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Board To Seek Legal Action On Unpaid Bills

The McLean Independent School Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the business office.

Those present were Billy Bybee, Marshall Hanes, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, David Fuller, Joe Riley, Chet Bohlar, and Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon. Also present were principals, Dick Crockett and Rhonda Patterson, along with John Dickey.

The meeting was called to order and Toni Bohlar

gave the invocation.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The minutes of the regular June 20, 2005 meeting were approved.

As there were no visitors present for the visitor comment section, the board moved to the next agenda item.

Evan McMordie was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the band and instruments but called to request a chance to do so later.

The board moved to approve the pre-k program to begin this school year.

An athletic inventory was given to the board with all the items accounted for. No action was needed.

The board looked over last school year's cafeteria bills that were in non-compliance. After some discussion the board requested that Mr. Hannon seek legal council as to what could be done about the outstanding bills.

Mr. Hannon read part of a

letter to the board to announce that September 17 would be deemed the day that all Texas schools would be teaching about the Constitution of the United States of America in every grade. No action was needed.

The board discussed the Department of State Health Service Contract and approved it.

The board then went into Executive Session. After exiting Executive Session, the board voted under the recommendation of Mr.

Hannon to table the High School Science position. The board voted to accept the resignation of Jason Farmer. The board then voted, under the recommendation of Mr. Hannon to table the girl's basketball coach and history teacher.

The board voted to approve the applying of expedited waivers to hold school for 178 instead of 180 with the extra two days being used for teacher training.

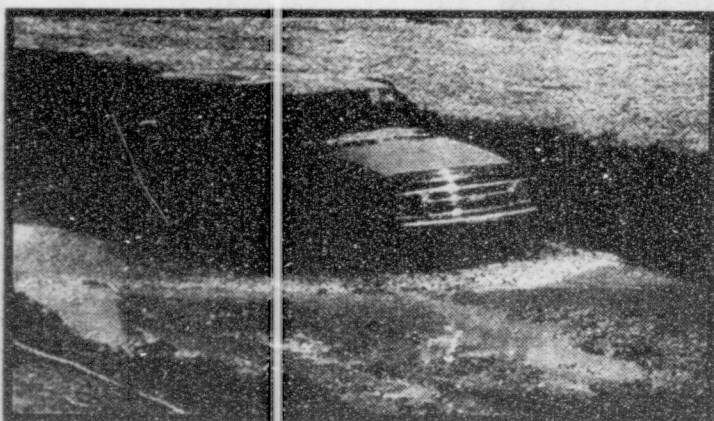
After much discussion

and a few changes, the board approved the Student and Employee Handbooks.

The board then discussed the issues related to the Chapter 41 status. Mr. Hannon will be addressing the public regarding this issue at a later date.

The board voted to adopt the Inter-local Agreement Resolution with Region 17 for the Employees Benefit Co-Op.

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Carey Richardson attempts to make it the mud and the muck at the Mudd Bogg.



The McLean Feedyard team a.k.a The Bullshipp Ranch circle up their horses and get ready to ride

Variety Of Activities Fill Fun Weekend

Downtown McLean was full of anticipation on Saturday morning as people waited for the parade to begin. Children filled their pockets to overflowing with candy as fire trucks, ambulances, floats of all kinds, antique cars and horses paraded down Main Street.

Top float was awarded to the McLean Girl Scouts. "It was a very tough decision for the judges," stated Mary Dwyer. "They were all very good floats."

After the parade, towns

folk and visitors alike, had the choice of moving on to the park for the Main Street Fair or out to I-40 for the first annual Mudd Bogg.

At the fair, people enjoyed the traditional carnival style booths of balloon darts, color wheel or the ever fun dunking booth. Adding to the traditional booths were the water slide, which seemed to be a crowd favorite with the hot temperatures, or the cowboy hat painting booth. Of course no fair

with be complete without the food booths.

At the Mudd Bogg, getting dirty seemed to be the name of the game as four-wheel drive trucks from all over the panhandle attempted to go the distance in the mud. On lookers watched as big trucks, jeeps, and other types of big rigs made their way through the trenches.

Later in the evening, cowboys from ranches in the surrounding area participated in the Ranch Rodeo. Little cowpokes

started the evening with the calf riding. Local boys Zach Seymour, Denim Bailey and Ian McMordie came in first, second and third respectfully.

Twelve ranches participated in the rodeo this year.

The Aztec Cattle Company took home first place ranking in the rodeo for the second year in a row. The Crutch Ranch earned the second seat and third place went to the Johnson Ranch.

Reminders

RELAY FOR LIFE will be on August 14, 2005 at Shamrock.

THE CITY COUNCIL will meet on August 8, 2005 at 6 p.m.

ON AUGUST 9TH at 6 p.m. in the High School. There will be physicals for all incoming Jr. High Athletes and High School who will be 9th graders or if you are in your 3rd year of high school athletics.

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2 A DAYS WILL Begin with MIDNIGHT MADNESS on Midnight of August 1. (Sunday night)

BOYS AND GIRLS Basketball camp will be held on Aug. 3 for 1-5th graders from 1-4 p.m. and Aug. 4 for 6-9 graders from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 For more information call Blaze Herring at 779-2031.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 28 - Naomi McCarty, Nancy Billingsley, Lee Bolton.

July 29 - Taylor Kennedy, Wanda Bailey.

July 30 - Connie Barker, Jake Hess, John Holland, Tiffany Lopez, Brooke Seymour, Bryce Newton, Jacob Connors.

July 31 - Terri Glass, Kinneith Hambricht, Jessie Cooper, Johnny Carpenter, Andy Glass,

Donald Harris.

August 1 - Keith Gipson, Wayne Brown, Shawn Sanderson, Roxie McMordie.

August 2 - Debbie Gipson, Josh Swafford, Natasha Simmons, Belinda Hutchinson, Sammy Don and Jan Haynes (A).

August 3 - Jim and Maudine Rutherford (A).

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CLOTILLE THOMPSON
Pampa, Texas - Clotille McCallister Thompson, 89, passed away Friday, July 22, 2005 in McLean.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating.

Mrs. Thompson was born June 25, 1916 in Van Alstyne, and moved with her parents to Pampa in 1922. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1933 and attended Texas Women's College (now Texas Wesleyan) in Fort Worth. She married Fred Thompson on September 25, 1937, at the First Baptist Church in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the B & PW Sunday School Class.

She held numerous jobs during her working life, which included legal secretary for the Gordon and Gordon law firm, receptionist/secretary for Cabot Corporation, secretary/office manager for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and personal secretary to M. K. Brown. In addition to serving as M. K. Brown's personal

secretary, she helped him bring to fruition his vision of a museum for the community. She served as curator for the White Deer Land Museum for 26 years, retiring in 1990.

She also served in many volunteer capacities in the community. Among them were chairman of the Gray County Historical Committee, board member of the Friends of the Library, chairman of the Gray County Bicentennial Committee, member of the local Red Cross board, member of the Pampa Community Concert Association, the Pampa Fine Arts Association, and the Pampa Knife & Fork Club.

She was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi and was honored as their Woman of the Year in 1976. She was also honored by the Amarillo Globe News as Woman of the Year in 1977, and received the Distinguished Service Award from West Texas State University in 1978.

Survivors include 1 Son: James Fred Thompson of Pampa. 1 Daughter: JoAnn Jones of Pampa. 1 Grandson: Jeff Jones & wife Stephanie of Pampa. 1 Granddaughter: Christie Demetriades & husband Keith of Yokosuka, Japan. 4 Great-Grandchildren: Lauren Jones and Alex Jones, both of Pampa, and Jordan Demetriades and Peyton Demetriades, both of Yokosuka, Japan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John V. & Tina Lee McCallister, and a sister, Waldean McCallister.

The family requests memorials be sent to the White Deer Land Museum, P.O. Box 1556, Pampa, Texas 79066-1556, BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, First Baptist Church Library, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Know people for who they are rather than for what they are.

—Anthony J. D'Angelo

LUBBOCK - George F. Saunders, 82, died Thursday, July 21, 2005.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Jeff Foster, grandson, David Fultz, retired Church of Christ minister, Dalton Key, minister of North Amarillo Church of Christ, and Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Mr. Saunders was born Nov. 7, 1922, in Panhandle to Guy Cecil Saunders and Ora Viola Robertson Saunders. He graduated from Pampa High School and attended Abilene Christian College. He married Laverne Roberts on Jan. 28, 1945, in Pampa. In his early life, he was a registered Angus rancher in McLean. He served Forgan Church of Christ in Forgan, Okla., for more than 30 years as minister of the Gospel. He was a member and past president of the McLean Lions Club, a board member of the McLean Branch of the Lovett Memorial Library, a member of the Texas and American Angus Associations and served on the Lubbock Christian University board of trustees from 1964 to 2004.

He was preceded in

death by his parents; a brother, Barney; and a sister, Louella.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Janice Wright and husband, Loyd, of Flower Mound, Joyce Foster and husband, Jim, and Judy Organ and husband, Joe, all of Lubbock; six grandchildren, Jeff Foster and wife, Melanie, of Cortez, Colo., Laura Wright of Irving, Julie Bollinger and husband, Joe, of Amarillo, Alan Wright and wife, Julie, of Spring and Jase Foster and wife, Tasha, and Jeana Culbert and husband, Mark, all of Lubbock; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to In Search of the Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, OK 73083-9901 or Lubbock Christian University, 5601 W. 19th St., Lubbock, TX 79407.

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Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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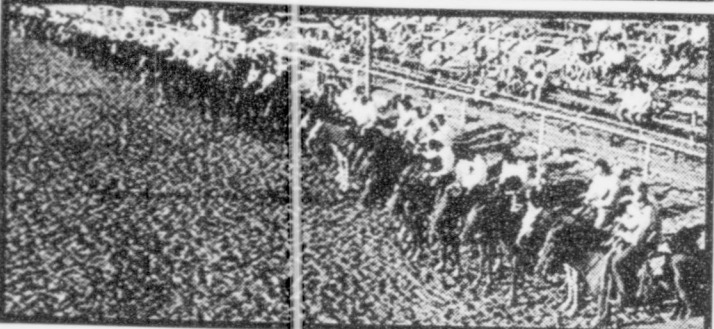
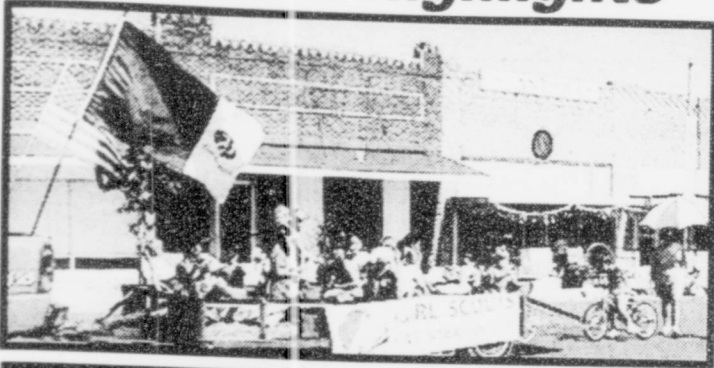
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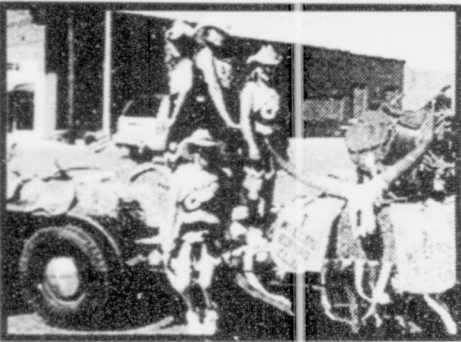
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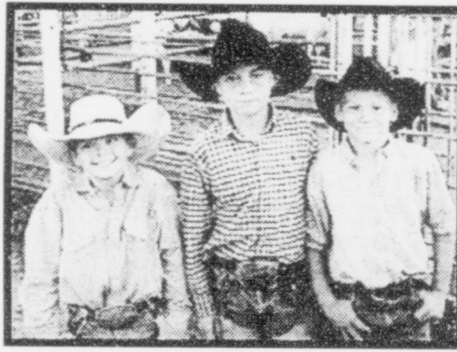
All the ranch cowboys take off their hats and observe a moment of silence in memory of fellow cowboy, Danny Simpson.



Right- J.C. & Linda McAnear share the parade with their children and grandchildren from out of town. Bottom - Ian McMordie, Zach Richardson, & Denim Bailey win prizes in the calf riding event.



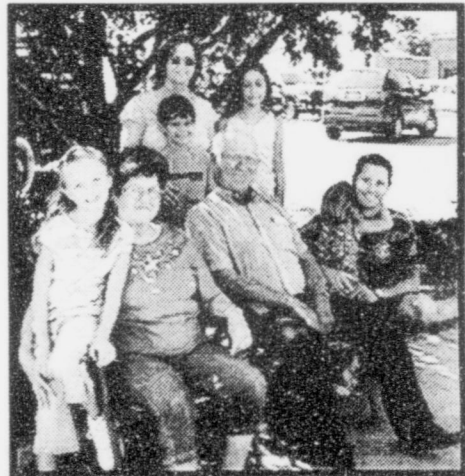
MJH cheerleaders pose with their float



Sonie Bybee enjoys time with daughters, Vonda and Brenda and her granddaughters, Melissa, K.J., Jennifer and Tori



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Joetta Dawn Bailey of McLean and Andrew Lee Turner of Lubbock were married Saturday, June 25th at Wolforth United Methodist Church in Wolforth, Texas. The Reverend Curtis House officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Martha Jo Bailey of McLean and the late Billy Jack Bailey. Grandparents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. "Hack" McCurley and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey.

Groom's parents are Nancy Turner of Lubbock

and the late Bill Turner. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Reichwein and Sylvia Turner and the late "Bumps" Turner, all of Colorado.

Maid of honor was Brooke Schneider of Amarillo, cousin of the bride. Best man was Will Turner of Lubbock brother of the groom.

The bride chose a bouquet of red roses. She wore a strapless gown of diamond white satin accented with diamonds across the bodice. The skirt was ball gown styled with a cathedral length train.

The wedding reception was held at the 4 Bark in Lubbock.

The bride graduated from McLean High School in 1994. She received a Bachelor of Arts and Applied Sciences degree from WT in May, 2005. She will be student teaching at Ropesville Elementary in the fall.

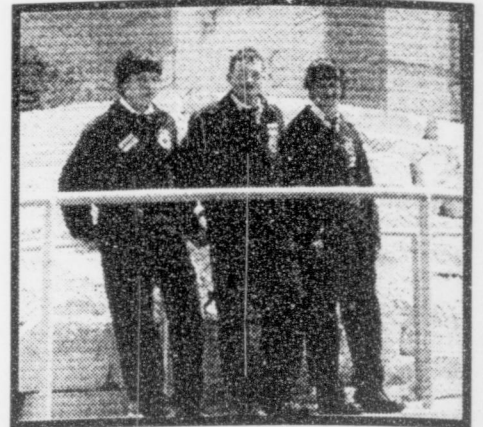
The groom graduated from Frenship High School in 1992. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas in 1997. He is a farmer in the Wolfforth area.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside in Ropesville.

Locals From McLean Attend FFA Convention Chapter In Lubbock

Jesse Parks, Kevin Smith, and Mark Smith, members from the McLean FFA chapter attended the 77th Annual Texas FFA Convention in Lubbock on July 12-15.

The theme for this year's convention was Paving the Way. For 76 years, FFA members have accomplished their dreams and been successful through the FFA. This year was no different. Members of the agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and



servings as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

Throughout the week, a total of 8,151 members and guests registered at the

convention. The FFA is one of the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 61,000 and approximately 970 FFA chapters.

School Board

the Financial Report were approved and the board voted to pay the bills as presented.

In other business, Mrs. Adams asked about the new bus that was to be delivered to the school.

The meeting then adjourned.

Young At Heart Repairs Needed

McLean Senior Citizens Center in Desperate Need of Upgrade McLean's Young at Heart Senior Citizen Center needs extensive repairs and upgrades, according to Ben Reeves, who is helping with the project.

Those wishing to contribute to the restoration fund can deduct the donation from their income tax since the Young at Heart group is a charitable institution. Donations can be made to the Young at Heart Club at the Bank of Commerce in McLean.

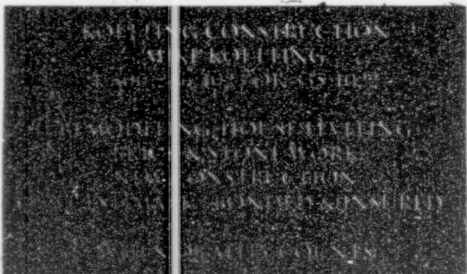
A recent storm caused severe flooding in the facility. The club's Board voted last week to begin

structural repairs to the rear wall and rear entrance, to evaluate quotes for an electrical upgrade, and to solicit estimates for a total electric heating/cooling system. Board members believe the total cost of the improvements may reach approximately \$30,000.

"We have \$7000. in a savings account that we can use for the first phase of the project," Reeves said. "We also intend to pursue any grant money that might be available for this type of project."

"Most of us are faced with giving birthday and Christmas gifts to people who really don't need anything," he said. "A donation to this group would serve a dual purpose by honoring the person in whose name the gift is given and by helping a great group of people in our community."

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Thursday, July 28, 2005



Amy Crowell visiting with Judy Ruthardt Sunday morning...

Katie Talley looking over some very cute pictures of her new great-grand daughter...

Chris Sater working hard on the new fence at the school playground.

Lots of work being done to the streets on the west side of town.

A beautiful bounty of blooms at the Hutsell hacienda.

Mr. Moranic on his three wheeled cycle, using a little peddle-power to get to his restaurant, Blessed Mary.

Superintendent Stevens adjusting the water on the practice field...

Know where your kids are? Driving through newly sodded grass does not make for good citizenship.

Trace of rain was received early Tuesday morning breaking the heat wave.

Preparations are underway for Groom Day 2005 with all the activities being planned.

A geyser... I mean water leak on 5th and Ware after the gas company hit a water main...

Marian Pool taking care of some business in the city office...

Susan Burgin acting as story teller at the Methodist VBS...

Rodeo Events Set For New Arena For Local Cowboys

The 2005 edition of the Groom Ranch Rodeo will be held August 5-6 at the Route 66 Arena, Business I-40 East in Groom, Texas. Twenty-four teams from throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma will be competing in sorting, doctoring, branding and wild cow milking for cash and prizes. There will be 12 teams per night, with a Calcutta each night, with the winners being paid off for the fastest overall time of the two nights. A top hand buckle, donated by the State National

Bank, will be given to the best all around cowboy of the rodeo.

The rodeo starts at 7:00 p.m. each night. Admission is \$5.00 per person, 6 and under free. Saturday there will be a stick horse race for kids 5 and under. You must be

entered by 6:45 p.m. at the announcer's stand at the Arena. A business man's ribbon roping will be held Saturday night with an entry fee of \$50.00. A roper and mugger will be drawn See RODEO, pg. 6



GROOM CHEERLEADERS ATTEND CAMP

The Groom High School Cheerleaders recently attended UCA Cheerleading Camp at Hawthorn Suites in Ruidoso, New Mexico. They were there from July 10th-13th. They are (from left to right) Sharri Britten, Cari Carter, Kacie Galyean, Katie Thompson, Kyra Stevens, and Michaela Roskens.

Appraisal Board Approves Audit; Hearing Findings

The Board of Directors of the Carson County Appraisal District met in open session on July 6, 2005. Present were Chief Appraiser Donita Davis, Chairmen Dale Gavel and members Mike Vance, Curtis Downs and Jackie Lewis. Members Jim Bob Mitchell and Sherry Kramer were absent.

Chairman Dale Gavel called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved. There were no open forum comments.

The minutes of the May 24th meeting and the May accounts payable were approved.

The certificates of deposits were reviewed with no action taken.

The 2004 audit report was approved after an explanation of changes of GASB No. 34 by auditor Billy Baker.

Line item adjustments to the 2004 budget were approved.

The Pritchard and Abbott contracts for 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009 were approved after an explanation by Vic Henkerson on the increase of the amount of the contract.

The proposed 2006 budget was approved.

There were no discussion items. The meeting adjourned.

The Appraisal Review Board meets.

The Appraisal Review Board of the Carson County Appraisal District met in open session Friday, July 8th, 2005. In attendance were Chief Appraiser Donita Davis, Appraiser Mike Darnell, members Grady Milton, Peggy Chaney, Johnny Bramley, Danny O'Brien and Frank Wink.

Chairman Grady Milton called the meeting to order.

The Oath of Office was administered by Donita Davis to member Danny O'Brien.

The minutes of the May 16th meeting were approved.

Mark Stuart, a representative of Pritchard & Abbott, gave a summary on the mineral valuations.

The following are the Review Hearing Findings: Case No. 200500125-Charles Clayton Knapp-Parcel #3491. The motion passed to change the percent good from 75% to

70% placing the new value at \$55,240.

Case No. 200500250-200500281-Western Wireless-31 parcels. The appraisal records were accepted as correct and should not be changed.

Case No. 200500007-

Mrs. Florence Kruse-8 Parcels. The appraisal records were accepted as correct and should not be changed.

Case No. 200500211-2200500247 and Case No. 200500174-200500210-Frank Higgins & Dennis

Clouch-37 Parcels each. The motion carried to accept the appraisal records as correct and should not be changed.

The motion passed to table approving appraisal records until July 22, 2005.

Groom Community Calendar

Reminder: According to DPS Troopers it is still illegal to operate ATVs and Go Carts on City Streets and Highways.

GROOM DAY wood gathering is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. Meet at Johnny Brooks' barn.



AUGUST 4TH is the last day the Groom swimming pool will be open.

DON'T FORGET Groom athletic physicals at the school on July 29th at 3:00 p.m.

THERE WILL be no school on August 17th.

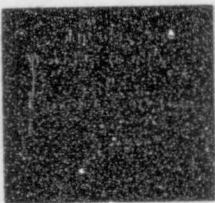
GROOM SCHOOL enrollment is scheduled for August 10-12.

TWO-A-DAYS are scheduled to begin on Aug. 1st. Athletes need to be on the field ready to go at 8:00 am. Evening practice will be at 7:00. Physicals will be on July 29th in the Groom Gym. Contact the school for more information.



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

WORK LIST
Potato Salad-First Baptist
Beans-Christian Mothers
Cole Slaw-Methodist Women
Pickles and Onions-Church of Christ
Apricots-Shariene Lewis



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Local Happenings

Barbara Homer recently returned home after helping her son and his wife, Staney and Betsy Homer, relocate to Pensacola Florida.

Ill or Recovering
 The following local residents are ill or recovering from health concerns: David Brus and Pete Wortham.

More School Supplies

The following is a late submission to the Groom School Supply List. The entire list will run again on August 11.

- Grade 4th and 5th Math and Science Supply List
- Notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- 3 spiral notebooks
- Colored map pencils
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Highlighters
- Pencil bag
- 2-3 ring binders
- Black or blue pens

Several of the Fields family are attending their family reunion in Arkansas!

Kim and Troy Ritter went to Red River over the weekend. She reported that it was very, very, hot!

DID YOU KNOW...

That in 1978, Groom Day was sponsored by the Lion's Club. The one day event boasted a tennis tournament, BBQ, activity booths and food booths. About 456 people were served at the BBQ. According to the reporting back then, this was the 3rd annual celebration.



The Class of 1985 will have a reunion get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Weinheimer Jr. on Friday August 5th at 6:00 p.m.

THE CLASS of 1995 will hold its 10th Class Reunion during the Groom Day Celebration weekend. It will be held at the Dena and Greg Lambert home. contact Bo Burgin at (214)636-0689 or Dena Lambert.

THE CLASS of 1965 will have their 40th class reunion during the Groom Day Celebration. Contact Kenneth Babcock at 248-7273.

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

GROOM DAY CONTACTS

- General Information**
 Johnny Brooks - 248-7945
 Karen Brown - 248-7210
 Donna Barnett - 248-7058
- Parade**
 Dondra Downs - 248-7290
- Tennis**
 Shirley Fields- 248-7435
- Children's Games**
 Robin Welch - 248-0021
- Food Fight**
 Michele Bohr - 248-7018
- Dance**
 Donnic Conrad - 248-7355
- Raffle**
 Michele Bohr - 248-7018
 Karen Brown - 248-7210
- Rodeo**
 Russell Baldwin 226-5042
 and Mike Willy
- Track Meet**
 Doug Galyean - 248-0277
 Larry Roskens - 248-0035
- Volleyball**
 Donna Barnett - 248-7058
 Nile Burgin - 248-7917
- Flat Rock Hunt**
 Kay Britten - 248-7252

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 28 - Lanna Brown, Bobby E. Pool, C.W. Fraser, Caren Howard.
 July 29 - Bruce Britten, Wyatt Britten.
 July 30 - Julie Lyles, Randall Patterson, Brody Matthew Britten.
 July 31 - Melody Burton, Mr. and Mrs.

Brent Stephens (A).
 August 1 - Bailey Johnson, Monica Howard, Jack West, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyles (A).
 August 2 - Mrs. Billy Jones.
 August 3 - Sandra Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Brown (A).

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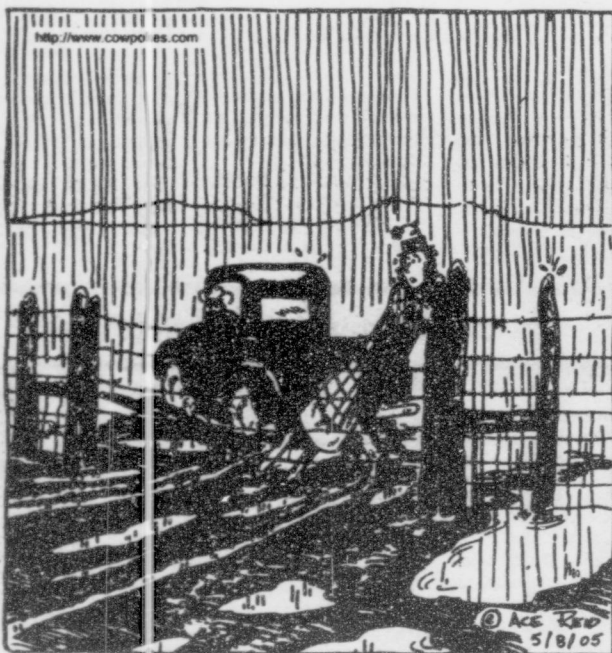


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United Methodist Church Hosts Bible School

Several little cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed lots of fun and fellowship last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Methodist Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School. Amy Crowell, Susan Burgin, Barbara Fraser, Patsy Fraser, Kim Babcock, Jill Babcock, Brice and Jeannie Ruthardt, Pastor Weldon Rives and everyone who brought decorations and refreshments all helped make the VBS a big success.

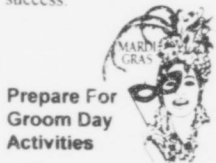


Susan Burgin shares a story with Alex Kuehler, Braxton Johnson, Ethan Babcock and Laurel Fields at the Circle G Ranch Methodist VBS.



MERRICK CELEBRATES 89TH BIRTHDAY!

Lucille Merrick, former longtime Groom resident, celebrated her 89th birthday in Clovis, New Mexico. Friends wishing to drop her a note may write to her at 2221 Dillion, Room 110, Clovis, New Mexico 89039



amount of \$670.00, film/pictures in the amount of \$1,500.00, telephone in the amount of \$750.00, computer related in the amount of \$500.00, education in the amount of \$750.00, crime scene in the amount of \$750.00 and miscellaneous in the amount of \$1,000.00 totaling \$11,920.00. He requested the funds to be transferred to comp time in the amount of \$6,000.00, car maintenance in the amount of \$1,420.00 and boarding prisoners in the amount of \$4,500.00 totaling \$11,920.00. The motion passed.

Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor/Collector, asked the court to decide what TxDOT fees the County would be collecting for the next year. She told the court that the decision must be submitted to the State By September 10, 2005. The court discussed the \$5.00 road and bridge fee that the County is currently collecting. The fee could start at \$5.00 with the maximum being \$10.00 and a \$1.50 that could be collected for child safety.

Commissioner Britten made a motion to continue collecting the same \$5.00 fee. The request was accepted.

Judge Powers asked the Court to consider granting an easement to RIO Petroleum under county Roads CC and 15. The motion passed.

Judge Powers informed the Court that 98.24% of County taxes have been collected through the end of June. He also acknowledged that figure is higher than last year's collections and thanked Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor/Collector, for her efforts in collecting those taxes.

Court adjourned until August 8, 2005.

Line Item Veto Approved

The Carson County Commissioners held their regular scheduled meeting on July 25th 2005. In attendance were Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the July 11th 2005 meeting were read and approved. All claims were paid.

The court discussed the county's current healthcare plan with FirstCare. The motion passed to continue to use the same plan.

Jeannine Montgomery, county Extension Agent, gave the court an update on some educational meetings she has held in the County. Some of the activities were cooking with Diabetes, low fat recipes and Walk Across Texas.

She also informed the court of some future programs she has planned.

Tam Terry, Sheriff, told the court that he has hired Clarence Mabbitt as Deputy Sheriff to be effective August 1, 2005 and asked that his salary be set at \$27,186.84. He also hired Becky Bishop as Dispatcher to be effective August 1, 2005 and asked that her salary be set at \$21,199.44. Tracy Poteet was hired as Jail Administrator, effective August 1. Salary is set at \$21,411.88. The motion was approved to set the salaries as requested by the Sheriff.

Sheriff Terry asked the Court to consider allowing him to make the following line-item transfer. Transfer from extra part-time help in the amount of \$6,000.00, new cars in the

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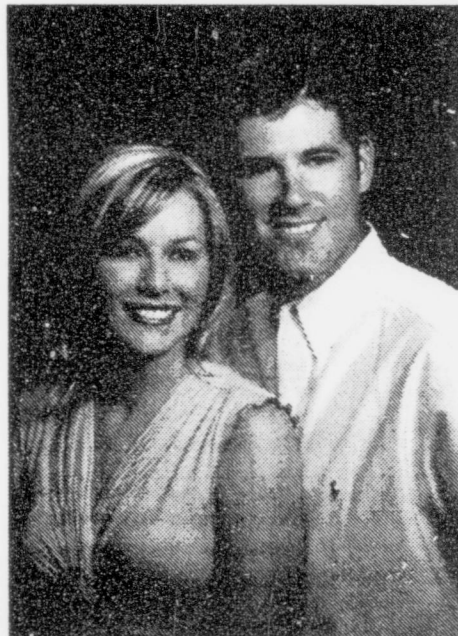
Tai Mishon To Wed Bradley Wright On September 3, 2005

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ollinger of Claude are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Tai Mishon to Bradley Keith Wright. Keith is the son of Katie Wright of Amarillo and Wire Wright of Canyon.

Mishon is a graduate of Claude High School and has a Fashion Merchandising degree from Southwest Texas State University. She is currently the Director of Sales for the Holiday Inn Express and Sleep Inn.

Keith graduated from Canyon High School and attended West Texas A&M University. He is employed at Midway Chevrolet.

The couple plan to exchange vows on Sept. 3, 2005 at the Ashmore Inn and Suites in Amarillo.



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Wednesday, August 3

- 6:00 p.m. Organizations meet at the school cafeteria to begin washing potatoes and sorting beans
- 8:00 p.m. Put signs out on Main Street and decorate park

Thursday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Tennis Tournament 5th -6th grades-\$1.00 per event
 - 1:00 P.M. Tennis Tournament 7th & 8th grade - \$1.00 per event
 - 6:00 p.m. Tennis Tournament 9th grade-adults-\$2.00 per event
- Organizations meet at the school cafeteria to peel potatoes and chop onions (bring your favorite paring knife).
Start putting up tents

Friday, August 5

- 3:00 p.m. Everyone helps decorate grounds of school and park for celebration and put up tents, set up chairs and tables in park
- 5:30 p.m. Lion's Club World Famous Sausage Sandwiches under the tree!
High school cheerleaders selling cokes, tea and Blue Bunny Ice Cream booth
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Track Meet on the high school track.
Look For Groom Day T-Shirt Sale Booths!
- 7:00 p.m. Food Fight! Across from the Gym. Grades 3-5, Boys vs Girls; Grades 6-8 Boys vs. Girls
Mud Volleyball! Show Up and Play! High School - Adults!
Ranch Rodeo at Route 66 Arena - Admission \$5.00 per person, under 6 free
- 8:00 p.m. Horseshoe Pitchin' Contest - \$10 per team, west of the Legion Hall
Watch for impromptu 3 on 3 basketball at the school and softball at the ballpark

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Saturday, August 7

HUNT FLAT ROCKS ALL DAY LONG!

- 7:00 a.m. Blow up balloons in the park
- 9:00 a.m. Begin parade line up in front of school
- 10:00 a.m. Parade- MARDI GRAS -Celebrate coming together as a community and family
- 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Groom Day's World Famous BBQ in the park. \$5 adults, \$2 kids ages 7-12, under 6 free
- 12:00 Alpha Mu Xi homemade ice cream
Groom Day T-shirts on sale in park
- 1:00 p.m. Groom Athletic Booster Club - Car Bashing Booth
Groom Cheerleaders - Fun Flush Booth
Make A Wish Booth
Confetti Eggs
Face Painting
Children's games begin in park: Blow up games and more for \$2.
Volleyball Games on the Practice Field
Cheerleaders Concession Stand
- 3:30 p.m. Redeem Flat Rocks
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Games Close
- 6:00 p.m. Cow patty Bingo - Rt 66 Arena
- 7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo - Rt. 66 Arena - Admission \$5, under 6 free! Stick horse race - \$5 Entry fee
- 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. GROOM DAY DANCE to the tunes of " Windy City " \$7 per person at the Legion Hall
- 9:00 p.m. - 12 midnight - Youth Dance on the Tennis Courts \$2.00 per person
- 10:00 p.m. Groom Day Raffle Drawing at the Dance



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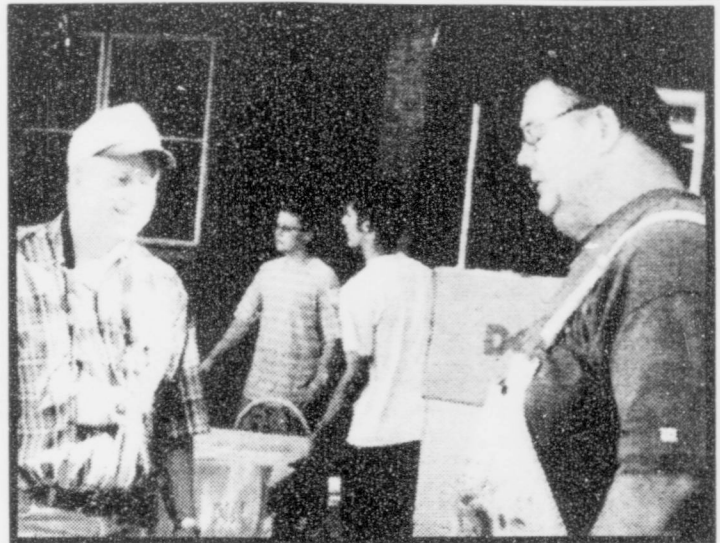
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Sunday, August 8-Everyone clean up-All are welcome and appreciated!



John Crowell directs a group of volunteers as they organize the printers for later distribution.



Kent Reed discusses the unloading process with a very friendly truck driver.

Dell, Inc. Donates To Qualified Non-Profit Groups Needed Printers

Dell Inc. and Gifts In Kind International, the world leader in product philanthropy, today announced a new donation program providing refurbished Dell All-In-One printers to eligible non-profits throughout the United States and Canada. Through its network of 450 Gifts In Kind programs, Gifts In Kind International will distribute the printers as they become available from Dell. It is expected that approximately 50 cities will participate in this program in 2005.

The donation will provide assistance to educational programs for children from Kindergarten to the 12th grade, adult literacy efforts, job training, programs for the physically disabled and financially disadvantaged as well as other vital community services. The eligibility requirements for non-profits is a current 501(c)(3) status or the equivalent status in Canada. Programs

administered on Indian Reservations and in Title I schools are also eligible.

The Dell printer donation includes three different models that provide printing, copying, and scanning capabilities. Two of the three models feature fax capabilities. Each printer donation will include cabling, a color ink cartridge and a black ink cartridge.

"This program will place technology with organizations that may not otherwise be able to afford it, in turn bringing the benefits of technology to more people. Dell is excited to be able to provide our printers to Gifts In Kind", said Gregory Davis, Dell's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Imaging and Printing Group.

According to Thomas Reed, RC&D Coordinator in Friona, "We distributed 275 printers to 35 schools and non-profits in the Panhandle earlier this year, and the program was so popular, we requested another truckload."

"This contributions

program is a wonderful example of an environmentally responsible company recognizing a thoughtful way to assist the charitable sector," said Susan Corrigan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gifts In Kind International. "Tens of thousands of non-profits will benefit from Dell's

generous donation and be able to provide vital services to those who are most in need."

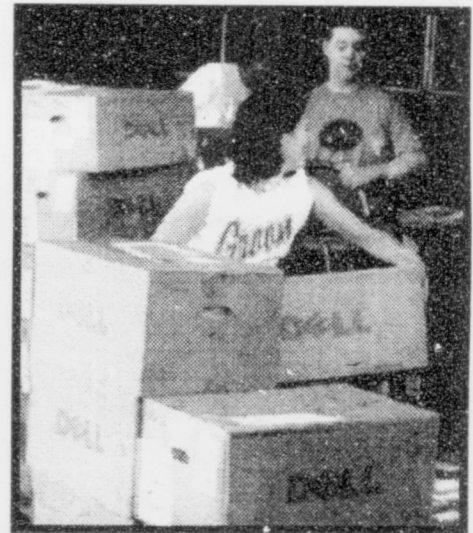
In the Panhandle area the High Plains and North Rolling Plains RC&D Councils will be administering the distribution to qualified non-profit organizations. To obtain more information, or request a

printer application, eligible non-profits can contact the High Plains RC&D office in Friona at

(806)250-2020 or the North Rolling Plains RC&D office in Pampa at (806)669-0312.



Kelton Weller and Jess Roskens volunteered to help move several hundred printers inside the Community Center.



Michaela Roskens pitches in and helps the guys load the printers on the dolly.

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Immunization Requirements Effect Sept. 1

A New law effective Sept. 1 requires that children attending child-care centers and enrolled in early childhood programs be vaccinated against invasive

pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that often leads to middle ear infections, pneumonia, blood stream infections, sinus infections and meningitis. The vaccine is required for all children age 2 months through 59 months attending child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that is spread from person to person, often by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A. Children in child-care

centers and pre-kindergarten programs who are 2 years old or older will need two doses of hepatitis A vaccine given six to 18 months apart.

To attend child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs, a child also must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella, (chicken pox) at

appropriate age. If children do not have at least the first dose of the required vaccines by Sept. 1 they may be excluded from child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

New this year for school children are expanded requirement for hepatitis B and varicella immunizations. Students in kindergarten through 11th grade must have received

hepatitis B vaccine.

Those in kindergarten through fifth and seventh through 11 grade must have received the varicella vaccine before the start of school.

"Parents should be sure their children are in compliance with all school-enrollment vaccination requirements prior to the start of school," said Monica Gamez of the DSHS Immunization Branch.

State rules require that school students be vaccinated against nine illnesses: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella.

In addition, hepatitis A vaccine is required for students in kindergarten through third grade who attend school in a county with a high incidence rate.

Routine vaccination recommendations call for most of the vaccine doses required for school attendance to be given by age 2 with boosters

between 4 and 6. Catch-up schedules are available for students who did not receive the vaccines when younger.

Military dependents,

homeless students and certain students transferring from other Texas schools will be granted temporary enrollment regardless of vaccination status. Some students are exempt from vaccination requirements for medical reasons or for reasons of conscience.

Specific vaccination requirements for school attendance are available from schools, physicians' offices and local public health departments. The information also is available online at www.immunize.texas.com or by calling DSHS toll free at 1-800-252-9152.

Vaccination requirements apply to all public and private primary and secondary schools, those in registered child-care facilities and students enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs in Texas.

Buffalo Grass Steak House Now Open

Panhandle opened a new steakhouse recently after long anticipation. Located in the historic Cleek Brothers Hardware Building at 200 Main Street. It has been used for a variety of businesses since it was constructed in 1912. Of particular interest is the historic

bank vault which was added when the First State Bank of Panhandle purchased it. In 1946, the Hendrix Drugstore moved into the building and it even served as the Continental Trailways Bus Depot. In 1963, the building was vacated and was empty until Russell Graham began renovation in 2000.

After purchasing the building in March of 2003 Boyle and Brenda Robinson, along with several talented local craftsmen, have restored the building to its current prominence. With the bank vault door, the original tin ceiling tiles, brick walls and many early pictures of early Panhandle, the visitor will feel as if he has stepped

back in time.

The Buffalo Grass steakhouse has a great outdoor patio located in back of the building that will provide a wonderful atmosphere for dining and entertainment.

They will serve lunch and dinner on Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday lunch only. Their menu will include sandwiches, salads, chicken, seafood, steaks and some great desserts. Along with daily gourmet specials, they will feature many favorites as well as some great appetizers.

Chef Kent Kotara, who graduated from the Texas Culinary Institute in Austin, will be heading up the kitchen. Kent currently resides in White Deer and is a great addition to the Steakhouse's staff.

Zachary Robinson and Scott James will serve as managers. They have put together a great staff that is looking forward to serving the community with great food.

Be sure to turn in your vacation, Groom Day visitors, summer camp and other activities to The Groom News... the only paper in the world that is interested in everything about Groom, Texas

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The Route 66 Arena is a work in progress that is being built on donations for the material and donated labor. If you would like to make a donation toward the Arena, contact one of the association members or you can do so at the rodeo.

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