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Department Holds Rescue School For Local Volunteers

McLean Fire Department held a Rescue School Thursday evening, July 13, 2000. Instructors from Panhandle Breathing Air in Amarillo, John Dellis and Kurt Ecker came to instruct the class on rescue using the "jaws of live."

Visitors from Shamrock were Wiley Fires, Jean Ann Triplett and Lois Meir. Visitor from Canadian was Rob Brown. McLean EMS

personnel were Alice Birchfield and Pam Skipper.

Fire department members that attended the school were: Larry Swanson, Jim McDonald, Robbie Sanderson, Joe Riley, Linda McDonald, Kevin Sparks, Lewayne Foshee, Aaron Rice, Bonnie Hauck, David Tolleson, Danny Simpson, Doyle Lee, Sue Burrow, Clifford McDonald, and Robert McDonald.



McLean Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Teams hone their skills as they practice with the "jaws of life."

McLean School Board Hires New Teacher, Julie McGee

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2000. Board members present were Bob Glass, Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, John Holland, Billie Ward, Neal Odom and Don Dorsey. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent; Leslie Darsey, secretary; Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal; Blaze Herring, High School Principal; David and Shandee Tolleson. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President, Bob Glass. Opening prayer was led by Billie Ward. The Board started by having a walk-through of the school buildings, to look for possible improvements to be made. Some of the concerns included the need for more storage areas in the Elementary classrooms, stage lighting in the auditorium, and the sub-floor which has been replaced in the new gym. The problem of distinct weaknesses at the joints, and places where there were no screws to secure the sub-floor were

to be addressed as a concern in a letter to CIB. Overall the buildings looked good. The walk-through was completed at 7:40 p.m. Other discussion included possibly checking into a grant for funding of stage lighting, and also the possibility of a co-op to expand industrial technology, in order to teach engineering skills. The Budget workshop went well, as questions were discussed by all present. This was a preliminary exam of revenues and expenditures budgeted in the General Operating Fund 199.

Executive session came at 9:25 p.m. Holland arrived and John See Teacher, pg. 10

**Notice To All
McLean School Students**
The McLean School District will be handing out class schedules on August 2nd and 3rd. The Seniors are to come on Wednesday, August 2nd between 9 and 12 noon. The Juniors on August 2nd between 1 and 4 p.m. On August 3rd Sophomores come between 9 and 12 noon and Freshmen between 1 and 4 p.m.



CLASSES begin for students August 16.

NEW SCHOOL Business Office hours are Monday through Friday 8-4.

Announcement
Masonic Lodge will have open installation of officers on July 22. They will have the hilltop meeting west and north of Skellytown at the Terry Ranch. Then on July 27 they will have an E.A. degree at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge.

Correction

"Under School Supplies" It should have read Plastic Box with Lid not Plastic Box with ID.



McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- July 20 - Vernon Turner, Mrs. W.A. Davis.
- July 21 - Thelma Holman.
- July 22 - Bill Holmes, Clyde Holman.
- July 23 - Dan Fish, James Barker, Jeanie Williams, Sarah Cunningham, Gelemma Back.
- July 24 - Edna Taylor, Dorothy Patterson, Judy Trew, Joe Webb, Jill Hardy, Judy Thornberry, Sue Marsh, Dennis and Linda Meador (A).
- July 25 - Susan Barker, J.C. McAnear, Casey Carter, Mindy Holwick.
- July 26 - Joshua Paul Myers, Farrah Guyton.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Mike:
Since we moved here last year, there have been at least 15 new families to join us from all over the country, from California, Mississippi, Dallas, Colorado, etc.

McLean is growing!!! New business places, homes being bought and remodeled. Everyone seems to be happy and a smile on each ones faces.

The citizens need to visit with the city council. Go to the meetings and find out what is going on. How can we help, if we don't know.

Meals on Wheels are wonderful and do a great job. Thank God for the church homes that McLean has.

We have a new editor and he knows how to put out a small town paper. So help him out!

Write to the new "Dear Editor" section and let Mike know your concerns.

We need to get involved!!

Thank you,
Darlene Hankison

Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson

We had 841 visitors in the museum during June. They came from 35 states and 12 foreign countries. Fifty four of that number were from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland. The three from Japan were in town with B & B Turbine and our mayor brought them in to enjoy the museum and they apparently did. They left us a bill worth

1000 yen and said it is worth \$10.00. We keep it in our donation box as a conservation piece.

We had a Kincadee bus tour of 35 people on June 10. They were a church group from Oklahoma City on their way home from seeing Texas the night before.

On June 13, we had 15 Senior Citizens from the Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. They had enjoyed lunch at Red River. Also that day, we were visited by a group of 26 motorcyclists from Europe. They were a jolly crew and we enjoyed them immensely.

June 14 brought several Mountain Men and their families. They are a hardy group that enjoy living in the past.

They had camped in Bull Canyon the night before. They decreased our inventory of barb-wire hat bands by half. Earlier that day, 15 missionaries from Abilene who were in town helping with Vacation Bible School at the Church of Christ visited us. They were 13 very nice young people and 2 energetic sponsors.

Our calendar for July looks rather bare but you never know who or what might pop up at any time around 100 Kingsley St.

Now that the monsoon season is over, we have a new roof over our treasures and plan to enjoy a good summer. (Thanks City Council for protecting us from the weather.) Bring your visitors in. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

McLean Alanreed Area Museum

By Dorthey McKee
The McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 71 visitors for the month of June. The visitors were from eleven different states. There were more from Florida this month and there were a few from one foreign country,

which was Bonn, Germany.

Area Obituaries

Lela H. Sullivan
KINGMAN, AZ - Lela H. Sullivan, 76, formerly of Amarillo, died Tuesday, July 11, 2000 in Kingman, Arizona.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 17, 2000 in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sullivan was born in Wellington. She was a past resident of Amarillo and had lived in Kingman for the last several years.

She married Alton R. Sullivan in 1947. He preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Scott Sullivan.

Survivors include four sons, Nolan Sullivan of Amarillo, Casey Sullivan and John Sullivan, both of Kingman and Dale Cope of Colorado; and three grandchildren.

Emmett Allen
Charles Emmett Allen, 87, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with George Watson, minister, officiating. Arrangements were by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Allen was born in Wellington and had lived

in the Texas Panhandle area most of his life. He was a musician with his own band, "Sunset Ramblers." He had been a farmer and an auto mechanic, operating a shop on Old Route 66.

He served on the Alanreed Cemetery board and was a member of the Church of Christ. In 1992, he was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame at the Devil's Rope Museum at McLean.

Mr. Allen married Myrtle Burns in 1932 at Wellington. She preceded him in death: He also was preceded in death by an infant son.

Survivors include two sons, Don Allen of Sherman and Mickey Allen of Huntington Beach, California; two daughters, Betty Collie of Lake Texhoma and Gloria Jones of Cleburne; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

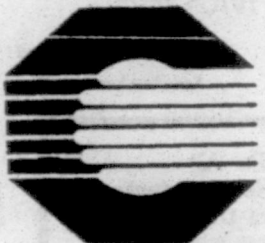
The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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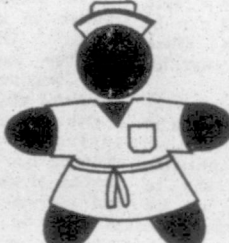
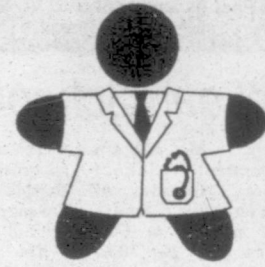
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Around Town...

Ernestine Davis returned from Amarillo after a visit with her daughters.

Ford Smith Sr. returned home from the hospital in Amarillo. Feeling better now.

Spotted Johnnie Baker on her front porch after her return from the hospital in Amarillo.

Brenda Jasper had a garage sale this last weekend, wonder what she sold her garage for?

Mayor and Mrs. McClendon returned from their week stay in Hawaii.

Spotted Trinity Baptist youth group having fun in the park Sunday evening.

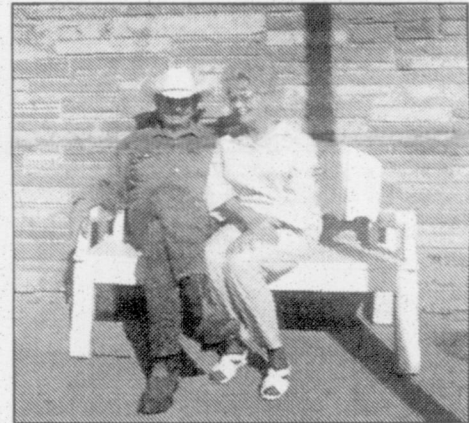
Rhonda Graham escorted her friend and Oklahoma City disc jockey Joel Shankle to his high school reunion.



Basketball Camp was held July 17 thru July 18. Attending were: Trenton Darsey, Tyler Hanes, Danielle Dampier, Amanda Fricks, Delinda Simpson, Nikki Jo Alvarez, Jamie Alvarez, Arely Vega, Allison Hill, Lacey Wallis, Logan Sparling, Kevin Smith, Mark Smith, Jacob Tolleson, Dashae Tolleson, Samantha Krueger, Mike Krueger, Russell Anglin, Jami Seitz, Zach Richardson, Zane Richardson, Jennifer Greer, Lindsey Ruiz, Catlin Mantooh, Pam Pier, Seth Childers, Deiter Beannow, Coach Walker, Zehr Jackson, Kim Kramer, Bob Kramer, Tana Kramer and Coach Wilson.



Pray For Rain



Bill and Dorothy McKee are the winners of a bench that was raffled off by the Chamber of Commerce.

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Sunday Bible School 10 am
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Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

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Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooh 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am. Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Time To Pray Harder

Rev. Archie Cooper held a prayer meeting for the purpose of praying for our nation on Tuesday night, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. at his home. Six were in attendance.

Rev. Cooper took his message from Daniel 6 in which Daniel was thrown into the den of lions for not conforming to the law of his land concerning religious practices. Daniel took the chance of losing his life, rather than change his custom of praying three times a day to the true God. Just as Daniel would not compromise on his desire to pray, neither should we.

The message was concluded by Rev. Cooper telling of a man who was in love with a woman who developed cancer. The man prayed earnestly and seriously for her healing. Our nation is sick and facing a crisis, and we need to pray earnestly and seriously that it will be healed.

All are invited to pray next Tuesday night, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Rev. Cooper's house at 612 Waldron.

McLean High School graduates, Ike Hanes (left) and Aaron Rice (right) have agreed to accept positions on the Frank Phillips College 2000-2001 Livestock and Horse Judging Team. They are pictured here with the Coach, Buddy Curry.

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Bill and Billie Kingston Celebrate Their Fortieth Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Kingston

An anniversary reception was given in honor of Bill and Billie Kingston on their 40th wedding anniversary. The reception was given by their children Joel and Jeff Kingston of Hobbs, New Mexico and Amber Kingston of Amarillo. The reception was held Saturday, July 15th in the Senior Citizen building. With gracious assistance from special family members, the room was transformed into a lovely array of flowers and lace covered tables. The couple's wedding colors of orchid and white were carried out in flowers, cake, mints and decor.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served to all the guests. Despite the very warm weather the couple was honored by the presence of 72 guests. Those attending were Amber Kingston and sons, Jeremy and Hunter; A.J. and Bonnie Baker; Julian and Joyce Ortega; Tim, Jana, Braxton, Bayley Smith, Jerry and Dora Smith; James and Sylvia Smith; Jim and Minnie Kingston; Jimmie and Colten Kingston all of Amarillo; Jeff and Jamie Kingston; Joel, Kim and Kelly

Kingston of Hobbs, New Mexico; Don and Rosie Smith of Beaver, Oklahoma; Heather Crow of Ok.; Wanda Smith; Vada Mathews, Anita Day; Marjorie Fish; Linda McAnear, Zella McClellan; Ruth Magee; Mary Dwyer; Archie Cooper; Joy and Jesse Cooper; Rev. I.A. and Lois Myers; Colleen Mertel; Mary Powell; Mary Graves and Laverne Brooks of McLean; Ralph and Maudie Alexander and Talon of Lefors, Tx.; Cecil and Susie Ferguson; Gerald and Linda Smith;

Susie and Dustin Mathis; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wood; Jason and Candy Wood; Susie Trout all of Pampa; Charley, Cheyanne and Dakota Colpetzer; Ray and Lou Vera Dilbeck of Lubbock, Tx.; Beatrice, Crystal, Randy and Brenda Messenger of Haskell, Tx.; Keith and Barbara Teeple of Mustang, Ok.

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Teacher

joined the executive session in progress. A short break was needed at 10:21, and executive session reconvened at 10:29 p.m. Return to open session came at 10:46 p.m. Mr. Griffin recommended that the Board hire Julie McGee as a teacher, motion by Neal Odom, second by Billie Ward. Adjournment came at 10:47 p.m. These minutes have not been approved.

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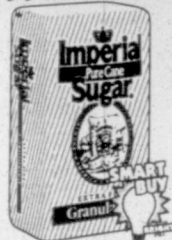
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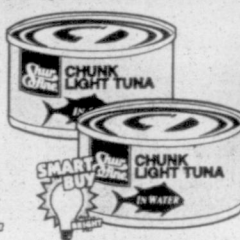
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We Saw... Administrators Standing On Eliminating 8th Graduation

We Saw...

Karen Reid washing windows! (Ugh! You're making the rest of us look bad!)

The Randy Yelverton's, glad to be back in Groom and getting settled in their new home.

Earl Barker doing some mowing at Gloria Ledwig's house.

Aimee Lyles doing some clothes shopping.

Wallace Bichsel and his new bride, Floris, doing some yard work.

A.J. Newsom making a quick stop at Allsup's.

Bill Homer running errands around town.

Seven concerned parents met with Groom I.S.D. School Board last week to discuss the issue of Eighth Grade Graduation exercises. While no action could be taken because the issue was not an agenda item, (originally, Superintendent Wilson had thought that the graduation was included in the Student Handbook, which was an agenda item) the Board could only hear comments at this time during the open forum segment of the meeting.

Kathleen Barkley, a parent, spoke first stating that the group would like to see the commencement services continue.

"Eighth grade graduation is a stepping stone between childhood and high school. It is a tradition at Groom School, and we have lost so many traditions already. We would like

to see it continue," she said.

Susan Brown, also a parent, asked what was the administration's reasoning for abolishing the ceremony.

"We think it is a bit of an anachronism," stated Superintendent Wilson, "coming from a time when many kids only went through the eighth grade. That is not what we are about."

Principal Kevin Noack added, "Part of the problem is the end of the year crunch and having so much to do in preparation. Eighth grade graduation really only recognizes the top students. It took me seven hours to prepare for that, and only twelve minutes for the ceremony itself."

"Could we form a parents committee to help with the preparation?" asked Carla Koetting,

"We would be happy to help in any way."

Noack would only shake his head no.

"Eighth grade graduation is a right of passage," stated Koetting. "I think to the kids it means that they are ready to move on to high school and become more responsible young people. That they have accomplished something."

Fabian Torres stated that it (the ceremony) honors all the students for their accomplishment of completing eight years of school.

"Many other schools in the area still have Eighth Grade Graduation," stated Carla Koetting, who teaches at Claude. "We think as long as someone cares, the Board should continue this tradition."

The Board thanked the group for their comments.

In a later interview

with Superintendent Wilson, he stated that for now the administrative decision to discontinue Eight Grade Graduation will stand. Parents can express their concerns to the superintendent, principal or board members.

In other business, the board approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

A letter of resignation was approved from Brad Rogers, a board member who has moved out of the district. The trustees, at this time, have opted not to fill the vacancy.

Ongoing renovations to the science room, teachers lounge and workroom, and the new video conference room were discussed and toured. Superintendent Wilson stated that the work was on schedule and he hoped it would be completed on time,

barring unforeseen difficulties.

An application for a Library Grant was approved for approximately \$30,000. The grant consists of technology equipment that would automate the Library as well as link it with many public school and university libraries around the state. Groom would also be able to borrow books from other schools and colleges.

An interlocal agreement with Region 16 was approved for Ednet, an internet provider for schools.

The Board was disappointed to learn that the TIE Grant was not approved for Groom ISD. This grant was for video conference equipment meant for the new lab. The board plans to re-apply.

Cornell and Company

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Nicholas Bohr and Brooklyn Kerlee do a little mugging for the camera.

Florida Vacation To Be Big Raffle Prize Winner For Lucky Ones

There will be a new prize for the Groom Day Raffle this year. The lucky winner will enjoy a 5-day, 14 night Florida vacation as well as a 4-day, 3-night Bahama Cruise. These are part of a package that includes 3 days and 2 nights in Orlando's attraction area, a valuable coupon book, Disney's Pleasure Island and two Sun Cruz Casino passes.

The Cruise is aboard the Discovery I or the Seascope that embarks from Port Everglades to Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

The two parts of the trip can be taken together

or separately for those who cannot take off work for that many days in a row.

The Florida vacation package will accommodate up to four people, while the cruise is for two.

Airfare is not included, so the winner would need to arrive under their own steam. The trip is good until June 2001, but extensions can be purchased for \$25 and/or \$35, respectively.

Additional services and attractions are available at a reduced price including Water Wheels, Land, Sea

See Raffle, pg. 2

Food Preparation To Meet Everyone's Busy Schedule

Food preparation for Groom Day is being adapted to everyone's busy schedule.

Karen Brown, one of the Groom Day coordinators stated that modification will allow people who work a chance to help out.

"Washing and sorting" will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2 in the cafeteria. At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday

"peeling and chopping" will take place.

While various groups have been assigned specific jobs, it takes everyone to make this big meal happen.

"We all help each other" stated one volunteer. "Some of our churches have a small congregation... it takes all of us helping each other to get the job done."

See Cook, pg. 2

COMMUNITY CALENDER

Groom Day Contacts
Arts & Crafts - Marla Britten @ 248-7470
Groom Day Trash Rodeo - Lonny Brown @ 248-7310.

3 on 3 Basketball - Seth Ritter @ 248-7100 or Corkey Hickey @ 248-7442.

Tennis - Shirley Fields @ 248-7435.

Groom Day T-Shirts - 248-7363.

PRE-SEASON Football begins in Groom on Aug. 7th.

2000 Groom Day Food Preparation List
Potato Salad: Christian Mothers.

Cole Slaw: First Baptist Church and Alpha Mu Xi.

Beans: Methodist Women.

Apricots, Onions & Pickles: Church of Christ.

Begin food preparation Wednesday August 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Peel potatoes on Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

FOUND: Car Cup-Holder Organizer. Has a pair of prescription sunglasses. Call or come by the News Office 248-7333.

THE OLD Mobeetie Texas Museum Association is sponsoring a Music Festival July 28, 29 and 30. For information contact Joe VanZandt (806)845-2101 or Melba Corcoran at (806)845-3401.

Get Ready For Groom Day!
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RAFFLE
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Raffle tickets can be purchased from any number of Groom Day volunteers. They are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5. Help a great cause and take a chance on a wonderful vacation.

WTAMU Announces Honor Lists

More than 1,100 West Texas A&M University students made it - 294 students were named to the President's List, and 835 students earned mention on the Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 and less than 3.85 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area recipients include: Bradley Sustaie, Junior, majoring in Sports/Exercise Science; and Wyatt J. Weinheimer, Sophomore, majoring in Mathematics.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Gary Robertson
 There were four persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of July 10 through July 16, 2000. Currently there are thirteen persons incarcerated and nine additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include: James Chaney (Pampa), 26, Possession of Controlled Substance.

Stephanie Moug (Branson, Mo.), 39, Mo. Warrant - Theft by Check.

Randy Braidfoot (Panhandle), 42, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

Donald Stokes (Hugoton Ks), 41, Hall Co. Warrant - Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd.

Ruthardt Graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 476 West Texas A&M University graduates at the May

commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 74 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 402 graduates.

Area graduates include Brice Ruthardt with a Master of Science in Biology.

Ray & Gaynelle Pool and Bertha Knight, Rip and Joy Snyder, William and Floretta Neal, had lunch at the "Brass Lantern" at Clarendon Sunday, and went to visit Leslie and Dora Neal at the Nursing Center Sunday, July 16, was Leslie and Dora's 67th Wedding Anniversary.

THE GROOM NEWS office has numerous pictures that you have loaned us, please come get them.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

July 20 - Trey Daniel Britten, Melanie Renee Friemel, Lainie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Babcock (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashford (A).

July 21 - Randy Sustaie, Harris Howard, Steven Hutsell, Russell Lewellen, Allie & Norris Hoyt (A).

July 22 - Tony Rocha, Kenneth Black, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bivens (A).

July 23 - Darcee Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Q. Rose (A).

July 24 - Betty Treadwell, Donald Britten, Tammy and Mark Bivens (A).

July 25 - Earl J. Britten, Tyler Case, Mary Rose, Monte Ray Schaffer.

July 26 - Marie Bohr, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith (A).

Ray and Gaynelle Pool and Bertha Knight attended the celebration at Claude Saturday, they saw a wonderful Parade and enjoyed a barbecue lunch.

COOK

This year Christian Mothers will be in charge of potato salad; the First Baptist Church and Alpha Mu Xi will take care of cole slaw; Methodist women will be in charge of the beans and the Church of Christ will work on the pickles and onions.

"We encourage everyone to come and help, I'll bet there are even men out there who could show us gals the most efficient way to peel a potato," stated another volunteer.

More Reunion News
 The Class of 1980 will meet at the home of Linda Bohr at 508 Martin on Saturday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The Classes of 1960 & 1963 will meet at the home of Louis and Judy Ruthardt at 303 Bivens (2 blocks west of the school, next door to Kenneth Black) right after the parade on August 5th.

The Class of 1950 will meet at the school at 9:30 a.m. on August 5. They will also meet at the home of Jean (Reed) and Jim Hislers in Amarillo for Pizza and dessert at 7:30 p.m.

The Class of '53 reunion in the Community Center, Lion's Club Room, Friday August 4th, 7:00 p.m.

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Tom Jahnke, marketing

director for Passco Real Estate Enterprises, Inc. will be discussing his company's role in the 1031 exchange process. Passco specializes in exchanges and has a proven track record of success. Please join us for this exciting presentation and discussion, the first in a series concerning 1031 Exchanges. We look forward to meeting you and getting your input. Our meeting will begin

at 10:00 a.m., July 27, 2000, at the Ambassador Hotel at I-40 and Georgia, Amarillo, Texas.

The seminar is free. If you are interested in joining us please call to let us know the number that will be coming so we can reserve a space for you. The telephone number is 800-753-5584 or 379-7275.

Groom Football
Groom's Evan Crowell, Dusty Crump and Chris Ollinger will be competing in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star football game Saturday, July 22, at Lubbock's Lowery Field. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. These teammates will be on the West squad.
The girls' and boys' All-Star basketball games will begin on Friday, July 21st at Lubbock Monterey High School. Groom's Carrie Davis will be playing on the North squad. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Groom Day 2000

Groom Day Tee Shirts

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Groom Day BBQ

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Aimee Beth Detten-Fields United In Marriage

Aimee Jo Beth Detten of Amarillo and Jeffery Charles Fields of Borger were united in marriage during a candlelight ceremony Saturday, July 1, 2000 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The Rev. Terry Pevehouse of Amarillo officiated.

Miss Detten is the daughter of Joe C. Detten of Amarillo and the late Judy A. Bulin. Grandparents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Detten and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Fields of Groom. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean H. Burger of Pampa, who attended the wedding and Nettie Fields of Amarillo and the late C. L. Fields.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joe C. Detten. The bride chose a full length, silk satin gown with a cathedral train. The bottom of the gown was trimmed in bridal lace and seed pearls. The back featured covered buttons all the way down the dress. The bodice was fashioned with a scoop neckline and off the shoulder straps. It was enhanced with bugle beads, seed pearls, and



bridal iridescent sequins. She also wore a three tiered full-length veil of bridal illusion. The hair wreath was covered in porcelain rosebuds. Miss Detten removed the bottom two layers for the reception.

The veil was made by the groom's mother, Connie Fields.

To complete her ensemble, the bride chose a pearl necklace and matching ear rings. She also wore a pearl bracelet, gift from the

groom, and a pearl ring, belonging to her mother. She carried a handkerchief made from her mother's wedding ringbearer's pillow.

She wore a garter fashioned for her by her sister, Susie Guillen.

Her dad dropped a penny and a new gold dollar in her shoe for luck. Also a silver horseshoe charm was sewn in her train for luck.

Her bridal bouquet consisted of red roses, miniature white bridal

roses, and baby's breath tied with white silk bridal ribbon.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Bulin of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Susie Guillen and Becky Castillo, both of Amarillo, Lisa Bradley of Enid, Oklahoma, Debbie Huff of Atlanta, Georgia, all sisters of the bride, and Melissa Fields of Missouri City, Texas, sister of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore full length gowns of red crepe backed satin. They carried bouquets of white bridal roses, miniature red roses, and baby's breath with white silk bridal ribbon.

Best man was Michael Conrad of Groom. Groom's attendants were Scott and David Fields, both brothers of the groom. Nick Kuehler, cousin of the bride, and Bronte Britten, all of Groom, and Danny Salizar of Borger.

Flower girl was Brittany Castello, niece of the bride. She carried

a basket of long stem roses which the bride presented to her dad and new mother-in-law. Ring bearer was Taylor Fields, nephew of the groom. He carried a pillow with the bride and groom's name on it and date of the wedding. It was made by Lisa Bradley,

sister of the bride. Denise Wieck of Amarillo provided the music on the piano and pipe organ. She accompanied Melanie Britten of Groom who sang Parent's Prayer, Perfect Union, and Wedding Song.

The wedding reception and dance was held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall. Karen Fields, sister-in-law of the groom, registered guests. Other reception attendants were Ranell Holt, Tami Lee, Belinda Houlihan, cousin of the bride, and Carol Grayson.

The bride is a graduate of Randall High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse in the medical intensive care unit at Baptist St. Anthony's Health System, Baptist campus.

The groom graduated from Groom High School. He also graduated from WT with a bachelor of science degree in sports and exercise science. He is the boys' athletic coach at Borger Middle School at Borger.

The couple traveled to Colorado for a honeymoon trip.

They will reside in Borger.

If you ask me... And nobody did.

By Donna Burton
AHH, the dog days of summer...? Is it just me or did summer used to be longer? The only dog days I have seen lately are the "dog tired" kind. Maybe I'm just getting old, but summer just isn't as fun as it used to be.

As a kid, the smell of newly mown grass was like perfume. The feel of the fresh coolness on hot bare feet was just this side of heaven. I thought nothing of laying under a tree in the yard to do some of my best thinking.

Today, my best thinking only occurs on rare moments usually between midnight and 3 am or on an occasional solo trip to town. The very thought of lying in the grass or smelling it freshly cut makes my skin crawl and sinuses clog up. My feet are too tender to go barefoot on anything rougher than indoor outdoor carpet and some of that sticks you.

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Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority and is employed at Anderson Elementary in Orange, Texas where she teaches Kindergarten.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of West Orange-Stark High School and will graduate in August 2000 from Lamar University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a minor in Economics. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and is employed by Wells Fargo & Company in Orange, Texas.

The couple plan a 7:30 p.m. wedding on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Orange, Texas with Reverend Barry Bradley officiating.



Falcinelli-Ted Britten Married In Canyon

Robynn Falcinelli became the bride of Ted Britten on June 24, 2000, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon, Texas. Father Phu Phan officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Jo Ann Falcinelli of Kensett, Arkansas. She teaches at Puckett Elementary School in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Arthur and Jo Ann Britten of Groom, Texas. He is the area account manager for R&L Carriers. The couple honeymooned in Hollywood, California and will reside in Amarillo.

Dr. A.L. Wehner of Boise, Idaho and Mrs. Patricia Hill Wehner of Bryan, Texas joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lee Wehner, to Jeffrey Duane Bradley, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Barry Bradley of Orange, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Coppell High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University with a

Council Agrees To Donation

The regular monthly business session of the Groom City Council was called to order with the following members present: Mayor Joe

Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, Don Case, W.H. Ollinger, and Kenneth Weller.

Mary Brooks was absent from the meeting.

Visitors included Karen Brown and Mary Sue Lyles.

Karen Brown, Groom Day representative, met with the Council to describe how Groom Day is funded from year to year and to point out that since this is a "All School Homecoming" year, the expenses will be higher, because they are planning for more people. She explained that the Committee is working toward funding a scholarship that will be based on Community involvement to be awarded to a local high school student, but pointed out that it is a very slow process since most of the time Groom Day finances just break even.

The council agreed that the City would make a donation of \$1500 to the Groom Day Committee to be used in whatever areas the Committee feels will be most beneficial.

The motion passed to allow the use of the park for the Groom Day Bar-B-Que.

The minutes of the June 13 meeting were read and approved as read.

The Council voted to make a donation of \$25.00 to the Groom Ambulance Service in memory of former mayor and councilman, Greg Lamb.

The council tabled the appointment of a person to represent the Groom Ambulance Service on the PEMSS board until they receive a recommendation from the service.

No action was taken on purchasing street barricades.

After reviewing an estimate for replacing the roof on the Community

Center, no action was taken.

The Drought Contingency plan was tabled until more information could be obtained and presented at the next meeting.

The council will continue to provide workers compensation coverage for the Ambulance and Fire Department volunteers.

Executive Session was called at 8:53 p.m. and the meeting reconvened into Open session at 9:05 p.m.

It was decided to stay with the first offer, which is the appraised value, for the three lots that the City is trying to purchase for the water well.

Clean-up letters will be sent to Mark Koetting

about the property at 106 Bivens, to Carol Trent about the property on I-40 and FM 2300, and to Ed Homen about the lots on Martin and Ware Streets.

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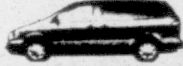
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Arnold J. Kuehler

Arnold J. Kuehler, 69, died Friday, July 14, 2000.

Rosary was recited on Sunday evening in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at Groom. Funeral Mass was Monday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Neal Dee as celebrant and Monsignor Norbert Kuehler as co-celebrant along with Bishop Emeritus Leroy Matthiesen. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery at Groom. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., in Amarillo.

Mr. Kuehler was born in Groom. A farmer, he was instrumental in landscaping the

Community Center in Groom. He served with the Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He married Doris McAdams in 1955 at Groom.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Karla Vasek of Sherman; two sons, Kent Kuehler of Nowata, Oklahoma, and Kevin Kuehler of Amarillo; a sister, Etheldreda Trujillo of Denver; a brother, Norbert Kuehler of Borger; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund, c/o City of Groom, 203 Broadway, Groom, TX 79039.

Bobby Ray Leeper

PAMPA - Bobby Ray Leeper, 48, died Sunday, July 16, 2000 in Amarillo.

Services were July 19, 2000 in Clarendon Church of Christ at Clarendon with Mike Suiter, minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, Tim Walker, minister of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ at Pampa, the Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist minister from Clarendon, and George Hayes, of Georgia, officiating. Burial with military honors were held in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors Inc. of Clarendon.

Mr. Leeper was born in Groom and raised in Clarendon. He retired from the Army, where he

served with the military police 22 years. He was

a member of the Non-commissioned Officers Association and the 25th MP Organization. He lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado for six years before moving to Pampa five years ago. He was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

He married Lacreta Burgess in 1970 at Brice.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Nika Roser of Shreveport, La.; a son, Neil Leeper of Pampa; his mother Theola Leeper of Clarendon; his grandmother, Eunice Leeper of Clarendon; a sister, Nita Ellis of Clarendon; a brother Mike Leeper of Littleton, Colorado; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA

Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-001.

Library Story Hour

The Summer Reading program is ongoing at the Groom Library. Story Hour will be Monday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Witt and some special puppets will be guest readers.

BOARD

of Amarillo was awarded the auditing contract for the new year at a cost of approximately \$5,800.

A motion was approved for an ED Flex waiver, which will free up Title I money. This will allow the \$7,000 in federally funded money to be used in less limited ways on targeted children.

During the principal's report, changes were approved in the student handbook as follows:

Attendance: A student will be required to bring a note from his/her physician on the fifth

absence due to illness and each additional absence due to illness that follows during each semester. An absence documented with a physician's note will not count towards the four absences. For more clarification, contact the administrative offices at the school.

Houston Livestock Show: If an exhibitor does not make the sift, they will need to come back to school right away or their absence will be considered unexcused. It will be the parents responsibility on how their return is accomplished.

The board approved the handbook with these changes.

The annual report of Violence and Drug Related Activity was heard by the board. No incidents of violence or drug related incidents were reported for 1999-2000.

Financial reports were heard and approved before the board adjourned.

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