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McLean EDC Presents Budget To City Council

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, October 10th, 2005 in City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the mayor and opened with an invocation by Mindy Reeves at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Mindy Reeves, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor and Janet Glass. Teresa Simmons was absent. Others present were Jim Adams, Toni Bohlar, George Shaw, Gordon Maddox and Chet and Sally Bohlar.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Betty Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

George Shaw asked the council to place stop signs at the north and south points of the intersection of Foster and Rowe. He said there was heavy traffic coming from C & H Supply going east and west and also teenagers who travel very fast going north and south. He said he is surprised that there hasn't been any wrecks at that intersection. Motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Janet Glass to place stop signs at the north and south points of the intersection of Foster and Rowe. All in favor.

In the easement discussion regarding 203 Gray, Mayor Martin explained to the council

that the Ten Commandment Committee had decided to place their monument at Muggie Vines house at 203 Gray and would like the City to give them the easement where they will be placing the monument.

Mayor Martin said that the easement would be 4' x 6'. 4' running east and west and the 6' running north and south. He told the council that the city had contacted the city's attorney and they had said that we did not need to deed them the property that a letter to Mrs. Vines stating that the city was giving them the rights to the 4' x 6' easement would suffice. The council was in agreement with this, but that the letter would not be drafted until the monument was ready to put in place.

Librarian, Sally Bohlar told the council that last month she had forgotten to ask the council what she could do with the old office furniture since she was going to be receiving new furniture with a grant. She explained that there was a metal desk and a four piece wooden counter unit. Motion by Betty Taylor, second by Molly McDowell to allow Sally to sell the furniture if she could. All for.

Betty Taylor presented the EDC's budget showing a bank balance of \$25,446.55. Next year's

estimated expenditures of approximately \$10,380.00 and estimated income of approximately \$12,000.00, leaving an approximate balance of \$27,066.55 at the end of this fiscal year. She stated that she wanted to have that kind of balance in case something should come up that really needed to be done. Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Janet Glass to accept the budget. All voting for, Betty Taylor abstaining.

MCLEAN EDC BUDGET

(All amounts of intended use are estimated only)

Ending Balance \$25,446.55

66 Station: Repairs \$1080.00

Park Pavilion Sidewalk \$2500.00

Painted Sign Mural At Pavilion for Name Sake \$1200.00

Merry Go Round \$3000.00

Picnic Tables (6) \$1600.00

Web Page for McLean \$1000.00

Total: \$10,380.00

The City of McLean received two proposals for auditor. Cox Allen and Co. was for \$8,400-\$9,000.00; Gordon Maddox, who was present at the meeting gave a written proposal not to exceed \$8250.00. He stated that he had been doing the city's audits for

approximately 15-18 years and would like to continue to do so. He also stated that barring no problems, he could probably do the audit for \$6600.00. Motion by Betty Taylor, second by Molly McDowell to hire Gordon Maddox. Voting for was Betty Taylor, Molly McDowell and Mindy Reeves. Voting against was Janet Glass.

In regards to the gas well, Mayor Martin told the council that he thought we should get a gas/oil attorney to look at the paper work the city has received on the well and have them tell the city if it would be a good idea to buy the well or not. After some discussion, it was decided to first ask Mr. Jack Chisum, a gas specialist to look at the information, then get in touch with the attorney.

Jim Adams explained to the council that he had B & G Electric submit a proposal to supply electricity to the generator and the pump house because they were familiar with the city pump our and generators and that they would wire it to code. The proposal was for a total of \$24,467.00 Motion by Betty Taylor, second by Mindy Reeves to hire B & G Electric. All for.

Jim Adams told the council that he had found a Fiat Loader in Amarillo See CITY, pg. 10



Carla Kirkland takes advantage of the medical services at the Health Fair by having her blood pressure checked.

McLean Senior Citizens Health Fair

The McLean Senior Citizens presented a Health Fair to over 50 people at the Young at Heart Building on October 5. More than a dozen medical businesses participated in the fair.

Attendees of the fair had the opportunity to have their blood pressure, sugar levels, cholesterol and many other health concerns checked by health care professionals.

The fair was also very educational as information ranging from

nutrition to medical care facilities was available to the public.

The following health care facilities participated in the fair: Accolade Home Care, National Home Health, McLean EMS, McLean Home

Health, Coffec Memorial Blood Center, NWTH, Parkview Home Health, Gray County Extension Agent, Shepard's Crook Home Health, PRMC-Golden Phoenix and Panhandle Eye Group.

Reminders

OCTOBER 16 is National Boss Day.

THE CUBS FACE Off against Ft. Elliott tonight, here at 6:00 p.m.

THE SCHOOL BOARD will met on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the school business office.

NO HIGH SCHOOL Football Game tomorrow night.

GATE FEES AT Football games are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. At JR. High games \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Everyone is required to pay with the exception of MISD faculty and Board Members.

DAYLIGHTSAVINGS Ends on October 30.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on October 20 at Elizabeth's.

Local Election Results In

The results are in and the voters have spoken. The McLean Independent School District will use Options 3, which is to purchase credits from the state to equalize its wealth due to becoming a Chapter 41 school for the 2004 tax year.

The results of the election were 188 votes For and 7 votes Against Option 3 and 184 For and 8 Against Option 4.

Both Option 3 and Option 4 have been approved by voters. Option 4 is to contract to educate nonresident students and can also be used in the future without going through another election.

If voters had voted no on Options 3 and 4, then the Commissioners of Education would have decided the future of McLean by consolidation, consolidation of the tax



Judy Lee, Ann Griffen and Molly McDowell get ready to tally the votes in Tuesday's Wealth Equalization Election.

base or to detach some of McLean I.S.D. property.

Voter turnout was very low. See Election, pg. 8

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 13 - Arnold Sharp, Blaze Herring.

October 14 -

October 15 - Mony Long, Jacque Grigsby, Elsie Morria, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller (A), Quentin and Paula Newton (A).

October 16 - Morris Brown.

October 17 - Vivian Grigsby, Tommy Cole.

October 18 - Toni Bohlar, Bron Bohlar, Ruth McLain, Ashton Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Flores (A), Roger and Janet McCracken (A).

October 19 - Justin Myers, Shawn Myers, Billie Joe Skipper, Deborah Thomas Beaty, Cody Seitz, Butch Heathington.

School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

for the week of Oct. 17-21

BREAKFAST

Monday: Apple Turnovers, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Egg Pattie, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

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

LUNCH

Monday: Burritos with Chili and Cheese, Tator Tots, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn on Cob, Jello, Milk

Wednesday: Turkey & rice, Gravy, Salad, Carrots, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Thursday: Nacho Grande, Lettuce, Tomato, Picante Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cake, Milk

Friday: Sausage Wraps, Scallop Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Frozen Fruit Bars, Milk

Hindman Hotel Discussed At Study Club

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, October 6, at the home of Zelda McClellan. Fresh apple cake and coffee were served.

Members present were Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Mickey Jackson, Sherrie Martindale, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Lynn Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Nama Webb, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Magee and Mary Emma Woods. The

ladies answered roll call with one thing that would improve the city of McLean.

Ruth Trew presented a very interesting program on the history of the Hindman Hotel and its owners, "Ma" and "Pa" Hindman.

The next meeting will be October 20 at Elizabeth's with Ruth Trew as hostess and Zeld McClellan responsible for the program.

Services Held For Local Residents

Jo Blaylock, - passed away on October 4, 2005 in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 75.

Services were held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in McLean, Texas with Pastor Kelly Raymond officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Thelma Jo Smith was born December 15, 1929, in McLean, Texas, to Raymond and Juanita Smith. She married Leroy Blaylock on November 16, 1945, in McLean.

She worked in the school cafeteria for many years. She was loved and

will be missed by all.

Survivors included two sons, Roy Blaylock and his wife Debbie of Amarillo, Texas and Ray Blaylock and his wife Kathy of Lubbock, Texas. Five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Blaylock on November 16, 2005.

The family request memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas 79057.

Lucille Blaylock Stacker, 84, passed away October 10, 2005 in Pampa, Texas. A Graveside Service will be held at the Alanreed Cemetery, Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. with Jim Reyna, Minister, officiating.


Lucille Blaylock Stacker was born March 4, 1921 to Faith and Kate Blaylock.

Survivors include: three daughters, Shirley Martinez and husband, Lewis, of Pampa, Texas, Sue Blake and husband, Carl, of St. Amant, LA, and Lona White of McLean TX.; two sons, Jimmy Nelson and wife, Vickie, of McLean and Gerald Cox and wife, Betty, from Evangeline, LA.; three sisters, Helen Mann of San Angelo, TX., Wanda Sharp of McLean

ELECTION - good for this election," stated Board President, Terri Adams. "Our superintendent, staff and board did an excellent job in getting out there and informing the voters of their options."

and Hazel Turbush of Altus, OK.; one brother, Jack Blaylock of Amarillo; great-great-grandchildren. Lucille was preceded in death by one son, Ray Cox; her parents, Faith

and Kate Blaylock; one sister, Pasty West and 15 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 3 three brothers, Le Roy, Donald and Bobbie Blaylock.



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The Week of Oct. 3-7: Pre-K- Laura Brooks, K-Whitney Davis, 1st- Patrick Ekridge, 2nd- Lexus Brown, 3rd- Kendalyn Richardson, 4th- Jacia Ketcherside, 5th- Bailey Taylor, 6th- Tori Bybee, 7th- Jacob Azzizi, 8th- Sheri Haynes

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Pastor Mahlon Richardson
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Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
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Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Home United Methodist Church
Keller Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday 8:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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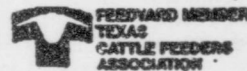
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Tiger Scalp Warriors Early In Third Quarter

The Tigers sent the Warriors back to Miami early in the third quarter Friday night due to the 45 mercy rule. The final score was 59-13.

McLean had 330 yards in rushing, 152 of which belonged to Junior Tiger, Jayme Welch. The Tigers also had 60 yards in passing.

Zach Richardson threw for 56 yards and a touchdown. Trey Skipper had a two yard run for a touchdown for the Tigers.

Senior, Manden Conklin scored three touchdowns. Javier Cardenas had a three yard run for a touchdown.

Mark Smith caught a 31



Richardson for a yard pass from touchdown.

Captains Kevin Smith, Jayme Welch, Manden Conklin, and Keith Raines met the Miami Warrior Captains on the field for the coin toss.

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With fuel prices skyrocketing, it is no wonder that many people are not looking forward to the winter months. The worry of how one will pay their bill becomes for some, more than they can bear to think about.

City Secretary, Toni Bohlar has stated to the paper that the city is willing to work with those who cannot pay their bill in full. "We (the City) are

very willing to work with anyone if they need to pay their bill out in payments," stated Bohlar. "However, these must be people who are and have been in the past in good standing with their bill."

Other options that people have used in the past to help pay their bill has been the Panhandle Community Services, Salvation Army, The Good Samaritan and the Ministerial Alliance.

These services have helped in the past but due to the high fuel bills, money will be very limited if it is available at all.

The City of McLean does not have average yearly billing. This would be a consistent monthly cost for homeowners. It has been something that the city looked in to in the past,

but it was not cost effective for the city and there was not a good response for it from the public.

City Hall does allow others to help pay an elderly's bill anonymously if any one is interested. A letter will be sent to the person stating that some or all of their bill has been paid. Your name will not be mentioned unless you request it to be.

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ZACH SEYMOUR



DAKOTA GREENWOOD

Cubs Come Back In Second Half - Still Fall Short

The McLean Junior High Cubs fell behind early and came up two touchdowns short as the Miami Warriors defeated McLean 44-30.

Trailing 30-12 at halftime, the Cubs began a comeback in the second half. Going into the fourth quarter, the Cubs were trailing 38-30 and

had the ball. Miami scored on a fourth and seven play at the Cub 35 yard line and that ended the scoring for the game.

Scoring for the Cubs was Clay Crockett with runs for touchdowns after good catches. The touchdowns were tossed by quarterback Tanner Cadra. Great effort was given by a young cub team.

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Parties and Bus Tours Keep Museum Busy During The Month Of September

by Davie Gipson
September got off to a slow start but we had lots of visitors by the end of the month. September 2, the Kazart Klass Ladies came in and very efficiently took their paintings down, packed them up and hauled them away. But they promised to put their Western Paintings on display about the middle of March so they will be up for our Barbed Wire Show, April 6th through the 8th.
We had several tours last month. Jet Save was here September 9th with 57 people from England and neighboring

countries. On September 22, we had 17 people from the Living Longer & Loving It class from the First Baptist Church in Canyon. They were out for the day and really "loving it". Molly came down to help and found two school mates were in the group and they had a good visit. Jet Save was back on Sept. 23rd with four-two more Englishmen and women. We also had 4 motorcyclists from England. They were in law enforcement there and wanted to meet our deputy. Jim McDonald came down and they

presented him with a medallion and he gave them Gray County Sheriff patches. They were very nice young men and visited quite a while. They also gave Laverne Back and me Route 66 medallions. On the 24th, Molly was working alone and had yet another bus tour and two motorcycle groups. She had to call in Inez for assistance. That isn't all, on the 28th, the Ju Ma Tour pulled up unannounced with 32 people on board. They were from Indiana. Ruth Trew was on her way out the door but decided to stay and help me. Seven

Corvetts from the Solid Axel Club with 13 people visited from New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Washington and Canada on Sept. 29th.
The Heritage Room was busy with the Homecoming Dance on Friday, Sept. 16 and again Sept. 17 with the Circle of Friends Banquet.
We have the Photo Contest up and invite everyone to come view it and vote on the photo they consider best or the one they like the best.
After all the tours, we were ready to rest in October but it has started off with more tours.

Tours are hectic for about thirty minutes each but they are well worth the effort. Most of the people are fun and interesting to visit with.
We invite anyone who likes to get out and visit with people from all over the world, to come down and volunteer their time at the museum. We are always in need of more volunteers.



Harriet Tubman Collection On Display! Mrs. Stalls Sixth Grade class has a Harriet Tubman collection on display at the library. Harriet Tubman was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. The collection is of Tubman dolls that the students made out of various materials including a pumpkin and even beef jerky!

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that had 8,300 hours on it for \$10,800.00, as is. He said he had gone up and tried it out and that it ran

okay but that the starter or a fly wheel might be going out. If it was the starter it would be approximately \$200.00 to fix it. If it was the fly wheel it would be

approximately \$5,000.00, but even with that, it was still a good deal. Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Janet Glass to buy the loader if the city can get a loan from the bank. All for.

electronic voting machine that cost approximately \$3,000.00. She stated that she had been in touch with Gray County about possibly leasing one from them on elections and had also talked to the McLean School about possibly going in together and purchasing one. She hoped to have more information by January.

The council decided not to lock in gas prices as this time.

The council voted all for to make the necessary amendments to the 2004-2005 budget. All for.

Mindy Reeves asked about the dangerous building on 418 Waldron that had been brought up at last month's meeting. Toni Bohlar said that she had sent the owner a letter asking them to help take care of the problem and that they had removed the dangerous tin that had been blowing off the building.

Toni Bohlar explained to the council the HAVA Act that will become effective January 1, 2006, stating that each polling place will have to have an

Reeves also asked about the leak on the water tower. Jim Adams said that he had contacted the company and that it would be a week to 10 days before they could get here.

Mayor Martin told the council that he wanted to put policy statements on next months agenda. For example, "No one allowed to ride in City vehicles except city personnel of elected officials. City property can not be used for anything but city business. And no one including City employees can take anything out of the landfill."

The council voted to the pay the bills.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Make: Dodge
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\$1

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fresh bone in

T-bone steak
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\$3.99

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assort. 10 oz. pkg. \$2.49 or 9 oz. Fritos can chips
2 \$4 for

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Beef's assorted
26-36.5 oz.
99¢

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assorted 130 oz. liquid or 66-87 oz. powder
\$5.99

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Little Juan bean & cheese, regular or green bean & bean burritos 3\$1
8 oz.

Shurfine **french fries** \$1.39
22 oz. pkg.

Great Meat **corn on the cob** 2\$5
12 ear

branded fish sticks or select group **Gorton's fish** \$3.99
14.2-19 oz.

Marie Callender's
assorted frozen dinners
13.8-21 oz.
\$2.99

Shurfine ice cream
assorted
1/2 gal. eq.
3 \$5 for

Nabisco
RitzChips..... 3/\$5
Teddy Grahams
Box only 3/\$5

Oreos or South Beach
Cookies or Bars... 2/\$6

salad size avocados 4 \$1 for
assorted sizes 10-14 oz. or 14-16 oz.

roma tomatoes
red ripe
10 \$1 for

Western Family **light bulbs** 2\$3
4 pack

assorted varieties **Spam** \$2.29
12 oz. can

American Beauty **pastas** 79¢
16 oz. pkg.

Chef Boyardee **meat pastas** 5\$5
14.7-15.5 oz.

Shurline **Hot Cocoa Mix** \$1.49
10 oz, 10 envelopes

Holloway candy 2\$4
select group Star's, Starburst's or J&J Starburst, 9-13.2 oz.

Bama **Grape Jelly** \$1.39
32 oz.

Kraft Jet Puffed **Marshmallows** \$1.29
10.5 oz

mashed potatoes 99¢
18.8 oz.

Wish-Bone dressing 2\$4
Bunch or Italian, 24 oz.

Hormel **Beef Tamales** \$1.19
15 oz.

Heinz Homestyle **Gravy** \$1.35
12 oz. Jar

paper towels 8\$99
family 12 roll pkg.

sirloin cut pork chops \$1.19
family pack - bone in

premium tri tip **chuck roast** \$1.99
precooked tri tip boneless beef

premium tri tip **chuck steak** \$2.39

premium tri tip **chuck eye steak** \$4.59

premium tri tip **New York strip steak** \$5.99

steak field **hash browns** \$1.19
10 count

Peyton's **meat franks** 69¢
12 oz.

Peyton's **meat bologna** 99¢
12 oz.

Peyton's **Smoked sausage** \$1.39
14 oz.

Peyton's **chorizo** \$1.29
8 oz.

Oscar Mayer **chopped ham** \$2.09
19 oz.

premium tri tip **sirloin cut pork chops** \$1.99

Tyson **pork ribs** \$1.49

Pilgrim's Pride **cut-up fryer** 99¢
Fillet's Prime grade A whole

Assorted **coated shrimp** \$7.99

Oscar Mayer **Lunchables** 2\$3
4.15-4.5 oz.

Bar S **sliced ham** \$2.69
12 oz.

Wright Brand **sliced bacon** \$4.39
1.5 lb.

Lucerne **singles** 89¢
16.87 oz.

bagged Apples 2\$5 for

assorted **Happy apples** 89¢
10 oz.

Pharos or Dole **pears** 99¢

tropical **kiwifruit** 4\$1

fresh picked **honeydew melon** 79¢

8 oz. pkg. sliced **mushrooms** 2\$3

Early Harvest **yellow onions** 69¢
10 oz.

Bale salad 2\$4

garden fresh **green onions** 3\$1
over crop assorted 1 lb.

peanuts 2\$3

garden fresh **sweet potatoes** 79¢

Health & Beauty

Adair Light-Ble **Cold & Sore** \$4.99
16 count

assorted **Scope** \$2.99
16.9 oz.

Oral-B **toothpaste** 2\$4
6-6.4 oz.

colgate select group **toothbrush** 2\$5

assorted 5-8 oz. styling products or 15 oz. shampoo or conditioner
Suave hair care 99¢

Tampax Pearl **tampons** \$3.99
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Thursday, October 13, 2005

City To Limit Dumpster Use To Business Hours

The Groom City Council met in their regular monthly business meeting, Monday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m. Those attending included: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Chris Welch and Kenneth Weller. Visitor Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, was also in attendance.

The Mayor read a letter from Carla Koetting concerning the placement of the trash containers behind City Hall and west of their property. She felt like she was getting trash in her yard from both directions and wanted to know what the City could do about it. Don Case moved and Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to move all the cans back to their original

placement behind City Hall and encourage people to only dump during business hours and to make sure that their trash is bagged if they put it in those dumpsters. The motion carried.

It was the consensus of the City Council to to only dump during business hours and to make sure that their trash is bagged if they put it in those dumpsters. The motion carried.

It was the consensus of the City Council to advise for an assistant's position the next time that there is an opening in the Water Works Department.

The motion passed to table the roofing quotes until the next meeting to see if Accent will re-price the job just replacing the roof over the City

Hall/Library portion of the building and to see if the County will share the cost since the leaks are in the Library portion of the roof.

The Investment Policy was accepted as presented.

The motion passed naming The Groom News as the paper of official publication for the City of Groom.

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss the personnel item of Eddie Finck's probationary period.

At 8:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened into regular session.

The motion passed to give Eddie Finck a raise of \$150 per month at the end of his 90 day

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"BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" Students of Groom ISD celebrated going back to school with a stew dinner, introducing their parents and teachers and a musical program. Cody Kling stands at attention with the flag as his classmates sing a song about saying the pledge each day.

Balanced Billing Will Help Ease Sting of Big Winter Bills

Remember the old days when you had so many quilts on top of you in bed that you had to yell at your mom to let you get up? Guess what, those days may very well be back! Natural Gas prices are rising and there is no telling where the high water mark will go. Costs are already nearly double what they were this time last year. Recent world and national events have experts predicting record natural gas prices for the winter of 2005-2006. Now unless you happen to own a lot of gas wells, that is bad news.

Now is when you can help alleviate unnecessary gas usage and save some money in the process. A little planning ahead of time can do a lot to save expenses later on.

According to West Texas Gas Company manager Donald Bland, making plans for a hard winter is your best defense.

"Preparing your home and climatizing yourself will do a lot to help you have lower gas prices this winter," he said. "Making

sure your home is being heated efficiently with doors and windows that seal properly and making sure your gas system is fuel efficient, (not having any leaks between the meter and the house as well as gas heaters and appliances that work properly) are things we can do today to save money tomorrow."

Learning to wear sweaters and shoes around the house or wrapping up in a blanket when we watch television is also an easy way to save. Think about how you feel cool when you are sitting around watching television, but, when you get up and start walking around, you suddenly realize how warm your house really is. Keeping the thermostat set a little bit lower will help a lot.

No matter what you do, gas prices will be high. Some of us will have trouble paying these bills on time. The balanced billing program is a wonderful way to help. According to Mr. Bland, if you have a good history of payment, you

can get on the balanced billing program. The gas company will average your bills over the course of last year, (with an adjustment for the higher price of this year) and come up with a monthly fee that will stay the same over the course of the whole year. Each July, the bill is re-figured based on the previous years bills and adjusted accordingly. The really nice thing about this way of paying is that the customer knows what his bill will be every month, eliminating the drastic fluctuations through the seasons. Granted, you will be paying more per month in the summer than what you use, but for the peace of mind you have in the winter, it is worth it, according to those who have used the system in the past.

Anyone interested in signing up for the balance billing program should contact the West Texas Gas Office. They will be able to tell you if you are eligible and what your bill is expected to be.

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Mr. Farley Weathers Rita's Fury

(Editors Note: Robert Farley is a former Groom resident who now lives near Lake Charles, Louisiana. The News requested info. on our friends who were in the wake of the storms and his friend, Johnny Bramley was gracious

enough to share Mr. Farley letter with us. At the time this was received, Mr. Farley was planning to return to his home the very next day. He did not say if there was anything those of us in the north could do to help, but I trust we will hear, if there

is something specific we could do.)

I am almost 91 years old and live alone eight miles north of Lake Charles, one mile west of State Highway 171 one block north of Joe Miller

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Groom Community Calendar

THE GROOM Tigers play Silverton at Silverton, Friday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. They play Valley at Groom, Friday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m.

THE GROOM Cubs will not have a game this Thursday night. That game was rescheduled and played Tuesday, October 11th. They will play Valley at Valley, Thursday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m.

THE SECOND six-weeks tests for Groom ISD will be November 2-4.

A FLU SHOT clinic will be held at Groom School on Nov. 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring Medicare Card. \$10 per shot.

CROSS COUNTRY runners will compete in a District Meet on October 24th at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

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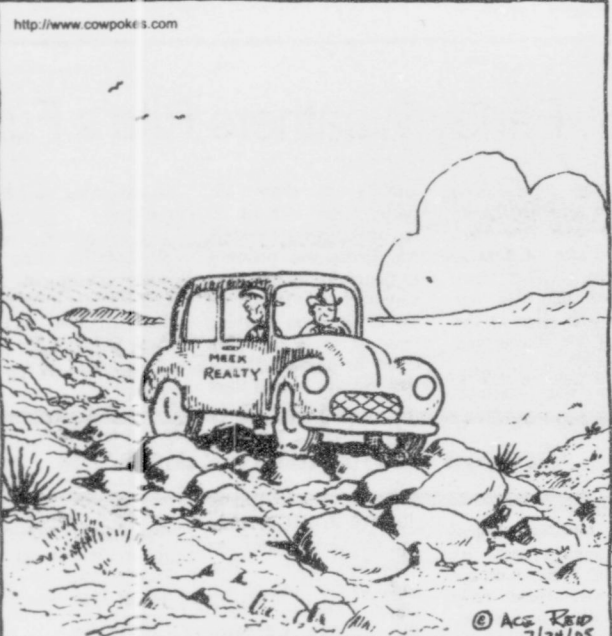
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Local Happenings

A FLU Clinic will be held at the Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center for enrolled veterans. The clinic will be held on Friday, October 28th from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the main lobby. Only enrolled veterans will be eligible for the shots. Spouses of veterans will not be eligible to receive an inoculation but are highly encouraged to receive a flu shot from another source.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS time comes to an end on October 30th.



CHEER CAMP

Saturday, Oct 15
Grades K-5, 1-3 pm, Snacks Provided
\$10 each
Students will cheer at next home

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 13 -
October 14- Katie Talley.

October 15 - Dawn Marie Conrad, Stanley Seth Ritter.

October 16 - Thomas J. Moranic, Jr., Dakota Blake Crump, Kimberly

Ann Britten.

October 17 - Carol Shuck.

October 18 - Toby Tucker.

October 19 - Sybil Harrell, Ronald Dale

Fields, Jerome Weinheimer.

Reward Offered In Murder Case

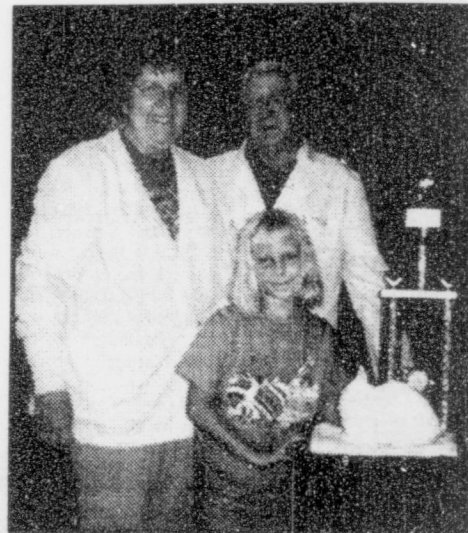
Crime Stoppers needs your help to solve a quadruple homicide. On Friday, September 30th at approximately 7:15 Am, authorities in Gray Co responded to a call reporting a shooting. Authorities found that three people had been shot at a house approximately 13 miles south of Pampa on highway 70. A female that was killed at the house was also pregnant and this accounts for the fourth murder.

If you have any

information about this crime, please call the Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222. Crime Stoppers will pay up to a \$16,120.00 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. And Remember at Crime Stoppers, we only want your information, not your name.

"If you have any information that might lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons that committed this crime please call the Pampa/Gray Co. Crime Stoppers," said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne public information officer Texas DPS Childress.

"Any information that is given to the crime stoppers is kept strictly confidential, and the person remains anonymous. If you have any information please call 806-669-2222," said Hawthorne.



Local Girl Takes Top Honors In New Mexico Show

Kylie Pickering's Ruby Eyed White Netherland Dwarf Buck won Best of Breed in the New Mexico Triple Crown Rabbit Show then went on to win Best of Show. There were over 700

rabbits entered. Kylie's Black Otter Buck won Best of Breed in Show B.

Kylie is the daughter of Buffy Gwyn and a 2nd grader at Groom ISD.

Large Antique Estates Auction

Saturday, October 15, 2005 - begins at 11:00 am sharp
Hutchinson County Aluminum Dome
1113 Bulldog Blvd., Borger, Texas - Viewing 1 hour before sale

This will be a fantastic auction of fine antique furniture, collectibles and other items from various Estates and Consignments to be sold, **One Day Only!** Plan now to attend! There will be plenty of parking and seating. Everything must be moved the day of the sale!

A Partial List: A very rare and beautiful antique Victorian Parlor Set with highly carved paw feet and unusual shape - never seen one like it - in mint condition. A beautiful unusual size Victorian Etagere with beveled mirror and carved door. A highly ornate carved antique Eastlake Victorian marble-top Bedroom Suite. A rare antique hanging Kitchen Clock. A rare antique child-size matching Rolltop Desk and Chair. Antique toy "Buddy L" Truck. An antique American oak curved front Highboy Chest. A rare antique American Tiger oak paw-footed Sideboard with beveled mirror. Antique Pickle Castor Collection including a rare Double Pickle Castor. A rare antique Outside Horn "Columbia" Phonograph. A beautiful "Dresden" Piano Figurine. A beautiful antique American oak Side by Side Secretary Bookcase with beveled mirror. Beautiful leaded-glass Windows. A rare American oak child Highchair that converts to a stroller - Must See! Antique "Hummels". An antique Spinnet Desk. A large western "Stagecoach" Bronze Statue on marble base by "C.M. Russell".

Gun Collection: A very rare authentic antique 1873 "Winchester" lever action, oct barrel Rifle in great original condition.

Antique Coins: 1908 Twenty dollar gold coin, 1898-S Ten dollar gold coin, 1901-S Five dollar gold coin, 1892-CC Silver dollar and many more coins.

Misc: Gold and Diamond jewelry, leaded-glass lamps, Wave crest, cookie jars, tea sets, cut crystal and much more!

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New County Dispatcher Hired

The Carson County Commissioners met on October 11 with the following members present: Lewis W. Powers, Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Stawn, and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of a previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Britten asked and received approval for the court to approve advertising for bids on new tractors.

The court discussed permanently moving the Fritch, Precinct 302, Polling Place to Panhandle

High School with Precincts #301 and #103, due to the federally mandated election law changes for which the county must comply. A motion was made to table the discussion until October 24, 2005.

District & County Clerk Celeste Bichsel asked the Court to establish a Central County Station as stated in the Texas Election Code 127.001. She asked that the clerk's office in the Courthouse be designated as the Central County Station. Mrs. Bichsel also asked the court to appoint a Manager. Judge and

Supervisor according to Section 127.002, 127.003 and 127.004 of the Texas Election Code.

Carson County votes have been counted by hand and in each precinct, but in order to comply with current Federal Election Laws as election scanner will be used to count the votes at the Central Counting Station.

Commissioner Britten move to approve the request and it was unanimous.

Judge Powers asked for permission was given approval to file an

application for an Indigent Defense Grant.

Scott Sutton, Chief deputy Sheriff, spoke on behalf of Sheriff Terry. He asked the court to approve his hiring of Trinity Matthews as a Dispatcher at the current salary of \$21,199.44 effective October 15, 2005. The motion was approved.

Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor/Collector, asked the court to consider a bid by Robert Hids in the amount of \$25.00 for Lots 17,18,19 & 20, Block 42, New Roxana, Skellytown. The bid was approved.

Judge Powers asked the court to approve signing a five year AIP Grant Agreement with the State of Texas.

Court was adjourned until October 25, 2005.

Christian Mothers Set Theme For Bazaar

The Christian Mothers' meeting was held in the home of Kay Britten. Hostesses were Mary Treadwell and Alice Kuehler.

Minutes were read from the previous meeting.

A discussion was held in regards to the Pro-Life Pilgrimage to the Cross. It was a very good turnout.

Information and requests for media were given for the Church Library. Any type of media will be accepted.

Plans were started for the Bazaar. Children's games will be held again. Michelle Bohr was given a list of information in

regards to preparing the meal. The classrooms will be open for craft booths. The theme will be Autumn Splendor. The raffle give away is a Winchester Model 1300 12 gauge pump shot gun. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 3 for \$5.00. See any Christian Mothers member or their husband.

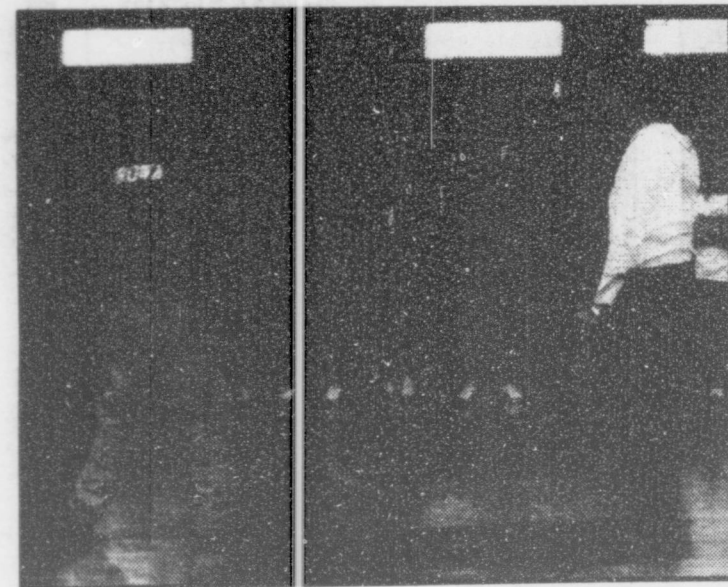
Michelle stated that new robes are needed. They do need smaller sizes. Lucille Britten will get with Father Jose to order more.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. Refreshments were served.

Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about is too big for him. —Lord Chesterfield



Groom Cheerleaders do a terrific job of cheering the Tigers on to victory! They are Kacie Gaiyeon, Kyra Slovens, Tiger Spirit Stephanie Hanson, Shari Britten, Michelle Roelens and Katie-Lane Thompson.



Junior football star Kade Brown lassos Frances Payton as he demonstrates skills that he will use to "Wrangle a Longhorn" at Friday's pep rally.

COUNCIL

probationary period. There were no clean up letters to be sent.

The work list was reviewed.

The September minutes were approved as presented.

The 2004-2005 Budget was amended by \$8,100 for the General Fund and the changes presented by Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, were accepted.

The bills were paid and the financial statement was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



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BAD LUCK OVERPASS? Another truck went off the overpass at Exit 113 just a few weeks after another truck overturned after striking a passing pick-up as it went off Interstate 40. It seems like this overpass and exit have more than it's fair share of accidents. This time no one was injured and the truck stayed upright.

Groom Tigers wasted no time proving to Lazbuddie Friday night, who was in charge of this game. The Tigers beat the Longhorns 34-8. The Tigers scored 14 points in the first and second quarters to make it a 28-0 half-time lead. In the third quarter, Groom scored 8 more points and then Lazbuddie scored 6

points in the fourth quarter to end the game.

It was an Anthony Luna show this week, scoring three touchdowns and Thane Barkley's PAT. All was good in the night, with Caro making a kick after the first touchdown.

Luna had a 36 yard run to begin the scoring and T.J. Moranic received a 4

yard pass from Barkley. Anthony Luna scored in the second quarter on a 60 yard run and Blake Galyean caught an 11 yard pass from Thane Barkley. To finalize the scoring from Groom was a 69 yard reception from Thane Barkley.

Groom had 7 first downs to Lazbuddie's 9

and Lazbuddie out rushed Groom 306 yards to 240 total yards. Groom had 9 completions on 21 attempts with no interceptions. Lazbuddie completed 13 passes on 22 attempts with 3 interceptions. Both teams had 2 punts for the night.

This week the Tigers travel to Silverton to face off with the Owls.



GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of October 17-October 21.

BREAKFAST:

Monday: cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

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

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

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

Friday: doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

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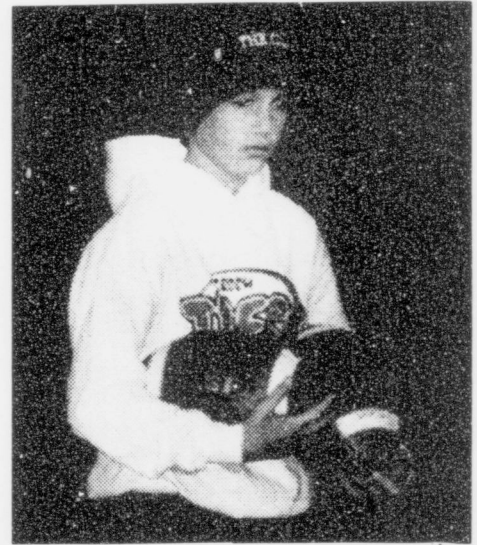
Monday: soft tacos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, yogurt & milk.

Tuesday: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate cake & milk.

Wednesday: burritos with chili, bean dip, lettuce, pineapple & milk.

Thursday: char-broiled steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, jello & milk.

Friday: cheeseburgers, potato wedges, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies & milk.




Clint Galyean helps out with the equipment on the sidelines.

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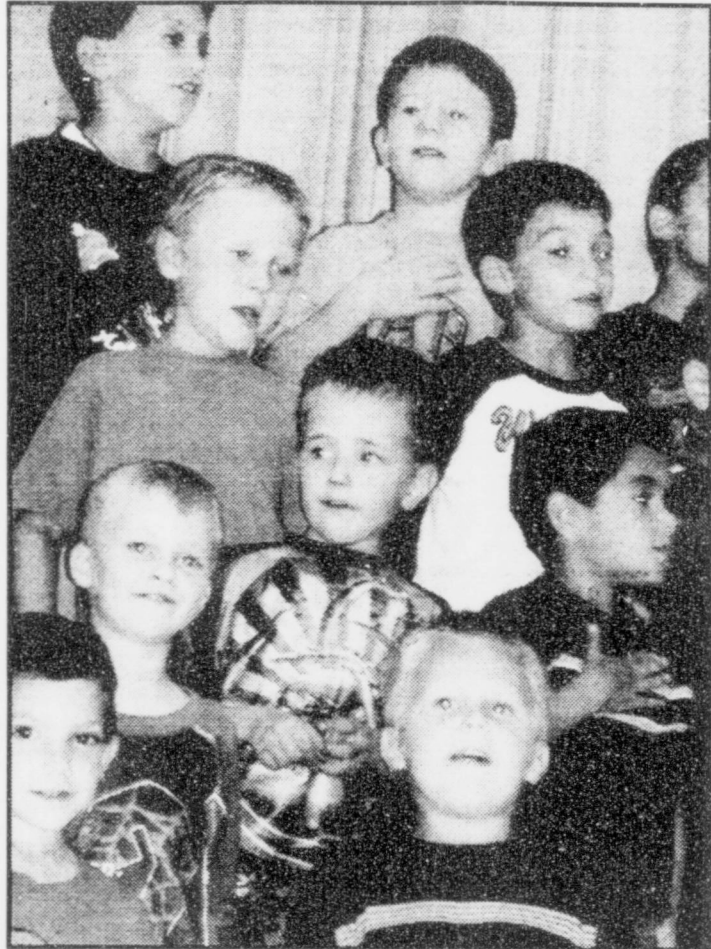
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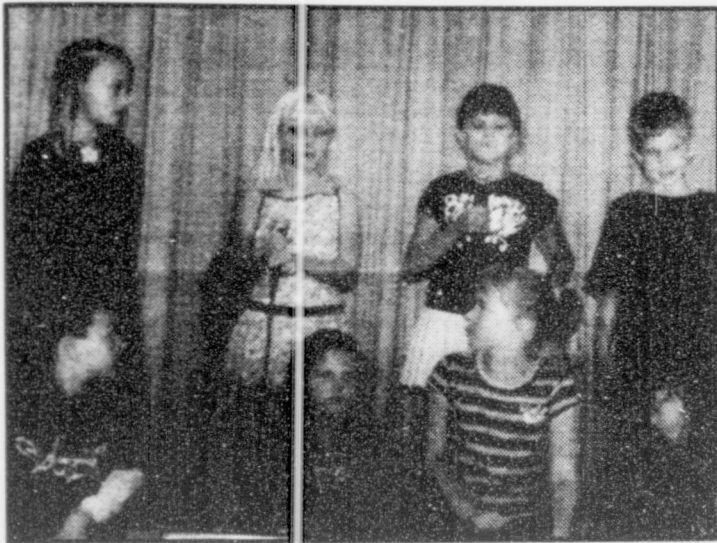
Back To School Musical



Students sing about their favorite part of school. The students above are Christy Painter, Trenton Fields, Hanna Kelly, Nick Bohr and Cari Weinheimer. The students below are Alexis Kosechata, Kylie Pickering, Christy Painter, Bailey Hart, Hayden Ritter, Erynn Brown, Cari Weinheimer and Hanna Kelly.



Jake Merrell, Mason Miller, Wesley Froese, Carson Ritter, Nathan Ruthardt, Matthew Arnold, Garet Rocha, Payton Smart and Logan Siler perform the pledge with "Liberty and Justice".



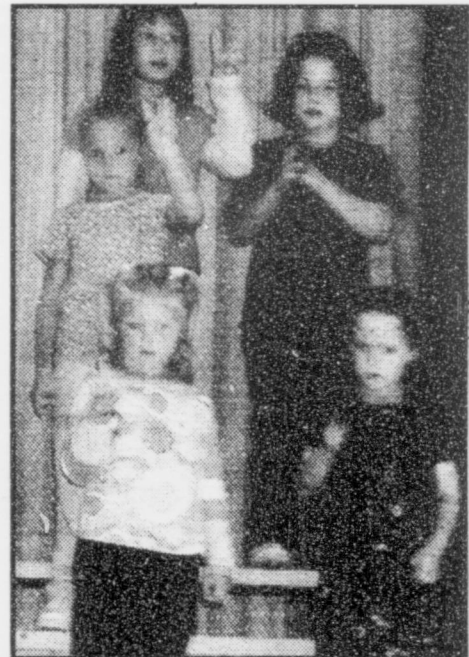
DELPHA JUSTICE

Delpha Justice, 62, of Howardwick, passed away on October 8, 2005.

A family service will be held at a later date in Cement, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Justice was born on December 17, 1942 in Cement, Oklahoma. She had been a waitress. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clara and Dick Riley; a brother, Jack Riley and a grandson, Adam Shields.

She is survived by four sons, Terry Shields of Groom, Joe Voiron of Pampa, Donald Rumsey and Jimmy Rumsey both of Oklahoma, a daughter Sheila Burney of Howardwick; a sister Beulah Yale of Ridgeway, PA; three brothers, Gary Riley of Lexington, OK; Bill Riley and Kenneth Riley, both of Blanchard, OK; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



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FARLEY

Road on Tara Avenue. My house is located on a one acre lot surrounded by fifteen pine trees all at least one hundred feet tall. One tree at the west end of the house is about ten feet from the house. On the north side of the house, fifteen feet from my kitchen window are two pine trees. At the northeast corner are three pine trees. At the back fence is one pine tree. The quarter acre back yard is fenced by a four foot chain link fence and an electric wire to prevent my two pet black pygmy goats, Maggie and Jiggs from escaping. Maggie and Jiggs have a 7 x 9 foot prefab house. The roof was blown off, but there is a small dog house in the back yard and they took refuge there.

My next door neighbors, the Averys and my neighbor, Freddie Manual, across the street did not leave when Rita struck. The Averys did leave after the hurricane, but Freddie chose to stay, all electrical lines are down.

I am recovering from a shoulder replacement operation and have home care personnel 24/7 tending to my every need. When Rita threatened, evacuation was mandatory. Of course my home care personnel had to leave. My niece, Carol McCarthy and her husband, Richard, came for me and my dog, Jack Jackson and his black cat, Boosties, from Pittsburgh, Texas, a distance of 265

miles. We also took irreplaceable documents and records, and perishables from the refrigerator. Richard left his pick-up truck in my garage and we returned to their home in my GMC Envoy (SUV), loaded to the roof.

We made good time until we came to Jasper, Texas where we joined the crowd of refugees from Port Author, Beaumont, Texas area. Traffic was stop and move, stop and move. Many impatient drivers drove out on the shoulder and then cut back into the line of traffic in their haste. I have observed that any disaster brings out the best and the worst, in people. After seven and one half hours we reached Pittsburgh - Richard said it took four and a half hours to drive from Pittsburgh to my home.

My home is eight miles due north of Lake Charles. We watched TV as Rita moved north through Lake Charles and I knew that my house would be demolished and wept for Maggie and Jiggs, my two black pygmy goats, such cute and mischievous animals. How could they live through such a terrible storm?

The next morning Arlene called and said that all my trees including the 75 foot pecan tree that I had planted as a five foot sapling in 1980 and an equally tall native persimmon tree were down, but non fell on my house, which was undamaged, except a few shingles were blown off,

leaving the tar paper. Freddie also called and said the trees fell in every direction, except on my house, and that the goats were having a ball, playing on the downed trees in my back yard. I

know that I had divine protection.

Richard's daughter Rowene, was flying out of Dallas at the time and they reached an altitude of 35,00 feet, she could see Rita moving in on Lake Charles. She said that it

was a terrible sight and, "I said a prayer for Robert". There is no doubt in my mind that I did, and do indeed have divine protection.

One week later I have talked to Freddie several times. He says that it will

be four to six weeks before anyone is allowed to return to my immediate area; any incoming traffic would interfere with crews that are cleaning the roads and streets of downed trees and trash.

With Best Regards,
Robert Farley



MINI - REUNION HELD. Seven members of the GHS Class of 1957 gathered for supper at the Route 66 Steak House on Friday, Sept 30, 2005 and attended the Goom-Happy football game. Attending were Bob & Louise Harrell Mulkey of Panhandle, Dani & Gerald Hermesmeyer and Doug & Sandra London Black of Amarillo, Aloise Britten Martin of White Deer, Dorothy & Ernest Weller, Leon & Evelyn Hermesmeyer Schaffer, and Nadine & Jerry Thornton, all of Groom.

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Current customers were recently sent information on the criteria that will be met before a delinquent customer will have their service discontinued. For the elderly, there are some programs out there that will help pay utility bills, however, these run out of money very quickly and it is hard to count on them. Panhandle Community Services in Amarillo is one place to seek help in our area. Contact them at 372-2531.

West Texas Gas Company also encourages you to be safe when you use natural gas. If you suspect that your heating system may be filling your home with poisonous fumes, contact the Gas Company and they can test it, however, it is a good idea to have carbon monoxide testers throughout homes that use gas heating.

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