miller,
 Publisher
 Donna A. Burton, Senior
 Managing Editor

School

for a fee of \$6,000-6,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall Hanes, second by David Fuller to go with Farm Bureau's quote for bus insurance in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Mr. Crockett went over the Accountability ratings from TEA and reported that the scores were lower this year than in previous years. He gave the percentages of each class for a particular subject compared to the state average. MISD students were higher than average on most, but lacking in some grade in

Science and English. Mr. Crockett still commended his teachers on a job well done. He was particularly thrilled with the Special Ed testing results.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Tom Bohlar to approve the student transfers for the 20052006 school year. Motion carried and the list of transfers including Laura Brooks, Millie Shiner Webb, Samantha Long, Charlie Iness Webb, Kayla Lewis, Ashley Byron, Tammy Cadra, Bradley Howans, Suzanne Howard and Lucas Webb.

Motion by Tom Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to name the Superintendent as the designee to make decisions on Title V offenses. Motion carried.

The Board questioned Mr. Crockett as to whether the eighth grade would be required to do Accelerated Reading. Mr. Crockett stated that it would be used to some extent. He received input from the Elementary teachers and they thought that the Accelerated Reading program should be continued for eighth grade. New books have been ordered and books can also be used for the public library. The eighth grade will also get to do some special things on Saturdays, for example attending a Texas Tech football game or hockey, as part of their goal. Mr. Crockett stated for parents to come and visit if they had questions or concerns about the A.R. program. It was also noted that the reading scores were among some of the highest received on TAKS.

Motion by Tom Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve Financial Reports A & B. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve to pay the bills and sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business, there was a concern that all the air conditioners are up and running by the first day of school. It was decided that the school would pay to replace Tamara Loya's cheerleading suit destroyed by fire. The board wants to review the Extra-curricular Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct again to be certain that the policy reads as they intend it.

Motion by Joe Riley, second by Chet Bohlar to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
 BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The McLean ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 29, 2005 in the McLean School Business Office, 4th and Rowe, McLean, Texas 79057. 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 | \$ 1.350000 | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 1.350000 | \$ 8,159 | \$ 1,578 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.523600 | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 1.523600 | \$ 9,394 | \$ 352 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.500000 | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 1.500000 | \$ 9,344 | \$ 352 |

* 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 | \$ 16,380 | \$ 16,762 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 1,380 | \$ 1,762 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.350000 | \$ 1.500000 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 18.63 | \$ 26.43 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 7.80 |

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 \$1.637440. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.637440.

| Fund Balances | |
|--|-----------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$700,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$0 |

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NEEDED CNA's all shifts available, \$8.50 per hour, call Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude 226-5121.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the proposed funding to help with the water line cost to the Rt. 66 Arena. The hearing will be held on August 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the GEDC meeting room at 102 E. 1st St. Groom, Texas.

WANTED: Responsible party to take on small monthly payments on High Definition Big Screen TV. 1-800-398-3970.

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WANTED! COTTON fabric scraps for quilt making. Call 248-7307

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the Will of Billy Wetsel Hammers, Deceased, was admitted to probate as a Muniment of Title on July 29, 2005, in Cause No. 3454, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, to:

Flora Glenn Hammers

c/o Scott Sherwood
P.O. Box 947
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Dated the 29th day of July, 2005.
s/Scott Sherwood
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 Shufine Label meat, 18 oz. Hormel bacon **2\$5**

Ovens biscuits 4 ct. **2\$5**
 Ovens biscuits 12 ct. **\$2.19**
 mashed potatoes 99¢
 Pflieger's reg. or patch 14 oz. smoked sausage **99¢**

meat bologna 12 oz. **99¢**
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 John Marrow golden smoked ham, whole ham (5 lb. or less) **\$7.99**

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Thursday, August 18, 2005

Groom ISD's Enrollment On The Rise

Summer officially ended for 134 Groom ISD students with the ringing of the first bell bright and early on Monday, August 15. According to the enrollment figures provided by District Registrar Frances Payton, this is an increase of roughly 18%. Last year the first day enrollment was 113 students.

Groom ISD graduated only three students last year. Eight kindergarten students were in attendance on Monday. Several new students have been added to the district

due to some new families moving into Groom.

Even the staff has had very high retention rate this year. In 2004-2005, Groom ISD found it needed a new superintendent, a new business manager, three new teachers, two new coaches and a new janitor. With the start of 2005-2006, Groom ISD will welcome one new teacher, Susan Oliver and welcome back Aimee Fields, who has taught in the district before.

See Enrollment, pg. 5

Groom School Welcomes New Teachers, Susan Oliver and Aimee Fields



Mrs. Susan Oliver

Groom I.S.D. welcomes two new teachers aboard as the new year begins. Susan Oliver has been selected to teach Social Studies and History this year. She is a first year teacher and has been very impressed with Groom I.S.D.'s students and staff.

"Everyone has been very friendly," she said. "The staff has been so helpful and the atmosphere is very relaxed." "I am very glad that I will be starting my career in education in a wonderful school like Groom!"

Mrs. Oliver was raised in Seminole Texas. She currently resides in Amarillo with her husband J.J. She attended



Mrs. Aimee Fields

the University of Texas at Odessa.

Groom I.S.D.'s second new teacher is not really new! She has been taking time out of her career in education to be with her family. She is Aimee Fields and will be working with resource students in the afternoon. Mrs. Fields taught in Groom several years prior to the time off. She is familiar with the students and staff and is looking forward to resuming her teaching career. She is married to Matt Fields and they have two children, Laurel and Connor.

Welcome back, also, to all the wonderful staff and students that make up Groom I.S.D.



The Class of 2018 begins their educational career with their first day of Kindergarten. Members of the class are as follows: (back) Lauren Kuehler, Logan Siler, Cole Friemel, Trenton Welch, (front) Payton Smart, Nathan Ruthardt, Anna Harms and Kalee Young.

Council To Set Annual Tax Rate, Budget

The Groom City Council met last week on Monday, August 8 at 8:00 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Chris Weich and Kenneth Weller. City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles was also in attendance. Absent from the proceedings was Aldermen Doug Kling.

A motion was approved to change the wording of Ordinance 3180 pertaining to the name Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool to read Texas Municipal League - Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.

Another wording change for Ordinance #

180 in Section 5, dealing with the contributions rate for retirees will now read "at the same contribution level which is whatever

TML-IEBP is charging from year to year of the active employee contribution".

The Annual Budget hearing was set for August 29, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session was

called at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was reconvened into Open session at 8:17 p.m.

Don Case moved and Kenneth Weller seconded to give Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary a 3% pay

increase.

A motion was made and seconded not to give Columbus Day as a paid holiday for City Employees.

The Budget for the Carson County Appraisal

See Council, pg. 3

Groom Community Calendar

THE TIGERS play Lazbuddie at Groom Sat. Aug. 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Prices at Attiburty Grain Co.

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Wheat | \$2.10/bu |
| Milo | \$2.02/bu |
| Corn | \$1.69/bu |
| Soybeans | \$8.25/bu |

EVERYBODY SHOW your Tiger Spirit at the first Pep Rally Friday, August 26th at 3:15 p.m. in the gym.

COME & MEET the Tigers, the Cubs, Coaches and Cheerleaders as the 2005 Football Season is kicked off with a back to school watermelon feed! Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Groom Memorial Park.

AUGUST 20th the Groom Tigers scrimmage Hedley/Samnorwood at Groom at 6:00 p.m.

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Local Happenings

James and Barbara Dickerson of Phoenix, Arizona visited with their sisters and families, Patsy Fraser and Dorothy Weller and attended all the fun of Groom Day weekend.

They attended Barbara's 55th class reunion in Shirley Fields' home. James and Barbara love Groom and always enjoy returning for Groom Day and love being with old friends and family.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the phone calls, cards and visits while I was in the VA and at home. Special Thanks to Gary and Donna Pitts & Louis Ruthardt for their much appreciated help and comfort. Also a big thank you to Sharlene Lewis, Tony & Mary Treadwell, Jane Jackson, Scott Fields and the City of Groom employees.

David Brusio

You are cordially invited to celebrate the marriage of Michele Stephens and James Law at a Reception on Saturday, August 20, 2005 12 noon at the home of Brent & Beverly Stephens

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GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 18 - Louis Ruthardt, Joshua Robinson, Gary and Carolyne Frost (A).

August 19 - Margaret Crowell, Tracie Kepley.

August 20 - Jacey Richardson, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter (A).

August 21 - Mrs. Marvin Morrow, Lucille Vaughn, Halle England.

August 22 - John Koetting, Dondra Downs,

Cassie Raylynn Leven, Dan Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara (A).

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

August 24 - Nancy Patterson, Tiffani Kling.

CLASS OF 1960 REUNION

Eleven of the sixteen 1960 graduates attended their class reunion on Groom Day. Those attending included: Nancy 'Copeland' Cotton from Amarillo; Jessie 'Parker' Sheehan from Amarillo; Sondra 'Clark' Qualls from Midland; Lois 'Lovelace' Wagner from Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch; James Cooper from Elk City, Oklahoma; Jimmie Pollet from Andrews, Texas; Kit Littlefield from Blackwell, Oklahoma; Melvin Kirk from Grandbury, Texas; Johnny London from Amarillo; Johnny Homer from Groom and Judy 'Brown' Ruthardt from Groom.

The class had a wonderful time visiting and enjoying all the Groom Day activities.

Groom Day Visitors


Visiting in the home of John and Patsy Fraser during Groom Day weekend were the following: Dorothy Weller of Groom; James and Barbara Dickerson of Phoenix, Arizona; Anthony and Tricia Carson, Caitlyn and Chloe of Sunray; Walt Fraser and Shasta of Amarillo; Randy and Rhonda Fraser of Claude; Cindy Miller, Alicia Law and Abby of Stratford and Bobby Pennington of Winter Springs, Florida.

Bobby is Barbara and Patsy's nephew. He attended his class reunion in Amarillo where he graduated from Tascosa High School.

Be sure to turn in your vacation, Groom Day visitors, summer camp and other activities to The Groom News... the only paper in the world that is interested in everything about Groom, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF GROOM

Proposed 2005-2006 budget 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 at 8:00 p.m. in the Groom City Hall at 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas

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Services Held For Max Wade



Groom, Texas - Life long Groom resident Walter Max Wade, 93, passed away August 10, 2005 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 13, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Groom, with Rev. David Kelly, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery.

Born October 24, 1911 in Talpa, Texas, to Rev. Walter Jordan Wade and Beulah Emmaline Ward Wade. The family lived in several small towns in Coleman County before moving to Groom in 1927 when they bought the Groom News. Max started setting type and working in the family office when he was twelve. He graduated from Groom High School in 1928. He married Helen Virginia Vassey of Bovina, Texas, on July 10, 1932. She preceded him in death on December 18, 1998. They published the Groom News until 1978, and during that time, Max worked in print shops in Pampa, Borger and Amarillo. He served as the Carson County Justice of the Peace from 1956 until his retirement in 1991.

Max was a World War II veteran. He was inducted into the Army in March of 1944. After various training, he was sent to Europe where he

Council

District was approved. No action was taken on the Community Center Roof as no quotes were available.

No clean up letters were sent at this time.

The task list was reviewed.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved as presented. The financial report was accepted and motion approved to pay the bills.

served with the 9th Armored Division — 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, as a bazooka specialist. He was part of the Remagen Bridge, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaign. He left the Army in 1946 and was glad to return to Groom and resume the newspaper.

Mr. Wade belonged to the First Baptist Church of Groom. He was a member of the Masons of Texas for over seventy years, and a charter member of the Groom Lions Club. Max loved Groom and the people. He was especially proud of the school system and always enjoyed his visits

around town. Survivors include three daughters and their families: Maxine Anglin & Dr. James Anglin of Childress, Dr. Twila Wade of Bedford, and Kayla

& Jim Cayer of Las Vegas, Nevada. Grandchildren are MAJ Wade Anglin & wife Kelly of Houston, MAJ Travis Anglin & wife Kim of Canyon, Quanne Anglin of Fort Worth, and Dean Wade Kilmer of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Great-Grandchildren are Jacob Anglin and Joshua Anglin, both of Houston, and Sarah Anglin of Canyon.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Walter Vassey Wade, three sisters, Jessie McSpadden, Effie Johnson and Ruth Berggren, and one brother, Gene Wade.

The family suggests memorials to The Groom Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 177, Groom, Texas 79039-0177, or the Groom Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039-0217.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GROOM ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 29, 2005 in the Administration Office, 304 W. Third Street, Groom TX. 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 | \$ 1.500000 | \$ 0.100000 | \$ 1.600000 | \$ 8,522 | \$ 1,579 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.463900 | \$ 0.093600 | \$ 1.557500 | \$ 8,401 | \$ 1,673 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.500000 | \$ 0.093000 | \$ 1.593000 | \$ 8,999 | \$ 1,429 |

* 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 | \$ 31,739 | \$ 34,420 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 16,730 | \$ 17,372 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.600000 | \$ 1.593000 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 267.68 | \$ 276.74 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 9.06 |

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 \$1.622054. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.622054.

| 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) | \$194,055 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$0 |

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Groom School Board Discuss New Rating and Budget Concerns

The Groom ISD Board of Trustees met in their regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2005. In attendance were School Board members Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Tony Britten, Ron Kuehler, Curtis Downs and Kathleen Barkley. Superintendent Terry Stevens was also in attendance. School Board member Rodney Bohr was absent from the proceedings.

After a prayer by Superintendent Terry Stevens the meeting was called to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

During Open Forum, Mr. Downs commented on being upset that Region

16 had not given him all the information that he has requested. President Clifton Britten discussed that the Texas Legislature has not moved on any action for school funding. Region 16 has given all the information they can at this time. No other members expressed a lack of information from Region 16.

Kathleen Barkley and Tony Britten moved and seconded to the Carson County Appraisal District's Tax Assessment and Collection Fee in the amount of \$22,325.96 as presented for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed with Curtis Downs abstaining.

The public budget hearing to set the tax rate will be held on August 29,

2005 at 7:00 pm in the Groom ISD Board Room.

The Board reviewed the 2004-2005 budget and the accounts payable.

The 2005-2006 Appraisal Calendar was approved.

In a unanimous decision, pay increases were approved in the amount of \$500.00 per year for teachers aides and cafeteria workers. A \$2,000 stipend for the PEAMS coordinator was also approved.

Superintendent Stevens discusses with the board the 2005 District Accountability Summary. Groom ISD received a "RECOGNIZED" rating.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's tax rate: | |
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 63,376 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 0 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 63,376 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 12,441,010 |
| Last year's total tax rate | 0.509412 /\$100 |

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| This year's effective tax rate: | |
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 63,138 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 13,038,300 |
| = This year's effective tax rate | 0.484250 /\$100 |
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | 0.000000 /\$100 |
| = Effective tax rate | 0.484250 /\$100 |

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| This year's rollback tax rate: | |
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$ 77,478 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 13,038,300 |
| = This year's effective operating rate | 0.594234 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | 0.641772 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | 0.000000 /\$100 |
| = This year's total rollback rate | 0.641772 /\$100 |
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | 0.000000 /\$100 |
| = Rollback tax rate | 0.641772 /\$100 |

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Groom adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.484250 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$560.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
| | \$30,500 |

Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Total Required for 2005 Debt Service | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A | | | | \$0 |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources | | | | \$0 |
| - Excess collections last year | | | | \$0 |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2005 | | | | \$0 |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2005 | | | | \$0 |
| = Total Debt Levy | | | | \$0 |

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 501 Main Panhandle Tx 79068.

Name of person preparing this notice: Jackie Lewis

Title: Carson County Tax A/C

Date Prepared: August 15, 2005

There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Groom City Hall, 203 Broadway.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BECKY!!!

Becky England Britten was somehow left off the birthday list last week. Her birthday is August 14. Hope it was fun. Happy Birthday, Becky!

GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

For the week of August 22 through August 26.

Breakfast:

Monday: cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tuesday: pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Friday: donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

Lunch:

Monday: steak, mashed potatoes, ranch beans, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies & milk.

Tuesday: burritos and chili, bean dip, lettuce, peaches, chips & milk.

Wednesday: chicken fajitas, sauteed onion, green pepper, lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple & milk.

Thursday: nachos with meat and cheese sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, sopapillas & milk.

Friday: cheeseburgers, curly fries, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies & milk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The regular meeting of the Carson County Commissioner's Court will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, adopt the budget, in the County Commissioners Court Room of the Court House, on August 22, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

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Fields Family Holds Reunion

The C.L. and Bettie Fields' Family Reunion was held the weekend of July 22nd through the 24th at the DeGray Lake Resort State Park in Bismark Arkansas. In attendance were Manolita Smith of Moraga, California; Shirley Ann and Stacy Fields of Groom; Betty and Gene McDavid of Houston; Carol and Herman Kluge of Houston; Martha Newman

of Redondo Beach, California; Brenda Tinsley of Houston; Travis Louise, John, Tonya, Jessica, and Jacob Tinsley, Karen, Wesley, Cathy, Rhianna, Bryan, and Kelsey Emerson of Homer Louisiana; Doug, Amy, Doug Jr., Courtney and Tyler Tinsley of Hot Springs Arkansas; Ed, Paula, Justin, Jordan, and Julie Tinsley of Little Rock Arkansas; Linda,

John, Travis, Graham and Keith Preston of Sugarland Texas; Joyce Tinsley of Houston; Susan, Rick, Jonah and Logan Bennett of Littleton Colorado; Todd and Mary Thorpe of San Francisco California; Jay Thomas of Danville, California; Fred and Janet Moseley of Hunt Texas; Karen Jones of Oklahoma City; Bud, Connie, Trenton and Taylor Fields of Groom, and Melissa Fields of

Missouri City, Texas. The family enjoyed golf, horseback riding, swimming, boating and visiting in a beautiful and relaxing setting. The reunion concluded with a Sunday devotional by Travis Tinsley and a prayer of safe return.

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| Last year's tax rate: | General Fund | Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund | Special Road/ Bridge Fund |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 1,870,433 | \$ 282,680 | \$ 433,653 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 1,870,433 | \$ 282,680 | \$ 433,653 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 593,874,979 | \$ 588,377,321 | \$ 593,874,365 |
| Last year's total tax rate | 0.314954 /\$100 | 0.048044 /\$100 | 0.073021 /\$100 |
| This year's effective tax rate: | | | |
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 1,864,890 | \$ 281,699 | \$ 432,368 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 690,148,522 | \$ 684,689,912 | \$ 690,148,522 |
| = This year's effective tax rate for each fund | 0.270215 /\$100 | 0.041142 /\$100 | 0.062648 /\$100 |
| Total effective tax rate | 0.374005 /\$100 | | |
| <i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i> | | | |
| This year's rollback tax rate: | | | |
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$ 1,864,890 | \$ 281,699 | \$ 432,368 |
| - This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 690,148,522 | \$ 684,689,912 | \$ 690,148,522 |
| = This year's effective rate | 0.270215 /\$100 | 0.041142 /\$100 | 0.062648 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | 0.291832 /\$100 | 0.044433 /\$100 | 0.067659 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | 0.000000 /\$100 | 0.000000 /\$100 | 0.000000 /\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate for each fund | 0.291832 /\$100 | 0.044433 /\$100 | 0.067659 /\$100 |
| This year's total rollback rate | 0.403924 /\$100 | | |

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Carson County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.374005 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$7,442.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Gen Fund | \$3,475,211 |

Schedule A: Special Road/Bridge Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Road & Bridge | \$991,894 |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 501 Main Panhandle Tx 79068.

Name of person preparing this notice: Jackie Lewis

Title: Carson County Tax A/C

Date Prepared: August 15, 2005

Enrollment

Superintendent Stevens was very happy to see the increase.

"We are very excited about the increase in enrollment for Groom ISD. We are thrilled about the people who have chosen to make Groom their home and chosen to send their children to school in Groom," said Superintendent Terry Stevens. "We are at the top for academic achievement once again. People are beginning to realize that we have a stable staff that doesn't change much from year to year, and that we do a wonderful job in educating the students. We have people who want to move into Groom and who want to bring their children here just for the school system. We welcome anyone who chooses to give their children the very best in education."

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Program Development Group Meeting To Be Held On August 25

The McClellan Creek Soil & Water Conservation District will sponsor a Program Development Group

(PDG) Meeting on Thursday, August 25th at the USDA Service Center Conference Room in Panhandle at 8:00 a.m.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to provide

input towards determining the county's highest priority resource concerns that should be addressed with the 2006 EQIP

program. The Local Work Group (LWG), including members of the Soil & Water Conservation District

Board, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Panhandle Groundwater District, and others will then meet to make final determinations on which natural resource concerns will be targeted for 2006 EQIP program funding. Beyond targeting these resource concerns, the LWG will also decide what conservation practices will be cost-shared and at what rate, as well as other important considerations.

Through this process in 2005, the EQIP program in Carson County targeted soil erosion reduction on cropland as highest priority resource concern for County Base Funds totaling over \$125,000. Cost-share was available for planting cropland to grass, building new diversions, terraces and waterways, as well as rebuilding existing diversions and terraces. Improving range condition on native grasslands through livestock water development and cross-fencing was considered to be the next highest priority concern. The third highest priority concern was improving water use efficiency by re-nozzling sprinklers, replacing leaky

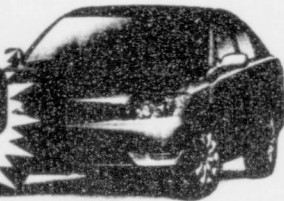
underground irrigation pipe, and drip irrigation installation. For the Ground & Surface Water Funds in 2005, new center pivot sprinklers replacing row-watered irrigation, along with chemigation valves and flowmeters were cost-shared with \$219,149 allocated and spent.

Although a federal budget for USDA has not been approved for 2006, it is believed that funding levels for the EQIP program should be about the same as in 2005.

This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in agriculture and the conservation of our natural resources in Carson County. For more information, please contact the NRCS/SWCD office in Panhandle at 221 Euclid Street, telephone #537-3533.

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| Manuf. Rebate | \$600 | |
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