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Homecoming activities are keeping spirits high in McLean. Queen candidates are (L-R) Cesily Cadra, Shaley Steel, Jamie Seitz, Sara Beth Hall, and Jennifer Smith.



Cowboy and Indians Day was one of McLean's homecoming activities. Pictured are Reo Dennis, Haley Maddox, Tammy Carter, Amanda Hauck and Bron Bohlar. Other activities for the week included Clowns, Movie Stars, Red & Silver and for Friday Black & Gold.

## Gesundheit Institute To Come To McLean With Awareness Program

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2000. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, T.D. Simmons, John Holland, and Bob Glass. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal, Blaze Herring, High School Principal, Margaret Milam, Shandee Tolleson, and Lynn Swanson. Absent from the meeting were Neal Odom and Don Dorsey.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bob Glass, President. The opening prayer was led by Mike Darsey.

The minutes of the August 21, 2000 meeting were approved.

Visitor comments came from Lynn Swanson, who just wanted to share a news article she had found of her dad's that was printed in 1936, about a McLean basketball game that was played on a dirt court. Other comments later in the meeting came from Lynn Swanson to inform the Board that she had contacted Patch Adams' assistant, at the Gesundheit Institute, to try and get them to come to McLean and do a local awareness program, which would involve the whole community. This type of program was

discussed at a prior Board meeting, in order to help get parents more involved with their children, and the school. The Institute has agreed to come to McLean and present such a program, possibly sometime in November.

Level II School Board Training to be held in the computer lab was discussed. The date of the first choice of training will be Monday, February 5, 2001. Second choice will be for February 12th, and the third choice will be for February 26th.

Mr. Griffin recommended changing the number of days on extracurricular activity attendance policy, after discussion from Blaze Herring, High School Principal. The new policy will say that 10 days will be allowed for District competition, 5 days for Regional competition, and 4 days for State. A student must have a 70-grade point average, or the no pass-no play rule will apply.

Legal advice from the attorney regarding past medical bills and WTRCA, is that he is making an effort to collect on any medical bills which have been turned in to him from McLean ISD employees. Claims could possibly be paid in October.

1999-2000 Budget amendments for the Year-End were approved, after much discussion. The general consensus was that expenses needed to

be cut during the upcoming school year.

The Tiger has been repainted on the gym floor, and now there will be a wait for the contractors to come back and varnish it, before it will be completely finished.

Parsley's was supposed to start repairing the High School roof today, but they never showed up.

209 students are currently enrolled at McLean ISD, according to Student Services

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**CEMETERY** meeting in Alanreed on October 2 at 7 pm in Alanreed gym.

**TAILGATE PARTY** at McLean Park Friday, October 22 from 4:00-6:00 pm sponsored by the yearbook staff.

**HOMECOMING** Bonfire will be Thursday at dark.

**PEP RALLY** begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday.

**VOTERS WHO** would like to request an application for a ballot by mail for the November 7, 2000 election may call 806-669-8004. The Gray County Clerk's office is now accepting applications thru October 31, 2000.

**AN IMMUNIZATION** Clinic will be held at the McLean Clinic on Sept. 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

**MCLEAN JR. HIGH** will play at Silverton on Sept. 21.

**VARSITY** Tigers will host Silverton on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

## McLean's Lovett Memorial Library Receives \$5000 Grant

McLean's Lovett Memorial Library received a grant from the Tocker Foundation for \$5000. This money will be used to purchase children's books - picture, junior, and non-fiction. They will have one year to spend the money.

The Tocker Foundation

was established in 1964 by Phillip and Olive Tocker as a general philanthropic foundation and to help disadvantaged high school graduates obtain a college education. Phillip Tocker was a practicing attorney, but changed careers in his later years by

purchasing the Waco Outdoor Advertising plant and later expanding to own outdoor advertising plants throughout the United States. His vocational career culminated to the position of President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America with offices in

Washington DC. After retiring to Austin, Texas in 1973, Phillip and Olive Tocker actively pursued their vocations. Phillip and Olive Tocker endowed the foundation with their estates in 1994 and 1993 respectively.

In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small

rural libraries in Texas, serving a population of 12,000 or less. The direction is to assist libraries in making services more accessible to individuals who by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level or other

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**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**

**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).

**September 23** - Fayette Bell Barton, Katica Lee, Sharon Haynes, Willie Nicholass.

**September 24** - Mary Webb, Glenn Hallum, Lee Shaw, Billie Sue Moore.

**September 25** - Opal Hugg, Lucille Cullison, Cari Collom.

**September 26** - Terry Smith, Shaun Crawford, Rickie Jasper, Jr.

**September 27** - Billy Bob Adams, Shannon Weir, Ora Wayne Barker.

**McLean School Menu**

**September 25 - 28**  
Monday Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Strawberry pop tarts or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, tator tots, veggie sticks, salad, cake, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef,

mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, pears, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: French toast sticks or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, chili, cheese, baked beans, salad, grapes, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon roll or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, cheese cake with strawberries, milk.

**Library**

disadvantage are unable to receive the benefits of public library services. Grants are distributed to assisting libraries to serve as community information referral centers and provide literacy and bilingual programs. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

The Foundation board members are Dr. Robert Tocker (Chairman), Mrs. Barbara Tocker, Mr. Mel Kunze and Mr. Darryl Tocker (Executive Director). Grant applications are evaluated by a permanent committee of the Texas Library Association. Over the past years the board members have seen inroads made towards library automation, reference volumes reduced to laser disks, construction of facilities

expansion of services. Grants have been extended for outreach and "shut-in" programs, library automation, enhancement of services, adult reading classes, after school projects, bilingual material and many other projects initiated by the community public library. We look forward to serving in this direction for many years.

**Institute**

director, Margaret Milam. Steve Hall was on the agenda, but he did not come to the meeting.

Financial Reports A, B, and C were approved.

Approval was granted to pay the August bills.

Executive Session came at 8:55 p.m. with the return to open session at 10:02. No action was taken.


**Hunter Education Class**

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for October 3, 5 and 10 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. in McLean according to Bill Layman, Hunter Education instructor.

Effective September 1, 1993, all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Bill Layman.

The course is open to adults and youths and will include instructions

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in rifles, shotguns, and bow hunting, handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; law and regulations; conservation; hunting traditions; wildlife identifications; field care of game; wilderness first aid and survival, Bill Layman added.

Students 12 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Those less than 12 years of age will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

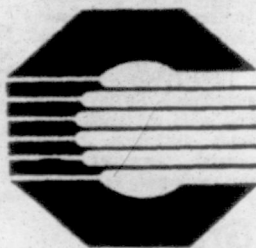
More than 160,000 Texans have already completed the hunter education course which is mandatory in 39 states. For more information, contact Bill Layman at 779-2504 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education section in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

**Public Notice**

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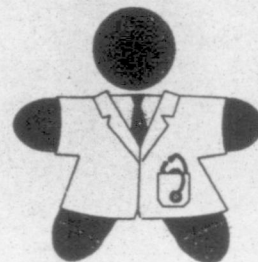


**Family Healthcare Clinic Of McLean**

**NEW HOURS**

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**Briefs**

Richard Alan Leroy Copsy was presented a diploma during summer commencement ceremonies at West Texas

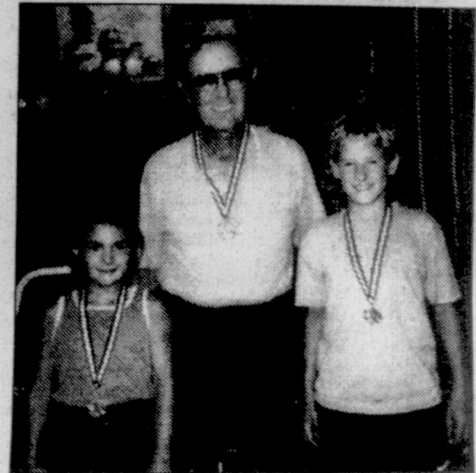
A&M University. He earned a Bachelor of business administration degree, Information and Operations Management.

**Students Of The Week September 11-15:**  
 Kindergarten: Bailey Taylor, 1st Grade Ashley Russell, 2nd Grade Tanner Cadra, 3rd Grade Hogan Ketcherside, 4th Grade Amanda Loya, 5th Grade Kristin Ellis, 6th Grade Brooke Seymour, 7th Grade Audrey Ranjel, 8th Grade Allison Hill.



**Winning Is A Family Affair**

Pictured are (Left to Right) Sheri Ann Haynes, John Morse Haynes and John Ruel Haynes. The three are grandfather and grandchildren. They participated in the September 4th, Fun Run on Labor Day in the Pampa Chautauqua celebration. Grandfather, John and grandson, John, won first place in their categories. Granddaughter Sheri took 2nd place in her event.



**Card Of Thanks**

I want to thank everyone for coming to my 90th birthday party. Also for the beautiful cards and flowers. You being there made it special.  
 Mary Powell

**McLean Church Directory**

**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
 779-2548  
 Sunday Bible School 10 am  
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm  
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God 420 Main St.**  
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**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7pm  
 (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  
 Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
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The Barking Lot  
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# Obituaries

**David Wayne Back**  
David Wayne Back, 74, of Amarillo, died Monday, September 11, 2000.

Services were in Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 E. Interstate 40, with Paul White, pulpit minister of Olsen Park Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Back was born in McLean. The Back community was named for his family. He served in the Pacific during World War II for the Army. He graduated from McLean High School in 1943 and from the University of Texas in 1949 with a bachelor of business administration degree.

He retired as refinery supervisor from Diamond Shamrock. He moved to Amarillo in 1997 from Dumas. He was a member of Olsen Park Church of Christ.

He married LaVaughn Hampton in 1970 at Dumas.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Debbie Pennington of Amarillo; a son, Lee Carter of Pampa; two sisters, Dorothea Goodwin of McLean and Mary Ann Hale of Mesquite; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society.

## Bobby Jean Carson Rogers

Bobby Jean Carson Rogers, of Rolla, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2000, at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center at the age of 57.

Bobby was born in McLean, Texas, on October 8, 1942, to the late R.J. and Dealva (Smith) Turner. She was married to Darrell Rogers on July 18, 1987.

She will be greatly missed by her surviving family which includes her husband Darrell Rogers, of the home; two sons, William Brian Carson and wife Erin, of Seattle, Washington, and Christian

Ryan Carson and wife Sheila, also of Seattle; a daughter, Courtney Brook Carson, of Seattle; two stepsons, Chuck Rogers and Darrell Rogers II, both of St. James; one step-daughter, Chelsea Shackelford of Rolla; one brother, Gary Turner, of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Joann Boyd, of Albuquerque, M.M., and Glenda Carter, of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Colleen and Ethan Carson, Jake Shackelford and Emma and Elye Rogers; several nieces and nephews, other extended family members and a host of friends.

A memorial service for Bobby Carson Rogers was held Thursday, September 14, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Rolla.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Russell House.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Null and Son Funeral Home, Rolla.

# McLean Care Center News

Activities began Sunday for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon church services were conducted by the Reverend Thacker Haynes of the Methodist Church. Those attending services were Oleta Harris, Mozelle Miller, Mary Audleman, Fern Boyd, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Fayette Belle Barton, Eunice Strahn, Bill Anderson, Boots Anderson, Fern Patching, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, George Orrick, Jane Birchfield, Irene Pakan, Willie Wheeler, Glynda Martin, Bessie McClemore, Relia Ayers, Charles Weaver, Dick Wheeler, Ruth Caudill, Buelah Pyeatt and Phyllis Bailey.

Monday activities included nail care in the morning and bingo in the afternoon.

Tuesday morning was craft time and in the afternoon there was a cantaloupe social. Our

appreciation goes to Bonnie Belle Sutton for bringing the cantaloupe.

Volunteers during the absence of the director on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Betty Heathington. Their help with activities were heartfelt and appreciated by the director.

Saturday was the September birthday party. Birthday people were Ross Grogan, Relia Ayers, Buelah Pyeatt, Fayette Belle Barton, and Bill Anderson. Family and friends that came were greatly enjoyed. The entertainment was a group that plays old time guitar and fiddle music.

They were J.B. Duckworth, Dixie Sims, Vernon and Onie Camp and Deano Boyd. Volunteers helping serve were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Betty Heathington, Laverne Back and Charyl Moore.

The Auxiliary bake sale will be Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Puckett's. Anyone wishing to bake for the sale can bring it to the nursing home Friday or Puckett's Saturday. The proceeds will go to the nursing home auxiliary fund which directly benefits the nursing home residents.

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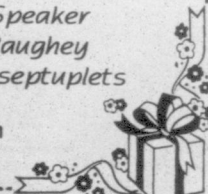
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**ESTATE SALE:** Lillie  
Mae Williams will be  
holding an estate sale at  
407 N. Waldron, McLean  
on Saturday, Sept. 30,  
2000. Items for sale  
include Piano, Clothes  
Dryer, newer Maytag  
Washer, Refrigerator,  
small Freezer, Range,  
Microwave. Furniture  
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from now till the final  
election in November.

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Stuart Messer  
District Attorney  
31st Judicial District  
Rick Roach  
Carson County Sheriff  
Gary Robertson  
Gray County  
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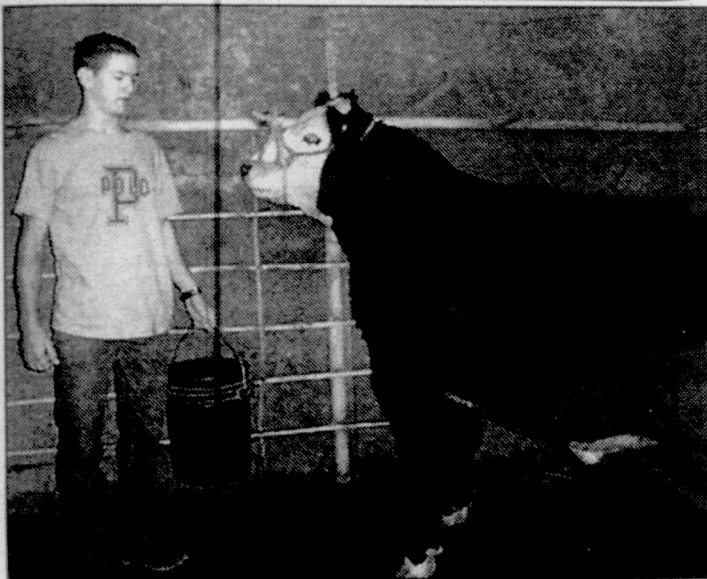
# The Groom News

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Thursday, September 21, 2000



## Getting Ready For The Fair Takes Commitment...

7:00 am comes very early for Cody Bivens, but it's an everyday experience for him as he gets his calf ready to exhibit at the Tri-State Fair. Cody has been preparing this animal since last April. He will exhibit his calf at various shows over the next few months ending with the Houston Livestock Show in March.

## School Granted \$26,964 For Library

A school library is typically a place where students can find vast amounts of information through various resources. Individual schools obviously have different books, periodicals, and ways to fund additional information, but now public school libraries are receiving the opportunity to get connected. The Groom Independent School District public school library is enhancing the way information can be

gathered, thanks to the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency in Austin. The school library will receive \$26,964, in order to increase the technology infrastructure to support the Texas Library Connection (TLC).

What is the TLC? It is an online resource that promotes the sharing of current, relevant information. The TLC provides an integrated, statewide resource sharing

system through which information resources are identified, accessed, and retrieved. The TLC contains merged records of more than 44 million items from approximately 4200 campus libraries that are already online and subscribing. It also provides these school libraries with online resources such as Britannica Online, ProQuest Direct, and governmental documents.

The Non-Competitive See Library, pg. 4

## Board Discusses GPA Policies

Groom Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last week. Present were Denny Babcock, Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Tim Case and Tony Britten. Trustee Barry Fields was in attendance but arrived about 30 minutes into the proceedings. Also present were Superintendent John Wilson, Principal Kevin Noack, Business Manager Joyce Hutsell as well as visitors Curtis Downs and Donna Burton, representing The Groom News.

Minutes of the August 8 and August 22 meetings were approved

by those present.

Superintendent Wilson reported on the progress of the renovation project. "For all practical purposes, the project is complete," he said. Wilson noted that a few bad doors were still to be replaced and they are having a small problem with the acoustics.

"We may have to go back in with an acoustical ceiling," he added. He reported that the school has a small conflict with the construction company, concerning some added work. "It only amounts to about \$2,000," he stated. "But I think we will resolve this matter soon. The architect is

running interference for us," he continued.

Wilson stated that he hoped to have a final total on the project and a balance on what is left on the bond proceeds at next month's meeting.

A policy update was discussed that deals with probationary employees. The update has no local options and is sent to the board from Austin for approval.

Wilson reported that the school did not receive instructional facilities allotment that had been applied for. The application will be filed again next year.

Groom School has

See Trustees, pg. 4

## City Elects 4 To Economic Development Board

The Groom City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2000.

The council voted in four new Economic Development Board members to serve on the Board for two years beginning October 1. Joe Rae Richardson, Joe David Brown, Sandra Britten, Rick Prather, Cliff Britten and Phillis Jackson were nominated. Richardson, Brown, Britten and Prather were elected by secret ballot. The Council unanimously approved the four nominees.

Insurance bids were opened and examined. Mr. Brumley and Mr. Epperson answered questions from the Council about the insurance coverages for each bid. The bids were: Brumley Insurance, \$9,379.00 and TML Insurance, \$7415.65. Don Case moved and Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to award the insurance coverage for 2000-2001 Budget year to TML with the low bid of \$7415.65. The decision was unanimous.

The School was unanimously given permission to paint a crosswalk from the school property across Third Street to the City Park, so that they can take the children to the park to play under the trees and the pavilion during recess periods.

Ordinance #185 was approved which amends a section of the City Code of Groom, Texas; to protect the public water supply of the City of Groom and the public water supply wells within the corporate limits of the City; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this ordinance. This ordinance will become effective after it is published in the newspaper.

Ordinance #186 was approved which provides a penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent property taxes pursuant to Texas tax code, section 33.07 and 33.08. This ordinance will become effective after it is published in the

newspaper.

The Council unanimously voted for Greg Ingram, Mike McGregor, Byron Black, and Pat Norriss in the TML-IRP Board of Trustees Election.

The lease with Trinity and Company was renewed and the council voted to lower the rent to \$50.00 per month for the building.

The Council unanimously approved the City of Groom Investment Policy.

Aldermen agreed to retain the auditing firm of Cox, Allen & Co. of Dumas to do the 1999-2000 audit of the City finances.

There was no action taken on the matter of the Open Top Dumpster or the Burn Pile.

Executive Session came at 9:11 pm to discuss the lots that the City is trying to obtain for a new City water well.

At 9:20 p.m. the council reconvened into Open Session.

The Council accepted the Special

Commissioners Court recommendation for the amount of compensation to be offered to Mr. Ron Smith to purchase the three lots for the new water well.

No action was taken as there were no clean up letters that need to be sent.

The minutes of the August 8 meeting were read. One correction of a misspelled name was noted and the minutes were approved. The minutes of the August 24 meeting were read and approved as read.

In attendance at the meeting were the following members and visitors:

Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Kenneth Weller, and Mary Brooks. Visitors: Scott Epperson from TML Insurance, Johnny Brumley from Brumley Insurance, Rick Prather, Sharon Prather, and Mary Sue Lyles.

The financial statement and the bills were approved before the meeting adjourned.

## COMMUNITY CALENDER

**YOUR NEXT** 3-day weekend will be the celebration of Columbus Day on October 9.

**GROOM** Junior Varsity and Jr. High teams play at Miami Thursday, Sept. 21 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**VARSITY TIGERS** host Miami on Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.

**THE FIRST DAY** of autumn is September 22.

**ONLY 101 DAYS** until Christmas!

**AN IMMUNIZATION** Clinic will be held at Groom School on Sept. 21, 10-12 am and 1-3 pm.

**THE PALO** Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on Sept. 28th at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call 355-6220.

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# Local Happenings

## Babcock Receives Scholarship

Twenty-seven West Texas A&M University students received Mesa Scholarships for Academic Excellence for the 2000-2001 year.

Established from funds provided by Mesa Limited Partnership, the scholarships were first awarded in 1987 and are given to reward and recognize freshmen and continuing undergraduate students who portray high academic standards.

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higher on the ACT or a combined verbal and math score of 950 or higher on the SAT and a top-quarter class ranking. A minimum grade point average of 3.40 on all college work attempted is required of continuing students.

Each applicant must also submit two letters of recommendation and a formal application.

Dustin Babcock, of Groom was among those selected to receive the Mesa Scholarship. He is

a freshman plant/soil sciences major.

Also receiving the scholarship from our area is Brent Ferguson, from Claude. He is a sophomore chemistry major.

## Thank You Card

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, food, calls, flowers and acts of kindness during my hospital stay and recovering at home.

May God Bless each of you.

Leona Newsom

Cleta Traweek of Tucson, Arizona recently visited in the home of Al and Virginia Alward. Cleta is the niece of the Alwards.

Matt, Kim, Brent, Chantel and Cheyenne Miller of Dexter, New Mexico visited with Phil Miller recently. They were here to exhibit livestock at the Tri-State Fair.

## Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank the following individuals for taking time out of their busy schedules to donate ice cream, brownies, cookies and their time.

Marcia Davis, Wamyth Britten, Toni Pavlovsky, Marcia Conrad, Elizabeth Fehr, Stephanie Friemel, Justina Unger, Joe Homer, Donna Barnett.

Thanks again for your support of our students.

Kevin Noack

## Groom Cubs Jr. High

Football Roster		
No.	Name	Grade
# 10	Thane Barkley	6
# 12	James Reid	6
# 20	Adam Britten	8
# 22	Kade Brown	6
# 30	Chance Barkley	8
# 33	Kelby Noack	7
# 40	Carter Wilson	7
# 44	Brandon Jenkins	7
# 54	Blaine Britten	6
# 55	Joel Horn	6
# 60	Javier Caro	7
# 64	Daniel Thompson	7
# 65	Frank Leven	7
# 80	Jeff Rios	8



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**On The Sick List**  
 Evelyn Ollinger, Alice Britten, Tom Britten, Ernest Weller, Colleen Britten, Ellis Stapp.

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell attended the play "Miss LuLu" at the Santa Fe auditorium in Amarillo Sunday afternoon.

New address for Ruth James is:  
 Ruth James  
 801 Main Street Apt 44  
 Sealy, Texas 77474  
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**Thanks Ed!**  
 Last week's football pictures were courtesy of Ed Gray. The News thanks him for his generous sharing of the photos!

## The City Of Groom Ordinance No. 186

A resolution providing for a penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent property taxes pursuant to Texas Tax Code, section 33.07 and 33.08.

## Groom School Menu

September 25-29

**Monday Breakfast:** Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies, milk.

**Tuesday Breakfast:** Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, salad, fried okra, bread sticks, pineapple, milk.

**Wednesday Breakfast:** Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Soft Tacos, corn, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, graham crackers, applesauce, milk.

**Thursday Breakfast:** Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Friday Breakfast:** Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, crackers, pears, milk.

## Groom Birthdays

**Anniversaries**  
**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. Sustaie (A).

**September 23** - Richard Crump, Mrs. John B. Koetting.

**September 24** - Tina Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton (A).


**September 25** - Keith Barkley, Melinda Burgin, Kimberly Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills (A).

**September 26** - Laverne Thomas, Adam Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields (A).

**September 27** - Yvonne Barker.

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#### Ordinance No. 185

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during the chuck wagon dinner. Buster and Sheryl McLaury of Alanreed will entertain with cowboy poetry. Rod Taylor and Rick Brumley will feature music and poetry. The Jack Selby's from Pampa will be providing instrumental music. The Rafter L Cattle Company from Groom

contestants include Lonny Brown and Kori Brown from Groom, Ryan McCoy of Canyon and Clay Waters of Vega. Chris Morton from Claude will be competing with the J A Ranch of Clarendon. Contestants for the Johnson Ranches of Amarillo include Ken

Collins of Alanreed, David Shaller from Lefors, Tim Jennings and Seth Brown from Sanford.

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An interlocal agreement was approved with the Texas Association of School Boards for unemployment insurance. Business Manager Hutsell explained the advantages

of having the agreement with T.A.S.B. as opposed to traditional unemployment and worker's compensation plans.

A rise in the cost of employee insurance was reported, however, the cost increase will have no effect on the district's contribution due to a benefits cap that has been put in place by the

board. Superintendent John Wilson and Principal Kevin Noack are enrolled in a Technology Leadership Academy during the school year at a cost of \$1690 for the training which will tutor the administration in planning for and funding future technology. Each will receive laptop computers for the

district's use worth approximately \$2000 each.

Wilson was happy to report that the library had received a L.B.5 grant for \$26,964. The grant will, in effect, link the school with all public and university libraries in the State of Texas. A new computer and a color laser printer are just two items which will be purchased with the funds. The money will also make the Groom School Library electronic. Students will be able to borrow books from other libraries and access through to internet data bases from all public universities and colleges. Funds can be used for everything with the exception of books.

The board approved a recommendation by the appraisal district to implement a 15% penalty on delinquent taxes beginning June 1st.

A waiver was approved for submission to not declare a gifted and talented program for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The administration explained that students at this age are generally too young to identify.

No personnel items were discussed.

During the principal's report, Mr. Noack reported to the board that the current enrollment was at 171 students. Other items mentioned were policies concerning

the duel credit classes and the possibility of having them not count toward the students grade point average. He will also have a gifted and talented plan for the board's consideration and a crisis management plan proposal.

Business Manager Hutsell presented the financial statement and the bills were approved for payment. The next scheduled meeting will be October 10th.

**LIBRARY**

Public School Library Grant (L.B.5) reaches out to more than 200 public school campus libraries throughout the state of Texas. Some of these school libraries did not have Internet connectivity in the library, some did not have an adequate Internet connection or very few student workstations, and some did not have a library automation system, but regardless of the reason, these school libraries did not and could not have access to the TLC without the proper technology. TIF grant funds will help these public school libraries achieve the standard for high-speed connectivity and purchase the equipment necessary in order for the students and faculty to be able to take advantage of the available TLC resources. These grant projects officially

begin October 2, 2000. "The grant funds will help immensely," said Principal Kevin Noack. "The school library should be able to accommodate a valuable resource such as the Texas Library Connection so that our students have access to the most information possible. This grant will allow us to purchase the equipment necessary to get connected and allow our students that very opportunity."

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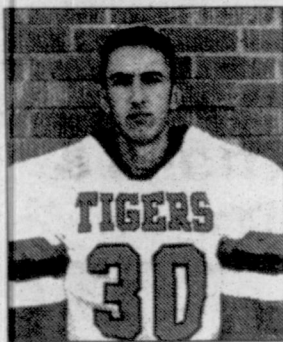
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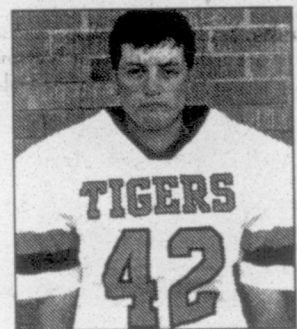
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## D.A. Sims Claims \$35,000 in Property For District With Drug Conviction

On September 5, 2000, a final judgement of forfeiture was entered in District Court regarding \$35,936.00, a 1993 Chevrolet Suburban, cellular phone, and a .38 caliber handgun. The State of Texas was represented by District Attorney Randall C. Sims. These assets were awarded to the Texas Department of Public Safety, District Attorney's Office, and the Hall County Sheriff's Department according to the Texas Forfeiture Statute.

Those items were seized by law enforcement officials on March 26, 2000, in

connection with the arrest of Isidro Hernandez Alvarez for possession of approximately 1500 pounds of marijuana. The State alleged the assets were proceeds from or being used in the commission of violations of narcotics laws of Texas.

"This is the second largest asset forfeiture made in the district. The largest forfeiture was also a Hall County case. It involved approximately \$58,000.00 that was forfeited to the State of Texas during the first of three extended undercover narcotics operations in Hall County that have occurred within the last

five years," Sims said. Forfeited assets are dedicated for law enforcement use only which can range from training personnel to equipment needs.

### Carson County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Gary Robertson reported that there were 14 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 11 through September 17, 2000. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated and 10 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

Gregg Stevenson (Yonkers, NY), 37, Possession of Controlled Substance more than 400 grams & Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds less than 2000 pounds.

Ahmad Hamideh (Yonkers, NY), 29, Possession of Controlled Substance more than 400 grams & Possession of Marijuana more than 50

pounds less than 3000 pounds & Theft more than \$20,000 less than \$100,000 & Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon.

Toni L. Hubbs (Borger), 42, Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Steven F. Gonsler (Borger), 44, Driving While Intoxicated - 3rd or more.

Joshua D. Henshaw (Moore, OK), 21, No Valid Driver License.

Gustavo Gonzales (Palmdale, Ca), 22, Disorderly Conduct.

Calvin C. Farley, (Turkey, Tx), 26, Driving While Intoxicated - 3rd or more.

Robert A. Loyd (El Dorado, Ks), 34, Assault. Brenda Baker (Amarillo), 30, Possession of Controlled Substance. Ben G. Zorn (Garden City, Ks), 27, Possession of Controlled Substance & Failure to Identify to Officer.

Mary J. Callaway (Amarillo), 40, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st. Amado Forteza (Amarillo), 50, Driving

while Intoxicated, 1st. Jesus R. Soto (Pampa), 21, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st. Cecil R. Williams (Pampa), 49, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

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## Brush and Palette Begin Year

By Nita Ramming  
Did you hear the familiar sound of brushes swish-swashing last week? Brush and Palette started meeting again for the year Monday, September 11. It was evident that the summer

rest was good for all as the variety of salads was a sight to behold. We had Jello salads, one orange and one green, with all that good stuff added, 5-cup salad, and cantaloupe. Toni whipped up an original

pasta salad; Charleen brought cucumbers and onions in an exotic marinade; me and Betty Crocker made a pasta salad, and there was a chicken salad with grapes. Pat was hostess so she made a cake with a yummy topping! As far as I can tell there were absolutely no

calories in any thing. We even had crackers, too. Some hostesses don't forget to get them out of the box. Mary Sue joined us for lunch.

It was a little late when this reporter arrived and the door was open so I thought this would be a good time to eavesdrop and get some good juicy news for you. Alas! There was not one word being spoken. All was quiet. They tried to convince me that they had been saying good things about me. Reckon that's right?

Pat was painting a Christmas plate. She was sitting over there mumbling about not having brought the right colors and about the crummy instructions. But as usual it was turning out very pretty. Charleen was sitting beside her doing something. It was hard to tell what she was painting but it was Christmasy, too. Toni had a little sleigh to pretty up. She painted holly stuff on it. These gals are getting a head start on the Jolly Season.

Juandell was dabbling around in watercolors. She even finished what she was painting. That is a record for her! She was proudly showing a newspaper article and picture of her talented granddaughter doing gymnastics. It must be nice to be able to go when and where you choose. They have been gallivanting around the country visiting family.

She hasn't even had time to compute on her new computer.

Dorothy came wandering in about lunch time. Seems to me she looks happier every day. She was busily working on her painting when all of a sudden she started putting her things away about 2:30. Now this dutiful little wife told her husband she would be home at 4:00 and she didn't want to be late!

Evelyn came straggling in about 2:30. She wasn't but four and a half hours late. That's really good for her. Guess she didn't want to fix a salad.

Shirley painted a bird with a fall back-ground. She gets right to work and gets things done. Her computer gets a good workout and she's learning lots. Solitaire is a good time waster if you need something to do.

Now I have an upcoming artist in my

family, as you already know. My 3 year old great-granddaughter was painting with watercolors the other day in my living room. (Now an old lady like me should know better than that.) When I checked on her, she had her foot propped up on her little table painting her toe-nails purple! Don't tell Rick but she dropped some carpet.

What he don't know ain't gonna hurt him, is it? We are going to show our art work at the Claude Museum in October. We had a show over there a year or so ago and are very pleased that they want us back. Guess we are not so bad after all.

We discussed our Fall Ball but it fell flat. It's too early to make plans for fall when the weather is 100 degrees.

Come visit us some time. We might even be an inspiration to you to get crafty!



Pictured are (Back) Bobby White, Monica and Craig Howard, Donnie Houser, David Fairly and Mitch Bralley. (Front) Dale and Carolyn Brooks, Susanne Fairly and Shirley Bralley.

## Surprise Birthday Party Held For "Over The Hill" Mitch Bralley

By Carolyn Brooks  
On September 9th, Shirley Bralley had a surprise 40th birthday party for Mitch. There was quite a crew that attended. Some of his buddies from Groom made the trip and had a blast!!! The ones from Groom were Craig and Monica Howard, and

Dale and Carolyn Brooks. Mitch was picked up at work in a white stretch limousine, and brought to his house where we all enjoyed snacks and cocktails outside by the pool. The fun lasted way into the morning for many. The next morning several made their way back to Mitch and Shirley's for breakfast

which was very good too!! A wonderful time was had by everyone. Oh, and Dave and Susanne I just wanted to let you know, I talked to Rip and Joy, and they are going to try and make it to your house on their next long trip away from Groom, so you better be prepared to entertain!!!

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