

The McLean News

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New Principal Hired At MHS

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2005. Board members present were Billy Bybee, Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams, Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, David Fuller and Marshall Hanes. Others present were Superintendents, Eric Smith and Jimmy Hannon, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darscy and Rhonda Patterson.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and David Fuller gave the opening prayer.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the regular minutes of May 16, 2005. Motion carried.

Mr. Layman had submitted his summer plan for Agricultural Education for the 20 contract days to be worked for the Board's review.

Motion by Joe Riley, second by Chet Bohlar to accept the resignation of science teacher, Jana Gates. Motion carried.

Terri Adams went over Board Policy with fellow members after she had done some research and learned of local policy that was not being followed. According to BDAA Local policy, the Board President at MISD has the right to discuss, make motions and resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board. So from this day forward, the President will be allowed to vote.

Mrs. Adams went over the duties and requirements of the other Board members and stressed the importance of confidentiality. First year trustees must have 10 hours of Continuing Education Units and after the first year they must have 5 hours of CEU per year. Site based committees consist of two Board members.

She also discussed the Superintendent Evaluation, requested a Principal report every other month from the teachers with any improvements they may have for the school and also to have an annual discussion with the

Superintendent regarding goals for the district. She stressed the four main goals of a Board member as 1) Oversee financial business of the school 2) Oversee the Superintendent 3) Set goals 4) Hiring and firing based on administrative recommendations. The Board was in agreement with all that was discussed and there was no action taken.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the school calendar for 2005-2006. Motion carried. MISD had received a letter from TEA allowing the waiver to start the first day of school on August 17, 2005.

Mr. Hannon informed the Board of the legislative decision to increase the minimum salary schedule for teachers by 2.76% effective for the new year contracts.

McLean ISD will be considered a Chapter 41 school for 2005-2006. This means the school is a property wealthy district see S. BOARD, pg. 8



Cheerleaders Excel At Camp

The McLean High School cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp.

The camp was held at Amarillo Cheer Elite in Amarillo and attracted over 60 cheerleaders from the surrounding states.

The National Cheerleaders Association selects award winners at each of the over 1,100 camps it administers

around the world each summer.

The MHS cheerleaders received several awards at the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp they attended. The Herkie TEAM award, which is named after the founder, L.R. Herkimer was awarded to the MHS cheerleaders. The is awarded to squads who exemplify the qualities upon which NCA was founded. The qualities include leadership, values and teamwork.

The squad was also awarded the National Championship Bid Winner award. This tremendous accomplishment is awarded to the team Bid

Winner exemplifying the best technical skill and cheerleading technique. The bid is extended to teams to compete at the NCA Senior and Junior High School National Championship or the NCA All-Star National Championship, both held in Dallas, Texas.

The MHS cheerleaders also brought home the Top Team Winner award and the Spirit Stick award. To win the Top Team award, teams compete on the last day of camp with a cheer that they have learned during the week. Technical skill and ability

see Cheerleaders, pg. 9

EMS Donates AED TO MISD

The Emergency Medical Service of McLean presented McLean I.S.D with a Automated Exterior Defibrillator on Monday, June 20. President, Pam Skipper and EMT Ronia Anderson presented the life saving machine to Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon.

Bill and Ronia Anderson of the EMS wrote a grant to receive the defibrillator from a company named Zoll. The Zoll AED Plus also came with a training device and DVD instructions so that the proper school personnel can be trained for any emergency situations.

"We hope to receive a grant for more of these in the future to place around



certain areas in McLean," stated Skipper, "but we wanted the school to be the first place to have one of these."

Reminders

MCLEAN RANCH Rodeo - July 23.

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

SMITH GOING AWAY Party - June 25 at Darscy's Pond.

BLOOD DRIVE - June 27 at the Bank of Commerce - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

MAKE AN OFFER Sale, corner of 8th and Commerce, Saturday, June 25th, 8:30 - noon.

SUMMER READING Program, "Go Wild... Read" begins at the library, June 20 thru July 31.

THE COWBOY Church is now meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights at the First Assembly of God. For more information call, 779-2135.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 23 - Maxine Billingsley.
 June 24 -
 June 25 - Tyson Michael Hess, Mitchell Steward.
 June 27 - Mary Bybee, Buddy Sutton.
 June 28 - Teresa Kingston, Steven Pierce.
 June 29 - Jenny Stubbs

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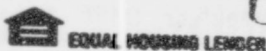
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Annual Trew Reunion Held At Bull Canyon Despite Rain

Delbert and Ruth Trew hosted the biennial Trew Reunion in Bull Canyon on the Trew Ranch June 10-12. Although it rained every day and every night, those brave souls that were able to plow through the muddy pastures to get there had a very good time. On Saturday evening we had 95 in attendance. The Matthews-Patton families joined us again this year to combine their annual reunion with ours. The couple traveling the most miles were Jackie Gill and Patrick Hynes from New York City. The youngest attendee was 4 weeks old and the oldest was 87 years old.

The usual Saturday evening live auction was very successful with many beautiful and practical, mostly hand-made items up for sale. These auctions are always a lot of fun, plus bring in funds to buy food for the next reunion and help with repairs needed in the canyon. A steak and baked potato supper with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all after the auction and before the live music that lasted almost until the nightly rains started.

We are thankful for the rains and they didn't seem to put a damper on the enjoyment of all relatives and friends that attended.

The Sunday noon meal was cancelled due to the impending rains and as the gate was closed to the last

ones out of the canyon, another downpour ended the fun time. Now we are looking forward to the next Trew reunion in 2006!

Devil's Rope News

By Davie Gipson

May was a very busy month with all the school activities. The drama students did their Dinner theater in the DRM Hospitality room. A large crowd came out to enjoy the Mexican pile-on and the play.

The Junior Class decorated the Hospitality room with a stairway to the stars. They transformed the room into a beautiful banquet room with silver and blue stars and

balloons.

The following Friday the Athletic-Boosters got rid of all the glitter and glamour and turned the room into a setting befitting the Sports Banquet.

During May we had two bus tours of people from Europe, mostly English.

Our total visitors for the month was 394 with 36 states and Washington DC represented. Of these 394 visitors, 161 were from 16 foreign countries.

School Board

and will be sending some funding back to the state.

The estimated taxable values were received from the Gray County Appraisal District at \$120,234,181.00

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:30 p.m. Return to open session came at 7:49 p.m. Upon Mr. Hannon's recommendation the following positions were filled. Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Billy Bybee to hire Rhonda

Patterson as High School Principal. Motion carried. Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to hire Erin Shaw as 8th grade teacher. Motion carried. Motion by Marshall Hanes, second by David Fuller to hire Christy Cox as Special Ed teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to approve Financial Reports A, B, and C. Motion carried.

Motion by Billy Bybee, second by Joe Riley to approve to pay bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business, the Pre-K discussion will be on next month's agenda. Toni Bohlar wants to review the coaches' inventory list of athletic equipment.

Mr. Hannon discussed the High School Science position. It was noted that there were chemicals in the girl's restroom that needed to be removed.

Mrs. Adams wants a letter to the parents explaining the recent hacker activity if necessary. She also wants to add Visitor Comments to each agenda to give the public a time to speak. Each visitor will be allowed three minutes to comment. There will be no discussion of personnel or students allowed at this time. Any comments regarding these issues must be done in executive session and must be placed on the agenda so that all parties involved are given the courtesy to attend and hear what is being said.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for taking a chance on him three years ago and allowing him the opportunity to be Superintendent, which he thoroughly enjoyed. The Board then presented Mr. Smith with a watch.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Make An Offer Sale!

Saturday, June 25th,
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NEW Aluminum Storm Windows and Window Screens - various sizes, Building Materials, Cast Iron Sinks, Toilet Bottoms, Used Doors, Windows, Lumber, etc.

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 Worship 10:40 a.m. & 8 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
 Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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 Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church 603 Commerce
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 6:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean
 Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
 Sunday at 7:00 pm
 First Assembly of God - 420 Main McLean

Alive In '05 Brings Back Past



The McLean High School Class of 1955 had 19 in attendance for the reunion plus their spouses. This was their 50th reunion year. They enjoyed looking at pictures and telling stories from times gone by.

Cheerleaders

to lead the crowd are judged. The squad excelled in the daily evaluations and received six blue ribbons.

In addition to these team awards, the cheerleaders also won individual awards. Senior, Markeisha Menefield and Junior, Brooke Seymour earned the leadership award. Senior, Carrie Thompson earned the jump award. Freshmen, Nikki Hutchison and DaShae Tolleson both earned the tumbling award. All five girls were nominated and made the All-American team. This award is the most prestigious award in cheerleading. A participant must score a 23 or above to make the team. These individuals are now eligible to perform at various NCA special events.



(Above) Angie Billingsley, former McLean Coach, Jack Brewster and Margaret Milam reminisce about the '80's. (Right) Ruth Trew thanks Teresa Simmons for her work with the Red Hatters and tells the crowd that they put a new meaning to the phrase "Old Broadway"

Blood Reserves Desperately Low

Summer time often finds the Blood Center seeking help more often than other times during the year. Travel, extended daylight hours and just an increase in activity play a role in why blood donations decline during the summer months.

The number one use of blood products in the High Plains Region is cancer patients, not trauma related cases as most may think. A close second in the usage category are the every day scheduled surgeries, followed by traumas and accidents.

On Monday, June 27,

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its annual fourth of July Blood Drive in McLean. The drive will be held in the hospitality room of the Bank of Commerce from 3:30 p.m.

to 6:30 p.m. Patriotic T-shirts and a 10% off coupon from Red River Steakhouse await all donors. Please join the Coffee Memorial Blood Center on June 27 to make sure no patient goes without the blood product they made need. To schedule an appointment please call 1-877-574-8800.



Three Generations of the Glass Family Gather for Reunion

Three generations of the Glass family met the weekend of June 17th in McLean for a family reunion.

Sharing pictures, stories and family fun were Bob, Janet, Scott, Andy, Kristi, and Drew Glass of McLean. Also, Judy Howard of Ruidoso, NM, Jim Howard of Cloudcroft,

NM. Joe Bob and Sue Barnhill of Brentwood, TN; Adrian, Lisa and Samantha Booy of Franklin, TN; Dale and Mary Lou Glass from McLean; Maridale Morgan and Lauren Davidson of Plano, TX; Marvin, Sherry, Sandi and Rachel Kramer of Skellytown; Terri, Jill, Jordan and Jerah Luna of Clarendon,

Jamie Glass of Fort Worth; Angie, Hollie and Riley Burrus of Dumas, Shirley Hohstadt of Denver, CO; Joe and Cindi Glass of McLean; David, Cindy and Tori McDonald of Hereford; Tim, Lexi, Bailey and Peyton Glass of Gruver; Ruth Glass Durrett and Donna Heckendorn of Amarillo; Henry and

Virginia Glass of Roswell, NM; Cindy Glass of Las Vegas, NM; Vicki Biggs of Spur, TX; and Sandi Glass Masson of Appollo Beach, FL.

Other guests included Brandon Ford of White Deer; Rosie Waller of Hereford; Betty Farron of Amarillo; and Melvin Simpson of Booker.



LaVerne Back's grandchildren take a bow after playing the violins and flute.

Barbara Streisand sang "Memories, like the corners of our mind. Misty water colored memories of the way we were," so went the way of this past weekend in McLean. Classmates from as far back as 1935 shared memories of days gone by during the annual school reunion that was held June 17 and 18 in McLean.

The weekend started off on Friday afternoon at the Country Club with visiting and refreshments. Later that afternoon, the Methodist Women held a spaghetti dinner. Saturday morning started off bright and early with the class of 2008 serving a pancake breakfast at the school cafeteria.

First class entertainment was held at the MHS auditorium with an amateur talent show. Dr. Wes Langham from the class of 1949 served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Talent from all over the country graced the stage. Jessi Cobb, from the class of 1938, delighted the audience with his trumpet playing ability. The Andrew Sisters otherwise known as Jane Herndon, Gay Hill and Jacque Riley along with Ben Reeves entertained with their version of the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Gay Hill also amused everyone as Jerry Lee Lewis' sister,

Sherry Lee Lewis and her rendition of "Whole Lotta Shakin Goin On." She also sang "Rock Around The Clock."

The Red Hat Ladies put the Rockettes to shame with their show stopping "New York, New York."

John Bible amused everyone with his quaint antics and Gladys Stewart from the class of '44 along with Lucille Shelton of the class of '46 took everyone on a "Sentimental Journey."

LaVerne Back's grandchildren, wowed the audience with their instrumental abilities on the violins and flute. Larry Williams and Rusty Simmons also played their guitars and sang "Anytime."

Bobby and Carey Richardson sang their much requested "Go Rest High Upon That Mountain," which they dedicated to all the service men and women of the United States of America.

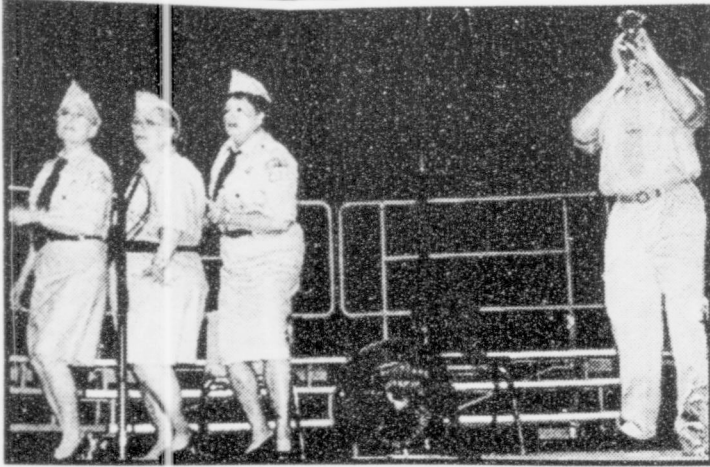
Trudy Myers brought the crowd to their feet when she sang "God Bless the USA."

The show ended with everyone singing "God Bless America."

After the show, a Barbeque luncheon was held in the city park.

The weekend was finished out with a night of dancing back at the Country Club.

Reunion Highlights



Jane Herndon, Gay Hill & Jacque Riley along with Pat Reeves take the audience back in time with the Andrew Sisters and the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.



The Red Hat Ladies smile after an exhilarating performance.



Trudy Stewart singing "God Bless the USA"



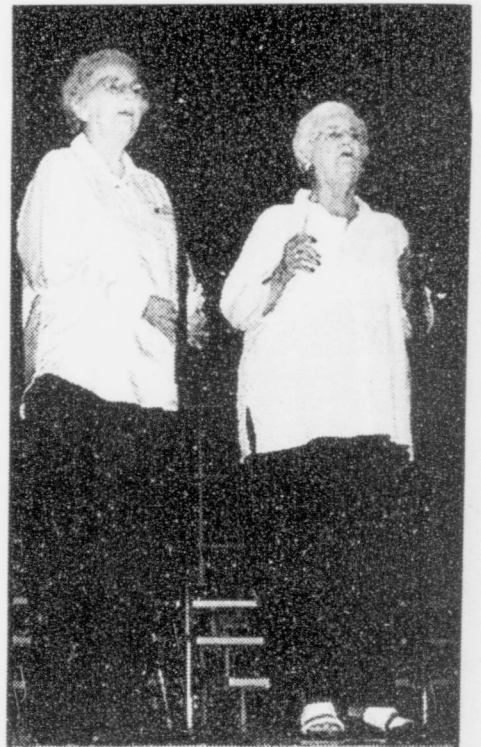
Gay Hill, a.k.a. Sherry Lee Lewis fills in for her brother Jerry, who was unable to attend.



Everyone stands and cheers as Trudy Stewart sings "God Bless the USA"



The Class of 1972 and friends visit at the McLean Country Club.



Lucille Shelton and Glady's Stewart brought back fond memories when they sang "Sentimental Journey."



Class of 1938 Alumni, Jessie Cobb delighted audience members with his amazing Trumpet playing ability.



(Above) Dr. Wes Langham cracks jokes with talent about Jane Herndon. (Left) Billie and Angie Billingsley, Sammy Houdysnell and Kristie Crockett and her daughter Cailie all alumni of MHS enjoy reminiscing about the past. (Right) Carey and Bobby Richardson sing their much requested "Go Rest High On That Mountain."



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Lifestar comes to the rescue! What would rural residents do without the security of having our local ambulance service volunteers who are backed up by professional services like Lifestar? This day found the crew meeting a local team who had just rescued a man who had a trailer house fall on him.

We Saw

Wheat farmers cutting from morning till past nightfall to get crops in before the next wave of rain.

Lots of lawn mowing and mosquito slapping going on... thanks to recent rains, both are flourishing...

Robin Welch hauling a load of "kids" somewhere...

John Spake running errands and stopping at City Hall.

Staci and Daniel Treadwell are the real muscle behind the beautiful garden at his grandpa Troy's house! Must be a couple of chips off the old blocks!

Groom School Board Approves Depository and Hires New Teacher

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly meeting on June 14, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in its usual place in the school administration office with the following members in attendance: Clifton Britten, Ron Kueher, Tony Rocha, Curtis Downs, Kathleen Barkley, Rodney Bohr, Tony Britten, Superintendent Terry Stevens was also in attendance. Guests in attendance were: Michael Amon, Pam Ashford, Bobby Babcock, Neal Brown, Randy McDowell and Tim Case.

After a prayer by Mr. Downs, Mr. Britten called the meeting to order at

8:02 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Neal Brown of Region 16 ESC discussed with the board the financial report, General Fund Revenues, and General Fund Expenditures.

The motion passed to amend the budget for functions 13, 21, 53 and 81.

Randy McDowell from Region 16 ESC discussed with the board a comparison of the bids for depository contract from State National Bank and Happy State Bank.

The motion passed to accept the bid from State National Bank for 2005-2006 Depository Contract with Groom Independent

School District.

See SCHOOL, pg. 2

Groom Day Committee Announces This Years Theme... Mardi Gras, 2005

Get ready... Get set... for this years Groom Day Celebration! "Mardi Gras, 2005" will set the tone for the two day annual celebration. Events are being planned but the committee would like input on activities that interest the community.

A few changes are already in the works. This year the committee will raffle a lap top computer. The Ranch Rodeo will be held in the evening at the

new arena beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Class reunions have been planned, so far, for the classes of 1975, 1980, and 1995. Others may be in the works, but the News has not been informed of them.

The BBQ is still planned for noon on Saturday.

Anyone with ideas for activities is encouraged to

See GROOM DAY, pg. 3

Bumper Wheat Crop Harvest In Full Swing

Wheat harvest is well underway after a brief delay by last week's rainy spell. According to Attebury Grain Manager Tony Treadwell the crop is looking like it will be a real good one.

"We are seeing anywhere from 54 to 63 pounds per bushel and 40 - 60 bushels per acre... and that is dry land!" said Treadwell. "Two months ago we were starting to

expect a major crop disaster. It was really looking like rust would

take many of the fields.

Irrigated wheat is a little behind the dry land crop. Not enough of it has been harvested to make a determination if it will surpass the dry land version. Troy Ritter brought in the first load of wheat to the Groom Attebury Grain Elevator back before the rain began.

Treadwell stated that while there are a few less acres of wheat planted this year, the quality is so good that he expects this to go down in the books as a great year for wheat!

Groom Community Calendar

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

Tuesday Prices of Attebury Grain Co.	
Wheat	\$3.00/bu
Milo	\$2.50/bu
Corngain	\$4.25/bu
Soybeans	\$6.47/bu

THE GROOM t-ball team will play the Panhandle Pirates at Panhandle, Thursday at 6:00. They will play the Panhandle Giants at Panhandle, Monday at 8:00.


THE GROOM coach-pitch team will play Claude at Groom, Thursday at 7:00. They will play the White Deer Angels at Groom, Monday at 7:00.

INDEPENDENCE DAY will be celebrated on Monday, July 4. Banks, post offices and other local governmental offices will be closed.

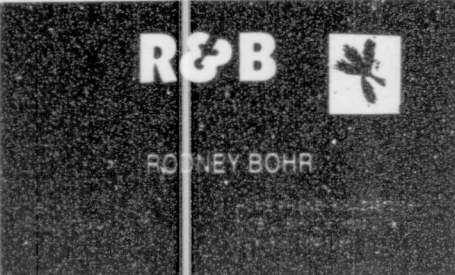
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Lane Thompson's Father Dies In Alaskan Accident

Luke and Lane Thompson were on what should have been a grand adventure with their father, Roy Thompson of Ruidoso when tragedy struck. The three men were traveling in Alaska touring the state by motorcycle. The cyclists were on the Denali Highway, a 135 mile stretch of mostly unpaved road between Paxson and Cantwell. It is south of the Alaska Range and east of the Denali National Park. The 3 were headed east about 5 miles from Paxson when they met an Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. flatbed truck driven west by Joseph Fabre, 39, of Roy, Washington.

Just as they were going by, a 30 pound piece of steel fell from the bed of the truck and bounced two times in the air before hitting him in the head according to witnesses. Thompson, who was wearing a helmet was dead at the scene. Both vehicles were traveling about 45 miles per hour.

Troopers have issued no citations but continue their investigation.

Lane and Luke are both from Alanreed. Lane's wife, Susie, is a school teacher in Groom. At press time, no information was available concerning funeral arrangements but it is expected to be later this week in Ruidoso.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 23 - Kyndall Hill
 June 24 - Kelvin Ollinger, Brin Burgin, Dennis B. Cockrell, Ben Thompson.
 June 25 - Helen Witt, James Homer, Eric Gregory Davis, Blake Christopher Weinheimer.
 June 26 - Wallace L. Bichsel, Janice Weinheimer.
 June 27 - Melissa Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell (A) Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anthony (A).
 June 28 - Jack Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A), Staci Dian Treadwell, Kenneth and Christina Weller (A).
 June 29 - Ross Brooks, Kenneth Weller.

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Ernest and Shirley Lamberson's 65th Wedding Anniversary

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Interesting facts about the Lambersons:

Ernest was born in Half a Dug-Out in Donley County on Jan 23, 1916
 Shirley was born in Laurel, Iowa on Jan 26, 1923 and moved to Texas in 1936
 Ernest and Shirley were married on June 22, 1940 in Donley County
 They have two sons - Stocky and Larry, six grandchildren,
 Fourteen great-grandchildren
 And many other wonderful family members and friends



School

Cornell and Co. was approved To perform the financial audit for the

2005-2006 school year for Groom ISD.

The contracts with Region 16 ESC for the 2005-2006 school year with Groom ISD were approved.

Motion passed to

approve Janie Britten as the election Judge for the May 7th election with Mr. Tony Britten in abstention.

Bret Begert was accepted as the Region 16 nomination to the TASB Board of Directors.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board the decision of the District Site-Based Decision Making Committee for recommendation for the Social Studies teacher for 2005-2006.

The motion passed to hire Susan Oliver for the Social Studies teacher for the 2005-2006 school year for Groom ISD at step pay 0 with a salary of \$24,240. with the district above base pay of \$700., for a total of \$24,940.00.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board the TAKS analysis for the 2004-2005 school year. He also discussed with the Board a Summer School update and a Summer Work program update.

Board adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

REMINDER

This is a reminder to all those wishing to nominate deserving veterans for induction into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor. The cut-off date (July 15) for submitting your nomination is fast approaching, and I want to encourage everyone to get their information to me as soon as possible. It would be very sad to let a deserving veteran go unrecognized for the lack of a little effort on our part. Nominations are to be sent to:

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Groom City Council Approves Interjurisdictional Agreement

The Groom City Council met in their regular monthly business meeting with the following members present: Mayor ProTemp Ellis Stapp, Aldermen Chris Welch, Don Case and Kenneth Weller. Absent were

Mayor Joe Homer, and Aldermen Doug Kling, City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles was also in attendance.

Chris Welch moved and Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to enter into a resolution establishing an Interjurisdictional Emergency Management

program with Carson County. The motion was approved.

A motion was approved to leave City Policy pertaining to sewer lines in the alley as it is. The City will maintain the line from the property line to the main, but the city Maintenance Supervisor will make the decision as to whether the line that the City maintains needs to be dug up.

Kenneth Weller moved and Chris Welch seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as presented.

Chris Welch moved

and Don Case seconded the motion to pay the bills and accept the financial

statements. The task list was reviewed and it was noted that 1/4 of the hours that the maintenance staff works is spent on General Fund projects, 1/4 of the hours are spent on Road projects and 1/2 of the time is spent on Water Works projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Brumley's Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Nancy and Johnny Brumley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Groom. Seventy-five friends and family members attended. Hosts for the event were Kim and Troy Ritter and Rick and Jolinda Brumley.

Brumley married the former Nancy Nash on June 18, 1955, in Chattanooga, Ok.

The couple previously resided in Canyon, Lakeview, Happy and

Morse. They have lived in Groom for 37 years.

Brumley retired as superintendent of Groom schools and retired as an insurance agent from Brumley Insurance Agency. Mrs. Brumley retired as an insurance agent and is a homemaker.

The couple belong to the First Baptist Church in Groom, Groom Lions Club, Claude Lodge No. 719 and the Texas State Teachers Association.

Children of the couple and their spouses are Jolinda and Rick Brumley of Sanford and Kim and Troy Ritter of Groom.

Grandchildren of the couple and their spouses are Jenna Brumley of Sanford, Nicole and Jason Holvey of San Antonio, Brandi Bates of Groom, Katrina and Nathan ward of Amarillo and Jessica Bates of Canyon.

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Commissioners Approve Tax Abatement

The Carson County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on June 13, 2005. In attendance were Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The bills were paid.

Jeannie Cunningham addressed the court regarding the County's retirement plan. Currently the employees are required to contribute 7% of their gross income and the County matches with 7.94%. The proposed

amounts for the next year are 7% for employees and 7.93% for the County. The decision was unanimous to keep the same retirement plan.

Sheriff Tam Terry asked the court to sign a new resolution for unmarked patrol cars. The motion passed.

Judge Powers informed the court that he had made a new agreement with Unifirst to supply new mats and cleaning supplies for \$54.70 each month for the next two years. The agreement was approved.

Judge Powers addressed the court about funds held for the Panhandle/Carson County Airport. The

airport board asked to retain the funds and allow Commissioner Ware and Commissioner Strawn not to make the annual payment to that fund for two years. The request was approved.

Judge Powers asked the court to sign a First Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement by Carson County and Renewable Generation Inc. and assigned to Flying cloud LLC authorizing the Judge to execute it on behalf of the Carson County Commissioner's Court. The agreement was authorized and accepted.

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Groom Minor League Team Crowned High Plains Champions

The Groom Minor League baseball team was crowned 2005 Hi-Plains Champions after the championship game played June 20 in Panhandle. The Tigers held off a persistent Claude team and won the game, 14-8.

Groom went into the tournament undefeated and was granted the number one seed.

First up for the Tigers was the Clarendon Astros. Groom defeated them by a score of 12-10. The second team the Tigers faced was the Clarendon Rangers. Final score on that game was Groom 14, Rangers 4. Saturday night, the Tigers

were handed their first loss of the season by Claude, 8-4.

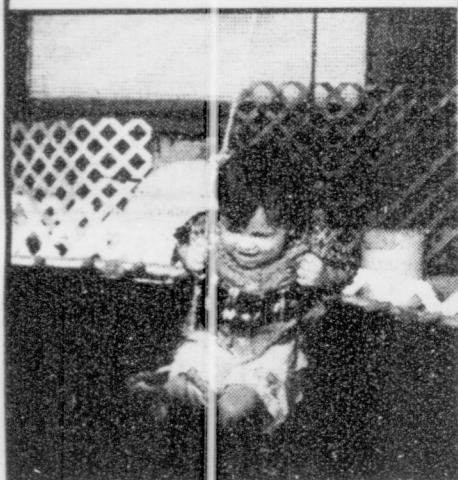
Having tasted defeat for the first time and not liking it, the Tigers came roaring back in the championship game to defeat the same Claude team by a score of 14-8.

Members of the team include: Cheyene Adams, Kyler Barkley, Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Jonah Cooper, Taylor Fields, Clint Galyean, Chris Homen, Chasc King, Trent Murray, Brady Painter, Justin Shields and Lane Stegall. The Tigers were coached by Tim Case and Tony Painter and were sponsored by Great Plains Crop Services.



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HI-PLAINS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2005 ALL-STARS

The Hi-Plains Baseball Association has announced it's All-Stars for the 2005 baseball season.

Named to the 9-10 year-old orange team was Clint Galyean, son of Doug and Gayla Galyean. Brady Painter was selected for the blue team. Brady is the son of Tony and Tina Painter.

In the 11-year-old division, Taylor Fields was chosen for the team. He is the son of Scott and Karen Fields. Trent Murray was chosen as an alternate. Trent is the son of Sharon Britten and Scott Murray.

The Hi-Plains Baseball Association is comprised of teams from Clarendon, Claude, Groom, Hedley, Panhandle and White Deer.

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

—Francis Maitland Balfour

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School Finance On Perry's Agenda

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today vetoed \$35.3 billion in the Texas Education Agency budget and called lawmakers back for a special session to "get education funding right." "For all the successes of this past session, job number one was left undone when the session ended without the passage of school finance reform," Perry said. "I'm not going to approve an education budget that shortchanges teacher salary increases, textbooks, education technology, and education reforms. And I cannot let \$2 billion sit in some bank account when it can go directly to the classroom."

Perry's use of his line-item veto authority means legislators will have 30 days to complete the task left unfinished in the regular session that ended in May. Perry has been meeting with the leadership since then to negotiate a compromise on education reform and property tax reduction bills. The special session also will afford legislators the opportunity to fund textbook purchases for schools and classroom technology.

"Make no mistake about my message today: While I respect the deliberative process and will continue to welcome and engage in negotiations, this issue has been studied and debated long enough and now it is time to act," Perry said.

Without a special session, about \$2 billion that had been intended for teacher pay raises, education reforms and other school priorities would have gone

unused instead of going to schools because House Bill 2 didn't pass. These funds cannot be redistributed under budget execution authority, meaning they can only be spent on education if appropriated during a special session. And without additional legislative action, textbooks would remain sitting in warehouses rather than in school children's hands.

"I recognize this is a bold step, and frankly one I wrestled with," Perry said. "Ultimately I determined this action was necessary to ensure we fully fund our schools, provide needed reforms in the classroom, and pass real and sustainable property tax relief." Perry said his veto will, "deliver more, not less, for our children: more money for their teachers, more money directed to the classroom, and more results in their schools."

Perry assure parents, teachers and school children that there is ample time for legislators to finish the task and for schools to open on schedule, with better funding, better teacher pay and, most importantly, critical reforms that will ensure more children are challenged to achieve in the classroom.

Perry also vetoed about \$1.7 billion in all funds for other line-item appropriations from the 2005-07 spending bill, freeing up a portion of these funds for property tax relief or education funding and making legislators' jobs easier in a special session.

In his veto proclamation, Perry noted that in his

State of the State address in January, he said Texans have a right to an unambiguous and understandable state budget that shows how tax dollars are spent. "Senate Bill 1 continues the recent practice of combining numerous programs into enormous line items of appropriation that allow too much discretion in the use of public dollars," Perry said in his veto statement.

"This practice restricts the ability of a governor to exercise the constitutional authority to line item veto. For instance, hidden in the Parks and Wildlife Department's budget is \$1,000,000 to construct bird watching facilities. Over \$18 billion is appropriated to higher education in lump sums that would require the governor to veto an entire university to reject any provincial, outdated or ill-advised spending item."

Other items in the budget that the governor vetoed are:

• \$314,252 for computer services at the Commission on the Arts. Perry said the agency

should maintain its computer technology within current funding.

• \$6.9 million for Trusteed Programs in Governor's Office. This veto deletes the Governor's Emergency and Deficiency Grants, 94 percent of which were transferred by rider to another agency to fund ongoing operations substantially limiting the purpose of an appropriation to handle one time short falls.

• \$440 million for the Federal Medicare Give-Back. These are savings that the State of Texas has accrued through efficiencies in operating the "dual eligibles program" for persons who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare services. "We are not going to turn over savings we have achieved in Texas to be spent on Washington," Perry said. "This veto in no way jeopardizes the drug prescription benefits that Texans receive. In the interim I will be working with President Bush, Secretary Leavitt and other governors on Medicaid and Medicare reform that does not penalize states."

Additionally, several states' attorneys general have raised concerns that this give-back provision is an unconstitutional levy on state treasuries. Perry said he will ask Attorney General Greg Abbott to

Carson County Sheriff's Report

Due to court days and the memorial holiday I have not been able to get a report to the newspaper in the last several weeks. This report covers the time period from 5/22 to 6/17.

There are currently 10 inmates in the county jail. Four of these inmates have been to court and are waiting an admission date into the prison system.

There were 33 individuals arrested during the reporting period. The arrests break down as follows:

Possession of Marijuana - 5, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1, Bond Forfeiture - 1, Possession of a Prohibited Weapon - 1, Possession of a Controlled Substance - 3, Disorderly Conduct - 1, Outside Warrants - 4, Endangering a Child - 4, Money Laundering - 1.

review the issue and join in this review.

• \$486,556 for the Office of Attorney General's (OAG) program to repay loans of law school students who go to work for the OAG. The veto is intended to lower law school tuitions for all Texas students because the loan repayment program is funded through a 1 percent surcharge on law school tuition. Perry further noted in his veto message that the OAG received pay increases of 17.5 percent for its lawyers.

• \$19.8 million for Texas Department of Criminal Justice to contract for bed space in county jails in fiscal year 2006. TDCJ received \$15.9 million in emergency appropriations in HB 10, but will not spend all of this funding in 2005. In addition, the appropriation for this purpose in FY 2007 is more than twice the appropriation for 2006. The projected need for contracted beds, combined with the lapsed funding over the next biennium does not support this increase. Since TDCJ has rider authority to move funds between fiscal years if necessary, the agency can use the 2007 appropriation to fund this strategy for the entire biennium. Federal funds included in this strategy would remain available to TDCJ.

• \$7 million for the Texas Military Facilities Commission, eliminating all funding for the agency. The primary function of this agency is to acquire property and manage facilities for the

Aggravated Assault - 1, Theft - 2, False Identification - 1, Assault - 1, DWI - 3, & Public Intoxication - 3.

At 3:25 PM on 5/22 Deputy Trevor McGill took a report of criminal trespass in Skellytown.

At 4:20 PM on 5/23 Deputy Drew Brassfield and myself responded to a criminal trespass at the Pantex Plant. An individual was jailed for possession of marijuana.

Later in the evening of 5/23 Deputy Brassfield and myself assisted Armstrong County officers in the manhunt of a kidnapping suspect. The suspect was apprehended at Conway and ended up in our jail.

At 7:45 PM on 5/27 Deputy Trevor McGill assisted Panhandle Police Officer Mike Broyles on a report of individuals stealing firewood from the Boy Scout hut in Panhandle. This report concluded with 4 persons being jailed for possession of marijuana and endangering a child.

At 9:30 AM on 6/2 Senior Deputy Heath Cates took a stolen purse report at the Groom Dairy Queen.

At 7:00 PM on 6/5 Deputy Drew Brassfield responded to a report of a drunk driver near the Panhandle airport.

At 3:00 AM Deputy Drew Brassfield discovered several minors who were in possession of alcohol in

Skellytown. Four citations were issued.

At 11:00 PM Deputy Brassfield took a criminal mischief report involving shot out pickup windows on the south end of Borger.

Between 6/9 and 6/10 we assisted with 3 wrecks on Interstate 40. One involved a pickup, which hit a deer. Two involved trucks that overturned. Luckily there were no injuries in any of these incidents.

At 11:00 AM on 6/9 Senior Deputy Heath Cates took a report of a stolen pressure washer in Groom.

At 9:00 AM on 6/12 Chief Deputy Scott Sutton responded to a burglary west of Groom. A vehicle was stolen from the property. New Mexico State Police in Ft. Sumner New Mexico later recovered the vehicle. A suspect is in jail in Fort Sumner for stealing a separate vehicle. We have a hold on the suspect for the Carson County offenses.

Also on 6/12 Chief Deputy Scott Sutton responded to a call of an unattended death at a residence in Webb Bragg. Judge Phyllis Tyler pronounced the person dead and ordered an autopsy. The death has been ruled an accident.

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Carson County Sheriff

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