

# The McLean News



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## McLean Reminder

**HUNTER SAFETY**  
Class, August 23, 24. Ages  
12 and up. Shamrock City  
Hall annex. Friday, August  
23 - 6 p.m., Saturday,  
August 24 - 8 a.m. Cost  
\$10.00. You must attend  
both days. Call 256-3522.

**PHYSICALS WILL**  
be given on Thursday, August 8  
at 6 p.m. in the High School  
Office for incoming  
Freshman, 6th graders or  
any other students who did  
not have a physical last year.  
Physicals will be free for  
anyone competing in  
athletics in 2002-03. The  
form may be picked up from  
Coach Smith or at the office  
and must be completed and  
signed by the parent prior to  
getting the physical.

**REGISTRATION**  
FOR a parent-taught  
preschool will be held  
August 26 from 5 p.m. to 6  
p.m. at the McLean Lovet  
Memorial Library. Childrer  
must be four years old  
before September 1 to  
enroll. The preschool will  
begin September 3 and will  
be held on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11  
a.m. A basic preschool  
curriculum will be taught.  
The preschool is free but the  
students will be responsible  
for their own supplies.  
There will be a short  
meeting after the registration  
for those interested.

**MCLEAN HIGH**  
School Pre-Registration  
will be Thursday, August  
8th from 10:00 - 1:00  
for Junior and Seniors  
and Friday, August 9th  
from 10:00-1:00 for  
Freshman and  
Sophomores. Registration  
will be in the High  
School Building.

**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.



## Identity Theft Seminar Well Received Locally

On July 23, 2002 at  
noon, the McLean Young at  
Heart Senior Citizen  
organization hosted an  
Identity Theft Seminar.  
Experts from the area were  
the guest speakers.

The Keynote speaker  
was Janna Kiehl. She is the  
Director of the Better  
Business Bureau Serving the  
Texas Panhandle. Also  
speaking were Sgt. David  
Johnson from the Potter  
County Sheriff's  
Department, Richard  
Saxton, Postmaster of  
Amarillo, and Roxanne  
Amarillo.

Identity theft is on the  
rise and is a serious  
problem. Anyone could be a  
victim of this crime.  
According to the Federal  
Trade Commission, it takes  
fourteen months, on average,  
for a victim of identity theft  
to notice the crime. There  
are precautions that you can  
take to stop yourself from  
becoming a victim. First, be  
careful about what you  
casually throw into the  
trash. Can someone legally  
dig through your trash

looking for tasty credit card  
receipts, account numbers,  
or your social security  
number? The U.S. Supreme  
Court implies that the  
answer is yes. In the  
decision California vs.  
Greenwood, they stated that  
the "expectation of privacy  
in trash left for collection in  
an area accessible to the  
public is unreasonable." In  
other words, when you  
throw something in the  
trash, it is available to  
anyone willing to overlook  
the disgusting smells and  
textures of your trash. Can  
it be shredded? The answer is easy:  
anything that has a  
signature, account number,  
social security number, or  
medical or legal information  
(plus credit offers). This  
could include, address labels  
from junk mail and  
magazines, ATM receipts,  
bank statements, canceled  
and voided checks, credit  
and charge card bills, carbon  
copies, summaries and  
receipts, credit reports and  
histories, driver's licenses or

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## Board Approves Hiring Of Two New Teachers

The McLean  
Independent School District  
Board of Education met for  
a Special meeting at 7:00  
p.m. on August 1, 2002.  
Board members present  
were Mike Darsey, Joe  
Riley, Toni Bohlar, Neal  
Odom, Steve Bowlin and  
Ronnie Ferguson. Others  
present were Supt. Bob  
Downs, Dick Crockett,  
Leslie Darsey, and Ben  
Reeves.

Absent from the meeting  
was John Holland.

Mr. Downs reported the  
certified taxable values  
received from Gray County  
Appraisal District for  
\$104,791, 586. He was  
pleased with these figures  
and stated that it would give  
the school a few more  
dollars to work with.

Motion was made by

Mike Darsey, second by  
Ronnie Ferguson to hire  
Stephanie Moore as a Math  
teacher. Motion carried. Ms.  
Moore was a very qualified  
candidate. She has a 2 year  
certification and has taught  
at Arizona State. Mr. Downs  
expressed a need to hire  
another full time teacher to  
help with PE, to coach boy's  
basketball, and possibly  
teach Social Studies. Since  
the tax evaluations were up,  
there would be enough funds  
to hire someone for those  
duties. The Board agreed  
that if another teacher was  
necessary to help out in  
areas where some teachers  
were being overloaded, then  
they were in favor of hiring  
one that would fit the  
position. The Board's other

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## French Group, Tracbar, Visits Area In Vintage Cars To Say Thanks To Vets

A cross-country roadtrip  
of "Thanks" stopped in  
McLean the week of July  
28th. The 2002 Tracbar  
Yankee Expedition is a  
group of European families

traveling across America to  
thank American veterans for  
their contribution to the war  
in Europe in World War II.  
It contains a convoy of thirty  
World War II-era Citroen

cars. These classic cars were  
brought to Los Angeles on a  
ship, but the driver and  
passengers flew on planes.

They had previously

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### Baptists Hold Bible School

By Terri Adams  
 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13. This was just one of the memory verses that the children of McLean learned at Vacation Bible School at

the First Baptist Church last week.

An average of 35 kids a day attended the weeklong walk up Faith Mountain which was the theme of the event.

Different "actors" from the church did a drama program. The children learned of Abraham and Isaac, Joshua, Rueben, and Jesus. Music time was also a favorite part of VBS, where the children learned to "Walk by Faith and not by Sight", and a new version of "Jesus Loves Me".

Friday was Family Night. The week ended with the children doing a program of songs for friends and family. The children were also presented with certificates.

All week long the children gave an offering which will go to the Ministerial Alliance. It will be given to the pastors at the next Fifth

Sunday Service by the children in attendance.

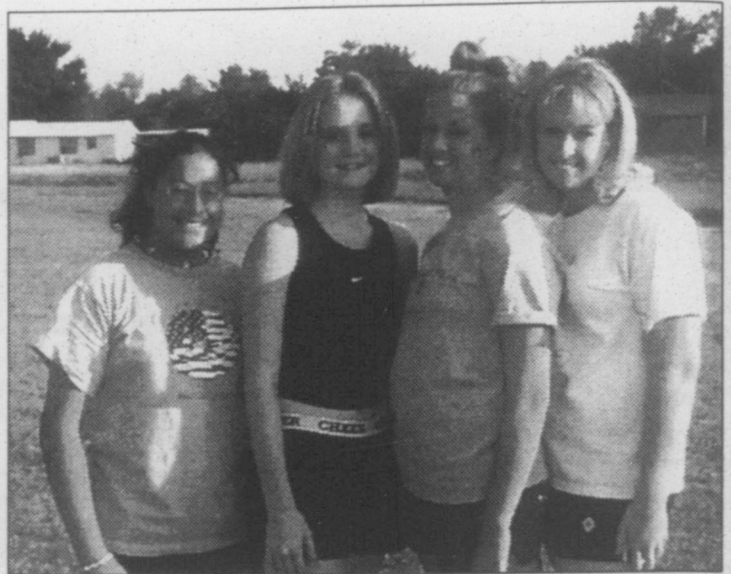
A drawing was held for a girl prize and a boy prize.

To be eligible, the child's name was put in a can for each night they attended

VBS. Saber Bohlar won the girl's prize, which was an Extreme Adventure backpack. Jacob Jones won the boys prize, which was a giant inflated goat from on top of Faith Mountain.

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McLean High School Cheerleaders for 2002-2003 are Lindsay Ruiz, Danielle Dampier, Krista Smith and Chloe Smith. Not pictured are Jennifer Greer and Sandi Anderson.

### McLean High Cheerleaders Attend Camp In Oklahoma

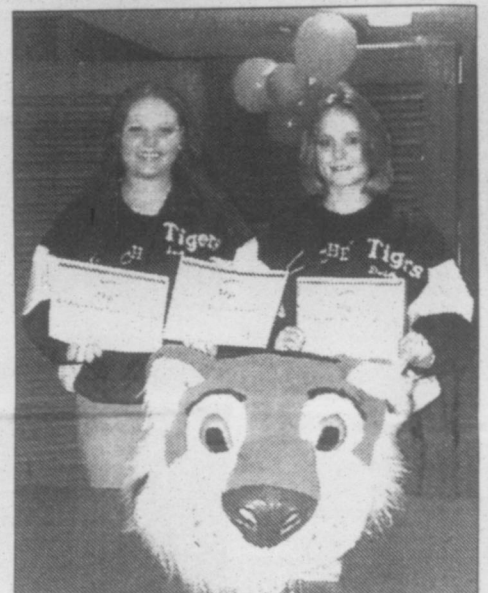
The McLean High School Cheerleaders and Mascot attended a cheerleading camp on June 18-22, 2002. The camp was held at the Oklahoma Panhandle State University and was sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association. Twenty squads from various locations were involved in the competition.

The McLean High School cheerleaders are: Danielle Dampier, Junior; Jennifer Greer, Junior; Lindsey Ruiz, Freshman; Chloe Smith, Sophomore; Krista Smith, Freshman; and Sandi Anderson, Mascot, Junior.

The squad went through eight evaluations and won the highest honor in all eight evaluations, a "Superior" ribbon. The team also received three "Spirit Sticks." A Spirit Stick is awarded to the squad which exemplifies the best spirit on any given day, as determined by the staff. The squad brought home one of the spirit sticks on the last day.

Individually, Sandi Anderson and Danielle Dampier earned awards. School mascots undergo one evaluation. Sandi Anderson received a Superior Ribbon and a certificate noting that achievement. She also received an award for "Best Props Artist" and a spirit stick. Danielle Dampier was nominated as an All American Cheerleader for her jumps and also received a certificate for that accomplishment.

Congratulations to the McLean High School Cheerleaders for their hard work and dedication and accomplishments!



Sandi Anderson and Danielle Dampier were happy with their performance at camp, earning several honors and awards while representing McLean High School.

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**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
 779-2548  
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 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15  
 Sunday Evening 7:00  
 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
 Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study  
 2 Home Bible Studies

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm  
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

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

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

**Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse**  
 Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins  
 779-2456 or 779-2965  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.  
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.



### Basketball Camp Held For Athletes

Fifteen young people from the community participated in the Basketball Camp conducted from July 22 - 25, 2002. The age groups included last year's kindergartner's through the fifth grade. Coach, Andy Simpson emphasized the fundamental elements of basketball. They concentrated on shooting, passing, and dribbling.

The assistant coaches for this year's camp included Julie Coker, Sandi Anderson, Danielle Dampier, Nikki J. Heffley and Shiloh Stant. Stant's parents and relatives attended the camp to lend their encouragement and support to the children.

Coach Simpson conducted a three-on-three round robin tournament with the participants. He divided the group into five teams and had them compete against one another.

Coach Simpson said, "I was excited about these kids. I saw definite improvement. I really appreciate the parents' participation."

The new basketball season will begin in March 2003.



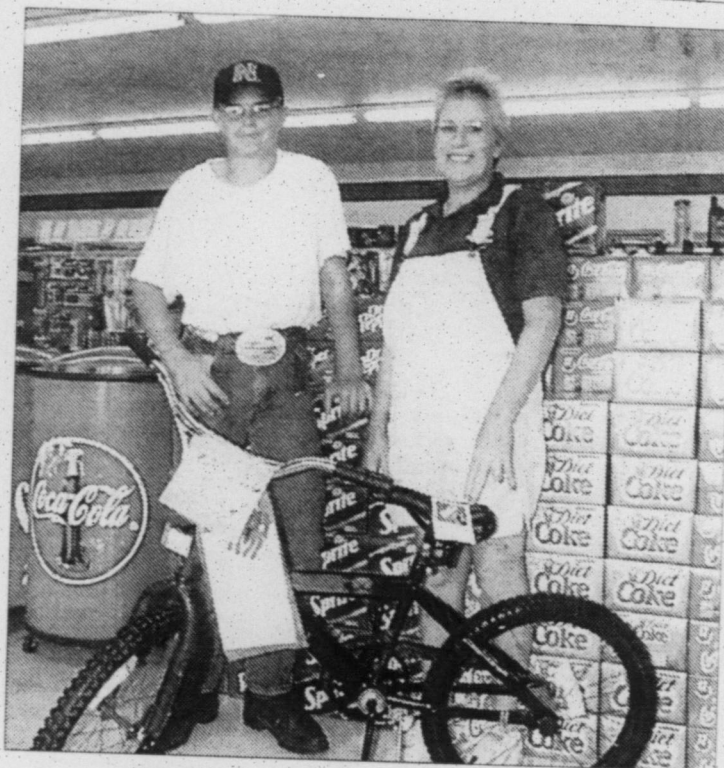
### Lovett Memorial Library News

Tuesday, August 6 -- The Library will close at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, August 7 & 8 -- The Library will be closed.

Tuesday, August 13 -- The Library will close at 12 noon.

A book has been placed in the Library by Dorothy Sitter Foster in memory of Janie Cummings. The book is titled Janie's Courage written by Inez Cummings. Mr. Cummings was a former superintendent of McLean Schools.



Cutter Anderson won a special Spiderman bicycle in a drawing sponsored by Taylor Food Mart in McLean. Left to Right: Cutter Anderson, Linda Syfrett, Store Manager.

### School Board

concern was that they wanted the students to benefit from the hiring of another certified teacher.

The question was brought up whether the District could give the five employees back their full salaries which had been cut recently. Mr. Downs explained they could either hire the extra teacher needed or replace the salary cuts but not both. The Board authorized Mr. Downs to hire the teacher, motion by Neal Odom, second by Toni Bohlar. Motion carried.

The picnic was discussed briefly and will be held on August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Neal Odom's to show the Board's appreciation of all the staff at McLean ISD.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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## McLean ISD School Supplies

### Kindergarten

- 1 small bottle of elmers glue
- 6 #2 pencils
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 Large box of Kleenex
- 1 Box of 8 crayons - basic colors
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 Old shirt to paint
- 1 Supply box

### 1st Grade

- #2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- 1 box of 8 crayons
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 Fiskars school scissors
- 1 Blue pocket folder with brads
- 1 folder with pockets
- 1 school box small (no art cases)

Backpacks not necessary

### 2nd Grade

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (1 is for Music)
- 1 pair of pointed scissors
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Map colors (colored pencils)
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large white liquid glue
- 4 red grading pencils
- Wide rule notebook paper (no college rule)
- 1 package of #2 yellow pencils
- 3 pocket folders -plain with brads (1 yellow, 1 light green, 1 light blue)
- 4 pocket folders -plain without brads (2 dark green, 2 dark blue)
- 1 large plastic supply box (the plastic shoe box at Walmart for 88 cents

- works great)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 large wide rule spirals (no college rule)
- No ink pens, markers, or mechanical pencils, please (It is okay if the colors on the folders vary a little)

### 3rd Grade

- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box of Crayons
- 1 bbox Map colors
- 1 pack of Markers
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 liquid glue
- 2 red grading pencils
- Wide rule notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook
- 2 pocket folders with brads
- 1 pkg #2 pencils
- 1 large ziplock bag
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters

### 4th Grade

- Wide rule notebook paper
- Wide rule spiral notebook
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 Box of Crayons
- #2 pencils
- 1 pack of Colored pencils
- 1 Glue
- Highlighters
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Pointed scissors
- 1 Box to hold supplies
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- No binders or notebooks please

### 5th Grade

- #2 pencils
- 2 red grading pens or pencils
- 1 Map color pencil set
- 1 Box of Crayons
- Markers (optional)
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 3 pkgs of notebook paper

- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 ruler
- 1 school supply box
- 2 folders

### 6th Grade

- #2 lead pencils
- Notebook paper, wide rule
- Notebook
- 3 folders
- 1 White glue
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 pkg of thin tipped colored markers
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pack of Map pencils
- 1 gum-type eraser
- 2 red pens for grading

### 7th Grade

- Notebook paper (enough for the entire year)
- 1 pack Colored map pencils
- 1 pack Highlighters
- #2 pencils (lead & mechanical; enough for the entire year)
- 2 2" notebooks with clear view covers
- 2 2" subject spiral notebooks
- 2 3 gum erasers
- 2 pocket folders
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 Compass
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Ruler
- Ziplock-type bags (5 quart size; 2 gallon size)
- Ballpoint pens
- 1 Scissors

## Visitors

stopped in Amarillo at the VA Hospital where they presented the veterans with medallions and certificates of appreciation.

Jean Guyon, one of the travelers, said, "Without Americans coming into France, we don't know where we would be today."

Dorothy Magee, a museum volunteer, opened the McLean-Alanreed Museum on a Sunday to accommodate some of these special travelers. On Monday, two Frenchmen, Jean Guyon and Marcel Kerbouch stopped and admired the artifacts in the museum.

The trip will end in New York City on August 8, 2002.

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## McLean Care Center BBQ Held Recently

The McLean Care Center held their annual BBQ Saturday, July 27. The guests were welcomed by the new administrator, Billy Ray Johnston. After the blessing, said by Mary Dwyer, the meal was served. As usual, the kitchen prepared a wonderful meal. The guests brought ice cream and fantastic desserts.

Two tickets were drawn from the raffle tickets by two young guests for the quilt and painting. Bill Gething won the quilt and Evelyn Thompson won the painting by Catherine Weaver. We appreciate everyone's participation in this dinner.

Vegetables and fruit are coming off and some of our gracious friends are blessing our home with fresh produce.

### Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

#### DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1  
**Bill Hinson**

For Carson County Treasurer  
**Jeannie Cunningham**

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk  
**Celeste Bichsel**

#### REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge  
**Lewis Powers**

For Gray County Clerk  
**Susan Winborne**

For Gray County Commissioner  
**James Hefley**

For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals  
**Bill Reeves**

## Seminar

items with a driver's license number, employee pay stubs, pre-approved credit card applications, and utility bills (telephone, gas, electric, water, cable TV, Internet). A good rule of thumb would be to shred all documents. Shredders are relatively inexpensive today and are worth the investment.

Are you already a victim of identity theft? If you have received a phone call or letter telling you that you have been approved or denied credit for accounts that you never requested, you no longer are receiving your credit card statements or you notice that some of your mail seems to be missing, or your credit card statement includes charges for things you know you never bought or a collection agency tells you they are collecting for an account you never opened, then someone may have stolen your identity. A local McLean resident related that he has been receiving statements from a major discount outlet for an account which he never opened. The charges have appeared from a town he has never visited. Ms. Kiehl and Mr. Saxton suggested that someone may have taken a pre-approved credit card letter from his mailbox and used that to open an account in his name.

Sgt. Johnson indicated that identity theft is prolific even in the prison system where inmates have access to the internet via computers. With assistance from friends on the outside, they can perpetrate scams from within the prison walls. If you believe that illegal activity has taken place you should: (1) Get a copy of your credit report. (2)

Contact each company where you think you might have been a victim. Talk to their security or fraud department and explain what has happened. (3) If someone is using checks they've stolen from you or has set up a bank account in your name, contact the major check verification companies. (4) Document all contacts. Make notes of everyone you speak with; ask for names, department names, phone extensions; record the date you spoke to them. (5) File a report with your local police or the police where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the report in case the bank, credit card company, or others need proof of the crime later on. (6) File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. Their toll-free number is 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338).

The McLean Young at Heart thanks those who attended this excellent 2-hour presentation. There were fifty-two people in attendance. Dan Fish and Ryan Swanson set up the sound system for the event. The delicious luncheon was provided by the Young at Heart group. Lynn Swanson says that The Young at Heart organization plans to have special programs of interest to the community every three months.

## Family Reading Night Winners

Jim, Debbie, Sam, and Mike Krueger enjoyed a picnic, an evening of fishing, and paddle boating at a game ranch near Clarendon, Texas. The Krueger family won the trip when their name was chosen during a drawing at Family Reading Night last May. John and Freda Holland and Bud and Betty White were the hosts for the evening.

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ORIGINAL OR MTL. SCENT 128 OZ. BTL. Nice'n Fluffy **2\$5** for  
WHERE AVAILABLE - ASSORTED Clothes Hangers EA. **1.00**

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BLUE BUNNY ASS'D. ICE CREAM BANQUET ASSORTED 7 OZ. Sandwiches 10-12 PK. **3.49** Pot Pies **2\$1** for  
BANQUET ASS'D. BMLS BREADED CHICKEN 11-13.5 OZ. **2.99** BANQUET MOZZARELLA 13.5 OZ. Cheese Nuggets **2.99**

**Sirloin Tip Steak** Preferred Trim Boneless Beef **1.99** lb.  
**Sirloin Tip Roast** Preferred Trim Boneless Beef **1.89** lb.

**Chuck Roast** Preferred Trim Boneless Beef **1.69** lb.  
**Chuck Steak** \$1.89 lb.  
**Ground Chuck** Fresh **1.89** lb.  
**Pork Chops** Preferred Trim Boneless Center Cut **2.99** lb.  
**Pork Roast** Preferred Trim Boneless Center Cut **2.79** lb.

**Bagged Fruit**

4 lb. bag Oranges or 3 lb. bag Red Del. Apples **2\$3** for

SWEET Potatoes **79¢** lb.  
FRESH Green Onions **3\$1** for  
LARGE SHO WHITE Cauliflower **2\$3** for  
GARDEN FRESH 1 LB. Asparagus **2.99**  
LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers **2\$1** for  
1 LB. CELLO PACKED Carrots **2\$1** for  
GREEN Cabbage **3\$1** for

SUPER SELECT Cucumbers **2\$1** for  
RED RIPE Strawberries 1 LB. **1.99**  
TANGY Lemons **5\$1** for  
ANCY Limes **10\$1** for  
GREENER SELECTION OR CLASSIC ROMANA Dole Salad 10-11 OZ. **1.99**  
GLAZE SWEET Corn **3\$1** for

**Hillshire Smoked Sausage** 4 LB. **2.79**

SWIFT PREMIUM BROWN 'N SERVE Links or Patties 7 OZ. **99¢**  
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WRIGHT REG. OR HONEY 1 LB. Sliced Ham EA. **2.39**  
WRIGHT SLICED Bacon 12 OZ. **1.79**  
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## Community Calendar

# Groom Centennial Golden!

**GROOM SCHOOL** will have registration on August 15. New students & elementary register at 1:00 pm. Junior High and High School register at 2:00.

**GROOM ISD** will begin its fall semester on Aug. 19. The first holiday will be on Monday September 2!

**GROOM DAY** meat is available at Circle B Meat Co. Call 248-7332.

**THE GROOM** Library is open Monday-Thursday from 1:30pm to 5:30pm and Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**Needed bowlers** for women's non-smoking league. Morning weekly for 33 weeks. For more info, call Kathy Williams at 537-3790.

**NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?** Groom Grocery has just about everything on your list. Check them out! Shop at home!

### GROOM DAY LOST & FOUND

**Found at Park**  
Size 1 1/2 Cybernet Tennis Shoes Blue & White; Blue & White Skate Tennis Shoes no size; Blue Nike Flip Flops size 9 or 10; Jay Jay the Plane small child's flip flops; blue & green umbrella.

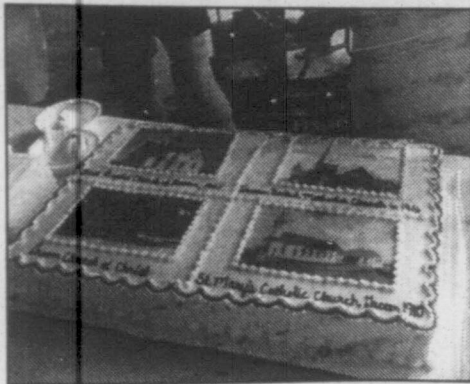
**Found at the Legion Hall**  
Black & Red Canvas Chair.

Call 248-7018 after 6:00 to claim. Michele Bohr.

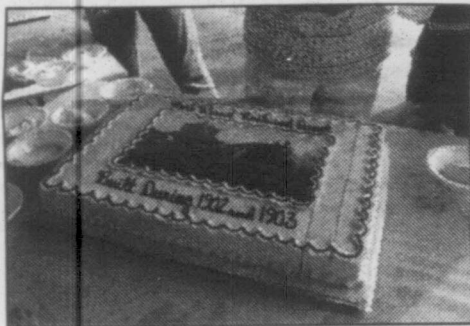
### Monday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$3.49  
Milo.....\$3.92  
Corn.....\$4.31  
Soybeans..\$4.77  
Sunflowers..\$9.50

A trace of moisture fell in the area this week.



Birthdays cakes with historical sites in Groom were the highlight of the birthday party.



Groom's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was everything a Centennial party should be. Lots of delicious food, fabulous fireworks and games, and wonderful reminiscing and memories were the order of the day. Approximately 800 people attended the events that began on Wed. The Community Museum was a terrific success that drew people all day long. Those who attended enjoyed looking at old pictures and treasures from days gone by. Many events were recalled as each exhibit sparked a new memory. This is definitely an event that should be brought back.

The fireworks were a huge hit with all ages and the entertainment was very moving. The birthday cakes will talk about for years to come. They were decorated with computer generated pictures of historical sites in Groom. The committee did a wonderful job of bringing the theme of American & Proud and the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday together.

Of the many contests and events there were some placed first and some placed last but in every case ... a good time was had by ALL!

**Tennis Tourny - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Singles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Friemel, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Thane Barkley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seth Koetting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chad Barkley.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Karla Howard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kecia Howard.

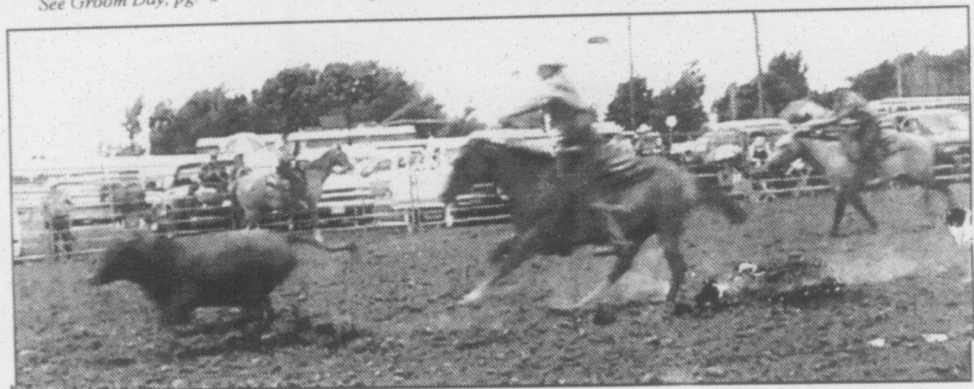
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
See Groom Day, pg. 6



The Groom S & H Grocery float wins 1st prize at the parade. They put in a lot of work on it and it showed!



The Museum was like a giant family scrapbook... a little of this... a little of that and a whole lot great memories!



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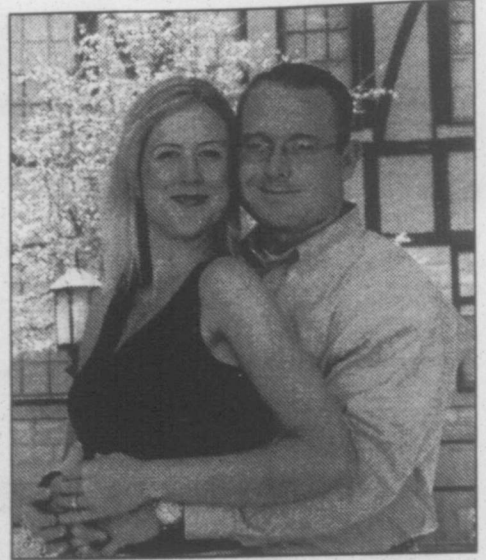
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# Groom Day Highlights



The BBQ was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. As usual, the food was fantastic!



The children's track meet is always a highlight! A brief shower didn't dampen these youngsters' spirits.



In getting ready for Groom Day (see picture on left) we had an old fashioned cattle drive down Old Route 66. Cowboys were preparing for the Ranch Rodeo and needed to move some cattle. It all went fine, except for one little black steer who wanted to stop off at Allsup's for cool one!

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GROOM ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, August 29, 2002 in Administration Office, 304 W Third Street, Groom TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1,500,000	\$0,110,000	\$1,610,000	\$5,723	\$2,586
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1,762,511	\$0,109,337	\$1,871,848	\$6,599	\$1,662
Proposed Rate	\$1,500,000	\$0,109,337	\$1,609,337	\$5,769	\$1,596

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$31,484	\$32,520
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$16,484	\$17,520
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1,610,000	\$1,609,337
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$265.39	\$281.96
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$16.57

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.931848. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.931848.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$400,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$5,000



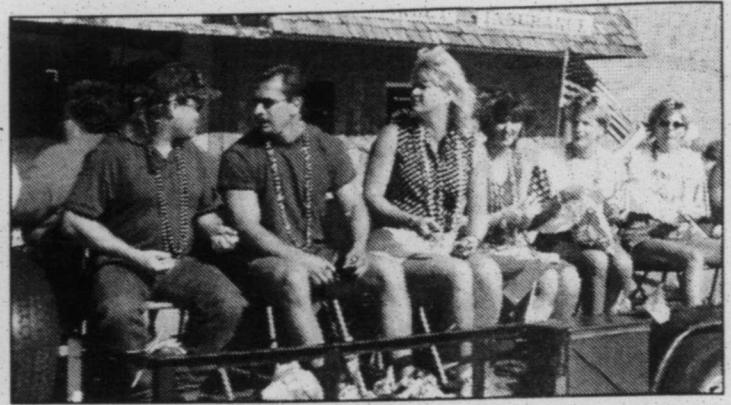
Bob Pool looks over faces of former Masonic Lodge members.



Pam Ashford has her hands full of fun with giant balloon bouquet!



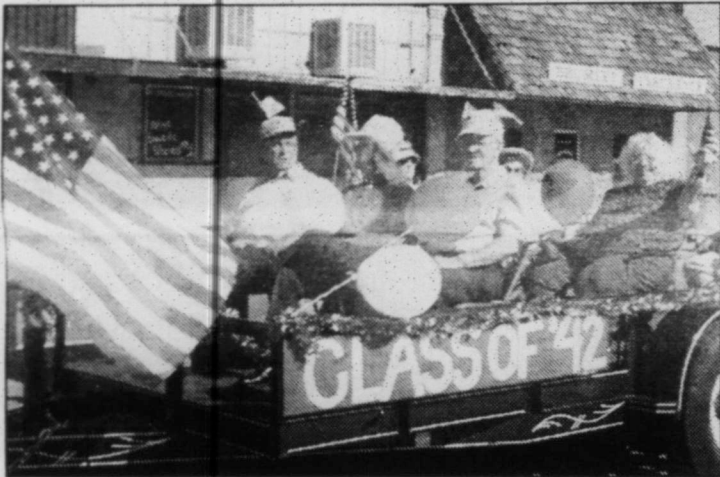
Kevin Noack "bails in" to help out the Groom Cheerleaders dunking booth. Apparently there were more kids that wanted to see him "all wet" than dunking the pretty cheerleaders. Thanks for being a good sport, Kevin! The little boy with the big aim is Britian Simpson.



The Class of 1982 hasn't lost their affinity for fun! They seemed to be having way more than their share during this float ride.



Decorating your bike and riding in the parade is a big treat for each new generation. These youngsters were having the time of their lives but could decide whether they would throw candy or stop and pick up candy.



The Class of 1942 celebrated their 60th by getting together and riding a float in the parade.



Standing in line isn't so bad when you have the opportunity to visit with friends and acquaintances that you may not have seen in a while! And when at the end you know you will get the most delicious BBQ you ever put in your mouth!

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While the nation, as a whole, lost jobs during the first half of the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that Texas had a net gain of 27,300 jobs. Of the ten largest states, only Texas and California have added employment over the past six months. Texas added almost eight times as many jobs as California during this time period.

**Co. Court Sets Tax Rate**

The Carson County Commissioners met on July 29, 2002 with the following present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Department heads and the court convened for a

workshop for the 2002-2003 budget. Due to a projected shortfall in tax revenue, commissioners were asking for cuts where possible. Around \$83,000 was cut or moved. All salary increases were denied except the maintenance personnel. That position was increased to a level 25C income after that

General Fund - .284584  
 Lateral Road - .043467  
 Special Road/Bridge - .065981  
**Total Tax Rate - .394032**

The court will meet again on Aug 29, 2002 to adopt the 2002-2003 budget and set the effective tax rate. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Aug. 12, 2002

area was revamped to combine personnel and contract lawn care, creating a \$9,000 reduction in that budget.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper presented the proposed 2002-2003 tax rates as follows:

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# Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

There were 10 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of July 22 through July 28, 2002. Currently there are 10 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 11 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrests made this week:

Kenneth Lovejoy, 22, of Amarillo, Texas: Probation Revocation on Burglary of a Habitation.

Forrest Gardiner, 34, of Panhandle: Harboring a Runaway.

Cecil Fryrear, 57, of Fritch: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Lacy Kotara, 21, of Panhandle: Theft greater than \$2500 but less than \$20,000.

Christopher Kitts, 31, Kinston, TN: False report to a Peace Officer & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kent Kerbo, 33, Clarendon, TX: Fail to Appear on Possession of a controlled substance & Warrants - Randall County.

Clay Garrison, 45, Borger, TX: Public

## Intoxication

Raymond Moore, 25, Borger, TX: Driving While Intoxicated, 1st & Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Jason Watkins, 30, of White Deer: Public Intoxication & Theft Less than \$50.

Scott Maxwell, 27, Panhandle, TX: Assault

3 persons were booked into the jail during the week of July 29-Aug 4.

Currently there are 12 person incarcerated in this jail and 9 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. While this department has not taken reports there are rumors that we have traveling Con artists in the area. Be very cautious when dealing with someone not located locally.

Arrests made: Franisco Mendoza, 43, of Pampa, Pampa PD warrant.

Alton Curry, 48, of Pampa, Possession of Controlled Substance with

intent to deliver less than 400 grm. Possession of Controlled Substance with intent to deliver less than 28 grm. Possession of Marijuana less than 2 grm.

William Alexander, 29, Burnsville, MN, money

laundry more than \$3,000 but less than \$20,000.

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## Ken Ruthardt Is Promoted To Major

Ken Ruthardt, son of Louis and Judy Ruthardt, was promoted to Major in the United States Air Force on July 1, 2002. Ken was promoted in the top 20 percent of his year group and is a candidate to attend Air

Command and Staff College. A promotion ceremony was conducted at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana on June 28. Family attending the ceremony include his wife, Missy and daughter, Taylor. Out of town guests included Louis and

Judy Ruthardt, Bess Ruthardt, and Almeta and Dwain Currie. Ken and his family recently relocated to Hampton, Virginia where he is assigned to the Air Combat Command Inspection Team at Langley Air Force Base.

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## Groom Day

**Doubles:** Karla Howard and Thane Barkley, 2nd Kecia Howard and Chad Barkley.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Doubles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Seth Koetting and Trevor Friemel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Case & Shandy Koetting.

**High School Girls Singles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mallory Homen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katy Britten.

**J.V. Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katy Britten.

**Women's Singles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sandie Conrad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brin Burgin, 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Karen Fields, Lainie Britten.

**Men's Singles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tim Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Randy Broom.

**Women's Doubles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Nila Burgin & Brin Burgin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Bohr, Candace Bohr and Karen Fields, 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Sandie Conrad & Mallory Homen and Kim Richardson & Katy Britten.

**Volleyball Results:** The Cornett Team won the meet.

**Soft Ball Tournament:** West Texas Gas Team lead by Robert Miller won the

series. 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Firestone team starting the Britten Boys (Gary Britten coaching). 3<sup>rd</sup> was the Shockers with Josh Crooks.

The baseball games were conducted with the help of Russell Lewellen and Bruce Thornton.

At the **Ranch Rodeo** the I Bar Ranch of Goodnight won the event. Members were Steve Shaller, David

Shaller, Cody Grave, Ryan Burns and an unidentified member. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Rafters S Ranch of Clarendon. 3<sup>rd</sup> was the Matthews Ranch of Alanreed.

The top hand was Tim Mansfield for the Chris Britten Cattle Company.

Top Horse was owned by Duane Adcock of the Lazy 11 Ranch of Miami.

**Parade Results:** Groom S & H Grocery won the parade with their float depicting the ownership of

the grocery store. Former and current owners and employees rode the float.

Kenneth Ware with the "Flag Pick-Up" placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the GHS Student Body placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Raffle Results:** Betty Housley won the \$600 trip raffle and Shirley Ann Fields won the afghan crafted by Porche Harden.


**More Results Next Week:** Results were not available for the Cow Pattie Bingo or the Horse Shoe Tournament. The News will attempt have these result by next week.

A very big community thank you to all who headed up the different events, prepared the food, set up, cleaned up and put up with all of us! Our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday was truly special!

*Thank You, Volunteers!*  
Groom's 100th birthday was a success! We would like to thank all the volunteers who took time out of their work to offer assistance in the making of that success. Whether you were there with your time, money, equipment or labor you all helped and we deeply appreciated everyone for your efforts.  
The Groom Day Committee

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## Texas Needs Pro-Investment Broadband Policy

*Despite broadband's promise, broadband investment isn't happening the way it should across Texas. DSL isn't being made available to many communities that would otherwise be attractive candidates for new investment.*

For more information about high-speed Internet access, please visit [www.connecttexas.org](http://www.connecttexas.org)



Texas has suffered immensely from the recent technology meltdown. The Texas Workforce Commission recently reported the state lost over 38,000 high-tech jobs in 2001.

Recovery won't happen overnight, but there may be good news ahead. Broadband deployment can be an important catalyst for getting the Texas economy on track. But that won't happen unless the Texas Legislature adopts a state policy encouraging ongoing broadband investment.

Broadband is the technology that makes faster Internet connections possible. With broadband, a Bastrop business can videoconference with Dallas clients. A San Saba entrepreneur can run a distribution business from her home. The possibilities are endless.

Unfortunately, broadband investment isn't happening the way it could. Companies like SBC Southwestern Bell are eager to bring broadband's benefits to customers. While our flagship broadband offering is Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), we partnered with a satellite vendor to ensure greater availability of high-speed Internet access.

Investment has stalled due to Texas' uneven regulations. Cable companies, our chief competitors, operate almost regulation-free, helping them corner almost 70 percent of the high-speed market. Meanwhile, companies offering DSL must comply with rules intended for the traditional telephone business — a disparity that makes DSL more expensive to deploy and an uncertain investment.

The effect of the disparity is DSL isn't being made available to many communities that would otherwise be attractive for investment. While today's version of DSL won't ever be viable in certain locations, other high-speed technologies similar to DSL will be. It will be just as difficult to justify investing in any new services if policymakers continue to single them out for unique regulatory burdens.

In 2003, the Texas Legislature can send a strong signal to regulators: Texans want a robust environment for broadband investment. Lawmakers can accept the status quo — and watch broadband go to states with policies encouraging investment — or they can demand an environment to keep broadband benefits here in Texas.

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