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McLean Preparing For Weekend of Fun Activities

McLean is gearing up once again for a weekend full of fun and entertainment.

In the past, the rodeo weekend has been held in June. Due to the rodeo being changed to a ranch rodeo, the weekend had to be moved to July to accommodate the ranches who were already participating in other rodeos in June.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held on July 23 at the Carl Lee Henley arena. For more information regarding the rodeo call

Debbie Dalton at 779-3229.

The weekend will also include the Route 66 Car Show. The show will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning after the parade.

The parade will also be at 10:00 on Saturday morning. To be in the parade, you must be at the softball field on Morse street between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin there and travel down 7th street and then onto Main street. Trophies are being awarded for the floats. To participate, call

Heidi Wells at 779-2749.

Something that was added last year to the weekend was the Main Street Fair. The fair is held at the city park and includes game booths as well as food booths. For more information regarding the fair, please call Tina Conners at 779-2780.

Everyone is welcome to attend these events for some good food, classic cars, fun games, cowboy entertainment and enjoyment for the whole family.

Loaves and Fishes Serves Over 8,000 Meals Per Year

Loaves and Fishes is a non-profit, Christian based organization that feeds the shut-ins of McLean. Supervisor, Vonnie Bible says that they feed approximately 37 people a day. That is over 8,500 meals a year.

Loaves and Fishes is ran on volunteers. "We need people called by God to do this job," stated Bible. People from most of the

churches in McLean serve. However, more people that feel a calling to this ministry are needed everyday. The meals are cooked at the kitchen of the Trinity Church.

Drivers are always needed to deliver the food to the elderly and shut-ins. If you are interested in delivering for Loaves and Fishes, you can be at the church at 11:15 a.m. and

no later than 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The ministry also accepts donations. Monetary donations can be made to the United Methodist Church of McLean in care of Loaves and Fishes. Food donations can be made at the Trinity Church, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Due to law changes, see Loaves & Fishes, pg 10



Whitney, Braden, Niki, Tony and Trinity moved to McLean from Amarillo where Tony also had his own business. The family says that they are excited to be in McLean.

Second Generation Carpenter Returns To McLean To Open A Construction Business

In a small town where history is very important in maintaining the future, it is beneficial to see history sometimes repeat itself. So is the case of one new business in McLean.

Hambright Construction is a new business owned by Tony Hambright. You may remember his father's business, Hambright's Hardware store.

Tony does new construction and remodeling for commercial

and residential buildings. For example, he does fencing, decks, door and window installation, kitchens, bathrooms, texture, paint, counter tops, trim, etc. "I do it all," stated Hambright. "But I prefer to stay away from plumbing and heavy electrical work."

Tony is an alumni from the class of 1988 at McLean High School. After graduating, he moved away and married. He

returns to McLean with his wife Niki, who is a very talented homemaker and their three children. Their son Braden is 10 years old and will be in the 5th grade. Whitney is their six year old daughter and she will be in the 3rd grade. Trinity is their 14 month old daughter.

Tony gives free estimates on his jobs and works within a 100 mile radius of McLean. To contact him for his construction services, call 674-2898.

MCLEAN REMINDERS

THE ALANREED Cemetery Association Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alanreed Community Center.

THE CITY COUNCIL will meet for a regular meeting on July 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

THE SCHOOL BOARD will meet on July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the school business office for a regular meeting.

DON'T FORGET THE Book Sale or the Summer Reading program at the Lovett Memorial Library. "GO Wild READ!"



THE MCLEAN Ranch Rodeo, Classic Car Show, Parade and Main Street Fair will be held on July 23.

E-MAIL YOUR NEWS to jts@centramedia.net.

REMEMBER TO call 1-800-687-7911 to receive your 9-1-1 address if you live outside the city limits of McLean.

THE ALANREED Community Association will have a general meeting on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alanreed Community Center.

THE MCLEAN RED HAT CLUB will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 11, at Red River Steakhouse.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 7 - Darrell Myers, Zora Petty Billingsley, Nora Petty Loveland, Justin Wehrenberg.

July 8 - Dale Johnston, Deborah Longino, Aaron Rice.

July 9 - Beatrice Erown, Gwen Henley, Dick & Pam Crockett (A), Richard & Stephanie Ellis (A).

July 10 - Will Shaw, Camryn Richardson.

July 11 - Daniel Harris, Virginia Tolleson, Jimmy Armbrister, Wendi & Jason Ketcherside (A).

July 12 - Russell Littlefield, Laura Morris, Justin Phillips, Madysen West.

July 13 - Joyce Haynes, Z. A. Myers, Angie Staton, Taylor Fish, Roy Brewer, Terry Wells.

Car Care Corner

(NAPS)—Summer is vacation time. You want to get in the car and go.

- Make an appointment for a tune-up. Clean air filters and new spark plugs may mean better gas mileage.
 - Check tires for wear and proper inflation. Properly inflated tires can give you better fuel mileage and longer tire life.
 - Rotate tires and have the wheel alignment checked.
 - Check all fluids: Oil, antifreeze, transmission, brake and power steering fluid and windshield solvent.
- see Car Care, pg. 10

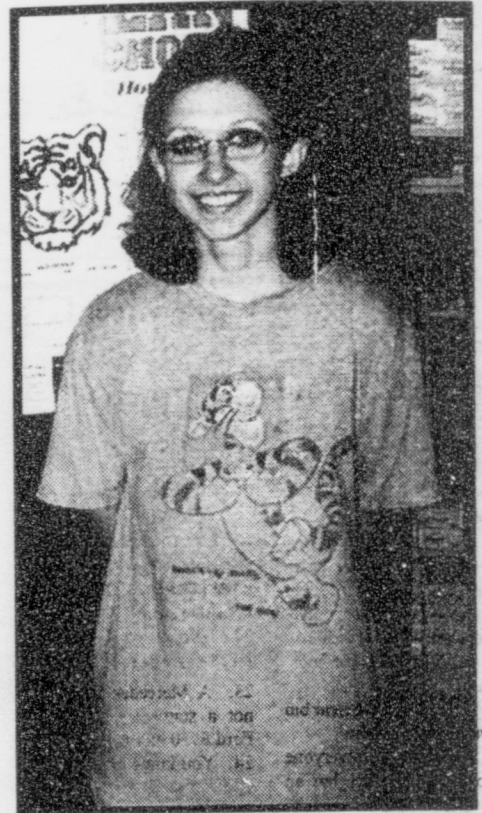
Amanda Hauck Graduates From The Clarendon College Office Technology Program

Nine students successfully completed the requirements of Clarendon College's Office Technology Program. Amanda Hauck of McLean, Texas was one of the nine graduates. She is the daughter of Don and Cynthia Hauck of McLean and a graduate of McLean High School.

Graduation ceremonies were held May 10, 2005 in the atrium of the M.K. Brown Academic Center in Pampa, Texas. According to Jan Haynes, program instructor, approximately 120 people attended the ceremony.

The Office Technology program is a fast-track, concentrated program designed to provide the student with specialized classroom instruction. The program prepares students to enter or re-enter the job market more efficiently by refreshing previously learned skills and by teaching basic skills for entry-level jobs.

Students master computers, calculators, telecommunications and other complex office equipment. The course enables students to acquire high-tech skills and the confidence needed to succeed in the work world.



Amanda Hauck was one of nine graduates from the Clarendon College Office Technology Program under teacher, McLean native, Jan Haynes.

TIGER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE


Date	Opponent	Time	Place
August 13	Guthrie (Scrimmage)	TBA	There
August 19	Le'ors (Scrimmage)	TBA	Here
August 26	Chillicothe	7:30	There
September 2	Happy	7:30	There
September 9	Hedley	7:30	There
September 16	Holy Cross	7:30	Here (Homecoming)
September 23	Le'ors*	7:30	There
September 30	Follett*	7:30	Here
October 7	Miami*	7:30	Here
October 14	Open (TBA)	TBA	TBA
October 21	Wheeler*	7:30	Here
October 28	Higgins	7:30	There
November 3	Samnorwood	7:30	Here (Senior Night)
November 11	BI-District	TBA	TBA
November 18	Regional	TBA	TBA
November 25	Quarter Finals	TBA	TBA
December 2	Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA
December 10	State	TBA	TBA

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Eye on Health

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(NAPS)—Over 17 million Americans are robbed of their vision by eye diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration. Worse yet, as many as half of those affected may not know that they have a sight-threatening eye disease.

While many classify these as "older folks' diseases," a significant number of people affected by these diseases are under 65.

"That's why all Americans, especially those over 40, need regular eye exams—which are, in most cases, the only way to detect and prevent vision loss caused by age-related eye diseases," said ophthalmologist Susan Taub, MD, FACS and chairman of the Better Vision Institute (BVI).

Also at higher risk for developing age-related eye diseases are women and people of certain ethnicities, in particular, African- and Asian-Americans.

In order to maintain one's vision health and independence in later years, the BVI recommends regular, comprehensive eye exams for Americans over 40.

For more vision health information for the entire family, visit www.checkyearly.com.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548

Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 8 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 288 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. & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church 663 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

Are You a True Texan? 27 Ways To Tell

If you cannot relate to these, you are not a "TRUE TEXAN"

You're from TEXAS if...

1. You can properly pronounce Corsicana, Palestine, Decatur, Wichita Falls, San Antonio, Mexia, Waco, Amarillo, and Waxahachie.

2. You think that people who complain about the wind in their states are just sissies.

3. A tornado warning siren is your signal to go out in the yard and look for a funnel.

4. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.

5. You've ever had to switch from "hear" to "A/C" in the same day.

6. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but by the availability of shade.

7. Stores don't have bags, they have sacks.

8. You see people wear bib overalls to a funeral.

9. You think everyone from a bigger city has an accent.

10. You measure distance in minutes.

11. You refer to the capital of Texas as "home of the Longhorns."

12. It doesn't bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in a plane crash.

13. Little Smokies are something you serve only for special occasions.

14. You go to the lake because you think it is like going to the ocean.

15. You listen to the weather forecast before picking out an outfit.

16. You know cow pies are not made of beef.

17. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.

18. You have known someone who has had a belt buckle bigger than your fists.

19. A bad traffic tie up involves two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other go first.

20. You know which state Miami is in...and which state Miami is in.

21. You aren't surprised to find movie rental, ammunition and bait all in the same store.

22. Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.

23. A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F350 4x4 is.

24. You know everything goes better with Ranch.

25. You learned to shoot a gun or you learned how to multiply.

26. You actually get these jokes and are "fixin" to tell your friends.

27. Finally, you are 100% TEXAN if you have ever heard his conversation: "You wanna coke?" "Yeah." "What kind?" "Dr. Pepper."

Going Beyond "Don't Talk To Strangers"

"Rather than teaching children to fear strangers, which is at best, woefully inadequate, we need to use positive messages," says Dr. Broughton. "Children need to learn skills and confidence, not fear and avoidance," says Daniel Broughton, M.D., a pediatrician at Mayo Clinic.

Children should know their name, address and phone number (with area code) so, if lost, they can be reunited with their family.

Older children should know parents' work numbers.

Away from home, older children should always be with a friend, always tell an adult where they will be, and say "no" if they feel threatened or uncomfortable.

Children need to know that appropriate strangers -- store clerks or police officers -- can offer assistance if they are lost or need help.

Parents need to listen, and respect their children's feelings. Children can sense unease in inappropriate relationships. They'll likely share their concerns if parents routinely take all of their concerns in life seriously rather than downplaying or shaming them.

Children need to know that they do not need to kiss, hug, touch or sit on the lap of anyone, relative or not, if they do not wish to. This respect for their wishes translates into self-respect and the ability for

children to say no to unwanted contacts without generating fear.

Parents need to supervise children who use the Internet. Although still relatively uncommon, the practice of pedophiles and child molesters approaching children on the Internet is occurring more frequently.

Parents need to keep reinforcing safety messages through middle school and high school. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, most victims of nonfamily abductions were 12 years or older (58 percent). Most were girls (65 percent).

Parents should realize the limitations of participating in programs where children are fingerprinted or otherwise identified. These programs can frighten children and raise fears in adults without giving perspective on the real nature or risk of abduction.

Parents should keep on hand a high-quality recent photo of each child, such as a school photo. Law enforcement officials consider photos the best tool in finding missing children.

Parents should promptly report a missing child. The Amber Plan, the national program to immediately flood a region with news of an abduction, is credited with helping to recover more than 130 children since it started two years ago.



Andrew Bybee enjoys some summer time fun at the pond at Mike and Leslie Darsey's during a farewell picnic for the Smith family.

Career Beef Industry Scholarships Available

Twenty scholarships of \$1500.00 will be awarded to outstanding students who are pursuing careers in the beef industry. Fields of study may include education, communications, productions, research or any other area involved with the beef industry.

The purpose of this program is to identify and encourage talented and thoughtful student who will emerge as industry leaders. The first place winner will also receive airfare and lodging to attend the 2006 Annual Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show in Denver, Colorado, February 1-4, 2006.

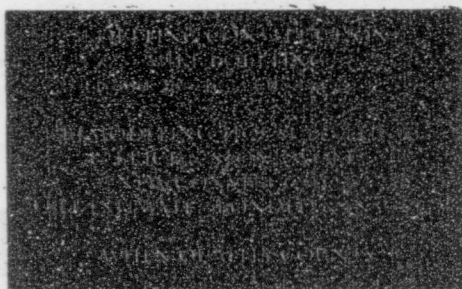
To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must be graduating high school seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two or four year institution for the 2006-2007 school year.

Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to the beef industry through classes, internship, or life experiences. Previous scholarship winners are eligible to apply in subsequent years.

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Loaves and Fishes

there are certain types of foods that cannot be accepted. Items containing sugar and salt are no longer aloud. Also, fat or oil items are no accepted. However, Olive Oil can be accepted and the ministry is in need of this item. Loaves and Fishes also cannot accept dented canned goods or items that contain MSG.

Members of the board of Loaves and Fishes include

Larry Perkins, president; Thacker Haynes, vice-president; Mickey Jackson, treasurer; and Brenda Jasper, Secretary.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with a meal, please call the Loaves and Fishes telephone number, 779-3239. If no one is there a machine will answer and you can leave the name and a phone number and someone will get in touch with you.



The Red Hat Ladies take a moment to pose with dance instructor, Teresa Simmons after their crowd pleasing performance at the Ex-student reunion talent show. They performed a Broadway performance of "New York, New York."

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CUBS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sept. 8	Hedley	6:00	Home
Sept. 15	Open TBA	TBA	TBA
Sept. 22	Lefors	6:00	Home
Sept. 29	Follett	6:00	There
October 6	Miami	5:00	There
October 13	Ft. Elliot	6:00	Here
October 20	Wheeler	5:00	There
October 27	Higgins	6:00	Here
November 1	Samnorwood	6:00	There

AAAA CORRECTION

Buck and Stella Lee were accidentally omitted from the Lee Family Reunion article last week. Sorry Aunt Stella and I guess you too Uncle Buck. Also, Ellen Lee should have been Ellen Scott. (My family is really big, ok?! It's hard to keep them all straight.)
Terri

Car Care

- Make sure your wipers work and the wiper blades are replaced if necessary.

- Check cooling system. Look for leaks, worn or bulging hoses, and fan operation. Hot weather puts a strain on the cooling system. Tip: If the engine is overheating, turn off the air conditioning and turn on the heater.

Finally, always let someone know where you are going and when to expect you. Also, be sure to take along a map and a cell phone.

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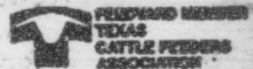
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streets, park and community center maintenance, updating street signs, operate mowing tractor, backhoe and sewer machine. Requirements include working outside in hot and cold weather, being on call, being a high school graduate or equivalent, must be able to obtain TCEQ licensing for water and wastewater, and must have valid Class C drivers license. Interested applicants should send a resume to Mayor, City of Groom, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039. Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2004. Salary is negotiable, benefits include: retirement, holidays, vacation, sick leave, and paid health insurance.

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Absolutely no farming or ranching will be permitted. This will be a 1 year lease as long as it does not interfere with the normal operation of the landfill. All bids will be received

until Friday, July 8th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened on July 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the City Council. The City of McLean reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.

Send bids addressed to: City of McLean, "Hay Lease", P.O. Box 9, McLean, TX 79057
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 City of McLean

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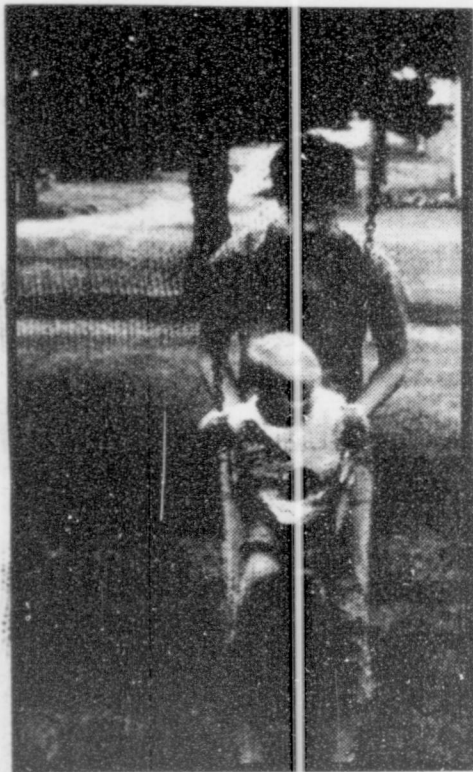
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Thursday, July 7, 2005

Fund-raiser Picnic A Success



Sheri and Whitt Ward share a mother-son moment at the park on the Fourth of July.

With near perfect weather, the Groom Summer Youth Organization enjoyed a good turn out for a fund raiser they held on Independence Day. Sausage Burritos were served with chips and ice tea under the shade of the patio at the park. Children played on the park's playground equipment while adults visited and enjoyed the delicious food. Members of the Groom Summer Youth Organization (The old Groom Summer Program) committee who were present, Joe Homer, Terry Stevens and Bobby Cornett did most of the cooking and serving, but were aided by friends of the summer program. The funds raised will go to help the baseball program and keep the swimming pool open. Approximately 50-60



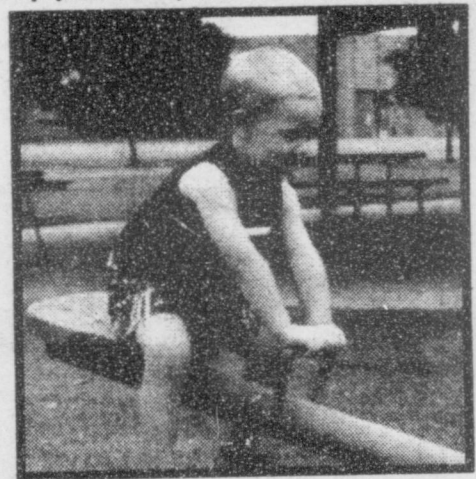
Joe Homer grills the sausages to perfection on a day that couldn't have been better!

people attended the event that raised about \$200 according to member Joe Homer.



(Right) Terry Stevens serves up some delicious sausage burritos to some hungry customers.

(Far Right) One of the Welch twins (but which one!) enjoys the playground equipment.



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collins, formerly of Groom, making a stop at the dentist's office before heading to the Country Club for lunch.

Lots laughter and visiting going on at the Joe Homer home.

Some pretty impressive fireworks for amateurs going off at the baseball field.

Larry Brown doing a favor for a friend.

A new fence about to go up at the Bruce Thornton home.

Planning Underway For Groom Day Mardi Gras

The Groom Day Committee is hard at work with the preparation of another wonderful town reunion and celebration. The event is planned for August 5 & 6 this year. Johnny Brooks, Karen Brown and Donna Barnett will be co-ordinating various aspects of the 2 day celebration with the help of many, many other interested folks.

Dondra Downs will

once again serve as Parade Marshall. Remember that you floats should follow the theme of "Mardi Gras"!

Lesa Roskens and Robin Welch will be heading up the park activities for kids. Games and some toys will be available, but what the girls need is some volunteers to assist. Call one of them if you would

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Groom Community Calendar

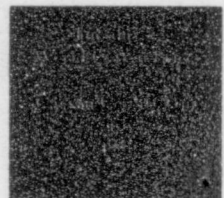
GROOM DAY is set for August 5th & 6th.

Tuesday Prices at Welch's Grand Co.	
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Whole Turkey	\$20.99/lb
Country Ham	\$4.99/lb
Sirloin	\$8.99/lb

THE CLASS OF 1950 will be having a class reunion on Groom Day. Watch your mail for details or call Shirley Fields.

THE GROOVIN' Mad Hatters of Groom will meet Thursday, July 16 at the Gazebo on Broadway. A hot dog meal will be provided. Bring your lawn chair for a time of fun and fellowship.

THE GROOM ISD School Board will meet on July 12 for their regular monthly meeting.



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We Saw

Work continuing at the Attebury Grain Elevators. Harvest does not wait on a national holiday!

Dale Kuchler washing his good lookin' red tractor!

Marcia Conrad and Donna Crump with a gaggle of visiting grandchildren!

Some delicious purloined apricots from Katy Talley's tree.

R.B. Thornton pondering his evening menu.

CITY OF GROOM
will hold their July Council meeting on July 11 at the City Hall.

GROOM DAY CONTACTS

General Information
Johnny Brooks - 248-7945
Karen Brown - 248-7210
Donna Barnett - 248-7058
Parade
Dondra Downs - 248-7940
Games At Park
Lesla Roskens - 248-0035
Robin Welch - 248-0021
Tennis
Shirley Fields - 248-7435
Food Fight
Michele Bohr - 248-7018

Correction

The State National Bank is also an annual donor to the Summer Youth Program. The information The News received was incorrect. The News apologizes for the error.

MARSHALL SHERWOOD IN HOSPITAL

For those of you who have been missing Marshall Sherwood on his Wednesday visit to Groom, The News has recently heard that he has been fighting an infection and is in the hospital in Amarillo. We hope he is better soon and will to keep his friends posted as we get news on his condition.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 7 - Larry Stephens, Kendall G. Weller.

July 8 - W.R. (Bill) Bohr, Barbara Fraser, Jane Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Whatley (A).

July 10 - Sue Wills, Al Alward, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin (A).

July 11 - Mark Bivens,

Caitlyn Tucker, Aubrey Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory G. Britten (A).

July 12 - Pat Ashford, James Huckert.

July 13 - Valerie McGuire, Brody Brown, Paula Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keith Barkley (A).

Groom Day Sanctioned Food Fight For Kids Sounds Like Fun!

Looking for something new for the kids to do for Groom Day? Michele Bohr and Karen Fields have just the ticket! On Friday, August 5th, they will host "Groom's Largest Food Fight!"

This will be for kids only! Two groups will play. The first will be boys and girls going into the 3rd grade thru 5th grade. The second group will be boys and girls going into 6th

grade thru 8th grade.

Spaghetti, Oatmeal, mashed potatoes and banana pudding will be the ammunition! No rough play will be allowed and adults will be refereeing the event! Olds clothes and shoes are required and the kids will be hosed off afterward!

Some other new events are in the planning stages including mud volleyball.

...Groom Day Mardi Gras

like to have some fun while helping with this great event!

This years raffle will be for a laptop computer. Tickets are already on sale! You could help out Groom Day by getting a few books of tickets to sell especially if you work out of town and have access to people that the rest of us don't know.

Some other new events

are being worked on, too! The Rodeo will be an evening event and the new kid's food fight sounds a little messy but will great fun! Stay tuned to this newspaper for more information on the volleyball tournament, basketball tournament, and tennis tournament, as well as other events coming your way!

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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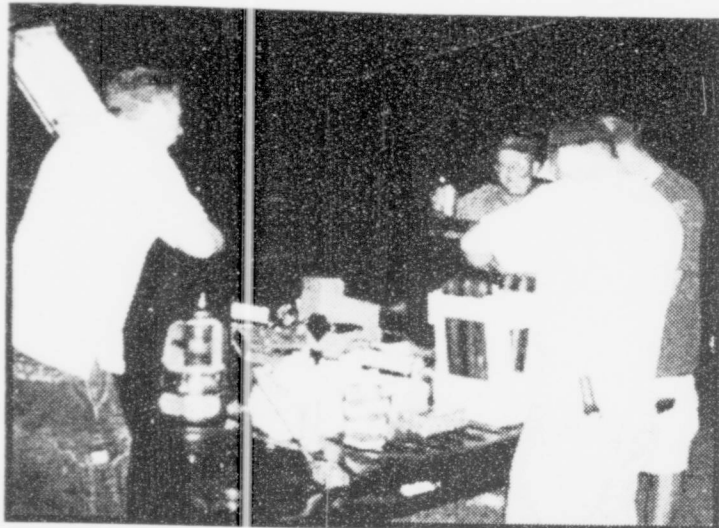
The Groom Summer Youth Organization would like to thank

The State National Bank of Groom for their continued support of the many, many programs and events they help fund including the summer swimming program and the summer baseball program. Without your help these programs would be in serious jeopardy. Thank you from the program committee members and all of the kids who enjoy these programs and facilities.

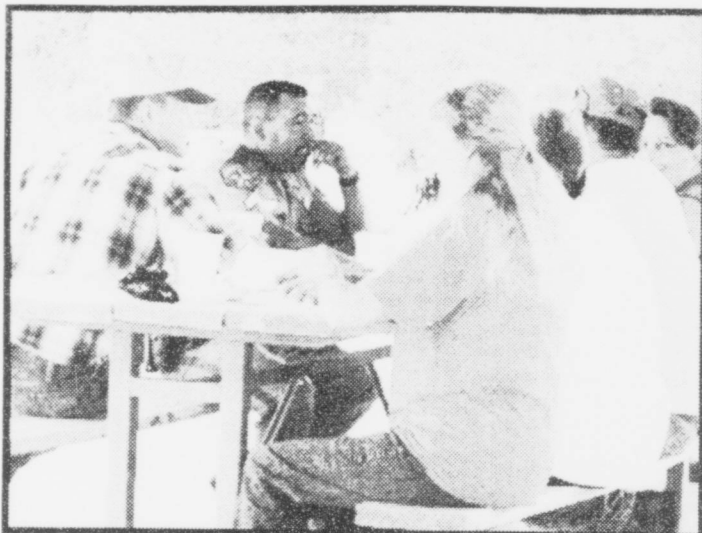
signed,

Joe Homer, Committee Member

Independence Day Fun



Darryl Homer, Doug Kling and others have as much fun as the kids as they prepare to deploy their fireworks



Trooper Tony Rocha take time out to join his family to support the Summer Youth Organization with a sausage feast. Holidays are busy times for troopers as they try to keep the highways safe for travelers



You have to be pretty co-ordinated to see-saw backwards... plus have nerves of steel... or really trust the person on the other end of the see-saw! This unidentified girl was having a great time



WOW... Just look at the variety of firecrackers that someone has lined up. Groom saw a pretty good fireworks display for just watching a bunch of "grown up" kids get out on the baseball field and play! It was a perfect evening for it! Everyone was very careful and safety conscience. A terrific time was had by all!

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Miller's Granddaughter Visits In Groom

Cheyenne Miller of Roswell, NM was in Groom to visit her PaPa Phil and Ruthie Miller recently. She enjoyed a water balloon fight (which she won!) and visiting with great grandparents, Jean & Joe Miller of White Deer. She is the daughter of Matt Miller of Roswell.

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Attorney General's Office To Require Open Meeting and Public Information Law Training For All Elected Officials

All public officials, elected or appointed in the state of Texas now must attend training accredited through the State Attorney General's office. The new law signed into effect on May 23 when Senate Bill 286 was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry on the requirements of open meetings and public information laws. The new law will go into effect beginning next year, governmental officials should have no excuse for claiming ignorance of open government laws in the state of Texas.

The open meeting training must include:

- > the general background of the legal requirements for open meetings
- > the applicability of the act to governmental bodies procedures and requirements regarding quorums, notices and record keeping
- > procedures and requirements for holding an open meeting and for holding a closed meeting
- > penalties and other consequences for failure to comply.
- > The open records training applies to elected or appointed public

officials of multi-member governmental bodies, officers of a body that is headed by a single officer and public information officers.

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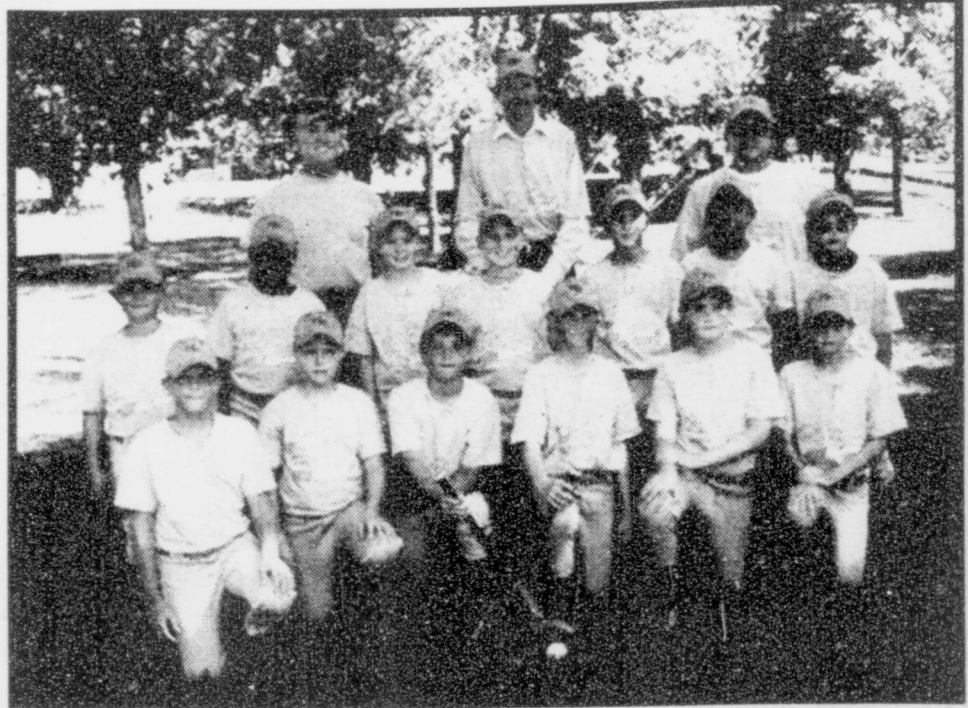
- > the general background of the legal requirements for open records and public information
- > the applicability of the

act to governmental bodies

- > procedures and requirements regarding complying with request for information
- > the role of the attorney general
- > penalties and other consequences for failure to comply

Each applicable official must be certified as completing the training within 30 days of taking office. The act gives officials who were in office before January 1, 2006, one year to complete the training.

Once the initial courses are taken, the act requires the training to be completed at least once every two years. The attorney general is charged with making the training available through his officer other outlets.



High Plains All-Stars Compete

High Plains All Stars Orange team have been competing in the area tournament in Borger this past week. Wednesday night, (6-29) they clinched the area title by beating Fritch. Previously they

played games against Borger, Stinnett, and then Fritch on Wednesday. Their next game will be in Borger on Saturday night, (7-2) in the District level. Back row- Rowdy Speed (Clarendon), Tanner

Barnett (Panhandle), Brody Powers (Panhandle), Travis Hammer (Panhandle), Trevor Cobb (Clarendon),

Diego Santos (Clarendon), Kent LaFavers (Hedley) Front Row-Tyler Powell (White Deer), Chandler

Jeffers (Panhandle), Forrest Yelverton (Claude), Cedar Stevenson (Clarendon), Adam Topper (Clarendon), Clint Galyean (Groom) The coaches are (l-r) Philip Hammer, Manager David LaFavers, and Jim Stevenson

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Veteran's Home To Be Built In Amarillo

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Task Force on Healthcare Costs and the Uninsured, applauded the groundbreaking Tuesday for a new state veterans' nursing home in Amarillo.

"I applaud the efforts by local and state leaders to make the groundbreaking possible for this state veteran's nursing home in Amarillo," Cornyn said. "Amarillo is situated in a key position as a hub for veterans around the high plains region of Texas. And

this long-overdue facility will create not only a home to provide essential healthcare services to our veterans, but also a stimulus for job growth and economic development in Amarillo, all of which is great news."

Earlier this month, Sen. Cornyn announced a grant

from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of \$10,266,162 to construct the new facility.

"We know that there are men and women who serve in uniform and who fight the good fight for freedom and for our allies across the world," Cornyn said. "We know that we have a moral commitment to them, that if they take care of us then we will take care of them when they need our help. And this represents our delivery on that commitment."

With the groundbreaking, construction will soon be underway to build a 120-bed state veterans' nursing home. Similar nursing homes are located throughout the state of Texas in Big Spring, Bonham, El Paso, Floresville, McAllen, and Temple.

"By adding this new facility, the state will significantly expand a veterans' health care infrastructure that is already facing considerable growth," Cornyn said. "I applaud the community for securing the funding and the VA for recognizing the needs of our veterans."



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Ear Tag Proposal Could Be Like Social Security Card For Cattle

THRALL - It's not Social Security for cattle, but the proposed electronic ear tag to be used as part of the National Animal Identification System would act much like a Social Security card.

Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas Cooperative Extension beef cattle specialist, told producers at the Stiles Farm Field Day a lifetime number assigned to the tag will help trace an animal's path throughout the supply chain.

"It's like a Social Security number for that cow," he explained. In the event of a foreign animal disease, tracking the animal's movement could be as quick as 48 hours, he said. The small, read-only tag has copper wire and a computer chip bound inside. The tag will feature a visual set of numbers on the outside and will also be encoded with the same numbers to be read electronically. Cleere said ranchers will not need to worry about purchasing additional equipment to read the tags.

"There's been a lot of questions from folks saying this is going to put the small people out of business," he said. "You won't have to buy expensive computer equipment. If you are a small operator, you are not going to have to have a reader on a computer. You can still physically write that number on the tag and transfer by paper."

Ear tagging and general questions on how the system will work were

explained by Cleere during the field day's beef session. Most cow-calf producers wanted to know who would be responsible for tagging their cattle once it becomes mandatory prior to sale.

"The reality of it is you need to start thinking about how you are going to tag these animals," Cleere advised. "Not everybody has a good set of pens to work cattle in."

Perhaps an even bigger question was why such an identification system was developed in the first place.

"A lot of individuals think the system started out with the first case of BSE (mad cow disease) in December of 2003," Cleere said. "It started before that. They officially announced the plan in January 2003 and it was in response to the Homeland Security Act. With that case of BSE in December, that's when it was put on the forefront. The whole overall goal is disease trace back. If we were to have a foreign animal disease outbreak, we can track those animals and see where they have been."

Though currently voluntary, agriculture officials are encouraging producers to register for premises identification numbers through the Texas

Animal Health Commission. This unique number will help trace an animal back to its origin, and will allow producers in the future to purchase electronic ear tags for their cattle as part of the national identification system, Cleere said.

The registration process for premises identification is fairly easy, he said, and can be done on the Web, or by phone, fax or mail.

"One of the things we're telling producers is this is a changing and evolving program," Cleere said. "What beef producers can do now is go ahead and register their premises or operations. This can be done now before it's mandatory."

Once tagging of cattle does become mandatory, Cleere said, it's important producers be prepared. He said producers need to start thinking about facilities and how to comply with the program. The tags are expected to cost \$1.50-\$2, Cleere said. He also advised producers that it would be best to "tag cattle at home" rather than using a tagging service that would tag animals.

"The more your cattle are handled, the more shrink (weight loss) you're going to have," he said. "Some producers are castrating calves soon after birth. You could tag them then, or you could wait until the day before you decide to sell."

The tag retention rate is greater than 95 percent, according to Cleere. Full implementation of the

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Medicare Recipients Look Over Drug Program

Austin, Texas) — Medicare recipients who received a credit toward the purchase of prescription drugs by enrolling in an interim drug discount card program for 2004 or 2005 most likely qualify for government-subsidized financial assistance when they enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug program. Income requirements for the credit are close in range to those required for financial assistance with the new drug benefit beginning January 1, 2006.

The interim drug discount card program which began in May 2004 and continues through the end of December 2005 offers lower-income elderly and disabled adults enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or B a prescription drug credit if their annual income is under \$12,919 for singles or no more than \$17,320 for a married couple. Depending on time of enrollment in the program, lower-income seniors may have received a \$1200, \$600, or \$450 credit on their drug card.

Next year, these beneficiaries may be eligible to continue receiving assistance in a Medicare Part D program. Individuals who earn less than \$14,355 a year or \$19,245 a year for a married (and living together) couple could expect help with the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and co-payments for the drug benefit.

Those that applied for the interim credit did so because they needed help paying for their prescription drugs. That credit, along with the discount cards, expires at the end of the year. It's important these individuals know they are eligible for financial assistance with the new prescription drug program in 2006," explained Paul Pearson, Regional Director for the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition for quality health care and partner organization with Medicare Today.

The Social Security Administration began

mailing applications in May to millions of lower-income Medicare recipients who may qualify for the prescription drug subsidy next year. Applicants must mail the completed application to Social Security to qualify. Beginning July 1, the forms may be completed online at www.socialsecurity.gov. Applications are also available by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting the website.

In addition to the annual income limits, Social Security will need to know the value of any savings and/or investments, excluding homes and cars. For individuals, that limit is \$11,500 and no more than \$23,000 for a married couple living together. Special circumstances may allow Medicare beneficiaries with higher income than the set limits qualify for Part D assistance.

Medicare recipients interested in receiving an

interim drug discount card to help offset their prescription drug costs through the end of the year can apply by going to www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. For eligible lower-income seniors, a credit of \$300 will be offered beginning July 1 towards their monthly costs.

Medicare Today, a broad-based partnership of organizations representing seniors, patients, health care groups, employers and others, has been working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services to educate and inform Medicare beneficiaries, the media and the public about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage and other benefits. For questions or assistance with the interim drug discount card program or Medicare Part D, visit www.medicaretoday.org.

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—John Ruskin

The "Texas Cares" Website

The Texas Cares website is designed to help older Texans and people with disabilities get information about resources that may help them obtain their prescription drugs.

The website includes the following primary sections:

Manufacturer Sponsored Assistance: Information about how to access and apply for free or discounted prescription drug assistance from drug manufacturers.

Information for People with Medicare: Information about prescription drug changes to the Medicare program as well as information on other ways to save on prescription drug costs. This section contains information on the Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card Program that will begin enrollment May 2004. Limited information is also included on the Part D benefit that will begin January 2006. This section provides information to

help you make the best choices for yourself or a family member.

Fraud Alert: Information about fraudulent activity, including warnings about drug discount card scams.

Helpful Links: Links to the manufacturer sponsored prescription drug programs, disability related issues, Medicare program information, and other resources you might find helpful in your research.

About Us: Access to the Texas State Unit on Aging and its network of providers and how they may be able to assist you.



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—Fred Dahmer



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