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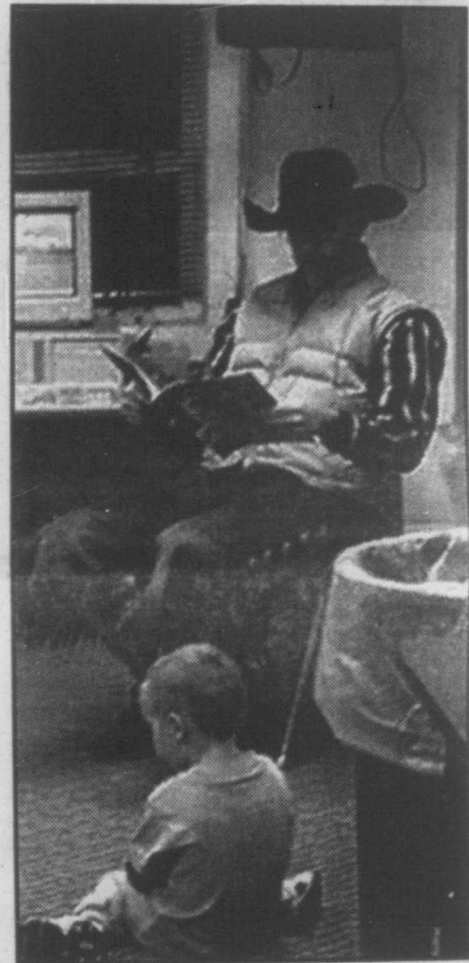
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Kids & Parents Lasso A Good Book

Last week was a special one for the Reading Program at the Elementary School. Besides the Book Fair there was a special Family Reading night presented. The theme was Reading

Round Up "Lasso a Good Book" Mike Darsey, a real cowboy, come and read books to the children about cowboying. Marshal Hanes hosted a "Cow Patty Walk" (cake walk) and gave away brownies and Mr. Crockett brought his roping dummy "Cow Patty" and a lasso and let the children try to rope Patty. The children won a sucker for trying. All in all everyone had a great time.

There were seven books given away as door prizes, they went to Lexi Brown, Rance Blaylock, Chase Bohler, Ian McMordie, Ashley Russell, Ashley Ferguson, and Kendra Richardson.



McLean Reminder

THE TIGERS play their last game of the year in Groom, THURSDAY, November 7 at 7:30.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on Thursday, November 7 in the home of Mindy Reeves. Ella Mae Reyna will be presenting the program.

MCLEAN CARE Center will hold their November birthday party on Friday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m.

THE ALANREED November Fest will be held on November 9 at 5:30 at the Alanreed Community Center.

THE WO-MAN Pageant is coming up on November 9 at 7 p.m.

THE THIRD through seventh grade will present a Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

PTA WILL have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please plan on attending.

THE MCLEAN Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

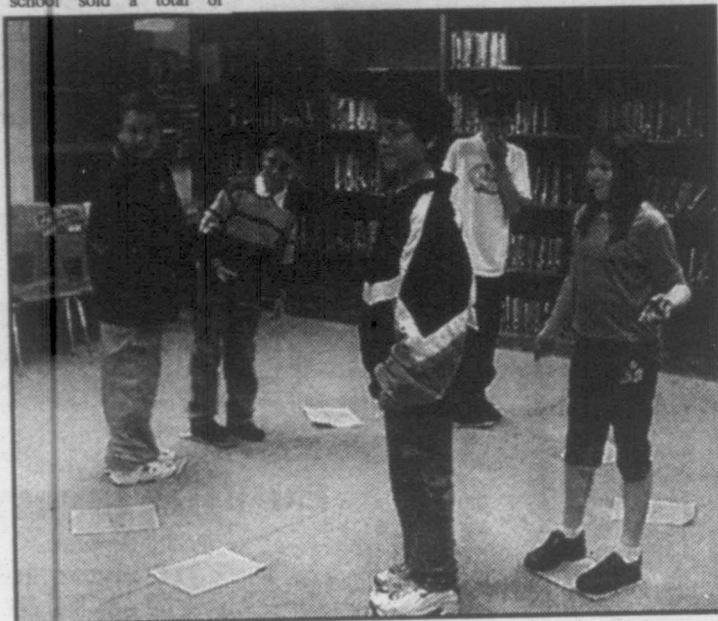
FAMILY READING night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

Elementary Helps School Buy Books

With funds for the school tight this year, the elementary school has found a fun way to help buy new books for the school. The school hosted a book fair three days last week, with two of those days tax free. Many of the school children did some of their Christmas shopping while earning books for the school. The school sold a total of

\$1,584.04 passing their goal of \$1,200.00. By selling so many books the school earned \$158.40 in books and \$316.80 in cash. The cash will be used to buy Accelerated Reading quizzes for books already on hand. Along with \$811.00 already on account the school was able to purchase 49 books along with two

quiz disks. Besides the money earned in sales the school also earned \$120 in vouchers for doing special projects plus \$50 in vouchers for going 15% over last years earnings. Mrs. Greer won a drawing for \$93 in books which she shared with the other teachers.



McLean Elementary students find innovative ways to raise money for books for their library during the recent book fair.

Association Formed To Care For Property Maintenance At Alanreed

The Community of Alanreed has recently formed an association, a nonprofit organization to manage recently acquired property deeded to the Alanreed community. The McLean School Board deeded the Alanreed school property to the Alanreed community earlier this year. The Association was formed to meet the needs and up keep of the property. The Alanreed school closed June 30, 1993, and has sat empty since then. Although there was damage done to the school house in the closing, the gym remains in good condition. The Association hopes the building will be used for the community in a variety of ways. The

nonprofit Homecoming was held there and Gary Frost holds weekly Karate classes in the gym. The building is available for Funeral dinners, family reunions, wedding receptions or any kind of meeting place. Some families are taking advantage of the indoor basketball courts and it is also being used for volleyball. This is a non profit organization but there are costs for the up keep. One way of providing for expenses is fund raisers. The first fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November, 9. The Association is hosting a November Fest. Doors will open at 5:30 and the concession stand and ticket

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MCLEAN BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 7 - Hogan Ketcherside
November 8 - Dale Glass, Ruby Ayers, Ruby Myers, John Meyers, Katrina Thomas
November 9 - Britnic Renee Kennedy, Derek Studebaker, Emilee Bolton, Kenneth Davis, Jerral Gardner, Nicholas Oton
November 10 - L.H. Webb, Charlotte Helley, Scott Glass, Christopher Walker
November 11 - Mike Haynes
November 12 - Jackie Ketcherside
November 13 - Joe Taylor, Tiffany Stump, Gene Greer

MCLEAN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Week of November 11- November 15
BREAKFAST:
 Monday: Scrambled eggs, ham, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Monkey bread, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.
 Wednesday: Apple pastry, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit juice and milk.
 Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.
LUNCH:
 Monday: Chili, cheese dogs, baked beans, french fries, fruit roll-ups and milk.
 Tuesday: Burritos w/ chili and cheese, later tots, salad, jelly and milk.
 Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit and milk.
 Thursday: Chicken

noodle soup, peanut butter and jelly or tuna sandwich, crackers, veggie sticks, fruit and milk.

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions, french fries, cookies and milk.

Obituaries



Harold Lee Cooke, 77, of McLean died Wednesday, October 30 in McLean. Services were held Saturday Nov. 2 at the United Methodist Church of McLean. Reverend Thacker Haynes officiated the service. The funeral was under the direction of the Bailey-Ware Funeral Home. He was buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery of McLean.

Mr. Cooke was born to Charles Emmett Cooke and Maude Wilson Cooke on March 27, 1925 in McLean

and lived all his life in McLean. He was a WWII veteran and a retired plant operations manager for Phillips Petroleum Co.

Mr. Cooke is survived by two daughters, Cathy Burrell and husband John of Wheeler, Texas, and Beverly Johnson of Mansfield, Texas. He is also survived by one son, Kelly Cooke and wife Charlotte of Midland, Texas, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas, 79101.

Cold Trick or Treaters Find Warm Fun At McLean Care Center

The temperatures were cold on Halloween but the McLean Care Center provided a safe, warm place for "trick or treaters" to enjoy the night. They held their annual Halloween party at 6:00, giving everyone time to get a little door knocking in first. They had a good turn out and guests and residents alike had a great time.

McLean Church Directory

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 775-2548
 Sunday/Bible School: 10 am
 Worship: 10:40 am & 6 pm, Wed: Bible Class: 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Math
 Pastor/Dean Williamson: 775-2221
 Sunday/School: All Ages: 9:30 am
 Morning Worship: 10:45 Children's Church
 Sunday/Evening: 7:00 Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 pm
 Children, Youth: 6:00 & Adult Bible Study: 7:00

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Reverend Carl Cox
 775-2135
 Sunday/School: 9:45 am; Worship: 11 am & 7 pm, (Youth)
 Wed: Bible Study, Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Theodor Haynes: 775-2049 & 775-2337
 Sunday/School: 9:45 am; Worship: 10:50 am & 6 pm
 Sun. Sch: High Youth: Alpha Ch: 5 pm; Wed: Choir: 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road: Sunday: 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 Pastor Larry Phillips: 775-2207
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 Sunday/Evening: Worship: 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting: Wed: 7 pm



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Black J R
Brown, Albert
Chilton, William Jash
Collie, Deimas W
Crabtree, J Homer
Daugherty, E A
Durham, Dr. S C S
Franks, Tom Henry
Glass, Raymond John
Goodman Charles O
Hannes, William L
Harrell, William F
Hill, Charles Garrett
Hornsby, James Wesley
Jones, Samuel Hindrex
Jones, Isaac Byrd
Kunkle, Sam
Ledbetter, Jesse
McAllister, Bill
McDonald, Lewis
Finley
McMahan, Roscoe N
Meil, Jipp J
Miller, D L
Moore, Charles Rufus
Morris, James Walter
Oventon, Olbert Lee
Phillips, Elmo L
Prock, Adlai
Reeves, John L
Rippy Harold C
Rippy, Harcele S
Rippy Hellery S
Rogers, W Temple
Saye, George W

Stewart, Fleagle S
Sugg, J W
Washington, Ben
Overton
Williams, Manie
Williams, Leymond D
Wilson, Rayal Homer

World War II

Abbott, Homer Lee
Arbuckle, Garland R
Armbrister, Lee Ray
Armstrong, Horace A
Back, Alvin O
Back, David W
Back, James D
Back, Victor Spencer
Back, Gary S
Back, Gary D
Back, Richard Lee
Bailey, Lester Robin
Bailey, Melvin Vestal
Bailey, Thomas
Baker, Melwin Ray
Barker, Ernest
McCellan
Barker, James Vernon Sr
Barnes, Harry D
Barnett, Robert W
Beall, Donald A
Beasley, Guy
Beck, William Ernest
Belew, Haskell A
Bible, George Clovis
Bible, John (Jake) V
Bible, Ruth Bernice
Bidwell, William F

Bidwell, Guy M
Blaylock, Leroy
Bogan, Jack
Bonner, Roy Lee
Boyd, Author
Bradshaw, Elvin Cook
Brewster, William E
Brooks, Edgar Earl
Brown, Barbara
Burr, Henry Allen
Burris, Legon Lornor
Burroughs, Martin (Joe)

Middleton
Cable, Clyde Brown
Caress, Lloyd W
Carpenter, Shelby S
Carter, James N. Sr
Christie, Willy Garth
Christie, Slaton R
Connally, Lonie Lester
Cook, Elzie
Cook, Joe
Cook, Louis
Cooke, William
Thomas
Corbin, Troy
Cowan, Charles
Curry, Edwin Perry
Day George
Dickinson, R T
Dorman, Willard
Thomas
Dorsey, Robert Ray
Dunn, John Robert
Dwight, Clyde Otis Sr
Dwyer, John Emmitt
Dwyer, Michael Hons

Eades, Noah
Earls, Jmes Davis
Edge, Herert G
Ellison, Gilbert James
Ellsworth, Ronald
Ernest, James
Erwin, Ernest C
Estes, Lawernce Estes
Evans, Don
Everett, James
Everett, Terry S. JR
Everett, Richard L
Farren, Archie L
Fay, Linda
Finley, Jess Willis
Flويد, Andrew H
Florey, D Webb
Floyd, Robert L
Foster, Walter James, Jr
Fulton, Wm
Gibson, Howard
Giesler, Leslee Francie
Glass Lura Viola
Glass, Burl E. Jr
Glass, Henry
Glass, Jack Travis
Glenn, Alton L
Glenn, Bob
Glenn, Herman
Goodman, Kenneth L
Granville, Lee Simmons
Grigsby, Merle J
Grimsley, James W
Groves, Douglas
Guill, John Byrd
Guill, William H
Guyton Paul Edwin
Hale, Herbert Daniel
Hall, Billy E
Hancock, J L
Harnsery, Leonard K
Hefner, Carl Sandens
Henderson, Ola Belle
Henley, Jack
Henley Charles C
Henley, Coepha
Edward
Henley, Luther
Hess, Ferris Jake
Hess, Gerald Edward

Hill, John William
"Bud"
Hill, Lycurus Sanders
Hinton, James E
Hoff, Jack B D
Holloway, Cascad Ota
Holloway, Day Ernest
Holmes, Carroll E
Hommel, William
Oliver
Hoyt, Wayne West
Hugg, James Noah
Hugg, William Paul
Hunt, Sidney Clay
Hutchison, Willie L
Ivey, Morse
James, Wynona F
Johnson, George J
Johnson, William
Truitt
Johnston, Paul
Jones, Edwin G
Jones, Leon Jack
Keese, Leo Joe
Kennedy, Paul Lewis
Kingston, Bill B
Kunkel, O Z
Ladd, Brice Wm
Langham, Jenner Ewin
Langino, Ray W
Larner, Thomas Earl
Lone, Raymond J
Magill, Robert R
Mantooth, Randy A
Matthews, Willard E
McCabe, Melvin
McCarty, James
Hershel
McClellon, Bernard T
McDonald, Robert L
McMahan, J C
McPherson, Thelmer
Mertel, Johnny F
Miller, Howard T
Mixon, Robert Lee
Moore, James Authur
Morris, William Walter
Morris Louis D
Morse, S B
Mounce, Hal
Nelms, Huberet
Newsom, T J
Nichols, Walter W
Nicholson, Bernice
Vivian
Overton, Jack C
Parker, R C
Payne, Roger Keith
Pettit, John Robert
Pettit Harry Wilson
Petty, Francis L
Petty, Herman L
Petty Harold C
Pice, Herbert Vernon
Pinard, James Walter
Quarles, Jack
Reeves, Joe
Rimer, Otto William
Rippy, Beulah N
Robertson Leonard H
Leo

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Robertson, Leonard H Jr
Roth, William Henry
Sandweg, G. A
Saye, Jmes Dean
Shard, Jack Norman
Sherrod, Bob
Simpson, David M
Simpson, Frank
Simpson, W C (Flea)
Smith, Jesse Everett
Smith, James E. Jr
Smith, Ewing L
Standish, Walter Mette
Stewart, Truitt Filton
Suggs, Leslie D
Sullivan, James
Woodrow
Terry, George W
Thomas, Garth
Thompson, James L
Tillery, Allen J
Todd, Charley F
Trostle, Thomas E
Valle, William B
Walker, Clarence Gail
Watson, George
Webb, Felton K
Wilson, W H
Wilson, Andrew H
Windom, Ezra Jackson Jr
Windom, Johnny Leo

Korea

Bohlar, Chester Leon
Carter, Kenneth
Dickey, Terry
Dunn, John Robert
Dwyer, James Archie
Everett, Terry S Jr
Everett, Richard L
Everett, Kenneth B
Florey Daniel Wib
Gibson, Howard
Hall, Bill E
Hunt, Clay
Lamb, Joseph Creed Jr
Lawayne, Billy
Letsee, Marion Ralph Jr
Longino, Ray W
Jolly, Eddy Bob
Sims, Billy M
Smith, J Boyd
Smitherman, Tony Ross

Viet Nam

Back, Gary
Bible, Gene Carol
Bible, James David
Bible, John Richard
Carter, James N. Jr
Christie, Leland G
Evans, John Troy
Glass, Bob
Glass, Charlie Bob
Gylon, Joe (J G)

Hefley, James Loyd
Kennedy, Vernon
Luther
Lopez, Larry Dale
Lowe, Bill
Malone, Jepoy J
McCarty, James Lon
Sharp, Val
Weaver, Bob

Cuban Crisis

Lee, Darel Ray
Glass, James Dale

Peace Time

Bybee, Lewis Wayne
Crockett, Don Emory
Glass, Johnny Raymond
Roberts Jesse W
Railsback, George
Richardson, Kenneth Ray

Unknown

Bible, Janet Bernice
Bible, Jeri Gale
Dalton, Raymond Earl
Hall, Charles H. Jr
Humphreys, Shelby Lee
Johnson, Jesse Weaver
Johnson, Luther M
Kennedy, Daneil
Stephen
McAllister, Thomas E
McReynolds, Raymond
Osborn, Aubrey
Reeves, Bill
Shaw, Wilson F
Todd, Charles F
Weatherholt, Clarence R
Yearwood, Kenneth L

Gulf War

Corley, Bill
Jackson, Andrew S
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Smith, Cary Don

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Warriors Squeak By McLean Tigers

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The fourth quarter began with the score 20-20. It was

back and forth until the final moments. Controversy surrounded the final minute of play. The Warriors had

the ball. The Tigers were out of time-outs. It appeared that the Tigers were able to strip the ball and take possession three times in the final minute. But the referees saw it differently. Even with the disappointing officiating, the Tigers played well and

should be proud of their effort.

McLean Prepares for Angel Program

Christmas is a time of excitement for all children. However, there are some in this area who may be in need of extra help to make this a Happy Christmas. If you or someone you know has a child in need this Christmas, there is help available in the McLean community through the Angel Program. For more information, contact the Methodist Church at 779-2337 or call or drop by and see Paula Wall, 779-8827, 618 Rowe

Ninety-Five Visitors in October

October was a busy month for the McLean-Alanreed museum. They had 95 visitors from 17 different states and 6 foreign countries including the Czech Republic, London, England, Ontario, Canada, Austria, Germany, and Holland. There were six visitors from Austria. They said that Austria is as big as Texas and Holland is as big as Dallas. They were, all very interesting and fun to visit with.

Once again, Texas had the most visitors with 24. Pennsylvania had 3. California, Oklahoma, Ohio, and Michigan all had 2. Other visitors included Florida, Mississippi, Colorado, Alabama, Arkansas, New Mexico, Virginia, Utah, Maryland,

Idaho, and Maine.

Scott from Salt Lake City came with a video camera asking questions. He was broadcasting live to a radio station back in Utah. Very exciting!



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booth will open at that time. Game booths will open at 6:30, including BINGO, a cake walk, basketball toss and go-fish. All proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the property.

If you would like to use the building or join the association, contact one of the Association Directors, Billy Bob Adams, Jeannie Adams, Sally Bohlar, or Gary Frost, or write The Alanreed Community Association, Box B, Alanreed, TX 79002. Donations are accepted and appreciated

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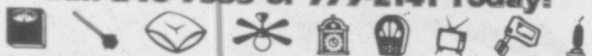
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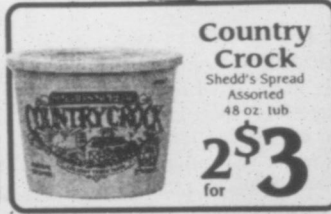
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Saturday, November 9 - 10 am sharp
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This will be a fantastic Auction of Fine Antique Furniture, collectibles and high quality reproductions from various estates and consignments. Every quality item will be moved to the M.K. Brown Civic Center for your comfort and convenience where there will plenty of seating and parking. Heated Building. Everything must be moved day of Sale.
A partial list: A very beautiful antique Victorian 7 ft. tall Victorian Bed with matching washstand. A beautiful 1870's American Victorian burled Walnut Cylinder Roll Bookcase Secretary. A very rare antique 2 seater buggy - must see! A beautiful oak side by side, paw footed, winged griffins bookcase secretary with curved glass. A very rare authentic antique "Winchester" 1873 lever action rifle. A beautiful antique oak bow front china cabinet. A beautiful 1930's American complete bedroom suite with matching pieces - must see! A very rare antique smoke stand. A beautiful matching pair of chairs with carved swans. A very rare antique "Edison" phonograph with Morning Glory Horn with records - plays great! A beautiful Victorian Settee with carved back. A beautiful grandfather clock with chimes. A fabulous heavy carved new sleigh bed bedroom suite with paw feet with all matching pieces. A beautiful antique rocker. A fabulous collection of western statues by Fredric Remington such as "Buffalo Signa I". A beautiful heavy carved crystal cabinet. Large collection of authentic Indian made rare "Double Trail" War bonnet in mint condition. Sterling silver and turquoise jewelry and artifacts. A beautiful antique cedar chest. Beautiful leaded glass window. Beautiful cut crystal chandelier (signed by artist). Hummels, cookie jars, pictures, mirrors, Nippon, Limoges, carnival glass butter dish, complete cut crystal punch bowl set. Fabulous cut crystal lamp. Antique gold and silver coins, Antique purse, Hull. A fabulous collection of fine cut crystal and much more! Bring cash or check with proper I.D. Plan now to attend!
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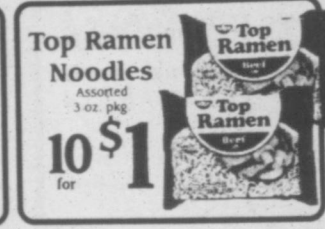
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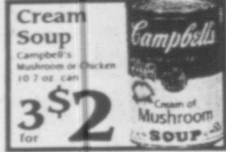
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16 oz. can
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Assorted
3 oz. pkg
10 for \$1



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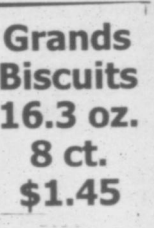
Campbell's Cream Soup
Mushrooms or Chicken
10.7 oz. can
3 for \$2



TenderCrisp Cracked Wheat Bread
24 oz. loaf
99¢



Sunny Delight Dairy Case
Assorted Varieties
64 oz. bot
99¢



Grands Biscuits
16.3 oz.
8 ct.
\$1.45



Frozen Foods
Fat Free Sherbet
Blue Bunny Assid
Half Gal. Round
2 for \$5



Tostitos Chips
Assorted
11.5 oz. bag
2 for \$5



Morrison's Bake Kits
Assorted
6 oz. pkg
3 for \$1



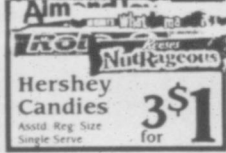
COKE
12 pack 2/\$6
1/2 liter 2/\$5



Banquet Chicken
Nuggets, Patties or Tenders
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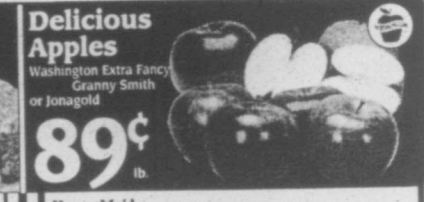
Sports Drink
Gatorade Assid
12 oz. bot
99¢



Hershey Candies
Assid Reg Size
Single Serve
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Boneless Bone
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Stew Meat 1.99 Boneless Beef	MARKET CUT RED RIND LONGHORN Cheddar Cheese 2.59 1 LB.

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Grateful Seniors dish up a delightful meal prepared annually by Alpha Mu Xi.

Community Calendar

GROOM TAKES on McLean THURSDAY, November 7 at 7:30. This is the Tigers' final home game!

NOVEMBER 8 is the end of the second six weeks. Students at Groom School should be preparing for tests during the days prior to the 8.

THERE WILL no school November 11.

GEDC WILL hold a public hearing on the Dairy Feasibility Study November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Bazaar will be held November 24 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....	\$4.32
Milo.....	\$4.09
Corn.....	\$4.63
Soybeans..	\$4.77
Sunflowers..	\$9.00

Almost eight inches of rain fell in October.

Rep. David Swinford Presents Flag To School

State Representative David Swinford was in town on Thursday to present a flag that he flew over the capital to the students and faculty of Groom ISD in honor of their accomplishment of reaching six of a possible seven Gold Star Rating, an achievement accomplished by only four schools (including Groom) in the state of Texas. The program is new this year, implemented by the Texas Education Agency.

Representative Swinford told students how proud he was of them and how great it was to represent an area that took education so seriously.

"Only four schools in the whole state of Texas accomplished what you students and teachers have done," he said. "That is really something to be proud of!"

After the presentation, Representative Swinford took time to talk to "The Groom-McLean News" concerning the crisis facing our schools.

"In 1991 the state of Texas was faced with a deficit in our education budget. At that time I represented 56 school districts in the Texas Panhandle. It took us a regular session and 5 special sessions to come up with a the Robin Hood Plan," he said, "a bill that I voted against because I did not feel it would work."

"That was 11 years ago, anyone who has been elected since then has never had the opportunity to discuss school finance. It will take time to educate the 110 new members (since 1991) on all the aspects of school finance. We will have to address all the issues associated with school finance such as tax caps and property valuation and many other issues that factor into how the state funds the tax."



Rep. David Swinford compliments Groom on their commitment to education.

He went on to say that in talking to other member of the Education Commission, they feel that the State of Texas Education Fund needs another billion dollars to meet the needs of education in Texas.

"In two years, at least 500 of the 1040 school districts will be at the taxation cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation," he said, "something has to give."

Schools in the metropolitan areas like Plano are growing so fast that they need money to meet their needs for building and hiring new teachers two or three years before their tax base can catch up with them.

Where the money will come from in the state coffers is another problem. According to Swinford, only about 5% to 7% of the state's education budget comes from the Texas Lottery. There are two schools of thought about where the rest needs to come from.

One is to have a state income tax which

Swinford says he is opposed.

A state income tax is not a popular idea with many people. Such a measure would have to voted on as a

constitutional amendment and has little hope of passing.

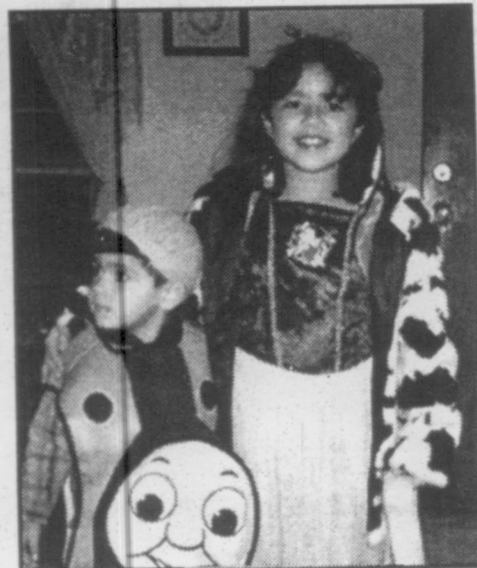
Another possibility is to look at the business tax and the way it currently leaves out a wide group of multi-million dollar businesses.

According to Swinford, under the current system, businesses that incorporate pay a certain kind a business tax that would be similar to a business income tax. However, businesses that are formed as a partnership do not have to pay the tax.

"In two years, at least 500 schools will be at the taxation cap."
David Swinford

There are many other factors in which the state will have to consider as they scrap the old education funding system and look for a new, more fair way of seeing the children of the Texas educated.

"One thing is for sure," stated Swinford, "the State of Texas has always put education high on it's list of priorities. Your actions here in Groom tell me that this community is doing the same. We hope that together we can find a solution that is fair to everyone."



Snow White aka Macee Rocha and Thomas the Tank Engine aka Garrett Rocha have fun despite the cold on Halloween night.

Court Discusses Vandalism

The Commissioners' Court of Carson County met on October 28, 2002. The members present are as follows: Lewis W. Powers, Presiding County Judge; Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. #1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, Pr. #2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner Pr. #3; and Kevin Howell,

Commissioner, Pr. #4. The minutes of the October 15 meeting were read and approved. The court voted to pay all claims.

The court discussed reports of vandalism on county roads. Accounts of roads being torn up because of drivers deliberately and repeatedly

See Court, pg. 3

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GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 7 - Rachel McGuire, Derek Weinheimer, Fern Anderwald.
 November 8 - Kathleen Barkley.
 November 9 - Mrs. Christopher Britten, Mr. and Mrs. George (Jiggs) Britten, Sr. (A).
 November 10 - Justin Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hutsell (A).
 November 11 - Kristen Brooks, Ralph Hutsell, Brent Thompson, Kenzi Burger.

Local Happenings



It's A Boy!

Jackson Robert was born November 1, 2002 to Nick and Nicole Kuehler of Panhandle. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 1/2" long. Jackson is welcomed by big sister Grace who is 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Debbie Fangman of Vega and Robert and Alice Kuehler of Groom. Great Grandparents include Gene and Elsie Fangman and Febe May all of Vega.

GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

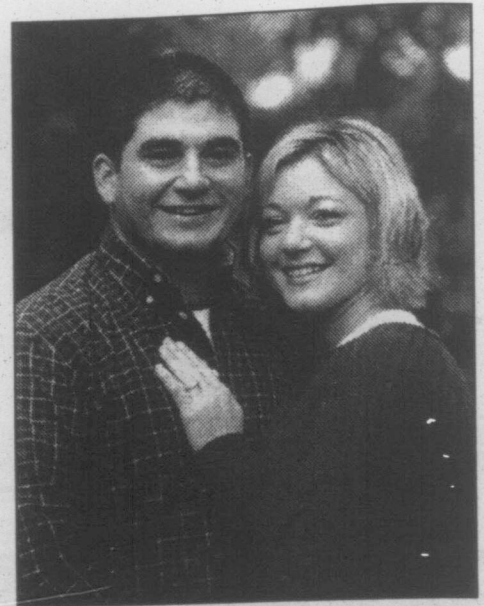
Week of November 11- November 15

BREAKFAST:

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk
 Friday: Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

LUNCH:

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, jello and milk.
 Wednesday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce and tomato, yogurt and milk.
 Thursday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, hot rolls and milk
 Friday: Sandwiches, pork and beans, pickle spears, pears and milk.



Beesley-Ruthardt to Exchange Vows

Mrs. Rosie Ashley of Minco, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Audie Ruthardt of Apache, Oklahoma are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Casey Sue Beesley and Matthew Ryan Ruthardt.

Casey is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCathern of Minco, Oklahoma. Matthew is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny

Brooks of Groom, Texas and the late Arletus Ruthardt of Groom, Texas and the late Penny Sheperd of Minco, Oklahoma.

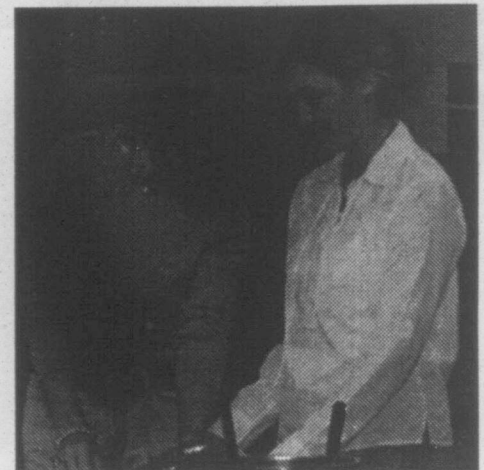
The ceremony will be held November 16, 2002 at 2:00 in the afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Minco.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple will be making their home in Apache, Oklahoma.



FLU SHOT DATES

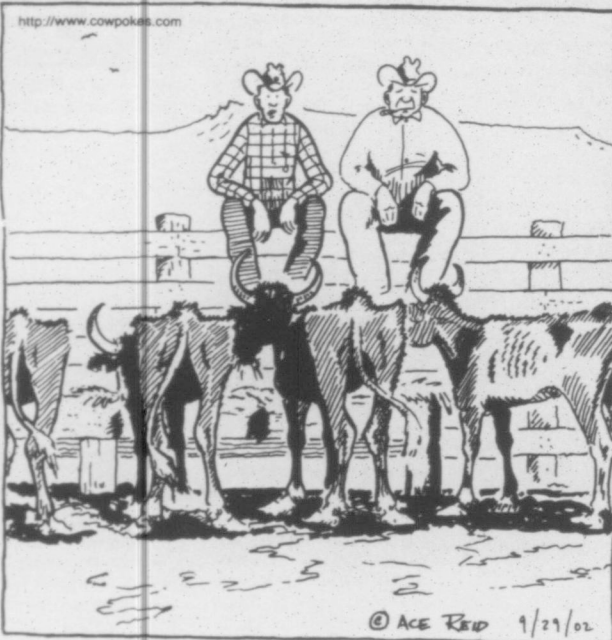
The Amarillo VA Health Care System is pleased to announce the following schedule for this year's flu shot fairs: November 9, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on November 16, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All fairs will be held in the Medical Arts/Primary Care Area at the VA located at 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West. For further questions, please call Shirley Loar, RN, at 355-9703, ext. 7680.



National Honor Society members Jessica Bates and Jill Britten serve at the Alpha Mu Xi Senior Citizen Luncheon.

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 Refreshments Provided



Koetting, Bernard
Korstjen, Joe
Krizen, John
Kuehler, Goob
Kuehler, Jack
Kuykendall, Jack
Lack, Herman
Lack Marin
Lack, Wilfred
Lamb, Morris
Lamb, Murl
Lambert, Albert
Ledwig, Bob
Ledwig, James
Lehnick, Alfred A.
Lehnick, Harold
Lewis, Alvin
Littlefield, Lloyd
Looten, Archie
Major, Ted
Martin, Jack
Martin, Norman
McGee, Joe Wright
McSpadden, Hal Wade

Marshburn, Leroy
McConnell, Bill
Pool, Tom
Reed, Tom
Rutherford, C.L.
Snyder, Doc
Watson, Hap
West, Whitey
Westermeyer, Cotton
People Who Served During The Korean Conflict
Alward, Alvin
Ashmead, Eugene
Barnett, Jack
Bichsel, Marvin
Bill, Johnny
Black, Donnie
Britten, Bob
Britten, Norman
Britten, Ronnie
Burton, Grady
Corbin, Bobby
Dickerson, James
Friemel, Button
Fraser, John
Britten, George Curtis
Dickerson, James
Hall, Robert
Hall, Kenneth
Hermesmyer, Ernest
Hermesmyer, John
Hill, Dean
Homen, Roman
Jones, Bobby
Knorpp, Lawrence
Koetting, Marvin
Kuehler, Arnie
Lamb, Stanley
Malone, Grady
Martin, Richard
Martin, Walter R.
McCoy, David L.
Newsome, A.J.
Pair, Jack
Patterson, David
Pavlovsky, Bill
Pool, Tommy
Quirk, John
Rogers, Charles
Spangler, Earnest
Steed, Gene Earl
Treadwell, Troy
Weller, Ernest
Weller, Buddy



PEACE TIME VETS

Anglin, Donald
Anglin, Kenneth
Baker, Jesse
Baker, Brian
Brooks, Johnny
Black, Donnie
Crump, Rocky
Hermesmyer, Gene
Hermesmyer, Robert
Weller, Richard
Howerton, Danna
Howerton, Hal
Howerton, Dal
Howerton Kim
Lamb, Greg

CURRENTLY IN THE SERVICE

Shannon Howerton - Army
(Relative of Mr. & Mrs. Danna Howerton)
Gary Thurmon - Air Force
(Relative of Portia Thurmon)
Micheal Harden, Jr. - Marines
(Relative of Portia Thurmon)
Luke A. Jones - Army
(Grandson of Billy & Virginia Jones)
Rocky Crump - Army
(Son of Richard & Donna Crump)
Aaron West - Army
(Grandson of Jack and Betty West)
Ken Ruthardt - Air Force
(Son of Louis and Judy Ruthardt)

Killed or Missing In Action

World War II
Ebey L. Clark
G.C. Whatley, Jr.
Harrell Helton
John Johnson
Johnnie Wall
Paul Townsend
Raymond Wagner
Roy Dale Andrews
Slim Millican

Viet Nam

Larry Miller
Groom People Who Served in the Civil War
Perry Skinner

Groom People Who Served in WWI

Ernest Adcox
Irwin Anglin
Elmer Ashmead
Bert Bural
James E. Byes
Jodie Helm
Jimmy Helm
John Hickox
Matt Kuehler
Jean Quirk
Lawrence Weller

Groom People Who Served In WWII

Angel, John L.
Anderson, Charles
Ashmead, Lloyd
Babcock, Bud
Babcock, Jack
Baker, Herold
Berry, Fern
Black, Frank
Black, Kenneth
Blackwell, Clive
Blackwell, Guy
Blackwell, Page
Boeding, Arnold A.
Bouge, Sue Lil
Britten, Bob
Britten, Britches
Britten, Elmer
Britten, Gertrude
Britten, James
Britten, Jim
Britten, Martin
Britten, Norbert
Britten, Ralph
Britten Raymond
Britten, Tom
Brown, Jack
Brown, Kenneth
Howard

Burgdorf, Audry
Burger, Dean
Burgin, Billy
Burgin, Foster
Lee, Johnny E.
Cantrell, Paul
Carney, Donald
Carney, Fred
Clark, Wayne
Collins, Bobby
Collins, Gene
Collins, William
Conrad, Arthur
Conrad, Marcus
Cornett, Bobby
Cranmer, H. R.
Cranmer, J.L.
Crist, Fred
Crowell, Austin
Crowell, Claude
Crowell, Raymond
Davis, James M.
Davis, Keith
Demic, Joseph Jr.
Denton, Johnny
Dove, Frank
Drum, Bill
Drum, Shorty
Drum, Zeb V.
Ellington, Bill
Farley, Bob
Farley, D.H.
Fields, Henry
Fredricksen, Earl G.
Fredricksen, Leroy
Fredricksen, Orval
Garner, C.L.
Gibbons, Tim
Gill, Preston
Glazener, V.J. Jr.
Goodlett, E.C.
Gray, Jack
Gray, Kelly
Hahn, Bill, Joe
Hahn, John George
Hall, Charle
Hall, Otis
Helm, Bobb
Helton, Allen
Helton, Carrol
Homer, Martin
Hoyt, Herbert
Hoyt, James
Hoyt, Leonard
Hoyt, Norris
James, Charles
Johnson, James
Johnson, Perry E.
Johnson Sanford
Jones, Leroy
Kelly, Calvin
Keeter, George Benson
Kendrick, Donald
Kimmins, John
King, Alva

Merrick, Henry
Moore, Shannon
Moreman, Benton
Morrow, Marvin
Nepper Henry
Nepper, Leonard
Parmon, Gordon
Pool, James
Pool, Ray Austin
Pool, Robert
Price, Phillip Jr.
Pool, Eules
Reeves, Paul
Rhodes, Cecil
Rhodes, Floyd
Roach, G. B.
Rogers, Charles
Setzer, Coyt
Slay, Earl B
Smith, Allen
Smith, Bud
Smith, Dan
Smith, Glen
Smith, Harold
Smith, Phil
Smith, Webb
Snyder, R.A.
Stamps, J.W.
Stephens, Jack
Stewart, Clarice K.
Stubblefield, James
Swafford, Ray
Tankersley, Claude
Tidwell, Tommy
Townsend, Clyde
Townsend, John
Treadwell, Troy
Wade, Gene
Wade, Max
Watley, Glen
Watley, Roger
Watley, Vernon
Weatherly, Leroy
Whatley, John Troy
Wilkerson, Buster
Williams, Dillard
Williams, Loyal
Wilson, Alva
Wilson, Herman
Wood, Billy
Woods, Raymond
Young, Glendon
Ashford, Dan
Baggerman, Johnny
Barker, Earl
Bichsel, Wallace
Britten, Louise
Case, J.L.
Corbin, Bobby
Frazier, Russell
Helton, Ernest
Helton, Carl
Helton, Joe
Hudson, Leldon
Kuehler, Bill
Lamb, Kenneth

People Who Served During The Viet Nam Conflict

Babcock, Danny Bob
Britten, Donald
Burgin, Bobby
Corbin, Bobby
Cornett, Terry
Cornett, Wesley
Downs, Curtis
Eatmon, Greg
England, Bill
Evenson, Robert
Garmon, John
Hermesmyer, Martin
Homer, Jim
Jackson, Charles
King, Lynn
Koetting, Joe Paul
Lebonon, P.V.
Littlerfield, Kit
Martin, Dan
Mitchel, Don
Newberry, Gene
Parrish, Gary
Rogers, Charles
Rogers, Larry
Rogers, Scott
Stephens, Larry
Thorton, Jody
Turnaville, Carlton
Weinheimer, Pat
Weller, Buddy
York, Yvonne (Bunny)

Our sincerst thanks to all our veterans and current Enlisted Men for all the sacrifices they made and are making to keep our country free!



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causing deep ruts with off road and four-wheel drive vehicles for recreational purposes were addresses. Commissioners are going to seek advise from the county attorney to determine what measures can be taken to identify and collect damages. Commissioners considered salaries for the upcoming vacancies in the clerk's office. A request to set the Administrative I salary at \$20,170.44 (level 23-B) and Administrative II at \$23,185.44 (level 26-D) was considered. The

motion to allow the request carried by a three to one vote. The first position will be filled November 18, 2002. The court will decide at a later date if the other vacancy can be filled before the first of the year in an effort to create a training period. Verifications of safekeeping pledges from State National Bank of Groom were dealt with. The motion carried to approve five pledges totaling \$215,000. The Court adjourned until November 12, 2002.

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Party Held At The Dairy Queen



Above: Megan Ruthardt, Right: K'Leigh Thornton, winners of the Dairy Queen Costume Contest.



About 30 to 40 trick-or-treaters turned out at the Groom Dairy Queen last week for their 1st annual Halloween costume party. All who attended enjoyed eats and treats prepared by

Manager Betty Treadwell and the fine staff at the popular eatery.

K'Leigh Thornton, daughter of Tami Ashford and Bruce Thornton won the preschool division. K'Leigh was an adorable Minnie Mouse. Megan Ruthardt, daughter of Brice and Jeanne Ruthardt won the grade school division. Megan was dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

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Blaine Britten scored from the two-yard line for the first touchdown of the night.

Thane Barkley passed 10 yards to Kelton Weller for a TD.

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As the paper goes to press, the Cubs will be playing McLean in their final game of the season.

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ROBERT H. BRITTEN PASSES AWAY

Robert H. Britten, 75, of Amarillo, died Saturday, November 2, 2002.

Vigil was held on Sunday, November 3 at 7 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 4 in the church with Monsignor Joseph Tash as celebrant. Burial followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Groom by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mr. Britten was born in Groom to Carl Frank and Catherine Kuehler Britten. He married Kay Reid-Morrow in Amarillo in 1985. He had owned and operated Bob Britten Bookkeeping and Tax Service since 1954. He served in the Army during

World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dr. Robert D. Britten and grandsons, Phillip, Patrick and Ben in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; two stepdaughters, Geri Hulsey and husband, Art, of Amarillo, and Marsha Bustos and husband, Tom, of Kingwood; a stepson, Don Morrow Jr. and wife, Annette, of Pasadena, California; a sister, Dorothy Gasway of El Paso; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109 or to a favorite charity.

Services Held Wednesday for White Deer Man

Arnie Urbanczyk, 58, died Saturday, November 2, 2002.

Prayer vigil was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Pampa. Mass was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 13 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with Monsignor Kevin Hand, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mr. Urbanczyk was born November 11, 1943, in Pampa and was a lifelong resident of White Deer. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother, Isabel Urbanczyk of Panhandle; and two brothers, Marvin Urbanczyk of White Deer and Delmar Urbanczyk of Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The family suggests memorials be to The Cross Ministries, Highway 40, Groom, Texas 79039.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After last week's letter to the editor, I felt I had no choice but to send a response based on facts that can be checked by a few simple phone calls and reference to this newspaper. I called several surrounding school districts and found that Claude, White Deer, Clarendon, and McLean all have two full time employees to do Joyce's job. Panhandle has three and Lefors has one. As stated in this paper, last year Joyce VOLUNTEERED to cut her salary to that of a part-time employee. Anyone that can see past the end of their nose can see that Joyce is here every bit as often as she was last year. I am sure everyone is saying that our school is smaller so Joyce would have less to

do, but the state requires the same amount of paperwork, no matter the size of the school. As to the quality of Joyce's work, I simply cannot justify that accusation with a response.

On behalf of all of us that know how hard Joyce Hutsell works, both at school and the EDC, we thank you and we are sorry if your feelings were hurt by unfounded accusations.

Lanc Thompson

Were You Tricked or Treated?



Madam Bones and The Sultan of Ghoul are definitely made for each other on Halloween night.

Carson County Treasurer Elected to Serve as Director of Association

The Honorable Jeannie Cunningham, Carson County Treasurer, was elected to serve as Director of Region I of the County Treasurers' Association of Texas at the 54th annual Conference in McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, the week of September 16-20. Ms. Cunningham was sworn in at the annual banquet. The Associations' theme for 2003 is "Meeting the Challenges of the Public's Trust."

The conference provided continuing education hours of investment training required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Treasurers also discussed legislative action to be considered during the 2003 Legislature.

The Texas Outstanding County Treasurer Award for 2001-2002 was presented to the Honorable Martha Gustavsen, Montgomery County Treasurer.

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Letter To The Editor

As a father of four wonderful children, husband to an absolute devoted wife, a friend, neighbor and a taxpayer of this community, I think of my future and the future of my family often and very seriously. With this being said, I took the opportunity to sit in on the school board meeting October 25 as an observer. Editor, I would have to say there were times I was shocked, other times amused, yet moments saddened by the attitudes, the dialog and assumptions flying around the auditorium. It's without a doubt we have a town divided. What do we do? I certainly don't pretend to have the answers, but I do have some questions unanswered, that I thought for sure would be addressed at the meeting. For the most part they were the same questions others asked that I felt were met with vague, unacceptable answers. At times, it appeared the speaker evaded or even ignored the questions at hand.

Now before you jump to conclusions, I don't want this letter to come across as me browbeating the school board. I realize they have a tough job to do and tough choices to make. I just feel they came to the meeting either unprepared or just

plain hard headed and had already made their minds up before the night got started. One of our friends even made the comment afterwards she felt like her time was wasted. She went on to say the unexpected tax may motivate her family to move. She has two children in school. I think there others that feel the same way. Just to be clear, however, my wife and I don't have any plans on moving and we're going to meet this challenge head on. I just feel like the school board would have enjoyed more support if they hadn't taken a defense posture from the start and had been better prepared i.e. Budget, I believe we pay our superintendent a fair salary to know our school's budget down to the cents, we also elect officials to oversee this matter. Yet when the dollars and cents were questioned Kevin suggested he didn't know off the top of his head and then later another gentleman was under the assumption there was a \$400,000 surplus in the school budget. He was answered very hastily that was incorrect. Now being objective that was confusing. There were conflicting messages. Either you know or you don't know. However it wouldn't be fair if I didn't say Kevin offered an open

invitation to come by his office and review those numbers. Here's my point, how in the world do you attend a meeting, especially a meeting focused on money without that information on hand?

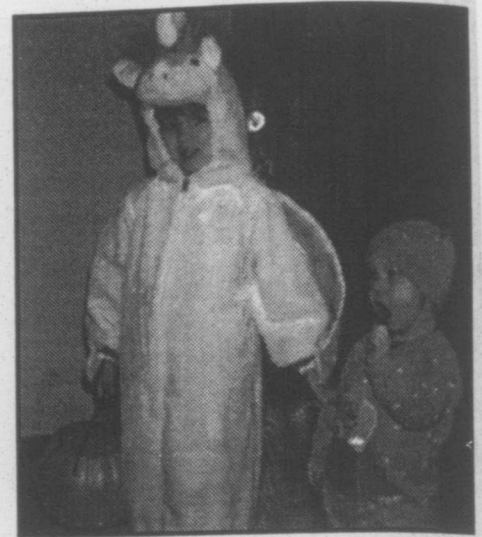
Another topic vital to this agenda was the amount of students in Groom ISD particularly the high school which if I hear right there will be 35 next year. Now if I understand the reason for the personal property tax it is supposed to hold us over until "If the good Lord is willing, and the creek don't rise" we get help from the state. Now what I would like to know what is our projected amount of students in high school two years and three years from now. Where this appears to be important to me is this. If we're going to have less than 35 students in high school, I'm quite certain the state isn't going to come to the rescue, if we are going to have more than 35 students maybe there is hope and the property tax makes sense.

Again I empathize with the school board, however it seems to me that perhaps they brought the added pressures and lack of support on themselves by not acting decisively, being reactive to this crisis and not proactive and quite frankly not creating an effective, clear solution to our budget challenge that an entire community can get behind and support. At the end of the day there is only

two options that one has when sustaining a business or in this case a school. They are to increase your cash flow to support your expenses, or down size your operation to match your existing income. In our case, the school board now has done a flip flop. We started by cutting programs, and one program Ag just so happened to have produced more scholarships for our children than any program in school. I'm not suggesting that the board reinvent the wheel but it is time to solve this problem, or concede either way there is no margin for error left, no more money, and nothing left to cut but salaries, or jobs.

So what do we do? I will tell you what I am going to do. I'll continue to support my community, and school. I'm like everyone else I don't want to step out of my comfort zone and pay an added tax, but I will. I'll encourage the city and school officials to keep working for a better future, and next year I'll run for a spot on the school board. I'll do these things because I believe it will make a difference. But the most important reason I pledge this, I owe the ones before me, the ones to come and above all, I owe it to my children Sandie, Erynn, Zac, and Victory.

Sincerely,
Scott Brown



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