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Roby Lynn Begins Duties As McLean's Public Works Director

Roby Lynn, McLean's new Public Works Director, is no stranger to a small town. He was raised in Sudan, Texas and had the opportunity to do some farming there.

Roby and his wife, Diane, are coming to McLean from Lubbock, Texas where Roby was self employed as an independent contractor. He saw the opportunity to work and live in McLean as an opportunity to get out

of the city.

Diane's parents are Wayne and Shirley Ennis of McLean. Roby has an aunt who lives in Amarillo. "We wanted to move closer to be near our family," Roby stated.

Roby has three daughters, all living in different parts of the United States. Two are married to men in the military. The other daughter lives in Austin, Texas. He has two

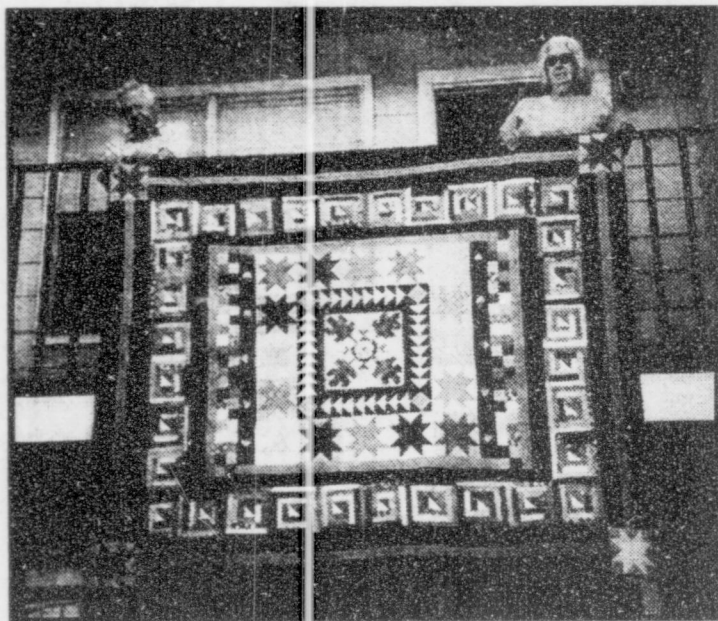
grandchildren.

Roby's previous work experience includes working for a Louisiana Electric company as a heavy equipment operator and in plant control. He has also been a manager for Crosbyton Feed Company where he supervised the daily operation at the plant.

Roby and Diane are hoping to close on a home in McLean and move in this week.



Quilt Raffle To Benefit Urgent Transplant Needs of Local Man



Dick and Effie Everett Show off the quilt to be raffled off. Effie pieced the quilt and Gail Wilson from White Deer Quilted it. It may be seen at McLean's Flower cottage

Cold weather isn't too far ahead to start thinking about a new quilt. A beautiful quilt, pieced by Effie Everett of McLean and quilted by Gail Wilson of White Deer is being raffled off. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for

medical assistance for Jim Reyna, who must have a liver transplant soon.

Tickets for the raffle may be purchased at The Flower Cottage, Hair Gallery or you may contact Effie Everett. The quilt will be on display at The

Flower Cottage. It can also be seen in Shamrock, July 14 at 6 PM at El Paso Football field during the American Cancer Relay for Life. Donations are also being accepted at The Bank of Commerce/Jim Reyna Fund.

Commissioner's Court Seeks Applications for Disaster Aid

The Commissioners Court met in regular session at the Gray County Courthouse located at 205 N. Russell in Pampa, Texas on June 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Richard D. Peet, County Judge, Joe Wheeley, Commissioner, Precinct 1, Gary Willoughby, Commissioner, Precinct 2, Gerald Wright, Commissioner, Precinct 3, James Hefley, Commissioner, Precinct 4 and Susan Winborne, County Clerk.

City Council Member Storms Out of Meeting, See Story in Next Issue of the McLean News

The McLean City Council Minutes were received too late to meet the deadline for this weeks issue. Keep watching next weeks paper for the full report on issues raised at the last meeting that resulted in a city council member walking out in the middle of the meeting.

All items were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted: minutes of prior

meeting, continue emergency disaster declaration, continuing See Commissioners, pg. 8

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

MCLEAN RANCH Rodeo Saturday, July 22, 2006 in the Felton Webb Arena. Bronc riding will begin at 7PM followed by the rodeo. Adults \$6.00, Kids under 12, \$3.00, Kids under 5-free. Slab dance starts at 9:30 PM with Empty Pockets.

COUNTRY FAIR- July 22, 2006 in the City Park-10 AM. Food, vendors and games for everyone.

THE RED River Boys will be in concert July 17, 2006 at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church

PHYSICALS for incoming JH athletes, 9th grade and 11th grade athletes will be August 1, 2006 at 6PM at McLean High School. Call Blaze Herring at 779-2571 for more information.

YOUNG @HEART club will meet July 18 for a pot luck luncheon.

AMERICAN CANCER Relay for Life will be held Friday, July 14, 2006 at 6:00 PM at El Paso Field Stadium in Shamrock.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet July 17, 2006, 7 PM at the school business office.

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

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Bob and Carrie Hardin (A), Tommye and Shot Cole (A).

July 15 - Jim Bob Adams, Donna Gail Brown, Dean Crockett.

July 18 - Jim Bible, Shandon Stalls, Dorinda Haynes, Janie Marie Jackson.

July 16 - Tyler Cole.

July 19 - Lee Erin Stubbs, Johnny Day, Jr., Troy and Jerry Corbin (A).

July 17 - Nikki Boclmon.

Art Exhibit at Devil's Rope



Davie Gibson, museum curator views 'Memories Along Rt. 66' Art Show.

The KAZART KCLASS, a group of women who paint for the fun of it, have a traveling art show display at the Devil's Rope Museum this month. The show is titled "Memories Along Route 66".

Artists included in the show are Emily Heckmen of Claude, Katherine Stephens of Tulia, Virginia

Bailey, Judy Blevins, Nancy Ford, Margie Holm, Mary Johnson, Jessie Kinsey, Donna Marchbank and Martha Arnett all of Amarillo.

The paintings are for sale, according to Davie Gipson, museum curator.

This group of artists also exhibited their cowboy paintings at the museum in June.

Red River Boys Perform

The Red River Boys from Childress, Texas will be in concert at 7 PM, July 17, 2006. They will be

performing a religious concert at the First Baptist Church of McLean. This group sings all over the area. Curtis Simpson, formerly of McLean, is a member of this group.

There will be a love offering taken. The proceeds will go toward the expenses for a City-wide Vacation Bible School. VBS is planned for August before school starts.

Devil's Rope Museum

We have been really busy in June with three bus tours and three motorcycle groups.

We had a total of 683 visitors from 36 states plus DC and 16 foreign countries. Total international visitors were 193 with Germany and England having the most.

One gentleman visited from Stoks-on-Tront, England. He said that is the hometown of the captain of the Titanic. Davie Gipson, museum curator, told him about the Titanic display at the McLean-Alanreed Museum.

A book, The Yellow Outlaw Stud, was brought in by the author. Copies were sold quickly and more have been ordered.

There have been 4 umbrellas and a denim jacket left at the museum. If they belong to you, please go by and claim them.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Attendance at two most recent meetings of The McLean City Council looking for vestiges of representative government disclosed city government of a more fascist nature. It appears that the recent termination of a qualified employee in order to hire an unqualified employee was only a part of Machiavellian moves by the mayor on a nodding naive city council. Ironically the new employee will receive his on the job training from current city employees! What began as a simple employee/management problem should have been

handled at the lowest level both for the benefit of the city and the terminated employee had it not been for the personal management agenda. The July 10 meeting was marred by the city attorney usurping a large segment of the time allotted for visitor comments on the agenda. His repetitive obfuscations provided no real insight to anything.

Bill Reeves

Editors note. Letters to the Editor are paid for by the person writing them and must be signed. The opinions expressed in the letters are not necessarily those of the editor or the publication.

Commissioner

burn ban, approve banning the sale and use of aerial fireworks except for the fireworks display sponsored by the city of Pampa., approve line item budget transfers as recommended by the county auditor, approve treasurer's report, approve

Interlocal participation Agreement with Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, accept bids

See Court, pg. 9

Young @ Heart Meet For July 4th

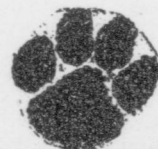
Members of the McLean Young@Heart club had a July 4th luncheon. The members commented on how good the hot dogs and trimmings were. There were 17 members present. There was a sing-a-long. Linda Eggers provided accompaniment on the piano.

Dan and Linda Eggers, Boots Stone, Rosa Troy and Mary Dwyer were recognized for painting the grids and installing the new ceiling tiles.

The next meeting is July 18th. It will be a potluck luncheon.

RAIN

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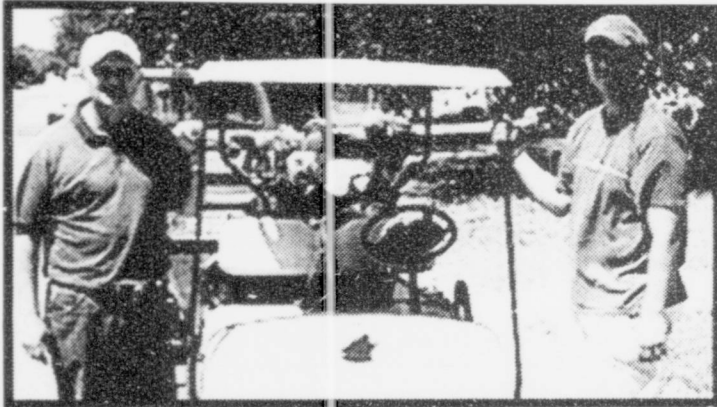
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Father-Son Team Tyler & Marshall Hanes and Father Son Team Bob and Andy Glass competed in a recent Shamrock tournament.

Shamrock Country Club held their annual Fourth of July two-man golf tournament, July 1st and 2nd. This is becoming an annual event for two father-son teams in McLean.

Marshall and Tyler Hanes of McLean have competed in this tournament for the past two years. They placed third in the championship flight. They shot 14 under par. Bob and Andy Glass

of McLean have competed in this tournament for the past ten years. They placed third in the fourth flight. They shot one under par.

Approximately 50 teams entered this year.

Court approve relief...

from Scott Lindsey for delinquent tax property and approve and pay monthly bills. Judge Peet also announced that the jail passed the March 26, 2006 inspection.

Judge Peet also told the Court that Gray County

has received \$15,000 from the Cattlemen's Disaster Relief fund to be distributed to farmers and ranchers who lost livestock and fences in March wildfires. Applications need to be picked up in the County Judges office at the

Court House in Pampa. Applications must be returned to the Courthouse by July 15, 2006.

(Editor's note: We receive minutes from the Commissioner's Court approximately two weeks after they meet. They are mailed to us.)



Seated Martha Van Huss, Betty Taylor, Irene Hunt, Davie Gipson, Samantha and Cindy Glass; Standing Berniece Pyeatt, Zeld McClellan, Margie Reimer, Don Taylor, Nita Reimer, Keith Reimer, Joe Glass, Johnny Kalka and Bill Kalka.

Families of Skillet Creek and Watkins Camp Have Reunion

Friends, family and neighbors who lived (or live) on Skillet Creek and Watkins Community met for a reunion, Saturday, July 8, 2006 at the Senior Citizens Building.

Those attending the covered dish luncheon

were Davie Gipson, Irene Hunt, Don and Betty Taylor, Martha Van Huss, Margie Reimer, Berniece Pyeatt, Zeld McClellan, Keith and Nita Reimer, Bill Kalka, Johnny Kalka, Bob & Janet Glass and Joe and Cindy Glass and their

granddaughter, Samantha.

The business meeting was held after lunch. It was the consensus of the group to continue holding the reunion each year. After the meeting, the afternoon was spent visiting.

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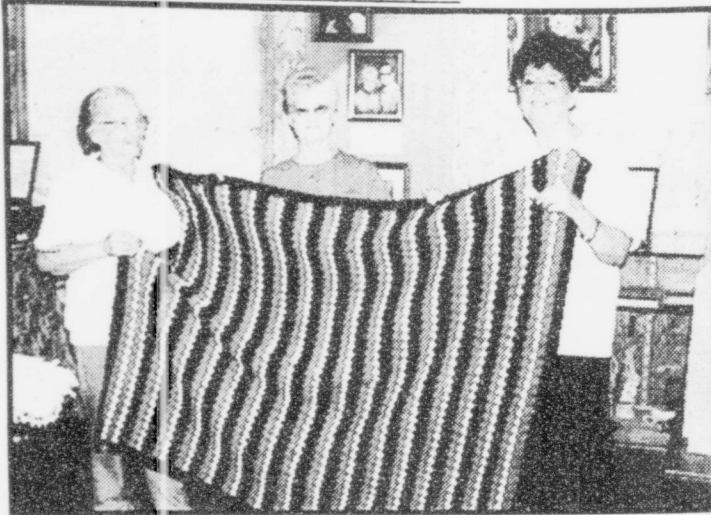
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Margie Fish, Anita Day, and Dorthey McKee show off the afghan that Mary Emma Woods made for the museum. Janet McCracken won it in a raffle.

McLean/Alanreed Museum Has Many Local and Foreign Visitors

For the month of June, McLean/Alanreed Museum had 116 visitors from 13 different states. There were 30 visitors from the countries of Norway, Australia, India, Germany and England.

A lot of interesting visitors came into the museum according to Dorthey McKee, museum curator. One gentleman came in looking for a house made out of flint. It seems a Texas Ranger had told him there was such a house in the McLean Area.

A couple from

Mississippi related a story to Dorthey about the damage to their house that was caused by Hurricane Katrina. They are rebuilding.

One couple came in that had just been discharged from the service. They had a one year contract with a major company to work and live in Kuwait. They said that gas was 29 cents a gallon and that everything there was clean and orderly, although there were still occasional bombings.

Four college graduates

from Nottingham England visited the museum. They were on a three month tour of the United States.

The Prisoner of War Camp brings in visitors. A gentleman from Dallas said his mother still remembers the P.O.W. camp, even though she is 97. A lady from Lubbock came in to do research on the P.O.W. camp for a term paper she is writing.

According to Dorthey, everyone that came in was very impressed with the museum and made positive comments.



Residents, family and friends enjoy the July 4th celebration at the McLean Care Center.



Care Center Celebrates Independence Day

Residents, their families, volunteers and employees of McLean Care Center celebrated the Fourth of July last weekend.

Billy Ray Johnston,

administrator, gave the welcome and the invocation. Everyone was treated to barbeque and all the trimmings, fruit and dessert.

McLean School Board Meets in Special Session To Discuss 2006-2007 Budget

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Special meeting at 7 PM on June 29, 2006. Board members present were Terri Adams, Joe Riley, Carey Richardson and Randy Edleman. Also present was Superintendent Jimmy Hannon. Absent from the meeting was David Fuller and Chet Bohlar.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Joe Riley called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Mr. Hannon presented the budget numbers in summary as discussed during the previous Board meeting. The total amount of expenditures is \$1,956,770. The revenue from local sources and

from the state will be \$2,450,396. The food service transfer was calculated at \$24,219 which will leave a fund balance in the amount of \$469,407. He stated this was based on a tax rate of \$1.37. Toni Bohlar made a

motion to adopt the budget for 2006-2007 as presented, seconded by

Terri Adams. The motion carried.

Terri Adams made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM.

2006 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 19	SAN JACINTO/HOLY CROSS (SCRIMM)	TBA
AUG. 24	LEFORS (SCRIMM)	TBA
AUG. 31	PATTON SPRINGS	7:30
SEPT. 8	HIGGINS	7:30
SEPT. 15	HEDLEY	7:30
SEPT. 22	LEFORS	7:30
SEPT. 29	FT. ELLIOT	7:30
OCT. 6	MIAMI	7:30
OCT. 13	SAMNORWOOD	7:30
OCT. 20	OPEN	TBA
OCT. 27	MOTLEY COUNTY	7:30
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NOV. 9, 10	LAZBUDDIE	7:30

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Thursday, July 13, 2006



Library To Be Re-Named For Influential Force Behind Four Generations Of Readers

Father Jose on the run, doing some business in the Post Office...

Longtime neighbors, Julie Friemel and Jan Britten taking one of their last walks around the neighborhood before Jan & Hop re-located to Fredericksburg...

Laurel & Conner Fields visiting with The Millers... two of the cutest little ones you will ever meet... Dad and Mom are Matt and Aimee Fields...

Donald Bland of WT Gas, repairing a gas leak at the old Chevron Station...

Jessica Friemel helping her mom, Julie, paint the house over the weekend... looking good! You girls hire out?

Marcia Conrad resting up after a week with the grand kids...

Wishing Bertha Knight could have seen her name on the new plaque coming soon in her honor on the library. Can you imagine her grin...

R.B. Thornton wondering why we keep getting missed by the rains...

A big thank you and appreciation to the Commissioner's Court for going along with us and re-naming the Groom Library after Bertha Knight...

Jim Bible in town to cool off from wok at the Cross...

Carson County Commissioner Kevin Howell having some interesting comments concerning improving county business, more to follow...

Kenny Martin doing business in the courthouse on Monday, prior to assuming ownership of Stop N Shop...

Carson County Commissioners unanimously approved changing the name of Groom Branch Library to The Bertha Knight Memorial Library after hearing testimony from Mayor Joe Homer and Publisher of The Groom News, Phillip J. Miller, both of whom were acting as spokespersons for several Groom citizens who were unable to attend the meeting; and after testimonial letters were sent to the court by interested towns people.

Bertha Knight knew that when you open a child's eyes to the written word, you unlock the secrets of the world to them. Nothing is beyond their reach. They can travel the world and beyond... they can become anyone or anything ... meet the famous or infamous... travel backward or forward in time and space and more. This is a philosophy that she shared with every child in Groom for several generations, precisely 38 years and 61 days.

According to Mayor Joe Homer, Mrs. Knight was

very well thought of in the community and had devoted her life to the library and it's patrons. Publisher Miller presented some biographical information on her as well as facts taken from other published articles

were their friend and made a big deal out of them checking out books. She also made them feel very important when they were finally old enough to have their own library card", he said. " She was honored on the occasion of her 35th



Commissioner Britten makes the nomination to change the name of the Library to honor former librarian.

concerning Mrs. Knight and the Library.

"Mrs. Knight was the Groom Library for 38 years," he said, "She made everyone feel at home in the library especially the children. She made the children realize that books

anniversary with a party hosted by the local Girl Scout Troops and attended by elected officials from the County Commissioners, the Museum Board and more; and later she would be honored by the Alpha Mu Xi by receiving the "People

Helping People" Award."

Mr. & Mrs. Randall Patterson stated in their letter to the court that "...while God had not given Bertha children of her own, He had Blessed her with hundreds of children to love, nurture and teach, through the library and church. She would have been thrilled and honored (to know that the Court was considering the re-naming of the library)..."

Another special friend of the library and of Mrs. Knight was Paula Brown. She wrote "...I would like to see the library renamed for her. Bertha did a good job of taking care of the books and the people going through the library"

Commissioner Mike Britten made the motion and lead the unanimous



vote to change the name.

A re-naming ceremony is being discussed for The Groom Day Celebration. Keep watching The Groom News for details as plans

See Library, pg. 2

Board Hires New Coach

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met for the regular monthly meeting. Present were Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten, Rodney Bohr, Curtis Downs, and Seth Ritter. Superintendent Terry Stevens was also in attendance

With not guests present, no open forum was held and no minutes of the previous meeting were held.

A motion was made and approved to purchase learning centers from Renaissance Learning for a total of \$4,937.55 using REAP Grant money.

See School, pg. 6

Carson County Receives Additional Money For Fire Losses In County

Carson County Commissioners met Monday morning for their regular meeting date with several interested candidates for upcoming offices, banker and citizens presenting from Groom for an important name change recommendation for the Groom Library. The commissioners were all present with County Judge Lewis Powers presiding.

Commissioners approved a recommendation from Publisher Phil Miller and Mayor Joe Homer to re-name the Groom Library for Groom's dearest friend, Bertha Knight. (See the related story on page 1 about Mrs. Knight.)

Jerry Strawn, commissioner, precinct 3 asked and was approved the purchase of a new motor grader. Present at the meeting were officials from The Happy State

Bank, Greg Houlett for the commissioners to approve the investment into his bank county funds. Houlett explained the details and interest rates to be paid on invested funds from the county. All approved.

County Clerk Celeste Bichsel recommended the following letter to the commissioners for their approval of presiding judges and officers for the upcoming November elections.

Serving for Precinct 101, Judge Marion Pool and Alternate Presiding Judge Nila Burgin. Others precinct judges are as follows: 102- Stacey Haiduk; 103- Sherric Bronniman; 201 - Wayne Throckmorton, (a) Joyce Hoffman; 202 - Debra Kincade, (a) Mary Ann Exncicious; 301- Jane Hare, (a) Bernice Rutkowski; 302- Thelma Dugan, (a)

Barbara Scheller; 401 - Vikie Hillis (a) Rita Poor; 402 - Debra Epperson (a) Reva Barnett Williams.

A treasury report was presented to the court and approved.

Judge Powers reported receiving for Carson County an additional \$5,000 from the Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Funds for the losses the county received during earlier year fires. This makes \$10,000 total the county has received from

The Cattlemen's Association for losses.

Taxes collected as of Monday, June 30, 2006 were standing at a good 98.59% collection rate by the Tax Assessor Collection Jackie Lewis.

Workshop for budget settings were not least, but one of the last items discussed on the agenda.

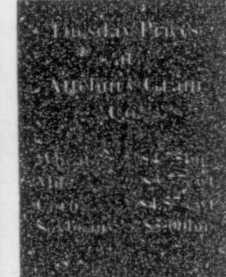
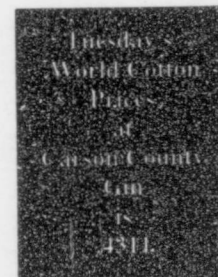
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Community Calendar

ATTENTION RED Hatters: A Trip to The Big Texas for food and a show is being planned for Tuesday, July 18th. Please call Shirley or Juandell for details. Reservations are required. Must know by Monday July 17th, noon. Call Shirley at 248-7973 or Juandell at 248-7972.

HAVE YOU turned your class reunion information into the Groom News yet? Come by or call 248-7333.

WOOD GATHERING July 27 @ 7:30pm. Meet at Johnny Brooks' barn.



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Budget and proposed budgets are due at specific times to be published for the public at special times with deadlines nearing quickly. But confusion set in as Judge Powers announced the needed information to be presented for public inspection and several commissioners and office holders were either to be on vacation or had other priorities. So a special budget workshop meeting was set for 8:00 a.m., July 24, 2006. Jackie West auditor said during the public meeting that she

had already taken her vacation earlier in the spring and her budget was ready to go. Carson County taxpayers will be presented the Counties' budget in their local newspapers.

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LOCAL HAPPENING

THURSDAY IS Ladies Night at the Groom Pool, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

County Commissioner to meet early July 24, at 8:00 am for their regular meeting.

Garrett Britten Graduates From Notre Dame University



Garrett Britten, son of Clifton and Susan Britten, was graduated on May 21, 2006 from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science in Engineering.

Garrett was a 2002 graduate of Groom High School. He will begin employment with Avaya, Inc. in Denver, Colorado on July 10th.

Birthday & Anniversaries

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

July 14 - Mrs. Roselle Collingsworth, Karen Conrad Fisher, Nicholas William Bohr.

July 15 - Billy Keith

Fields, David Brusco.

July 16 - Cassandra Ashford, Beitye West, Michael Brett Friemel.

July 18 - Sybil Brown, R.J. Kuehler, Mrs. Tom Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Koetting (A).

July 19 - Ellen Gray, Bonnie Goheen.

Class of 1966 Will Meet For 40th Reunion

The Class of 1966 will meet for their 40th anniversary to Larry Lamberson's home south of Amarillo on Friday night. They will have a float for

the parade on Saturday and eat together at the BBQ. Call Larry or Dondra for more information or directions at 355-9339 or 248-7940.

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are made between the County Judge and Court and the Groom Day Committee. In the meantime... remember what Bertha used to always say... "I'll give you your roses while you can smell them!..." Thank you to all who cared enough to make this happen for the memory of a wonderful woman and asset to the community of Groom and the County Library service.

Carrie Davis and Jaime Arias Exchange Vows In Vegas Wedding

Carrie Sue Davis and Jaime Arias were united in marriage on June 20, 2006 at a destination wedding held at the Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Carrie Sue Davis is the daughter of Marcia and Gary Davis of Groom. Jamie is the son of Trini Arias and the late Rey Arias.

A reception was held in the Samba Restaurant in the Mirage Hotel and was attended by family and friends.

Carrie graduated from West Texas A & M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She is a coach at Friona High

School.

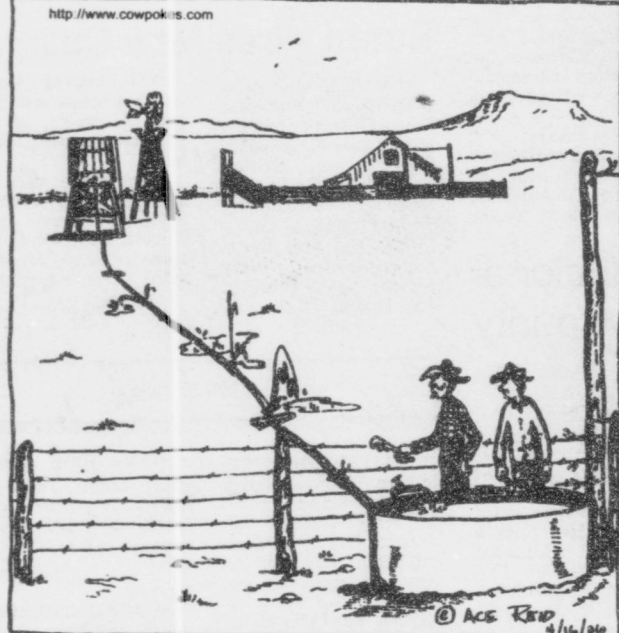
Jaime graduated from West Texas A & M with a Masters degree in Education Administration. He also coaches at Friona High School.

The newlyweds will reside in Friona.



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
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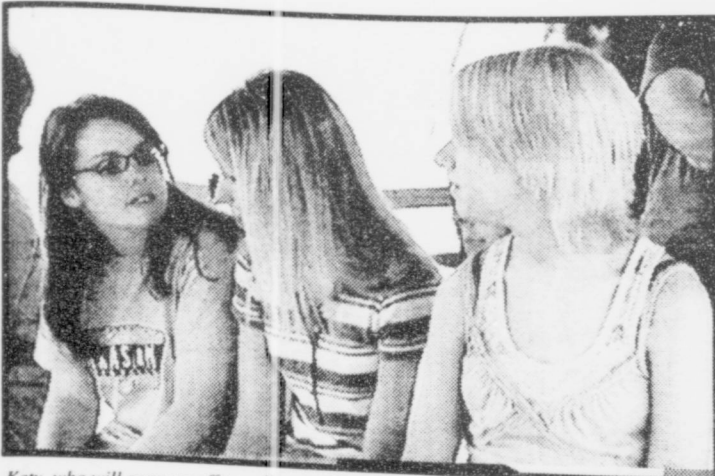
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Katy, who will soon go off to college at Texas A & M University enjoys a long chat with cousins who are also very good friends.

The Hop Britten's will soon hand the reins of the Stop N Shop over to new owners Kenny and Melanie Martin, as they embark in a new adventure moving to Fredericksburg where Jan will be the head administrator of a Hospice Hospital there. A going away party was held in their honor last week at the park.



Jan Britten is surrounded by friends as Tim Case, Flora Glenn Hammers and Dora Margaret Crowell enjoy a visit at Thursday party in the park.

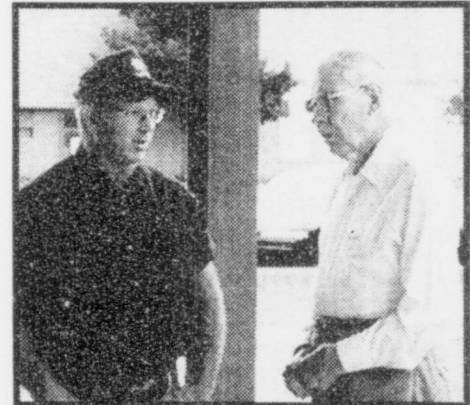


Tony Painter and Hop Britten will miss their visits over the counter at the Stop N Shop.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful send off at the park. We really appreciate all those who prepared the food and drinks and pulled it all together. Thank you very much to all our friends and family for coming by to visit with us. We will miss Groom and all the wonderful people who live here. Thank you for many years of treasured memories and good times. We will be back to visit, and our door will always be open, so we hope you will come to Fredericksburg to visit us when you get a chance!

*Thanks again!
Hop, Jan,
& family*



Ronny Fields and Tom Britten were just a few of the friends and relatives who turned out to wish the Britten's well in their new endeavors.

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John Homer Family Reunion Held

The first ever, John & Mary Homer Family Reunion, was held on July 1st, 2006. The event took place at St. Mary's Catholic School in Groom. Families represented included members of the Mike Homer, Paul Homer, Carl Homer, Theresa Hermesmeier and Alice Britten.

Those present from the Theresa Hermesmeier family were: Martin Hermesmeier of Groom; Marilyn & Doug Thompson of Pampa; Bob Hermesmeier of Amarillo; Gerald & Dani Hermesmeier of Amarillo; Randy & Cindy Quirk of Amarillo; Josh & Shauna Quirk of Del City, OK; Keith & Erick Quirk of Amarillo.

The Alice Britten Family included: Ray & Alice Britten of Groom; Kathy Stoerner of Houston, TX; Sandi, Jessica & Allison Schaefer of Mesquite, TX; Hop, Jan, Katy & Brody Britten of Groom; Sara Britten of Amarillo; Tony & Wamyth Britten of Groom, Karri Britten of Canyon, TX.

From the Paul Homer Family were: Daniel, Mary Jo, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo, Justin and John Henry

Schacher of Muleshoe, TX; Bill & Norma Jean Homer of Groom; Tracy, Katrina, Kendall & James Homer of Tifton, GA; Joannie Kling, Tiffani & Cody of Groom; Travis & Brenda Homer of Amarillo.

The Mike Homer Family included: Neal,

Ann & Julie Lueb of Hereford, TX; Justin Lueb and friend, Cheyenne of Hereford, TX; Garry and Janie Rogers of Amarillo; Myka Kelch of Amarillo; Jason, Jodi, Jordan & Jadyann Lueb of Amarillo; Tim Homer of Hereford, TX; Lewis, Marcia and Ben Fetsch of Hereford, TX; Jeremy, Chari, Tyler, Jacob Lueb of Canyon; Dwayne & Christy Crawford of Kress, TX.

Carl Homer's Group included: Lance, Karla, Craig & Rick Nelson of Robinson, TX; Teresa Cody of Robinson, TX; Steve & Vanita Homer of Houston, TX; Linda & Leon Anglin of Mountain Home, AR; Vince, Angie, Evan, April & Tess Homer of Amarillo; Dan, Gayla, Luke & Mandi Britten of Amarillo; Carey, Melissa, Blake, Gracie & Cort Britten of Amarillo; Karen McInnis of Woodward, OK.



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The Theresa Hermesmeier Family

Former Groom Teacher, Educator, 99 Dennis P. Smith Services held In Dallas On June 23, 2006

Beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and teacher Dennis Pleasant Smith born February 21, 1907, passed away on June 19, 2006 at the age of 99. He was active in the choir and a long time member of the Pleasant Mound United Methodist Church. At the church's 50th Anniversary celebration, Dennis was honored as the oldest living member. He was a 1925 graduate of Groom High School. He received his Masters of Education from Western Texas State Teachers College in Canyon, Texas. Dennis was an innovative and outstanding educator who improved and impacted the lives of many students. He also taught school in White Deer.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Lucille Smith; his brother Emmitt Smith, and

one sister Imogene Glass. Survivors include Genevieve Rains; daughters Ruth Priest and husband Welton, Ruth White and husband Virgil; son James "Buddy" Smith and his wife Evelyn "Ebbie" grandchildren Cindy Whitaker, Don Whitaker, Shelly Smith and husband Randy; Carol Witt and husband Dennis; Steve White, Tanya Davis and husband Jim; Debra Toner, Mark Smith and his wife, Catherine; great-great grandchildren Travis, Zachary, and Magan Whitaker; Beau Smith and wife Misty, Tiffany Smith, Shane and Chelsey Witt; Heather Davis; Shane, Amanda and Samantha Toner; Megan Colline and Kristen Smith, special family friend and caregiver Evelyn Crain as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held June 23 at the Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas.

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Carson County Sheriff's Arrest Report

Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Tam Terry

Edgar Taboada, 29, of Overland, KS, was arrested on a felony charge of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs and less than 2,000, by Trooper Oscar Esqueda on I-40 on July 3, 2006. He was released on \$15,000 bail.

Salenia Joel Hunter, 34, of Overland, KS was arrested on a felony charge of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs and less than 2,000, by Trooper Oscar Esqueda on I-40 on July 3, 2006. She was released on \$15,000 bail.

Sotero Lopez Anguiano, 51, of Pampa, Texas, 51 was arrested on a Misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated by Officer Tanner Blackburn on July 3, 2006 in Panhandle.

Ramiro Ernesto Ramos, 53, of Amarillo was arrested for DWI on July 3, 21006 in Panhandle by Chief Rob Roach.

Melody Anne Griffin, 49, of Amarillo was arrested for DWI in Panhandle on June 26, 2006 by DPS Trooper Dennis Brassfield. She was released on bond of \$2,500.

Justin Scott Schimpf, 22 of Panhandle was arrested for a felony violation of evading arrest with a vehicle by Sheriff Tam Terry on June 25, 2006.

Christopher R Beller, 25 of Panhandle was arrested by Sheriff Tam Terry on outside warrants and a felony possession charge of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Francisco Arroyo, 52, was extradited from Arizona on a felony charge of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs but less than 2,000 lbs by Deputy Rick Armstrong and James O'Malley on July 3, 2006.

Mark Duane Rogers, 36, of Peoria, Az was extradited from San Diego on June 27, 2006 on a felony charge of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs but less than 2,000 lbs by Deputy Rick Armstrong and James O'Malley.

Fred Christian Andrewin, 28 of Hemet, CA was arrested by

Trooper Jerome Ingle on June 28, 2006 for possession of marijuana, 4 oz to 5 lbs.

Lamont Alonzo Anderson, 29 of Redlands, CA was arrested by Trooper Jerome Ingle on June 28, 2006 for possession of marijuana, 4 oz to 5 lbs. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Victor Alfredo Rios, 28, of Oklahoma City, OK were arrested on June 28, 2006 by Trooper Darrin Bridges for felony possession of a controlled substance in Panhandle.

Jose Luis Tapia, 21, of Oklahoma City was arrested on June 28, 2006 for possession of a controlled substance 1 gram to 400 gram by Trooper Darrin Bridges.

Ronald Andrew Gutierrez, 58, of Amarillo was arrested in Groom by Deputy Rick Armstrong for a parole violation out of California on June 28, 2006.

Ruben Gomez Jr., 44, of Louisville, KY was arrested on June 28, 2006 for parole violation out of California. He was arrested by Trooper Dennis Brassfield.

Shannon Marie Ratcliff, 29, of Bellville, MI was arrested for money laundering on Interstate 40 by Trooper Jerome Ingle on June 30, 2006.

Cristobal Lozano, 51, of Borger was arrested by DPS Trooper Scott Smith of Driving While Intoxicated on Hwy 1520n Jul 3, 2006.

Jesus Rodriguez, 46, of Borger was arrested on July 1, 2006 for Public Intoxication by Trooper Scott Smith.

Matthew Romero, 20, of Dalhart, was arrested on July 1, 2006 by Trooper Dennis Brassfield for Driving While Intoxicated on Hwy 60.

Christopher Kirby Caylor, 29, of Amarillo was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith for Driving While Licence Invalid by Trooper Mike Smith at the 101 Mile Marker on I-40.

Thomas Urban Bouzek, 45, of Stella, MO was arrested on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, more than 1 gram, but less than 400 grams by Trooper Dennis Bridges on Interstate 40.

Tammy Jane Putman, 45, of Stella, Mo. was arrested on July 10 for possession of a controlled substance less than 400 grams by Trooper Darrin Bridges.

Jason Michael Snyder, 19 of Panhandle was arrested in Panhandle by Officer Tanner Blackburn for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor and resisting arrest on July 2, 2006.

Victor Hugo Perez, 41, of Amarillo, Texas was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated by Deputy Rick Armstrong on July 10, 2006.

Bruce Lee Fredrickson, 51, was arrested by Chief Deputy Randy Elliott for Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd offense by Deputy Randy Elliott.

Ray Neal Caraway, 51, of Dumas was arrested in Panhandle for Driving While Intoxicated on July 8, 2006 by Trooper Dennis Brassfield.

Javier Martinez Ortega, 39, of Bakersfield Ca. was arrested by Deputy Clarence Mebbitt on July 7, 2006 for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds and less than 2,000 lbs.

Those who are currently in jail include:

6-27-06 Francisco Arroyo

2-23-06 Rosalio Rodriguez Barraza

6-21-06 Javier Correa Lerma

4-02-06 Jermyn Jerome Dunken

6-28-06 Ruban Gomez Jr.

6-28-06 Ronald Andrew Gutierrez

5-26-06 Manuel Enrique Gutieres

5-31-06 Arturo Magana Herrera

7-10-06 Gary Wayne Jackson

5-27-06 Curtis Wayne Matlock

6-13-06 Alejandro Martinez Ochoa

4-1-06 Javier Osonil Pena

6-30-06 Shannon Marie Ratcliff

6-22-06 Justin Ray Renolds

6-28-06 Victor Alfredo Rios

5-21-05 Gene Wesley Rogers

6-05-06 Carlos Santos

6-26-06 Justin Scott Schimpf

7-02-06 Jason Michael Snyder

6-28-06 Jose Luis Tapia

5-26-06 Emmanuel Vasquez-Marinez

1-12-06 Manuel Jesus Velgara

Groom School Calendar

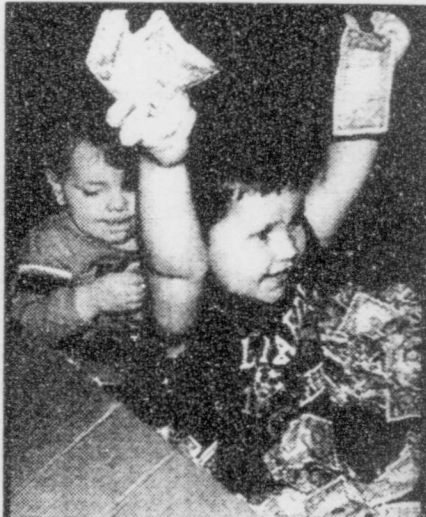
August 11- Teachers Workday	Six Weeks & 1st Semester.
August 14 - Teacher In-Service	January 19 - Teacher In-Service
August 15 - Teacher Workday	February 19 - Holiday - No School.
August 16 - Teacher In-Service	February 23 - End of 4th Six Weeks
August 17 - 1st day of Classes	March 12-16 - Spring Break
September 4 - No School, Labor Day.	April 6 & 9 - Easter Break
September 30 - End of 1st six weeks	April 13 - End of 5th Six Weeks
October 9 - No School, Columbus Day	May 11 - Snow Day
November 10 - end of 2nd six weeks	May 28 - No School
November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday	Work Day
December 20-Jan 1 - Christmas Holiday.	May 31 - End of 6th 6 weeks and last day of Classes
January 2 - Teachers Workday	June 1 - Teacher Work Day and Graduation.
January 3 - Classes Resume	Weather Make Up Days are April 9th and May 11.
January 12 - End of 3rd	

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