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Boy Scouting Builds Character And Maturity

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade.

Parents, leaders and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Some purposes include character development, good citizenship, sportsmanship, respectful relationships, fun and adventure.

Last Thursday the McLean Cub Scout Pack had its annual Fall Recruiting in the City Park. Parents, current Scouts and six new Scouts enjoyed, games, hotdogs and watermelon. We had several parents volunteer to help with their boys dens. These parents will be rewarded by watching their son and fellow Scouts grow with Character

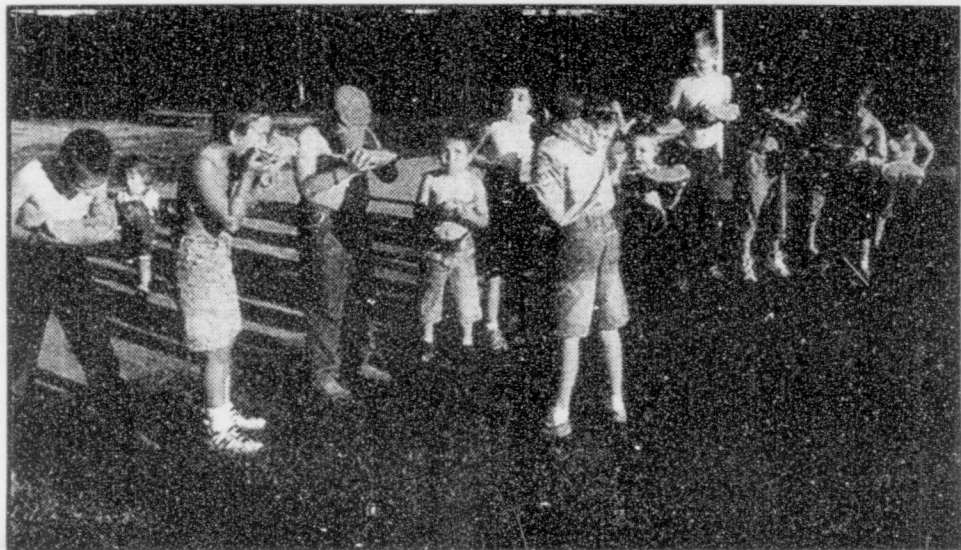
Development. It is a very rewarding opportunity. Most parents have as much fun or more fun than their son.

The Parents and Leaders scheduled the calendar for the McLean Cub Pack. We have big plans for our monthly pack meetings, Pinewood Derby, Fishing, Camp and lots more.

Our first outing will be September 24, at MK Brown Camp for a day of fishing. Each Cub Scout makes a promise and in that promise is "To help other people".

One important thing that is scheduled is our Scouting for Food. This project is a National Project in mid November with the Boy Scouts of America to collect food items for the needy families. Our local

Scouts choose to leave the food in Mclean for Loaves and Fishes and the Helping Hand.



Boy Scout Pack 425 held their annual Fall Recruiting at the City Park. They enjoyed games, food and especially this watermelon eating contest. The packs promise this year is "to help other people." The Boy Scouts are looking for help to by new shirts and supplies for the six new Scouts. To help call Gaylyn Manns at 779-2805.

We are all planning and looking forward to a

exciting and fun year of Scouting.

Dens will begin meeting this week. It is not to late to

join Scouting. Please contact Gaylyne at 779-2805 to sign up.

Hurricane Katrina Hits Everyone

Over the past week we have seen images on television of devastation in Louisiana and Mississippi due to Hurricane Katrina. Whatever your views may be about whether anyone is at fault for lack of preparedness, the fact remains that human lives have been changed forever. People have lost their homes, family members,

their jobs, and sentimental items.

The country has been effected by this tragedy. Gas prices have soared and with that other costs will also rise.

The military has been deployed in our own country loaded with not only food and water but with weapons as well. Looking, rape and death

have created a stench in the south.

One local family was personally affected by the hurricane. Roy and Mary Richardson traveled to Tennessee to pick up their daughter-in-law, Jackie and their two grandchildren who had evacuated before the hurricane struck. The children will be attending

school here until they can return to their home.

We, as a human race, can choose to dwell on all of this madness or we can choose to dwell on the hope of the future and the love and kindness of the present.

You have also probably seen on television, children helping their

See Katrina, pg. 10

No Public Attendance At City Tax Rate Hearing

The City of McLean held a special session Tuesday, August 30th in the City Hall. Attending were the Mayor, Council members Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, Molly McDowell and Janet Glass. Member Mindy Reeves was absent. Also present was Toni Bohlar,

city secretary.

The meeting was called to order and an invocation was given by Betty Taylor.

A public hearing was held concerning the Tax Rate Increase. No citizens were in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

LOCAL COMMUNITY REMINDERS

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

GRANDPARENT'S DAY is September 11.

THERE WILL BE A public information meeting in the McLean School Cafeteria on Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. to inform voters of the district concerning the Chapter 41 Equalization Election.

DONATIONS CAN BE made at the Elementary or High School offices to the American Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

THE 4-H FOOD Project will meet every Tuesday at the Methodist Church. Juniors will meet at 3:30 p.m. and Intermediates will meet at 4:30 p.m.

THE ALAN REED Community Association will have a general meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a business meeting followed by a Potluck meal. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. The meeting will be in the Community Center.

CITY COUNCIL Meeting - September 12 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

SCHOOL BOARD Meeting - September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Business Office.

THE MCLEAN 4- Clover Club will meet on September 26 at 7 at the Methodist Church.

HOME COMING is September 16 against Holy Cross. Coronation begins at 7 p.m.

THE RED Hat Club will meet at the Red River Steak House at 11:30 on September 12, 2005. All ladies are welcome-only requirement is to come and wear a red hat and prepare to have fun.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet on September 15.

CUBS WILL PLAY their first game of the session tonight at 6:00 p.m., here against Hedley.

THE TIGERS WILL travel to Hedley, September 9. Game begins at 7:30 p.m.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 8 - Roy McMullen, Donald Bradley, Anita Thompson, Ed & Heather Brooks (A)

September 9 - Judy Kennedy Green, Kim Cadra, Jacob Tolleson, Debbie Krueger, Bill and Tina Thomas (A)

September 10 - Zella Mae Brown, Doug Guthrie, Archie Cooper

September 11 - Lou Morris, Huey Green, Daniel Simpson, Mark Watson

September 12 - Linda Smith, Konya Guthrie, Jim Adams

September 13 - Rita Barker, Bryan Bockmorn, Julie Marsh, Brenda Wallis, Amber Dawson

September 14 - Jerrett Coleman, Quenton Story, Leslie Darsey

School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

for week of Sept. 12-16

BREAKFAST

Monday: Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Donuts, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk

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

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

LUNCH

Monday: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Grapes, Garlic

Bread, Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Fajitas, Peppers, Onions, Lettuce and Tomato, Refried Beans, Brownies

Wednesday: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Peaches, Frozen Yogurt, Milk

Thursday: Fish Nuggets, Tarter Sauce, Tossed Salad, Oranges, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk

Friday: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onions, Potato Wedges, Baby Carrots, Pudding

Devil's Rope Has Interesting Month

By Davie Gipson

August hurried by and the most exciting thing occurring at the museum was the Dutch Volvo Club visiting us. There were supposed to be 90 cars and possible 300 people. Not all of them stopped with us on the afternoon of Sunday the 14th. Zeld and Lavern came in to help as well as Delbert and Ruth. Naomi was on stand by. We enjoyed the people and seeing their cars.

We had a motorcycle tour from Italy on August

11. They were a fun group.

The McLean Red Hats were scheduled to tour the museum on August 1st but Ruth was the only one that showed up. The Clarendon Red Hats visited on the 11th, after dining at the Red River.

On August 16th, Ambisio Films from California toured the museum. They included us in their documentary, "The End of the Road". We were glad to interview with them. They were a nice young couple, very interested in the museums.

Through the years we have had several deaf couples visit. We have always been able to communicate with them but the couple that came in August 23 were in for a treat that I am sure they appreciated. Tammy was able to talk to them through sign language. I just sat back and admired her being able to do this.

The art work of Kazart Klass will be picked up Sept. 2 and we will begin displaying photographs on Sept. 10th. If you have framed or matted

photographs suitable for hanging that you would like to display, bring them by the museum before Sept. 10th. We hope this will be a big show.

We had 546 visitors in the museum during August. Thirty-six states plus Washington D.C. were represented. We had 200 international visitors from Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Bavaria, and Slovenia.

Corvette Caravan Celebrates Freedom

The American Freedom Corvette Caravan began in October 2001 as an idea by the Amarillo Area Corvette Club to caravan through the city of Amarillo while flying American Flags in order to remember the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

Club members suggested making this event open to any Corvette, whether they be a member of the Amarillo Area Corvette Club or not.

Every year the caravan has gotten bigger and better. In 2004, more than 130 Corvettes participated showing support for Panhandle Veterans, Firemen, Police and Military.

The Amarillo Area Corvette Club is rock'n and roll'n again this year with the "FREE" caravan to take place on Sunday, September 11, 2005 at Westgate Chevrolet in Amarillo. The parking lot opens at 11:00 a.m. with a barbeque lunch available for purchase.

At 2:00 p.m. there will be a drivers meeting and at 2:30 p.m. the caravan will

pull out with a full motorcycle police escort. The caravan will return to Westgate Chevrolet at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Local Brownie Troops Begin Work On Earning Patches

Brownie Girl Scout Troops #25 and #125 had their first meeting of the 2005-2006 school year on August 31 at the Assembly of God Church.

There were eight third graders in Troop #25; three second graders and nine first grader in Troop #128. The leader of both troops is Julie Ferguson. Her assistants are Petie Bullis, Betty Morgan and Nama Webb.

The girls worked on their try-it patch for music, learning some new songs, including a round and a song from another culture. The girls also enjoyed S'mores, brownies and juice as their meeting treats.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
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Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main

Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st

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

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray

Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2040 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church

Kellersville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church 603 Commerce

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

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean

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

Young Tiger Team Develops Skills Even In The Face Of Defeat

The Tigers suffered their first defeat of the season when they went up against the Happy Cowboys in Happy.

While both the Tiger and Cowboy teams are young, each represented their school well.

In his second game of the season, Sophomore quarterback, Zach Richardson threw for 216 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior Tiger, Manden Conklin had a 73 yard kick-off return run for the team which resulted in a touchdown. He also had

49 yards in receiving and another touchdown. Defensively, Conklin had two fumble recoveries.

Junior, Jayme Welch had 46 yards in rushing with



2005 McLean Cubs prepare for their first game of the season tonight against Hedley

two touchdowns. He caught 7 passes for a total of 93 yards and another touchdown.

Sophomore, Trey

See below, TIGERS



Pictured L-R: Basketball Campers, Grades 1-4: BJ Ketcherside, Kaleb Perkins, Trae Hannon, Braxton Cooper, Jacie Ketcherside, Charlie Webb, Hannah Bowen, Bailey Herring, Andrew Bybee, Hunter Burnett, Chelsea Jasper, Daniel Wells, Whitney Hambright & Braden Hambright.



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Jayme Welch



Coach Herring



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Skipper had 24 yards in rushing. Tiger, Mark Smith caught three passes for a total of 42 yards in receiving and one touchdown.

Freshman Tiger, Chase Bohlar caught one pass for 50 yards in receiving and a touchdown.

The Tigers will travel to Hedley to take on the Owls tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Next week will be the first home game for the Tigers when the face off against Holy Cross for Homecoming Festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Volunteers gave up their holiday weekend time to work on the press box at the football field that was blown away by the recent storm. Volunteers included Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon; Principal, Dick Crockett; Coach Herring, Joe Riley; Larry Wallace, Bill Layman, & J.D. Ward. Suppling meals were Misty Hannon, Pam Crockett and Jacque Riley.

Pioneer Study Club Holds Luncheon

The Pioneer Study Club held it's annual fall luncheon at the Lonestar Buffet in Pampa on September 1. In attendance were Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Janet Glass, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Magee, Sherrie Martindale, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Rosa Troy and Nama Webb. New member Janet Glass

was welcome to the club. Following lunch, a tour of the Freedom Museum conducted by guide Bill Emmons was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be September 15.

McLean Cub Scout Pack 425 Has 6 New Scouts. It cost about \$50.00 per Scout to furnish them with a shirt, patches, neckerchief, slide, hat and book. We are asking for help to purchase these items. -OR- If you are a past Scouter and would like to donate your blue or tan shirt or any other Scouting items. Contact Gaylyne Manns • 779-2805

KATRINA

elderly grandparents at a shelter. You have probably seen corporations and individuals donate millions and millions of dollars to this cause. Maybe you have seen volunteers pack up and leave their own home to travel to the ravaged areas. Millions of Americans, along with people from other countries have called to see how they can volunteer.

In our own home town, pastors are coming together to find a way to get refugees here, not for just a short period of time, but up to six to nine

months if needed. Children at the school are bringing their change to donate to the Red Cross. People are coming together in prayer for the victims and their families.

So, the choice is yours. Do you concentrate on the devastation of the past or do you concentrate on the hope of the future? America, Louisiana, Mississippi and even McLean, Texas depend on the decision you make.

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Basic Skills Taught At Basketball Camp


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including shooting, ball handling, defensive and offensive positioning and other basketball skills. Boy's basketball coach, Blaze Herring and new

girls' coach, Benji Hausen were pleased with the turnout and were impressed with the hard work the kids put forth.

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Mud Football Kicks Off Activities For Homecoming 2005

Groom ISD is celebrating homecoming this week. Activities began on Monday night with a "MUD" touch football game. It was the upper classmen against the lower classmen in a battle that could only be described as "dirty". While it was very hard to tell who was who due to the uniform color of all the players uniforms (brown), the match was officially called a draw when the football was lost in the mud! Javier Caro, Frank Leven and Brandi Bates may have taken the prize for the muddiest kids.

The Student Council was planning to hold a Mr. G.H.S. Contest as the news went to press.

On Thursday the Queen's Coronation will be held at 8:45, or as soon as the Jr. High return

from Higgins, in the school auditorium. The bonfire will follow.

Selected by the Student Body to represent Groom royalty are Seniors; Javier Caro, Kyra Stevens, and Shari Britten; Juniors, Thane Barkley, Brandi Bates, Blaine Britten, Kade Brown, Kacie Galyean and Brittany

Kuehler and Sophomore Chal Barkley.

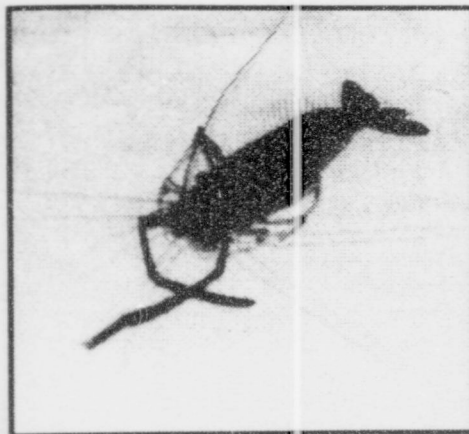
On Friday afternoon the Groom Cheerleaders invite everyone to the traditional Downtown Pep Rally beginning at 2:50. Fans should wear red and black and be ready to show their spirit.

Parents are asked not to try to pick up their elementary and jr. high children until they return

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Blaine Britten looks to lob a pass, while his teammates do their best to block the muddy opponents.



Whatley Harvest New Crop

When someone told a local farmer that he needed to diversify his crops in order to keep a steady cash flow, Darrell Whatley looked around at what kind of products he could grow.

After attending a couple of Ag Shows, he came up with a crop that one just does not come across everyday! He got busy and prepared the field, just like you have to when you plant any crop! Only this time, instead of plowing, Whatley dug a 60' X 200'

X 4' pit and a 12' X 60' X 4' pit. In the pit he put, instead of seed and fertilizer, water and some little tiny creatures. Now 4 months later he is ready to harvest. Have you guessed his new crop.....it's fresh water shrimp or prawns!

Prawns are just about like shrimp in size and taste. Many people who have shellfish allergies can eat prawns because they do not have the iodine. Prawns grow to about 8 inches in

See *NEW CROP*, pg. 3

G.E.D.C. Reports On Summer Projects

The Groom Economic Development Corporation has had a busy summer. Secretary Chris Welch recently sent this report on their activities. The GEDC is made up of volunteers and is always looking to help make our community a better place to live. The following is a brief summary of the work they have been doing.

New lights at the Park have been installed. We also had them put these lights on a timer (1 hour) along with the lights under the pavilion. Previously you had to obtain a key from the city to turn the pavilion lights on. These lights do a great job lighting up the park about the track. Keep in mind that the lights take about 10 minutes to warm up.

We just granted the Arena Association up to \$4,000 for assistance in getting water to the arena. We hope this helps the arena pull in more events and encourages the continual growth of that project.

A land assistance grant was given to Seth

and Melissa Ritte for the purchase of one of the lots from the Catholic Church on Martin street. They plan to begin construction in September.

Numerous Home Buyers Assistance over the last several months have been granted by the organization. The growth of our community is beginning to show with our school enrollment!

GEDC has purchased a new all weather bulletin board to post meeting agendas. It will be mounted to the south side of the Community Building.

The committee is working on several ways to expand the city right now from a residential perspective. They are in contact with some home builders and are getting information from them to try to draw interest. They feel with Bell Helicopter expanding there is a real opportunity for growth. But to do that, housing must be readily available.

The group is also looking for new members.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE GROOM Cubs play Higgins there, tonight at 5:00 p.m. They play Sannorwood here, Thursday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m.

THE GROOM Tigers play Higgins here, Friday night, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

THE GROOM Booster Club will host a Tail Gate Party after the game at the downtown gazebo. Parents and fans are welcome.

CORONATION WILL be at 8:45 on Thursday.

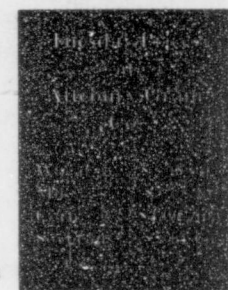
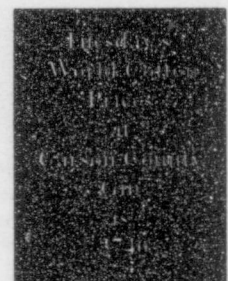
THE DOWNTOWN pep rally will be at 2:50. Parents are asked not to pick up their children from downtown but to return to the school for pick up.

THE AWANA'S will have their Kick-Off meeting to welcome all members back for the new season on Sunday evening September 11th.

PATRIOT'S DAY is Sunday, September 11th.

GROOM ISD will donate all the proceeds from the game this Friday night to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

NEW IN TOWN? Call the News with your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be listed in our calendar!



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Even though we were 900 miles away from home, we felt embraced by all of the wonderful people of Groom and Groom First Baptist Church, giving confirmation that God has angels right here on earth doing his work. All of the calls, cards and especially the prayers we received humbled and touched our hearts.

We would like to thank Rev. David Kelly and Mr. Eric Kiser and the Kenneth Weller Family all of First Baptist Church Groom who not only lifted up our entire family in prayer but did a wonderful job in showing our daughter, Hannah, how a community of Christians pulls together to help people in need.

In Christ's Love
Brad, Rhonda,
Hannah & Samuel
The Avants' Family

Bill and Norma Jean Homer and Joannie, Tiffani and Cody Kling spent Labor Day Weekend in Dodge City, Kansas visiting with Tracy and Katrina Homer, Kendall and their new grandson, James, from Tifton, Georgia. They attended Katrina's family reunion on Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

To the people of Groom, thank you all for the cards, gifts, calls, visits and prayers during my surgery and recovery.

Jamie Vaughn and Family

CARD OF THANKS

"Thank you" to each of you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciate everyone's good wishes. Thank you, also, for the meals, visits and continuing prayers. God bless you.

Louise Conrad

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 8 -

September 9 - Mrs. Bill Hammers, Julie Friemel, Garrett Britten, Erynn Brown.

September 10 - Leonard Koetting, Gregory Martin, Cody Ray Schaffer, Charles Rennie, Eric Torres,

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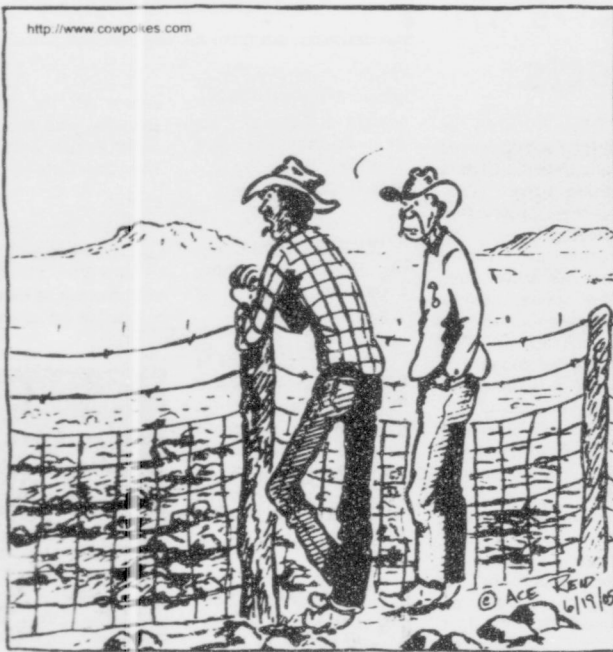
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To request a ballot for early voting by mail please contact the clerk's office at 537-3873 or write to Celeste Bichsel, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

The first day the clerk's office can receive an application for ballot by mail is September 9, 2005. An Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business November 1, 2005.

Issued this the 8th day of September, 2005.

S/ Lewis W. Powers
Carson County Judge

Local Happenings

Judy Ruthardt celebrated her 60th birthday with lots of friends and family this past Sunday.

Those attending included her husband Louis, brother, Lynn Brown, and wife, Loretta, from Warren Oklahoma; brother, Bob Brown, and friend, Josie, from Waurika, Oklahoma; sister, Sue Rogers, and husband, Chris, from Clayton, Oklahoma; sister, Dana Danner, from Harlingen, Texas; nephew, Homer Brown, and wife, Michelle, and their son Tanner from

Wichita Falls, Texas; nephew, Roger Brown, from Wichita Falls, Texas; nephew, Scott Brown, and wife, Charlotte, from Warren, Oklahoma; son, Travis Ruthardt, and wife, Torja, and their son Seth from Lela Lake, granddaughter, Rachel Wade, and husband, Roger, from Lela Lake; son, Rex Ruthardt, and wife, Dawn, and their children, Kailyn, Cade, Corbin and Cacl from Amarillo, daughter, Judith Ingle, and husband, Jerome, and their children, Stephen, Cassondra and Andrew

and son, Brice Ruthardt, and wife, Jeannie, and their children, Megan and Nathan from Groom.

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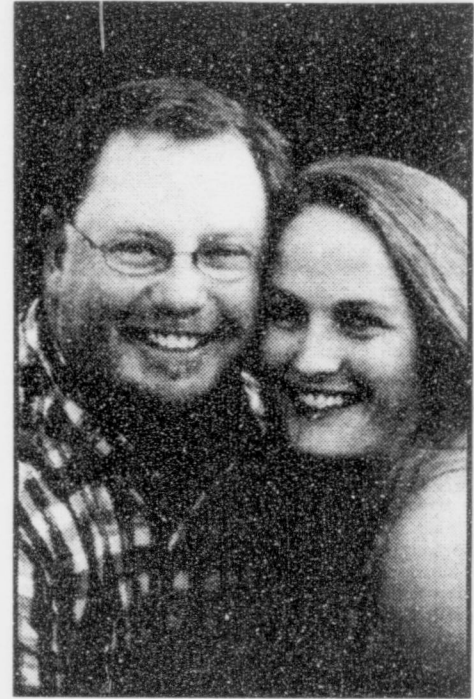
length in 3 to 4 months. Whatley expects to harvest approximately 1000 pounds this season. He will sell them by the pound to individuals this year as a test market. He invites everyone to give them a try. Salt water shrimp may be difficult to find for a while after the hurricane, so this will be a wonderful time to try something new!

Holly Teinert and Hank McConnell To Wed

Holly Nichole Teinert and Hank William McConnell, both of Midland are planning to be married at 2:00 p.m. on October 29 at the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Rebekah Teinert of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Homer and Theresa Laive of Midland and Lena Teinert of and the late Emil Teinert.

The groom-elect is the son of Eileen McConnell of Groom and the late William McConnell.



E.D.C.

The Board is made up of volunteers who are appointed by the city council. These volunteers work outside of their normal jobs and do a great job trying to help the city grow. If you have ideas or know of an opportunity where the GEDC can be of help, please let the group know. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. unless there is some kind of conflict. Their next meeting will be on Sept. 15.

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Groom began the game scoring 40 points in the first quarter and 16 points in the second period.

Chad Barkley scored on a 65 yard run, the kick was good by Javier Caro to begin the scoring of the night. Blake Galyean caught a 7 yard touchdown pass from Thane Barkley. Thane then hit Blaine Britten on a 5 yard pass. Thane Barkley then scampered 33 yards for a touchdown. The kick after the touchdowns were all good.

Holy Cross caught a 45 yard screen pass for the Mustangs only score with their kick after also good.

Groom Tiger, Javier Caro, scored when he caught a 6 yard pass from Thane Barkley. Thane's brother, Chad Barkley, got loose on a 24 yard run

to score the next to last touchdown. The final score came when T.J. Moraniec intercepted a 9 yard pass, with all the extra point kicks good on the night.

This ended the game at half time, 56-7.

The statistics on the night for Groom were 170 yards rushing and 134 yards passing for a total of 304 yards. Passing for the night were 11 completions out of 17 attempts, with no interceptions. There were no punts and no fumbles lost. There were 2 penalties for 20 yards.

Groom Tigers will host Higgins at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in Tiger Stadium. The Coyotes last state playoff game was in 1993.

Coach Mike Hendricksen is in his first year as head coach and he is simply worried about keeping enough players on the field to play football this year. Coach Hendricksen said, "Our players must stay healthy

to be good and competitive."

Higgins won only one game last year.

Higgins has a player who has never played

football but only played so that Higgins could field a team.

The Coyotes will be led by Devon Morehead, a returning starter at both running back and cornerback. He is expected to get the bulk of the carries this week and Calvin Ortega is a 230 pound junior who is expected to anchor the line at center and noseguard.

The Coyotes have five lettermen, one offensive and two defensive starters.

The Groom Tigers will be open next week but will come back on



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to the school afterwards. The Tigers will face Higgins at 7:30 on Friday night. Be sure to show your spirit and come and yell for the Tigers.

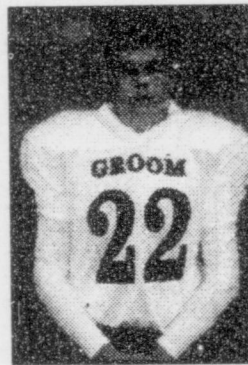
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Groom School Board Discusses Proposed Budget

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a special budget meeting on August 29, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the school administration offices with the following members in attendance: Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten, Kathleen

Barkley and Curtis Downs. Member Rodney Bohr was absent. Neal Brown from Region 16 ESC, Mr. Stevens and Tammy Case were also in attendance.

After a prayer by Mr. Downs, Mr. Britten called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board the enrollment figures for the first two weeks of school.

Mr. Britten then opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. for the public discussion on the proposed budget for the 2005-2006 school year, and the 2005-2006 tax rate as published in the

Groom News. No visitors were present to discuss the budget or tax rate. The public meeting was closed at 7:26 p.m. due to no one wishing to speak to the Board.

Neal Brown and Mr. Stevens answered several Board questions regarding the proposed budget for 2005-2006.

The motion passed to approve the budget Funds 199, Funds 240 and Funds 599 at the function level for Groom ISD for the 2005-2006 school year.

Neal Brown and Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board the proposed M&O and I&S tax rates as published in the Groom News.

The motion passed to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$1.593 for the 2005 - 2006 school year. The proposed tax rate includes the M&O rate of \$1.50 and the I&S rate of \$0.093.

Neal Brown and Mr. Stevens discussed budget amendments for the 2004-2005 school year.

The motion passed to amend the 2004-2005 budget in Function 13, Function 31, Function 33, Function 36 and Function 41 as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

School meal menu for the week of Sept. 12-16 is as follows:

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast Burritos, hash browns, juice & milk.

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

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Fried

Steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk, pudding.

Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, tater tots, pears, pickle spears, milk.

Wednesday: Soft Tacos, corn lettuce & tomatoes, milk, yogurt.

Thursday: Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas or carrots, hot rolls, milk and jello.

Friday: Stuffed Baked Potatoes with ham or cheese, broccoli with cheese sauce, Hot sliced bread, milk and sherbet.

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CattleWomen To Donate Beef To Panhandle Troops Overseas

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen met August 8, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lone Star Restaurant in Pampa. The group decided to send beef to our panhandle troops serving overseas. If you would like to participate with us in this effort, see one of your local CattleWomen for details, or call President Berklee Clements at 806-274-6073.

10, 2005 are coming together nicely. If you need tickets, call one of your local CattleWomen, or Berklee Clements at the above number. There will be many nice door prizes given away including travel certificates. Donors for these certificates include: Tejas Feeders; Joe Magee; First National Bank, Canadian; First Ag Credit; Sandra Christner; Wheeler Feedyard; First State Bank, Miami; B&B Solvent; Federal Land Bank, Pampa; First State Bank of Canadian; Shamrock Livestock Auction; Heritage Feeders; Moody Farms; Cattle Exchange;

Canadian Feedyards; C&H Supply; Carson County Gin; Buffalo Grass Steakhouse; Lone Star Restaurant. Thank you for your support of these fine businesses.

Members present were: President, Berklee Clements; Glenda Adcock, and her guests Gracee and Emma Gill; Carolyn Buckingham; Dianne Buckingham; Amy Brainard; Edy Brainard; Sena Brainard; Christine Marett; Carla Norris; Mary John Stephens, visitor; Kay Stiles; Julie Watkins, and her guest Sadie Watkins; and Sally Wicker.

Our next meeting will be September 12, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at Mel's Diner in Wheeler.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is hosting a town hall meeting to discuss agriculture and rural economic development issues with farmers, ranchers and the community in Pampa.

The open forum discussion will be Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N Ballard St. Media availability will be from 11:15 to 11:30 p.m.

Commissioner Combs is in the area to listen to her constituents' concerns and ideas regarding the future of Texas agriculture and rural areas. As the second-largest industry in the state, the agricultural industry contributes more than \$73 billion each year to the Texas economy.

The event is open to the public and the media.



Groom Cub Cheerleaders will strut their stuff at the game against Higgins, there, on Thursday at 5:00.

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Farmer's Union To Address Fuel Prices

The Texas Farmers Union is urging Congress to take immediate steps to address the unprecedented increases in fuel prices. The extraordinary prices of gasoline, diesel fuel, natural gas and petroleum derived input products such as fertilizer,

chemicals and propane are adding yet another economic burden to rural America.

"We need stable and reasonable prices to complete daily farm operations, especially during the harvest season," said TFU President Wes Sims. Congress should initiate investigations into the possibility of price gouging, price fixing and fraud regarding the extreme volatility at the wholesale and retail levels.

Agricultural producers are among the largest seasonal fuel consumers

in the United States and face significantly increased operating expenses due to the inflated cost of petroleum products. Unlike many other businesses, farmers and ranchers cannot pass along increased production costs, because they do not set the prices for their commodities.

Even before the most recent energy cost increases, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated high energy costs had already impacted net farm income by over \$2 billion. That estimate was before the skyrocketing increases of the past few months.

"In the midst of these increased costs, farmers are facing the threat of agriculture budget cuts to many of the programs that provide a safety net for farmers," said Sims. "We need our representatives in Washington to take action and alleviate this burden on Texas' producers."

Notice of Public Meeting

Groom ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. September 13, 2005 in the Groom ISD Board Room 304 West 3rd Street Groom, Texas

The purpose is to discuss the Superior Rating earned by Groom ISD on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas for the 2003-2004 school year.

(The Groom ISD Regular Monthly Board Meeting will follow this meeting)

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