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Diane Koetting Blood Drive Is Successful Raising 44 Units

The Blood Drive to benefit seriously ill, Diane Koetting held last Thursday netted 44 units of blood, according to officials from Coffee Memorial Blood Bank. Approximately five people were turned down due to medications or other reasons. Many folks simply had to pass up helping due to the long wait involved.

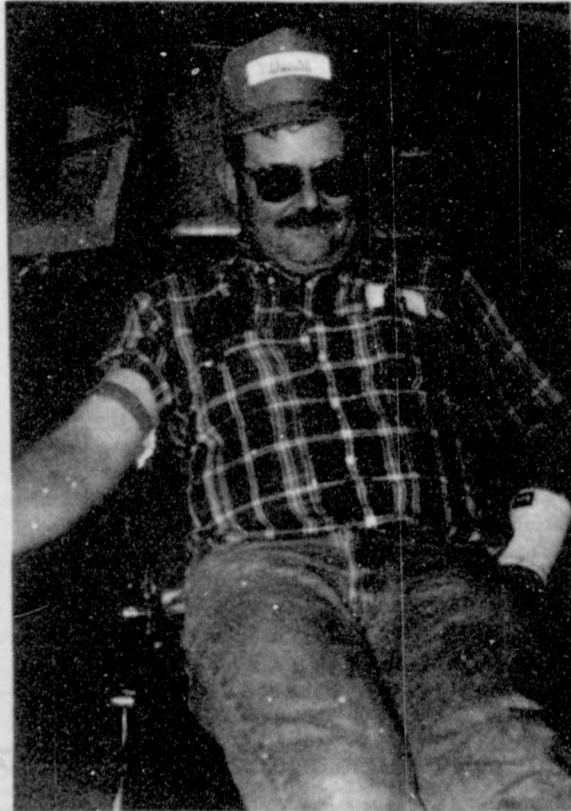
Officials from the blood bank stated that they had brought every available staff member to Groom because of the special need and the drive directed just for Mrs. Koetting. With normally scheduled drives ongoing in other places, it just did not leave them enough manpower to handle Groom's overwhelming response.

The official stated that those who wanted to give but didn't have the time to wait are welcome to stop by the center in Amarillo anytime and donate blood for Mrs.

Koetting's benefit. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; on Wednesday it is open 10:00 a.m. till 5:30 p.m.

At press time, Diane Koetting was still listed as critical, but improving. The family members are encouraged but ask that Groom still keep her in their prayers. A fund has been established at the State National Bank for those

wishing to donate, to offset the Koetting's mounting expenses. Just mark your donation to the Diane Koetting Fund.



Groom's Mayor, Joe Homer, is shown giving blood at the drive to benefit Diane Koetting.



Breeze Kuehler jokes with Julie Friemel as they both wait patiently to get "stuck" while giving blood at the recent benefit for seriously ill Diane Koetting.



Many folks waited as much as two and a half hours, but there was a lot of quality visiting going on during that time.

Groom School Bells Ring Today For A New School Year

School bells will ring today to kick off the 1997-98 school year. Some new faces will greet students as they return to school. Sharolyn Kerlee will be the voice that answers call to the principals office. She was recently hired to take up secretarial duties. Jo Stapp will assist in the Resource Room.

Principal Chisum's better half, Marsha, will be the new first grade teacher. Heading up the Resource Department is Aimee Francis.

A new bus driver for 97-98 is Kevin Kerlee.

Students in high school and junior high will begin a

new block scheduling program, that may keep some of them confused for a day or two, until they get the hang of it. Class periods 1-4 will alternate Monday through Thursday, giving students a taste of what college will be like. With the classes meeting for 1 1/2 hours every other day, students will learn new preparation skills.

Parents are reminded that breakfast and lunches are

provided at Groom. Meals should be paid in advance at the business office or the school cafeteria.

The tardy bell rings at 8:18 a.m. K-3 will be released at 3:00 p.m. Grades 4-12 will be released at 3:27 p.m.

Principal Danny Chisum stated that he was looking forward to a great second year at Groom. He went on to say that he welcomes parents who have questions or concerns to give him a call at 248-7474.

Voters Say Yes To Lower Taxes

A state election was held last week concerning a state constitutional amendment that will lower property taxes by increasing homestead exemptions. 528 voters turned out in the county election, which are approximately 12% of the voters. Of the 12%, 484 voted to approve the amendment, while 44 votes were cast against.

In Groom proper, 67 voters cast ballots. 45 voted in favor and 22 voted against.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PRINCIPAL DANNY Chisum is reminding all students to come to school on August 14, in compliance with the Groom ISD dress code. If you are in doubt about the dress code or hair length, Mr. Chisum will be glad to go over a copy of the code with you. Call him at 248-7474.

ALPHA MU XI will meet in the home of Bea Stephens on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.. Program will be on Chinese food. Rush-ees meet at 7:00 p.m..

MEET THE PLAYERS and Coaches of the 1997 Groom Tigers at a watermelon feed in the park, after the Hedley scrimmage on August 29.

PARENTS ARE reminded that it is time to sign up for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunches for students attending Groom ISD. Contact Business Manager, Joyce Hutsell for more information.

THE GROOM Columbia Clinic has nurse practitioner, Shirley Watson, working. Call for an appointment.

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Commissioners Work To Continue On Proposed Budget

Carson County Commissioners met on August 11, 1997 with all members present. Minutes were read and approved and all claims were approved.

The Court approved the installation of a communication line across a county road in precinct #1, south of Groom. The request was made by G.T.E.

The Court reviewed the list of County C.D.L. drivers who are required to take random drug testing. Testing is done by Allied Compliance of Lubbock, Texas.

Judge Roselius asked commissioners to advise the Court when a "Cooperation Agreement" with other local governments needs to be initiated. The agreements will need to be approved by the Commissioners' Court as well as the other local government governing board. Work to be

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Groom Day weekend visitors in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer were Susan Littlefield of Houston, Travis Homer of Amarillo and Karen Layton of Lubbock.

Dena Lambert will be filling in as the acting Dilla baseball team manager, after the manager was injured in a car accident, according to Channel 7 television out of Amarillo.

Groom ISD School Board will adopt the budget for the 1997-98 school year at their next regular meeting of August 26, 1997.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Local Happenings

A list of some of the folks visiting for Groom Day follows: Betty and Ted Major, Lubbock; Jane and David Burroughs and son of Abilene; Brice Ruthardt and family of Amarillo; Karen Babcock, Amarillo; Kristi Burgin Johnson of Hereford; Truman Goodlett of McLean; Austin and Glenda Burgin, Willis; Wesley and Misty English and family of Abilene; Alene Dean and daughter Connie McLain, husband and children; Jim Hess,

Amarillo; Adam Odor, Lubbock; Rhett Patterson; Marlene Schaffer Morgan, Pampa with mother Oma Schaffer; Jerlene Holland Morrison of Lorenzo; Wendell Smith, Panhandle; Steve Stephenson, Canyon; Susan Homer Littlefield, Sugarland; David Patterson, wife and grandson of Canyon; Rex and Ellie Peoples, Darrouzett; Jeth and Lynette Bichsel Major of Levelland; Edgar Musser and wife Pat of Canyon; Maxine Black Quick,

Amarillo; Gene and Maxine Byars Collins, Amarillo; Norman Britten, wife and son, Traverse City, Michigan; Billy Redus, Los Angeles, California; the Steve Anthony family; Carlene Britten Steward; Modena Mansej Lamm, Amarillo; Jack Britten, Dallas; Jay Britten, Amarillo; Heather Patterson, Austin; Mildred and Bill McWhirter, Amarillo; Jimmy Thornton and family of Howe; Andrea Payton Boucher, husband and son; Ben Britten and family of Dallas; Brent Thompson, Dallas; and Betty Raye Kotara of White Deer.

Clay Britten Completes Camp

Clay Britten completed an intensive two weeks of big league type training at the Chandler Baseball Camp. He attended the camp's sixth and final session, July 27 through August 9. Clay is eleven years old and was in the Midget age group. During the two weeks, he participated in a complete instructional program, a series of interleague games, and games against teams from outside the camp.

The camp is located in the wooded hills west of Chandler, which is between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Clay was taught the basic fundamentals of the game, but the camp's success lies not only in baseball improvement, but in life situations as well. The unique program emphasizes baseball instruction but leads to character development, particularly in areas of confidence,

discipline, and determination. "My major concern is to assure that our program is developing, through baseball, a more determined and confident boy," says Tom Belcher, camp director.

Clay is the son of Greg and Belinda Britten and received special pitching instruction while at camp.

It is in its 40th year of operation, and since 1958, nearly 19,000 boys age 8 to 18 have attended. The camp has drawn boys from every state in the nation, and every continent in the world. Along with Clay, 81 boys from thirteen states and the foreign country of Mexico attended the sixth session.

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Pedal Push Results

The results of the 4-year-old division of the Texas Pedal Pull were inadvertently left out of last week's story. The winner of this division was Jacob Torres of Groom with Austin Miller of Claude coming in 2nd. Third was Trent Murray and 4th was Brady Miller of Groom. Tanner Britten also competed.

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Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 14 - Jay Mack Britten, Christopher Dean Burger, Rebecca England Britten.

August 15 - Dorothy Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. Whatley (A).

August 16 - Mrs. Steven Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hermesmyer (A), Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Britten (A).

August 17 - August 18 - Louis Ruthardt, Christopher D. Martin, Sherry R. Martin, Jimmy Chavedo, Joshua Robinson, Daniela McCoy.

August 19 - Margaret Crowell, Trae Kepley.

August 20 - Jacey Richardson, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter (A).

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Groom Included In Cross Walk Across USA

An 8-foot cross will soon be on a trek across the United States and will be carried through the Texas Panhandle in late August.

It's called "Prayer Walk Across America," but it will actually be more of a relay involving hundreds of Christians across the United States, according to Jeff Messer, pastor of Amarillo's Southlawn Baptist Church.

The Walk began Sunday, August 3 in Los Angeles and will end in Washington D.C. on October 4th at the Promise Keepers Solemn Assembly.

Volunteers will take turns walking an 8-foot cross along a route that will include I-40 across the Texas Panhandle.

Messer has an extra passion for the Cross Walk because his brother Randy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, Missouri, is co-founder of the event with Clarence Lance. Randy and Lance have been involved in two prayer walks into Kansas City.

"We carry the symbol of the cross to graphically demonstrate to the

Panhandle, America and the world that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the light of the world," said Randy Messer.

Along the upcoming walk, the 8-foot cross will cross paths with the 190-foot cross constructed along I-40 near Groom.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, August 25 the procession will stop for a prayer, praise and worship service, at the base of the Groom cross. Jeff Messer hopes it will attract a large gathering of believers.

He said the event has sparked interest with lots of groups, and he's expecting a big turnout.

"As I was reading the scripture about how Christ fed the 5,000, I thought 'this is kind of like that,'" said Messer.

He said he won't be surprised if there are as many as 10,000 at the gathering, which will include a praise band made up of Steve and Pam Hutsell of Groom.

"We realize there are a lot of logistical problems (to

accommodate this many). We're asking folks to bring lawn chairs, blankets and even a picnic lunch if they like."

For more information about the Prayer Walk Across America or the Groom cross service, contact Jeff Messer at 352-5601 or 359-9762.

Steve Thomas, creator of the Groom cross, is helping with the event as well, he can be reached at 248-9006.

Jeff Messer said as a Texas Panhandle native, he has felt a special burden for the area and its people.

On a number of occasions he has himself been involved in carrying an 8-foot cross and praying as he goes.

"The idea of walking and praying has been a part of my ministry since I first began work with churches," said Messer, who grew up in Gruver and graduated from Wayland Baptist University.

He was formerly a pastor in McLean where he walked and jogged down country roads and rural areas, "walking and praying as I go."

He and others have carried the cross around many areas in Amarillo, including every school campus, "praying for our schools and for Amarillo," he said.

The cross project has evolved into a family project.

In addition to his brother Randy's founding of the

project, Jeff's brother, Doug, will travel the first 30 days of the cross walk. Doug, a major in the corps of engineers, has been trained in desert survival, a skill that will be useful in the long trek ahead.

Jeff's dad, Buddy Messer, a retired SPS manager who lives in Canyon, is also involved. He'll drive a support vehicle all the way to Washington with the group, Jeff said.

Messer said that the cross walk and the Groom event will give many of the area Promise Keepers a chance to participate in the Sacred Assembly in Washington D.C.

Estimates are that 1.8 million men have already made plans to attend the October 4 day of prayer and repentance in Washington D.C.

"Many people won't be able to go to Washington, but this will give them an opportunity to have participated in a Promise Keepers prayer rally," Messer said.

He emphasized that the cross walk and the Groom rally are not just for men, but for all believers of every age, gender and denomination.

"Hundreds of people have told me that in unity they've been looking for a way to lift up the cross of Christ. That's our primary goal as we carry this 8-foot cross of Christ across the Panhandle."

Groom High School Schedule

Monday, Wednesday Schedule

Teacher	1st	3rd	Tut	5th	Lunch	6th	7th	8th
Addy	Eng 7	7th		Conf		Counselor	8th	Health
Burk	Ag	Ag		Ag		Ag	Ag	Project Visits
Crowell	Eng III	Span II		Eng II		Span III	Span II	Speech
Fields	Comp 8th	K-1/ 2-3		JH Athl		Eng II	HS Girl Athletics	HS Boys Athletics
Hinson	Conf	Acct		Comp		Comp	Keyboard	Keyboard
Hustell	Geo	Alg 1-4		A P Cal		Conf	Taas Math	8th Math
Ingham	Conf	2/3 - K-1		Art		Band	Art	5-6 Band
Kelm	Gov Eco	Conf		JH Athl		5-6 PE	HS Girls Athletics	HS Boys Athletics
Lamb	Eng IV	Conf		Yearbook				
Reid	Conf	8th Hist		JH Athl		World Stu	Health	HS Boys Athletics
Sloan	Phy Sci	Biology		Conf		Chem	7th Sci	Chem
Yelverton	Conf	US Hist		JH Athl		US Hist	HS Girls Athletics	HS Boys Athletics
Childress						Read Imp		
Couch								7th Math

Tuesday, Thursday Schedule

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Burk	Ag	Ag		Ag		Ag	Ag	Project Visits
Crowell	Eng III	Span II		Eng II		Span III	Span II	Speech
Fields	Comp 8th	K-1/ 2-3		JH Athl		Eng II	HS Girl Athletics	HS Boys Athletics
Hinson	Conf	Acct		Comp		Comp	Keyboard	Keyboard
Hustell	Geo	Alg 1-4		A P Cal		Conf	Taas Math	8th Math
Ingham	Conf	2/3 - K-1		Art		Band	Art	5-6 Band
Kelm	Gov Eco	Conf		JH Athl		5-6 PE	HS Girls Athletics	HS Boys Athletics
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Sloan	Phy Sci	Biology		Conf		Chem	7th Sci	Chem
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As The Interstate Turns...

By Trooper Gary Davis

Well, it's good to be back. My family and I spent four days and three nights in Las Vegas last week and had a great time. We played golf, ate lots of good food and saw a great show at Treasure Island.

I can't believe that school is starting again, but it is! Monday morning I sent a teacher off to school crying and Thursday I'll send two teenagers, crying.

Sunday afternoon I was on my way back from Amarillo with Marcia and the kids. We had went up to see a movie, but decided to come back because of the weather.

I noticed trucks stopped in the middle of the road, about the John Deere house. As I got closer, I could see a white Chevy Blazer overturned. I stopped and got out to see what had happened. And in

my almost twenty years of law enforcement, it didn't take but one look to see that this was going to be a fatality. I identified myself and set people to doing things to help the injured and to try and clear the road and make sure help was on the way. I talked to the father who was dazed and found out that his son was the driver and was only sixteen years of age. I looked over several times and knew the inevitable was going to happen and you feel

Proposed County Budget Study Underway

considered by the county in the future is one block of Hazel Street and approximately 3 blocks on Chester Street - City of Panhandle. Work which has been done is as follows:

- 1 block of 5th Street between Maple and Oak, 1 block of 13th Street between Franklin and Park - City of Panhandle

- Park Street, 2nd Street and Roosevelt Street - City of Skellytown

Commissioner Howell informed the court that he had found a 1988 model van to purchase in order to transfer state prisoners to

helpless and you know that there is nothing that you can do. Well, the ambulance's from Groom and White Deer arrived and started working on the injured. Trooper Chris Ray of Panhandle and Troopers Donald Johnson and Oscar Esquedo of Borger arrived to work the accident. Trooper Chris Ray stated the vehicle rolled seven and one-half times. Speed was a factor in the accident. Dead shortly after arrival at Northwest Texas Hospital was Justin Silva, 16, of Cypress, California. Injured were his father, William Silva, and Phillip Wanneba, both also of Cypress, CA.

When I got back in the car, I told Carrie Sue, who now is driving, that's what can happen when you are speeding and not paying attention. A few minutes before the accident the driver and his father were talking and the next they were rolling down the Interstate.

What I am trying to say is, it only takes one second to end a lifetime of hopes and dreams. Also, Trooper Wallace checked a vehicle outside of Groom going 102 mph a couple of weeks ago on Old Route 66. It had three teenagers in it, one from Claude, one from Shamrock and one from Groom. So like I said it only takes a second to die. Until next week...STAY SAFE!

work in precinct #4.

The Court canvassed the Constitutional Amendment Election returns of August 8, 1997. The amendment was approved in Carson County by 484 votes and opposed by 44.

Wanda Hood, Carson County Emergency Management Coordinator met with the Court and discussed the joint emergency management exercise with the D.O.E. Pantex facility. The exercise is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 1997.

The proposed budget for 1997 and 1998 was discussed and work will continue.

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Boosters Make Plans For 97-98 School Year

The 1997-98 school year has arrived and along with it, all the sports activities. The Athletic Booster Club met Monday to make plans for helping support the GHS teams. Cups, spelling GHS Pride, were placed in the football field fence before 2-a-days began.

Upcoming fund raisers were decided and set. These activities will help with expenses for the Vernon Tournament and help purchase new track warm-ups. Yard signs have been set out. Additional functions planned for August are the annual watermelon feed and introduction of the '97 Fighting Tigers, Coaches, and Cheerleaders; decorating to help promote spirit, and furnishing paint to re-paint the pawprints on the highway.

Dates to remember are August 16th, Car Wash (See Ad, page 4). August 29, Watermelon Feed (following the Groom-Hedley Scrimmage). T-Shirt sales and basketball magazine ads. Your help and support during these activities is greatly appreciated.

Groom School Menu
August 18 - 22
Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, oats, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritos, cut corn, pears, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey & noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza w/pepperoni and cheese, salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Submarine sandwiches, pickle spears, fresh grapes, milk.

Local Happenings

Ben and Betty Ingham hosted a back to school cookout for Groom teachers Monday night.

Kinzi Jo Schacher of Lazbuddie spent this week with her grandparents Bill and Norma Jean Homer.

GIRLS AGE 5-17 can sign up Wed., Aug. 27 from 5-6 p.m. for Girl Scouts at the Dairy Queen in Groom. Every girl who registers will receive a free ice-cream. For more information or if you are unable to attend and wish to join, please contact Mary Head at 248-7442.

Emmett and Laverne Poyner of Oklahoma recently visited cousins, Pat and Dan Ashford.

SCHOOL BEGINS for GISD on August 14!

Services Held Tuesday For Mary Knorpp

Mary Knorpp, 89, of Amarillo, died Saturday, August 9, 1997.

Services were in Groom Church of Christ with Don Stone, pastor of the Church of Christ in White Deer and Kent Watson of the Claude Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Knorpp was born in Range, Oklahoma, to a pioneer family. Her parents were among the first settlers of the Boydston area. She was a former resident of Groom and had lived in Amarillo three years. Mrs. Knorpp was a homemaker and a member of Groom Church of Christ for many years.

She married Allen Knorpp in 1926. He died in 1989. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura



Mary Knorpp

Jean Craig, and a son, Lawrence Allen Knorpp. Survivors include a brother, Henry Merrick of Groom; a sister, Ivy Clark of Groom; four grandchildren, Karan Koch, Kristi Brown, Cristi Craig and Jason Craig; and a great-grandchild.

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Pete Fields' Family Host Annual Reunion

The annual Dr. C.L. and Betty Fields family reunion was held July 18, 19, and 20 at Groom, Texas. The reunion was hosted by the Pete Fields family with the assistance of the Estler Fields Tinsley family. The gathering was attended by 120 members and guests from far and wide.

The weekend began Friday night with a hayride from Billy and Shirley Fields' barn to Lake McClellan for a hamburger cookout. On

Saturday, they moved to the community center in Groom for Saturday and Sunday activities.

Various traditional events took place, including the annual auction for family art and craft projects, family memorabilia, visiting, and browsing through family albums. The visit of the Dutch Doll and Isom Cates brought Saturday to a close. The business meeting and church service were held on Sunday morning. A good time was had by all.

Those attending were: Frank, Betty and Masen Fields; Linda and Stan Hargus; Robert and Kathleen Fields; Judy Pruet; Karen and Truett Gibbs; Minnie Fields; Mira Nell Johnson; Matthew, Rance and Madison Johnson; Elizabeth Scott; Madison, D'Nar,

Millie and Hunter Scott; Billy and Shirley Fields, Keith, Shirley, Matt, and Stacy Fields; Ron and Linda Fields; Shannon Fields; Joe Rae and Kim Richardson; Brady and Roni Michele Miller; Barry, Carole, Brenda, Dean, and Doug Fields; Kelvin, Debbie, Stephanie, Chris, and Lance Ollinger; Clive and Anna Lou Cline; Johnny and Mary Brooks; Raymond, Shonda, Berkle, Balce, and Stetson Ruthardt; Kevin, Jowannah, Lige, and Brody Powers; Gene and Betty McDavid; Travis and Louise Tinsley; Dick and Brenda Tinsley; Linda, Jon, Travis, and Graham Preston; Joyce Tinsley; Davis, Carol and Lori Williamson; Ronald, Laura, Lauren, Reed and Layne Wilson; Leonard and Rose Helen Zielke; Bud, Connie and David Fields; Scott, Karen, Taylor, and

Trenton Fields; Jeffery Fields; Gary, Susie, and Ben Jones; Steve and Diana Hawks; Kehmay Friedberg and Carter Hawks, Mark; Henry and Koma Beryl Fields; Joe and Kay Henard; Jack, Lindsey and Karli Fields; Fred and Janet Moseley; Jerred Moseley and Katrinna Hoyse and 2 guests.

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1997 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CARSON COUNTY

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for CARSON COUNTY. 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 \$400 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market Flood Control Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,336,288	\$ 202,862	\$ 309,991
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,336,288	\$ 202,862	\$ 309,991
Last year's tax base	\$ 512,380,481	\$ 507,159,661	\$ 512,380,481
Last year's total tax rate	\$.2608/\$100	\$.0400/\$100	\$.0605/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,334,747	\$ 202,563	\$ 309,632
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 589,745,584	\$ 584,588,924	\$ 589,745,584
+ This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.22632/\$100	\$.03465/\$100	\$.05250/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.31347/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.32287/\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate.)	\$ 1,334,747	\$ 202,563	\$ 309,632
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 589,745,584	\$ 584,588,924	\$ 589,745,584
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.22632/\$100	\$.03465/\$100	\$.05250/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.24442/\$100	\$.03742/\$100	\$.05670/\$100
= This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.24442/\$100	\$.03742/\$100	\$.05670/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.33854/\$100		
Schedule A			
Unnumbered Fund Balances			
The following estimated balanced 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	\$1,712,964	
	Road & Bridge	275,738	
Schedule B			
1997 Debt Service NONE			
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at CARSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE.			
Name of person preparing this notice: Roslyn Watson			
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector			
Date prepared: 8-06-97			

Groom Children Collecting For Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon

Hopes and dreams for the future - everyone has them, especially children. Children with cancer have different kinds of dreams though. They dream of the day they take their last chemotherapy treatment or the day their hair will grow back. They dream of when they will feel well enough to join the other children playing outside. Parents of these children dream of the day the doctors will tell them their child is considered "cured".

These hopes and dreams come true each day at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and you can help make them come true by supporting our annual "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon. It will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at the Groom City park from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There are many Groom children collecting donations to help other children realize their dreams-come-true. Please help out by making a small donation. The riders in the Bike-A-Thon will all receive a certificate, self pride in knowing they have done a good deed, and depending on their donations, a t-shirt and a sports bag. All of the money collected goes to St. Jude's Hospital. Danny Thomas founded this hospital and his dream was to make a significant contribution to alleviate devastating childhood diseases. Your sharing in this dream is greatly appreciated by this year's coordinator, Jan Britten, the staff, the children, and the families of St. Jude's. All children interested in riding in this year's Bike-A-Thon, please

come by Jan Britten's home Friday, August 15th at 3:30 p.m. to pick up your sponsor sheets and watch a 10

minute tape about St. Jude's Hospital, so you can see some of the children you will be helping. If you cannot

come this Friday, just call and Jan will get together with you, so that you can be part of this wonderful experience.

A DRIVER SAFETY Course will be offered at Clarendon College in Clarendon on Sat. Aug. 16. Call (806)874-3571 for information.

1947 Class Of GISD

The 1947 graduates of Groom High School began their 50th reunion Friday evening in Pampa at the Texas Rose Steakhouse. They then went to the home of Billy and Virginia Jones for desserts and a lot of reminiscing.

Those attending this part of the reunion were Norman and Jean Britten of Traverse City, Michigan; Burdette and Pearl Berres and Leonard and Clea Husted of Lubbock; Sister Louise Britten of Panhandle; Joanne and Gene Ferrin of Bucklin, Kansas; Jimmy and Betty McCracken of Pampa; K.C. and Ruth Swayze of Wylie, Texas; Gaylon and Georgia Jean Turner of Hobbs, New Mexico; Leona and A.J. Newsom and W.H. and Evelyn Ollinger of Groom; and Nancy C. Parker of Canyon, and guest, Betty Berres Johnson of Pampa.

Saturday morning, they gathered together once again to ride their 50th reunion float in the Groom Days parade. There were thirteen members riding the float. They were Burdette Berres, Betty Bural McCracken, Evelyn Quirk Ollinger, W.H. Ollinger, Sister Louise

(Martha) Britten, Leona Britten Newsom, Ruth Britten Swayze, Norman Britten, Joanne Hess Ferrin, Leonard Husted, Billy Jones, Georgia Jean Quirk Turner, and Nancy Woods Parker.

Following the parade the group began gathering near their Senior picture in the Groom High School to eat together at the barbecue lunch. They then met in the Agriculture room for their business meeting. Leonard Husted, president, called the meeting to order. The group heard the minutes of their last meeting and discussed officers. They voted to retain their same officers.

Those absent were Bobby Jones and Jackie Black Bichsel of Groom, Alma Brown Whaley of Chickasha, Oklahoma, Ruby Jean Evans Vandervilde of Evergreen Park, Illinois, Rozella Looten Goranson of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Ruby McLaughlin Hulen of Amarillo.

They have only lost one member, Evelyn Reed in 1987.

The class of 1947 plans to celebrate their 55th reunion in 2002. Those that are able to attend, meet each year at Groom Days.

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Tolleson Named U.S. Nat. Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Shandee Tolleson, RN from McLean, has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in nursing.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American college students.

Shandee, who attended Amarillo College, was nominated for this national award by her instructor, Professor Pat Murray, RN, MSN, who is the Assistant Division Chair for Associate Degree Nursing.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by professors, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

In addition, the Academy has also announced that

Shandee has been selected as an Academic All-American Scholar, based on her early college acceptance and her academic achievements. The All-American Collegiate Scholar Award Program was

established to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or

higher, grade point average. Shandee has been selected due to the fact that she has

been honored in other programs and is among the top academically talented students in America.

Shandee is the daughter of Johnny and Mary Ann Carpenter from McLean, Texas. She is employed at McLean Home Health Agency, Inc.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Native Published In Smithsonian

The August, 1997, issue of the Smithsonian magazine, includes an article, "Water Water Everywhere," a story of three severe rain storms within a week that drenched northern California last winter. The story tells of the accuracy by the National Weather Service in forecasting the rainstorms, and efforts made to prepare for, and then control the flood waters. The article includes the following information: "For prediction, California

forecasters rely on NWS data as well as an ingenious computer model developed by Owen Rhea of the Sacramento NWS staff. His orographic model forecasts precipitation produced by air lifted over mountains. In it, predictions of wind, temperature and humidity up to 20,000 feet are combined with land-elevation data at three-mile intervals to pinpoint precipitation amounts and locations in the mountains. Such a tool is invaluable. . .

It would be three days into the new year, with the San Joaquin's tributaries still pouring huge flows into the main channel, before the radiotelemetry, the satellite messages, the inflow gauges, the USGS measurements, Phea's orographic model and all the rest of the technology told the forecasters that the worst of the new year's floods was over."

Owen Rhea grew up in McLean. He attended McLean schools for 12 years,

graduating in 1956 as valedictorian of his class. Owen received his BS in meteorology at UT - Austin and his MS and PLD in atmospheric science at California State University. Owen and his wife currently live in California where he is a meteorologist.

Reminders . . .

THE HEALTH Care Clinic of McLean will be closed Thursday and Friday, August 28 and 29.

THE CITY OF McLean's August council meeting has been changed to Friday, August 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library.

THE MINISTERIAL Alliance of McLean says bring your homemade ice cream and lawn chairs and come to a concert of christian music, in the park, Aug. 31, 6 to 9 pm.

THE PRISONER OF War Historical Marker will be unveiled on August 24th, 1 mile north of Exit 146 on I-40 AT 3 pm followed by a reception at the Devil's Rope Museum.



Open house held at the Red River Steak House was attended by well over 200 people according to owner, Cozy Parson, pictured here with her daughter, Carla Smet.

McLean Volunteers Enjoy Annual Picnic

On Saturday, August 9th, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and their families had their annual picnic and games in the park.

The festivities kicked off at 4 p.m. with a water polo game.

The meal was eaten at 6 p.m. and was catered by Dyer's.

Linda McDonald said, "There were about 40 people present."

According to McDonald, the Fire Department's records show this annual celebration has been held for at least fifty years.



Joe Ray Riley and Jay Dee Fish of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department enjoy the annual picnic with the rest of the volunteers and their families.

Briefs

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
 August 14 - J. Boyd Smith, Thacker and Sharon Haynes (A).
 August 15 - Shirley Bentley, Dick Wheeler, Holly Hefley.
 August 16 - Stacia Howard, Evelyn Riley, Shaley Stalls.
 August 17 - Rachell Glenn Melville, Blake Crockett, Dale and Mary Lou Glass (A).
 August 18 - Kristina Carter, Ella Ann Hanes, Teresa Hassey, Rodney Luther Kennedy, Charlotte Bockmon, Lacy J. Ferguson.
 August 19 - Cynthia Hauck.
 August 20 - Bill Skipper, Cassandra Marie Jackson.

Karen Brown and her family were visited over the weekend by her brother and sister-in-law from Kansas, and sister and nephew from Breckenridge, Texas. They celebrated Karen's birthday on Sunday together for the first time in 8 years.

GED & CLEP Testing will begin Tuesday, Aug. 12 in Clarendon at the College. Call (806)874-3571 for information.

Chamber of Commerce
 The Chamber of Commerce met in the Bank of Commerce Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Jane Herndon, James and Jane Funk, Garth Thomas, David Drennon, and Gordon Shepler.

The meeting focused mainly on a Fall Foliage Run slated for October 4. Suggestions were for a road rally and a kid's day at the park.

Suggestion for a circus was discussed also, but ruled out.

Garth Thomas emphasized "The Chamber of Commerce is very interested in the long range planning on improving the McLean community."

The next meeting is Monday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. and anyone interested in the fall foliage run is invited to attend.

On Sept. 14-17, First Baptist Church will be in Revival. Times are Sunday 11 am and 6pm. Mon. thru Wed. 7 pm nightly. A nursery will be provided.

McLean welcomes new head coach, Sam Hankins to it's faculty.

Coach Hankins recently relocated to McLean with his wife, Diana, and three children, Travis, 16, Mellisa, 13, and Felicia, 11.

Hankins has twelve years of coaching behind him and experience in 8-man and 11-man football.

Besides coaching, Hankins will also be teaching U.S. History in high school.

Hankins graduated from high school in Grove, Oklahoma and received his B.S. degree from Sterling College.

Coach Hankins told The McLean News, "We're glad to be in this community."

Thank You Card

For your love, prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food, and visits - Thank You. I have been truly blessed. God is so good. His blessings on each of you.
 LaVerne Brooks



Linda Haynes

Haynes, Trew Win Pro Writing Awards

Linda Haynes and Delbert Trew garnered honors at the recent Panhandle Professional Writers 1997 Writing Contest, according to contest directors. Haynes, an English teacher at McLean High School and former editor of The McLean News, was awarded second place in the short story division for her short story "Lapchild." She received third place in the genre novel competition for her novel "Dragon's Breath." The

short story was written as part of a creative writing class at West Texas A&M University, and the novel is Haynes's thesis for her Masters of Arts in English degree, which she will complete in December.

Trew, who writes a weekly column for The McLean News and has had articles published in national magazines, received honorable mention for a rhymed poem, "The Old Demmycrat."

1997-98 McLean School Supply List

- Kindergarten:**
 Crayons-16 count
 1 box Crayola classic markers
 6 #2 pencils
 1 large primary pencil
 1 4oz Elmer's glue
 1 large box Kleenex
 Box for supplies
 Paint shirt
 No scissors
 No toys
 No rest mat
- First Grade:**
 School box
 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 Crayons-16 count
 3 pocket folders
 Large box of tissues
 No run school glue gel
 Fiskar's children's scissors
 1 ruler with inches & centimeters
- Second Grade:**
 2 boxes Kleenex
 1 pair scissors
 Crayons
 Map colors
 4 glue sticks
 1 large liquid glue
 4 red grading pencils
 Wide rule notebook paper
 5 pocket folders without brads (one of each color)
 1 pocket folder with brads (any color)
 1 pkg. of 12 ea. #2 pencils
 1 large Ziplock bag
 1 large old shirt for art
 1 large pink eraser
- Third Grade:**
 1 Ruler
 2 boxes of Kleenex
 1 pair of scissors
 Crayons
 Map colors
 Markers
 2 glue sticks

- 1 large liquid glue
 2 red grading pencils
 Wide rule notebook paper
 3 spiral notebooks
 3 pocket folders
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 1 large Ziplock bag
 1 large old shirt for art
- Fourth Grade:**
 #2 pencils
 Wide ruled notebook paper
 Wide ruled spiral notebook
 Scissors
 Crayons
 Rulers
 2 red ink pens
 2 boxes Kleenex
 Glue
 Folder with brads & pockets
 2 Hi highlighters
 3 pocket folders
- Fifth Grade:**
 1 pkg. 20 ea. #2 pencils
 4 red pencils

- Map colors
 Crayons
 2 yellow Highlighters
 1 pink pearl eraser
 1 pkg. (500 sheets) wide-rule notebook paper
 1 large heavy weight pocket folder
 2 large boxes Kleenex
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- Sixth Grade:**
 Pencils
 Pens-Flexgrip Papermate
 Map pencils
 2 spiral notebooks
 1 Ruler
 2 glue sticks
 Notebook paper
 Colored markers
 2 boxes Kleenex
 Scissors
 4 Folders with brads & pockets
 1 Pencil bag

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Obituary

Debbie Kay Carter
PANHANDLE - Debbie Kay Carter, 42, died, Thursday, August 7, 1997.

Grave side services were in Panhandle Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Perkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. Carter was born in Lindsie, West Virginia. She was employed by Thriftway in Clarendon. She had been a resident of Clarendon for 3½ years. She also was a member of First Baptist Church in Panhandle.

Survivors include two sons, Shawne D. Muray of Wasrrenton, Mo., and Jeromey L. Muray of Fritch; her parents, James and Mary Carter of McLean; two brothers, Billy Carter and James N. Carter Jr., both of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

McLean School

Welcomes

Mrs. Woodard

Nancy Woodard was recently hired by the McLean School District to teach 7th grade Math and Algebra and Geometry.

Mrs. Woodard received her B.S. Education degree from Lubbock Christian University and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Education from West Texas A&M University.

She previously taught developmental classes at Clarendon College and taught in Hedley, Memphis and in Amarillo at the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation.

Mrs. Woodard said, "I'm so excited about teaching in McLean. The schools here have such a good reputation. I hope to contribute to the



school through the math program."

Mrs. Woodard will be commuting from Hedley.

Two A Days Begin

Monday, August 11 marked the first day of football practice in pads, and boy, was it hot and McLean high School has 22 young men working out for the varsity and junior varsity teams, with six offensive starters back and five defensive starters returning.

Head Coach Hankins stated that he was "Looking forward to a good season. These guys have lots of good talent, lots of desire."

The practices last from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and began on August 6th.

Fund Raiser Held

On Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, 1997, the McLean Lions Club held their annual fund raising golf tournament. The proceeds of the event are used to purchase eyeglasses for children in the McLean area.

The Lions Club wishes to thank the following sponsors of this year's event.

B&B Turbine, Windom Auto Supply, Bank of Commerce, Johnny Haynes - Denworth Line Camp, Neal Odom - McLean Cattle Co., Red River Steak House, Mary Basham - Avon Dist., Lamb Flowers & Gifts, Hair Gallery, Country Corner, Richardson's Texaco, C&H Supply, Inc., North Forth Steak House and Grill.

The results of the tournament are:

1st flight - 1) Donnie Basham, Bob Martin 72-64-136. 2) Billy Bob Terry, Eva Terry 72-67-139. 3) Buck Lee, Casper Smith 71-75-146.

2nd flight - 1) Darel Lee, Flea Simpson 78-69-147. 2) Clay Cooper, Jason Thomas 77-74-151. 3) Jr. Windom, Bob Glass 77-75-152.

3rd flight - 1) Joyce Haynes, David Haynes 83-80-164. 2) Terri Hall, Cathy Hembree 83-83-166. 3) Jesse Cooper, Joy Cooper 89-85-174. 4) Roy Richardson, Mary Richardson 93-82-175.

School Employees

School employees met at the McLean park Monday night at 7:00 p.m. for cookies and punch.

This annual event allows new faculty members and the public to get acquainted before the school year begins.

According to elementary secretary Tami Hanes, there were about sixty people in attendance.

Teachers and their families made up the larger part of the crowd, but there were also school board members present.

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter

Robert Leeder was on the sick list last week and hospitalized.

Nora Dragoo and Rush Turner were in Amarillo shopping on Saturday.

Attending the fish fry and rally at First Baptist Church for men only was Jim Bible and Robert Bruce.

Visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday were Jim's parents Mr. and Mrs. (Jake) Bible of McLean and his sister Jean and husband of Forney, Texas. We all enjoyed a pot luck lunch in the basement of the church.

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McLean EMS will be sponsoring an EMT Basic Class in McLean

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Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 pm

1997 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF MCLEAN

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$47,801
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$47,801
Last year's tax base	\$12,031,512
Last year's total tax rate	0.397300 / \$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$47,801
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$12,213,686
This year's effective tax rate	0.391372 / \$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.403113 / \$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$47,801
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$12,213,686
= This year's effective operating rate	0.391372 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.422681 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.422681 / \$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
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	\$0

Schedule B

1997 Debt Service NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at GRAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Name of person preparing this notice: SAMMIE MORRIS
Title: COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Date prepared: AUGUST 1, 1997

Care Center News

The residents enjoyed their Sunday school class brought to them by the Methodist Friendship Sunday School Class. In the afternoon, Bro.

David Drennon, pastor of the Baptist Church came to hold a worship service.

Residents working in crafts Monday morning

were Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Helen Glass, Dorothy Patterson, Teresa Richardson and Sue Cuijine. In the afternoon they played bingo. Those playing were Loma Lou Gibbs, Thelma Hopkins, Thelma Finson, Florence Drake, Emma Graham, Truman Goodlett, Dorothy Patterson, Dick Wheeler, Jessie Watson, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Teresa Richardson, Ora Billingsley, Vernee Bowling, Ruby Ayers, Eula Morrow and Varnie Lowe. The volunteer helper was Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Residents playing dominos Tuesday were Bud Simpson, Dick Wheeler, M.L. Rowan, Dorothy Patterson, Teresa Richardson, Ora Billingsley and Imogene King.

Wednesday the residents enjoyed their donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon they watched a Debbie Reynolds movie and had popcorn. An exercise program was held following the movie.

Thursday Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair and several had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Dick Wheeler, Dorothy Patterson, Bud Simpson, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Teresa Richardson, Ora Billingsley, Marjorie Turnage, Thelma Hopkins,

Emma Graham, Eula Morrow, Vernee Bowling, Ruby Ayers, Jessie Watson, Florence Drake and Ora Billingsley. Bananas were given to all bingo players.

Weekend activities consisted of a watermelon social on Friday. Assisting Heidi with the social was Betty Lowe and Tammy Syfrett. There was also a reminiscing session, and they watched Price is Right and played bingo.

The birthday party for the month of August will be Saturday, August 16, at 2:30 p.m. Residents celebrating will be Doris Reborn, Dick Wheeler, Mable Dickey, Florence Drake, Loma Lou Gibbs and Varnie Lowe. Everyone is welcome to come to help celebrate.

Card of Thanks

The family of Miro Pakan wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming kindness shown to us recently. A special thanks to our kind neighbors for bringing food; the Methodist Church Choir and director Bonnie Fabian; Gay Hill; John and Jennifer Brinson Korak, trumpeters; Jerry Whitten, organist; and Creed Lamb. The cards, letters, and prayers we received have been a great comfort to us. Sincerely,
The Miro Pakan Family

McLean ISD Teachers Attend Writing Seminar

The teachers of McLean ISD were treated to a writing seminar Friday, August 8th, in the basement of the United Methodist Church.

Shirley Spears, from Wink, Texas conducted the class. She travels extensively teaching classroom teachers different approaches to teaching children how to write more effectively.

With so much emphasis placed on TAAS test writing, Ms. Spears has "really good

techniques for TAAS writing," said 4th grade teacher Bobbie Stalls.

These techniques are beneficial to students of all ages, especially when writing papers for descriptions, how to, narratives, classificatory

(like/different) and persuasive reasons.

Ms. Spears left hand-outs for the teachers to use as guides in the classroom.

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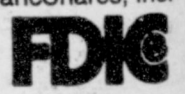




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The Groom/McLean News does not vouch for the legitimacy of job or money-making opportunities in the classified ads if they have 800 or 900 numbers to call.

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NOTICE

The City of McLean is now accepting bids for Grass lease property - description as follows:

A 46 acre tract of land lying & being situated in Section 65 in Block 23, H&GN RY., Co. Survey Gray County, McLean, Tx. (Near Sewer Plant)

An approximate 40 acre tract of land lying & situated in Section 66, Block 23, H&GN RY., Co. Survey Gray County, McLean, Tx. (Near Landfill) The lessee shall have the right to the above grassland at the 40 acre tract as long as it does not interfere with the normal operation of the landfill located on the above described tract.

Bids will be received until Wed. Sept. 10, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. Send bids addressed to City of McLean "Grass Lease" P.O. Box 9, McLean, Tx. 79057.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities & technicalities.

Charles McClendon, Mayor
City of McLean

WANTED: Grass to lease on a year round basis. Phone 779-2044, Frank Worsham, Alanreed.

Bid Notice

Groom ISD is accepting bids for fuel service for the Groom ISD transportation fleet for the 1997-98 school year. Specifications include gasoline and diesel fuel by the tank. Bids may be sent to Groom ISD, Ben Ingham, Superintendent; 304 W. 3rd, Groom, Texas 79039-0598.

Bid Notice

Groom ISD is accepting bids for milk for the 1997-98 school year. Specifications include homogenized, regular, low fat, chocolate, and low fat chocolate milk, delivered in 1/2 pint containers. Bids may be sent to Groom ISD, Ben Ingham, Superintendent, 304 W. 3rd, Groom, Texas, 79039-0598.

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Groom ISD is accepting bids for bread products for the 1997-98 school year. For specifications contact Ben Ingham at 806-248-7557. Bids may be mailed to: Groom ISD, Ben Ingham, Superintendent, 304 W. 3rd, Groom, Texas 79039-0598.

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RMC - 601745001
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Time for completion:
302 Calendar Days
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Bids Received until: 1:30
PM September 16, 1997
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PM September 16, 1997

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CARSON COUNTY SHERIFFS NOTICE OF SALE: REAL PROPERTY

The State of Texas, County of Carson
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of the Honorable Dallas County Court of Law No. 5, Dallas County, Texas, the 17th day of June, 1997 by Earl Bullock, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas for the sum of \$17,254.29, plus pre-judgement interest of \$1,032.67 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the 13th day of August, 1987 and attorney's fees of \$1,000.00, under a judgement in favor of Grand Bank LBJ at Hillcrest, N.A. in a certain cause in said court, No. CC-87-8434-E and styled Grand Bank LBJ at Hillcrest, N.A. vs. Robert W. McWherter and wife Sandra Kotara McWherter placed in my hands for service, I, Loren Brand, as Sheriff of Carson County, Texas, did, on July 22, 1997, levy on certain real estate, situated in Carson County, Texas, described as follows,

to wit: Northeast quarter and west half of section 148, in block 7, I&GN RY. CO. Survey, Carson County, Texas.

And levied upon as the property of Robert W. McWherter and wife Sandra Kotara McWherter and that on the first Tuesday of September, 1997, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the east courthouse door, of Carson County, in the City of Panhandle, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., by virtue of said levy and said judgement and writ of execution, I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.

And in compliance with Law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Groom News, a newspaper published in Carson County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of August, 1997.
S/ Loren Brand
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