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We Saw . . .

Don Case getting ready for another hot day at work.

Sambo and Adela Kotara treating her dad, Wallace Bichsel to a birthday breakfast at the D.Q.

Barney Davis, Katie Talley, Charleen Weller, and LaVesta Barnett enjoying breakfast at the Dairy Queen.

Julie Friemel and Jessica Friemel getting prepared to paint their house.

"Buster" Red making the great escape while "Dad" Red was in high speed pursuit to "incarcerate" him.

Milton Thompson stopping by The News office to renew his subscription to the Groom News.

Ross Brooks mowing great-grandmother Ruth James' yard.

Doug Kling mowing, stirring up quite a bit of dirt.

Dondra Rogers coming up with the winning answer to the "ice cream cone" question first thing Thursday morning.

Hap Watson sitting in his front yard enjoying the cool morning breeze, before the temperatures climbed to the triple digits.

Ted Nunes of Bisalia, California visiting with Evelyn Hubbard this week.

Jiggs Britten working on a few things downtown Sunday afternoon.

Little Riley Welch, 13 month old granddaughter of Bill and Jo Ann Musser, not too concerned Saturday afternoon when the electricity went off. She was up to her head in water and mud.

School Bond Vote Passes Saturday 3:1

A \$2 million bond election to provide facilities and equipment for the Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District was approved by a three to one margin Saturday. Voters approved the bond issuance with 21 voting for and 7 voting against the bonds. The District had 148 voters registered in time to vote in the election.

Trustees of the District are scheduled to canvass the election results during a called meeting Wednesday evening, July 1, 1998.

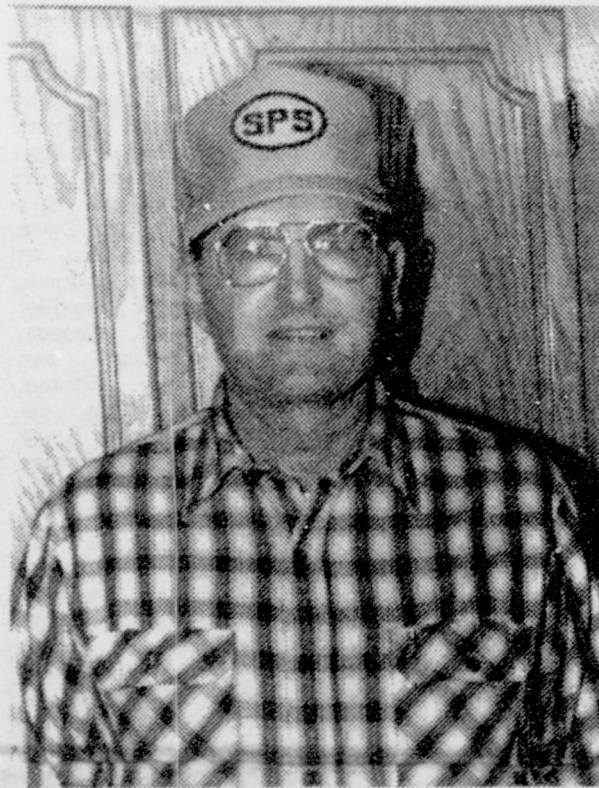
The election was called by trustees after the 75th Texas Legislature modified the "Robin Hood" school finance statute to allow sinking and interest payments on bonded indebtedness to be excluded from recapture provisions. Furthermore, the school districts which instigated the "Robin Hood" method of school financing filed an "Edgewood 5" suing the state and property rich school districts on May 7, 1998. The passage of these bonds will allow local money to be invested into the community through school improvement.

The Grandview-Hopkins School Board will consider renovations or the construction of energy efficient classrooms and facilities, update equipment and furnishings, enlarge the library, and develop a community center. The Grandview-Hopkins School Board will discuss bond options at the regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 1998.

Commissioners Discuss Library And Burn Ban

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on June 29, 1998 with all members present and visitors including Terri Koetting, Elice Sailor, Leslie Rohan, John Curz, Gary Pope and Curt Gilbert.

See County, pg. 4



SPS Rep. Henderson Critical After Head On Collision, Wife Killed

"To many he's just the "Light" man. To his friends he's Robert. Most recognize this quiet man with the big smile with his S.P.S. service truck.

Tragedy has struck this friend of the town of Groom. Saturday afternoon Robert Henderson and his wife Sherry were headed to Amarillo on Highway 60 from their home in White Deer. As they neared Amarillo, the Henderson's Buick LaSabre was struck, head-on, by an Amarillo woman who was driving the wrong direction on the highway. Esther Jacobs James, 54, was driving a Chevrolet.

It is undetermined why she was driving the wrong way on the highway.

Robert's wife, Sherry, was pronounced dead at the scene. Robert and the driver of the other car were air-lifted to the hospital and are both in critical condition.

Robert's injuries include a punctured lung, several broken ribs and severe damage to his left arm.

Trooper Snider of the Department of Public Safety stated, "The accident is still under investigation. It is unknown why the woman was on the wrong side of the road."

Liability Is Key . . .

Laws In Place To Deal With Damaged Property

As temperatures continue to make the triple digit mark and rain is just a memory, the Fourth of July is beginning to look explosive. Grass fires have been popping up with increasing regularity. According to officials most of them have been due to careless smokers, machinery sparks and passing trains. The added threat of firecrackers have fire fighters wishing to be somewhere else this holiday.

According to Judge Jay Bob Roselius, Carson County Commissioners will not be passing a burn ban or a fireworks ban this Fourth of July. "We already have laws on the books to take care of this," commented Judge Roselius. "There are laws prohibiting people from using fireworks on any highway access or county road as well as city ordinances doing the same. If we have violations we have laws to deal with them. Liability is a key factor if there is a fire and damage."

According to Roselius, a fireworks ban would have had to be in place 20 days before the event

in order for it to be legal. While commissioners have discussed this matter, they felt that no more could be done to prevent those who will use firecrackers in these terrible conditions.

Roselius continued to say that if someone is trespassing on your property, all a resident

Sheriff's department and sign a complaint.

Groom's mayor, Joe Homer also reiterated this information.

"With all the responsibilities that the deputies have, we are just going to have to trust people to do the right thing," he said. "Any citizen can file a complaint. Hopefully common sense will prevail and kids simply will leave them alone this year."

The Groom Summer Program has asked that fireworks not be shot off in the baseball park as they have in the past. The threat of fire and the clean up factor had decided this matter.

Sheriff Loren Brand stated, "We will be doing everything we can to see that Carson County has a safe holiday weekend.

We advise celebrators to remember that the fire hazard is great and could threaten lives and property. No matter how careful one is, the

situation is critical. Also, we would like to remind everyone not to drink and drive. We will be patrolling the See Law, pg. 3

Community Calendar

THE GROOM ISD School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, at 8:00 p.m.

THE GROOM Community Clinic will be closed Friday, July 3.

THE FIRST Baptist church will hold Bible School on July 13-17.

THE TEXAS Agricultural Extension Office will hold a Private Applicators License Test on Tuesday, July 7 at City Hall in Silverton beginning at 9 am. Call 806-823-2131 so you can be put on the list.

THE GROOM Summer Program has asked that no fireworks be shot off at the ball park this year, due to the fact that clean up is not taking place by the folks who shoot them off.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to maintain the ambulance service in Groom. Medical training will be provided. If interested contact Kevin Kerlee, Doug Kling or Jay Lamb.

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Local Happenings

Robin Welch and daughter Riley, with those beautiful brown eyes, were visiting parents and grandparents, Bill and Jo Ann Musser, over the weekend from Colleyville, Texas.

Visiting "Granny Groom" (Betty Treadwell) for a week was Colton Dobbs of Peaster, Texas.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 July 2 - M.B. Bolden, Michael Anthony Lewis, Othon C. Carrillo.
 July 3 - Leo Chapman Looten, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMahan (A).
 July 4 - Gregory Britten, Lucille Merrick, Stacy Jean Fields.
 July 5 - T.C. Sustaire, Rhett Patterson.
 July 6 - Donald Conrad, Jerry Lynn Thornton, Micah Helton, Judy Miller, Nellie Painter.
 July 7 - Larry Stephens, Kendall G. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Kuehler (A).
 July 8 - W.R. (Bill) Bohr, Barbara Fraser, Jane Jackson, Velma Hickox, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Whatley (A).

On The Sick List Or Recovering List
 Ruby Latta, Wynona Koetting, Ludeen Wieberg, Evelyn Hubbard, Robert Henderson.

Bess Ruthardt of Bogata, Texas, former resident of Groom, spent last week in the home of Louis and Judy Ruthardt. She and Louis attended the Ruthardt family reunion held in Fritch on the 13th. She spent the rest of the week visiting her many friends and family members in Amarillo and Canyon. She was a dinner guest in the Louis Ruthardt home on Father's Day, along with Travis, Tonja, Rachel, Haley, and Seth of Clarendon; Rex Dawn Kaitlyn and Caden of Amarillo; Brice, Jeannie, and Megan of Amarillo; and Raymond, Shonda, Baily, Berkley and Stetson of Groom. Visitors later in the afternoon included Kevin and Jowannah Powers and boys of Panhandle and Mary Brooks of Groom.
 Bess said she is sorry she didn't have the time to visit with all her friends that she would liked to have. She returned home on Monday.



Paige Baldrige



Kim Richardson

Baldrige, Richardson New Sate National Employees

The State National Bank is welcoming two new employees. Paige Baldrige of White Deer and Kim Richardson of Groom will be two new faces that you will see in the bank.
 Paige comes to Groom from White Deer where she lives with her husband of six years, Randy. He is employed with Cabot Corporation. Paige has had quite a bit of banking experience working for banks in Borger, Amarillo and Pampa.
 Paige is the daughter of a missionary so she has lived lots of places over the world. She attended high school in Borger. She enjoys travel, reading and collecting antique memorabilia in her spare time.
 Kim (Fields) Richardson is a lifelong Groom resident. She is married to Joe Rae Richardson. She formerly worked for the N.T.S. Phone Network system. She graduated from Groom High School. When Kim has free time she enjoys working in her yard and flower beds.
 Be sure to stop in and welcome these new employees to the family and friends at the State National Bank.
 Richardson and Baldrige are replacing Karla Koetting, who has taken a teaching job in Claude and Sharon Britten who will be working in Pampa.

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Greg Underwood, Senate Candidate Of Bowie, Speaks Out On Education

BOWIE - Greg Underwood, Democratic candidate for Texas Senate, today released a list of proposed reforms that he believes will help Texas public schools "lead the way into the next century."

"We face a crisis with our kids," Underwood said. "In spite of the best efforts of parents, educators and administrators, many of our children are facing problems in our schools that we as a community must solve."

"Failure to address these problems could jeopardize the future of our region, our state and most importantly, our young people."

First: Violence, gangs and drugs must disappear from our educational institutions. Every school should have a strictly enforced "Zero Tolerance Policy" toward drugs and violence. Discipline and authority must be returned to every teacher in every classroom. Harsher sentences are in order for people who deal drugs to our young people. And people who use young people to deal

drugs should be subject to capital offense prosecution.

Second: Teachers must be paid a living wage



and receive reasonable benefits. Every year we lose excellent, dedicated teachers, administrators and coaches because of under compensation. This shortchanges our children. We can probably never pay

teachers what they deserve but we can compensate them at a level that more reasonably reflects their important contribution.

Third: Build the classrooms of tomorrow. We must recognize the importance of advanced technology and be sure that our schools are technologically proficient. We must also help our instructors in the nature and uses of technology so they can communicate to our kids the need to gain these skills.

Fourth: We must expand the opportunities for our kids to get a higher education. I strongly support John Sharp's idea of scholarships to state schools for B average students. I firmly believe this policy will both make college more available and encourage better performance in high school.

Fifth: Most importantly, we must create policies that encourage family participation in our educational process. Parental involvement is the single most decisive factor in a child's development. In this time, when two income families are a virtual necessity, we must schedule meetings and activities at times that maximize parents' opportunities to be more involved in our schools.

"Education is the first hurdle to success," said Underwood who is President-elect of the Bowie Educational Foundation. "In Texas today, more than half the new jobs created require some sort of post secondary education, but education alone will not do the trick. A successful life requires values and character."

"Sometimes faith holds the answer," Underwood continued. "In the early 70's, young people in Cooke County experienced a period of turmoil. We had a rash of teen suicides coupled with a substantial drug problem. I contacted 'The Cross and the Switchblade' author David Wilkerson and convinced him to come to Gainesville, where I was County Judge. Then I got every young person I could find to attend a rally. At the rally, David spoke with passion and commitment - he effectively communicated with our kids. Today I feel very humble when I meet successful adults, mostly parents themselves, who tell me that night, that event made the difference."

"Let me sum this up," Underwood said. "In education just as in life, success in the future

requires action in the present. We must all - parents, educators and clergy - work together to secure our kid's futures. And we must have elected officials who provide the resources and create the atmosphere to help community efforts bear fruit. That is the kid of Senator I intend to be," Underwood concluded.

Elsie McCracken
PAMPA - Elsie McCracken, 96, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, June 25, 1998, in Tulsa.

Services were Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home Colonial Chapel with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. McCracken was born in an abandoned fort in Major County, Oklahoma. She attended Northwestern Teachers College and taught school in Major County for six years. After her marriage, she moved to the Pampa area where she and her husband farmed and ranched until 1964.

Mrs. McCracken was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa. She moved to Tulsa in 1990.

She married James M. McCracken in 1925 at Major County. He died in 1964. She also was preceded in death by two sons, John William McCracken and Jerry Calvin McCracken.

Survivors include a son, James O. McCracken of Pampa; two daughters, Margaret Morgan and Betty Miller, both of Tulsa; a sister, Ruth Rouse of Wichita, Kansas; a brother, Fred Detrick of Ames, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to the First Baptist Church.

Local Happening

Father's Day visitors in the Troy Treadwell home were Tommy and Jennifer Dobbs and family, Tonya and David Owens of Shamrock and Tony and Mari Treadwell and family of Groom.

Law

entire county and watching for violators."

Local weather forecasters are predicting that the heat wave and drought will continue throughout the week. At presstime, no end was in sight for the record breaking temperatures and chances for precipitation seem unlikely.

Homes Lose Electricity In Saturday's 107 Heat

A various section of homes in the north-east part of town lost electricity for approximately one and a half hours Saturday afternoon. Temperatures around the 107 degree mark. Several calls were made to Southwest Public Service in Pampa. A spokesperson said Southwestern Public Service had received calls and had dispatched trucks to Groom. "Transformers overloaded and overheated were said to be the problem," said the

spokesperson. A sad note to the Saturday electrical outage was calls were going unanswered to the SPS representative of Groom, Robert Henderson's home in White Deer. A few hours later it was learned that Robert and wife Sherry had been in a fatal accident just outside Amarillo. Mrs. Henderson was dead on arrival at the hospital where both were airlifted. See more details on the accident in a separate story and an update on Robert Henderson.

Groom Community Clinic Sets Vaccination Schedule

The following is a suggested schedule of immunization for children. You may wish to make copies and place one for each child on your refrigerator. That way, you can check off each child as they get their vaccination, and you will have a handy convenient reminder of which vaccinations to get next. As always, Bill, Loretta, and Ofelia thank you for your support.

THIS RECORD IS VALUABLE

An Immunization record is required when entering a child care facility or school in Texas. The vaccine requirements for schools and child-care facilities may differ from the suggested immunization schedule.

Do Not Lose or Give Away This Record! SUGGESTED IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

Age	Vaccines
2 months	DTP ¹ , OPV ² & HibCV ³
4 months	DTP, OPV, & HibCV
6 months	DTP, OPV, & HibCV
15 months	DTP, OPV, HibCV & MMR
4-6 years	DTP, OPV, & MMR ⁴
14-16 years	Td
Thereafter	Td every 10 years

¹Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis ²Oral Polio Vaccine
³Haemophilus influenzae type b Conjugate Vaccine
⁴Measles, Mumps, Rubella (a second dose of MMR vaccine is required. The second dose may be administered at the time of school entry; it is required by age 12.)
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Having "way" too much fun were Thane Barkley, Chance Barkley, Blaine Britten, Kade Brown, James Reid, Tommy Head, Brett Friemel, Trevor Friemel, Adam Britten, Chad Barkley, Tyler Barkley and Ryan Reid.

Groom Cub Scouts End Year With Camping Trip

The Cub Scouts had a weekend of camping to finish off their year of scouting. The boys went on a camping trip to Leonard Koetting's pond. They spent two days and nights camping and fishing. The boys received beads for achievements accomplished throughout the weekend. Some of the activities included, archery and BB gun safety, hiking, swimming,

building a campfire, and setting up camp. The boys didn't catch any fish, but one fishing pole did get caught and pulled in by a big ole fish! The boys who participated in camp were, Adam Britten, Kade Brown, Blaine Britten, James Reid, Tommy Head, Brett Friemel, Trevor Friemel, and Chance, Thane, and Chad Barkley. There was lots of help from the

parents and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Prior to campout, the Scouts had their awards banquet at the Community Center. There were seventeen boys in Scouts this year. This is a really great number of boys, whom are getting a great learning experience. The boys advancing were: Chance Barkley and Adam Britten - Arrow of Light; James Reid, Kade

Brown, Blaine Britten, and Thane Barkley - Bear Badge; Daniel Thompson, T.J. Moraniec, Chad Barkley, Kendall Weller, and Tommy Head - Wolf Badge; Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel, Kelton Weller, Brett Friemel, and Kelton Weller - Tiger Cub Badge. The leaders for the Scouts are Karen Reid, Kathleen Barkley and Susan Brown.

Minor League Team Wins Season Ending Tourney After Slow Beginning

Groom's Minor League baseball team coached by James and Sharla Miller won their baseball tournament on Friday night. The boys were also awarded All-Star medals. The team was slow to get started this year, but rallied at the end when it counted. Their record was 6 wins

and 6 losses. These boys were sponsored by Groom Community Clinic. Team members were Joel Horn, Thane and Chad Barkley, Kade Brown, T.J. Moraniec, Trevor Friemel, Trent Britten, Brett Friemel, Daniel Thompson, Kendall Weller, and Tyler Martinez.

County Commissioners

Minutes were read and approved and all claims were approved. The court approved the crossing of a county road in precinct #4 with a 10-inch vacuum/low pressure line to the CarGray Plant. Judge Roselius informed the court of recent cost to Carson County in relation to the indigent health care program. Approximately \$10,000 has been paid out over the last several weeks. The court approved an annual salary of \$18,813.48 for Dennis Obrecht who recently was employed in precinct #2 as a road hand. The court released a safekeeping receipt from the State National Bank of Groom in the amount of \$100,000.00. The receipt was replaced with a \$100,000.00 receipt. The court opened and discussed bids on the proposed construction of the White Deer branch library. Pope Construction bid \$147,580.00 to construct the building and Cruz Construction bid \$142,000.00. The court recognizing construction cost being more than had originally planned considered how to lower the cost of the building without compromising quality. After discussing the various phases of the

building, and the cost relating to the structure, the court agreed to change the type of roof from metal to a heavyweight composition shingle. The county will also prepare the fill and base for the foundation. The court approved Cruz Construction of Amarillo as the contractor. Cost of the project including a performance bond, \$124,000.00. "We were surprised at the additional cost of the library," stated Judge Roselius. "But we were also committed to the cause. We hope additional funding by grants and contributions can be obtained to help with the cost. The project is much needed and will be a plus for the residents in the community. However, the project could be put on hold because of cost." The court approved Jeremy Thomas as a Voting Delegate for Carson County concerning matter of P.E.M.S.S. (Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System). Approximately 29 other counties make up the delegation. The court discussed setting up the courthouse grounds for the 4th of July activities. The area will be set up Wednesday morning, July

Groom Major League Team Loses In Tourney Finals

Groom's Major baseball team had a year with many obstacles in it. The boys started the year with special permission to play with 13 year olds, because there were not enough boys 10-12 to make a team. There were also boys from McLean and Amarillo coming to play with this team. With this combination they had a very challenging season. Their record was 6 wins and 6 losses (one of these a forfeit because there were not enough to

play). The team played in a tournament last week, losing in the finals, in a tie breaking inning, to Claude. Coaches for the team were Daniel Treadwell and Josh Crooks. The team was sponsored by Stop N Shop. Boys playing were Chance Barkley, Adam Britten, Clay Britten, Bobby Ratterree, Cody Schaffer, Doug Fields, Cody Babcock, Josh and Tyler Britten (Amarillo), and Jay Wallis, Dusty Moody, and Colt Patterson (McLean).

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Obituary

Services Held For Sherry Henderson

WHITE DEER
Sherry Dian Hyatt Henderson, 58, died Saturday, June 27, 1998. Services were Wednesday in Trinity Fellowship Church with Lonny Robbins, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Henderson was born and raised in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1958. She received the Eagle Scout award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. She lived in Pampa until moving to White Deer in 1990. Mrs. Henderson was employed as a clerk for Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge. She was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa where she was a missionette leader. She also was involved in the outreach ministry, the Harvest House. She married Robert Henderson in 1961 at Pampa. Survivors include her husband; a son, Keenan Henderson of Pampa; her mother, Marguerite Hyatt of Pampa; a sister, LaDaina Hyatt of Amarillo; two grandchildren; and a god-daughter. The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Foundation, the Harvest House at Trinity Fellowship Church or the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Court adjourned.

A Big Thank You

The Groom Summer League and all the kids who played in the Baseball program would like to thank all the sponsors and coaches for everything they have done to make the summer youth program a big success.

T-Ball - Coaches Tonda Torres and Tim Case; Sponsor-Great Plains Crop Service. Minor League- Coaches James and Sharla Miller; Sponsor-Groom Community Clinic; Major League-Coaches Daniel Treadwell and Josh Crooks; Sponsor - Stop N Shop

Your School . . .

By Joyce Hutsell
Business Manager, Groom

Understanding your school district's budgeting process and the tax rate is a vital part of your participation in the school.

Factors which control the tax you pay are many. The first, and we hope always the most important to you, are the services you wish to provide the students in our jurisdiction. The State of Texas mandates a basic program core curriculum of Reading, Math, English, and History. Also required by the state are services for gifted and talented students, English as a second language (or bilingual) classes, remedial services, and special education instruction.

Traditionally, and in addition to the required program, the taxpayers of this district have seen the necessity of providing enrichment services. These services include athletics, band, vocational agriculture, vocational technology, ag shows, and U.I.L. competition activities.

Groom taxpayers provided these enrichment services before the state, under the "Robin Hood" finance plan, gave school districts incentives to do so. The results of Groom Schools' compulsory testing verify the ongoing success of the school's traditional curriculum.

When property-rich school districts adjoining this district had tax rates averaging 25 to 30 cents per one hundred dollars of value, the Groom I.S.D. tax rate was in the \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hundred average. Your board of trustees has considered all the options available to them in maintaining a quality curriculum and yet keeping the rate as low as possible.

Your school district is 238 square miles, situated largely in Carson County, but with acreage also lying in Armstrong, Gray, and Donley counties. The taxable value of the properties within this 238 square miles has been approximately 53,000,000 dollars, plus or minus, historically. Except for a

brief period of oilfield activity on the northern border, which caused a temporary increase of value in the early eighties, a penny of tax levied has yielded approximately five cents for the operation of the school.

In order for a school district to begin operations at the beginning of the fiscal year on September 1, there must be funds in the bank to pay all start-up costs. If there is not money in the bank, then money must be borrowed and interest paid.

Since the mid-eighties, the school district has not had to borrow funds to begin the year. The school year is beginning earlier and earlier, as most districts now start the school year fifteen to twenty days before the fiscal year starts on September 1.

The State of Texas has an elaborate formula for computing what this fund balance should be. This involves computation of how much cash will be expended to put in supplies, pay personnel, keep up the physical plant, and pay utilities until January. Some legislators have suggested that excess funds held locally be deducted from funds to be paid the district by the state. Because of reasoning such as that, the school district wished to maintain the fund balance at or near the state's suggested, ideal fund balance.

The basic legislation, enacted in 1990 and under which we still operate, coincided almost exactly with the beginning of the decline in student population in the Groom School.

Many costs have remained steady or fixed since the 1970's. The same number of teachers and staff is required, along with the same level of building maintenance.

The decline of pupil population in ratio to the district's total taxable value and the fixed costs of operation have yielded a much greater per-pupil cost and a much greater taxable value per pupil served. This increased ratio causes a reduction

Who Are They?!

Be the first person to come in to the Groom News Office on Thursday morning and correctly identify everyone in the above picture and win a cool delicious ice cream cone at the Groom Dairy Queen!



Last week's picture was of Patti McLaughlin. The correct guesser was Dondra Rogers.

in the percentage of the budget to be funded by the state, and the number of pupils to be served causes yet another reduction in the amount of state aid.

The past three years' budgets have been deficit budgets. The twofold benefit is the reduction of the fund balance to the level the state considers optimum, and it has allowed the board of trustees to maintain the tax rate at a steady level without increase while maintaining the exact level of services.

The state continues to burden districts with more and more requirements. These "unfunded mandates" force costs up. A small school such as Groom is constricted between these mandates and a tradition of providing enriched educational opportunities.

Bear in mind that a district's tax rate for maintenance and operation is held to a

maximum of \$1.50/100 by law. Groom School has only 6 more cents to consider adding to the tax rate. The fund balance will not last at this rate more than two school years.

This series examining our school district's structure, policies, and potential is designed to help you, as a parent, as a taxpayer, as a student, or just someone interested


in education to know your school in depth. Articles will be determined by what you want to know. Keep up advised of your questions and we will try to keep you informed about your school.

More Local Happenings

Don and Patty Wills of Amarillo and Marty and Tracy Keckler of Lubbock recently visited the Melvin Wills'.



Dan Ashford takes care of his weekly chores during the cool early morning hours.



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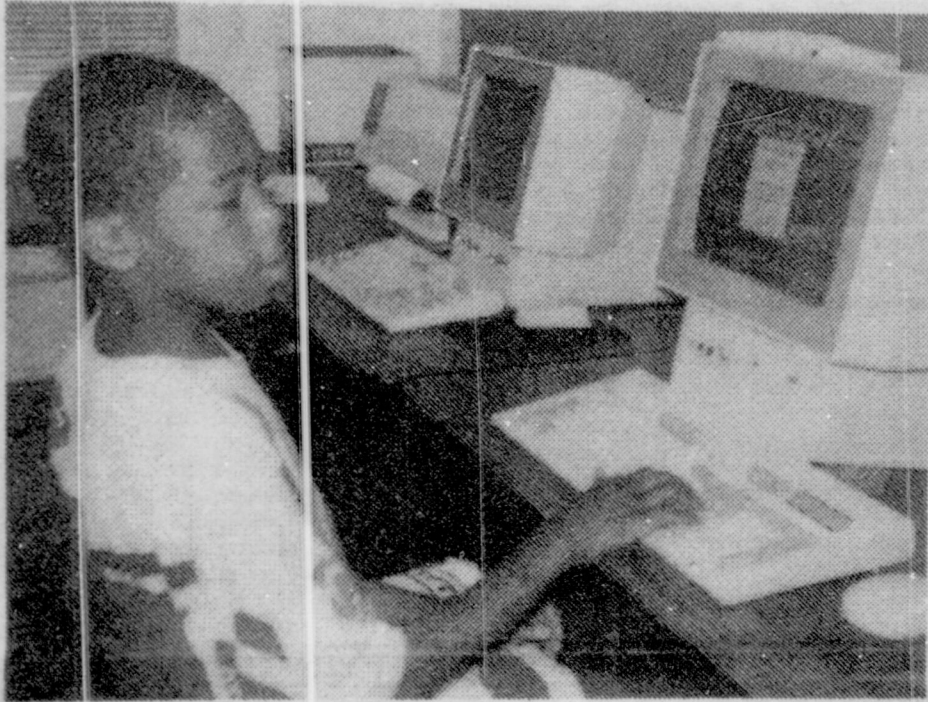
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Troy Jeffries works math on a computer as a member of the summer school program at the McLean Elementary School.



Tanner Wilhem, Nikki Jo Alvarez and Chase Bohlar work on an assignment for their class in summer school.

Summer School Polishes Skills

Elementary summer school started up last week in McLean and will continue until July 22. Reading and math skills are being polished up for the next school term.

"This is not something for kids that have failed; this session is for any student who just needs extra practice. These students have been teacher and parent recommended," Mr. Crockett explained.

Currently, there are 35 students attending grades first through sixth, with classes 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Area Dry, No Rain Received In 3 Months

Sam Haynes has been keeping track of rainfall in McLean, or more appropriately, the lack of rainfall. "Since January 1st of this year we've only received 8.6 inches of

rain. Our yearly average by this time is 10 inches. That may not seem like much of a difference, but when you consider we've only had 2.78" of rain since April, that's three months without more

than a trace of precipitation. Last year was a wet year, with 28.05" of rain by the end of June," Sam told the News. "This is highly

unusual," Sam also commented. "I remember it being pretty hot and dry back in the fifties, but not this dry and not quite so many days in the 100 degree range."

Gray County Bans Burning, No Fireworks Ban Issued For July 4

With the 4th of July weekend here upon us, just a reminder to the McLean area that the county has issued a ban on open burning.

No ban has been placed on fireworks yet, but emergency coordinator of McLean, Robert McDonald, urges

residents to use common sense when fireworks are involved. "The Fire Department can't officially say 'Don't use fireworks,' but we do hope residents will use extreme caution because of the unusually dry conditions."

Two hints McDonald

gave were

(1) Place fireworks on pavement or dirt instead of grass.

(2) Keep water or a fire extinguisher on hand.

"We want everyone to have a fun, safe weekend, especially a safe one," concluded McDonald.

Chapter Reps Attend Conference

Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters from across the Texas Panhandle met at Clarendon College for the 1998 Area I FFA Leadership Conference.

According to Jerry Hawkins, CC Agriculture Chairperson, 229 FFA members attended the 18th annual leadership conference, June 22-24 in Clarendon.

Throughout the conference, Area I, district and state FFA officers led educational programs focusing on improving student leadership skills. Chapter members also participated in a variety of fun-filled workshops, dances and a banquet. Skills learned by FFA members and advisers will be applied to local, district, area and state FFA levels throughout the 1998-99 school year, according to Hawkins.

"The Agriculture Science instructors also use our conference to plan their activities for the year," said Hawkins. "Plus, the conference provides the chapters an opportunity to fine-tune and prepare for the upcoming State FFA convention." The 1998 State FFA convention



Brian Fuller & Frankie Sparling

will be held the second week of July in Fort Worth.

More than 51 FFA chapters attended the 18th annual Area I FFA Leadership Conference at Clarendon College. Attending the conference from McLean FFA were Brian Fuller, Frankie Sparling, Jessi Fish, and Advisor Bill Layman.

Texas's Area I is comprised of the entire Texas Panhandle, extending southeast to Childress and Guthrie, south to Lubbock and southwest to the New Mexico state line. For more information regarding the Area I FFA Conference, please contact Jerry Hawkins at (806)874-3571.

McLean Reminders...

VFW POST 8565 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.



Notice

The City Hall offices and the Library will be closed Friday, July 3rd, in observance of July 4th.

McLEAN ISD Board of Education will meet in Special session on July 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Business Office at the school.

THE LION'S Club Golf Tournament has been postponed due to the heat. It will be July 24 & 25 instead of the 11th & 12th.

Briefs

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
July 2 - Doug Purcell, Bill Reeves.
July 3 - Dixie Jo Crockett.
July 4 - Nicki Hefley.
July 5 - Ethan McCracken, Melissa Thompson, Patricia Gaybeal.
July 6 - James Hefley, Sara Brown.
July 7 - Darrell Myers, Harold Houdyshell, Bernard McClellan, Zora Petty Billingsley, Nora Petty Loveland.
July 8 - Dale Johnston, Deborah Longino.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans from Alamosa, New Mexico visited his sister, Jerry and Troy Corbin of McLean.

Brock, Kristie, and Clay Crockett spent Friday night in Stratford because Brock was in Darren Johnson's wedding.

Gay and Allison Hill were visited Saturday night by Jennifer Hill. They were busy planning Jennifer's September 5th wedding.

Deanna McClendon had tickets to the "Price Is Right" on Tuesday, June 30th in San Diego. She and Ashley and Nicole are visiting family for a few weeks.

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August
 10-11-12: Inservice
 13: First Day of School
September:
 7: Holiday
 25: 1st Six Weeks Ends
October:
 12: Inservice Day
November:
 6: 2nd Six Weeks Ends
 25-26-27: Holiday
December:
 18: End of Semester
 21 thru 31: Holiday
January:
 4: Inservice Day
 5: Second Semester Begins
February:
 11: 4th Six Weeks Ends
 12: Inservice Day
 15: Holiday
March:
 8 thru 12: Holiday
April:
 1: 5th Six Weeks Ends
 2: Holiday
 5: Bad Weather Day
May:
 7: Bad Weather Day
 27: Last Day of Classes
 28: Inservice Day

Area Eye Bank Links With Non-Profit Network

The Lions Eye Bank of District 2T-1, Amarillo's only eye bank, has recently become a member of the non-profit eye and tissue banking network, TBI/Tissue Banks International. The Lions of District 2T-1 has supported eye banking and eye donation for over 25 years.

The cornea is the clear tissue at the front of the eye. About the size and thickness of a dime, this tissue is the window of sight. When the cornea becomes damaged because of trauma, disease or inherited conditions, visual impairment or blindness can result. Corneal blindness is one of the few irreversible kinds of blindness. The surgeon removes the damaged cornea and replaces it with a healthy cornea donated by a deceased donor and retrieved by the eye bank.

In joining the TBI network, the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T-1 benefits from such services as tissue distribution, administrative management, and public information and fund raising assistance. TBI's national network also provides tissue from its other eye banks to meet local needs when insufficient amounts of issue are recovered locally. "Our ultimate objective is to virtually eliminate patient waiting lists for corneal transplant surgery in this area," says Diana Martinez, the eye bank's new Executive Director. "We will be intensifying our efforts to

inform the public about the benefits of donation and transplantation and strengthen our tissue recovery efforts in the area. We anticipate that our relationship with TBI will enhance the services of the Eye Bank to patients and their surgeons."

Last year more than 40,000 men, women and children underwent sight restoring corneal transplant surgery in the U.S. Under optimum circumstances, this transplant procedure has a higher than 90 percent success rate.

For more information, contact Diana Martinez, Lions Eye Bank of District 2T-1, phone (806)359-5101.

Summer Vacation Driving Tips

Trooper L.B. Snider of the Texas Highway Patrol says that motorists with mobile/cellular phones needing help or to get help for others may call, toll free, #1-800-525-5555 for D.P.S. assistance. When using this number be prepared to give good location information such as road number/name, distance from a town (estimate) and the type of help needed. However, if urgent help is needed motorists may need to use 9-1-1.

Obituary

Tildia Jane Shelbourne
 Tildia Jane Shelbourne, 98, died Sunday, June 28, 1998.

Graveside services were Tuesday in White Crest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shelbourne was born in Indian Territory. She was retired as a farmer and rancher. She was a member of the Heald United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Archie Coffey of Tallequah, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

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McLean Woman Working Publicist

It's almost impossible for families to survive on a single income these days. One McLean resident found a way to earn income and stay at home with her family.

Dee Ann Burkes lives on the JLB Ranch 13 miles north of McLean with her husband, Jeffrey, and one-year-old son, Skee. The distance from town and desire to be home with her young son prompted her to seek employment from her home. She now works as a newspaper editor and as a publicist for a PRCA team roper.

Dee Ann's roots are in Prescott, Arizona where she grew up on a family owned-and-operated ranch. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. After working for various people, she ended up editing and publishing her own magazine, *The Arizona Rancher*. A move to Texas forced her to end publication of the magazine, much to her regret.

However, her design and publication experience came in handy this past February when Rope America, Inc., a team roping organization

based in Prescott, Arizona, contacted her to be the editor of their bi-monthly newspaper, *The Smart Roper*. The 16-page newspaper includes ads, roping results and articles that Dee Ann compiles and lays out.

One of the regular columns in the newspaper is "In the Arena with Allen Bach." The articles feature the 3-time World Champion team roper, Allen Bach

discussing various aspects of team roping. Allen co-writes the article with Dee Ann, so she has to call him for interviews to get a basis for the article. After a couple of conversations, he contacted her and asked if she would be interested in being his publicist and doing some public relations work for him.

Allen is a business partner and endorser of several different companies, and he puts on roping schools and camps in addition to being on the road all the time going to rodeos. He needed someone to help him be in better contact with his endorsees; to help his business partners (namely

Cactus Ropes, which is a part owner of) with marketing or advertising needs; to help him keep up with his "In the Arena" column and submit it to various team roping newspapers; to get a web page up; to advertise and coordinate his roping schools, organize any public appearances and anything else that might come up.

Dee Ann went to Arizona and met with Allen and his family before agreeing to the full-time position. She was encouraged by the fact that Allen and his wife Peggy are devout Christians and raise their four children under a strong Christian influence.

"I am really excited to be working for Allen," Dee Ann says of the alliance. "He has been rodeoing for 20 years and has developed such a good reputation he makes my job easy. Not only

do I enjoy the type of work I do for him, but I really want to do a good job for him because I respect him so much."

Dee Ann says she feels very fortunate to be able to work out of her home doing things she enjoys while being able to spend time with her son, Skee. She says the only problem is disciplining herself to make sure she does the job she's supposed to because it is very easy to get sidetracked and do things other than work.

McLean Care Center News

Saturday was a lot of fun as residents gathered to honor all the men on Father's Day. Some family came to celebrate with their fathers.

On Sunday, 17 residents gathered for Sunday School. In the afternoon residents enjoyed the Sunday service given by the Church of Christ.

Monday morning, residents gathered during crafts to plant some plants in the flower pots they had painted. These and many other crafts are for sale at the Care Center to raise money to buy more crafts and such. Later in the morning, after watching "Price is Right," residents played catch with their giant beach ball.

In the afternoon, volunteer Betty Lowe came to play Bingo with the residents.

With Tuesday morning came the eye doctor, so most of the morning was spent with him. Ms. Harris and Ms. Watson of the Church of Christ came to serve snacks around mid-morning. Later, some of the residents got together to play dominos.

The Wednesday Morning Circle was enjoyed by 18 residents who ate apricots and bananas provided by Inez Trostle. Those attending were Lula Sheegog, Bud Simpson, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Gladys Andrews, Jesse Coleman, Thelma Hopkins, Thelma Finson, Bessie McLemore, Dorothy Patterson, Dovie Simmons, Vernee Bowling, Duella Beverly,

M.L. Rowan, Ruby Ayers, Mable Dickey, Emma Graham and Don York. In the afternoon, residents gathered to watch another Walton's episode that they love so well. They also enjoyed popcorn and apples.

On Thursday morning, residents gathered to play Beach Ball Kick. Afterwards, they watched "Price is Right" then played Ring Toss. In the afternoon, Gladys Andrews, Ruby Ayers, Phyllis Bailey, Ora Billingsley, Vernee Bowling, Thelma Finson, Truman Goodlett, Bessie McLemore, Hadda Moore, Dorothy Patterson, Dovie Simmons, Bud Simpson, Joe Taylor, M.L. Turner, Jessie Watson, and Dick Wheeler gathered to play Bingo.

Friday morning residents gathered early to visit about current events followed by a game of Basketball. In the afternoon residents played dominos and worked on crafts.

You May Be Over The Hill If

By Lena Carter
The favorite form of transportation among the young was a "Cushman Scooter."

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You watched grandpa slaughter hogs with a 45 (hog leg) pistol. The average farm family killed from six to ten hogs per year - Low fat diet?

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The July MIP class for Clarendon is scheduled for Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, from 6-9 p.m., in room 105 of the Clarendon College Administration Building.

MIP Classes for Pampa are slated for Monday,

July 20, and Tuesday, July 21, from 6-9 p.m., at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 N. Frost.

To enroll in one of Clarendon College's MIP Classes, individuals must call Clarendon College's Counseling Center at (806) 874-3571 one week prior to the desired class date and request a class application. Cost of the class is \$40 and is payable at the first class meeting.

For more information about Clarendon College's MIP Classes, please call Thad Anglin, CC Dean of Students, Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (806) 874-3571.

You May Be Over The Hill If.

By Lena Carter
When most households had a granny who loved to sit by the fire place and smoke her cob pipe. This same granny was a fountain of knowledge and old tales which really enthralled the younguns.

When grave diggers weren't hired they were friends of the family, that also sat up with the body.

Air conditioned bedrooms were usually outside on long summer nights.

Crackers and pickles came in large barrels not boxes or jars.

T model Fords came with a hand pump and tire patching kit for roadside flats, glassine windowed side curtains that kept out the rain and the cold and could be snapped out for a breezier ride.

Every farm had a smoke house where hickory wood gave the winter supply of pork that special taste.

You sat and watched dad shave strips off a piece of pine wood to be used to start the usual morning fires.

One of the popular songs was "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More."

Cars came with "patching kits" to enable you to fix a flat on the spot.

When a trip on the train from south to the north or vice versa usually took 3 days and 2 nites (Oklahoma to Montana) and the trip across the Rockies was a real thrill.

When you brought a "yard long" piece of licorice for a few cents and made it last all day.

When your Sunday hose was rayon knit and impossible to keep from sagging.

FOX Sports Restores Service To Marcus Cable Customers

DALLAS - Fox Sport Southwest has restored Marcus Cable's ability to televise the channel's local and regional sports programming to more than 200,000 Marcus Cable customers in North Texas, and has committed to air the channel throughout negotiations for a new carriage agreement, Marcus Cable Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Lou Borrelli announced.

Marcus Cable and Fox Sports Southwest will continue ongoing negotiations for a new agreement that will ensure the quantity and quality of local and regional sports programming, including Texas Rangers, Dallas Stars, and Dallas Mavericks games, will be available over the long term. Marcus Cable has aired Fox Sports Southwest in North Texas without a contract since January 1, 1998.

"We are gratified Fox Sports agreed to restore their programming to Marcus Cable customers, and we regret any inconvenience this brief service interruption may have caused. Marcus Cable will work diligently for a long-term agreement that will ensure our customers can watch the sports teams that matter most to them," said Borrelli.

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principally engaged in the ownership and operation of wired telecommunications networks including cable television systems, distance education networks, and Internet services. It is currently the nation's 12th largest cable operator serving over 1.2 million customers in 16 states. More information on Marcus Cable can be found on the Internet at www.marcuscable.com

Drive Safely This Holiday

Corporal Dunnam with the Pampa Department of Public Safety said their office always has the policy of "No drinking and driving," regardless of if its a holiday or not.

With this holiday weekend, Corporal Dunnam urged, "If you have been drinking, do not get behind the steering wheel. If you do drink, have a designated driver. The consequences are tough for those caught drinking and driving."

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter

Special services were held at First Baptist Church Sunday as a prayer for rain and for healing of the sick.

Sid Keese has been under the weather the greater portion of last week and this suffering a badly abscessed tooth.

Jim and Vonnie Bible were in Oklahoma this week where Vonnie's mother was to undergo serious surgery.

We will observe "The Lord's Supper" Sunday at First Baptist Church. All are welcome.

Paul Bruce of Pampa is visiting his grandparents the Robert Bruce's here.

The R.L. Leeder's were entertaining quite a bit of company this week. Daughter Sharon of Clarendon, Peggy's sister and family of Waxahachie and some from Childress.

The Keese boys were busy setting up for their monthly archery shoot coming up this weekend.



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Sun. Youth Bible Study 5 pm

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James Mantooth 779-3207
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
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Pray For Rain

Cooper Reunion Meets In Shamrock

The Cooper Reunion which has been held in McLean every two years since 1976, will be held in the Shamrock Irish Inn July 4th and 5th. Games are played, music is made, and swimming will be enjoyed; but the highlight of the event is the Sunday morning worship at eleven a.m.

"And we feel honored when friends join us an any hour of the day," commented Archie Cooper.

Rev. Archie Cooper, age 85, of McLean is the invited speaker for the Sunday service.

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THE CITY OF McLEAN is accepting applications for a city employee. Applicants must have Class C Groundwater and Wastewater licenses or capable of obtaining these licenses. Must also possess CDL license. Applicant must be able to perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled

maintenance work and operate a variety of equipment in the operation of gas, water, sewer, street and garbage departments. Must have High School or GED diploma. Salary is negotiable. Deadlines for applications is July 8

1998. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 220 N. Main, McLean, Tx. The City of McLean is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information contact City Hall at 806-779-2481.

HAFY HOUR at Allsup's is 2:00 to 4:00 pm daily. All paper cup fountain drinks are 50% Off.

CNA'S - FT & PT eve/night avail - Benefits: car exp., insur., retirement plan, meals furnished - apply in person - St. Ann's Nursing Home - Panhandle.

WANT TO LEASE Grass: and For Sale: 2 black Saler heifer bulls. Frank Worsham 779-2044.

2 BR, SINGLE Garage, new carpet, storage bldg on 1 1/2 lots. Nice & clean. Make offer to settle estate. Joe Lovell Real Estate Bill E. Homer 248-7564

WANT TO BUY: 1/4 - 1/2 or 1 section grass near McLean. Improved, unimproved. CRP - 0.K. Rt 8 Box 906, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

McLean Care Center is accepting applications for CNA, and housekeeping. 605 West 7th, 779-2469.

FOR SALE: 3 BR, double garage, Central H&A on 2 lots, storm shelter, storage bldg. Very nice. Anxious to sell.

I'M MAD... at banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254)947-4475.

REWARD: Missing - Lost or borrowed: Girl's purple & pink bicycle; last seen at the Groom Swimming Pool on Saturday between 1:30 - 3:00. Call 248-7082.

EASY MONEY
 \$1,000.00 cash reward for the identity of the person responsible for cutting a five-wire fence and stealing a 75-watt Solar Panel from my water well on the Stark Place just East of McLean, Tuesday June 16, 1998. The name of the \$1,000.00 payee will remain secret. No testimony in court or at any other legal proceeding will be required. Bill Reeves, Box 429, McLean, TX 79057, 806-779-2797.

POSITIVE FEED, INC.
 Cow Tubs 80 and 225 lbs.
 Horse Tubs 40 and 80 lbs.
DANNY ASKEW
 874-5001 or 874-3844

JIM DAVIDSON
 Century 21
 Pampa Realty, Inc.
 Business 669-0007
 Home 669-1863

TO THE SOLAR PANEL THIEF
 You didn't leave many tracks when you stole my solar panel. At first I thought it was because the ground was so hard. From the way you operate, I have concluded you may be a little light in your loafers. Have someone you trust explain this to you.

FOR SALE: Ready to run Molino engines, Steve Dauer 537-3963.

SCHNEIDER HOUSE APARTMENTS
 Seniors or Disabled
 120 S. Russell 665-0415,
 Pampa, Tx Hours 9-1.
 Rent based on income.

Public Notice

Invitation To Bidders

SEALED proposals will be received by the Groom Independent School District on July 7, 1998 at 2:00 PM in the Board Room of the district Administrative facilities, and then and there opened and read aloud for the furnishing of equipment and labor for retrofit of systems within the K-12th Grade campus.

Sealed bids for the following include labor, material, and equipment in accordance with BID DOCUMENTS - INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

Projects to Bid:
 Lighting and Electrical Systems retrofit
 HVAC System installation

Building Energy Management System (BEMS) installation
 All Mechanical and Electrical work required for proper operation of the designed systems and included in the Bid Documents must be incorporated into the Bid(s) received by the Owner prior to project initiation, whether incorporated into one total bid packet, or received in portion from multiple bidders.

NOTE: All references to a Pre-Bid Walkthrough in these Specifications are to be deleted. Time requirements do not allow for a walkthrough with

prospective bidders. However, the Contractor shall be responsible for complete installation, and for the purchase of correct quantities of materials. It is recommended that each Bidder complete a site visit prior to submitting a Bid Proposal to acquaint himself with the facilities and to obtain information necessary for submission of an accurate Bid.

Only Sealed Bids prepared in accordance with the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS will be considered.

No Bid Security Bond is required. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required as per State law.

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularity in the bids and in the bidding process.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Owner, Engineer, or F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas.

Direct all communication to:
 James W. Brown, P.E.
 ENERGY SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES, Inc.
 11901 Hamrick Ct.
 Austin, Texas 78759
 Phone: (512)258-0547
 FAX: (512)258-5638

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TEXSCAN WEEK OF 06-28-98 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

266 MMX INTEL fully loaded PCI Earn at no cost! \$0 down, bad credit - OK. Call Shena now for free details. 1-800-600-0143 ext. 2777. Distributors needed!! MAB Ent. prizes.

COTTONELLE - 3 DISTRIBUTORS needed in your area. Launch brand new product! \$60-90K/year potential. Minimum investment \$6000 guaranteed. Free video and audio package. Universal Vending. 1-800-600-2899.

GREETING CARDS! DISTRIBUTORS PT/FT. Top 100 cards! No selling. High profit margins! \$5,500 investment. Call Elite Business Design. 1-800-570-7480.

HOLY COW! EARN \$\$\$\$! Display darling cow that waters your lawn by wagging her tail! Every one adores her! Many thousands sold already! \$190.00 start-up. Toll free 1-888-98-6100.

LOCAL CANDY ROUTE. 30 vending machines. Earn approximately \$80/day. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-998-VEND. Multi-Vend, Inc.

MILLIONAIRE MINDED PEOPLE! Leaders will build lifelong careers in communications field in the next 180 days. Proven turnkey sponsoring system, lead generation. Work with million dollar earners. \$25.00 investment. Carbox out INC., Toll Free 1-877-223-0746.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING. Quick Oil change business is growing!!! No franchise fees! \$30 to \$60K equity required. Training, financing, site assistance available. Major oil company support. Call Augustine at 1-800-605-4004.

DRIVERS WANTED

CARRIER PAID TRAINING. Conwell Corp. is providing free CDL training. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to pass drug screen. Call 1-800-569-9232.

DRIVER - \$10,000 BONUS! Raise every six months plus bonuses and benefits. Assigned conventional hauling dry van freight. Flexible home time. Owner/operators welcome, too. Vernon Sawyer, 1-888-829-9565.

DRIVER - FLATBED. GLASS/heavy haulers. 34-37c/miles. Great Benefits. Consistent miles. 401K, Run Midwest. 3 years OTR + 1 year flatbed experience. Combined Transport. 1-800-637-4407.

DRIVER OTR LEADER in the industry, leader in pay. * \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced company drivers. Leader in miles. * Coast to coast runs. Covenant Transport: Experienced drivers/Owner operators, 1-800-441-4391. Graduate students, 1-800-338-6428.

DRIVER - START UP To 34c/mile. 85% drop-hook. Conventional Freightliners. Weekly pay. Regional runs available. Contractors ask about 88c/mile! Heartland Express, 1-800-441-4953.

DRIVERS: NATIONALLY KNOWN Carriers are offering free Truck Driver Training, with no contracts & no gimmicks. For more details call 1-888-209-0617.

DRIVERS OTR/48 State - *New competitive pay package/ weekly * Paid insurance and vacation, performance bonus, 95% no-to-ach. Graduate students welcome. Continental Express. 1-800-727-4374/ 1-800-695-4473.

INEXPERIENCED! FREE CDL Training *Hired by company * Guaranteed job if qualified * Based out of your area * \$500-\$700 weekly * Benefits package * 1-800-455-4682, then dial 200.

OWNER/ OPERATORS, ARE you averaging \$1.13 cpm? FFE offers 90% loaded miles, free base plates & permits, and \$1,000 sign-on bonus. Call now! 1-800-569-9298.

RAPID FREIGHT OF TEXAS is seeking OTR drivers. Minimum 1 year experience. Class A CDL with HazMat required. Call recruiting 1-800-299-7274, ext. 21 or ext.41.

DRIVERS: FLATBED OR VAN OTR Drivers. Trism Specialized Carriers can start you up to 31/ mile & offer: *Assigned Conventional Tractors *No slip seating. *Satellite Communications. *Passenger Program - No Costs. *Pet policy. *Total benefits package, 401K & stock option. Trism, Inc. BOE. 1-800-29-TRISM.

EDUCATIONAL

BROADEN YOUR WORLD with Scandinavian, European, Russian, South American, Asian high school exchange students arriving August. Become a volunteer host family/AISE. 1-800-SIBLING. www.sibling.org

TRI-STATE SEMI Driver Training, Inc. *Job placement assistance before training. *Tuition loans available, no credit check. *17 day training *3001 N145, Palmer, Tx. *Call 1-888-854-7364.

VOLUNTEER FAMILIES NEEDED - to host high school exchange students from Europe, Asia, and Americans. Girls, boys. Variety of interests, hobbies, sports. Call Dana, 1-800-473-0696.

EMPLOYMENT

IMMEDIATE OPENING, NATIONAL company looking for sales representative in Texas. Willing to travel Monday-Friday. Commission position. Company average pays \$670/week. Call Albe at 1-800-225-6368.

PEOPLE PERSON? LOVE Outdoors? Now hiring for all positions. Huge bonus program. Perfect for golfers, seniors and PT students. Fax resume: 1-972-771-8213. Benefits National Charity.

RADIO BROADCASTING, MENTOR program. DJ/ News/Sports. Local radio stations seeking serious candidates for on-the-job training program leading to employment. Flexible training schedule. no experience required. 1-888-967-2346.

MORTGAGES

NEED A MORTGAGE Loan? Good credit or bad credit. 24 hour approvals. ACG Financial Services. Toll free 1-888-991-4224, ext. 2.

NO DOWN PAYMENT? PROBLEM Credit? Own the home you need now, without a big down payment. Complete financing if qualified. DeGeorge Home Alliance, 1-800-343-2884.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

A DEBT-FREE LIFE! Confidential help. Cut monthly payments. Reduce interest. Stop collection calls. Avoid bankruptcy. Nation's largest non-profit: Genus Credit Management. 24 hours, 1-800-317-9971.

ARE YOU DROWNING in Debt? Debt relief: free, immediate, confidential. Consolidate payments, lower interest. Call 1-888-BILL-FREE or 1-888-245-5373. American Credit Counselors.

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GET OUT OF Debt Free! Credit Counseling Centers of America (Member NFCC) Free debt consolidation, lower payments, interest. Stop collector calls. Non-profit, 1-877-936-2222. Toll free.

FOR SALE

POOL CITY'S KAYAK Pools, demo homesites wanted to display new maintenance free pool. Save thousands w/this unique opportunity! 100% financing...call 1-800-338-9919.

WOLFF TANNING BEDS. Tan at home. Buy direct and save! Commercial/Home units from \$199.00. Low monthly payments. Free color catalog. Call today, 1-800-842-1310.

HEALTH

DIABETES? ARE YOU paying for supplies? Why? For information on how you can receive supplies at little or no cost, call 1-800-678-5733.

GREAT NEWS! DIABETICS... Medicare pays for testing supplies. You've seen us on TV. Liberty Medical Supply. No up front cost. Satisfaction guaranteed. Free shipping. 1-800-233-3858.

LEGAL SERVICES

HEALTH ALERT: DURACT, pain drug withdrawn because of severe liver damage and deaths to many users. Call for free consultation, David P. Willis, Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Lawyer. Houston, Tx. principal office 1-800-883-9858.

IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SUFFERERS: Treatment with IV infusions of gammagard in 1993-1994 could have caused HEPATITIS-C entailing you to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson. 1-800-535-5727.

PETS/LIVESTOCK

FOR A FEW Pennies more, get latest technology in liquid worms. HAPPY JACK LIQUID-VICT delivers actives better than older formulas. TSC Stores & County Coops. www.happyjackinc.com.

REAL ESTATE

TENNESSEE LAKE BARGAIN! \$17,900. \$1800 Down. Boat dock! Beautifully wooded lot on spectacular 30,000 acre lake. Paved road, utilities, surveyed, soils tested. Local bank has appraised - will finance 8% fixed, 15 years. Only \$150/month! Priced to sell immediately! Offered first come, first served! Call now, 1-800-861-5253, Ext. 8359.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY Business opportunity. Beautiful river community. Excellent quality of life. 22,000 square foot historic downtown building currently 65% used in profitable retail business. Principals. Trade considered. 13423 Blanco Rd. San Antonio 78216. Messages 210-493-7545.

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Call this newspaper for details on how to advertise statewide.

Services Held For Older Texans

The Texas Department on Aging advocates and provides services for older Texans through a statewide network of 28 area agencies on aging and hundreds of their contracted service-providers.

The services available include:

Nutrition services,

including home-delivered meals or group meals served at senior centers and nutrition sites;

Transportation to medical appointments, nutrition sites and other critical destinations;

Information and assistance to help you obtain services available from other sources, both

public and private; Counseling on benefits and entitlements, including health insurance, for which you may qualify;

Case management (help from trained professionals in creating individualized packages of service to maintain health and independence);

Non-Medical in-home services, such as chore maintenance, for people whose physical limitations

prevent them from performing these tasks themselves; and Volunteer opportunities that allow active seniors to contribute their knowledge and abilities to their communities.

To contact the area agency on aging nearest you, call 1-800-252-9240.

The Texas Department on Aging also maintains 28 regional nursing home ombudsman offices you

can call with questions or concerns about nursing homes, residents' rights or

quality of care. To get in touch with your nearest ombudsman, call

1-800-252-2412.

You may also go to the internet site at <http://www.tdoa.state.tx.us> or E-mail: mail@tdoa.state.tx.us for more information.

Public Notice

THE CITY OF McLEAN will be accepting bids for the purchase of used equipment. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. July 9, 1998, at City Hall, 220 N. Main, McLean, Texas. The city reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

Specifications are as follows:
Crawler Dozer: Minimum 120 horsepower, minimum 8'6" straight blade with lift. 3 shank hydraulic rear mounted ripper with hydrostatic drive transmission, rollover protective cab with heater and air conditioner. 80% undercarriage.

Lowboy Trailer: 1981 or newer, 35 ton, good condition, 10.00 R15, 14 ply tires - 50% rubber on tires. Dove tail with ramps, at least 29 foot length floor.

Semi-Truck Tractor:

1982, 400 hp diesel engine, 9 speed transmission, 11.24 tires with at least 50% rubber, rear mounted Tulsa 64 winch - dual fuel tanks.

Belly Dump Trailer: 1982 or newer. 20 cubic yard capacity with air operated double doors, 11.24 tires - 50% rubber or better, air brakes with 40 gallon reserve tank.

Front End Loader: 2 1/2 cubic yard capacity bucket, articulating frame, rollover protective cab with heater, 17.525 tires.

CELEBRATE

OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY

Potato Chips \$1.59 BAG Buy One Get One FREE	Charcoal Briquets 10 LB. BAG \$1.19	ASSORTED COOKING OILS Wesson 48 OZ. \$1.99	Pork & Beans 15.5 OZ. CANS 4 \$1 FOR 1	Plastic Ice Tea Tumblers 3/\$1.00	BBQ Sauce 18 OZ. BTL. 2 \$1 FOR 1
ASST. SUNNY Cookies 2 LB. PKGS. 3.00	SAVE ON 40, 75, OR 100 WATT SYLVANIA Light Bulbs 4 PACK 1.39	AJAX Dish Detergent 22 OZ. 99¢	ASSORTED HUNTS Spaghetti Sauce 26-26.5 OZ. 99¢	ASST. GRINDS FOLGERS Coffee 11.5-13 OZ. \$2.29	REG. OR WITH JALAPENON Ranch Style Beans 15 OZ. CANS 2 \$1 FOR 1
SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY SPOONS, FORKS, OR COMBO Plasticware 24 CT. BOXES 1.00	10 CT. LAWN & LEAF OR 20 CT. TALL KITCHEN DRAWSTRING Shurfine Trash Bags 2 BOXES 3.00	SHURFINE INSTANT LIGHT Charcoal 1 LB. BAG 2.79	PURINA LAMB & RICE, BEEF OR ORIGINAL Puppy Chow 17.5 LB. BAG 6.99	BOLD CHICKEN, LIVER, OR BEEF FLAVOR Dog Food 4 13.2 OZ. CANS 1.00	ASSORTED HORMEL Spam 12 OZ. 1.99
CASEROLE Pinto Beans 4 LB. BAG 2.29	TEXSUN PORK Grapefruit Juice 46 OZ. 69¢	UNSWEETENED ORANGE OR PINEAPPLE Texsun Juice 46 OZ. 1.19	ASSORTED BUSH'S Baked Beans 28 OZ. 99¢	DAIRY ASSORTED KRAFT Velveeta 16 OZ. LOAF 2.99	ASSORTED PATIO Frozen Dinners 12-13 oz. 99¢
ASSORTED KRAFT SOFT Cream Cheese 8 OZ. 1.69	SPLIT RIB BREASTS Small Pkg. 1.19 LB.	HILGRIM'S PRIDE JUMBO PACK Split Fryer Breasts 99¢ LB.	BAR-S Meat Franks 3 \$1 FOR 10 OZ. PKGS.	MEATY PORK SHOULDER Country Style Ribs \$1.19 LB.	PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Petite Sirloin Steaks \$2.39 LB.
RED RIPE Tomatoes LB. 99¢	US #1 RUSSET Potatoes 10 LB. BAG 1.39	DOLE CLASSIC Salad 1 LB. PKG. 99¢	RED RIPE CALIFORNIA Strawberries 1 LB. PKG. 1.69	HILLSHIRE FARMS REGULAR Smoked Sausage \$1.59 1 LB. PKG.	MEAT SPECIALS PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS SIRLOIN CUT Pork Chops LB. 2.99
RED OR WHITE SEEDLESS Grapes LB. 1.19	GARDEN FRESH Broccoli LB. 59¢	SNO WHITE Cauliflower EA. 99¢	CRISP CALIFORNIA Celery 2 FOR 79¢	FRESH BUTT Pork Roast LB. 1.29	FRESH Pork Steak LB. 1.39
JUCY Ripe Watermelon 1.99 EA. 15-18 LBS. AVG.	JUCY Texas Cantaloupe 39¢ LB.	JUCY Country Style Ribs \$1.19 LB.	JUCY Meat Franks 3 \$1 FOR 10 OZ. PKGS.	REG. OR MUSTARD POTATO OR MACARON Resor's Salad 1 LB. CTN. 1.19	BAR-S MEAT OR GARLIC Bologna 12 OZ. PKG. 89¢

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Public Notice

NOTICE Special Education Records

Held by Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement, Shamrock, Texas.

Eastern Panhandle SSA is giving notice to destroy the Special Education records of students with disabilities (including speech) who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education between June 1990 and May 1991. These records involve students who attended the following schools:

- Alanreed ISD; Allison ISD; Canadian ISD; Clarendon ISD; Fort Elliott CISD (Briscoe and Mobeetie); Hedley CISD; Higgins ISD; Kelton ISD; Lakeview ISD; Lela ISD; McLean ISD; Miami ISD; Samnorwood ISD; Shamrock ISD; Wellington ISD; Wheeler ISD.

Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed. These records may be needed to assist in obtaining Social Security benefits, exemptions for college tests or other purposes. We will not destroy these records until July 15, 1998.

If you wish to have these records, please contact:

Joline Wilson, Director
 Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement
 517 South Wall
 Shamrock, Texas 79079
 (806)256-2592

1998 Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the name of the following candidates for offices, subject for office, subject to the Elections to be held on March 10, 1998. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

Texas Senate Dist. 10 Democrat: Greg Underwood

CARSON COUNTY
Co. Judge
 Democrat: Jay Roselius
 Republican: Lewis Powers
Co. Treasurer
 Democrat: Jeannie Cunningham
Dist. & Co. Clerk
 Democrat: Sonya Millican
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
 Democrat: Bill Hinson

GRAY COUNTY
31st District Court Judge
 Democrat: M. Kent Sims
223rd District Court Judge
 Democrat: Lee Waters
Dist. Clerk
 Republican: Gaye Honderich
Co. Clerk
 Democrat: Susan Winborne
Precinct 4 Commission
 Republican: James Hefley
Justice of the Peace Precinct #4
 Mary Ann Carpenter