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Parents enjoyed seeing their child's work in teacher Janet Glass' class.

City Employees Get Approval For 3 1/2 Percent Pay Raise

After much discussion and a vote of 3 to 1, the full-time city employees will see a 3 1/2% cost of living raise on future paychecks. Bob Martin, Sam Haynes and Kendra Birchfield voted for the raise, while councilman Jim McDonald voted against the raise.

Others present at the regular September 9 City Council meeting were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Donnie and Mary Basham, Alan Preen, Chris McMinn, J.J. King, and Jack Sparling.

Mayor Charlie McClendon and Ray Kirkland were absent.

The minutes of the August meetings were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

J.J. King gave the city council a proposal from West Texas Gas to sell gas to the City. The proposal gave the council the choice to buy either by a fixed price or by index pricing + 45 per mbtu with the option that should the market prices drop the City could lock in the lower market price with a one

year contract. It was voted by the council to accept West Texas Gas's proposal with the index pricing with the option to lock in at a lower price.

No action was taken on the Employee Retirement Plan since David Haynes was not in attendance.

Sam Haynes informed the council that the county commissioners were going to meet and make the decision as to what kind of tobacco program to implement with the county's allotment from the tobacco settlement.

David Hall appeared before the council to ask for a reduction in his July water bill. He explained that he's at the end of the water line and when the City had the water off to repair the fire hydrant he had to let his water run quite a while to get the rust and dirt out of his lines. The council explained that while they were sympathetic with his cause they couldn't give him a reduction in his bill without giving one to everyone. The City periodically has to shut off the water in

maintaining and repairing their lines, but that they would try to give everyone several days notice before having to do it again in the future to allow people to prepare for it.

Mary Basham, Executive Director of the Housing Authority asked, and the council agreed, to appoint Brenda Wallis as a board member of the Housing Authority.

No action was taken

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MCLEAN REMINDERS

HOMECOMING WEEK: Mon: Crazy Sock & Mismatch day, Tues: 1999 Day (wear 99 things), Wed: Flashback day (1950's - 1980's), Thurs: Hex the Coyotes Day (Black & Orange), Fri: Black & Gold Day.

BONFIRE is Thursday, Sept. 23 at 8:30 p.m. Snake Dance will start at 8:00 on Main Street. 6th - 12th Grade only!

THE SCHOOL BOARD will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 20.

SHOT CLINIC on Sept. 23, 1-3 p.m.

HOMECOMING Coronation beginning at 7:00 p.m. McLean vs. Higgins at 7:30.

REVIVAL at Trinity Baptist Church. Sept 26-29.

THE MCLEAN Circle of Friends dinner & auction for the Harrington Cancer Center will be Oct. 11. Look for info in a coming issue of the McLean News.

AN IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held at the McLean Rural Health Clinic on Sept. 23 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

McLean I.S.D. Holds Open House

Parents lined the halls and classrooms to take a peek into the lives their children have during the day.

Papers and drawings

were just a few things everyone saw during Open House at McLean Schools on September 9. Teachers welcomed parents, students and family to see the

progress being made at McLean I.S.D.

"I think everyone enjoyed themselves," said Principal Dick Crockett. "I appreciate the parent support we have here."

Museum Holds Celebration

War memorabilia, the "Flapper" era, perm rods attached to a machine, the POW camp, and pictures from generations past take us back in time. A time that is preserved at the McLean/Alanreed Museum.

The 30th Anniversary of the museum on September 11th commemorated these times. The museum originally started across the street from the present location in 1969. In 1972 a grant was received from the M.K. Brown Foundation to move the museum to its present location and refurbish the building.

Celebrating the anniversary, Delbert Trew, chairman of the board of directors, made a speech and presented the current board. The board consists of F.J. Hess past chairman; Mickey Jackson, secretary; Lynn Reeves, treasurer; and Dorothy McKee as museum



Ruth Magee, long time museum worker, receives plaque from members of the Chamber of Commerce.

manager.

Other past members were Margie Fish, Lavern Back, Ruth Magee, Leta Mae Hess, Mary Frazier, Ruth Trew, Dick

Crockett, Garth Thomas, Billy McKee and Fred Cable. Honorary members are Mary Emma

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McLean School Board Accepts \$1.45 Tax Rate

The tax rate for 1999-2000 will remain unchanged at \$1.45 in a unanimous vote during the second school board meeting on September 13.

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for two meetings on September 13, 1999. The first was a special meeting at 7:00 p.m., to hold a Public Tax Rate Hearing. The second meeting was for the adoption of the tax rate.

Board members present were Neal Odom, Billie Ward, Bob Glass, John Holland and Don Dorsey. John Griffin, Superintendent, was also

present. Absent from the meeting was Mike Darsey, and T.D. Simmons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the opening prayer led by John Holland.

There were no visitors present to discuss the Tax Rate. The Board reviewed the tax rate, and adjourned the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened another special meeting immediately following the tax rate hearing.

Call to order was at 7:30 p.m.

The tax rate adopted for 1999-2000 will remain unchanged at \$1.45.

Briefs

Pat Barker went to Amarillo to spend a week with Jim and Susan Barker. The visited Palo Duro Canyon, Sunday

Correction
There was an error in last weeks article about the unknown woman found dead near McLean. She was found west of McLean instead of east of McLean. The staff apologizes for the error.

Museum

Woods and Mary Powell Fayette Bell Barton was given a special thank you for serving the museum since 1976 as museum manager and now serves as curator. She helped in preserving records and the history in McLean. She recently retired and Dorothy McKee filled the position. Vonda Averett, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Diana Roosa, vice-president, presented the board with a plaque for it's thirty years of service to McLean. Ruth Magee accepted the award. An afghan made by Mary Emma Woods was

raffled off with proceeds going to the museum. The winner was Misty Hannon.

McLean School Lunch Menu

September 20 - 24
Monday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Smoked sausage, onion rings, cole slaw, cherry cheese cake, milk.
Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, tator tots, salad, vegi sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: macaroni salad, fritos, Hot/cold cereal, toast, vegi sticks, pickles, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: fruited jello, milk.
Friday Breakfast: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk. Lunch: Cinnamon rolls or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday Breakfast: Tiger Breakfast mini pocket, steaks, gravy, corn, Tiger fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: toast, Tiger teeth, Tiger Shredded Coyote burgers, milk.

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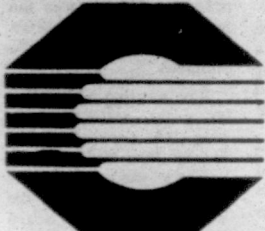
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September 18 - Rebekkah Kniffen, Elaine Sims, J.L. Mann, J.B. Brown.
September 19 - Tuffy Sanders.
September 20 - Joy Brown, Stacie Smith.
September 21 - Tina Michelle Kennedy, Melody Collins, Quinton Brown, Delores Ann Goodman.
September 22 - Stacy Howard, Wanda Lamb, Mark Morris, Carolyn Coleman, Susan Williamson, Clarence and Ann Pierce (A).

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Cubs Lose To The Silverton Owls

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A knee injury suffered in the fourth quarter sent D.J. Graybeal home Friday night. Graybeal

will be out for the rest of the season. The Cubs not only lost a player but also lost the

game to Follett. "The boys played a hard fought battle," stated Coach Burch. The final score was 44-0.

The Cubs play Silverton here tonight at 5:30 p.m. Come out to support your teams!

McLean Tigers Triumph Over Follett

The McLean Tigers gained a sense of vindicated triumph over the Follett Panthers last Friday night. Aaron Rice gained 308 yards on 34 carries to bring his touchdown total to three. Frankie Sparling helped the Tigers come from

behind in the fourth quarter with three touchdowns. Brett Montgomery had three receptions for a total of 102 yards and one touchdown. Defensively Brad Sawyer had a fumble recovery and one sack.

Frankie Sparling also had a fumble recovery and two sacks. Jared Rice held his own with three sacks for the Tigers. "The team showed a lot of character coming back from a 14 point deficit," stated Coach Burch. "The line had another superb blocking

night. The Tigers showed poise when facing adversity late in the 4th quarter. We are 2-0 for the first time in a few years. Good job Tigers!" The Tigers play at Silverton Friday night at 7:30 p.m.



Students Of The Week August 16-20: Kindergarten Jami Alvarez, 1st Grade Ashley Byron, 2nd Grade Tucker Adams, 3rd Grade Tanner Wilhem, 4th Grade Logan Sparling, 5th Grade John Ruel Haynes, 6th Grade Russell Anglin, 7th Grade Antonio Montoya, 8th Grade Traci Rigby.

Weekly Bible Question

Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. Was the thief on the cross saved even though he was not baptized?

A. Yes. However, let's note some important points. Even though Christian baptism was not yet instituted, he may have been baptized in the baptism of John the Baptizer. The thief appears to have some knowledge of the teachings of John because he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in Your kingdom!" John's fundamental message was "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

Even if the thief was not baptized in John's baptism, Jesus had authority on earth to forgive sins. When Jesus healed the paralytic, and forgave his sins, the scribes accused Him of blasphemy. Jesus said, "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic - "Rise, take up your bed, and go home." (Matt. 9:6; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24).

Unfortunately, some have used the account of the thief on the cross in an attempt to show that Christian baptism is not necessary to be saved or for forgiveness. But the New Testament says otherwise. 1 Peter 3:21 says, "And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you..." Acts 2:38 reads, "And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..."

So, even though, the thief was saved by the direct and immediate intervention of the Lord, let us not make the mistake of applying that unique circumstance to what the Lord would have us do today.

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IF YOU HAVE a local brief, contact the news office, 779-2141.

Seymour Boys Earn JRCA Honors

Lucas and Zachary Seymour came home from the JRCA Rodeo in Elk City, Oklahoma this past weekend as winners.

Lucas won in the Ribbon Roping and the Breakaway Finals. He placed second in Goat Tying and participated in Team Roping. Lucas is All-Around Reserve in the Championship. He won a saddle, a watch, jacket, backpack and four buckles for his efforts.

Zachary placed second in the year end Mutton Bustin', and second place in the finals. He placed first in year end Barrels. Zachary also participated in the Goat Ribbon event. He is All-Around

Reserve in the a saddle, a jacket and Championship. He won four belt buckles.



The McLean 1999 Tigers



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And these are high school games.
So, please don't knock those boys down there,
They do the best they can;
They've never tried to lose a game
They're boys, and you're a man.
This game belongs to them, you see
You're really just a guest;
They do not need a fan that gripes.
They need the very best.
If you have nothing nice to say,
Please leave the boys alone
And, if you've forgotten your manners
Why don't you stay at home!
So, please don't curse those boys down there,
Each one his parent's son
And win or lose or tie, you see,
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-Mary Brill
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McLean's Junior High Cubs play hard against Follett.

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Services Held For Laura Eddleman

Laura Mae Dykes Eddleman, 75, died September 9, 1999 in Amarillo, Texas. Services were Saturday, September 11, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of McLean. Rev. James Martindale officiated the service under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

She was born January 10, 1924 in Brownfield, Texas and was a Baptist and attended First Baptist Church of McLean. She was a member of the Texas Chapter Route 66 Association, and a four-year secretary/treasurer for the 20th Century Study Club.

She was preceded in death by two sisters: Lorene Dykes of Clarendon and Needa

Johnson of New Braunfels, Texas.

Survivors include a son, Randy Eddleman of McLean; a daughter, Linda Ruiz, of McLean; a sister LaVerne Brooks also of McLean; a brother, Jesse Dykes of Pampa; and three grandchildren: Jacob Eddleman, Lindsey Ruiz and Anthony Ruiz, all of McLean.

Memorials are requested to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176.

City

concerning the EDC as there was no representative present.

A Public Hearing for the budget was held, there were no comments from the public.

The 1999-2000 budget came before the council

for review and approval. The council voted to accept the budget with the following changes: Change fire hydrant expenses from the General Fund to the Water, Sewer and Gas Fund, add \$9000.00 to gas well expense and \$4000.00 to water mains and meter expenses. The Mayor Pro-Tem called for executive session at 8:00 p.m. where discussion was held concerning a wage increase and employment.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

The council voted to give the acting superintendent, when Fred Smith was gone for a period of a week or more, \$2.00 more an hour during that period.

Fred recommended to the council to dismiss Chris McMinn from employment with the City because of his attitude and lack of interest in his work. The council voted in favor of dismissing Chris McMinn. The council voted to pay the current bills and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Thought For The Day

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV)

Fire Department To Hold Fundraiser

The McLean Fire Department will be holding its annual fundraising raffle for 1999. This year the funds raised will go toward replacing the McLean Emergency Services Paging System. The current paging system was installed in 1975 and has been relatively reliable until the last couple of years. During these years the McLean Emergency Services have experienced various communication failures resulting in extraordinary challenges in providing timely responses throughout the service area. These failures have prompted both the McLean Fire Department and other emergency service providers to consider replacement of the current paging system. The new paging system will provide greatly improved capabilities and

ranges, increasing the effectiveness of all services involved. Current plans estimate installation of the new paging system during the first quarter of the year 2000 if sufficient funds have been collected.

This years fundraiser will be a raffle for a 16 ft. tandem-axle trailer manufactured by Big-Tex Trailers. Their pipe constructed utility trailers are unsurpassed for quality and workmanship. This years trailer will meet the following specifications: 16 ft. overall length; 83 in. inside width; electric brakes on both axles; decked with 2" pine flooring secured with floor screws; two - 3500# axles; wheels - 15" white spoke 5-lug; 2" ball coupler with safety chain.

The trailer will be given away at the last McLean High School home football game on November 5th. Each

ticket for the trailer will require a \$25.00 tax-deductible donation. There is no limit to the amount you can donate. Donations can be sent to: McLean Fire Department, Re: Trailer Giveaway, P.O. Box 212, McLean, TX 79057.

Donations will help the McLean Fire Department employ cutting edge technology to provide the most timely and efficient response of any volunteer department in the Panhandle. If you have any questions or would like to receive more information please contact Clifford McDonald at (806) 779-2431.



Go Tigers!

McLean Care Center News

The residents began their weekly activities by attending Sunday School with the Friendship Methodist Church. In the afternoon church services were by the Baptist Church. Those attending were Florence Drake, Leta Gifford, Helen Simmons, Leta Gifford, Sue Cubine, Boots Phillips, Pat Seymour, Marjorie Turnage, Polly Burnett, Dorothy Pakan, Gladys Andrews, Phyllis Bailey, Fern Patching, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, Davie Simmons, Lois DeFoor, Beryl Halbert, Duella Beverly, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Ruth Caudill, Hadda Moore, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Relia Ayers, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Willie Wheeler, Irene Pakan and Truman Goodlett.

Activities for the week included nail care, games of bingo, dominoes, beach ball kick, beauty shop, crafts and Wednesday morning circle.

Everyone enjoys the bananas generously furnished by the Lion's Club each week. They are very much appreciated.

There was an outing on Friday morning to the McLean Area Museum. Later in the day there was a watermelon feast furnished by Lonnie Knutson and Bill Stubbs came to read for the group. The feast and the reading were enjoyed by everyone and thanks go out to all who contribute to the well-being of the residents.

The activity department needs 1/2 gallon and quart paper cartons for a craft project.



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Weekly Bible Question

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Answers to last week's Bible Trivia: 1. Athens; 2. Gabriel, Luke 1:26; 3. Mordecai, Esther 2:22; 4. Ham, Genesis 5:22; 5. Leprosy, 2 Kings 5:1; 6. Jerusalem, Acts 1:4,5; 2:1-4; 7. Adoni-bezek, Judges 1:6; 8 Nain; Luke 7:11 9. Exodus 20; 10. About 3000, Acts 2:31.

Bonus: Enoch, Genesis 5:21, 969, Genesis 5:27; Enoch did not die. God took him up. Genesis 5:24.

Q. What does "born again" mean in John 3?

A. The phrase "born again" has been used synonymously with "accepting Jesus as your Lord" or "calling Jesus into your heart." The context of John 3:1-8 does not support this usage. "Born again" comes from two Greek words, gennao anothen, which mean "born from above." This indicates God's activity and power in the rebirth. Jesus explains what "born again" means when He says in John 3:5, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Examining the two elements of the rebirth, where does one contact the water? Water is contacted in Biblical baptism, Acts 2:38; 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-5, et. al. One specific work of the second element, the Holy Spirit, is to convict people of sins, John 16:8. The Holy Spirit's instrument of conviction is the Word of God, Hebrew 4:12.

When Peter preached on Pentecost, being filled with the Holy Spirit, he spoke the Word of God. The people were convicted of their sins and asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. Peter responded, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The Bible reveals that about 3000 people received the Word (the element of the Holy Spirit's conviction) and were baptized (the element of water). Acts 2:41.

So, herein, we see both elements of the rebirth of which Jesus spoke in John 3, the Biblical method of being born again. When one receives the Word of God and is baptized for forgiveness of sins, the rebirth occurs according to God's power!

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Night & Youth Service 7:00 pm
Wed. Adult Bible Study &
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Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
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Sunday Bible School 10 am
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
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Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
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Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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Thursday, September 16, 1999

Samnorwood Loses To Groom Tigers, 38-6

Groom blasted Samnorwood in their opening home game, 38-6.

Groom had 17 first downs to Samnorwood's 3. The Tigers earned 279 yards rushing on 39 carries. The Eagles gained 80 yards on 28 carries.

The passing game brought in many of the touchdowns for the night. Groom scored 3 TD's on 134 yards gained on 9 of 17 completions.

Samnorwood scored one touchdown on 4 of 14 completions for a total of 66 yards.

Groom had two punts averaging 34.5 yards while Samnorwood punted 6 times for an average of 24.5 yards.

The Tigers recovered 2 of 3 fumbles as did the Eagles.

Clay Ritter scored the opening touchdown on a 58 yard pass from Grant Weinheimer. Clay also scored the last touchdown on a 53 yard interception

return. As a receiver he gained 74 yards on 3 carries. He also gave Groom 9 unassisted tackles.

Wade Ritter scored in the first quarter on a 26 yard pass from quarterback, Grant Weinheimer. Wade scored again on a 36 yard run in the fourth quarter. Wade gained 108 yards rushing on 12 carries. As a receiver he gained 27 yards on two completions. He also earned one unassisted tackle.

Evan Crowell scored on a 15 yard pass from Weinheimer early in the second half. Crowell performed an impressive 13 unassisted tackles.

Garrett Britten picked up a 3rd quarter touchdown on a 6 yard run. He carried the ball 10 times for 42 yards. He caught a pass for an additional two yards. Garrett returned two punts for 33 yards. Defensively he also



Above: Tiger fans turn out in force at the Pep Rally in the gym. Below: 1999 Homecoming Queen candidates are (back) Allison Eaton, Jodi Homen, Brooke Britten, (front) Jessica Kepley and Carrie Davis. Standing are escorts Skye Brown and Macie Britten.

added 6 unassisted tackles.

Chris Ollinger was Groom's leading rusher with 114 yards on 8 carries. Chris performed two punts for an average of 34.5 yards. Chris

See Football, pg. 5

Groom Homecoming Activities Set

With a touch of autumn in the air and a few football games under their belt, Groom ISD is preparing to celebrate Homecoming '99. Activities have been scheduled throughout the week of September 20-24.

Student Council President Evan Crowell announced that a friendly

competition would be held to encourage businesses to decorate their windows.

"We have not determined what the prize will be as of yet," he said, "but we would like to see which business has the most spirit!"

President Crowell continued in saying that the judging will take

place after Wednesday but before the downtown pep rally on Friday.

A variety of activities will take place during the week beginning on Tuesday with the crowd-pleasing mud volleyball contest slated to begin at 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, the elementary students will

See Homecoming, pg. 4



Commissioners Adopt Tax Rate

Carson County's Commissioners' Court met on September 7, 1999 with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Minutes were read and approved for the previous meeting.

The court heard and approved a request by GPM Gas Corporation to construct pipe lines

crossing two roads in Sections 113 and 130 in Precinct #1.

The county tax rate was adopted at .38814/100. The order includes .28023 for the general fund, .04292 for the farm to market/flood control fund, and .06499 in the special road/bridge fund.

The court approved copy machine contracts for the judge and sheriff's offices. The three year agreement was accepted with Lanier Office Equipment Company.

Judge Powers reviewed the county's health insurance coverage with the court. It was decided to accept the G500 Medical Benefit Plan with Firstcare Southwest Health Alliances.

The recent bridge inspection record made by the Texas Department of Transportation was reviewed. There were no major concerns reported on any of the county's bridges.

Discussion was held on a proposal to repair roofs on metal buildings

located on the northwest side of the courthouse. No action was taken as other proposals will be taken for the work.

The court acted on a request by Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler to hire part time help for the Precinct #2 office. The motion was made and passed to pay the assistant \$6.00 for a 15-hour week.

The 1999-2000 budget was amended to correct a typo error in Precinct #4. The motion to amend the line items to correct the

See Court, pg. 5

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM JUNIOR

Varsity will play Silverton at Silverton on Thursday night, beginning at 6:00 p.m.. The Varsity game will follow (at Silverton) immediately VS New Home.

GROOM ISD will be ending the first 6 weeks of school on Sept. 24th. Six weeks tests will be given during the latter part of the week.

THE TRI-STATE Fair begins on Sept. 18.

A HIGH SCHOOL Pep Rally will be held at 2:56 p.m. on Thursday. Please note the new time.

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Local Happenings

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 Indiana have been
 visiting her mother, Julia
 McGee this past week.

Theresa Wills visited
 Labor Day weekend in
 the Carl and Arlene
 Irlbeck home at
 Plainview and in
 Nazareth.

Diane Bruso visited
 recently in Wilmot, South
 Dakota with relatives.

Rip and Joy Snyder
 visited with Truman
 Goodlett, Mrs. Glass and
 Arnold Sharp, Johnny
 Mertel, and M.L. Rowan,
 all old buddies of Rip.

Card Of Thanks

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The Family of Jean
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Memorials were
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 Groom Lions Club and
 Mr. & Mrs. Jess Baker.

For Gene Quirk from
 Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D
 Harrell.

Cobb Britten
 participated in the BBQ
 competition of the Polk
 Street Block Party.
 Reported having a good
 time despite not being
 recognized a winner, no
 Groom people were
 judges.

Al Alward and Donna
 Burton recently returned
 from Branson, Missouri
 where they attended the
 25th reunion of the 23rd
 Infantry Regiment who
 participated in the Korean
 War.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

September 16 - Jerry
 Dee Schaffer.

September 17 -
 September 18 - Mr.
 and Mrs. Nathan Wieberg
 (A).

September 19 -
 Vivian Lacy, Mrs. Frank
 Babcock, Katie Rose
 Leven, Thomas J.
 Moranic, Mr. and Mrs.
 Don Case (A).

September 20 - Collin
 Downs.

September 21 -
 Beulah Shockley,
 Anthony Britten, Ashley
 Brette Jackson, Mr. and
 Mrs. John M. Baggerman
 (A).

September 22 -
 Gaynelle Pool, Kylie
 Tojlynn Pickering, Mr.
 and Mrs. T.C. Sustaire
 (A).


Rip and Joy Snyder and visited Bill and
 enjoyed the open house Dorothy McKee.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF
 PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
 Special Election
 NOVEMBER 2, 1999

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve, but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

**PROPOSITION NO. 2
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION NO. 3
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**PROPOSITION NO. 4
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its chari-

table functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

**PROPOSITION NO. 5
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

**PROPOSITION NO. 6
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

**PROPOSITION NO. 7
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

**PROPOSITION NO. 8
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific, two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general

serves at the pleasure of the governor."

**PROPOSITION NO. 9
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

**PROPOSITION NO. 10
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

**PROPOSITION NO. 11
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

**PROPOSITION NO. 12
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

**PROPOSITION NO. 13
 ON THE BALLOT**

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

**PROPOSITION NO. 14
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Leg-

islature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members."

**PROPOSITION NO. 15
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

**PROPOSITION NO. 16
 ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

**PROPOSITION NO. 17
 ON THE BALLOT**

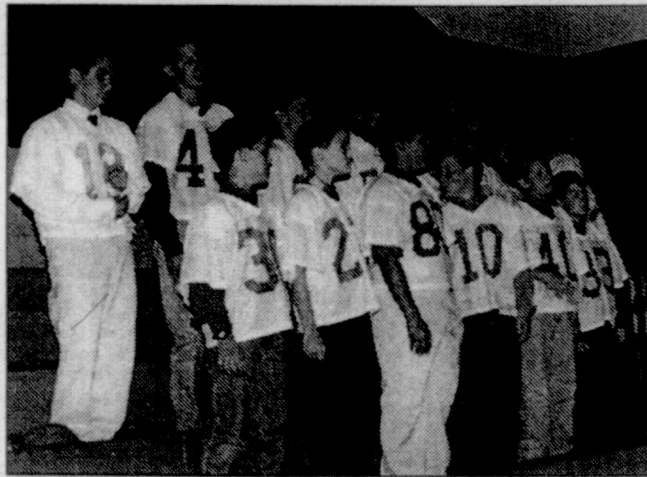
HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

Junior High Defeats Samnorwood

By Brad Rainer
The Groom Cubs traveled to Samnorwood to begin their 1999 season. They got off to a great start as they defeated the Eagles by a score of 20-0. The Cubs took the opening kickoff and went on a scoring drive that took the entire first quarter and ended in a Clay Britten 20 yard touchdown run. Britten completed the P.A.T. pass to Owen Weinheimer to make the score 7-0. The score remained unchanged at the half. In the third quarter, Britten took a pitch from Quarterback Bobby Ratterree and ran 50 yards for the touchdown. Britten then added the extra point run to bring the score to 14-0. The Cubs played well defensively, led by Britten, Weinheimer, and William Leven up front with several tackles and quarterback pressures. The final score came in



Junior High Cubs are honored during a recent Junior High Pep Rally. They went on to skunk the Eagles 20-0.

the fourth quarter, when Clay Britten intercepted an Eagle pass and returned it 60 yards for the score. The P.A.T.

attempt failed, leaving the final score at 20-0. The Cubs next play at home on September 23 against Silvertown.

Homecoming

show their spirit by performing their own pep rally beginning at 10:19.

On Thursday, fans are encouraged to attend the Junior High and Junior Varsity games at Silvertown beginning at 5:00 p.m. Following the games the bonfire celebration will be held.

On Friday, the Downtown Pep Rally will

begin at 1:55, the coronation of the Queen will take place at 6:30 p.m. and the game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. against the Cotton Center Elks.

The Groom High School students will have activities each day. Monday will be T-Shirt Signing Day, Tuesday Hat Day, Wednesday P.J. Day, Thursday Twin Day, and Friday is Spirit Day.

Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and show their spirit as the Tigers battle Cotton Center for Homecoming '99.

J.V. Opens Season With Victory

By Brad Rainer
The Tigers J.V. team began their year with a 32-6 victory over the Samnorwood Eagles. The scoring began quickly for the Tigers, on their first possession, when Doug Fields ended a scoring drive with a 5-yard touchdown run. The P.A.T. failed, leaving the score 6-0. On the next possession Cody Bivens added a 20-yard touchdown run and Trey Britten ran in the extra point, making the score 13-0. Samnorwood was able to score quickly with a big play, completing a pass for 57 yards and a touchdown, cutting the lead to 13-6. The Tigers answered the challenge, with a Trey Britten 25-yard

touchdown run, bringing the lead to 19-6. In the second half Cody Bivens had another touchdown run, this time from 13 yards out. The P.A.T. run was good by Trey Britten and the score was 26-6. The scoring was completed on the final play of the game when Doug Fields ran in from 18 yards out making the final score 32-6. This was a total team effort by everyone on the team, each person was able to make significant contributions to this victory. This was a great start to the 1999 season. The next game for the J.V. will be September 16, when they take on New Home at Silvertown.

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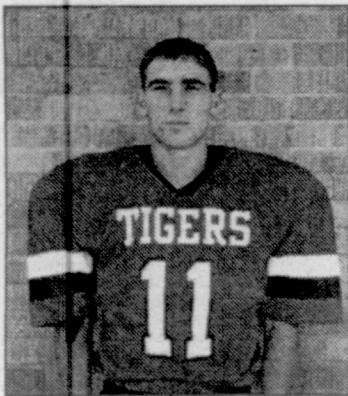
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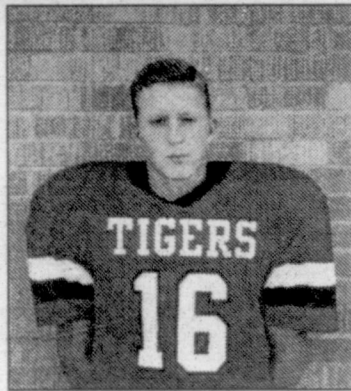
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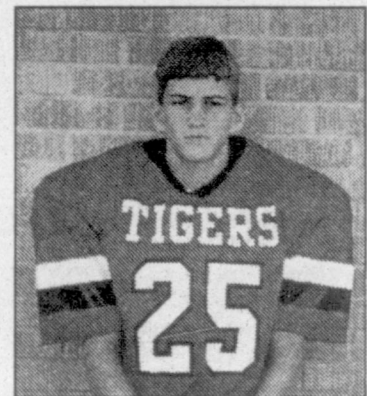
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Junior
Dewayne Gray



Junior
Grant
Weinheimer



Junior
Russell Conrad

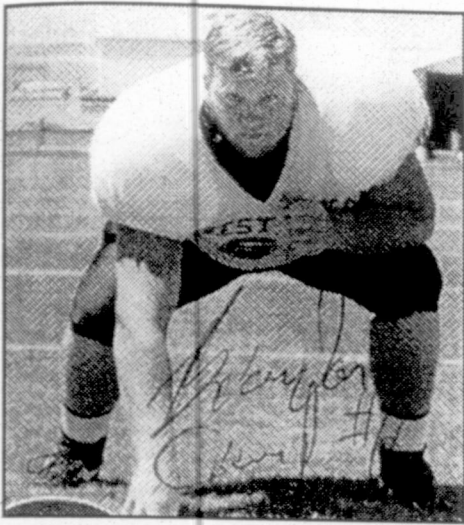
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Crump Return's To WT's Buffs

Brandon Crump is entering his senior year on the West Texas A&M University Buffalo football team. Brandon is listed as 6'5" and 330 pounds, for the Buffalo offensive line. Brandon says "I have been every position on the offensive line."

West Texas lost their first game of the season to Central Arkansas the first week and then beat Oklahoma Panhandle State this past weekend. The Buffaloes are members of the Lone Star Conference. Homecoming for WTAMU is set for October 9, when they meet Tarleton State

beginning at 6:00 p.m. Brandon and the rest of the WT Buffaloes will travel to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma this weekend to meet the Bulldogs. The next home game in Canyon will be September 25 against Southeastern Oklahoma State. For ticket information to catch Brandon and the Buffaloes play call (806) 651-2670.

Brandon is the son of Richard and Donna Crump of Groom. Brother Dusty is a senior member of the Groom Tiger football team.

Court

account and dollar amounts that were originally proposed carried unanimously. The court adjourned until September 13, 1999.

Football

also had a quarterback sack, as well as 10 unassisted tackles. Dwayne Gray had 27 yards rushing on 6 carries. He recovered a fumble and had 6 unassisted tackles. He also ran in the extra points on Groom's final touchdown. Quarterback Grant Weinheimer threw for 134 yards on 17 attempts and had 9 completions. Russell Conrad returned two kick offs for 30

yards. Conrad intercepted the ball, gaining 3 yards and control of the ball for Groom. He also had one unassisted tackle. Dusty Crump ran in the point after attempt for Groom in the 4th quarter and had 8 tackles for the Tigers. Also performing very well for the defense was Josiah Scott with two unassisted tackles.

Card Of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to Monica Howard, Melanie Britten and Marcia Conrad for their help in getting pictures of the football games during my absence. Thanks again! Donna Burton

Revival To Be Held At Panhandle

Mark and Maggie Hillis of Mesa, Arizona will be leading revival services at First Christian Church in Panhandle from Sunday, September 19 through Wednesday, September 22. The Hillis' followed the call of God to move from a country church in Georgia to begin a new church in the neediest part of downtown Mesa. They have grown a solid church there through evangelism and discipleship. Mark and Maggie share the senior pastorate of the church, and both are dynamic, Biblical preachers.

First Christian Church invites everyone to come and experience this dynamic couple. Mark will speak on Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50, and they will share the preaching on Sunday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00 and a Bible Study on Monday through Wednesday at 10:30.

Commissioners Amend Departmental Budgets

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on September 13, 1999 with the following present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected to include the extension office copy machine to be listed in the agreement with the judge and sheriff's office contract with Lanier Office Equipment.

All claims were approved for payment.

Judge Powers discussed with the court an upcoming loss control workshop to be held in Hutchinson County. The school will be held September 21, 1999 in Borger for elected officials.

The court heard budget amendment requests from three departments. Justice of the Peace Bill Hinson asked for a \$150 amendment for part-time salaries. The motion carried to amend the JP#1 budget and take the money from unused conference and education funds.

Approval was granted for \$250 to be transferred from the judge's conference and education line item to office supplies.

The sheriff petitioned the court to allow four line items to be moved to accommodate compensation time which will be paid at the end of the fiscal year. Approval was granted to take the money from line items for deputies, jailers, overtime and part-time.

Sheriff Robertson briefed the court on personnel changes in his office. Robertson said the sheriff's office should be full strength by October 1. James Banks has been hired as a field deputy, effective September 15, 1999 and will reside in White Deer.

Robertson discussed with the court a proposal from Electronic Security Systems to install four additional security cameras throughout the courthouse. The work will cost \$6195.07 and will be paid from courthouse security funds.

Don Moniac and Doris Smith of Panhandle Area Neighbors and Landowners (PANAL) discussed with the court a resolution seeking a professional mediator to handle future interactions between landowners, Carson County, the State of Texas and the Department of Energy and its Pantex Contractors.

The resolution would make the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District as the agent for selecting the mediator. The court took no action on the resolution until it can meet with C.E. Williams, manager of the district.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper presented the court with a resolution which includes a mandatory 15% penalty to be assessed to delinquent taxes. The Court accepted the resolution.

Court adjourned until September 27, 1999.



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Britten, Martin Honored At 4-H Awards Banquet

Carson County held its annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in August. There were approximately 100 4-H members, parents and guests at the Groom Community Center.

Fred and Donna Britten were chosen "Distinguished 4-H Leaders."

Joe Coutts was selected "Friend of 4-H." Joe spent many long hours helping 4-H members prepare their animals for the Livestock Show.

Cindy Britten was

selected "Gold Star Winner" (which is the highest 4-H Award a 4-H'er can receive).

Brooke Britten of Groom had the outstanding Senior Record Book which went to State competition, placing 5th out of 12. Erik Vance had the outstanding Intermediate Record Book and brother Ryan had the outstanding Jr. Record Book and was chosen Best Rookie.

Amanda Martin of Groom received the Rose Mary Detten Award.



Carson County Sheriff's Report

There were three persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 6 through September 12, 1999. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated and 12 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

Marie S. Smith, 45, Driving While Intoxicated; David P. Obrecht, 71, Driving While Intoxicated; Michael R. Gordy, 24, Driving While Intoxicated.

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