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McLean Reminder

OCTOBER 6-12 is National 4-H week. This is an annual event for 4-H members and adult volunteers to show their 4-H spirit.

UPCOMING 4-H dates for McLean: Food project meetings will be held at the Methodist Church Fellowship 4-6 p.m. October 14, 21 and November 11, 14. McLean horse project meet October 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Church of Christ Annex. Safety and Riding courtesy meet at the arena.

THE ALANREED Community is invited to attend a meeting Saturday night, October 12 at 7 p.m. in the Alanreed Gym. This is a very important meeting for all of the Alanreed Community.

THE MCLEAN Tigers football team will be playing Ft. Elliott here Friday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

MCLEAN CUBS football team travels to Ft. Elliott Thursday, October 11. Game time is 6 p.m.

FLU SHOTS will be given at the Senior Center on October 14 from 10-12 and 1-2:30 p.m. If you are 65 or older and you are considered a health risk, your shot is free. Everyone else pays \$10.

MCLEAN ATHLETIC Boosters Club are sponsoring a 36-hole golf tournament October 12 and October 13 beginning at 1:30 p.m. both days at the McLean Golf Course. For more information, call 886-3700.

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

THE MCLEAN Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

EDC Works On Grant For Wireless Funding

The McLean EDC met on Thursday, October 3. President Jim Reyna called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, McLean. Other board members in attendance were LaVon Watson, Mary Dwyer, and Betty Morgan. Community members in attendance were Mindy Reeves and Sue Marsh. The invocation was given by Jim Reyna.

The minutes of June 13, 2002, were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$9,025.56 in the general fund and \$2,883.56 in the cleanup fund.

Old business discussed, Jim said the EDC website would be up and functioning as of October 15.

In other business, Roy Richardson submitted a credit card receipt, which did not detail what the funds were for, as his request for reimbursement of \$500 for cleanup. Jim had sent him a letter asking for some sort of receipt detailing how the money was spent. Both Jim and LaVon have talked to him recently about getting a receipt, but to date no receipt has been submitted.

Under new business, Jim said he and Bob Martin, Mayor, had met with AMA Online who will write a grant for federal funds to provide broad-band access for McLean. The grant is due to Washington by November 3. The grant will provide 10 computers. The thinking is that 5 computers will be put in the library and 5 in the school. Some logistical problems to be worked out include: computers must be available for 2 hours per day, 7 days a week, above and beyond normal business hours.

The meeting was then opened to the floor. LaVon mentioned the Accelerated Reading program at McLean

Elementary School was in need of disks for the reading program, and she would like to see us contribute to that.

Jim said a letter had been received from Panhandle Water Planning Group requesting a donation of \$284 as McLean's share of \$75,000 for administrative costs by that group.

Betty reported that tennis courts had been patched by the city. She discussed the need for basketball goals, rims and backboards and replacement swings for existing swing frames. LaVon will talk to the City Council about replacement of existing playground equipment.

A letter had been received from Texas Comptroller advising us that we must apply for franchise tax exemption or face paying franchise tax. We agreed this would be an appropriate thing for Attorney James Shelton to handle.

Jim said that preschool for 4-year-olds was meeting in the library. He suggested that we make a donation to the preschool.

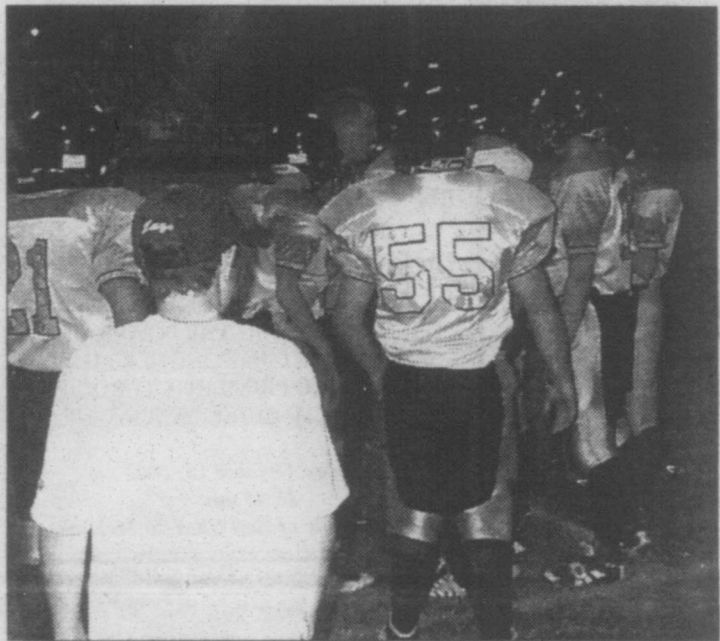
We discussed again the fact that we would like to have "Grand Openings" for new businesses that come into town, with newspaper coverage.

We discussed again the idea of a "monument" as you enter McLean from the West.

Jim read a letter from the Lovett Memorial Library thanking the EDC for the ramp and new sidewalk.

Jim read a letter from Bob Martin, Mayor, suggesting the purchase of gold and black "Welcome to McLean" banners. He also suggested American Flags be placed along Railroad and First Streets.

Sue Marsh told us of her plans for a new and



McLean Tigers give formidable Follett their best in last week's game. The Tigers will face Ft. Elliott in this week's matchup.

McLean Tigers Lose To Follett

The McLean Tigers fell to the Follett Panthers on Friday night, 48-0. The game was called at half time. It was Follett's homecoming and the Panthers showed up

ready to play. McLean was hampered by having several players on the ineligibility list, and the guys just didn't have a good night. I spoke with one of the players,

Victor Vega, and he said the guys were pretty upset but they plan to hit it hard in practice this week and hope to be ready on Friday.

McLean Alanreed Area Museum Celebrates 100 Years

By Dorthey McKee
For September the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 67 visitors from 14 different states, of course we had more from Texas than any where else and California came in second. We had two young gentlemen from Italy come in. They were very delightful. The Pioneer Study Club held one of their meetings here, we enjoyed having them and would like other groups and clubs to meet here.

The month of September was the museum's 33 anniversary. It was begun September 12, 1969, by Vera Featherston Back and Alice Short Smith. The museum has grown a lot over the years and thanks to hard work and more than a few grants, more and more displays are added each year. The museum was remodeled in preparation for

the 100th Anniversary Celebration and the improvements have made a big difference. There is still a lot of work being done by many volunteers.

For such a small town, the records and displays held at the museum are truly amazing. If you are researching a family history, the museum holds many records of past residents including phone books, post office box listings, school records and church histories. There are also cemetery records and maps and the Pioneer Study Club records. There is also an old McLean News Paper Printing Press as well as bound copies of the paper which began in 1903. Along with written records, there are thousands of pictures many blown up larger, depicting life in McLean. There are photos of families, schools and class pictures and pictures of



the many business McLean has seen over the past 100 years. There is a whole section on Alanreed.

The museum also has a number of historical exhibits. There is an exhibit about founder Alfred Rowe, which will be growing. There is an exhibit honoring Texas Independence hero William Pinkney McLean from who the town got its name. He was the first Railroad Commissioner in

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McLean School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST:

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit juice and milk
 Wednesday: Donuts, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk
 Thursday: Breakfast burritos, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk
 Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

MCLEAN BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 10 - Ruth Whaley, Shatrel Richardson, James Smith.
 October 11 - Roger McCracken, Ann Brown, Dixie Burroughs, Paula Newton, Amanda Crawford.
 October 12 - Jay Dee Fish, Leland Myers, Betty Skipper, Jonathan Bailey, George Burrow, Stacy Phillips, Karen Hutchison.
 October 13 - Arnold Sharp, Blaze Herring.
 October 14 -
 October 15 - Monty Long, Jacque Grigsby, Elsie Morria, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller (A), Quenton and Paula Newton (A).
 October 16 - Morris Brown.

4-H Banquet Held In Pampa

The 4-H Achievement Banquet was hosted Monday, September 23, by the Lefors 5-H 4-H Club at the Lefors cafeteria. There were several young people from McLean who received awards.

Recordbook Award Medals went to Nicholas Odom for Food-Nutrition, Zachary Odom for sheep, Kristen Odom for clothing.

Point Book Awards went to Caleb Crawford, Emory Crawford, Travis Fish, Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom, Zachary Odom, Kevin Smith, Mark Smith and Tammy Syfrett.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

LUNCH:

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, gravy, green beans, texas toast, cake and milk
 Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, jello and milk
 Thursday: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, refried beans, salad, sopapillas and milk
 Friday: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, french fries, apple crisp and milk

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—Damon Runyon

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Sunday, October 13, 2002

10:45 am

First Assembly of God Church, McLean

Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson

September was a slow month after a busy summer. Two bus tours from England stopped by on September 13 and 27. These tours never let me know they were coming. They had reservations at the Red River for lunch both days. The second tour was running late and didn't

bother to cancel their reservations or give any explanation. Can you imagine traveling all that distance and only having hot dogs in a Texas steak house?

In all, we had 489 visitors. Thirty-four states were represented. We had 160 international visitors from 14 countries.

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Allan & Fay Crutcher

Card of Thanks

To the Women and Men who participated in my exercise classes over the years. The fellowship, fun and fitness that we shared means so much to me. Each of you brought something to my life that was missing and I thank God for your all. My prayers for you is good health and hope that you will continue to strengthen your "temple". Thank you to the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary for your generosity through the years.

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ALL A HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Shelby Adams, Cody Azzazi, Hayley Burnett, Jacob Jones, Jacie Ketcherside, Jordon McLain, Ian McMordie, Kaleb Perkins, Oscar Rodriguez, Ethan Smith

Second Grade: Cassandra Ingle, Miranda McMordie, Jack Odom.

Kendra Richardson, Rocco Rodriguez

Third Grade: Kalyan Averett, Tori Bybee, Jace McLain, Becca Reyna, Dimas Rodriguez, Ashley Russell, Moriah Wooldridge

Fourth Grade: Ashley Byron, Tyler Lamb, Nicole McClendon, Samantha Staton

Sixth Grade: Emory

Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Jamie Sanderson, Tammy Syfrett, Dashae Tolleson, Arely Vega

Seventh Grade: Kristen Odom, Mark Smith, Lucas Webb

Eighth Grade: Samantha Krueger, Tamera Loya

Ninth Grade: Savannah Williamson

Tenth Grade: Ashley McClendon, Antonio Montoya

Eleventh Grade: Danielle Dampier, Dusty Moody

Twelve Grade: Tami Marsh, Katrina Routon, Jennifer Smith

A/B HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Braxton Tristan Davis

Second Grade: Shiloh Brown, Kaela Lee, Stormy Manns, Lenny Sims, Rachel Greenwood

Third Grade: Jamie Alvarez, Saber Bohlar, Britnie Cooper, Taylor Fish, Kelby McClelan,

Victoria Newton, Rudy Rodriguez, Chelsey Sims, Rena Smith

Fourth Grade: Jacob Azzazi, Tanner Cadra, Clay Crockett, Bradley Howard, Zachary Seymour, Anthony Shackelford, Erin Vassey

Fifth Grade: Tucker Adams, Daniel Connors, Caleb Crawford, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Sheri Haynes, Hogan Ketcherside, Mike Krueger, Alexis Menefield, Jessica Skipper, Amber Station

Sixth Grade: Nikkie Alvarez, Chase Bohlar, Suzanne Howard, Evean McMoride

Seventh Grade: Ronnie Alexander, Jacob Connors, Kristin Ellis, Stephanie Henson, Stephen Ingle, Ocie

Menefield, Zachery Richardson, Trey Skipper, Logan Sparing, Lacey Wallis

Eighth Grade: John Haynes, Brooke Seymour

Ninth Grade: Mauden Conklin

Tenth Grade: James Alexander, Tyler Hones, Nick Jones, Philip Jones, Amber Raines, Zane Richardson, Mitchell Steward

Eleventh Grade: Sandi Anderson, Derek Best, Jaci Grigsby, Reo Dennis, Trace Rigsby, Jami Seitz, Delinda Simpson

Twelve Grade: Drew Barker, Bron Bohlar, Robert Brass, Trent Cadra, Brittany Primero, Josh Seymour, Shaley Steel



VETERANS DAY is soon approaching. Please contact the McLean News Office if you have Veterans not on the previous list.

Pet Show Scheduled for Pampa On October 27

A pet show has been scheduled in Pampa for Sunday, October 27. K-9 Fun Stuff will be hosted by the Pet Patch in Pampa. Activities will be held at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at the rodeo grounds east of Pampa. There will be demonstrations of agility, obedience, and schutzhund. Dogs that are talented are urged to enter the talent contest. A costume contest will also be held. The days activities are free to the public, contestants, and to the booths. All dogs need to have current rabies tag and be on a leash. For more information call Mona at 665-5504.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS \$1000 AWARDS

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Since its formation 13 years ago, the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program has awarded more than \$350,000 in

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scholarships to rural youth. call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria:

Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock- or agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2003;

Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance; and

Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agriliance web site (www.agriliance.com) in the Careers section or the Land O'Lakes Feed web site (www.lolfeed.com).

All application must be postmarked by March 3, 2003. Winners will be notified in May. For more information or to request an application,

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Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.

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Heald United Methodist Church

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Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce

Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207

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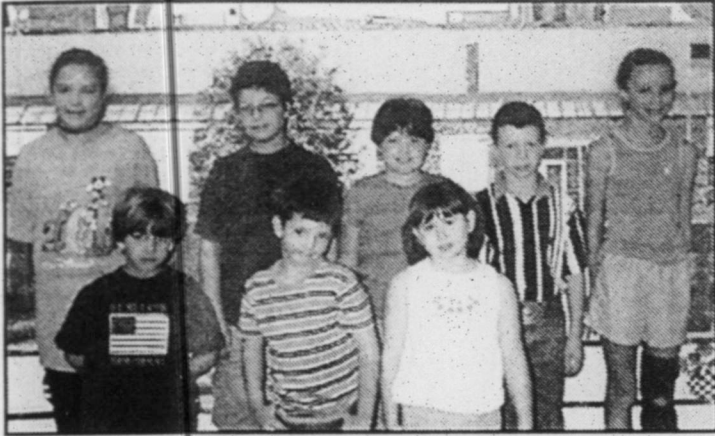
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Students Of The Week



Students of the Week for September 23 - September 27: Kindergarten-Daniel Hutchison, 1st Grade-Shelby Adams, 2nd Grade-Shiloh Brown, 3rd Grade-Ashley Russell, 4th Grade-Tanner Cadra, 5th Grade-Lisa Ellis, 6th Grade-DaShaie Tolleson, 7th Grade-Mark Smith



Students of the Week for September 30 - October 4: Kindergarten-Jordan Cox, 1st Grade-Hayley Burnett, 2nd Grade-Rachel Young, 3rd Grade-Bécca Reyna, 4th Grade-Jacob Azzazi, 5th Grade-Nancy Castillo, 6th Grade-Emory Crawford, 7th Grade-Lacey Wallis

EDC
improved dog and cat boarding kennel with grooming facilities. The board members suggested that she submit a business plan to us, along with costs, so we can evaluate the idea.

Mindy Reeves told of a senior citizens center that had used EDC funds to improve its building. Mary will take that idea and perhaps apply for cleanup funds to improve the McLean Senior Citizens Center.

Mindy also suggested that the VFW donate any flags it may have to the EDC.

The next meeting will be

Thursday, October 17, 2002, at 6pm at the library.

There being no further business, LaVon moved, seconded by Mary that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

MUSEUM

Texas There is also a display honoring the Prisoner of War camp here in McLean during WWII. The camp housed mainly men captured in North Africa who were apart of Rommel's Afrika Corps.

There are numerous displays concerning women's clothing, including one

honoring Marie's foundation, a bra factory operating in McLean for 20 years.

There are displays on Ranch life including collections of tools, wind chargers, and hand planters. There is also old tools used by Jim Bryant in his black Smith shop in Alanreed. There are saddles and many branding irons from the area ranches.

Delbert Trew has been the museum's director since 1989. He has stepped down and Wayne Woods is the new director. Darthey McKee is the manager. She is at the museum from 10-4. If you haven't visited in a while, stop in and see what you've been missing.



Follett Panthers were geared up for their annual Homecoming ceremonies and football game. They met plenty of opposition from McLean Tigers as their offense is stopped at the 20-yard line.

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DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County Treasurer
Jeannie Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge
Lewis Powers

For Gray County Clerk
Susan Winborne

For Gray County Commissioner
James Hefley

For Gray County Inspector of Hides and Animals
Bill Reeves

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TexSCAN Week of
October 6, 2002

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Thursday, October 10, 2002

Respect Life Pilgrimage Held In Groom

"Every Human Life has its Origin in the Heart of God" was the theme Sunday afternoon at the Cross. The Respect Life Pilgrimage to the Cross began at St. Mary's Church with approximately 200 people. They were met at the Cross by several hundred persons.

The procession was led by the uniformed Knights of Columbus Fourth

Degree. Along the route to the Cross, walkers prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Bishop John Yanta of the Diocese of Amarillo spoke to the crowd on the idea of life, of adoption not abortion; the

killing of God's children. "Obey the 10 commandments," he stressed, "on this day in the world of abortion falling under Thou Shall Not Kill."

The keynote address was given by Steve and Monica Rowe who challenged the young people to not to be fooled by Satan, reject Satan, Trust God. The Rowes are youth minister leaders at St. Elizabeth's of Lubbock who gave their testimony concerning their life.

Several Groom residents participated in the event. Melanie Britten sang "Masterpiece." She was accompanied by organist Debbie Ollinger. Lucille Britten performed a reading called "Listen to Our Cry."



Bishop Yanta leads several hundred people in devotions in the Respect Life Pilgrimage.

Community Calendar

HOMECOMING CORONATION will be held on Thursday, October 10 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The bonfire will follow on the practice field.

THE GROOM ISD School Board will meet tonight at 8 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE there will no school for students on the following dates: October 14 and 15 and November 11. Two of these dates have been added since the school calendar was published.

THE PUBLIC Hearing on the Dairy Feasibility Study by the Groom Economic Development Corporation will be held on November 12.

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

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Groom Has New Business. Visit Chatter Bob's For Food & Fun

Have you got a yen for something different? Chatter Bobs is the place to be! Now, what and where is Chatter Bobs? The new business is located at the corner of 1st and Choctaw. They will be catering to a wide variety of clientele, young and old alike. Kathleen Barkley is the proprietor for the amusement and food

service business that will offer a menu of burgers, fries, subs and pizzas as well as fun diversions like pool, ping pong, air hockey, games and movie rentals. Chatter Bobs also has soft drinks, snacks, a puzzle table,

jukebox and a neat place to sit down and visit.

Chatter Bobs will be open daily after school until 9 p.m., Friday until 11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - Sunday 12-4 p.m. They will be closed on Monday.

Kathleen Barkley invites everyone to come by and see this new establishment and try their fun menu this weekend as she holds a Grand Opening Celebration. Door Prizes will be given away and all soft drinks will be .50.

Don't miss the fun! Come visit at Chatter Bob's!

Council Denies Variance

The Groom City Council met on Tuesday night in their regular meeting. Present were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Chris Welch, Forrest McLaughlin, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger and Don Case. Also attending were City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles, visitors Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parrish, Clifton Britten, Phillis Jackson, Victor Trevino, Bobby Babcock and Donna Burton.

The meeting was called to order. Mayor Joe Homer called the first item on the agenda, to allow a zoning variance for Bobby Babcock to graze cattle on land he owns on 4th Street. Letters were sent to property owners surrounding the lot in question and the public was invited to comment at this meeting. Mr.

Parrish was the first to speak.

"Since there has been no variation in this ordinance since 1995, when the ordinance was passed you would have to set a new precedent," he commented. "I would object to the cattle because of the flies and smell. One of the things that drew us to Groom is the fact that it is so clean and orderly."

"If we are to entice people and industry to come to Groom," stated Cliff Britten, former president of the EDC and current president of the Groom ISD School Board, "I think granting the variance would be a big set back to help sell the community."

Another neighbor, Victor Trevino, stated, "We love living in Groom. I would have real concerns about

having cattle across the street. It is a very pretty lot and it makes the whole area nicer."

Phillis Jackson was the last to comment.

"I am also opposed to have cattle that close to town," she said, "I would hate to see them eat the trees."

Letters were reviewed from citizens who did not attend the meeting.

The matter was put to a vote and unanimously failed. The variance was denied.

Alderman Don Case asked that the request for a variance in two letters from Mark Bivens be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Bivens is requesting a variance for property he owns for to place pigs on one and goats on another.

Joe Rae Richardson,

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Local Happenings

Shirley Fields and Stacy Fields attended the ballet production of "A Streetcar Named Desire"

last weekend. Stacy won tickets on the radio.

GROOM RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM AMARILLO COLLEGE

Former Groom resident Karen Conrad graduated from Amarillo College in August with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Management.

Conrad graduated from Groom High School in 1999. She now attends Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.



IT'S A BOY!

Arthur John (A.J.) Britten was born to Jay and Shara Britten of Arvada, Colorado. A.J. was born on September 17, 2002 at 8:46 p.m. at the Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. He weighed in at 7 lb. 15 oz. and he is 21" long.

Proud grandparents include Art and JoAnn Britten of Groom, William and Deloris Jones of Amarillo and Mike and Yvonne Wiseman of Olive Brand, Mississippi. Great grandparents include Rita Artho of Amarillo and Elsie and Son Wiseman of Logan, New Mexico. A.J. is also welcomed by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

White Deer Has Challenged Race

The only challenged race in Carson County this term is that of Commissioner of the White Deer-Skellytown

Groom School Breakfast And Lunch Menus

BREAKFAST:

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: No School
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, biscuits, juice and milk
 Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

LUNCH

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: No School
 Wednesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, applesauce and milk
 Thursday: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, breadsticks, crackers and milk
 Friday: Barbecue on bun, french fries, pears and milk

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 10 - Mrs. Tony Britten, Cody Bivens.

October 11 - William Lucas Pavlovsky, John Homer, Doug Kling.

October 12 - Margaret Whatley, Nathan Wieberg, Tamera Ashford.

October 13 - October 14 - Katie Talley.

October 15 - Dawn Marie Conrad, Stanley Seth Ritter.

October 16 - Thomas J. Moraniec, Jr., Dakata Blake Crump, Kimberly Ann Britten.

Brush & Palette Hold October Meeting

Brush & Palette members Pat Ashford, Dorthy McMullin, Shirley Fields, Charlene Weller and Juandell Ritter-Bivens enjoyed the monthly luncheon at the Community Center on Monday, October 7. Pat is teaching a "Santa" painting on boxes-it's fun! We will be going to the "Taste of Home" cooking school on Thursday, October 10.

Come join us on Mondays at 2 p.m. for a time of instruction and fellowship. Check out the entry on the north side of the community center. It looks really nice!

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Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank friends and neighbors who sent cards, flowers and food to support us during the loss of our dad, A.J. Your words of sympathy and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated. John and Linda Britten Fred and Donna Britten Louis Britten

Thank You Card

We would like to thank the people of Groom for the phone calls, cards, all the wonderful food and especially the prayers. We could not have made it through this without them. A special thank you to the ladies that worked so hard on the lunch at the church. The Daughters of Girtrude Coe, Pat, Kathy, Marie and Frances

Make the least ado about your greatest gifts. Be content to act, and leave the talking to others.

—Baltasar Gracian

It's a Girl

Lauren Virginia is new in the home of Marty and Tracie Clecker in Lubbock. She was born on October 3, 2002 weighing 8 lb. 5 oz.

She is the granddaughter of Don and Pattie Wills and Johnny Wills all of Amarillo. She is the great-granddaughter of Theresa Wills of Groom. Theresa and her son Melvin visited the new baby recently in Lubbock.

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High School Royalty Named For Homecoming

Groom High School will crown the new Homecoming King and Queen in a ceremony for royalty tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The event will be followed by the bonfire.

Candidates for King are Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Doug Fields, Lance Ollinger and Calvin Schaffer. Candidates for Queen are Jessica Bates, Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Conrad and Malorie Homen. Ushers are Laurissa Noack, Caren Howard, Kelby Noack and Chance Barkley. Crown Bearer is Trenton Fields and Flower Girl is Brooklyn Kerlee.

The week of activities for GHS students began on Monday. Students wore a certain color to signify their class. A volleyball game was held Monday evening, despite chilly temperatures. All the students had a terrific time.

On Tuesday, students celebrated inside-out day. Many wore their clothes inside out.

More Community Calendars

GROOM JUNIOR
High Cubs travel to Samnorwood Thursday, October 10. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m.

THE SENIOR Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Alpha Mu Xi is set for November 4 at the Community Center. Be sure to mark your calendar.

GROOM'S CROSS Country Team will compete at WT on October 12.

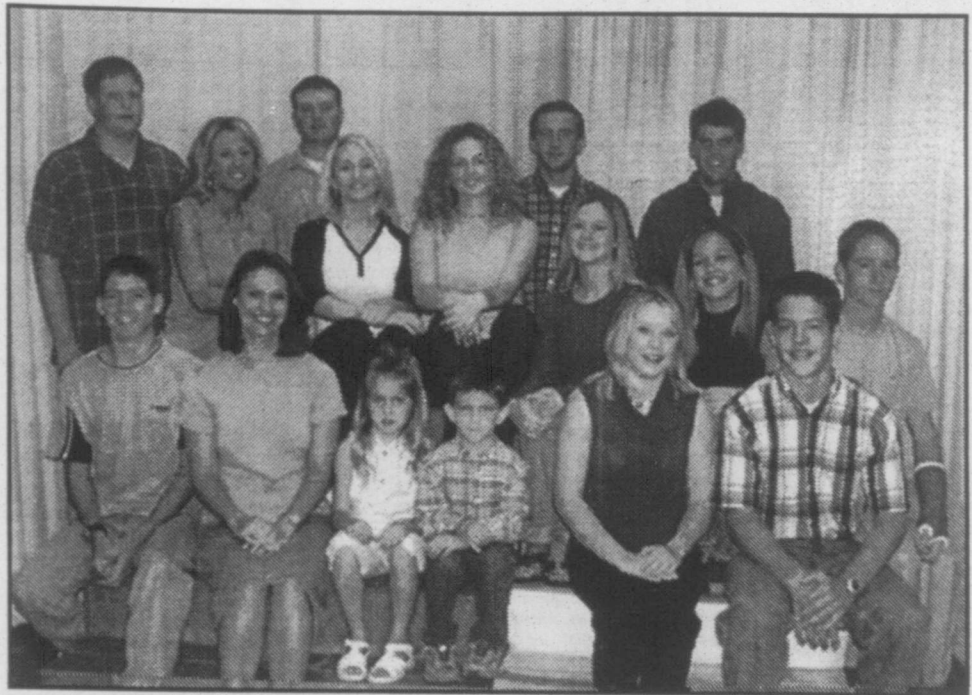
AN IMMUNIZATION shot clinic will be held at the school on October 29. Flu shots will be available for people who are considered high risk. Be sure to contact the school to reserve your shot and double check to see if you qualify.

Wednesday students signed each other's T-shirts and wore hats and shades. The Little Kids Pep Rally was also held.

Today is "Nerd Day" at GHS. The Junior High Pep Rally will be held at 3:00 as the Cubs prepare to play Samnorwood, there at 5 p.m. The coronation is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The Bonfire will follow on the practice field.

On Friday, the whole town is asked to show their spirit by wearing Red and Black. The downtown pep rally is set for 3 p.m. Kick-off is at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium. Support the Tigers as they face Samnorwood.

A street dance will be held in Downtown Groom on Broadway street for students after the game. The event is hosted by the downtown merchants. Students are invited to bring their roller blades, enjoy live music, pizza and other goodies until midnight.



Homecoming candidates are: Back (L-R) Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Doug Fields, Lance Ollinger. Middle (L-R) Jessica Bates, Brin Bugin, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Conrad, Malorie Homen and Calvin Schaffer. Ushers are Kelby Noack, Laurissa Noack; Flower Girl Brooklyn Kerlee; Crown Bearer Trenton Fields; Ushers Caren Howard and Chance Barkley.

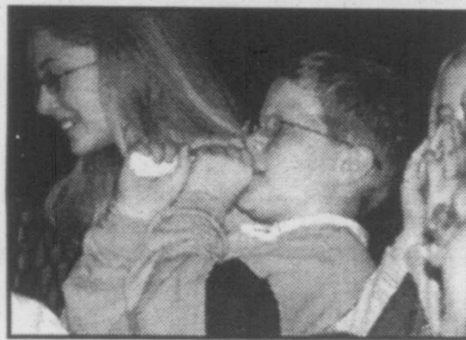
Tax Revenues Down For 1st Quarter

The State Comptroller, Carole Keeton Rylander, recently announced that Carson County has seen a 24.6% drop in sales tax revenues since 1st quarter reports between 2001-2002. Gross sales in Carson County in the 1st quarter of 2002 were \$9,455,047 while the 1st quarter of 2002 reported \$7,124,642.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you so much for your generous contribution toward my dental expenses. I appreciate your assistance in getting my teeth fixed. My smile is a lot bigger thanks to wonderful people such as you.

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Bobby Ratterree



Tyler Babcock uses an impromptu megaphone to yell for his class at a recent pep rally.

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Groom Tigers Fall to Miami

A short-handed Groom Tiger squad battled a tough Miami team last Friday and fell short 68-22. "There are many positives that I can see from this game," said Head Coach Toby Tucker. "These kids are battling just as hard as they can. We have guys who are playing hurt and just keep on battling through the pain. I am so proud of how they have not given up."

Groom fell behind early on a Miami field goal, but came back and drove 60 yards to take the lead on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Doug Fields to Bobby Ratterree. "That was a big 4th down play for our kids, and I was proud that we were able to dig deep enough to make it," said Tucker. The extra point kick by Brett Britten was good giving Groom the lead 8-4.

Miami would answer to take the lead, but Groom would bounce right back and score when Doug Fields broke free on a 41-yard touchdown run to make the score 14-12 Tigers. Britten's kick was again good to add to the tally to make it 16-12.

Miami would continue to answer the bell to the Tiger scores and take the lead 18-16. That is when the Ratterree-Fields

connection hooked up again this time on a 60-yard touchdown pass. Groom would lead 22-18 at that point with 4:00 to go in the half. "At that point, I felt like we were playing about the best football that we could," said Tucker. "We had people making plays and coming up big in big situations. They just flat out wore us down. Everyone knows that we faced some more adversity this week and that caused us to take a couple steps back and put some people in positions that they had not been playing in all year. The kids that we have on this team right now are giving everything that they have and we are just so proud of them. All of them are getting to play and gain that valuable experience." These kids have a winners never quit attitude, and I just love them for it.

Statistically for the game, Doug Fields had 132 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown. Fields also threw for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

Bobby Ratterree had two receptions for two touchdowns.

Brett Britten kicked two extra points and rushed for 32 yards. Fields led all tacklers with 10 and one



interception. Brett Britten chipped in 6 and a tackle for a loss. Cody Babcock had four and a tackle for a loss. Willie Leven had two tackles and a tackle for a loss. Kelby Noack had five tackles and Bobby Ratterree added four.

Groom will host Samnorwood this Friday in Groom at 7:30.

Individual stats for the 2002 season are as follows:

Doug Fields has rushed for 101 carries and scored seven touchdowns. He has passed 13 times, connecting on six for 103 yards and two touchdowns. He caught 9 of 40 pass attempts

and returned nine kickoffs for 290 yards. He has punted twice for 55 yards. Fields earned 50 unassisted tackles.

Brett Britten carried the ball four times for 26 yards. He caught 5 of 23 passes as a receiver and returned two kickoffs for 16 yards. He completed 28 unassisted tackles defensively as well as a quarterback sack.

Bobby Ratterree has rushed five times gaining 15 yards. He passed twice. He connected on three receptions for 87 yards and two touchdowns. He ran back two kickoff returns for 23 yards. Defensively, he has had

26 tackles and one interception.

Lance Ollinger has passed three times for one yard. He has punted seven times for 181 yards and made 10 unassisted tackles. Lance also has two quarterback sacks.

Kelby Noack passed 40 times completing 19 for 133 yards. He carried three kickoff returns for 16 yards and has had five unassisted tackles.

Cody Babcock received eight yards. He also completed nine unassisted tackles.

Willie Leven and Jeff Rios have been working very hard to fill slots left by recent injuries. Willie has seven unassisted

tackles and one fumble recovery. Jeff Rios has had one unassisted tackle.

The Tigers have gained 35 first downs compared to 42 gained by their opponents over the season. They have gained 850 yards on 142 carries and nine touchdowns. Opponents have gained 1127 yards on 140 yards for 20 TDs.

The Groom passing game finds the Tigers completing 26 of 58 passes for 241 yards and two TDs. Opponents completed 24 of 54 passes for 11 touchdowns. Total yards rushing in 1091 for Groom and 1543 for opponents.

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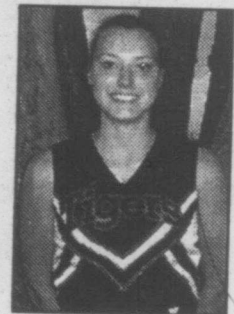
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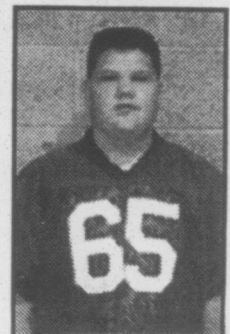
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Tim Brown



Lucille Britten joins many other people including several groups of nuns in a litany led by Bishop John Yanta.



Cheerleaders strut their stuff at Friday's pep rally.

Alpha Mu Xi Prepares For Senior Citizen Dinner

Alpha Mu Xi Sorority members had a busy evening on Monday, October 7, 2002. They met in the home of Barbara Homer and began cooking stew for their annual stew drive. They held their regular business meeting while the brew simmered.

Much discussion was held on fund raising ideas to support their upcoming community service projects. Pecan sales are set to begin in late October as the shipment is set to arrive on October 25. If you will be needing

those for holiday preparation, be sure to contact a member early. The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Monday, November 4, 2002 at noon in the Community Center. All Senior Citizens will want to mark their calendar and not miss this delicious meal.

When the meeting concluded, all members canned and labeled the stew for delivery in the next couple of days. Thank you to all of the citizens who donated jars and lids to this service.

Members present Donna Barnett, Judy Eatmon, Barbara Homer, Tina Painter, Nancy Patterson, Lezlie Rainer, Beverly Stephens and Rebecca Yelverton. They enjoyed mini-sandwiches, vegetables and dip and a great time cooking and canning. Tina Painter will have a scrumptious smelling home this fall. She was the winner of the deer prize, which was an assortment of fall scented candles. The next meeting will be at Lezlie Rainer's on November 11.

White Deer Reunion Held

Groom hosted a reunion of the Class of 1950-1951 of White Deer High School this weekend.

The group cited our nice motel, great Dairy Queen food and handy community center as the reasons they chose to hold their reunion here.

Attending were Pat Urbanczyk of White Deer; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cofer of Pampa, Yvonne and Morlan Shuman of White Deer; Don Platt of Skelleytown; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ingram, Tom Horn of Mexico, Roberta Duffy and husband of Louisiana, Ted Harvey of Dallas, Johnnie Harvey of Dallas, Romona Thrasher and husband of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talley, Dale Imel of Pampa, John Scott of California and Betty Treadwell of Groom.

Cubs Win Over Miami, 41-12

Groom Junior High boys pounded Miami last week 41-12.

"The boys did an excellent job of passing," stated Coach Jym Dennis. "We didn't have any turnovers. Our offensive blocking was excellent."

Thank Barkley scored on a five yard run. Chad Barkley made the extra point. Thane then scored on a 50 yard punt return and Chad again made the extra point.

Thane made a 40 yard pass to Blaine Britten to score a touchdown for Groom. Trevor Friend scored the extra point.

Chad Barkley scored


again on a 40 yard run. The extra point attempt failed.

Kade Brown scored on a 25 yard run. Tyler Fraser passed to Blaine Britten for the extra point.

Thane Barkley scored the final TD on a 10 yard run. The extra point was run in by Chad Barkley.

"Our defense performed better this week causing two turnovers for Miami," said Coach Dennis. "We still have room for improvement but the boys are doing better."

The Cubs will face Samnorwood this week.




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COUNCIL

Rick Prather and Jigger Britten have agreed to serve on the GEDC board filling 3 of 4 seats on the committee. President Joe David Brown has declined another term of office. The Council approved the appointments and will continue to seek a qualified person to serve in the open seat.

The Council will seek bids for various types of flooring for the big room at the Community Center. They hope to have more information at the next meeting.

In a unanimous decision, the Council approved changes in the Zoning Ordinance to include the State of Texas Manufactured

Housing Regulations. Limiting the placement of mobil homes, the validity of building permits and their expiration of building permits and requiring a fee for amending or changing the Zoning Ordinance.

The Council directed City Secretary, Mary Sue Lyles to discuss the matter of Mike Brown and the fraud he committed with the District Attorney's office.

In final business, the City will move its regular meeting night to Monday after the first Monday. Minutes of the September meetings were approved and bills were approved for payment before the Council adjourned.

Weekly Sheriff's Report

On October 1, 2002, Deputies responded to a call in Conway at the S & S restaurant parking lot where a domestic dispute was in progress. The couple from Panhandle had gotten into an altercation resulting in female the being treated by the Panhandle EMS for minor injuries at the scene. The man was taken into custody and taken to N.W.T.H. Emergency Room by Deputy Drew Brassfield and Deputy Sergeant Scott Sutton to be seen by physicians. The man had previously been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. It is thought that the man was not taking his prescribed medication and this may have contributed to his violent outburst.

Sheriff Gary Robertson and Trooper Chris Ray responded to a fight between several persons at the Love's store in Conway on October 4, 2002. The fight was apparently caused by one vehicle refusing to move for another at the fuel pump. No one was injured and there were no arrests. All persons involved continued on their way.

On October 5, 2002, Amarillo Police contacted this office in regards to a woman being treated at one of their local hospitals with stab wounds. It is not known at this time if the wounds were self-inflicted or if she was the victim of foul play. They believe the woman to be a resident of Groom. Deputy Drew Brassfield is working with Amarillo authorities on this matter.

Saturday, October 5, kept local officers busy in the city as well as the county. City Officer Jason Collier responded to a call of a man standing in the middle of the street yelling at people in a residence in the 400 block of Euclid. After a short chase, the man was arrested for

public intoxication.

Deputies responded to a call in Conway at the Love's store where it had been reported a drunken man was getting into a semi-truck which was parked at the store. After speaking to the man, deputies felt he posed no danger as he had already bedded down for the night and had no intention of leaving until the next morning.

A call of an eastbound pursuit by an adjoining agency sent local officers scrambling to intercept the fleeing vehicle, which was 4 1/2 miles west of Panhandle. The vehicle was reported to have been driven by a drunk driver. The vehicle then entered the city of Panhandle and stopped for local officers at Broadway and Franklin. The driver was not driving drunk nor had he been drinking. He told officers he was not aware of anyone behind him wanting him to stop. It

wasn't until after he saw the emergency lights and heard the blare of the sirens of local officers that he pulled over and came to a stop.

The Carson County Sheriff will be looking into this matter to determine why the pursuing officer initiated the pursuit. The possibility of serious consequences, injury and damage to the vehicle were averted by local officers who used common sense and relied on their training to stop the vehicle without incident.

On October 6, Officers stopped a motorcycle after the operator left a convenience store without paying for his fuel. The driver and passenger were taken back to the store to pay for their fuel. No further action was taken.

The following persons are incarcerated in the Carson County Jail: Wendell Chambers-Attempted Capital Murder; three counts

Kevin McGregor-DWI (3), Assault on Police Officer, Resisting Arrest
David Dull-Possession of Control Substance, Escape Custody

Eric Brockman-Unauthorized Use Motor Vehicle

Joshua Lowell-Possession of Control Substance less than 1 gram

Guy M. McKessick-Driving While License Suspended

Cody Anglin-Possession of Marijuana

Andrew Kendall-DPS Warrant, Driving while License Suspended, and Drug Paraphernalia

JAIL INTAKE REPORT

There were four persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 30 through October 6, 2002. Currently, there are seven persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Betty May, 36, Panhandle, TX; Other Agency Warrant-Callahan Co.

Patrosinio Vega, 21, McLean, TX; Failure to Appear on Making Alcohol available to Minor Charge

Andrew Kendall, 20, Grapevine, TX; Traffic Warrants-DPS & Driving While License Suspended and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Michael Iles, 23, Panhandle, TX; Public Intoxication

OBITUARY

MARY ELLA SCHAFFER

Mary Ella Schaffer, 84, passed away on October 8, 2002 in Canyon. She was born January 30, 1918. Mrs. Schaffer grew up in Clarendon and graduated from Groom High School.

Graveside services are to be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Jericho Cemetery with The United Methodist Preacher Weldon Rives presiding.

She was married to Gordon William of Groom. Mrs. Schaffer was a homemaker.

Mary is survived by her husband Gordon of the home; one daughter, Carolyn Howard of Amarillo and one son, Monte Schaffer of Groom; a sister, Julia McGee of Groom and a brother, Ben Bernard of Waco. She is also survived by five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Groom Ambulance Service or Crown of Texas Hospice.

Soil & Water Conservation District Directors Attend Convention In Corpus

David Bowers and Troy Ritter, Directors from Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District #125 were Corpus Christi October 7-9, 2002, to attend the 62nd Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. The meeting was held at the

Bayfront Plaza Convention Center. H.A. "Hack" Coffee, NRCS District Conservationist, Pampa, also attended. Approximately 1,000 resource conservationists and their guests are expected to attend the meeting.

Attending conservationists heard from several notable speakers notable speakers who addressed issues related to strengthening the conservation district program on the state and national levels.

The Annual Meeting began Monday with

committee meetings and a "Get Acquainted" reception Monday night.

Tuesday continued with a welcome from James Moore, Executive Director of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in Temple. The Honorable David Bernsen, State Senator, Senate District 4, candidate for General Land Commissioner, the Honorable Vilma Luna, State Representative, House District 33, Jerry Patterson, candidate for General Land Commissioner, and Jose Dodier, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts addressed the importance of soil and water conservation in Texas.

The meeting concluded Wednesday with addresses from the Honorable Susan Combs, Commissioner, Texas Department of

Agriculture, the Honorable Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, State Representative, House District 40, the Honorable Bruce Knight, Chief,

USDA-NRCS, and Terry L. Sumerlin, Speaker, Sumerlin Enterprises. Wednesday's program also included presentations of the SWCD Outstanding District to Montgomery County SWCD #452, Outstanding Conservation Teacher to Ms. Sherrie Krause of Port Lavaca, State Essay Award to Heather Wilson of Coolidge, State Poster Award to Dixon Knouse of Teague, and the FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking Leadership Development Award to Kelsey Wolfe of Grafrod.

Letter To The Editor

To All Concerned Citizens

WHO LIKES TAXES?? NO ONE. Not even myself. We

are faced with possibly putting another tax in place for the people of our school district. This is going to be tough on a lot of people, but we need to all stop and look at the whole picture. We basically have two options; option #1 being the personal property tax, or option #2 close the high school down completely. The second option would hurt the community worse than option #1. I keep hearing things like "I am going to move" if the board implements the property tax. A person needs to look hard at that option, because I think many other towns have other taxes in place along with or in conjunction with a College Tax and Hospital Taxes.

Let's all just hope and pray that something will come from projects being looked at by our local GEDC. These projects

may take several years to get implemented into the tax roll so we need to be looking at alternatives to survive until these things transpire. It will take the whole community working together to make things fall together. I personally ask that we do not split our community over the issues put before us at this time as we have in the past. So please before you write

or sign a petition, think about the whole problem that we are faced with at this time. I wish there was a simple solution to the problem, but I am afraid that there is not such a solution that you could call simple.

So in closing, may we all be able to support the decision the board makes.

Sincerely,
Tony E. Treadwell
Ex-Board Member
(after 9 years)
now currently
appointed until May

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