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Mrs. Hutsell's Kindergarten class looks bright and chipper on their first day of school. Pictured are Brandon Jenkins, Alssya Watson, Mallory Homen, Bryan Newton, Frank Leven, Sherri Britten, Jessica Kline and Jessica Cogle.

Roll Back Election Still Necessary—

School Officials Say No To New Taxes For 1993-94

Residents of the Groom Independent School District will once again be asked to sift through legislative mumbo-jumbo to decide how they vote on a roll back election.

School officials are stating

loud and clear that they are not raising taxes 254.6%. It only appears that way due to the County Education District portion of the tax budget since the abolishment. Last years tax rate was \$1.25, with 88.81

cents going to the County Education District and 36.19 cents staying home.

"The local School Board voted last year to lower the local portion of school taxes by whatever amount the County Education District taxes increased. The County Education District went up 11.9 cents, up from 76.91 cents, so the School Board voted to lower the local share by that amount, said Joyce Hutsell of the school business office.

"The way the effective tax rate is computed and published this year is going to cause every school district in the state to explain to taxpayers why taxes appear to be going up from approximately 30 cents to over a dollar," states Dennis Babcock, President of the local School Board.

"It's hard to understand why our tax rate the past two years has been \$1.25 to the taxpayer - and now our effective tax rate is \$1.12," he adds.

Kenneth Sweatt, Superintendent, adds that the new law is creating a very difficult adjustment year for the district. "Unfortunately, we appear to be penalized now for lowering taxes last year."

"In order to keep up with normal payroll, payroll taxes, and insurance increases, we needed to go up about 2 cents over last year's tax.

See Taxes, pg. 5



Upper classman Kay Case gives Stephanie Ollinger "The Treatment" for Freshman invitation. On the first day of school. "Fish" were pinned with lots of fish cut outs, goofy signs and bows in their hair.

Football Season Opens With Chillicothe Here Friday

Groom will host Chillicothe Friday night in their season opener. Many sports predictions estimate that this will be Groom's season to win the district and advance into the state six-man playoffs. Last year Chillicothe ended Groom's season 37-35, in Chillicothe, for bi-district. With an 8-2 season, 4-1 in district, the Tigers lost only to McLean in a wild contest of wills in McLean.

Chillicothe was a last minute addition to Groom's schedule. The Tigers will travel to Vernon Northside on September 10 for a repeat of last years season opener.

The Tigers and coaches viewed a film of last weeks Chillicothe-Rochester scrimmage on Monday afternoon. State powerhouse Rochester dominated Chillicothe. Chillicothe is expected to throw the ball Friday night against the Tigers.

The Tigers will feature eleven lettermen off the 1992 bi-district team including four offensive and defensive regulars.

Coach O'Dell beginning his third season as the head coach of the Tigers has a 15-6 record.

Coach O'Dell believes this could be the best season in several years, hoping this year's junior

class will provide the experience needed to help out the team.

Groom is picked to finally overcome the powerful McLean Tigers to claim the number one spot in district 1-1A after settling behind McLean for the number two play off spot the past two seasons. This would be Groom's first district championship since 1976. McLean is expected to finish second with Lefors a close third followed by Higgins, Miami and Follett.

Players expecting to make

an impact and lead the Tigers are Juniors: Bo Burgin, Bart Britten, Tom

Lambert, Brian Crowell, Matt Miller, Seth Ritter and Ty Lambert. Seniors Robbie Evenson, Wes Hall, and Bronte Britten and Sophomore Harold Cave.

"Our overall team experience is certainly our primary strength Coach O'Dell believes. He also believes the key to a successful season will be how quickly our running backs improve once the season begins.

I-40 Restaurant Under New Local Management

One of Groom's restaurants is now under new management. The J&N Restaurant (formerly Carolyn's) will now be under the management of John and Nancy Etchison of Howardwick.

The Etchison's have operated the adjacent Fuel Stop for about one year. Good old fashioned down home cooking will be their specialty, complete with homemade pies, cobblers and pastries.

A daily noon buffet is

planned with a different menu every day and every week.

The Etchison's also do catering for parties, reunions, and weddings.

As a special treat, you can eat free on your birthday with proof, such as a driver's license.

They also serve soft ice cream and have delicious goodies such as malts, sundaes and banana splits. Breakfast is served 24 hours a day and phone in and take out orders are welcome.

Community Calendar

LABOR DAY

September 6, 1993

ANY BOY 1ST - 5TH Grade interested in signing up to be a Cub Scout, contact Ann Howard 248-7467 or Kathleen Barkley 248-7070.

NO SCHOOL WILL be held on Labor Day, September 6.

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on September 13. Pre-school pictures will begin at 10:30.

4-H MEETING will be Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

A PEP RALLY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the high school gym on Friday.

COUNTRY NEIGHBORS will meet at Mrs. Robert Kuehler's home on September 8 at 1:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3 is the season opener for the Groom Tigers. They will play Chillicothe at 7:30 pm here.

CARSON COUNTY Farm Bureau Convention will be held September 7 at 7:30 pm at the War Memorial Building in Panhandle.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS
Wheat-\$2.91
Milo-\$3.71
Corn-\$4.25

4-H Group Presents Awards

The State National Bank, represented by Bobby Babcock, was awarded one of the highest honors in 4-H, the "Friend of 4-H" Award, at ceremonies held at the Groom Community Center during the annual Carson County 4-H Banquet.

Dara Whatley, presenter, cited the institutions 89 year longevity, "... Through the dust bowl and depression they have always supported 4-H." She went on to say that many of the banks directors and prominent customers were once 4-H members.

Other Groomites to be See 4-H, pg. 3

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Thank You Card

To the Dear People of Groom; May I express my deep affection to each one of you. You have truly blessed me this summer with your loving concern and kindness. I feel very privileged to call Groom my "hometown".

My Love,
Lynda Cornett Summers

Ray Austin Pool and his mother Thelma, and Bertha Knight were visiting Mrs. Ellen Dickerson and Mrs. Brumley in Pampa Nursing Center Sunday afternoon.

Fred Brown Celebrates 65 Years

Fred Brown celebrated his 65th birthday last Thursday night. Attending the dinner held at Danny's Market with honoree Fred and wife Juanita were Donald and Juandell Ritter, Billy and Shirley Fields and James and Betty Schaffer.



Fossil records show that some insects have undergone relatively little change for 200 million years.

Local Happenings

Out of town family members visiting in Groom and attending services for Bill Cornett were: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Podzemny, Audra and Adam, Odessa, Texas; Mr. Wes Cornett, Toma, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly White and Brook, Mr. and Mrs. James Slay, Mr. Neil Henery and Nita, Mrs. Nell Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Strickland, Amarillo; Cary Cornett, Lubbock, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Mack McGill and Mrs. Lloyd Graham, Olton, Texas; Mr. John Allford, McAlester, Oklahoma; Mr. Bob Allford, Great Bend, Kansas; and Gary Pool, Canyon, Texas.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

September 2 - Mrs. Jack Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A).

September 3 - Mrs. T.C. Sustaire, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Britten (A).

September 4 - Judy Ruthardt, Mrs. Dean Burger, Douglas Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burk (A).

September 5 - Mildred Miller, Ray Pool.

September 6 - Bill Pavlovsky, Mrs. R.J. Kempf, Megan Bivens, Brent Longway.

September 7 - Mrs. David Britten.

September 8 - Ruby Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Hudson (A).

Mrs. Sue Williams returned to her home in Houston Sunday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Milton.

Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith and Mrs. Wanda Moore of Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Fritz of Pampa.

Ashford And Boy Scout Troop Trip

Dan Ashford had some excitement on a recent Boy Scout camping trip.

Ashford has been taking scouts into the mountains of New Mexico for many years, this however would be a trip he won't soon forget.

The campers had just settled in and were about asleep when something furry brushed against Danny's foot, which was near the entrance of the tent. That something turned out to be a very large bear.

The bear destroyed one tent before moving on to the next. As he slashed the second tent, he reached in and grabbed an air mattress that was occupied by one of Danny's Boy Scouts. Luckily the boy rolled off the mattress and played dead.

Eventually the bear moved on his way, leaving behind some pounding hearts, and some very relieved campers.

Oddly enough, Danny had just discussed with the campers what to do in case of a bear attack.

Danny also accompanied several Groom boys to a Texas Ranger game at Arlington. Those attending were Terry Eatmon, Joe Britten, Nick Ashford, Jason Peters, and Jason Prather. Cobb Britten and Sharon Prather also attended.

Blest is that nation whose silent course of happiness furnishes nothing for history to say. This is what I ambition for my own country.


—Thomas Jefferson

Card Of Thanks

Our loss has been made easier by your love, phone calls, prayers, food, and floral offerings. May God Bless each of you.

The Bill Cornett Family

Saturday August 28, was Leslie Neal's 86th birthday. Those who helped him enjoy a good meal at the Groom Dairy Queen were his wife Dora and their son Harold of Clarendon, Ethel Neal and Bertha Knight of Groom. Ethel baked him a beautiful birthday cake that was served with the meal.

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Officers Elected

Newly elected officers for Groom FFA are: President, Chy Phillips; Vice President, Joe Ray Richardson; 2nd Vice President, Bo Burgin; 3rd Vice President, Eric Weinheimer; Secretary, Bart Britten; Treasurer, Brody Brown; Reporter, Chris Burger; Sentinel, Bronte Britten; and Parliamentarian, Matt Miller.

honed were Charlotte Whatley, receiving the Adult Leader Award and Brooke Britten receiving the County Jacket.

Whatley has been a leader for many years in Groom. She is one of the driving forces that keep 4-H alive and well in Carson

4 - H

County.

Britten received one of two jackets given in the county. Members compete on a point system scoring for projects, meetings attended, record books, and offices held.

Other honorees were: Lori Millican, the Rosemary Detton Award; Regina Britten, Junior Leadership Award; Resa Hardin and First National Bank of

Panhandle, Friend of 4-H Award; and Jeff Millican won the Senior Jacket.

Groom 4-H members received year pins. They were: 1st year pin - Wyatt Britten, and Jodi Homen.

2nd Year Pin - Brooke Britten, Jeremy Lewis, Michael Lewis, Sarah Looten and Michelle Stephens.

3rd Year Pin - Jason Prather.

4th Year Pin - Dara Whatley.

5th Year Pin - C.J. Whatley.

Publish A Book Contest

Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers are sponsoring a "Publish A Book" contest. Students in grades two through six are eligible for prizes in each age level. A grand prize of \$500.00 and

a publishing contract will be offered in each age level. "Wishes" is the theme that students will use to compete in this contest. Those interested should contact Evelyn Hubbard, Groom librarian at 248-7353.

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CattleWomen Style Show Set For Sept. 11, 1993

Top O' Texas CattleWomen finalized plans for their Annual Fall Brunch & Style Show, September 11 at the Pampa Country Club at 10:00.

A delicious brunch will be served followed by a presentation of the newest and best of this year's fall fashions from 12 area merchants. Clothing stores from Pampa, McLean, Wheeler, and Shamrock will be modeling everything from casual to dressy, youth fashions to those for the more mature, and evening wear to daytime western wear.

Door prizes from each merchant will be given out during the style show. These range from small gifts to \$25 gift certificates. For a little extra excitement there will also be 15 lottery tickets given away. At the close of the style show we will draw for the grand door prize which is a 2 day 2 night trip to Las Vegas via American Airlines.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and should be purchased soon as we have limited space available. Tickets may be purchased by calling 826-5250.

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Grand Prize winners in the Summer Reading Program at the Groom Branch Library were announced.

Stephanie Frazer won the

older girls competition reading 65 books this summer. Alyssa Watson won the younger girls competition with 50.

Aaron Watson won the

boys competition, also reading fifty books.

Evelyn Hubbard, librarian, reported that there were approximately thirty participants in the program.

Groom Tigers 1993

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County Assists With Missing Person Search

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
The Carson County Sheriff's Department investigated a missing persons report from California. The complainant was concerned that his wife might have been abducted and taken to our area. The woman was located and it was determined that she had left California of her own free will.

We are currently working with the State Police in South Carolina with regards to a homicide in their state. A woman who had lived for a short period of time in Groom several years ago was the victim. Our office has forwarded information on her physical description to South Carolina. She left Groom and moved to

Arkansas in 1989.

The Sheriff's Department assisted the Groom Ambulance Service with an emergency call and investigated a reported stolen vehicle from the west part of the county. Our department is continuing to investigate reports of telephone and mail solicitation where awards and prizes are promised to those contacted. We have identified four main organizations that operate under several different names. Most of the organizations are based in Las Vegas, Nevada, but the mailing addresses include Montana, California, Minnesota and even Texas. Part of the scam is to have persons respond to ads

where large earnings are promised for stuffing envelopes. Persons hired for this part of the operation simply put the flyers in the envelopes and mail them from the town they live in. This gives the envelopes a local post office cancellation and makes it appear that some of the materials involve Texas businesses. We are continuing to investigate these cases with the U.S. Postal Inspectors and the Texas Attorney General's office. Don't become a victim. You are welcome to call our office if you have questions about these practices. We can help you find out if the offers or solicitations are legitimate or not.

The Carson County Jail is currently housing nine felony and two misdemeanor inmates. We have four inmates awaiting transport to the Texas Department of Corrections, but we are limited to one prisoner transport per month due to overcrowding statewide.

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Home - 248-7301

County Commissioners Give 3% Pay Increases

Carson County Commissioners met in regular session on August 23, 1993, to approve pay increases for several county employees. 3% raises were given to eleven employees including Ardell McAtee, Terri Koetting, Marcy Ruth, Jeanette Cathy, Evelyn Hubbart, Jackie Lewis, Jeannie Cunningham, Wanda Hood, Jean Hollingsworth, Rena Tork, and Jan Murray, as well as five employees in the Sheriff's office and one road and bridge man in Precinct 2. Commissioner's Britten and Strawn abstained.

The Commission also set an hourly wage rate of \$4.25 to \$6.25 for employees that are paid by

the hour.

A letter of resignation was approved from Barbara Sparks, County librarian based in Panhandle.

County Judge Jay Roselius informed the group of an emergency management exercise which took place Wednesday August 25.

Election Precincts 401 and 102, White Deer will be combined for the November general election. Panhandle precincts 103, 201, 202, and 30 will also be combined. Groom, Fritch and Skellytown will not change.

Commissioner Smith moved to set the 1993 tax rate at .3372/\$100.00.

The next meeting of the Court will be September 13.

1993 Property Tax Rates in Groom ISD

This notice concerns 1993 property tax rates for Groom ISD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 192,048
Last year's debt taxes	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 192,048
Last year's tax base	\$ 53,066,706
Last year's total tax rate	\$.3619/100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 192,048
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 54,198,379
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.35434/100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.36497/100

This year's rollback tax rate:

School maintenance and operations component	\$ 610,720
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 54,444,069
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 1.12173/100
+ \$.05 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.18173/100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.18173/100

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 590,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Carson County Appraisal District

Name of person preparing this notice Donita Herber
Title Chief Appraiser
Date Prepared August 23, 1993

DPS REPORT

As The Interstate Turns...

By Joe Longway

On Sunday, August 22nd Trooper Chris Ray arrested a man for DWI, 2nd offense and Driving while License Suspended. Later Chris Ray arrested another subject for DWI on US 60. Both men were placed in the Carson County Jail.

On Monday the 23rd, Chris Ray arrested a man on outstanding Amarillo Police Department traffic warrants. The man was placed in the Carson County Jail until Amarillo could pick him up. Later that evening Trooper Jeff Robertson of Borger (soon to be of Pampa) arrested a man for DWI, 2nd offense.

On Wednesday the 25th, Corporal Roland McGill arrested a man on US 60 and FM 2373 for Possession of Marijuana, Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication. The very disturbed young man was placed in the Carson County Jail until he could be arraigned before John Tyler.

On Saturday the 28th, Chris Ray arrested a woman, 4½ months pregnant, for DWI. In a later incident, Trooper Ray arrested a man for DWI and his female companion for Public Intoxication on US 60. All three were placed in the Carson County Jail.

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National Grandparents Week Should Be Celebrated By All

By Donna Burton

As a child I was blessed by three sets of grandparents. The local grandmas were classified into two very unique categories; "Old Sick Grandma" and "Old Mean Grandma".

"Old Sick Grandma" was thus named because she had a slight heart problem that flared up anytime it was convenient. She was truly sick enough that no one was ever completely sure if she was really ill or if she just didn't want to do something.

Being a devout Pentecostal, she taught Sunday School for several decades and was a fine

Christian. However, I learned early on that two things really paid off at "Old Sick Grandma's" house. Number one was that if you went to church with her, you got to eat at Furr's afterward, where they had turkey and dressing and strawberry shortcake every Sunday. Number two was that you could get anything you wanted if you only said you wanted to be a missionary when you grew up.

Grandma did figure me out and catch on to my little game.

"Old Mean Grandma" was another story. She was so christened due to an incident when I was about 5

or 6. My mother was going to the doctor and I was to stay with grandma. As my mom's '55 Chevy drove away, I decided I didn't want to stay. I ran out the gate and down the street screaming and crying. When she caught me (and she could move pretty fast

for a great-grandma) she had a fly swatter the size of a grain scoop in her hand. Your imagination can guess what she did with it.

I cried so hard that I threw up, sure that the act of retching would get me a little sympathy. Low and behold she did the most awful thing . . . she whipped me again! PaPa was so mad at her that they didn't speak for a week.

Needless to say I never gave her cause to think about using that fly swatter on me again.

Somehow I don't think she ever got over the guilt of that day because the older I got, the more perfect (in her eyes) I became. At the time of her death at the age of 93, I had almost achieved sainthood. (Those of you who know me, know how ridiculous that is).

Bless their hearts, they are all gone now and I would give anything to tell them how special they were and how I enjoy remembering my childhood and their powerful roll in it.

If I could have a wish granted for every child it would be to have a special grandparent like I had.

Next Sunday, September 12 is National Grandparents Day. If you are lucky enough to have grandparents take time to tell them how wonderful they are.



Jaco - McCoy Exchange Vows

St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Amarillo was the scene of the Saturday wedding of Jyeton Jaco and Greg McCoy, both of Amarillo. The Rev. Jerry Moore of the First United Methodist Church of Miami officiated at the wedding held at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Ruby Jaco of Canadian and the granddaughter of Ruby Denton of Groom. The bridegroom's parents are

Roger and Donna McCoy and Tom Williams of Amarillo.

Myrlah Jaco, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Molly Krehbiel of Amarillo and Melinda Young of Lubbock.

Roger McCoy was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Chris Gilbert of Amarillo and Ronnie Gilmore of Canyon.

Jyarid Jaco, brother of the bride, Ryan McCoy and Ty McCoy of Amarillo and Wendall Wiggins of

Tucumcari, New Mexico, served as ushers.

The candlelighters were Zach McCoy and Jacob McCoy of Amarillo.

Amy McCoy of Amarillo and Heather Billington of Austin registered the guests.

Amy Hartley of Stinnett provided music for the ceremony.

A reception, hosted by the parents of the bride, was held at the church following the ceremony. Servers were Michelle Savage, Michelle Grounds and Amy McCoy of Amarillo and Heather Billington of Austin.

The bride is a nursing student at West Texas A&M and is employed at Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic. Her husband is a graduate of the Amarillo College Paramedicine Program and is employed at Amarillo College and Family Hospital.

Taxes

Now, though, we will have to lower taxes again this year. Next year will be tough because we will have to spend out of fund balance this year to cover the forced tax decrease.

"We know, though, that we can depend on our taxpayers to do what's best for our school next year. They have always demonstrated a high level of commitment to this school and this community, and we know they will continue with that support."

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THURSDAY: Hamburger Steak w/Onions and Mushrooms, Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese.

FRIDAY: Fish Fillets, Baked Shrimp, French Fries, Hushpuppies.

SATURDAY: Baked Ham, Yams, Creamed Corn, Blackeyed Peas.

SUNDAY: Roast Fork, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Glazed Carrots.

I-40 Exit 113 Groom, Texas

Worship Time Change

Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00

407 E. First
Phone: 248-7941
Pastor: Bryan Richardson

First Baptist Church
Groom, Texas



Tax Rate Increase Drop In Property Values

Despite a 1.2% drop in property values, school trustees raised tax rates to produce 9.5% more revenue last year. School budgets were increased \$1.5 billion last fall for a total of \$18.7 billion. The total budget averaged \$5,284 per student. Classroom teachers received one dollar in four of the additional spending. Schools added 17,007 employees - an average of one new employee for each 4.8 additional students.

The figures come from the latest issue of "Benchmark 1992-93 School District Budgets in Texas", an annual publication of the Texas Research League, an Austin-based, educational corporation engaged in governmental research.

An average of \$4,255 per student for current operations was budgeted last year plus \$337 for repayment of debt and \$602 for capital outlay.

Groom ISD's budget provided \$5,278.82 per student for current operations, \$00, for debt service, and \$988.68 for capital outlay based on 228 students enrolled in October 1992.

The average base salary for classroom teachers paid by Groom ISD in October 1992 was \$24,324, plus supplements for the career ladder. The average for administrators was \$42,705, and \$29,400, for other professional support employees (librarians, counselors, nurses, supervisors, etc.).

Four dollars in each five were spent for salaries. Statewide payroll expense averaged \$3,439 per student, as compared to \$3,882.32 in Groom ISD. Payroll expense is determined by salary levels and staffing patterns.

Taxpayers provided one teacher for 11.8 students in Groom ISD while the statewide pupil-teacher ratio was 16.1 to one.

School districts and county education districts imposed a property tax at the rate of \$1.435 per \$100 of appraised value, which value averaged 98.6% of market value (selling price). The "true tax rate" was \$1.385 (\$1,405 times 98.6%) statewide. Locally, the Groom ISD imposed a rate of \$1.250 including \$.888 by the county education district. Property was appraised at 106.5% of its market value making the true rate \$1.332 per \$100 of market value (selling price). The report points out that the calculation of a true tax rate based on market value rather than on appraised value is necessary to make a valid comparison of tax levels with other schools.

The tax on a house that would sell for \$80,000, in Groom ISD would have been \$1,048. If the

homeowner were eligible for homestead exemptions, the tax would have been \$836. That compares with statewide average tax bills of \$1,078, and \$854, respectively for an \$80,000 house.

Last year Groom ISD's revenue from the property tax decreased by 5.7 percent for 1992-93 as compared to a 9.5 increase statewide.

Local property taxes plus state aid totaled \$5,129 per student in Groom ISD as compared to \$4,243 statewide.

The state and local share of the foundation program averaged \$3,144 per student last year and was \$4,061 in Groom ISD. Local school districts can levy property taxes to enrich the foundation program. Enrichment last year averaged \$822 per pupil to which the state added an average of \$433 per student to guarantee the tax yield in property-poor districts. Enrichment by the Groom ISD was \$831; the state guarantee added \$514.

For the coming school year, the local share is increased from the 82-cent rate by county education districts to an 86-cent rate levied by school districts. The percentage homestead exemption and freepoint goods exemptions voted for CEDs will terminate. The legislature increased state aid an average of \$3,990 for each addition student as compared to an average of \$1,825 for all students last year.

Oral Polio Vaccine Celebrates 30th Anniversary
(NAPS)—Today's parents no longer live in fear that their children will contract polio, a disease that once disabled thousands of children and young adults. Thirty years ago, the oral polio vaccine became available in the U.S. Currently, young adults know little about polio.

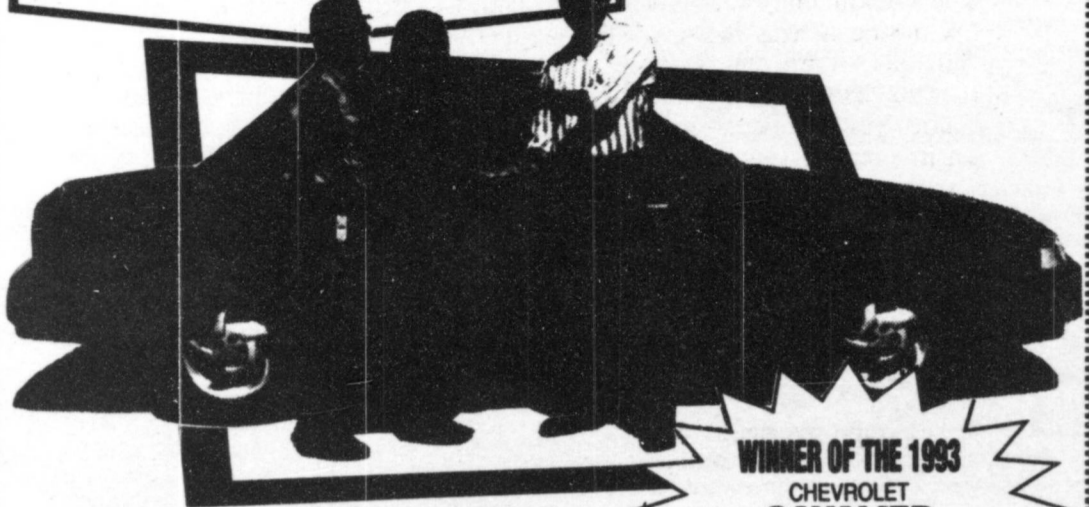
According to a survey conducted by the National Easter Seal Society and Lederle-Praxis Biologicals, only 26 percent of adults under age 30 know or have met someone with polio, compared to 53 percent over age 50.

"It's critical that new parents in their 20s and 30s understand that polio wasn't a threat to them because they were immunized, and that they must take the same precautions with their children," said James E. Williams, Jr., president, National Easter Seal Society.

Polio affects spinal cord motor nerve cells, which can lead to paralysis, muscle weakness and arthritis, among other serious medical consequences.

Children should be immunized against polio at two, four, six (optional) and 15 months of age and again between four and six years old. The oral polio vaccine is available from Lederle-Praxis Biologicals.

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Weinheimer To Study In Turkey

Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources graduate Matt Weinheimer has been awarded a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship grant to Turkey. Weinheimer graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in agronomy.

Weinheimer will research the heat and drought tolerance of wheat at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara. During the eight-month study period, he will study molecular genetics, genetic engineering and biotechnology. After completing his Fulbright grant, Weinheimer will return to Texas Tech to complete a master's degree in crop science. He plans to further his education by earning a doctorate in crop science with an emphasis in plant molecular biology and genetics.

"Turkey is a lot like West Texas in that it is a semi-arid region, so what I learn in Turkey I can apply here," Weinheimer said. "I plan to study the effects of drought and heat on wheat crops and I hope to learn something that I can apply to crop management in the United States."

Weinheimer was one of 11 students from Texas Tech who applied for a Fulbright Scholarship in October. The scholarship program was established in 1946 by former Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright.

Weinheimer is one of nearly 2,000 students across the United States to receive a Fulbright grant to study abroad for the 1993-94 school year.

Weinheimer leaves his hometown of Groom in September to begin his studies October 1 in Turkey. On July 9, Weinheimer resigned the office of Student Association president. He was elected to the office in April and was notified of the Fulbright selection in May.

As a Fulbright scholar, Weinheimer will represent the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Dean Sam Curl said Weinheimer's selection strengthens the college.

"It brings a lot of stature to the college and the university. It is a very visible kind of award and we are very proud of Matt. He is an outstanding student, so naturally I think he is an ideal awardee for the Fulbright," Curl said.

Texas Tech's Overseas Opportunities Counselor Linda McGowan said Weinheimer is the fourth Texas Tech student in the last three years to receive a Fulbright award.

Nearly 5,000 grants are awarded annually to American students, teachers and scholars who have a willingness to share their knowledge, ideas and energy with different cultures

THE ACCOMPANYING TAX NOTICE IS WRONG!

The Groom Independent School District is required by state law to publish the accompanying tax notice in this form, even though the notice is deceptive. Because of an omission in the recently-enacted state law, Groom I.S.D. may not include revenue collected by the county education district in the calculation of taxes for the 1992-93 school year. The effect of this is to understate last year's actual school tax rate and produce an inaccurate comparison of last year's tax rate to this year's tax rate.

The correct comparison of tax rates is as follows:

Last year's (1992-93) total school tax rate (including county education district taxes):	\$ 1.25
This year's (1993-94) proposed school tax rate:	\$ 1.25
Percentage change:	.00

*The percentage increase shown in the first paragraph below may appear unusually high because it does not reflect 1992 taxes levied by the now-abolished county education district (CED). In 1992, the CED levied a portion of the taxes used for school purposes, and the school district levied the remainder of school taxes. In 1993, school districts will levy all school taxes. For an explanation of the increase, attend the public hearing scheduled below or call your school district.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Groom ISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1992 by *254.6 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on 09/13/93 at 8:00 P.M.
Dennis Babcock, David Britten, Ken Burger, Gary Davis,
FOR the proposal: Adela Kotara, Don Lyles, and Tony Treadwell.
AGAINST the proposal: None.
PRESENT and not voting: None.
ABSENT: None.

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1992 tax rate that the unit publishes on 09/02/93. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	LAST YEAR COUNTY EDUC DIST	LAST YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	THIS YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT
Average home value	\$23,952	\$ 23,952	\$ 24,298
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 9,790	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Average taxable value	\$14,162	\$ 18,952	\$ 19,298
Tax Rate	.8881/\$100	.3619/100	\$1.25/100 <small>(proposed)</small>
Tax	\$125.77	\$ 68.59	\$241.23 <small>(proposed)</small>
(OPTIONAL) Total 1992 School Taxes	\$194.36	(OPTIONAL) Total 1993 School Taxes	\$241.23

This paragraph compares last year's CED and school district taxes with this year's proposed school district taxes:
Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 46.87 or 24.1 percent compared with last year's total school taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ -0- per \$100 of taxable value or -0- percent compared to last year's total school tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

This paragraph compares last year's school district tax with this year's proposed school district taxes:
Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$172.64 or *251.7 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.8881 per \$100 of taxable value or *245.4 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Local Happenings

Last week William and Floretta Neal of Amarillo, Leslie Neal of Clarendon and Bertha Knight of Groom went to Arkansas to attend the funeral of their 94 year old cousin, Mrs. Flora Kirk. She passed

away Sunday, August 22 at Fayetteville and was laid to rest Tuesday, August 24 at Summers, Arkansas in the Sanderville Cemetery, after the grave side service, the Methodist women of her church served a delicious

meal for the family in the home of Mrs. Kirk's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Branchcomb.

The Neal's and Bertha went on to Durrant, Oklahoma and visited relatives and friends before returning home.

Groom School Lunch Menu

September 6 - Labor Day, No School.

September 7 - Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, chocolate cake, milk.

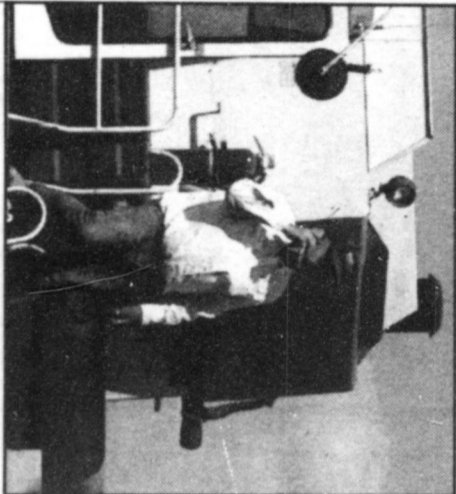
September 8 - Breakfast:

Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes w/ chipped ham and grated cheese, broccoli cuts w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, jello, milk.

September 9 - Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni,

cheese pizza, salad, crackers, peach slices, milk.

September 10 - Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, roast gravy, green beans, hot rolls, yummy oatmeal cookies, milk.



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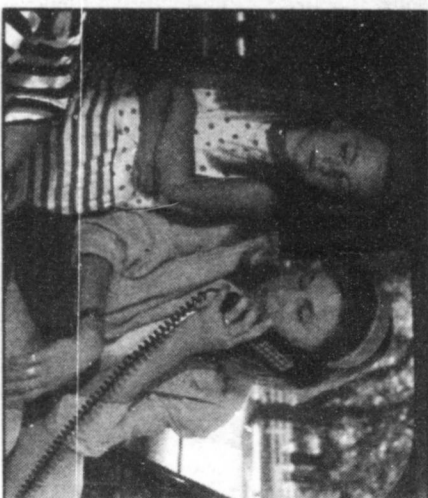
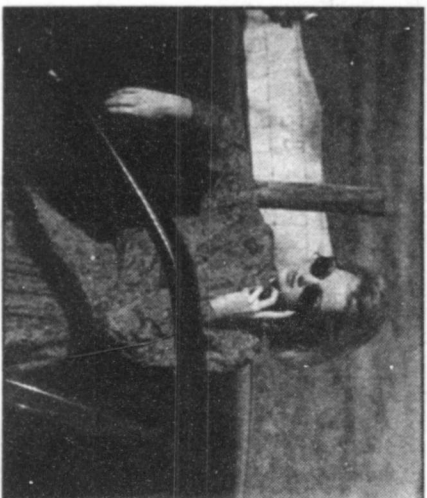
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