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96th Annual Rodeo To Be Held On Saturday

Welcome "partners" to the McLean's 96th annual Rodeo. The rodeo will be held at the Felton Webb Arena located north of town on the Pampa Highway, July 22, 2006, at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, kids under 12 is \$3.00 and kids under 5 are admitted free.

Posting of the colors, prayer, and the National Anthem sung by Keith Riemer will start the program.

Calf riding for the youth, ages 6-9 and 9-12 will open the events for evening. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. After the youth calf riding, bronc riding, a cowboy favorite, will follow. As

soon as the bronc riding is over the ranch rodeo will begin.

The ranch rodeo events include wild cow milking, mugging, team doctoring and sorting, and team branding.

The wild cow milking event consist of one loop per man and a 120 second time limit. The team must get milk in the bottle, the bottle and catch rope go to the judge and the milk has to be poured out. The roper must stay on horse.

Mugging is 120 second time limit and one loop per man per team. The team must cross and tie one front and one hind leg and it must stay tied for 5 seconds.

Branding has a new twist this year as teams must brand a donkey. There is a 3 loop limit with a 120 second time limit. One donkey at a time must be dragged across the line flanked on either side. The rope must be cut off the donkey to brand. When the branding iron goes in the bucket, time will stop.

Sorting and Doctoring has one loop per man and 120 second time limit. The event is a heading and heeling and when ropes are clear from the cattle time will stop.

In all events ropers must stay on their horse, the jerk down rule is enforced, and catch as catch can.

Earlier in the day a country fair will be held in the McLean park. The fun will begin at 10:00AM with activities continuing into the afternoon. Some of the activities are: slip and slide, snow cone stand and a bounce room. There will be games for the whole family. A concession stand will be sponsored by the McLean Volunteer Fire Department. They will also sponsor a child ID card with a picture and thumb print at no charge. Officer Donnie Brown of the Pampa Police Department will be in charge.

A dance featuring "Empty Pockets" will begin on the slab at 9:30PM.



Interested Citizens Attend City Council Meeting

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, July 10th, 2006 in the Lovett Memorial Library. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor, Lavon Watson and George Shaw. Mindy Reeves was absent.

Others present were: Toni Bohlar, Roby Lynn, Allen Mixon, Johnny & Anita Day, Bill & Lynn Reeves, Joe Reeves, Frank & Jackie Worsham, Collene Stewart, Mary Bybee, Dick Bode, David & Fern Woods, Mary Dwyer, Marjorie Fish, Pat Wilson, Ben Reeves, James & Rosa Troy, Wayne Bullis, Bob Gleason, Bill & Ronia Anderson, Butch & Katic Warner, J.C. McAnear, Susan Corley and Patrick Phillips.

The minutes of the June meetings were approved.

Wayne Bullis informed the Council that he had gotten the answers to his questions before the meeting. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to be able to speak.

Jennifer Martin did not attend the meeting, but her concern was the intersection at 3rd & Wheeler, she had stated in the phone conversation with the City Secretary that there had been two wrecks in less than 6 months at that intersection and she wondered if a stop or yield sign could be placed there.

The Mayor said that he had looked at the intersection and that there were no signs there presently. Bill Anderson stated that there were other signs down Wheeler Street but they were at the East & West points and that a stop sign would probably help on the

North & South points of 3rd & Wheeler. This will be placed on next months agenda to amend the current stop sign ordinance to include 3rd & Wheeler.

Open Grass Lease Bids - only one bid was received from Cristobal Vega for \$200.00. Motion by Alderman Shaw, second by Alderman Taylor to approve the bid, with all voting in favor.

Public Participation Hearing - Consumer Confidence Report - there were no comments from the public.

Fire Hydrants - Alderman McDowell brought up the fact that on February 13th, the Council had approved to buy a fire hydrant at that time and another one in the Spring and that so far that had not been done and that she would like for us to proceed with that to get the leaking fire hydrants in town fixed. The Mayor

asked Director of Public Works, Roby Lynn, to place that on his list of things to get done and to make it a priority.

Job Duties and Responsibilities - Mayor Martin recommended to the Council that the record keeping for the shop be moved over to the City Secretary's office. He said that the record keeping would be safer there and be able to be better maintained and that it would free the Director of Public Works up so that he could work in the field.

Motion by Alderman Shaw, second by Alderman Watson to move the records to City Hall, with all voting in favor.

Raise for J.D. Wiginton - Motion by Alderman Watson, second by Alderman Shaw to raise Mr. Wiginton's pay to \$8.00 an hour with all voting in favor.

Raise for Allen Mixon - Allen told the Council that since Roby was hired with no licenses and no experience and at the price that he was hired at that he figured he could get a raise with all the years that he has been here. Allen said that he was just asking for a fair wage. The Council decided to wait until next month when they consider

the budget to also consider the raise.

Directors Report - Roby Lynn, the new Director of Public Works has only been on the job for a week, and he said that the guys were showing him the ropes and that so far everything was going good.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MCLEAN EDC will meet tonight at 6 PM at the library

ALAN REED COMMUNITY association quarterly board meeting will be Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00PM at the community center

GOLF SCRAMBLE every Tuesday at 6 PM at the golf course.

DANCE@McLEAN Country Club, Saturday, July 22 from 8-11:30 PM. Classic Country will be playing

A.A. MEETING every Tuesday 8 PM at the McLean Cowboy Church, 119 E. Third.

FIRE MEETING - every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the fire station.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 21 - Thelma Holman, Stony Stone

July 22 -

July 23 - Pat Fish, Jeanie Williams, Sarah Cunningham, Gelema Back.

July 24 - 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 - Jack Reyna, Joshua Paul Myers.

Services Held For Pat Guill

Services for Hazel "Pat" Patterson Guill of Huffman, Texas, formerly of McLean will be today, Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 10 AM in the New Life Assembly of God Church under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home. Pastor Z.A. Myers will officiate.

Hazel "Pat" Patterson Guill was born September

23, 1919 to George and Lela Mae Patterson. She married John Byrd Guill on August 22, 1951 in Clovis NM. She was a beautician for many years. She died July 17, 2006 at the age of 86 in Dayton, TX

She is survived by one son, George Burrow and wife Barbara of Huffman, TX, one grandson, David

Burrow of Clarendon, two granddaughters: LaTonya Johnson and husband S.J. and Tawanna Hext, two brothers: Johnny Patterson and wife Mae of Hereford and Billy Joe Patterson and wife Mary Nell of Wellington, six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, John Guill, five brothers and two sisters.

The family requests memorials be made to the New Life Assembly of God Church, McLean, TX 79057 and McLean EMS, P.O. Box 16, McLean, TX 79057

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Other City Business - Alderman Shaw stated that he had heard some concern that the EMS was not in compliance and that we might not be able to maintain the EMS service here in McLean. He stated that he thought it was critical that we do have ambulance service. Ronia Anderson stated that the EMS desperately needs help with people willing to run on the ambulance. They have a variance now from 6 am to 6 pm that allows a non-licensed driver on the ambulance. Everyone has a full time job and then they also run on

the ambulance after their jobs and it has taken quite a toll on them. She stated that if anyone knew of anyone that would be interested in taking the course and getting their license please let them know that they are desperately needed. She also stated that the classes were fairly easy, but the test to pass to receive your license is very hard. She said that they might bring a proposal to the City for them to help hire someone full time for the ambulance. She again asked the people that if anyone was interested in taking the course or in driving for them to give her or anyone on the EMS a call.

Mayor Martin informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Gray County Appraisal District stating that our taxable value this year was \$12,653,777.00 and that was down \$800,000.00 from last year and that he would call them to find out the reason.

Ben Reeves - Mr. Reeves started off thanking God for the rain and the people for their continued prayers and thoughts for Mindy. He explained that she was still recovering and that it would probably be a long term process, but that it was positive. He then stated for the people in attendance that at the last meeting he had asked Mayor Martin the following question "before or after the meeting or hearing on May 19", had he talked to anyone other than

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MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
Pastor Jim Reyna 779-2548
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Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
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Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church Railroad Street
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.

McLean Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
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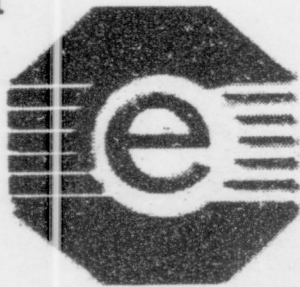


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perhaps a council member making a job offer or a position that had not yet been vacated." He said he had asked that question and Alderman Watson had asked him if he had specifics. He stated that he did have specifics and that tonight he would like to present the Council with them. Mr. Reeves handed out a statement from Peggy Sharp Brier that was dated and notarized. He then, at Peggy Brier's request read the following statement, "On the afternoon of May 15, 2006, at about 1:15 pm, Mayor Bob Martin came to my house. During the conversation, he stated that he was going to fire Chet Bohlar, and this action would likely make Chet's sister and wife so mad, they would quit. He said this could leave 2 more job openings, asked specifically if I would be interested in Toni's job, and indicated that it would be available. He said it was a full time job, paying around \$5-26,000 per year and had full benefits, including health insurance. When I return to town, I will be glad to provide details of our conversation to any who have questions. I avow that the above facts as stated are true and accurate." Mayor Martin asked the Council if they had any comments. Alderman Shaw stated that his comment was that he had become aware of it and that he was also worried about the operations of the City and the possibility of Toni and Sally resigning after the May 15th meeting and that he didn't disagree

with the Mayor's action. He said that he thought it was a safeguard and that he was thankful that the situation did not occur. Mayor Martin then asked the Council if they wanted anything from him. Alderman Watson said that she would like to hear the Mayor's version. Mayor Martin stated that it had started a lot further back than that, and he thought Mrs. Baer's date sounded way off to him, but that after Mindy was taken to Lubbock after her stroke, he went by and talked to Peggy several times and asked how Mindy was getting along because he was concerned about her. He said Peggy was keeping him constantly updated about Mindy's progress and probably the second week in April or somewhere around there, Mindy's condition had gotten a little worse and Ben seemed depressed and she (Peggy) was very worried because she was afraid that Ben was going to close his business and then she wouldn't have a job. Ben Reeves then stated that that wasn't true. Patrick Phillips, the City's attorney, then addressed Mr. Reeves, the people in attendance and the Council stating that because there was nothing concerning this issue that the Council would decide upon that the questions back and forth between them needed to be careful and kept to the subject so as not to violate the open meetings act. He informed them that all that could be discussed would be things that the Council could act on in their official capacity. He explained that the visitor comment

section on the agenda was to give information to the Council, or to get information from members of the Council, not a trial or court or anything of that nature. Ben Reeves stated that without truth there can't be trust. Mr. Phillips said that no one was saying that there couldn't be truth, there just couldn't be adjudication. Pat Wilson told Mr Phillips that it seemed like he was telling them that if they saw a great wrong being done, that their hands were tied as far as correction, there's no where to go, we can't talk to the Council, we can't talk to you, and we can't certainly right the wrong, it's already been done, what do we do? Mr. Phillips explained that there are divisions in the systems of government and as the City's attorney because the City in their corporate capacity doesn't take a position on that, he said he couldn't answer that. He said that he couldn't represent any one of the citizens or the Mayor or any of the Council members personally, he could only represent the City in its corporate capacity. Many of the citizens became upset and expressed their frustrations at not being able to get answers from the Council or the Attorney concerning their questions and concerns. Alderman Shaw and Alderman Watson then said that they would like to hear Mayor Martin's side. Ben Reeves said that at the last meeting Mayor Martin had said that he had not talked to anyone concerning a job and that with this evidence there are conflicts. Mayor Martin continued

saying that Peggy was concerned about Ben closing the office and that she would be without a job and she could not afford to be without a job. Bob said that he told her just to wait, that Mindy could get better and things would work out. Peggy told Bob that she needed a job that paid medical benefits. Ben said that it was May 15th, that Bob followed her home and talked to her about a job. Alderman Shaw told Mr. Reeves that "we've heard your statement and I would like to hear Bob's statement." Mayor Martin then continued saying that we did discuss jobs, and that he told her that the City didn't pay for medical or health insurance to anyone except employees and that he doubted if any other places in town did either. He said he told her that at that time there weren't any jobs that he was aware of, but if there was, he'd let her know, but he didn't think she was going to need one. He said about a week later, he was coming in from Pampa and she was driving into her drive and he stopped and asked how Mindy was doing and also how her mother & father were doing, because they had been ill. There were some comments & talking among the citizens at this time and Alderman Shaw stated that if they couldn't be considerate enough, he was walking out of the meeting and they could call for his resignation. Alderman Shaw left the meeting at this time. Attorney Patrick Phillips advised the Council that they probably needed to entertain a motion to adjourn at this time.

Motion was first made by Alderman Taylor, second by Alderman McDowell to pay the bills, with all voting in favor.

Mr. James Troy then stated that he had a question concerning the repairing of the fire hydrants. He said he understood that some of the fire hydrants had cutoffs and some didn't and wouldn't it be feasible for the ones that weren't functioning properly to just put the cutoffs on those for the time being.

He then explained a procedure that he thought would work better putting on the cutoff valves and wouldn't have to dig it up twice and you could fix them at your leisure. Mayor Martin explained that they had to be dug up anyway and cutoff valves placed at each hydrant.

Motion was then made by Alderman Taylor, second by Alderman Watson to adjourn with all voting in favor at 7:10 pm.



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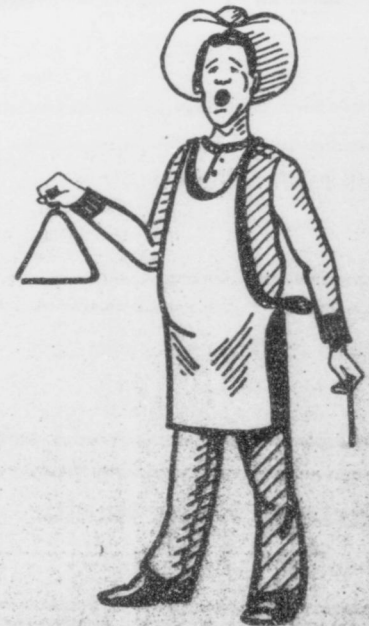
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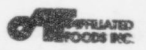
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Thursday, July 20, 2006



Toby Tucker changing his address to Childress where he is now the new high school principal of Childress. He says Stephanie and Kaitlynn, 3 and Caden 1 are all doing fine. He says he will be out of coaching but looking forward to his new job and that they will be here on Groom Day.

Bill Musser trying to decide were to park his motor home after returning from vacation.

Lots of "sister talk" going on at the home of Jo Ann Baker as 4 sisters visited over the weekend.

Grand-kids and kin folk galore visiting the Donnie Evans home.

An APB ("all points bulletin" for all you Dragnet fans) going out for Barbara Homer's dog who escaped while she was in Colorado. Joe was the one who was derelict in his dog sitting duties. Of course, if you ask him... the dog was Houdini in it's former life!

Welcome to new residents J.J. and Susan Oliver and their son 5 month old Elijah. Susan Oliver teachers school in Groom and J.J. is a truck driver.

Jack West and Dana Howerton visiting over the fence early Tuesday morning...

A hand full crowd enjoying cake and punch at the Groom Grocery, wishing Sybil a "Happy Birthday"...

Paula Brown writing a very nice letter to the Commissioners Court to rename the library after Bertha Knight...

Allene Dean waiting on an arctic front to break the summers' heat...



Happy Birthday to one of Groom's Favorite People!

Sybil Brown works circles around people half her age, but at 80 years young, she had learned to accept a little help from her friend, Ginna Miller in blowing out her birthday.

City Commends Employees On Good Work

The Groom City Council met in it's regular monthly session with the following members present Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Chris Welch, Kenneth Weller, Matt Fields, Buck Babcock, and

Joe Rae Richardson. Visitors were Chris Coffman of the PRPC representative; Kyle Sniederjohn, Brandt Engineers representative; Tarell Dyer, Centramedia representative; Charlotte

Whatley, Groom Ambulance Representative; Eddie Finck, Public Works Director; and Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary.

No visitors had comments during the open

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Mary Sue Lyles looks over the new Ama Techtel T-Shirts that she earned for switching her phone service.

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Groom School Board Discusses Asbestos, Amends Student Handbook & Conduct

The board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly meeting on the above date at 8:00 p.m. in its usual place in the school administration offices with the following members present: Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten, Rodney Bohr, Curtis Downs, and Seth Ritter. Denise Adams and Robin Adkins from Region 16 ESC were also in attendance, as was Superintendent Stevens.

After a prayer, Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order. Minutes of the June 13th

meeting were approved as were the minutes of the special meeting on June 19th and June 26.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, Superintendent Stevens discussed the abatement process which would begin on July 20.

Coach Johnson introduced Coach Davis to the Board.

Denise Adams and Robin Adkins for Region 16 ESC, reviewed this year's budget with the Board and then discussed the preliminary budget for 2006-2007. The budget adoption process was

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Community Calendar

THE SECOND Annual Food Fight has been planned for Aug. 4 at around 7:30 in the ballpark across from the school. Watch for more details in the Groom Day Activities News in coming issues of The Groom News.

THE FIRST day of classes at Groom School is on Aug. 17th.

A GROOM DAY meeting to finalize all activities will be held on Thursday, July 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Everyone who is in charge of an activity please attend. Some of the items to be finalized are the electrical needs and location of the dance floor and band placement due to the softball tournament.

A SOFTBALL Tournament is being planned for Groom Day. Contact Russell Lewellen at 248-7016 or Bruce Thornton at 248-0159.

HAVING A special event or get-together this summer? Be sure to email your story and pictures to thegroomnews@arn.net. Don't forget to send your own Groom Day activities!

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LOCAL MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOME.

Services are pending for Bob Wade after he was found deceased in his home on Kirkman Street in Groom on Saturday. After an investigation by the Carson County Sheriff's Department it was determined that Mr. Wade died of natural causes.

He attended a church in Amarillo and it is expected that there will be a Memorial Service planned later this month.

Mr. Wade had no immediate family in the area, but had two dogs that were devoted to him.

LOCAL HAPPENING

Card Of Thanks

A belated thank you to Dale & Tammy Kuehler for their hard work this baseball season. They cooked every game and all through the tournament. Thanks so much for all your efforts.

Ill or Recovering

Those who are ill or recovering this week include: Bobby Babcock, & Nace and Mary Baggerman, & Carla Koetting

PAMPA POND AND GARDEN TOUR

The 9th annual pond and watergarden tour sponsored by the Las Pampas KOI and Watergarden Society of Pampa will be held on Saturday, July 22nd. The tour will consist of 14 homes featuring beautiful ponds and outstanding yards and gardens.

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For additional information, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce (806-669-3241) or Loyd Waters at 806-665-6466. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce Office, West Texas Landscape, Polies or any home on the tour.

Birthday & Anniversaries

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

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

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

July 26 - Marie Bohr.

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

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

July 22 - Tony Rocha.

Change Of Command Ceremony Held For Groom's Ken Ruthardt

Louis and Judy Ruthardt recently attended a Change of Command Ceremony for their son, Ken Ruthardt, in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 9, 2006. He was selected to be the Commander of the 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base and will serve there for approximately two years. This squadron provides support to the 377th Air Base Wing and

over 100 associate units by meeting a full spectrum of logistics needs through the efficient supply of material and equipment. Ken graduated from Groom High School in 1986 after finishing college at Angelo State University

in 1991. he was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force. He has served at Moody AFD,

Georgia; Osan AB, South Korea; Ramstein AB, Germany; Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Langley AFB, Virginia; Maxwell AFD

Alabama; deployments to other European location and the Middle East; and now Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. He was also recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

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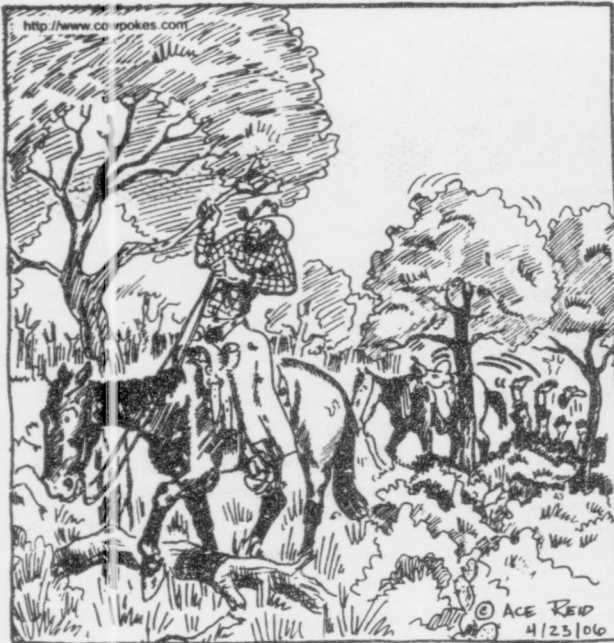
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
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Groom Tigers 2006 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug 19	Follett (s)	Follett	11: am
Aug 25	Hedley (s)	Hedley	TBA
Sep 2	Follett	Groom	3:00
Sep 8	Lefors	Lefors	7:30
Sep 15	Woodson	Groom	7:30
Sep 22	Miami	Miami	7:30
Sep 29	OPEN		
Oct 6	Holy Cross **	Groom	7:30
Oct 13	Ft. Elliott	Briscoe	7:30
Nov 3	McLean *	Groom	7:30
Nov. 10	Motley County *	Matador	7:30

(S) Scrimmage ** Homecoming
* District 7-1A Games

Groom Day Contact List

- General Information**
Johnny Brooks - 248-7945
Karen Brown - 248-7210
Donna Barnett - 248-7058
- Parade**
Dondra Downs - 248-7290
- Kids Tennis**
Larry Roskens - 248-0035
- Adult Tennis**
Shirley Fields - 248-7435
- Children's Games**
Pam Ashford - 248-7347
- Food Fight**
Michele Bohr - 248-7018
- Dance**
Donnie Conrad - 248-7355
- Raffle**
Marla Britten - 248-7470
Karen Brown - 248-7210
- Rodeo**
Russell Baldwin - 226-5042 and Mike Willy
- Track Meet**
Larry Roskens - 248-0035
- Volleyball**
Donna Barnett - 248-7058
Nila Burgin - 248-7917
- Flat Rock Hunt**
Kay Britten - 248-7252
- Softball Tournament**
Russell Lewellen - 248-7016
Bruce Thornton - 248-0159
- Cow Pattie Bingo**
Carla Koetting - 248-9010
- Groom Day Work List**
Potato Salad - Christian Mothers
Beans - Methodist Church
Cole Slaw - 1st Baptist
Pickles & Onions - Church of Christ
Apricots - Sharlene Lewis

THE CLASS of 1986 will meet on Saturday morning at the school for the parade float. They will then hold an open house at the home of Tim Case (410 Shelton) from 4 pm to 6 pm. Friends of the class are welcome. A class reunion will be held from 6 pm to 8 pm.

THE CLASS of 1956 will meet at the BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 5 and eat together. They will meet in the home of Betty James Housley at 610 Martin at 3:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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forum of the meeting. Tarell Dyer from Centramedia informed the Council that his company would like to offer broadband Internet Service in Groom and would like to mount an antenna on the City water tower. Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Well seconded the motion to table this matter until the August 14 meeting when Mr. Dyer will come back with a proposed contract for using the water tower.

Chris Coffman, Panhandle Regional Planning commission representative, presented a resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant for 2006-2007 for water line improvements from Shelton and Kirkman streets. Kyle Sniederjohn, engineer for Brandt Engineering, explained the scope of the project and answered questions. The resolution was accepted.

A bid of \$200 was accepted for Lot 4, Block 66, OT from Bobby Babcock.

A bid of \$20 from Bobby Ratterree was accepted for the small gas stove from the Groom Community Center.

A resolution was passed to assume responsibility for the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service, accepting assets and clarifying issues regarding members of the Ambulance Service who serve on the City Council.

The Council agreed unanimously to start condemnation proceedings against 5 properties located in the City. The properties are: 96 & 98 Bosen, 94 Newcome, 107 Choctaw, 305 Martin, and 301 Eastern.

The council approved a motion to advertise the old Groom Clinic building for sale.

No action will be taken on renovations on the Groom Community Center at this time.

The council voted not to bid out the City insurance, but to continue with the Texas Municipal League-Intergovernmental Risk Pool insurance, unless the re-rate figures are excessive.

Closed session was called at 9:02 P.M. to discuss personnel issues. Mary Sue Lyles and Eddie Fink were invited to stay for the closed session.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

City Employees were commended for doing an

"excellent job". The council is very pleased with their efforts.


June minutes were approved as read. The bills and the financial report was read and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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A person who needs emergency help can simply call 911. My office has confirmed that the City of San Antonio does not recognize, let alone require, an EMT Alert card. This is a scam. It is all the more brazen when you consider that the consumer would not realize it was a scam until he or she tried to use the card in an emergency. Since emergencies are rare, most buyers would never find out the card was worthless.

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Javier Martinez Ortega, 39 of Bakersfield, CA, was arrested on July 9, 2006 on charges of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs and less than 2,000 lbs and possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram and less than 400 grams. By Deputy Rick Armstrong. He was released on \$80,000 bond.

Gary Wayne Jackson, 43, of Skellytown was arrested by Chief Deputy Randy Elliott on July 10, 2006 on a felony charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

Tito H Ramirez, 32, of Madison, TN was arrested by Trooper Jerome Ingle on a misdemeanor violation of criminal non-support on July 15, 2006.

John Henry Hawley, 49 of White Deer was arrested in White Deer by Sheriff Tam Terry of r Public Intoxication on July 15, 2006.

The following are currently being incarcerated in the Carson County Jail:

Francisco Arroyo, arrested 6-27-06, possession of marijuana

Rosalio Rodriguez Barraza, arrested 2-23-06, possession of a controlled substance.

Javier Correa Lerma, 6-21-06, Possession of a controlled substance.

Jermyn Jerome Dunken, 4-2-06, A son.

Manuel Enrique Gutires, 5-26-06 Possession of Marijuana

Arturo Magana Herrera, 5-31-06 Evading arrest with a vehicle

Gary Wayne Jackson, 7-10-06 Failure to register as a sex offender.

Curtis Wayne Matlock, 5-27-06 Criminal Non-support

Alejandro Martinez Ochoa, 6-13-06, Unauthorized use of a vehicle

Javier Osornil Pena, 4-0-06, Possession of a controlled substance & Possession of marijuana

Tito H Ramirez, 7-15-06, Criminal Non-support

Justin Ray Reynolds, 6-22-06, Theft

Victor Alfredo Rios, 6-28-06, Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Gene Wesley Rogers, 5-21-05, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

Carlos Santos, 6-05-06, Engaging in organized crime.

Justin Scott Schimpf, 6-26-06, Evading arrest in a vehicle.

Jason Michael Snyder, 7-02-06, Resisting arrest, consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Jose Luis Tapia, 6-28-06, Possession of a controlled substance

Emmanuel Vasquez-Martinez, 5-26-06, Possession of marijuana

Manuel Jesus Velgara, 1-12-06, Possession controlled substance.



Judy Ruthardt, Joyce Hutsell, Tina & Christy Weller wait as Sybil cuts the cake in at her impromptu party on Tuesday.



Bettye West, Allene Dean, and Juanita Brown pause for cake, punch and well wishes at a party in Sybil's honor.

School

discussed for August. Superintendent Stevens discussed the annual contracted services provided by Region 16. The contracts were approved as presented.

A bid was accepted from Bobby Babcock for \$200.00 for Lot 4, Block 66 of the original town of Groom.

A contract was approved for the yearly financial audit with Cornell and Co.

A new minimum state salary schedule was approved.

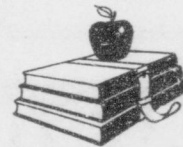
Discussion on food service prices were tabled until next month's meeting.

The 2006-2007 Student Code of Conduct was amended to address cell phones and other electronic devices in school. The 2006-2007 Student Handbook was amended to show precedent to the Code of Conduct.

A motion was made and approved to hire Tim Davis as the Head Football Coach and teacher.

The board regretfully accepted Jan Britten's resignation as school nurse.

Mr. Stevens reported to the board that the new tennis lights have been installed and the courts are ready to be used. He also reported the process of the bid for the bus and the bids on the roofing for the school houses. He also discussed painting stripes on the parking lot.



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Texans and Wide Spaces

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One of man's greatest achievements occurred 37 years ago this month. On July 20, 1969, two American astronauts guided their landing craft to the moon's surface. Neil Armstrong's historic radio transmission on that first lunar visit began simply with the words, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Since that time, America's space exploration program – not yet even 50 years old – has enjoyed astounding success. It has also experienced a handful of breathtaking tragedies. Through it all, our country has remained steadfastly committed to the exploration of space: an enormous expanse of unvisited territory, our final frontier.

It's entirely fitting that Texas, with its pioneering spirit and frontier traditions, helps lead our country in these endeavors. We take pride that our astronauts train in Houston at the Johnson Space Center, and that every space mission is commanded from "Space City."

A good number of U.S. astronauts have been Texas natives: Navy Capt. Alan Bean of Wheeler was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 12 mission, man's second lunar landing. The late Navy Capt. Edgar Mitchell of Hereford walked on the moon in January, 1971, on the Apollo 14 mission. Kenneth Cockrell of Austin, John Blaha of San Antonio and Robert Crippen of Beaumont each completed five shuttle missions. Dr. Bernard Harris of San Antonio, Elliot See, Jr. of Dallas and David Scott of San Antonio have also made history in space.

And some of the American space program's fallen heroes were native Texans, such as the late Col. Rick Husband and the late Lt. Col. Ed White II.

Husband, an Amarillo native, was crew commander of the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia, which exploded over his home state during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, just 16 minutes before its scheduled landing.

White, born in San Antonio, was the first man to walk in space. He died in 1967 in the Apollo spacecraft flash-fire during a launch-pad test at Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

Exploration – surmounting any barriers to greater understanding of our world – always involves risk. Space exploration is no exception: there will always be the potential for physical danger. We Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed their lives in these pioneering pursuits.

Space exploration is our destiny. Man is born with a natural desire to explore and solve the puzzles before him. We will eventually navigate our entire universe, and go beyond it. The only questions are when, and how.

Our National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) programs are indeed expensive. But the hard science the programs produce are key to our country's engineering and technological research – work that keeps the U.S. at the leading edge of the world's technology.

Many commercial applications already have been harvested from space research. As former NASA official Michael Lembeck recently noted: "It's about far more than Teflon, Velcro and Tang."

One small example: A computer chip originally designed for the Hubble Telescope is now used in a digital imaging device that screens for cancer. The camera within can detect the difference between a malignant or a benign tumor – no invasive surgery is necessary.

Many other medical advances have been brought to us thanks to space technology, including the cochlear implant, an electronic device that can select speech signal information and send electrical pulses to the ear. This technology can actually reverse severe hearing loss.

What's more, the ultimate commercialization may come in the form of space tourism. Last year, American Mike Melvill became the first person to reach space aboard a privately funded, winged spacecraft known as "SpaceShipOne." Melvill's space plane was developed without government funding. This achievement may well hold for the future of flight the same promise as the Wright Brothers' feat at Kitty Hawk.

In centuries to come, when space travel is commonplace and America has tapped the resources of other planets, these first years of our space program will be remembered as the most significant.

With Rep. John Culberson of Houston, I've sponsored legislation to commemorate our first 50 years in space. Our bill would direct the U.S. Mint to create a \$50 gold coin with an image of the sun, and nine \$1 silver coins, each representing a planet in our solar system. Some proceeds would assist a need-based fund for surviving family members of the NASA personnel who died while performing their official duties.

Texas once appeared to our forefathers as vast as space appears to us. Texas was founded by courageous men and women who braved the unknown – despite the hardship and danger lining their trails. So Texans have always shared a particular empathy for our pioneers and explorers.

To the seven Discovery shuttle astronauts flying above me tonight: I salute you. You are all Texans in spirit.

Our greatest discoveries are yet to come.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

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