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## Kenny Schultz Rescued From Being Buried Alive



### Smiles Were Plentiful Saturday As Kenny Schultz Crawls Out Of Bin

A potentially deadly situation had a happy ending Friday morning after Attebury employee, Kenny Schultz, was buried in a grain bin.

The accident occurred about mid-morning when Schultz and Corkey Hickey were cleaning out a grain bin. The pair were fitted with safety harnesses and a third employee, Jesse Jenkins, was on the outside of the bin observing the work.

The grain bin, which is shaped like a large funnel, had some grain stuck to the sides. The cone (where the grain funnels down into the next bin) had become stopped up. The pair were in the process of freeing the cone when grain broke loose from the sides and the clog opened up causing Kenny Schultz to be sucked down into the cone.

Quick thinking and cool heads saved the day, as both Corkey Hickey and

Jesse Jenkins reacted correctly and immediately.

The Ambulance and Fire Rescue Departments were called to the scene. Officials stated that their quick arrival was vital in Schultz's safe rescue. Also many by-standers assisted with traffic control and blocking off the highway so that the Medivac helicopter could safely land.

Schultz was buried up to his chest in grain.

"Our first concern was that the grain not continue to cave in and bury him further. Our second was that the weight of the grain can crush and cause injuries that way," said Attebury manager Tony Treadwell.

Backboards were driven down into the grain to keep any more from caving in on him and to help keep the weight off. The Medivac helicopter was called to the scene in case there had been crushing injuries. It

landed on the west end of Front Street.

Treadwell also stated that Attebury had sent for a special vacuum unit that actually suctions away the grain in these kinds of cases. It made it to Groom, just as Schultz was freed.

Schultz has worked at grain elevators for twenty years. He is the safety officer for all outside

employees. It is quite obvious that all their training and precautions have paid off.

Kenny Schultz and his rescuers were back at work Monday morning. Schultz was a little sore from his ordeal, but in very good shape considering the circumstances.

### Homecoming Week Scheduled

Mon: 8:00 p.m. - Pep Rally & Bonfire  
Tue: 7:00 p.m. Mud Volleyball  
Wed: 10:05 a.m. Elementary Pep Rally  
Thur: 7:30 p.m. Coronation  
Fri: 3:00 p.m. - Pep Rally in the Park; 7:30 Game time; Half time - Presentation of the Queen.

Don't forget the Dedication of the "Cross of Our Lord, Jesus Christ" this Saturday. The meal will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Special Edition commemorating the Cross and area are available today at several business locations in Groom. Some are The Groom News Office, Stop & Shop, Groom Grocery, etc.

### Tigers Fall Short To Motley County Friday, Spur Next There

The Groom Tigers were off to a great start in last weeks match up with Motley County.

"The boys came out very strong," said Coach Steve Lott, "We knew going in that they had a very good quarterback."

The Tigers came up short in the second half falling 27-14. This puts the Tigers at 1-1 for the season.

Justin Ritter ran a 42 yard interception return for a touchdown. Ray Lott kicked the extra point for a 7 to 7 tie in the first

quarter.

In the second quarter, quarterback Brad Sustaire threw a 15 yard pass to Toby Burgin for a touchdown. The kick by Ray Lott was good.

The Tigers ended the half 14-7, with Groom leading.

The second half did not go as well. "We made mistakes at crucial times," said Lott, "In frustration, with their quarterback getting so hot, the boys began to try to help each other instead of taking care

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### Community Calendar

The Junior Class still has mums available. They also need to sell several more garters.

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous meet every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Groom Library.

THE GROOM Varsity team is traveling to Spur Friday night. Those interested in taking the same route as the football team can travel to Clarendon on Highway 70 and all the way to Spur on 70. The game begins at 8:00 pm. It takes approximately 2½ hours for the trip. The send off will be at 2:50 pm.

JUNIOR HIGH CUBS will play Sanford-Fritch at 5:00 pm on Thursday, here. The team will play an extra quarter at the end of the game. This enables the younger players to get some experience and allows the coaches to get on the field to observe.

GROOM ATHLETIC Booster Club will begin showing game films at 6:30 pm, Monday night at the Groom School. Anyone who is interested may attend.

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## Local Happenings

### Card Of Thanks

A great big thank you to everyone who prayed for Kenny's rescue and to all who were there helping to get him out. A special thanks to Corkey, Jesse and the other employees at Attebury who were there when Kenny needed them most. We are grateful for wonderful friends and our fine Fire and Rescue team. We thank God for our blessings and for the miracle we witnessed on Saturday.

The Family of  
 Kenny Schultz

Helen Witt returned Sunday from a two weeks visit in the home of Dr. Dan and Sandra Witt in Hoisington, Kansas.

Emma Kay and Don Sargent of DeSoto, Texas spent Friday night with her mother, Lucille Case.

### Card Of Thanks

To all the friends who have sent cards, called, made visits, brought food, and various other things, you have my undying gratitude. It is so heart-warming to have so many people express concern and caring. The prayers you prayed in my behalf are getting results. I'm getting better, slowly but surely, with time, therapy, and your prayers. I know our Lord is answering prayers. Please don't stop praying. Thank you is so inadequate, but Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Love,  
 Billie Bivens

### Card Of Thanks

The Groom Fire Department would like to commend Corkey Hickey and Jesse Jenkins for their quick and correct reaction in last week's accident at Attebury Grain. We also appreciate all the help and support from everyone who assisted in anyway.

### New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Russell West are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Mackenzie. She was born September 6 at 8:42 p.m.. She weighed 8 pounds 6½ ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Carolyn West of Groom.

Mary Dell Burke of Amarillo had lunch Monday with her mother, Lucille Case.

### Thank You Card

Sincere appreciation to the Groom Fire Department, Ambulance Department, fellow employees and caring friends too numerous to mention for the prayers and prompt attention to rescue me Saturday morning.

Kenny Schultz

The City's recycling bins have been emptied. It is ready for newspapers, magazines and No. 2 plastic, such as milk jugs and soda pop containers.

Marvin Morrow is in Pampa's Coronado Hospital.

Troy Ritter is in the hospital in Amarillo for tests.

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## Groom Residents To Participate In Museum Day

Several Groom residents will be on hand to assist with special services to be held in the Conway Community Church for the Museum Day Celebration. The services will be held in the church which is on the Square House Museum Complex in Panhandle at 11:30 a.m. on September 30.

Those assisting from Groom will be Johnny and Nancy Brumley, Toby Burgin, and Kay Burk. Make plans to attend.

## Council Approves Effective Tax Rate

In a regular meeting of the Groom City Council, the Mayor called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mayor Greg Lamb; Aldermen: Martin Hermesmeyer, Howard Britten, Danny Ashford, Jr., R.E. Cornett, and Ronny Fields.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved as read.

(All motions were approved by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted).

A motion was made and approved to accept the effective tax rate of 0.48769/\$100.

It was approved to pay the bills and David Cory of Grantham, Cory, Call & Heare, P.C. was retained as the 95-96 auditor.

Mayor Lamb brought the council up to date on the test holes dug on the Bobby Helm land. It was moved to table the purchasing of the water rights.

The resolution authorizing late acceptance of Ordinance No. 176 by GTE was accepted with Martin Hermesmeyer, Danny Ashford, Jr., Howard Britten and Ronny Fields voting ayes and R.E. Cornett voting no.

Jody Ball was appointed as the building inspector.

It was approved to provide vision care Plan B coverage for employees through TML group benefits risk pool with the option of the employee covering dependents.

The motion was approved to vote for Glen Metcalf for trustee for TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

The purchasing of a new or used PU for the Water Department was discussed. Howard Britten will do some calling to dealers and report back at the next meeting on this issue.

With no further business on the agenda the meeting adjourned.

## Truman Richey To Retire From Dept. Of Public Safety

Truman Richey, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Snyder is retiring after 26 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety where he has served Texas as a Highway Patrolman.

Richey, who is based out of San Angelo, stated that he believes that he has helped make the area highways safer through Law Enforcement and Public Education.

"When I began as a Trooper in 1969, the traffic law book was about one half inch thick, now it is a good three inches. Today, a trooper involved in a drug related arrest could spend most of the rest of his shift completing paperwork," he said.

He, also, expressed concern about the growing number of traffic deaths statewide. Richey blames drunk drivers for the escalating traffic death toll. "I don't think we'll see any significant improvements until people who drink and drive start losing their

licenses," he said.

He felt that the new state law that provides for an automatic revocation of the drivers licence will make all the difference in the world.

Richey, who was stationed in Groom at one time, is looking forward to civilian life.

### PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 1995

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 50 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not exceeding \$300 million to finance educational loans to students. The maximum interest rate to be borne by the bonds must be set by law. The legislature may provide for the investment of bond proceeds and may establish an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$300 million in general obligation bonds to finance education loans to students."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas if the property is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization as defined by general law. The Comptroller's Property Tax Division has identified the Grand Lodge of Texas, also known as the Masonic Lodges, as the primary organization which would qualify for this tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas that is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 51 proposes a constitutional amendment that provides that the farm and ranch finance program fund shall be administered by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and not by the Veterans' Land Board, as provided by current law. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that the proceeds of \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds authorized by the Texas Constitution for the farm and ranch finance program fund may be diverted to the agricultural fund and the rural micro-enterprise development fund, also authorized by the Texas Constitution, to be used for agricultural and rural economic development programs.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the use of existing bond authority of the farm and ranch finance program to include financial assistance for the expansion, development, and diversification of production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 46 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owelty of partition. In divorce and probate situations, a piece of property may be owned jointly by two

or more people, and each person owns an undivided interest in the property, as opposed to a specific portion of the property. If one owner wishes to purchase the other person's interest in the property and wishes to obtain a loan to finance the purchase, the lending institution requires all interests in the property to be used as security for the loan; this is called an owelty of partition. Senate Joint Resolution 46 would allow the lending institution to foreclose on the homestead property for an owelty of partition if the purchaser defaulted on the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would allow the refinancing of a lien against a homestead. Finally, the proposed amendment would allow a purchaser or lender to rely on an affidavit that states that the property to be conveyed or encumbered is not the homestead of the affiant.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owelty of partition, including a debt of a spouse resulting from a division or award of a homestead in a divorce proceeding, and for the refinancing of a lien against a homestead, including a federal tax lien resulting from the tax debt of the owner."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase by \$500 million the constitutional authorization of the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the state to provide housing financing to Texas veterans. The proceeds from the bonds authorized by this amendment shall be used to augment the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II to be administered and invested as provided by law. The bonds authorized by this amendment shall be incontestable after execution by the Veterans' Land Board, approval by the attorney general, and delivery to the purchaser.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to increase by \$500 million the amount of general obligation bonds that may be issued to augment the veterans' housing assistance fund II."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 64 proposes a constitutional amendment which would extend the tax exemption under article VIII, section 1-b(b) of the Texas Constitution for the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older to the surviving spouse of a person who received the exemption. The surviving spouse must be age 55 or older when the deceased spouse died, and the property must be the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remain the surviving spouse's residence homestead. A surviving spouse who already receives an exemption under this section of the Texas Constitution is not entitled to an additional exemption under the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting from ad valorem taxation the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would reduce the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for the superconducting super collider fund from \$500 million to \$250 million.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment reducing the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for undertakings related to the superconducting super collider research facility from \$500 million to \$250 million."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 80 proposes a constitutional amendment abolishing the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties. In Mills County, the office of constable is abolished, and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff. In Reagan and Roberts counties, the office of constable is abolished and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff only if a majority of voters in each of the respective counties favors the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia. Currently, such investments are prohibited by article XVI, section 70(r) of the Texas Constitution, which would be repealed.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the constitutional office of state treasurer effective September 1, 1996. The transfer of specific constitutional powers and duties to the comptroller of public accounts takes effect on that date. The statutory powers and duties and the property and other obligations of the state treasurer are transferred to officers and agencies of state government as the legislature provides by general law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment abolishing the office of state treasurer."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 72 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that land devoted to wildlife management be taxed on the basis of its productive capacity. The proposed amendment also adds a temporary provision to the Texas Constitution validating the changes to the law made by Chapter 560, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991, which amended the Tax Code to allow land used for wildlife management to be appraised as agricultural land. The temporary provision also provides that a property owner is not authorized to claim a refund of taxes paid unless the tax payment was challenged before the effective date of the proposed amendment. The temporary provision expires on January 1, 1998.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow open-space land used for wildlife management to qualify for tax appraisal in the same manner as open-space agricultural land, subject to eligibility limitations provided by the legislature."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature may exempt from ad valorem taxation income-producing personal property and mineral interests that have a taxable value which is insufficient to recover the costs of administering the tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation personal property and mineral interests having a value insufficient to recover the administrative costs of collecting the taxes."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution No. 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt from ad valorem taxation boats and other equipment used primarily in the commercial taking or production of fish, shrimp, shellfish, and other marine life.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt from ad valorem taxation boats and other equipment used primarily in the commercial taking or production of fish, shrimp, shellfish, and other marine life."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 68 proposes a constitutional amendment that allows the legislature to raise the current ad valorem tax exemption for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and minor children. The tax exemptions would be raised based on a veteran's disability rating as follows:

Disability	Maximum Tax Exemption
10%-30%	\$ 5,000
30%-50%	\$ 7,500
50%-70%	\$10,000
More than 70%	\$12,000
Age 65 and 10% or higher	\$12,000
Loss or loss of use of limb	\$12,000
Blindness or paraplegia	\$12,000

The spouse and children of any veteran who dies while on active duty may be granted an exemption of up to \$5,000. The amounts of the exemptions provided for in this proposed amendment may be repealed by the legislature by general law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to raising the limits of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses or surviving minor children of disabled veterans."

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## Cubs Lose To Happy, 14-0

Groom Cubs battled it out with Happy last week, fighting a good fight but loosing 14-0. "The Happy team had

two very large linemen, that we had a lot of trouble stopping," said Coach Darren Hughes. "They pounded our center and

quarterback, the guys did everything they could to stop them."

Hughes went on to say that he felt that the team

was beginning to come together, getting to the right place at the right time.

Wade Ritter made an interception and Evan Crowell batted down a pass thrown by the Happy quarterback.

Duane Gray did an excellent job of covering his areas.

While realizing that their defense still needs some work, Hughes stated that their kicking game had improved considerably. Chase Holland did a good job kicking. Evan Crowell had two very good punt returns.

In the 5th quarter action, Russell Conrad ran in a 40 yard sweep for a tough down. The 5th quarter is being used to give some of the smaller boys some playing time.

## Groom School Lunch Menu

September 25 - 29

Monday  
Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, french fries, pork & beans, rice krispie treats, milk.

Tuesday  
Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage patties, juice, milk.

Lunch: Soft tacos, cut corn, flour tortillas, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday  
Breakfast: Burritos, hash browns,

juice, milk.

Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, grape clusters, milk.

Thursday  
Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk.

Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli cuts w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

Friday  
Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, roast gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit cocktail, milk.

## Conrad Named Lion's Sweetheart



The Groom Lion's Club is happy to announce that Miss Sandi Conrad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Marcia Conrad is the Lions Club Sweetheart for the 95-96 school year. Miss Conrad is a Senior at Groom High School. Her extra curricular achievements include varsity basketball, regional qualifier in cross country, track and tennis, and a cheerleader as a sophomore. She has also served as class officer, student council representative, student council vice president and last years homecoming queen.

Miss Conrad is an employee of the Dairy Queen, the First Baptist Church and the Summer Youth Program.

Miss Conrad stated as her goal "to be the best I can be, to strive to work as hard as possible, to be a leader without being overbearing and to be a senior that GHS, my family and the community can be proud of."

## Tigers

of their own jobs. That permitted line problems that we should not have had."

On the upside, Groom's kicking game has improved over last week. Andy Alexander kicked a 38 yard punt, and as already reported Ray Lott kicked for two extra points.

The Tigers travel to Spur Friday night. The game will begin at 8:00 p.m. A send-off will be held at 2:40 just before the boys board the bus to leave.

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# BEAT SPUR



**Obituaries**



**Charlie Fields**

Charlie "Chock" Fields, 85, died Thursday, September 14, 1995.

Services were Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Hogan of First Baptist Church in Crockett and the Rev. R. Bryan Richardson of First Baptist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites by Groom Masonic Lodge No. 1170 A F & A M. Arrangements were by memorial Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fields was born in Donley County and had lived in Groom for 80 years. He was a farmer and rancher and previously owned and operated the Phillips oil distributorship and a grain elevator.

He was a 50-year Mason and a past Worshipful Master, and a member and past Worth Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a past member of the Groom Lions Club,

Groom City Commission and Groom school board. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the men's Sunday school class.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie Fields; a daughter, Rose Helen Zielke and son-in-law, Leonard of Amarillo; a son, Charles D. Fields and daughter-in-law, Connie of Groom; three sisters, Esther Tinsley of Houston, Frances Moseley of Kingsland and Martha Wagoner of Hereford; two brothers, Tom Fields of Vega and Henry Fields of Claude; five grandchildren, Lori Stevens of Dallas, Melissa Fields of Yoakum, Scott and Karen Fields of Groom, Jeffery Fields of Canyon, and David Fields of Groom; and one great-grandchild, Taylor Fields of Groom.

The family suggest memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund; Groom Senior Citizens Association; or St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

**Jeremy Ray Blodgett**

**WHITE DEER** - Jeremy Ray Blodgett, 20, died Thursday, September 14, 1995.

Services were Monday in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in White Deer Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Blodgett was born in Pampa and was a 1994 graduate of White Deer High School, where he was active in football, FFA and woodshop. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Kathy and Marc Ginn of Pampa; a sister, Ashley Ginn of Pampa; his grandparents, Jeri and Raymond Blodgett of White Deer; and a great-grandmother, Mildred Bentley of White Deer.

The family requests memorials be to the United Methodist Church.

**45th Anniversary**

Walker and Nancy Parker of Canyon will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, Sunday, September 24, 1995. Mrs. Parker is the former Nancy Woods of Groom.

They will attend the dedication of "The Cross of the Plains," near Groom on Saturday, September 23. Sunday, September 24, they will attend Sunday school and church services at the Groom Methodist Church, where they were the first couple united in marriage in the then new Methodist

Church.

Mrs. Parker has taught in the Amarillo School District for 25 years. She teaches Special Education at Palo Duro High School. Mr. Parker is retired from maintenance at Irvin Greenhouse.

Helping the Parkers celebrate are their three children and families, Cathy Young, Jeanne Day and Aaron Parker, all of Canyon.

They are blessed with four grandchildren, Frances Gregg, Trisha, Christy and Jeremy Day.

**Rennie Grandson Wins All-Around Cowboy**

The Northwest Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Finals were held over the Labor Day weekend in Woodward, Ok. Several hundred cowgirls and cowboys from Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas ranging in age from 5 to 19 competed all summer preparing for the finals. \$35,000 in prizes were presented to the year-end winners and to the finals rodeo winners.

Trenton Todd Packard, of White Deer, was awarded the trophy saddle for the year-end "All-Around Cowboy 5 and Under". Trenton competed for points in approximately twelve NWOJR sanctioned rodeos throughout the summer. He participated in all four of the 5 and under events: the stickhorse barrel race, goat ribbon, horseback barrels, and polebending.

Trenton was presented the year-end champion buckles for the stickhorse barrels and the goat ribbon race.

He was awarded buckles for the reserve year-end champion for the horseback barrels and poles where Trenton rides his quarter horse he calls "Rocky".

The Finals Rodeo was just as profitable for the young cowboy as he was declared the "All-Around 5 & Under Cowboy" for the Finals Rodeo winning the average buckles in the stickhorse barrels and the horseback barrels and poles plus a \$50 gift certificate and a \$50 savings bond.

Trenton is the son of Tim and Kelly Packard of White Deer and the grandson of Betty Packard of Amarillo and Charles and Jackie Rennie of Groom.

Trenton has a 4 year old younger brother, Tanner. Tanner also competes in all NWOJR rodeos in all the 5 and under events and is riding and practicing hard for next year.

Jacey Richardson, 14, a



freshman at Groom High School, competed in the 12-14 barrels, poles, goat tying, and break-a-way roping. Jacey won the year-end barrel racing championship buckle. She also placed third for the year in goat tying. For the year-end 12-14 All-Around Cowgirl Jacey placed third and received a hand-tooled NWOJR breast collar.

In the Finals Rodeo Jacey won both performances in the barrels winning the average buckle. She placed in the break-a-way roping and won two third places in the goat tying, placing second in the goat tying average, and making it possible for Jacey to win the finals rodeo All-Around Cowgirl title. She was presented a \$50 gift certificate and a \$50.00 savings bond.

Julie Richardson, 16, a Junior in Groom High School, competed in the 15-

19 barrels, poles, goat tying, and break-a-way. Julie placed high in the end of the year standings in goat tying and break-a-way. In the Finals Rodeo Julie won second in the break-a-way roping with the fast time of 4.8 and placed in two goes of the goat tying and placed in the average.

Julie and Jacey are the daughters of Joe and Jody Richardson of Groom, Texas.

Todd Freeman of Glenrose, Texas, attended the finals to "pull for" and support his nieces and nephews.

All NWOJR cowboys and cowgirls were presented NWOJR monogrammed rodeo jackets, finalist T-shirts, and \$10 wrangler gift certificates at the rodeo finals banquet sponsored by the Woodward - Elks Riding Club of Woodward, Ok.

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# Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand, Sheriff  
The Carson County Jail is currently holding seven prisoners. Two for DWI, one for Aggravated Assault, one for Assault, one for Parole Violation, one for DPS Warrants and one for

Failure to Pay Child Support.

Deputy Jeff Oldham is investigating the burglary of a building north of Skellytown. A welder and tools were taken from the premises. We hope to be

able to locate the stolen items with the help of hidden markings made by the owner.

A Skellytown resident was arrested on warrants for reckless driving and disorderly conduct after

complaints were filed with the Justice of the Peace. In Groom, one subject was arrested for assault after our deputies were called to a family fight. The subject admitted to hitting his spouse and was charged with that assault and

transported to our jail.

Deputy Larry Mendez is investigating two incidents of burglary in Skellytown and our department was also called to investigate a theft from a motor vehicle in the Carson County portion of Berger's Industrial Boulevard.

Our department is assisting the White Deer City Marshal in the investigation of the death of a White Deer resident. The subject died of a gunshot wound to the head.

A Bastrop man was returned to Carson County to face criminal charges for failing to pay child support. Our department was called to investigate allegations of credit card fraud at a Panhandle business.

## Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder visited in McLean Sunday with Crim and Truman Goodlett. Crim wasn't feeling too well. They also visited M.L. Rowen a Groom resident.

Norma Jean Homer and Joannie and Tiffani Homer of Amarillo went to the Fair Monday evening. Norma Jean won a 1st place on a Baptism dress and a second place on a sunflower dress she had made for Tiffani.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the Neal's in Clarendon on Tuesday and visited in Pampa on Monday.



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# The McLean News



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## City Council Approves .38/\$100 Ad Valorem Tax, Hires Librarian

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, September 14, 1995 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haynes with the following members present: Wayne Bybee, Harold Smith, Mary Dwyer, Sid Lands, Gary Jackson and Sam Haynes.

Others present were: Toni Bohlar, Stella Lee, Fred Smith, Donnie Basham, Mary Basham, Allen Mixon, Rick Harris, Gordan Shiptor, Martha

Parker and Randy Stewart. Monitoring wells at the landfill was discussed. Superintendent Smith reported that should closing the landfill become necessary the TNRCC would grant some extra time to comply with the requirements.

Repairing roofs of City buildings was tabled until specifications from the engineer are received. Council instructed that advertising for bids should be published as soon as

specifications are received.

The Council approved the purchase of two calculators at \$90.00 each and to get prices of a computer for the next meeting.

Mary Basham, E.D. of the Housing Authority, presented the annual report and the Council appointed the following board members: Pat Andrews, Peggy King, Gene Greer, Mary Lou Glass and Katherine Calcote.

The 1995 Ad-valorem tax

rate was set at \$0.38 per \$100.00 dollars valuation.

Utility lines will be extended to the old Dairy Queen building.

Specifications will be drawn up for a cost estimate.

A public hearing and review of the 1995-96 budget was held. All present voted to adopt the 1995-96 budget as presented.

Discussion was held concerning use of the

See City, pg. 8

## Board To Re-Evaluate June's Tornado Damage

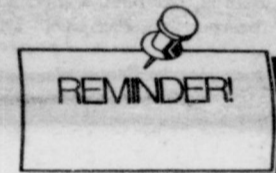
During their regular meeting September 12, the McLean Board of Trustees decided to re-evaluate property damaged in the McLean tornado last June. In a motion made by John Holland, the board decided on the reappraisal which will effect the 1995-96 school year taxes.

In other business the board agreed to allow Mark Simmons to teach a class in Vocational Adult Education, using the facilities at the school ag barn. The class will be 60 clock hours of instruction in welding. Starting date for the class has not been set.

The board also agreed to reassess the value on some school property for insurance purposes. After

accepting the financial, cafeteria, and check reports, the board adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Attending the session were board members Jay Dee Fish, John Holland, Billie Ward, Jake Hess II, Neal Odom, Bob Glass, and Eugene Galley. Visitors were Jacque Riley, Jane Herndon, and Mark Simmons.



**THE UNITED Methodist Women of McLean** will host the Pampa District Meeting, Sat., Sept. 23, beginning at 10 am. Guest speaker will be Inelle Bagwell from Amarillo. There will be 25 churches of women invited.

**THE PIONEER STUDY Club** will meet at the United Methodist Church, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. Ruth Magee is hostess and will give the program on "United Nations."

**UNITED METHODIST Church** will host a dinner for McLean School personnel at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 at the Fellowship Hall.

**The Gray County Association Retarded Citizens** will hold a Trail Ride on Sept. 30. For more information contact Sharon Williams at 806-669-0176.

**THERE WILL BE A Senior Parents meeting** Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at school.

**HOME COMING Activities** Sept. 22 through 29 culminating with the Tigers facing off with Miami at 7:30 p.m.

**McLEAN Elementary School** will be hosting open house on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Homecoming Activities Planned

Homecoming week, September 25-29, is crammed with events to get the Fighting Tigers ready to stomp the Miami Warriors. The week will be completed with the crowning of the 1995 Homecoming Queen at 7:00 Friday evening, before the Miami-McLean game.

Each day of the week, all students who attend McLean schools are urged to dress up. Monday will be Twin day, and Tuesday is Beat a Warrior, or simply purple and gold day. On Wednesday, the halls will be

full of students wearing their clothes inside out or backwards. To end the week, Thursday will be black and white day to support the Cubs, and Friday will be black and gold day to help send off the Tigers.

After the Cubs demolish the Hedley Owls on Thursday evening, the whole community is invited to attend the first Homecoming pep rally at the football stadium; it will begin about 7:30. This pep rally will consist of introductions, skits, cheers,

and dispensing Homecoming mums and garters. At the conclusion of the rally, all are urged to attend the bonfire.

This is also the first year that all students will be allowed to display their mums and garters by

wearing them to school on Friday, according to Charles Callum, principal.

"Students must tape the bells to prevent disturbance in class," Callum said.

Come out early to witness the crowning, and watch the Tigers walk all over the Miami Warriors.

## McLean Loses To Follett

By Mike Stone & Jonathan Galley, MHS Tiger Rag Staff

Friday night at Duncan Field the Tigers played a well-fought game against the Follett Panthers to no avail. Despite the rain the Tigers jumped ahead when Ben Reeser threw a 35-yard strike to Jeremy Crutcher for a touchdown. The lead was topped when the Panthers scored two quick touchdowns. The Tigers answered when Chris Flores rumbled on a 42-yard touchdown run. The

Tigers' final score came in the fourth quarter when Ben Reeser connected with Monty Joiner on a 20-yard touchdown pass. The Tigers' last hope to take the lead diminished when a field goal was blocked near the end of the fourth quarter.

Tiger head coach Jerry Miller said, "The game was a good one to learn and build on. I think we realized what we need to work on."

Reeser completed 9 of 19 passes with one interception for a total of 105 yards and

two touchdowns. Chris Flores handled the rushing attack with 19 carries for 141 yards and one touchdown. Seth Brown was perfect, hitting all three of his P.A.T. attempts.

Defensively, John Dickey was a stand-out and a force to be reckoned with.

Friday night the Tigers travel to Silverton to face the Owls in a six-man brawl. Look for the Tigers to bounce back and demolish the Owls. The Tigers would appreciate your support.

## FFAers Enjoy District Meeting

By Jaylene Watkins:

Monday, September 11, four of McLean FFA's members traveled to Matador to participate in Greenbelt District's fall meeting. While at the meeting, Michelle Basham, Sara Brown, Rebecca Hembree and Jaylene Watkins enjoyed hearing Tami Sue Wells, a Collegiate FFA Ambassador, speak on team work. As one of her posters said,

"There is no 'I' in TEAM. The girls, along with 45 other Greenbelt District FFA members, learned the importance of working as a team. Tami had the members split into teams and gave each team a bag of marshmallows and a box of toothpicks. Her instructions were, 'Working as a team, you must build the tallest structure and it must stand alone for two minutes. The catch? You

must communicate without talking or your team will be disqualified."

This activity taught all the members how important it is to be able to work as team. Tami also spoke about how important it is to be a leader and sometimes a follower. At the meeting a new district Sentinel was elected. Afterwards, the members enjoyed a time of refreshments and fellowship with other FFA members.



A door-to-door fund drive to benefit the McLean Volunteer Fire Department will be held starting this Thursday. Those involved in the drive will carry a signed letter on fire department stationery. Robbie Blackburn and Chad Cox will be knocking on doors to offer \$10.00 tickets for a 11x14 photograph with the fire department receiving the \$10.00 for tickets which are redeemed. Pictures will be taken on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the McLean Fire Department.



**McLean School**

**Menu**  
 September 25  
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Bar-B-Q beef on a bun, baked beans, pickle spears, Rice Krispie bars, milk.

September 26  
 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Taco salad, meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, fruit, chocolate grahams, milk.

September 27  
 Breakfast: Cream beef, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Macaroni & cheese, ham, salad, corn, fruit, apple graham, milk.

September 28  
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Chicken strips, seasoned oven potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

September 29  
 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Sliced turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, crackers, sliced bread, milk.

**City**

hospital building and ways to enforce city ordinances. Mayor, Sam Haynes, reported to the council that an extension of the existing contract for solid waste disposal with the City of Pampa, has been signed and returned to Pampa. This contract will expire

December 31, 1995 and a new contract will be presented.

Martha Parker, Librarian, appeared before council to announce her retirement, effective September 30,

**McLean Chamber Of Commerce**

Tuesday, September 5, 1995, the McLean Chamber of Commerce met. The Chamber discussed getting supplies together to use to construct a permanent float that can be used in area parades.

Progress on the Rodeo Grounds Project was reported by L.H. Webb.

The Fall Membership Banquet will take place at the Devil's Rope/Route 66 Museum on Saturday, October 14th. There will be a raffle in conjunction with the banquet. Everyone is invited to attend.

Plans for Winterfest are well underway. Anyone with suggestions or questions should contact Laura Reeser or Mary Dwyer, Chairpersons.

The Chamber discussed the need and desire to reinstate a Neighborhood Watch Program in McLean.

Chamber Decals were distributed to member businesses. Any member who has not received one should contact a Chamber Board member.

1995, and requested that the council promote Ann Williams to the position of Librarian as she is now certified.

The Council voted to accept Mrs. Parker's retirement and appointed Mrs. Williams as Librarian at a salary of \$1,000.00 per month.

**Gudgel Celebrates 85th Birthday**

On Sunday, September 3, Buna Gudgel celebrated her 85th birthday with family and friends.

Attending were: Jack Mullins and Mary Ann Jenkins from San Diego, California; Jackie Gudgel for Denison, Texas; Jimmy, Sue, Jeff, and Joshua Stables, and Stacy and Jay Little from Lubbock; Arlene and Rex Back, Lana Arlette and Mattie Winkler from Stinnett; Deborah and Richard Hooks, Pampa; Marlene and Kenneth Hamby, Steve, Heather and Tiffany Bailey from Miami; Shirley, Loyd, Cody, and Summer Mavis, Corey and Casey Graham, Pampa; Mike, Bambi, and Andra Griffin, Borger; Betty and Bill, Hiedi, Misty and Neal Campbell, Billy, Kenny and Diana Rigsby, Vesta and Jenny Smith, Mary, Dan, Michelle and D.J. Basham, Scott Glass, and Stephen West, from McLean.

Buna's birthday is on September 28.

**McLean Cubs Beat Follett Friday Night**

Tiger Rag Staff  
 The McLean Jr. High Cubs got off to a great start toward another winning season Thursday night by stomping the Follett Panthers 35 to 0. In the first quarter the Cubs made three touchdowns, and recovered three fumbles from Follett. Eighth grader Aaron Rice scored two touchdowns and a safety, and Ike Hanes scored one touchdown during the first quarter to put the game out of reach. Rice also scored the point-after-attempt to put the score at 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second and third quarters the cubs scored two more touchdowns. Charlie Carter scored a touchdown, and in the third quarter, Rice hit paydirt again. The game ended with a score of 35-0.

The Cubs host Silverton at McLean Thursday night, in a game that begins at 5 p.m. The McLean High School Junior Varsity will play at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the Cubs' game.

**FFA Team Places Well At Texas Beef Challenge**

By Jaylene Watkins  
 McLean/Greenbelt Dist.  
 FFA Reporter

From 4-H to FFA, many students from across the area participated Saturday, August 18 in the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's Beef Challenge. McLean's FFA played a big part of the contest. Lee Shaw, Jaylene Watkins, David Fuller, and Jesse Swafford competed in two divisions of the contest. Lee participated in the Fed Beef Challenge where he was responsible for feeding and maintaining a pen of steers over the summer. He also kept accurate records on the costs of the steers and learned how to figure the feed conversion ration, average daily gain (ADG), and the break even price for the pen of steers. At the contest Saturday, Lee was required to go through an oral interview, take a written exam, and judge four head of live cattle. Jaylene, David, and Jesse participated in the Team Challenge where they too judged live cattle and completed a written exam. Lee Shaw received a third place plaque for keeping an accurate record book on his cattle and the team, Jaylene,

David and Jesse, received third place overall as a team.

Those that fed cattle were competing for a \$2,000 overall scholarship which would be awarded to the young person who received the most points overall in the contest, the second place overall winner would receive \$1,500, and the first runner up would receive \$1,000. Cash awards being given were \$500 for the best written exam, best oral interview, the top carcass pen, top individual carcass, top rookie, and the best record books. The top three record books in the senior division would split a \$500 cash award. All contestants that fed cattle will receive an estimated \$8,000 premium award based on points earned in the contest. First place winners in the Team Challenge would receive plaques and leather folios and the second and third place team would also receive a plaque. The top winners are invited to the TCFA annual convention in Dallas to be formally recognized. The final results will be announced in early September.

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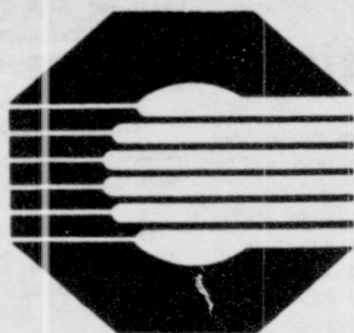
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Visiting with Lena Carter last week was Mildred Hill of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Willie Mae

Carter of Bentonville, Arkansas. Visiting the Keese's this weekend was daughter and

sister Betty from Jonesboro, Geo and the Felton Conners' of Junction. Denva Tidwell, Nora

Dragoo and sister Anna were in Pampa on Saturday. The Robert Bruces were in Amarillo on Monday for medical attention for Mr. Bruce.

Sam Standish of Monohans was here recently checking on his property. He plans some clearing away and improvements. His sister Sheila also visited while he was here.

**Alanreed News**

By Lena Carter  
The Twentieth Century Study Club met September 14 in the home of Cliffie Heasley with Avalee Crockett as hostess to resume their monthly meetings. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all after which the business session was chaired by Cliffie Heasley. The Club Collect was said in unison

led by Relia Ayres. Roll call was "My favorite season" and was answered by Relia Ayres, Laverne Brooks, Loree Barker, Lena Carter, Avalee Crockett, Laura Edleman, Mary Groves, Safrona Pettit, Cliffie Heasley and two visitors, Wanda Bartley and Gladys Godfrey. Several unfinished subjects were discussed. Minutes were read by Laura and approved as read. New officers for the year were installed by Lena Carter and were as follows: President, Avalee Crockett; Vice-President,

Loree Barker; Secretary/Treasurer, Laura Edleman; and Parliamentarian, Laverne Brooks.

Avalee brought some readings of humor and the rest of the evening was spent visiting. The next meeting will be October 12 at the home of the new President, Avalee Crockett. Mrs. Cliffie Heasley, outgoing President, was given an oral commendation for her excellent leadership the last two years.

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- 1-Steel key box
- 1-Steel 2 drawer filing cabinet
- 1-Lot of standing ash trays
- 1-2 Bunn coffee makers
- 6-8 ft. tables -- good
- 30-folding chairs
- 1-Lot of office mop buckets w/mop
- 1-Lot of pictures for office
- 1-Lot of carpet 24'x24' -- good
- 1-Double bed w/mattress -- like new
- 2-Good heaters
- 1-30 chair, chair cart -- good
- 1-First aid medicine cabinet
- 1-Lot of filing trays
- 1-Gas operated Homelite weedeater
- 3-Electric weed eaters -- good
- 2-Vacuum cleaners
- 1-Electric heater
- 1-Toaster oven/broiler
- 1-Lot of luggage
- 3-Wiker trunks
- 1-Lot of drapes
- 1-Lot of lamps
- 1-Double clothes rack -- metal
- 1-Head board -- real nice -- standard
- 1-Queen size headboard
- 1-Record holder
- 1-Ottoman
- 1-Ranch style divan

- 1-Lot of hair dryers
- 1-Large lot of pictures of all kinds
- 3-Large plastic trash cans
- 1-Lot of mop buckets
- 1-Wicker chair
- 1-Wicker rocking chair
- 1-Coffee table -- like new
- 1-Set of scales -- small
- 1-Small color t.v. fits in van
- 1-Lot of shelving
- 1-Rolling cabinet
- 1-Rolling foot stool
- 1-Hat rack
- 1-Chest of drawers
- 1-Ironing board
- 1-Lot of new hose -- women
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- 1-Vitamaster treadmill
- 1-Washing machine -- works good
- 1-Dryer -- works good
- 2-Red misc. lamps -- good
- 1-Electric skillet
- 1-Health bicycle
- 1-Wicker lounge chair
- 1-Lot of cookie jars
- 1-Lot of coffee pots
- 1-Large tea pot
- 1-Large lot of wall decorations & plaques
- 1-fireplace mantle w/record player built in
- 1-Lot of new shoes
- 2-Good lawnmowers
- 1-Good car radio w/tape deck -- new
- 1-Electric toaster
- 1-Silver tagle slot machine
- 1-Antique petal sewing machine
- 1-Couch
- 1-Gas stove -- 4 burner
- 1-Table w/4 chairs
- 1-Desk wood

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- 2-Antique beds
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**New Arrival**

Congratulations to Jimmy and Misty Hannon on the birth of a son, born September 14, 1995. Jimmy Lee Hannon III was born at 1:45 p.m. at Coronado Community Hospital in Pampa, Texas.

He weighed 7 pounds

**Cleo Turpen Passes Away**

Annie Cleo Turpen, 79, died Monday, September 11, 1995.

Services were in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, and the Rev. Dean Williamson, pastor of First Assembly of God in Portales, N.M., officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turpen was born in Grapeland. She married Cicero Turpen in 1935 at Clarendon. He died in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Dixie Cherry of Vega; a son, Butch Turpen of McLean; a sister, Jacque Edwards of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the McLean Ambulance Service.

and one ounce and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Joe and Kay Magee from McLean and Jimmy and

Betty Hannon of Lefors, Texas.

Great-grandmother is Ruth Magee of McLean.

**Fire Department Attends School**

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department had eight members attend the Canyon Fire Control School September 13 and 14. The classes that were attended were arson investigation, fire fighter certification, forcible entry and ventilation, L.P.G.

fires, house fires, smoke house and auto extrication.

Members attending were: Blake Crockett, Casey Carter, Deven Wheeler, Brandon Colpezter, Doyle Lee, Robert McDonald, Ray Steward and Linda McDonald.

**Methodist Women Enjoy Retreat At Ceta Canyon**

The Methodist Women Mission Retreat met at Ceta Canyon on Thursday and Friday, September 14 and

15. Two district officers and two local members attended. Evelyn Shaw and Ruth Magee, McLean; Judy Nelson, Spearman; and Ruth Fredricksen, Borger represented the Pampa district. Teresa Santillan, of Dallas, formerly a missionary in Brazil, was the speaker along with Jacinto Alderete from the Wesley Community Center. The retreat ended at the Community Center in Amarillo with the women doing a day of service.

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**McLean Tigers**  
**1995 Football Schedule**

Aug. 24	Guthrie *	Here	6:30
Sept. 1	Lefors *	Here	7:30
Sept. 8	Patton Springs	Here	7:30
Sept. 15	Follett	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Silverton	There	7:30
Sept. 29	Miami	Here	7:30
Oct. 6	Chillicothe	There	7:30
Oct. 13	Higgins	Here	7:30
Oct. 20	Miami	There	7:30
Oct. 27	Lefors	There	7:30
Nov. 3	Samnorwood	Here	7:30
Nov. 10	Follett	There	7:30

\* Scrimmage

**McLean Cubs**  
**1995 Football Schedule**

Sept. 15	Follett	Here	5:00
Sept. 21	Silverton	Here	6:00
Sept. 28	Hedley	Here	6:00
Oct. 5	Miami	Here	6:00
Oct. 12	Higgins	There	6:00
Oct. 19	Miami	There	6:00
Oct. 26	Lefors	Here	6:00
Nov. 2	Samnorwood	There	6:00
Nov. 10	Follett	There	5:00



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held Thursday, September 14, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. to review the 1995-96 budget for the City of McLean. S/Sam Haynes, Mayor

## Request For Bids

Sealed proposals for 0.000 miles of miscellaneous work on IH 40 at various bridge locations in Groom and McLean covered by CPM 275-4-39, CPM 275-11-66 and CPM 275-5-29 in Carson and Gray Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., October 11, 1995, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Jerry Raines, Area Engineer, Pampa, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas.

Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Rip Snyder reported that his rain gauge showed 1" after Monday nights shower.

**Card of Thanks**  
 We would like to thank everyone for their concern and kindness when Randy was taken to the hospital. A special thank you to the ambulance crew for their quick response and care. We are so grateful to be in a small town where the people are so caring. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
 Randy, Lezlie & Molly Stewart

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Ordinance #258**  
 An ordinance fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of McLean, Texas, for the year of 1995, upon taxable property in said City of McLean, Texas, for the purpose of providing for the general fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, providing for a penalty; providing that in the event any provision of this ordinance be held unconstitutional and invalid; that such holding shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof; and repealing all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith:

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**OUT OF ROOM** Clearance Sale. Buttons, bows and balloons in Panhandle. Thursday, Sept. 21 to Sept. 30. Open this Sunday afternoon 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Notice Of Insurance Bid For Year 1995-1996**  
 Donley County Commissioners' Court will accept bids for insurance on all county buildings, vehicles, law enforcement liability, road equipment, public official bonds, public official errors & omissions, steam boiler, and radio-television. Workers' Compensation can be a separate bid. Bids should be in the County judge's office by 1 P.M., October 9, 1995. To be opened at regular session of Commissioners' Court on October 9, 1995 at 1 P.M. Contact Judge W.R. Christal 874-3625 for spec information.

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## GROOM, TEXAS

# Home Of The World's 2nd Largest Cross

Illuminating the night like a beacon. The Cross of the Plains is an awesome sight to weary travelers along I-40.

The 190 foot structure was conceived and built by White Deer native, Steve Thomas.

"I first had the notion when I saw a roadside Cross near Ballinger, Texas. For years I had prayed for a way to pay the Lord back for the many blessings I had received," he said.

As Thomas designed the structure and estimated the cost, he wondered if he shouldn't just give the money to the poor.

"The Lord said that the poor would always be with us. . . I knew that a symbol of this size would make an impression on all who saw it."

With the idea of counteracting some of the symbols of evil that are seen on a daily basis, Thomas went about looking for just the right place for the Cross.

Chris Britten, a well-known area cattle rancher, upon hearing about Thomas' plan, offered a 10-acre plot of land adjacent to Interstate 40.

After much consultation, Bishop Leroy Matthiesen of the Roman Catholic Church agreed to accept the gift of the land and structure and the responsibility for the care and upkeep of the property.

Groundbreaking services were held on February 19, 1995. The foundation consisted of a pit that measured 25 feet by 32 feet and was 20 feet deep. Inside the pit were four 18 foot steel pillars reinforced with 50,000 pounds of rebar. Two million pounds of concrete were poured into the cavity by 69 concrete trucks.

Fourteen tractor-trailer rigs were used to haul the steel skelton structure to the site for assembly. The bare steel framework was covered with white



galvanized panels. It is designed to withstand gale force winds of up to 140 miles per hour.

First scheduled for completion by Easter Sunday on April 16, 1995, the Cross, like just about any construction site in the Texas Panhandle met with many delays. . . mainly due to the unpredictable weather.

Monster cranes had to be brought in to assemble the final three piece structure. On July 21st the first section was put into place.

About 250 people gathered as word spread that the day had finally come and the Cross was going up. Just before the workers fired up the crane's engine,

See Cross, pg. 4

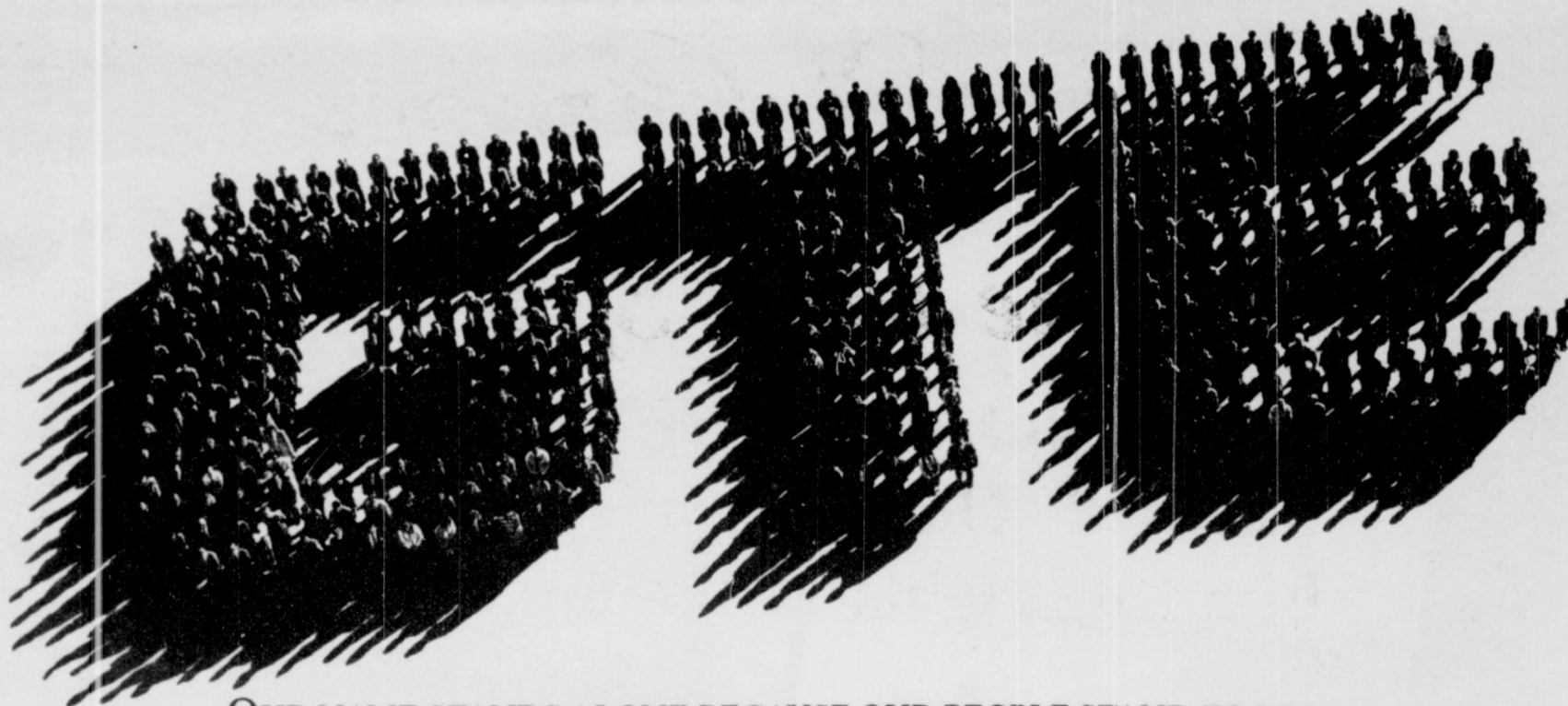
### Dana To Perform

One of Ireland's most successful entertainers, Dana, is scheduled to perform during the dedication ceremonies for the Cross of the Plains.

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She is scheduled to perform "We Are One Body" before the lighting of the Cross.



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# Welcome to the Dedication of The Cross Of The High Plains

September 23, 1995

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Order Of Blessing  
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Reading of the Word of God  
Steve Thomas

Gospel and Homily  
Father Ray Crosier

Prayer and Blessing  
Bishop L.T. Matthiesen

Solo Hymn  
"Embrace The Cross"  
Melanie Britten

Our Father

Concluding Prayer and Blessing  
Bishop L.T. Matthiesen

Concluding Hymn  
"Old Rugged Cross"  
Announcements  
Mrs. Nancy Koons

Refreshments - Barbecue Sandwiches

Christian Music

Lighting of the Cross At Dusk

Thanks To All For Coming!

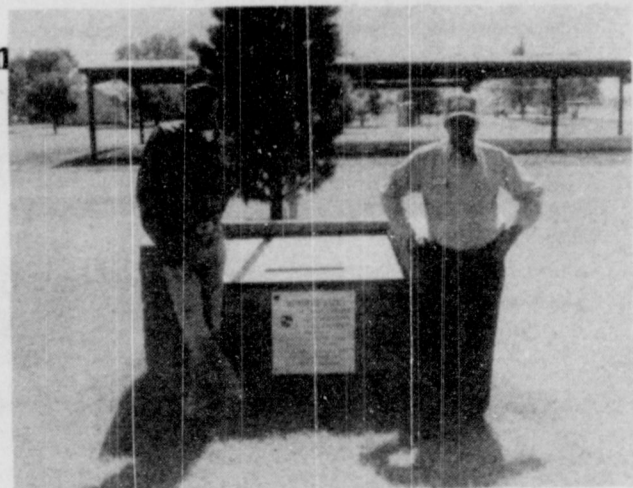


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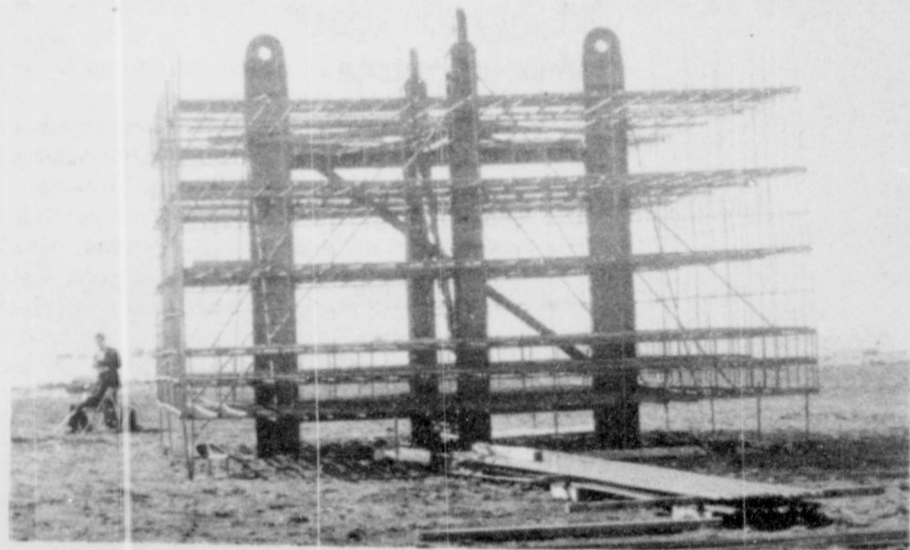
- ◆ Beautiful City Park with a 3200 square foot pavilion
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- ◆ Low tax rate
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- ◆ Friendliest people in Texas!



Jody Ball and Donnie Evans pose in front of the Dedication Plaque at the Groom Memorial Park.



## Cross Of The High Plains, Steve Thomas' Way Of Showing His Faith



A last look at the super-structure of the foundation before it goes into the ground for all time.

Bishop Matthiesen called the crowd together in a circle to pray, something the workers had done each day before beginning work on the Cross.

The multi-faithed crowd watched in wonderment as the first section went into place quickly. Each time the 300 pound pins that hold the structure together were hammered into place the crowd grew more excited.

After the second section (the section with the lateral arms) was in place, mother nature threw one more small obstacle up, a small thunderstorm. The final section would have to wait until morning.

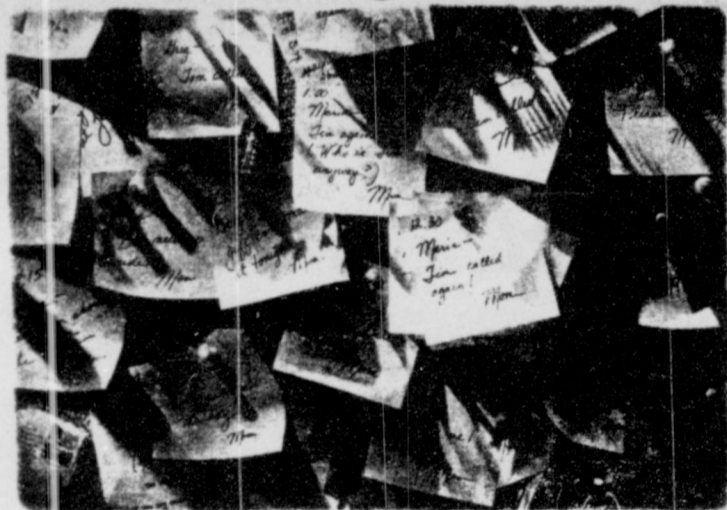
As dawn broke over the prairie's horizon on July 22nd, a large crowd had already gathered. The crowning section twisted and turned as the sun smiled down on those watching.

Finally at 9:43 A.M., the last pin was hammered into place.

Thomas has spent over \$300,000, his life savings, building the Cross. Donations for the landscaping, maintenance and other projects for the site, are being accepted by a committee led by Father Ray Crosier of Groom's Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The Cross, which is illuminated at night, can be seen up to 20 miles away.

### There's A Message In All Of This.



#### Get Your Teenagers Their Own Phone Line.


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# Impressions At The Foot Of The Cross

## A Commentary. . .

By Donna Burton

Rising up out of the barren plain, now stands a symbol of peace and love that the whole world can take in heart as the "Cross of Our Lord, Jesus Christ" was completed this weekend.

Excitement had been building for a week after the first attempt succeeded on erecting only the first section. Upon delivery of the larger crane, each day was met with disappointment as the usually welcome rains extended the delay.

Word got out that somehow, the Cross would go up at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. The scanner in the News Office buzzed with speculation all afternoon. As soon as I got off work, I headed down to the site and was amazed at what I saw.

About 150 people were already gathered for the event and more were arriving as I pulled into the field. Whole families, from the grandparents to the little ones could be seen sitting under umbrellas, on the tailgate of pickups, in lawn chairs and on quilts. All religions and denominations of people were represented.

Shortly after the cranes' arm was raised, Bishop Matthiesen called all the people together to pray. As the group formed a circle, I thought about the workers who have spent many months preparing for this day. Each morning before they begin work, they formed a circle to pray for God's help and blessing.

Having spent many years working in industrial construction, this is probably one of the things that has impressed me the most. I can imagine the times when there were only 2 or 3 workers on the site. How easy it would have been to skip that ritual. But with the forces of evil so determined that Christ's Symbol would not be completed, aren't we lucky they invoked God's Blessing each day.

As we stood in a circle in the baking sun, the children grew quiet as we all joined hands. I could feel the power of God's Love surge through each of us.

After the prayers, the men quickly went about their work. Much to the amazement of most of the crowd, the middle section went up very quickly. Many local men, worked the guide ropes which kept



The monster crane is attached to the Cross super-structure.

the massive iron and steel sections from spinning out of control.

It was ironic to me, that many of the same men were the ones who helped erect the tent and cross in the production of the movie made in Groom a few years ago, that also dealt with man's faith. Perhaps there is a greater reason for Groom to be the site of two inspirational events.

As the pins that hold the sections together were hammered in and the sound of metal against metal echoed across the plain, I thought of another time, many centuries ago. The sound of a hammer driving something in to hold it to a cross, must have been, not the joyful sound we heard this weekend, but the most anguishing sound in creation.

Storm clouds had been gathering for some time. While they seemed to part and go around us for the better part of an hour, it was soon apparent that the crowning section would have to wait until morning.

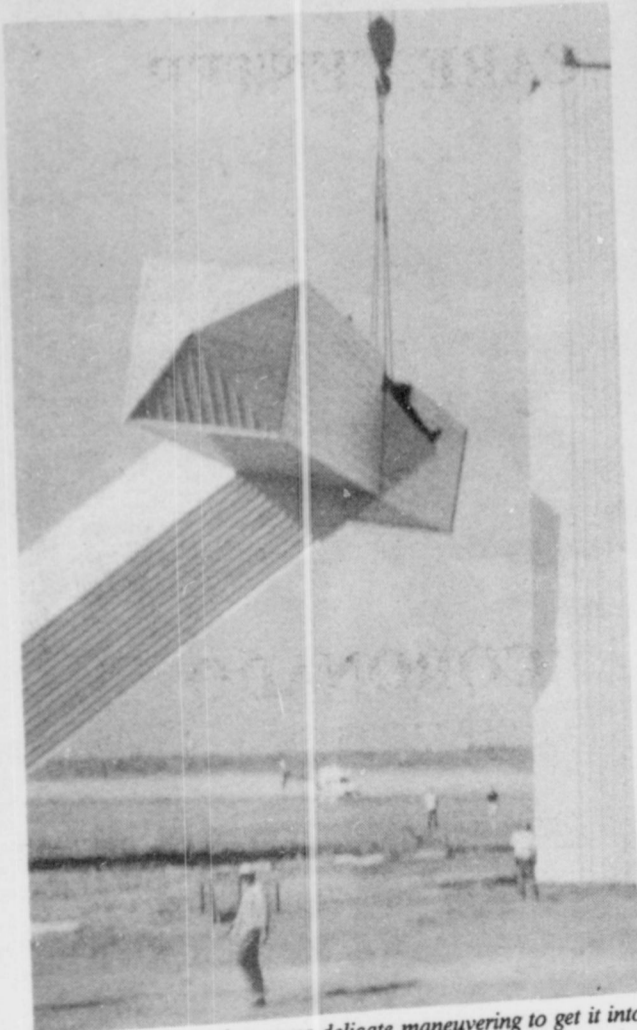
Come Saturday morning, in the brilliant glow of the rising sun, the final section easily slipped into place. This time the crowd cheered as the pins were driven home.

So Groom has come to be the home of the largest Cross in the United States, second in the world. As we live in the shadow of the Cross, I hope the impact on our city will be that we love one another a little more, that we care about each other a little more, and that we welcome visitors from all walks of life with open arms as they come to marvel at the Symbol of God's Love. I hope we can show them how people only need to be reminded of God's Promises to live in peace and harmony.

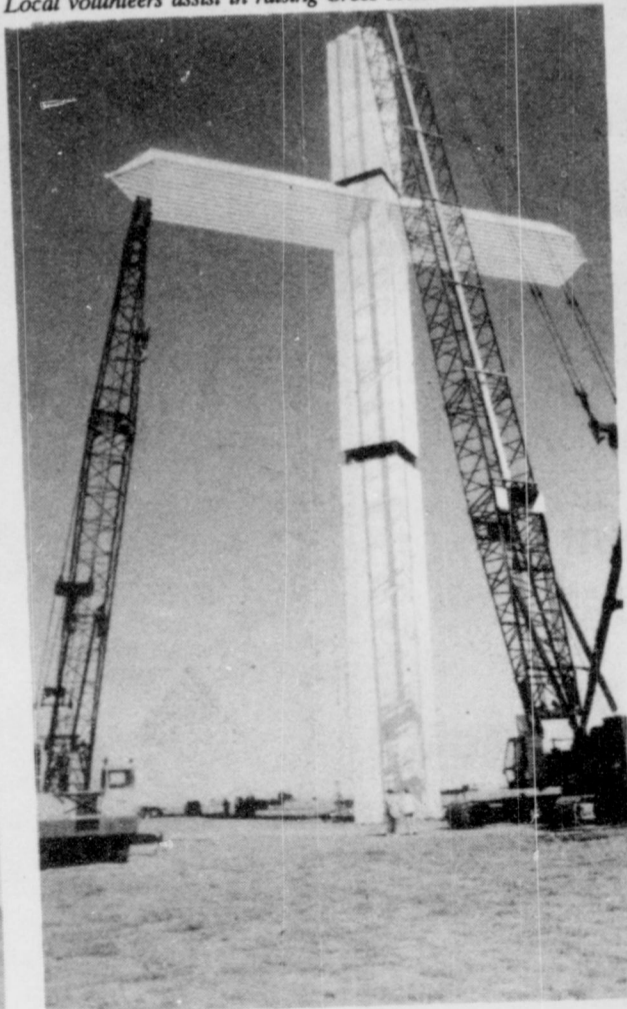


Local volunteers assist in raising Cross sections.

*"It is impossible to drive by the Cross without thinking about something good."  
Delbert Trew*



Section no. 2 requires some delicate maneuvering to get it into place. The crowd watching held it's breath, as workers seemed to effortlessly lift the enormous piece into place.



At last all sections are in place! The crowd grew silent as the last 300 pound pins were hammered into place.



Proud workers and a brave photographer head to the top of the Cross to untie the final guide rope.



## Spiritual Needs Met By 4

The spiritual needs of Groom residents are well met with four local churches. Pastors of each Church not only minister to their congregations but to the entire community.

The First Baptist Church of Groom was organized in 1903 and is the oldest church in the Palo Duro Association. Charter members were J.H. Harris, W. A. Massie, Mrs. W. A. Massie, S. J. Whatley, Mary Anna Whatley, F. P. Campbell, Mrs. Jim Boswell, W. J. Slay, and Mrs. W. J. Slay.

Today, the church is under the direction of Pastor Bryan Richardson. Today's Deacons are Mert Kendrick, Billy Fields, Donald Ritter, Wayne Shaw, Bill Ellington, Bobby Pool, Don Lyles, Randal Patterson, Ellis Stapp, Troy Ritter, Dewey Cave and Steve Anthony.

The Groom Church of Christ originally met in Boydston with the first recorded baptism in 1891. In 1906 some of the members had moved to Groom and began meeting there in the old U.S. 66 Hotel.

In 1936 the members built their own church after several small communities agreed to consolidate and build a stucco church building. Today the Groom Church of Christ is under the pastorate of Rev. Kent Watson. They have a membership of 35.

The United Methodist Church was organized in 1904. Charter members were N.A. Steed, Alice Steed, Irene Steed, Mrs. Blanche Harris, J.C. Thomas, Emma Thomas, Allie Mae Thomas, Allie Timmons, G.O. Walker, Elizabeth Walker and Arthur England.

Today the church is led by pastor Mark Metzger, administrative council members, Cliff Fraser, Linda Babcock, Sybil Harrell, Shirley Lamberson, Dan Steed, Bettye West, Barbara Fraser, Leslie Crowell, Christi Weller, Ellen Gray, Marcia Davis, Karen Case, Jack and Margie Stephens, and Leldon Hudson.

They have 168 members.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church was founded in 1908 after holding Mass in homes for a year. Original members were the families of Matthew Britten, John Britten, Nicholas Britten,

Nicholas Bohr, Frank Bohr, Michael Britten, Sr., and Michael Britten, Jr.

Today the parish is pastored by Father Ray Crosier. Pastoral Council members are Janelle Sustaire, Jesse Baker, Donnie Conrad, Amos Britten, Neysa Friemel, Dennis Babcock, Nathan Wieberg, Debbie Ollinger, Marla Britten, Pat Britten and Robert Kuehler. On the Council of Economic Affairs Financial Board are Marie Bohr, Bill Hinson and Earl Britten.

## GEDC - Workhorse Of Area

Groom Economic Development Corporation came into being after Groom suffered a devastating blow. In 1980 Groom's Memorial Hospital closed. As one of the major employers, this was a very traumatic event for the town. Shortly thereafter, I-40 bypassed Groom taking with it much of the tourist trade that supported Groom business. The Rock Island Railroad also made it's last run to Groom the same year.

For the next seven years, Groom began to lose population, as those employed at the hospital and the tourist industries had to find work elsewhere.

In an effort to stave off this exodus from their hometown, several businessmen began to meet to find a way to stop the deterioration.

The group officially organized in 1987 as the Groom Economic Development Corporation.

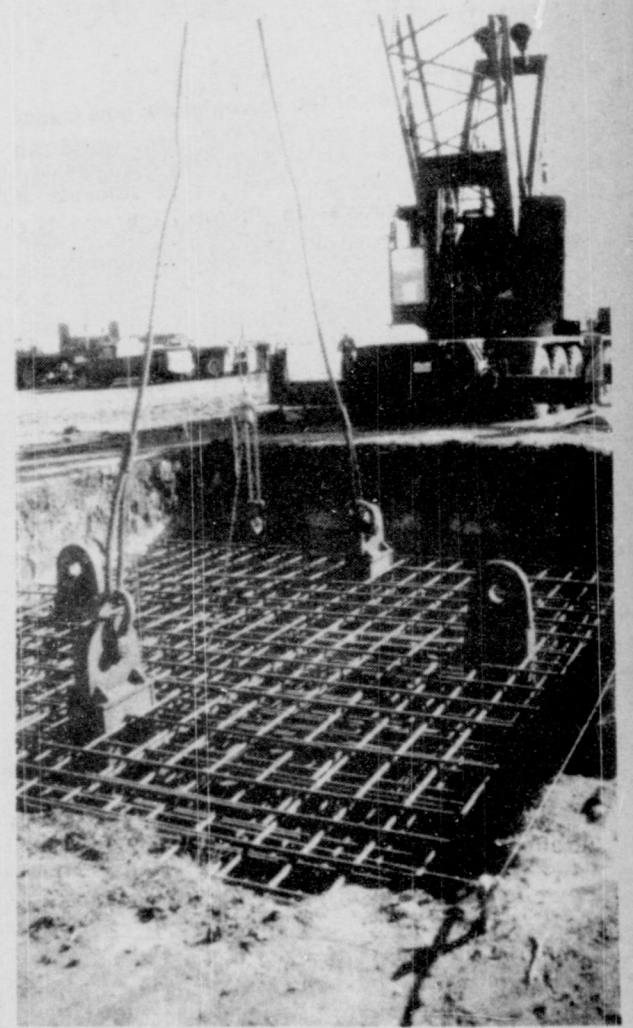
Some of their major accomplishments have included the demolition of a condemned motel and acquisition of the lots.

The group converted the vacant hospital building into a community center.

The shining star in their crown has been convincing Jimmy Stiles to build a brand new modern motel complex in Groom.

The corporation works to welcome each new family into Groom. It also belongs to many groups that put out information to companies looking for a place to relocate.

## Foundation Laid, Concrete Poured



The foundation is ready for the 70 loads of concrete it will take to fill the 20 foot deep by 25 foot by 32 foot hole.

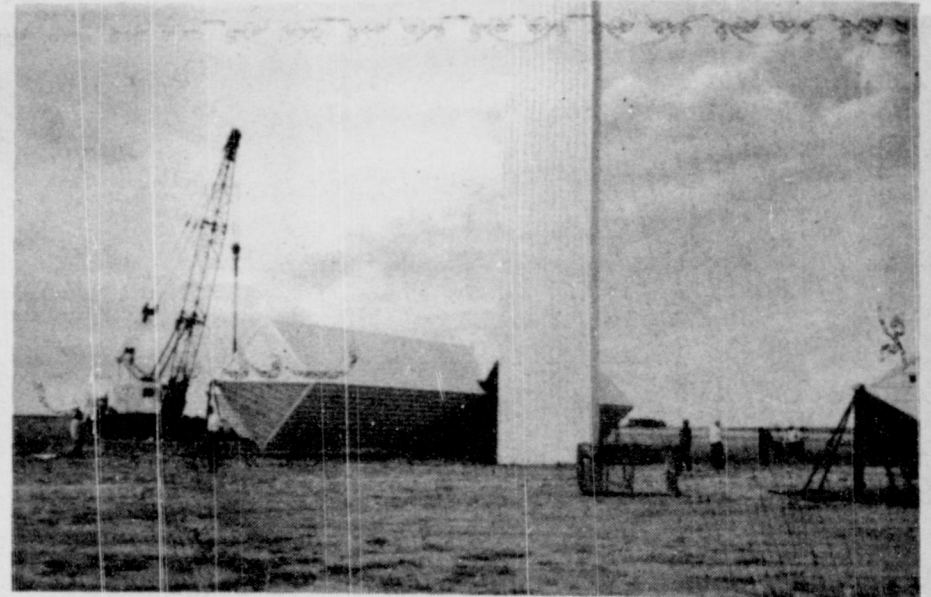
# Grandview- Hopkins Independent School District

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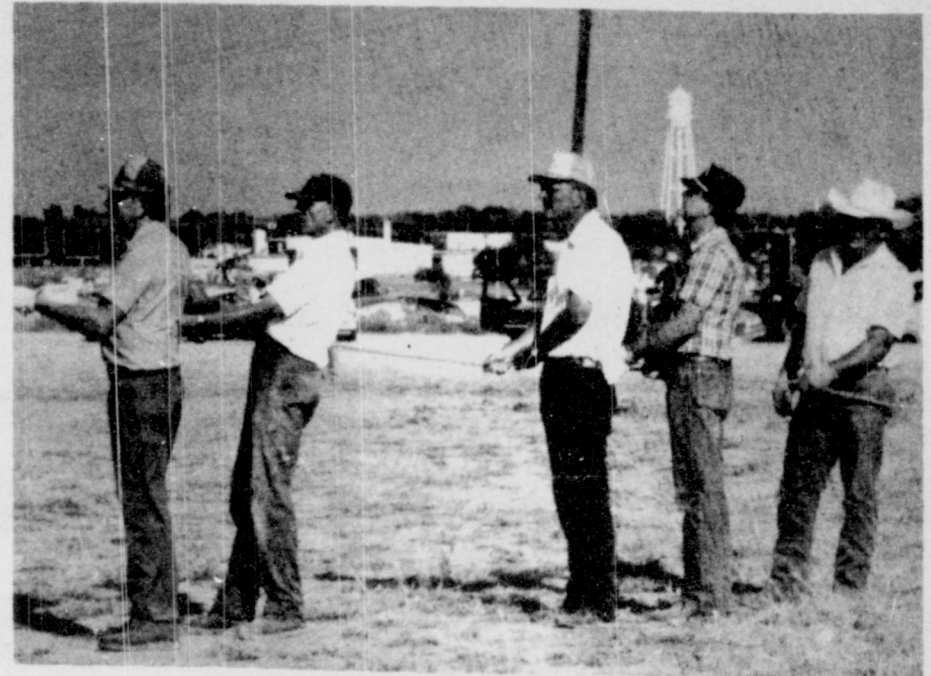
Grades Kindergarten - 6th  
Individual Attention  
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### TAAS Scores

	State	Grandview- Hopkins
Reading	76.5%	90.5%
Mathematics	60.5%	81.0%
Writing	79.0%	100.0%
Attendance		97.8%



A cloudy day for a big task.



Local men assist in the construction of the Cross as they hold stabilizing lines as the center section is raised into position. They are Martin Hermesmeyer of Groom; Mr. Urbanczyk of White Deer; Cobb Britten, Bill Homer and Kenny Babcock all of Groom.



# Grandview Hopkins... A County School for the '90's

Founded in 1925, Grandview-Hopkins ISD has a history rich with success stories. It's students are known for their success in Junior High and High School after they leave the small school system.

With only about 30 students in the Kindergarten - 6th grade school, the staff is committed to giving each child the individual attention which translates into greater learning opportunities.

Transfers comprise 50% of the enrollment for 1995-96. Parents in the area know of the little country school's success.

Students graduating from Grandview-Hopkins ISD generally continue school at Groom or Pampa.

The school provides a rich heritage built on family, tradition, history and achievement.

Take a look at the first school board minutes for 1925:

August 17, 1925

The School Board met at Lefors before the County Judge T.M. Woolf.

The following officers were elected. R.I. Davis, Chairman; Lee Fortenberry, Secretary.

They went from Lefors to locate the new school site after looking at different places, it was moved and seconded that the north west corner of W.W. Gish quarter section be asked for as the school site. If it couldn't be had, just across the road on H.J. Harnley would be the second choice.

The Secretary was then instructed to write Mr. Gish and Harnley about letting the School Board have land.

s/R.I. Davis, Chairman  
Lee Fortenberry, Secretary



## Ambulance and Fire Dept. Keep Citizens Secure

Groom Ambulance Service volunteers are committed to relieve suffering and to reduce injury severity and death at the scene of an accidental injury or sudden illness and during transportation to a medical facility.

Groom EMS was established in 1964 to make it the fifth oldest in the Texas Panhandle. Charter members, Al Homer, Joe Blakney, John Quick and Cotton Boyce ran the service it's first three years with a donated '62 Ford station wagon, by Schooler Gordon Funeral Home.

Interest grew in the early 1980's following a tragic accident, causing the service to grow with over 30 Groom residents receiving certification.

Schooler-Gordon donated a second ambulance, a 1973 Dodge van which is still used as a rescue vehicle. A 1985 Ford Type III Ambulance was purchased through numerous fund raisers and donations.

Groom currently responds to approximately 120 calls per year and is staffed by fourteen certified emergency medical technicians and one emergency medical technician, intermediate.

Plans are underway to purchase a new ambulance and upgrading skills for the service to have four intermediate level EMT's.

EMT personnel are: Brent Stephens, EMT-I; Craig Howard, EMT-D; Charlotte Whatley, EMT-D; David Britten, EMT; Donald Burgin, EMT; Jody Ball, EMT; Jay Lamb, EMT; John Bohr, EMT; Kerry Jenkins, EMT-D; Scott Fields, EMT; Toni Pavlovsky, EMT-D; Tony Painter, EMT; Tony Treadwell, EMT. (D-AED Certification. I-Intermediate Level).



Glen Smith, Tony Treadwell, Jody Ball, Jay Lamb and Jack Spencer are just a few of Groom's devoted volunteer fire fighters.

Groom's Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part of the community. The old saying that they are "Good For Nothing" is true because no one pays these men a thing who run at the drop of a hat to what ever area of the county is in trouble. Every year the whole Texas Panhandle would go up in flames if it were not for these faithful men who put out the thousands of grass fires each year. They also help at the scene's of accidents extrading victims from the wreckage as well as many other duties. They also attend training each year to keep them up to date on new techniques and sharpen their skills.

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# Farming Is A Family Affair...

Most of Groom's oldest families come from good hearty farm stock. When the area was first settled, farmer and ranchers were the pioneers, due to the fact that most of the Texas Plains was thought to be an arid desert for so many years. When it was discovered that the grass lands were good for grazing and some crops could be grown here successfully, it wasn't long before families started to show up to stake out their claim. Some of those families are still here.

Third generation farmer, Denny Babcock is proud of his heritage and his way of life. "You will never get rich, but it's a good life" he said.

It all started with his grandfather, Joe Babcock, who settled in the area in 1906. Joe passed his love of the land down to his son Bud. Bud has farmed all his life except for the three years he was in the army.

"All of my children are involved in farming in one way or another," stated Bud. Bud has three other children besides Denny. Kenny and Gary Don both farm in the Groom area and their sister, Joyce lives in Vega. Her children often help out at the "home place" during the summer months.

With about 4500 farm acres and an average of 600 head of cattle, sometimes it takes all hands to get things done. Despite all the hardships, Denny will encourage his 2 sons to become farmers.

"I wouldn't try to talk them into it, but if they want to do it, I would help them".

In today's farming industry marketing is as important as production. The time was that if a farmer made a crop, he made money. Not so today. The profit margin is so narrow that



The Ritters: Troy, Clay and Donald. Another 3rd generation of Farming Families.

each crop must be marketed just right.

Like many farmers, Troy Ritter, has diversified to include a crop on his farm that has a growing consumer market. That crop is Boer Goats.

In a health conscious America and a growing influx of immigrants, demand for goat meat has been steadily increasing. About 60 million people in the United States come from ethnic backgrounds where eating goat meat is more common than eating beef.

Goat meat is about equal to chicken in calories and lower in both fat grams and saturated fat grams than chicken. It is equal to beef in protein. Boer goats are the preferred species because of their large size, meatier and more uniform carcasses.

Being able to change with the market's demands is a necessary skill for a farmer of the 1990's. Knowing how to raise crops is not the only skill required. Farmers must also be shrewd businessmen to stay afloat.

"I always knew I wanted to be a farmer," stated Troy Ritter. "I went to college knowing that I planned to become a farmer."

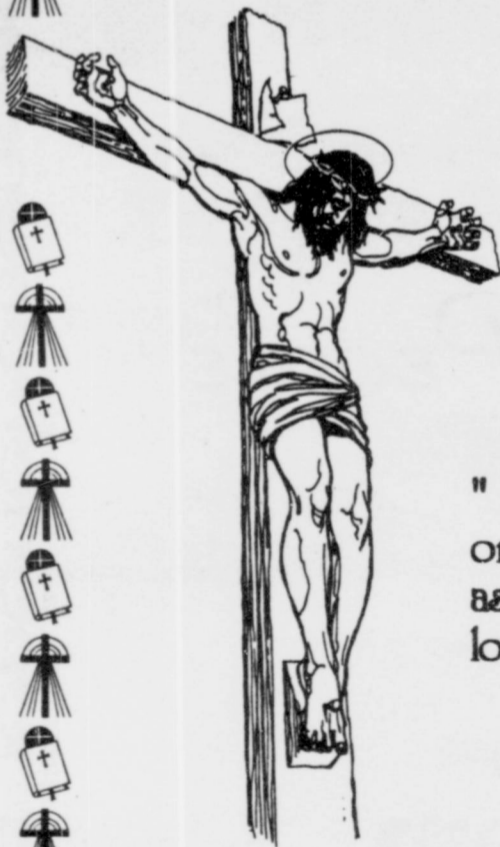
With role models like his father Donald Ritter and Roy Ritter, his grandfather, it's easy to see how he might be predisposed for the lifestyle.

"I think one of my sons may like to go into farming. . . while it gets harder every year, it's a good life."

Troy's grandfather also came to the Groom area in 1906 and lived at the site where his father currently lives.



The Babcocks: Denny, Dustin, Buck and Bud. A farming family since 1906.



Remember

"... Love one another, as I have loved you."

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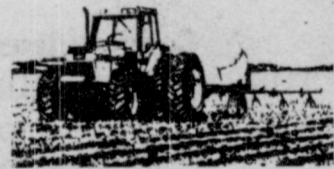
## Four Great Towns . . . .

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Panhandle

White Deer

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Supporting Maintenance Facilities
- Outstanding County Law Enforcement



Mr. Phillip Miller  
Publisher, The Groom News  
Groom, Texas  
Dear Mr. Miller,

# "The Mother Road" Travelled By Many

Please allow me to thank you for your help during our brief visit to your most friendly city this summer. You made it possible for me to realize a portion of a childhood dream by finding and driving sections of old Route 66. Your information steered me to McLean and a bonanza of information via the Museum. The friendliness and cooperation of the people of Groom and McLean will always be a bright spot in the memories of our trip.

As you requested, a copy of the article concerning your area is enclosed. It will be published this month by the White Hall Journal, a weekly publication of approximately five thousand subscribers. This was a column that brought me a great deal of pleasure to write. I would be honored if you would send a copy to me when you publish it for I have never been published out of the state of Arkansas. Again, many thanks to you and your staff and good luck with the news.

Thanks,  
Travis Chisom  
1805 Belmont  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

By Travis Chisom

When we are young and impressionable, we have a tendency to set goals that are borderline fantasy. I did this very thing as I watched Buz and Tod climb into a 1958 Corvette to pursue adventure on the famous Route 66. That television series fired up an urge to drive along the first transcontinental highway that has lasted for thirty five years. This summer, I realized a portion of that dream.

As we returned from a very successful vacation, I decided to locate and drive all of the open sections of the road. By doing this, I learned a great deal of history of this fast disappearing highway. The great highway was christened in 1926 and spanned two thirds of the nation; from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. It has been referred to as an artery linking the east coast to the west coast; an inspiration to literature, music, drama and art. Parts of it have also been known as the Pontiac Trail, Osage Indian Trail, Wire Road, Postal Highway, Ozark Trail, Grand Canyon Route, National Old Trails Highway, Mormon Trail and the Will Rogers Highway. John Steinbeck called it "The Mother Road, the road of flight."

Many hopes and dreams have traveled that road. In the great depression of the thirties, it was known as the "Glory Road." It was the path from poverty to promised jobs and new homes in California. Some were realized and others were dashed as positions were filled by the flood of unemployed people from the east and midwest. It was the main artery of military transportation through two major wars. The increasing travel on Route 66 called for more motels, restaurants and service stations; all of which added to the revenue of the many towns along the route.

Progress and technology has all but eliminated the great road. The building of Interstate 40 with it's four lanes of traffic to handle more and heavier traffic reduced the aging two lane to the status of a service

road. The Interstate bypassed the existing towns causing many of the businesses to close. Some sections were totally lost to the improvements while other sections were designated to private lands. It will require a little research but there are still stretches available to the public.

We began our quest in Groom, Texas where we exited onto the original two lane blacktop. In the town stands the remnants of the old 66 Courts motel; an aging oasis to the travelers of yesteryear and Ruby Denton's Golden Spread Restaurant. We stopped at the office of the Groom News; an area weekly newspaper. We were received very cordially and had a very good visit with publisher Phillip Miller. He

was extremely helpful in finding information concerning the history of Route 66. It was refreshing to meet and visit with people in these bypassed towns. We miss so much character and sites by remaining on the Interstate.

Our next stop was McLean, Texas, where we visited an excellent museum. The Devil's Rope and Route 66 Museum contained exceptional displays of photographs of life on Route 66 and a complete display of a 1950's diner. The museum even had a miniature movie theater, complete with popcorn, where a video on the history of the road was shown. The hospitality of the employees would rival even the hospitality of Arkansas.

My endeavor to fulfill a childhood dream was semi successful. I loved to feel the steady bump of the seams of the two lane blacktop road. It was a thrill to travel the same road that has carried so many hopes and dreams to fulfillment. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing and capturing the images of the old buildings before they too are forgotten and reduced to rubble. I do not feel a sense of accomplishment. On the contrary, I feel the need to further travel other sections of this aging "Main Street of America" before it meets the same fates of other "Main Streets."



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# Excellence Now... Groom ISD A Commitment To The Future

When the school at Groom was founded, one year before the City charter, in 1901, the price for education was a real sacrifice. About 35 students traveled from as far away as Boydston and Armstrong County for the opportunity to be educated. Even then the pioneers of the area knew that the future generations would need a strong educational foundation to succeed.

That line of thinking has become the philosophy in all the activities at Groom ISD. The community demands that it's children be successful in school and the children respond by setting high goals and standards for themselves.

With over 200 students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade one of the most progressive aspects of the curriculum is the fact that each class has computers.

For the past seventeen years, students have brought home awards and honors from the UIL competitions, from District competition all the way to State. Several state winners in journalism, math, science, poetry interpretation and computer science have been produced from the Groom School.

In continuing to nurture the competitive edge that is so important in today's business world, the athletics program is also a valuable part of the learning process. Football, basketball, track, tennis and golf



From big kids to little kids, everyone supports their favorite team... the Tigers!

are available to all the students. The trophy cases that line the halls of GHS can attest to the success of District, Bi-District, Area, Regional and State Championships. However, winning is not as important as a winning spirit. Virtues such as teamwork, giving 100% and losing with dignity are important lessons.

In keeping with tradition, the Future Farmers of

America and the Vocational Agriculture program should not be overlooked. For the last three years, Groom has produced either the Grand or Reserve Champion Steer at the Carson County Stock Show. Their Chapter Conducting teams have won many honors at District and Regional Competitions in recent years. Some of their other projects include building from scratch a livestock hauling goose neck trailer and remodeling the Ag project barns and facilities. Farming being one of the main industries of the areas, it is without question one of the most important curriculums at the school.

Longevity plays a key role in the teaching staff at Groom ISD. Most of the teachers own homes in Groom, therefore have a vested interest in their students because those students are also their neighbors and friends. The average tenure of the Groom teacher is 10 years.

Groom ISD has an attendance rate of 97%, a drop out rate of 0.9%, and a graduation rate of 95%. They have had an exemplary or commendable rating for the last 15 years in the TAAS results. In 1987 they were named 2nd best school in the state of Texas. 75% of graduating students go on to college.

The local tax rate is \$1.335 per \$100 valuation. The 55,000 square foot building is maintained by local, state and federal funding. Classrooms are air conditioned and many of the elementary rooms have carpeted areas. Two gyms, tennis courts, a heated swimming pool, band hall, cafeteria and auditorium complete the complex of classrooms for this modern well maintained facility. Groom ISD boasts a 9.4 to 1 student-teacher ratio.

In addition to the programs previously mentioned, the school also has a Special Education program a Gifted and Talented program a Career and Technology Education program and English as a Second Language program.

"Excellence Now: A commitment to the future" is a fitting slogan for a school who strives for the best in every aspect of academic life. Their mascot, the Tiger, is representative of their determined spirit and devotion to achievement.

## Groom Independent School District

"Excellence Now: A commitment to the future"

- ◆ Governed by 7 member board elected from the school district
- ◆ 9 students to 1 teacher - 10 years average experience for teachers
- ◆ Computers in every classroom
- ◆ Championship athletic program: Football, Basketball, Track, Tennis, Golf
- ◆ Award winning Journalism and Yearbook programs
- ◆ Award winning FFA program



- ◆ Two fully equipped gymnasiums
- ◆ Heated Swimming Pool
- ◆ Band Hall
- ◆ Auditorium
- ◆ Tennis Courts
- ◆ Fully equipped Playground
- ◆ Weight Room
- ◆ All Weather Track

Report Card From  
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Recognized School  
Top 3% in the State!



From kindergarten to graduation night, classmates form lifelong friendships. Proud mothers and dads video tape every aspect of their children's accomplishments At Groom Schools. Ty Lambert and Seth Ritter adjust their caps as Janelle Sustaime saves the moment for posterity.





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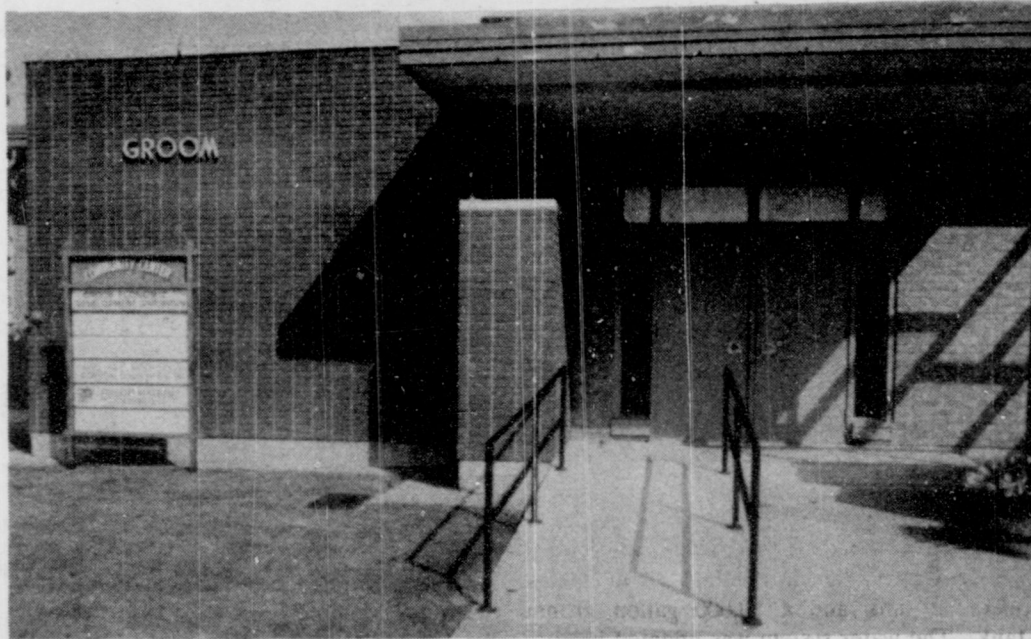


# Groom Economic Development Corporation

## Its' Goals, Purposes And Progress

### BACKGROUND

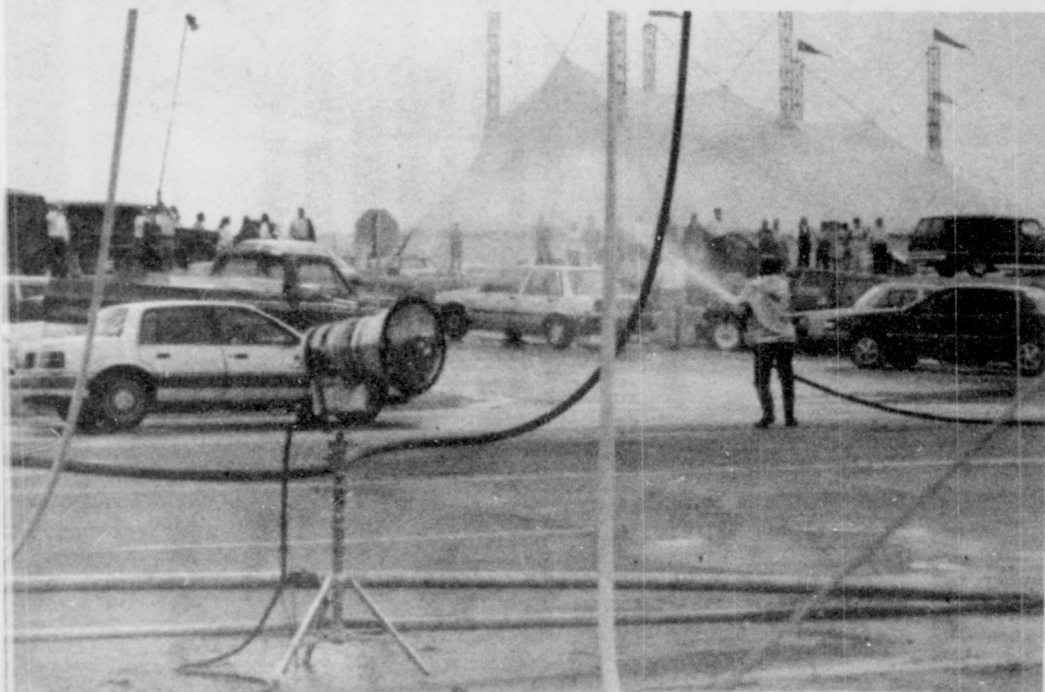
Groom Economic Development Corporation was organized by several business people and individuals who envisioned the need of some type of organization to promote the economic and general welfare of the Groom Community. Backed by the City of Groom and Groom Lion's Club, Bill Homer, a local business man, led in the development and organization of GEDC.



The first planning meeting was held during the month of March, 1986, and officially organized as Groom Economic Development Committee on April 7, 1986. The following were elected as officers to guide the organization: Bill Homer, president; Johnny C. Brumley, vice president; Sue Britten, secretary; and Bill Ellington, treasurer. On May 27, 1986 a corporation charter was approved by the Secretary of State and the new name of the organization became Groom Economic Development Corporation. The Board of Directors of GEDC were Bill Homer, Bill Ellington, Jimmy Britten, Kenneth Sweatt, Johnny C. Brumley, Rex Peoples and Sue Britten. On August 5, 1987, GEDC was granted tax exempt status under 501 (3) c of the Internal Revenue Code.

### GOALS AND PURPOSES

- To: Promote existing businesses.*
- To: Attract new businesses.*
- To: Develop new housing including mobil home sites and RV sites and perhaps a senior citizen retirement center.*
- To: Encourage city beautification.*
- To: Locate, mark and develop historic Route 66 sites and to encourage tourism to the sites.*
- To: Maintain health care clinic for the Community.*



Recent accomplishments include, obtaining a new motel for Groom, assisting Paramount Pictures and the filming Of "Leap Of Faith" in the area and helping to get an extra 1/2 cent sales tax approved for local economic development.

### 1995 Officers

- Tony Treadwell, President  
248-7544
- Johnny Brumley, V-President  
248-7550
- Howard Britten, Treasurer  
248-7919



# A Community That Cares

"Come back to the best of times!" says Mayor Greg Lamb when speaking of life in the sleepy prairie town of Groom.

"Recapture for yourself and your family a life where the traditional values of home and family blend with a community of caring friends."

With an almost 1950's attitude, this town of 736 located on the far eastern edge of Carson County welcomes visitors and potential residents.

Founded in 1902 by W.S. Wilerson, a local landowner when the Rock Island railroad built through the area, many of the families of the early pioneers can still be found in the vicinity. Names like Britten, Kuehler, Babcock, Ritter, Cornett and Fields still are identified as some of Groom's leading citizenry.

The City was named for Col. B. B. Groom who was an agent of Franklin Land & Cattle Company in the 1880's. He was the first to try power farming in the Texas Panhandle. Groom today is still the hub of a rich farming and ranching industry.

The City of Groom is debt free. The local tax rate is .63 per \$100 valuation. The aldermen recently voted a 1/2 cent sales tax to reduce the tax burden on its local residents.

All the city streets are paved, and residents enjoy the sweet taste of fresh well water. Two storage facilities keep fresh water available with a 300,000 gallon overhead tank and a 50,000 gallon ground storage tank. The water system was updated in 1987.

Residents enjoy sewer service to all city homes and weekly trash pick up. Recycling bins are also available to the conservation minded behind the City Hall office.

Three employees work full time to maintain city services, with one employee on call at all times for emergencies. They also employ a part time animal control officer.

Residents enjoy a city park that recently had a 40x80 foot pavilion built on site. Playground



Mayor Greg Lamb presides over a paint brush to give the City Hall a new coat of paint.

equipment is also available for the young and young at heart.

Groom had quite a setback in 1980 when the Groom Memorial Hospital closed, I-40 bypassed the town and the Rock Island Railroad made it's last run through town. True to the nature of its people. . . when served up a lemon, they simply made lemonade.

The old hospital has been converted to a wonderful community center that boasts kitchen facilities, Lion's Club rooms and Boy and Girl Scout meeting rooms.

Senior citizens meet twice a week for lunch at the site. Many other groups use the building on a regular basis. It also houses a medical clinic and office space

for a Home Health Care company.

Several new businesses have sprang up near the I-40 exits. Groom is making a come-back with the help of an interested, concerned City Council and the local economic development group.

When disaster does strike, Groom has an outstanding volunteer ambulance and fire department, as well as support from local DPS officers and the Carson County Sheriff's Department.

Groom is served by four beautiful churches, the United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church. The pastors and members hold community services on a rotating basis at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

Brotherly love and a friendly atmosphere make Groom a wonderful place to work and live.



The City of Groom is very proud of it's good streets. Half of the town is seal-coated every two years to keep them in excellent condition. The City also recently purchased a street sweeper to keep the streets free of dirt and debris.

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John 3:16

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