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Ag Class Earns Grand Champion At Tri-State Fair

After hours of planning, buying materials, measuring, cutting, welding, grinding, and paint, McLean FFA competed in the Ag Mechanics contest at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair on Saturday, September 17, 2005. One of the three entries, a 5' x 8' utility trailer with a folding ramp captured Grand Champion honors. The Ag Mechanics classes at MHS last school year and the classes since the start of school this year were involved in the construction of all three projects.

Jacob Tolleson, Jacey Carter, Matthew Applewhite and Try Skipper represented McLean at the contest. They were interviewed by the judges, answering very detailed questions about the equipment and supplies used to build the projects. Questions included what welding process was used,

the wire size, shielding gas, and the settings for voltage and wire speed. Student knowledge and workmanship were the two most important factors considered by the judges. Other factors were design and materials, practicality, difficulty, finish, plans, bill of materials and photographs.

The other projects McLean exhibited included a small animal cage that fits in the back of a pickup to transport pigs, goats, or lambs. It was awarded a third place in the livestock production class. Also entered, was a T-post puller that was third in the small metal project class.

Along with Grand Champion honors, a plaque, and \$250 in premium money, McLean came home with a Lincoln 225, AC/DC arc welder, a toolbox and several other small prizes including welding gloves, a lawn



chair, and auto darkening lens, tape measure and several pairs of safety glasses.

All three of this years projects were class projects that were built by everyone in the Ag Mechanics

classes. However, any FFA member that buys his own materials and builds a project during class can

compete as an individual at next years fair. They also get to keep any prizes that they win.

Anderson and Sanderson Place At JRCA High School Rodeo

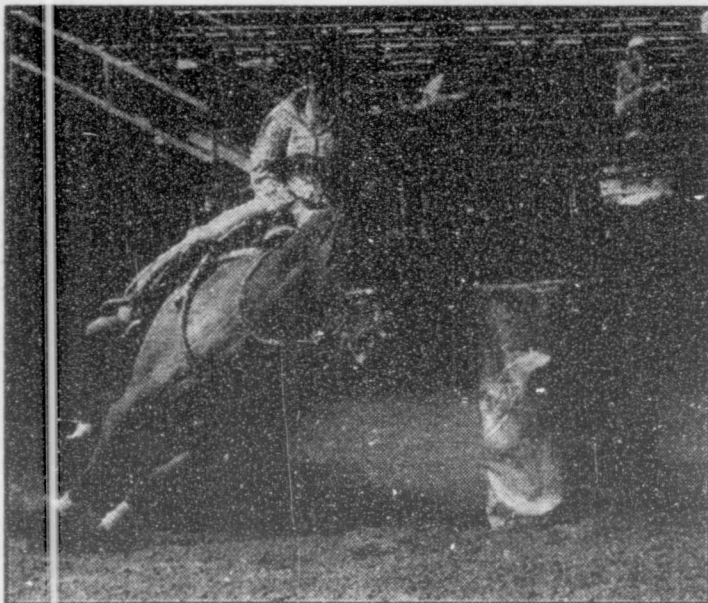
McLean High School has been well represented in rodeo the last couple of weekends. Freshman,

Jamie Sanderson competed on September 9 - 11 at the JRCA rodeo finals in Elk City, OK. There were two rodeos held on Friday and Saturday and awards banquet held on Sunday.

This year there were 212 contestants competing at the finals from Texas and Oklahoma. Jamie had a great finals weekend. She ended up fourth in the barrels and having the fastest time of the finals in pole bending. This is her second year to compete in the JRCA.

This year the McLean High School once again has a Tri-State High School Rodeo Club. On September 17, 2005, Tri-State held their first rodeo

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Rodeo Rider Jamie Sanderson participated in barrels and pole bending at the JRCA Rodeo Finals in Elk City, Oklahoma. She received fourth in the barrels and the fastest time in pole bending. This is her second year to participate in the JRCA.

DPS Troopers Discover Trafficking Cash In Ice Chest

An Arizona man and a man from Mexico were arrested after troopers discovered \$114,931.00 in cash concealed in the lining of an ice chest in their vehicle following a traffic stop on I-40.

Arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail in Pampa on money laundering charges was 38 year old Dean Lee Rowe of Tucson, Arizona, and 60 year old Luis Ochoa of

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LOCAL HAPPENING

TIGERS PLAY First District Game in Lefors tomorrow night at 7:30 in Lefors.

TO MAKE Donations to the Brownie Girl Scout Troops call Julie Ferguson at 779-2135.

DONATIONS CAN BE made at the Elementary or High School offices to the American Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

THE MCLEAN 4- Clover Club will meet on September 26 at 7 at the Methodist Church.

CUBS Host Lefors tonight at 6:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A public information meeting in the McLean School Cafeteria on Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. to inform voters of the district concerning the Chapter 41 Equalization Election.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 22 - Stacy Howard, Wanda Lamb, Mark Morris, Carolyn Coleman, Susan Williamson, Jacob Watson.

September 23 - Katricia Lee, Sharon Haynes, Willie Nicholas, Diana Watson.

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

September 25 - Cari Collom, Katie Warner.

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

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

September 28 - Loyd Bybee, Jason Myers, Sarah Myers.

Young At Heart News

There were 22 members and guests at the September 6 Young at Heart meeting. Buna Gudgel was able to visit and Wayne Bullis (Grandpa Buck) joined our group. Amanda Crawford with Accolade did blood pressure checks. Accolade is coordinating an upcoming Health Fair for us at the Young at Heart building on Wednesday, October 5.

President Marjorie Fish wished Archie Cooper, James Stone, and Buna Gudgel "happy birthday". Treasurer Mindy Reeves gave a financial report. She

explained we have had to cash in one of our CD's to pay Tony Hambright to repair a leak and replace the door in the back of our building. We need to raise more money to rewire the building and are hoping for donations. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 405, McLean or taken to the Bank of Commerce and put into our "remodeling account". We are hoping to buy a new electric furnace and air conditioning system in the near future.

Mr. A.B. Hunt with Senior Workforce Solutions spoke about his

Letter To The Editor

Has anyone besides me seen the yearbook for the last senior class? Have you noticed all the errors in it? There was a letter sent home with the yearbook that states that the errors were the fault of the plant where the books were made and that the school had the option of having the entire yearbook reprinted which would have taken another three months, or receive a credit toward the cost of the next yearbook order. I paid \$30.00 for this yearbook for errors and mistakes that should have been caught before it went to print.

There are also pictures in there that have no names beside them. I don't know about anyone else, but can you remember who everyone is in your old yearbook after so many years? I know this is a small school and all but I doubt

if anyone can remember everyone in their yearbook after 15 or 20 years or longer. I know I can't.

And then there are the seniors who have this as their final yearbook. They should be able to be proud of their last yearbook, but now they will have to tell anyone who wants to look at it later that it is messed up and they can't tell who is in that picture because there was a printing error at the plant and the school didn't want to send them back and get them remade because it would take too long.

I hope that in the future, the school makes sure that the yearbook is done right and they won't take second best just to get a credit on the next year's order.

Pam Skipper

organization. It helps seniors over the age of 55 be trained (or retrained) to update their skills and get back in the workforce. They place people with nonprofit organizations for this training that will hopefully lead to a paying

job.

Janet McCracken had a short Hospice volunteer meeting after the luncheon. Our next meeting will be September 20, with Dietician Jennifer Page from the Pampa Regional Medical Center speaking about Diabetes.

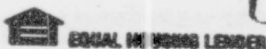


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School Cafeteria Breakfast And Lunch Menu

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Tuesday: Breakfast
Burrito, Toast & Jelly,
Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Waffles,
Sausage, Toast & Jelly,
Juice, Milk

Thursday: Cereal, Toast &
Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon, Toast
& Jelly, Juice, Milk

MILK

Monday: Chili
Cheesedog, French Fries,
Apple & Orange Smiles,
Sherbet Cup, Milk

Tuesday: Enchiladas,
Tossed Salad, Refried
Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk
Wednesday: Steakfingers,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Green Beans, Hot Rolls,
Frozen Fruit Bar, Milk

Thursday: Chicken Taco
Casserole, Corn, Tossed
Salad, Cinnamon Apples,
Milk

Friday: Cheeseburgers,
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle,
Onions, Cheetos, Baby
Carrots, Rice Krispie
Treats, Milk

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 286 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church 603 Commerce
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean
Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
Sunday at 7:00 pm
First Assembly of God - 420 Main McLean

Tigers Mangle The Mustangs For Homecoming

Homecoming for the Tigers meant a 74 - 25 victory over the Holy Cross Mustangs last Friday night. In their first home game of the season, the Tigers dominated the board and ended the game in the third quarter.

Junior, Jayme Welch lead the Tiger team in scoring with four touchdowns and he had

148 yards in rushing. Tiger, Seth Childers had a 21 yard interception return resulting in a touchdown.

Freshman Tiger, Chase Bohlar caught a 12 yard pass from Childers for a touchdown.

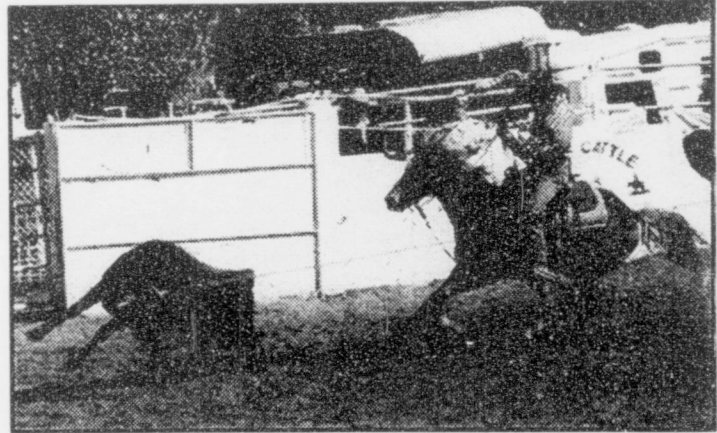
Stephen Ingle had an 11 yard fumble return for another touchdown for the Tigers.

Quarterback Zach Richardson had 115 yards in pass completions, averaging 71% for the game.

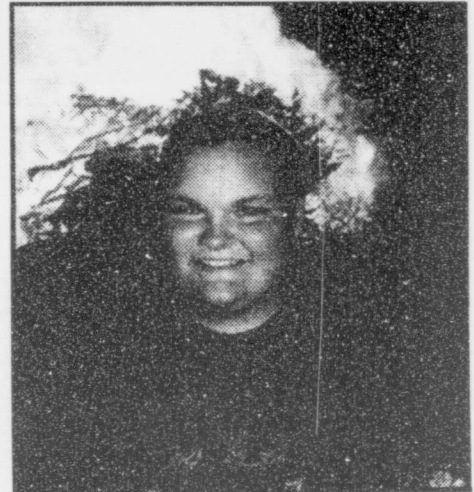
Senior Tiger, Manden Conklin caught two of Richardson's passes, both for touchdowns.

Defensively, the Tigers only allowed 87 yards of offense for the Mustangs.

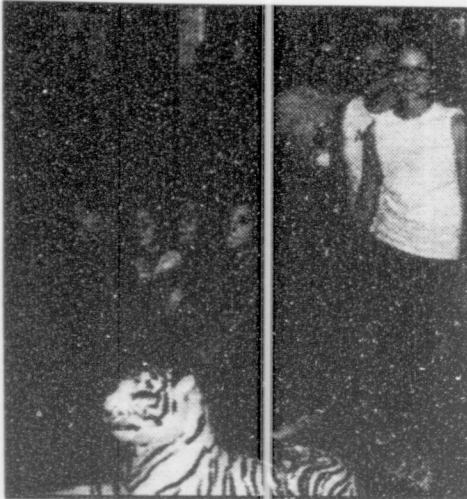
The Tigers are 2 - 2 for the season. Tomorrow night they will begin district play against the Lefors Pirates. The game will be held in Lefors and begins at 7:30 p.m.



Left top: Rodeo Rider Kutter Anderson entered the Tri-State High School Rodeo in Dumas in September. He along with partner William Hoch placed sixth overall in the Team Roping Event.



The Tiger cheerleaders and pep club elected Amanda Loya as Flame Queen during the bon-fire on Thursday night.



Students of week 9-12 to 9-16: Pres: - Jurnee Bailey, K - Brooke Alley, 1st - Wyatt Armbrister, 2nd - Samantha Long, 3rd - Cody Crockett, 4th - Jordan McLain, 5th - Braden Hambright, 6th - Ashley Russell, 7th - Erin Vassey, 8th - Lyndsey Ellis



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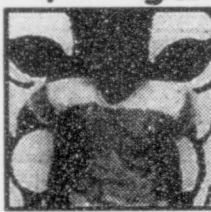

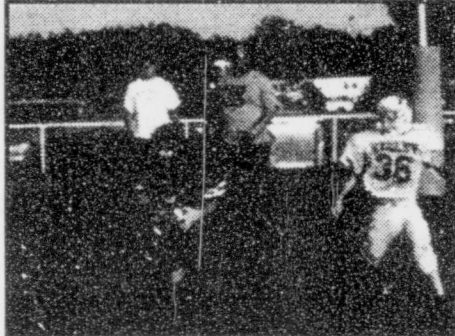


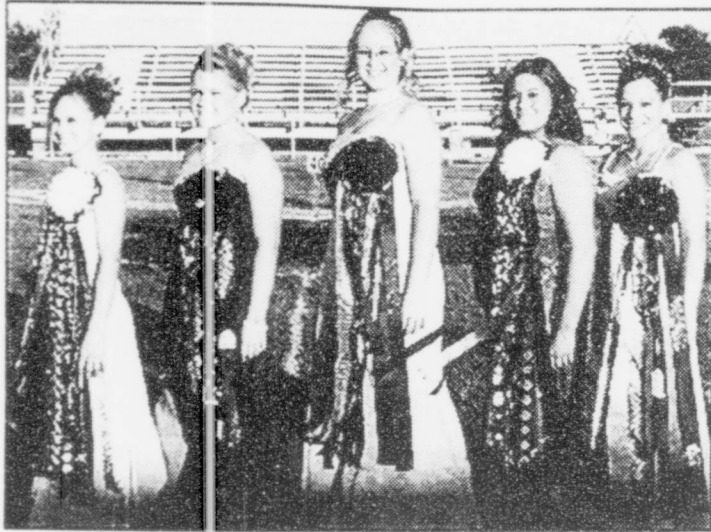
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MCLEAN TIGER FOOTBALL


Brandon's Flowers 779-2098	 Stephen Ingles	 Lindsey Ruiz was elected as the 2005-06 Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by her uncle, Randy Eddleman and Junior Tiger, Jayme Welch.	McLean Feedyard Ltd. www.ranches.org/McLean.htm (806)779-2405   
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Country Corner 779-2209	B & K Auto Supply 779-2131	Kirk's Auto Supply 779-2654	The McLean Care Center 779-2469
The McLean News 779-2141	Hambright Construction 806-674-2898	 Blake Lee receives one in the end zone to score for the Cubs last week.	Packett's Grocery 779-2661



Homecoming Queen candidates stand in the middle of Duncan Field as they prepare to be escorted by their fathers and uncle and a Tiger. L-R: Freshman, Nikki Hutchison; Junior, Tamara Loya; Sophomore, Lacey Wallis; Junior, Lindsey Ruiz; and Senior, Carrie Thompson. Lindsey Ruiz won the honor of Homecoming Queen.

Pioneer Study Club Hears Book Review On "High Calling"

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, September 15, at Elizabeth's. Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Janet Glass, Mickey Jackson, Zaida McClellan, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Lynn Reeves, Mind Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Betty Taylor, Rosa Troy, Nana Webb, Ella Mae Reyna, Mary Lou Glass, Wanda

Lamb, Ruth Magee and Mary Emma Woods enjoyed carrot cake with coffee or iced tea. Each member answered roll call by reading an excerpt from the book, "High Calling." Betty Morgan presented a review of the book about Amarillo native and astronaut Rick Husband

The Club will meet October 6 at Zaida McClellan's with Ruth Trew in charge of the program.

I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once.

—Jennifer Yane

JRCA

of the fall semester in Dumas. Kutter Anderson, a junior, and Jamie Sanderson, a freshman, both competed.

Kutter was entered in Team Roping with partner William Hoch. They placed sixth. Jamie competed in Barrels, Poles, and Goat Tying.

The interest in high school rodeo in McLean is great with several students wanting to compete. This takes time and dedication from these young people and a lot of hard work.

Their next rodeo will be in Pampa on September 24 starting at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in rodeo club or would just like to help, call Robbie Sanderson at 779-2502 or Roni Anderson at 334-0296.

McLean Superintendent's Corner

The McLean ISD is known as a Chapter 41 school district for the 2005-06 school year. Under current law, Chapter 41 districts must reduce their wealth per student by choosing one or more of the following options: 1) consolidate with another district; 2) detach property; 3) purchase attendance credits from the state (Option 3); 4) contract to educate nonresident students (Option 4); or 5) consolidate tax bases with another district.

All Chapter 41 districts in Texas use Option 3 and/or Option 4 to equalize their wealth. The McLean ISD Board of Trustees has selected Option 3 or 4 as the way to reduce McLean ISD property wealth per student.

Since the McLean ISD is a new Chapter 41 District, these options selected by

the board require voter approval. An equalization election will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, and the voters of the McLean ISD will vote Yes or No on using Option 3 and 4, as the way to reduce McLean ISD property wealth per student.

If a majority of the voters cast a YES vote, on Options 3 AND 4, then each year that McLean ISD is considered a Chapter 41 District, Option 3 and/or 4 will be used to equalize the wealth.

If a majority of the voters should cast a NO vote on Options 3 and 4, then the Commissioner of Education would select either Option 1) consolidate with another school district; 2) take away part of district property and give to an adjoining district; or 5) consolidate the tax base with another district.

I, along with the Board of Trustees will hold a public information meeting in the McLean School cafeteria on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. to provide you, the voters of this district with information concerning this equalization election.

It is important for all voters to understand that the tax rate, the county appraisal of property, and taxation of personal property have nothing to do with determining the district's Chapter 41 status. The two things that determine Chapter 41 status for a district are property values, as determined by the State Comptroller's office and the Weighted Average Daily attendance (WADA).

Jimmy Hanna

Trooper

Sonora, Mexico.

A DPS Trooper also arrested a California man traveling on I-40 near McLean after he discovered 13.20 lbs. ecstasy hidden in the

vehicle. The ecstasy has an estimated value of \$197,033.00. Also seized was a \$900.00 Western Union check.

This is just another

example of Troopers going beyond the traffic stop and interdicting these criminals traveling through the Panhandle," said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, Public Information Officer.

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The starting salary will be \$9.00 - 11.70 per hour. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2005. For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day the job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive; Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Janice Stafford at (806) 356-3233.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them in the undersigned with the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Virginia Maxine Anglin
 c/o Scott Sherwood
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Snackwiches 10-12 oz. **\$2.49**

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Owens Assorted Sausage 1 lb. roll **\$2.19**

Owens Reg. Hot Sausage or Sausage, Egg & Cheese
Snackwiches 10-12 oz. **\$2.49**

Oscar Mayer Meat Bologna 12 oz. **\$1.19**

T-Bone Steak **\$5.99** LB.

Red Bell Peppers **79¢** ea.

Rocky Mtn. Sweet Yellow Onions **69¢** lb.

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Red Ripe Tomatoes **\$1.29** lb.

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Thursday, September 22, 2005

Five Injured In Truck Accident At 113 Exit

A North Carolina truck driver was injured and air lifted to Amarillo when his east-bound truck blew a tire coming off I-40 onto FM 2300. His truck just caught the back of a pick-up driven by an area man, Nick Houchin, his hired hand Ryan Callis with his wife April and their child, Laynee as passengers. They were taken by Groom Ambulance to the Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The semi-truck was hauling a trailer load of grapes that scattered all

over the highway on-ramp and the parking lot of the Groom Dairy Queen. The back of the local man's truck ended up approximately 50 yards in front of the semi's cab.

Paramedics from Groom, White Deer and Aerocare were on the scene of the accident that occurred approximately 12:10 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2005. Lifestar was unavailable

to make the trip but Aerocare of Lubbock just happened to be in Amarillo at the time the

call for help came in. DPS Troopers, Carson County and Armstrong County officials were all on the scene.

Witnesses Jack and Betty West were near the scene at the time of the accident. They were eating lunch when they heard two loud pops and they said they knew it had to be an accident.

The truck driver, said to be out of North Carolina, was from Russia and spoke broken English. His condition

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Meet the Teachers Night Planned

Superintendent Terry Stevens announced this week that Groom ISD will host a "Meet The Teachers Night" on October 4th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to set aside this night to come and visit Groom School to meet their students teachers, if they don't already know them, and discuss their students progress. Report Cards will be handed out. A Book Fair will also be going on during this week. Parents will have the opportunity to browse

and shop with their children during the evening, if they wish.

A stew and cornbread supper will also be offered from 6:00 -7:30 for donations, which will benefit the Groom Yearbook. A short K-3 musical program will be held to kick off the evening.

A Book Fair will also be going on during this week. Parents will have the opportunity to browse and shop with their children during the evening, if they wish.

Everyone is asked to convene in the auditorium at 7:30 for a short

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Tri-State Fair Remembers Fred Brown

The family of the late Fred Brown accepted a plaque in his memory from the Tri-State Fair Association for the many years and many generations of children and animals that Mr. Brown helped guided through the show ring. The family also presented Belt Buckles in his memory to the Grand Champion Angus Bull and Grand Champion Angus Heifer. Pictured are some of Fred's family who were able to attend the event: (left to right) Kori, Lonny, Susan, Lynita, Kade, Lezlie, Molly, Jackson and Fred's wife Juanita with Fair representative Shelia Martin.

Crime Spree Criminal Captured

Several Businesses last week were broken into or attempted to be broke in locally. According to Sheriff Tam Terry, he and Carson County deputies investigated the burglaries at the Groom Hardware and Lumber where some cash and tools were taken. Also, Route 66 Steakhouse, Brumley Insurance, Great Plains Crop Services and the Post Office. In addition, R & L Service

Station was attempted to be broken into on the same night along with Jiggs Britten building next door to the north of The Groom News Office.

Aside from the damage, only a small amount of money and personal items were taken.

Law enforcement officers from Gray County and the Pampa Police Dept. along with Carson County Sheriff's Department investigator,

Heath Cates, as well as Donley County officials according to Sheriff Tam Terry said that they all worked on the case. Terry said, "I believe all the equipment was recovered and returned to the owners but the money was never recovered."

The suspect turned out to be a 22 year old man who was arrested who confessed to

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Troopers Seize 130 lbs. of Dope

By DPS Trooper Wayne Beigle

GROOM - a California Man was arrested on September 18 on Interstate 40 after troopers found a large load of marijuana hidden in his vehicle.

David Bosell Pratt, 51, of San Ysidro, California was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche eastbound on I-40. At 6:50 p.m., he as stopped 2 miles west of Groom for a traffic violation. After consent to search was given, troopers found 130 pounds of marijuana hidden in the rear quarter panels of the vehicle. The marijuana has an

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE GROOM Cubs play Hedley at Hedley tonight at 5:00 p.m. They play Happy at Happy, Thursday, September 29th at 5:00 p.m.

THE GROOM Tigers will play Kress at Kress, Friday the 23rd at 7:30 p.m. They play Happy at Groom, Friday the 30th at 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27 will be school picture day at Groom ISD. Look your best!

THE AWANA'S will have Candy/Frisbee Night, Sunday September 25th. Bring candy to share and come and play frisbee games!

MEET THE Teachers night will be held on October 4th. A music program and a stew dinner are planned.

RESPECT LIFE Annual Pilgrimage to the Cross in Groom will be on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1:00 p.m. Watch next week's paper for more details on activities for this event.

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Card of Thanks
The Route 66 Outdoor Entertainment Association Inc.

We give our thanks to all Carson County Roping, 71 teams in all, for their participation in the events. It was a great turn out! Let's do it again, soon!

Winners were:
Steer Stopping - 1st Mike Welley, 2nd Del Culver
Barrel Racing - Brice Bennett
Team Roping - 1st Daren Bennett & Tim Mansfield
2nd Hagden Hawley & Karl Virgil
3rd - Dusty Mansfield & Tim Mansfield

Local Happenings

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC will be held on September 22 at Groom ISD from 9:30 - noon. NO FLU SHOTS, yet!

SIX WEEKS TESTS will be given on September 21, 22, & 23. Study Hard!

ROUTE 66 Outdoor Entertainment Association Inc. will meet at 8:00 p.m. on October 10th at the Community Center. All are invited.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to the many good samaritans, fire and ambulance volunteers, law officers and all those who assisted in our rescue and recovery either by deed or prayer. We thank God for people who care about one another.
The Nick Houchin Family, and Ryan, April and Laynee Callis.

Ambulance Dept. Asks For Elderly Info To Help Check On Homebound

Groom Ambulance Service is requesting your help. Storm season is upon us, which brings electrical outages and need to seek shelter.

Our service would like to better assist you in these times of need. If you are on home oxygen which is powered by electricity or other health devices we would like to know so we can assist you. Due to physical

restrictions ambulation to shelter is sometimes impossible, we would like to be of assistance. Your information is confidential and your privacy will be maintained. Please help us help you. Complete the following information card and mail to: Groom volunteer Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 111, Groom, Texas 79039

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 Ambulance Assistance Transportation to Storm Shelter
Person to Contact in Case of Emergency _____
Phone _____

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 22 - Gaynelle Pool, Kylie Toylynn Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Sustaire (A).
September 23 - John B. Koetting.
September 24 - Tina Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton (A).
September 25 - Keith Barkley, Melinda Burgin Houchin, Kimberly Richardson, Tammy Case,

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills (A).
September 26 - Laverne Thomas, Adam Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields (A).
September 27 - Yvonne Barker, Ashlyn Young.
September 28 - Alice Britten, Penny McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Kempf (A).

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By Ace Reid



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Donna Barnett

CRIMES

approximately 22 burglaries in the Texas panhandle. "The suspect who originated in Pampa but now lives in Amarillo has been arrested," said Terry.

One of the victims of the burglary said that the suspect was Cody Williams and was picked up at a local pawn shop.

OPEN HOUSE

presentation by Superintendent Stevens and a short musical program by the elementary students.

NEW IN TOWN? Call the News with your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be listed in our calendar!

Respect Life Pilgrimage
to the Cross in Groom
Sunday, October 2, 2005
1:00 p.m.

Concert by Dana

Mass with Bishop Yanta

Eucharistic Procession to the Cross

Family Fun, Food & Music

Dinner \$5.00

Featuring: Jim & Joy Pinto, Priest for Life

The Groom Lions Club
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October 2nd

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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Ollinger-Manning Plan October Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ollinger of Claude are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Desiree Dyan Ollinger to Jason Roy Manning. Jason is the son of Jerry and Susan Manning Woodruff of Amarillo and the late Don Manning.

Desiree is a graduate of Claude High School and has a Financial Planning Degree from Texas Tech University. She is currently an account executive for

Clear Channel Amarillo.

Jason graduated from Amarillo High School and Tarleton State University with a degree in Agriculture Services and Development. He is currently employed in sales by D.A. Daniel in Perryton, Texas.

Desiree and Jason are planning to exchange vows on October 22, 2005.

Jason is the grandson of Peggy Ford of Wheeler and Marta Manning of Abilene.

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.
—Lao Tzu



Ollinger - Wright Exchange Vows In September Ceremony

Tai Mishon Ollinger of Amarillo and Bradley Keith Wright of Canyon were married Saturday, September 3, at the Ashmore Inn and Suites. Jess Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Claude, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Dianne Ollinger of Claude. The groom's parents are Katie Wright of Amarillo and Wire Wright of Canyon. Grandmother of the groom is Francis Clifton of Dumas, who attended the wedding.

Bridal attendants were Desiree Ollinger, Cence' Graham, Kori Brown, Jennifer Hawkins, and Jana McFarland. The

flower girl was Briss graham, niece of the bride.

Musicians were Adam Inmon and Evan Inmon. Brice Graham, nephew of the bride, read a selected scripture. Parker Seitle and Chandler McAdams, cousins of the bride, were ring bearers.

The bride is a graduate of Claude High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is Director of sales at the Holiday Inn Express. The groom is a graduate of Canyon High School. He attended West Texas A&M. He is currently the Internet Salesman at Midway Chevrolet.

After a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Amarillo.



Gracie Faith Welcomed To The Story Home In Ft. Worth

Grady and Melissa Story are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Gracie Faith Story. Gracie was born Thursday, September 15, 2005 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort. Worth. She weighed 8lbs and 2 oz and was 20 inches long. There to welcome her were her very proud grandparents, Rock & Mary Lewellyn of Ponca City, Ok. and Ed & Karen Story of White Deer. Also there were two of her uncles Nathan Story of White Deer

and Jeff Story of Amarillo. Gracie also has an uncle Scott Lewellyn of Pensicola Florida. Great Grandparents are Bob & Ruth Lewellyn and Marcus and Christine Cantrell of Borger, Jesse & JoAnn Baker of Groom & Arnold and Lu Story of Lefors.

At a mere 3 days old, Dad dressed Gracie in her Dale Earnhart, Jr. outfit and they watched their first NASCAR race together. Gracie did have a few breaks so that Mom could feed her!

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GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of September 26th through September 30th.

BREAKFAST:

Monday: cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tuesday: pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Friday: doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH:

Monday: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies & milk.

Tuesday: steak fingers or fish sticks, french fries, applesauce, Texas toast & milk.

Wednesday: Mexican pile-on, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit cocktail, graham crackers & milk.

Thursday: Frito pie

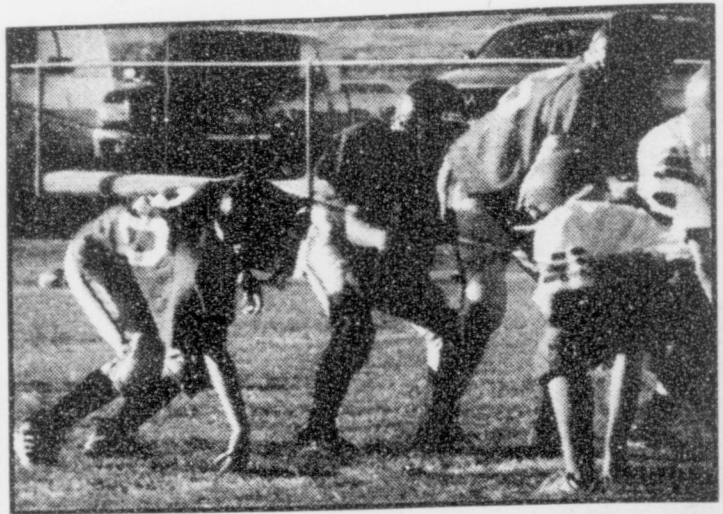
with chili and cheese, pinto beans, pears, graham crackers & milk.

Friday: sandwiches, vegetarian beans, peaches, pickle spears & milk.

DRUGS

estimated value of \$461,750.00

Pratt was later booked into the Carson County jail in Panhandle on drug related charges. Troopers believe the load originated in San Diego, California and was headed for Lexington, Kentucky.



Cubs Victorious Over Samnorwood

The Groom Cubs got tough when it counted last week when they played Samnorwood, winning 20-18. The Eagles were with in 4 yards of a touchdown that would have cinched the win for them. The Cubs defense went to work and pushed the Samnorwood team back to the 30 yard line before turning the ball back to the Cubs.

The Torres Brothers did the scoring. Eric

completed two touchdowns while Jacob connected for one touchdown. Myles Friemel scored the extra points.

"We are very pleased with the heart that these boys have shown," stated Coach Matt Johnson. "An injury caused us to change up our offense and these boys stepped up and made it work to our advantage." "They have demonstrated strong defense when it

counted. We are pleased with their progress." The Cubs Team is made up of Jacob Torres, Myles Friemel, Jes Roskens, Billy Corley, Shane King, Tyler Babcock, Tanner Britten, Michael Kelly, Eric Torres, Taylor Fields, Tyler Case, Trent Murray, Chris Homen and Cheyene Adams.

The Cubs will play Hedley, there, at 5:00 p.m. today, Thursday, September 22nd.

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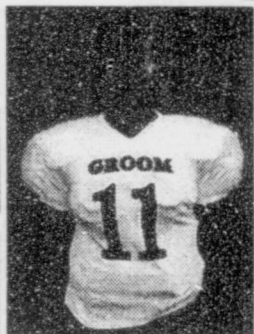
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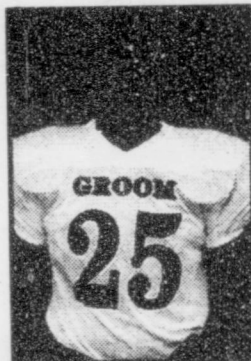
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Wilson Excels At Cheerleading



Winning the All-Star Cheerleading award at Wellington's 3-Day UCA camp is Cady Wilson, 8th grader and daughter of Mark and Carla Koetting of Groom and Cecil Wilson of Boise City, OK. Cady competed against numerous 7th, 8th and 9th grade cheerleaders in the X-treme dance routine, new cheer, and new sideline competitions. She was evaluated on skill, performance, memory, and leadership. By winning the All-Star position, she won a gold medal, certificate, and the opportunity to attend the Houston Day Parade over Thanksgiving.

In addition to being an All-Star Cheerleader, Cady also participates in cross-country, basketball and track.

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Christian Mothers Plan Holiday Bazaar & Meal

The Christian Mothers' officers hosted the first meeting of the 2005-2006 year by providing the members a supper of Mexican picon, apple cobbler and ice cream.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Minutes were read from the previous meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Christian Mothers' members selecting a volunteer of the month. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

The Annual Bazaar will be held on November 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The St. Monica Circle will set up and decorate. The Little Flower Circle will advertise, run the bake sale and clean up. Regina Coeli will prepare the meal and clean the kitchen.

Alice Kuehler presented the items for the silent auction at the DCCW convention. The convention will be held on October 21st and 22nd. St. Mary's of Amarillo will host the convention. A request was made for delegates to attend. Joannie Kling and Lucille Britten have volunteered to go on Saturday.

An idea to create a Church Library was discussed. A request was made for people to donate items including books, video and audio for the library.

The Right to Life Pilgrimage to the Cross will be on October 2nd.



Services Held Joseph Kastelic

Joseph P. Kastelic of Nampa, Idaho, passed away to his final life on Monday, September 12, 2005. His last wish was to thank all those many people who were a part of his life.

Joe was born in Ely, Minnesota, March 6, 1934, to Joseph and Jennie Kastelic. During his early life, he enjoyed the forested and lake country around Ely. He graduated from high school and attended Iowa State University where he graduated in Forest Management.

While completing college, he worked seasonally in Alaska for the government Forest Fire Control (beginning in April, 1955). Later, he

converted to permanent employment in the same work discipline until his retirement in 1984. He held positions in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada.

In 1960, Joe married Marene J. Burt in Fairbanks, Alaska. The family increased with five children named Wendy, Donald, Joseph, David and Michael. Alaska was the greatest place to raise a family.

Marene passed away November 20, 1988 of cancer. In 1990 Joe met and married Laura Blackwell, making their home in Nampa. Laura brought two children to the family, Tiffany and Joshua.

Joe was a member of

Trinity Lutheran Church. Much peace and communion came with this association.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; all seven children, his mother, Jenny and nine grandchildren, Marene, Reagan, Torybell, David, Kylee, Cassandra, Joseph, Austin and Aha.

A private grave site service was held followed by a "Celebration of Life" service at Cloverdale Chapel, Cloverdale Funeral Home, on Thursday, September 15, 2005. Officiating pastor was Wendall Hendershott.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made in Joe's name to St. Luke's Medical Center Hospice, Boise, Idaho, or to an organization/charity of their choice.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ2010063001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION: City of Groom, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 10093-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 84,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 78.6 acres of non-public access pastureland and evaporation on 85-acre playa lake. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 27, 2005.

The facility and disposal site are located southeast of the intersection of Interstate Highway 40 and Farm-to-Market Road 295 and north of the City of Groom in Carson County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of North Fork Red River in Segment No. 0224 of the Red River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Groom City Hall, 203 Broadway Avenue, Groom, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING: After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, por favor llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Groom at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, at (806) 248-7929.

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Alpha Mu Xi Elects New Officers

Alpha Mu Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, September 13 in the home of Nancy Patterson. Co-Hosting the evening were Sherry Rocha and Cindy Babcock. A salad supper was served in the backyard of the Patterson home. Members were served in the garden party atmosphere, with the sounds of the waterfall. Group pictures were taken in the scenic backdrop.

New members were welcomed & officers were sworn in. Serving this year are: President-Carole Fields, Vice President Donna Barnett, Corresponding Secretary

Charlotte Whatley, Recording Secretary Amy Crowell and Treasurer Tina Painter.

A short business meeting was held with the main focus on next month's stew feed for senior citizens and the homebound of Groom.

Sherry Rocha was chosen as this year's sweetheart.

Those in attendance were Cindy Babcock, Donna Barnett, Amy Crowell, Judy Eatmon, Carole Fields, Barbara Homer, Tina Painter, Nancy Patterson, Sherry Rocha, B Stephens, Erin Smith and Charlotte Whatley.

GROOM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service is sponsoring a Coloring Contest to promote bicycle safety. Coloring Books are provided by the service and will be distributed at Groom Elementary School. Preschool age children are encouraged to participate. Coloring books may be picked up at the City of Groom Library and returned to this same location. Bicycle helmets will be presented to two winners in each grade K-5th and pre-school.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance, (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established, and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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