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Gray County 4-Hers Receive Awards During Ceremonies At Dude Ranch

The weekend of August 5th and 6th was a busy one for the Gray County 4-Hers. Saturday started out with a breakfast honoring the leaders of all the 4-H projects. Leaders from McLean were Sally Bohlar, Traci Cooper, EllaMae Reyna, Betty Morgan, Rebecca Simmons, Heidi Syfrett and Linda Syfrett.

After the breakfast, the group traveled to the Dude Ranch in Clarendon for the rest of the week-end.

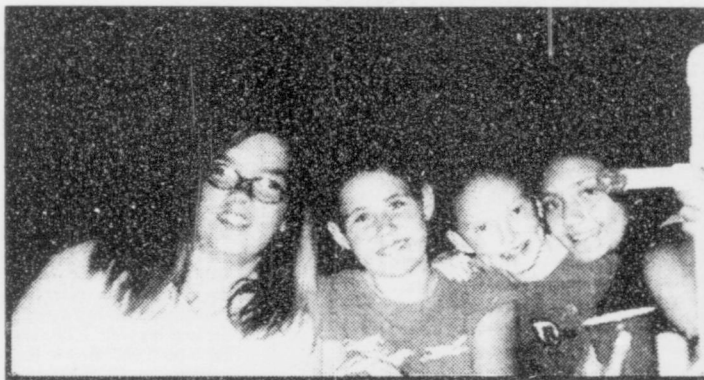
There was swimming, crafts, hay rides and a Bar-B-Q. There was also a program on how to prepare your family for disasters.

The weekend ended with the Awards Banquet. The following were

awarded their membership pins: Braxton Cooper-2 years, Britnie Cooper-2 years, Becca Reyna-3 years, Saber Bohlar-4 years and Tammy Syfrett-6 years.

Awards were also given for point books. Everything a 4-Her does adds up to points. Members younger than high school age need 250 or more points. High school students need 300 or more points. This year the following members from McLean received a 4-H jacket: Becca Reyna, Britnie Cooper, Braxton Cooper, Saber Bohlar and Tammy Syfrett. Britnie

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Tammy Syfrett, Saber Bohlar, Britnie Cooper and Becca Reyna take time out from their busy 4-H fun to pose for a group picture

Council Discusses Possible Tax Raise

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Monday, August 7th, 2006 at 1 PM in the city Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Betty Taylor with the following members present: Bob Martin, Molly McDowell, George Shaw and Betty Taylor. Mindy Reeves was absent.

McLean EDC - Alderman Taylor explained to the Council that the EDC was having sidewalk

and a handicap ramp put at the pavilion at the cost of \$2375.00 that needed the Council's approval. Alderman McDowell made the motion to approve the \$2375.00. Alderman Taylor and Shaw abstained from voting. Alderman McDowell voted for.

Motion passed, Alderman Taylor then told the Council that the EDC wanted to purchase a merry go round for the park, but was not sure at this time what kind they were going to be purchasing. Motion

by Alderman Shaw, seconded by Molly McDowell, to approve for the EDC to purchase a merry go round no over \$4500.00. Voting for - Alderman McDowell and Shaw. Abstaining from voting was Alderman Taylor.

Resolution-Motion by Alderman McDowell, seconded by Alderman Shaw with Alderman McDowell and Shaw voting for and Alderman Taylor abstaining from voting to approve the

following resolution: "Resolution for the City of McLean, authorizing designated signators for its Texas Community Development Program Contract 726421 and designating the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary as authorized signators for the State of Texas Purchase Vouchers and for the Requests for Advance or Reimbursement for the Texas Community Development Program Contract 726421.

Pipeline Regulatory Consultants Proposal-a proposal was submitted for an annual amount of \$3600.00 from Pipeline Regulatory Consultants to take care of the paper work, operator manual, annual leak survey, etc. pertaining to keeping the gas system in regulation with the Railroad Commission of Texas rules. Motion was made by Alderman Shaw, seconded by Alderman Taylor with all voting in favor to

contract with Pipeline Regulatory Consultants for \$3600.00 a year.

2006 Ad Valorem Tax Rate-the Council discussed the tax rate for the 2006 year. To get the same amount of money as we received last year, the tax rate would need to be .648080. Last years rate was .629428. For a \$30,000 home, the taxes last year were \$188.00, at the tax rate of .648080 the taxes would be \$194.00.

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Japanese Film Crew Visits Devil's Rope Museum For Barbed Wire Demonstration

Delbert Trew speaking Japanese? The Nexus Production Travelogue, a film crew of 13 for a major Japanese TV station, filmed at the Devil's Rope Museum on Wednesday, August 9. They are filming for a show called CHIKYUKAIDO (Roads of the World). The host of the show is Masatoshi Nakamura, a very famous actor and musician in Japan, who fulfilling a life's dream of his-traveling Route 66. He watched the TV show "Route 66" which evidently showed all over the world in the 1960's which

inspired him to do this film.

The crew had visited the museum on August 2nd and had immediately taken an interest in the reproduction of the original machine Joseph Glidden used to produce his first piece of barbed wire.

Delbert Trew showed the crew how to use the machine. They filmed, asked questions and then in turn interpreted it to Masatoshi who explained the process in Japanese.

Their first filming took place in March when they covered Santa Monica, CA

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The Japanese Film crew watches with interest as Delbert Trew demonstrates the machine used to make barbed wire.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CONTACT TERESA Simmons if you need plastic Easter Eggs.

MCLEAN TIGERS scrimmage at Kress Saturday, Aug. 19 at 10 AM

ALL SCHOOL meals must be pre-paid or paid daily. No charging will be allowed. You may pre-pay in the elementary office or the business office

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

SUZY TROUT'S 100th birthday party will be at 2:30, Saturday, August 19th at Red River Steakhouse.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet Aug. 21 at 7 PM in the school business office.

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ANGEL FOOD ministries pick-up day is Saturday, August 26 @ 12:30 at the Cowboy Church.

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

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
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 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 6:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

McLean Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
 Pastor Ronnie Ferguson, -779-2135
 Worship Service Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.
 AAA Meetings on Tues. 8:00 pm

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 17 - Rachell Glenn Melville, Blake Crockett, Joe Burroughs, Dale and Mary Lou Glass (A), Gary and Carolyne Frost (A).

August 18 - Kristina Carter, Teresa Hastey, Charlotte Bockmon, Brock and Kristie Crockett (A).

August 19 - Cynthia Hauck, B.J. Ketcherside.

August 20 - Bill Skipper, Kassandra Marie Jackson.

August 21 - Evelyn Sanders, Jean Smith, Quinton Brown, Traci Rigby, Boots Stone.

August 22 - Ella Mae Reyna, Mary Terry, Susie Trout, Bob Thompson.

August 23 - Garth Thomas, Jacob Collom, K.J. Averett.

McLean School Menu

BREAKFAST-Thurs.- Pancake and sausage on a stick, toast & jelly, juice, milk. **Fri.**-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice, milk

Mon.-biscuits, gravy, sausage, toast & jelly, juice, milk. **Tues.**-yogurt, graham crackers, toast & jelly, juice, milk. **Wed.**-pop tarts or nutrition grain bars, toast & jelly, juice, milk,

Thur (Aug 24)-egg patties, bacon, toast & jelly, juice, milk

LUNCH-Thur.-Corn dogs, baked beans, tater tots, orange quarters, jell-O, milk. **Fri.**-sloppy joes, fritos, veggie sticks, pickle spear, cookie, milk. **Mon.**-Nachos W/ meat & cheese, salad, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, milk. **Tues.**-grilled ham & cheese sandwich, french fries, frozen fruit bars, milk. **Wed.**-chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, milk. **Thur (Aug. 24)**-Fish Nuggets, macaroni and cheese, carrots, pear halves, milk.

Activities Planned To Help Fund Jim Reyna's Liver Transplant

Jim Reyna has been the pastor of the McLean Church of Christ for about 8 years. During that time he has always given willingly of his time where ever and when ever the community has had a need. He and his wife, Ella Mae have been endeared to the community of McLean and now is the time that McLean can step up to help them in their time of trouble.

Jim is in dire need of a liver transplant. He needs to raise approximately \$100,000. His friends and

family are doing their best to help him come up with the money. A fund has been established at The Bank of Commerce for this procedure. Events have been planned to try to raise money for this purpose including a Chili Cook-Off and a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.

The Chili Cook-off will be held on Labor Day in the McLean Park. Participants are asked to send in their entry fee (\$20) in advance. The committee is also asking

any musicians who would be interested in playing for a while to donate their time for the event.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for auction should contact Evelyn at 779-8831 or Tammi at 334-0572. The chili will be offered for sale after the judging. Refreshments will be available during the contest, along with raffle tickets for various prizes.

On August 26th a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held beginning at

8:00 am at the old McLean High School Basketball Court. Teams should pay their \$50 entry fee in advance.

Cash Prizes will be offered for both events. Mail entries to The JR Fund, P.O. Box 156, McLean, Texas.

More events will be planned if the goal of \$100,000 is reached. If you have suggestions or want to volunteer or donate items for raffles or auctions contact Evelyn or Tammi.

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ALSO TO BENEFIT JIM REYNA

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 Our Goal is to raise \$100,000

4-H

and Becca also received an award for outstanding Jr. Leaders.

Tammy Syfrett received the following awards: outstanding Jr. Leader, Outstanding Teen Leader, Outstanding for State performance for Nutrition Bowl, 4th place medal for District Record Book, a pin for outstanding performance for Foods and Nutrition, the "I Dare You" award given to a Senior 4-Her who demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship. Tammy also

was awarded a garment bag for the Senior 4-H award for placing 1st at the District Fashion Show. This award may be received only once in High School years of 4-H.

Danny Syfrett was recognized as the newest 4-H member. Kinzie Cooper and David Syfrett were recognized as the Clover Kids.

4-H enrollment will be at open house at school or you may see one of the above students for more



Braxton Cooper is congratulated by Linda and Danny Syfrett for receiving his 4-H pin and jacket.

Film Crew



The Japanese film crew explains barbed wire and its uses for their Japanese television audience.

through Arizona. This filming started in Albuquerque and will end in Oklahoma City, Ok. They stated that they would have to come back later to finish the last segment from Kansas to Illinois.

They didn't know exactly when the show would air, but promised to send the Trew's a copy of the tape they filmed here. (Thanks to Ruth Trew for information and photo.)

Devil's Rope Museum News by Davie Gipson

The Devil's Rope Museum was very busy during the month of July. In all, the museum had 581 visitors this month.

Of these visitors, 190 were from foreign countries. Countries represented were: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, South

Wales and Lebanon. There were visitors from every state in The United States with the exception of Montana, North Dakota and Vermont.

Bus tours were from Denmark, France and a variety of places both here and overseas. There was also a tour of French motorcyclists.

The community room was the scene of a wedding reception.

Council

The Council discussed several possibilities, but all agreed that the rate would need to be raised some over the .648080 because of the increasing costs. The general consensus of the Council was to raise the rate to .68, which would raise the taxes on a \$30,000 home to \$204.00 an increase of \$16.00 from last year's rate. There will be two more meetings & public hearings to discuss

the tax rate before it will be adopted.

Budget Work Session- The Council discussed and went over the proposed 2006-2007 budget. The budget will be voted on at the regular meeting of August 14th.

Motion by Alderman Shaw, seconded by Alderman McDowell, with all voting in favor, to adjourn at 2:45 PM.

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J. Boyd Smith (above) and Ed Bailey (right) celebrate.



Lovellia Jenkins and Dick Wheeler get ready to eat cake during their birthday party at McLean Care Center.

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McLean/Alanreed Museum News by Dorthey McKee

The McLean /Alanreed Museum had 70 visitors for the month of July. The visitors came from 15 different states. Besides Texas, the most visitors were from California and Tennessee. There were also visitors from Ireland and Austria.

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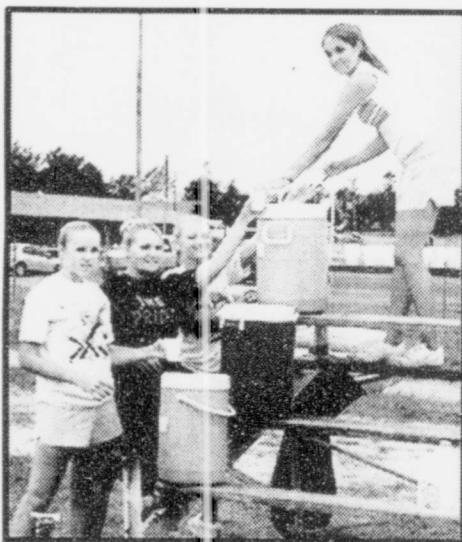


Thacker Haynes and Kelly Raymond visit.



Music rings out from the Marketplace at Vacation Bible School

Tiger's Workouts Gain Momentum As They Prepare For First Scrimmage At Kress



The McLean Tiger Cheerleaders Lyndsey Ellis, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour and Sheri Haynes get cold water ready for the football players. Not pictured is Arely Vega and Amanda Loya.



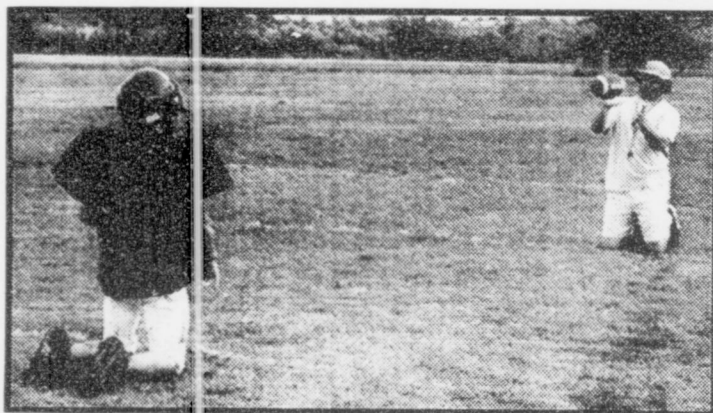
The McLean Tiger football team will travel to Kress Saturday, August 19 for a scrimmage with Kress and Cotton Center. The scrimmage will begin at 10

AM. Head Coach Jack Graves is looking forward

to the scrimmage and stated, "the team has been working hard during two a days, and the soreness is slowly getting out."

The tigers will run a spread offense and will mix it up with running plays and passes. "I'm hoping we can get 30 offense plays and 30 defense plays when we scrimmage Saturday," Coach Graves stated.

The tigers will continue their afternoon practice next week preparing for the scrimmage in LeFors Aug. 24.



Quarterback Zach Richardson works with head coach Jack Graves on a passing drill. (Above) The McLean Tigers practice their offensive and defensive plays.

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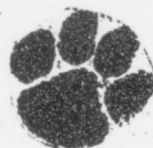
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Groom, Texas 79039

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Public Should Attend Hearing On 06-07 County's New Budget

Carson County Commissioners met on Monday, August 14, 2006 at the courthouse for their regular meeting. Minutes from their last meeting were approved. A motor grader was approved for purchase for Precinct 2 for Kenneth Ware.

Commissioner Ware informed the court that he had a quote for a 772 D Motor Grader and that the plans to trade in a 2002 670 Motor Grader and an old 770 BH. He also told the Court that the difference will be \$102,500.00 and will be paid out of reserve funds.

It was brought to the attention of the court since the county supports White Deer EMS with its tax dollars that the commissioner may want to know that Grady Milton was named interim director as the former EMS director resigned.

Gayla Cates, deputy clerk recommended the use of the courtroom instead of the hall for early voting, Oct. 23-November 3. Arrangements were discussed such as preparing the room for voters by the commissioners as they approved the change to the courtroom.

Collette Bickel, County clerk asked the court to allow Judge Powers to sign a new Attorney General Contract to process child support payments. All approved the request

Jackie West was appointed by an order from the District Judge to a new two year appointment as Carson County Auditor beginning August 1, 2006. Commissioner Howell spoke up concerning this appointment. "I have struggled with this decision that the auditor's office should be an outside office. It should be a non-political office position. Being in the courthouse makes the job a political situation." He went on to say that he wrote the district judge to explain the situation as he saw it and take issue with it. He said that there should have been a change when she decided to run for county judge against now County Judge Lewis Powers. But Howell said that if she is elected he would be able to work with her but that he just wanted his opinion known on the situation.

Auditor Jackie West said "I have just tried to be fair on both sides." The results of the Pantex exercise drill that all emergency personnel took a role in on August 7, 2006 was a success. Judge Powers agreed that all went well but hoped to never have this kind of disaster in reality come about.

Brenda Vermillion, Emergency Management Coordinator informed the court about a recent Pantex exercise and a regional functional exercise. She

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Groom ISD teachers & Staff enjoy a working breakfast as they get ready for a new school year.

Groom Community Welcomes New Teachers For Upcoming 2006-07 School Year; Already Working

Today, Thursday, August 17 is the first day of the 2006-2007 school year at Groom ISD. Youngsters will be sharpening pencils and covering books as you read this getting ready to have a monumental year. Teachers and staff members began their year on Monday morning with a staff meeting and breakfast.

New teachers have been oriented, and are excited to begin classes and meet all of their new students.

Kenton Johnson is one of two new coaches. His duties will include being the assistant football coach, high school girls basketball coach, and track coach. He will also be teaching anatomy, physiology, and health. He is also looking forward to teaching kindergarten and first grade physical education classes. Johnson comes to Groom from Sannorwood School District. He was raised in near Scranton, North Dakota in a farming and ranching community. He is single and will be living here in Groom. Coach Johnson's pride and joy is this 27 year old son who is at Texas Tech..

Another new face at Groom ISD will be the new Head Football Coach, Tim Davis. He and his wife Miki have two children Ryne age 11 and Tanner age 7. Coach Davis hails from White Deer where he

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Welcome aboard to Tim Davis, Jill Babcock, Carla Koetting, Sharon Britten, Kenton Johnson and Michele Bohr (not pictured).

Groom Community Calendar

GROOM TIGERS will scrimmage Follett, there on Saturday, Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m.

THE FIRST official holiday of the new school year will be on September 4, in celebration of Labor Day.

Tuesday's World Cotton Prices at Carson County Gin 45.36

SCHOOL BEGINS at Groom ISD today! First bell rings at 7:55 a.m.

A SCHOLARSHIP Fund has been established at the State National Bank in memory of Bertha Knight. Donations would be appreciated.

ATTENTION: A fund has been established at the State National Bank to benefit the Hermaa Leven Family. Contributions would be appreciated.

County Public Budget Hearing Set For August 21 at Carson County Courthouse.

MOM'S DAY Out invites you to bring your supplies and meet the teachers on Aug. 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday Prices at the Attorney General's Office

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LOCAL HAPPENING

It's A New Baby Boy!

Ken and Missy Ruthardt are proud parents of a new son, Trey Louis Ruthardt. Bor July 30, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He weighed 7lbs 30z and is 19½ inches long. He is greeted by his big sister (7 year old) Taylor Ruthardt and big brother (3½ year old) Keaton Ruthardt. Grandparents are Louis & Judy Ruthardt of Groom and Johnny and Carole Peterson of Jasper, Florida. Great-Grandparents are Bess Ruthardt of Bogata, Texas and Doris Peterson of Florida.

Birthday & Anniversaries

August 18 - Louis Ruthardt, Joshua Robinson.
 August 19 - Conner Howard, Margaret Crowell, Trac Kepley.
 August 20 - Jacey Richardson, Misty Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter (A).
 August 21 - Jean Morrow, Halle England.
 August 22 - John Koetting, Dondra Downs, Cassie Leven, Dan Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara (A).
 August 23 - Christopher Homen, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Britten (A).

Please help us keep the Birthday List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions or changes!

North Texas Gas Donates Raffle Winnings To School



Terry Stevens accepts computer from North Texas Representative Tony Treadwell.

North Texas Gas, Dalhart won the Groom Day Raffle of a laptop Dell computer. This is the fifth year in a row for them to win the raffle. They graciously donated the computer to Groom ISD. Superintendent Stevens stated, "Groom ISD really appreciates North Texas Gas for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

Tam Terry's Carson County Sheriff's Report

The Carson County Sheriff's Department arrested the following
 Jorge Sandiango Mora, 21, Tula, Okla. was arrested at the 93 mile marker by Trooper Darrin Bridges for failure to

display driver license.
 Robert Gordon Hooper, 57, Marlette, MI. was arrested for possession of marijuana by Trooper Darrin Bridges.

Jayson Dwight Williams, 33, Pampa, Texas was arrested for driving while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol. He was also uncooperative during book in. Deputy Clarence Mobbitt was the arresting officer.

Trooper Chris Ray arrested Ronald Dean Miniard, 27, of Goodyear, Az at the 93 mile marker on I-40 for possession a prohibited weapon.

Mande Erin Robinson, 29, of Panhandle, Tx. was arrested for forgery financial instrument by Sheriff Tam Terry.

Tracy Lavon Williams, 35, of Plainview was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith on Hwy 60, 4 miles west of Panhandle for Driving While Intoxicated and having an open container.

Jesus Manuel Perez, 41, of Pampa, Texas was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith for tampering with a government record and fro driving while intoxicated and have an open container of alcohol.

The City of Groom will no longer provide a disposal site for used oil or oil filters, effective August 15, 2006. By order of Mayor Joe Homer

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Groom School Lunch Menus

For the week Aug 21- Aug 25 Groom School Cafeteria will serve the

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BREAKFAST
 Monday: Cold Cereal, muffins, juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

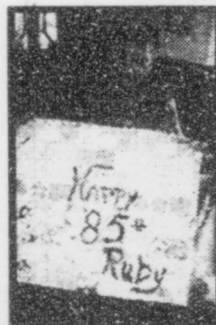
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
 Thursday: Biscuits, gavy, bacon, juice, & milk.
 Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH
 Monday - Soft Tacos, corn, lettuce & tomatoes, milk & ice cream.
 Tuesday - Philly Steak Sandwiches, tater tots, pears, & milk.
 Wednesday - Nachos, with meat & cheese sauce, pinto beans, sopapillas, & milk.
 Thursday - Chicken Fajitas, sauteed onion or green peppers, lettuce & tomatoes, peaches & milk.
 Friday - Ham or Cheese, stuffed backed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, milk and sherbert.



Groom School Class Schedule

7:30-7:50 - Breakfast
 8:00-8:45 - 1st Period
 8:48-9:33 - 2nd Period
 9:36-9:52 - Tutorials
 9:55-10:41 - 3rd Period
 10:45-11:30 - 4th Period
 11:33 - 12:18 - 5th Period
 12:18-12:48 - Lunch
 12:55-1:40 - 6th Period
 1:43 - 2:27 - 7th Period
 2:30 - 3:15 - 8th Period
 3:20-3:40 - Tutorials



Surprise, Ruby!

Ruby Denton thought she was having birthday breakfast with Dondra Downs; but when others soon started arriving, she realized it was a party for her 85th birthday on August 11th! Many friends came out to celebrate with Ruby and signed her big birthday card.

FARMER'S EQUIPMENT

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Groom Tigers 2006 Football Schedule

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

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

2006 Property Tax Rates in City of Groom

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for City of Groom. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 64,022
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 64,022
Last year's tax base	\$ 13,220,857
Last year's total tax rate	0.484250 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 63,644
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 13,866,880
= This year's effective tax rate	0.458964 /\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	0.458964 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred functions, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 80,011
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 13,866,880
= This year's effective operating rate	0.576993 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.623152 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.623152 /\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.623152 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Groom adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.458964 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2005 taxes by \$378.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
10000	\$24,750

Schedule B - 2006 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2006 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.00% of its taxes in 2006				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 501 Main Parkside Tx.

Name of person preparing this notice: Jackie Lewis

Title: Cassi County Tax Assessor-Collector

Date Prepared: July 25, 2006

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Hayden Ritter and Rileigh Welch sing about "Texas"!



The Trevino girls enjoy the blow up toys in the park.



Kyra Stevens & Sheri Britten, Lion's Club Sweethearts, wave to the crowd.



The food fight is an event that the kids really get "in to." No mercy is shown as the boys vs. girls competition gets underway!



Girls just want to have FUN! Lainie Britten, Jill Britten, Jessica Bates, Jodi Homen, Stephanie Tucker, Brin Burgin and Caren Howard have fun no matter where they are!



Brad Sustaire, Bo Burgin, Darren Eschle, and Toby Burgin have a go at the tennis meet, organized by Shirley Fields.




Mayor Joe Homer throws candy from the back of an antique grain truck belonging to Groom's long time friends, Maurice Schooler and his son, Jim Schooler.



The winning volleyball team was made up of Nicholas Anthony, Kevin and Jowannah Powers, Stephanie and Toby Tucker and Jym Dennis. Below: Class of '66 still rules!



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School Lists New Teachers...

attended high school. He attended college at WTAMU and has taught in the Pampa School District for the last 6 years. Along with his duties as head football coach, he will also be involved in Basketball, Track, and Elementary P.E. Davis's classroom work will include Government, Economics, and TAKS Recovery.

Three other new staffers have been around Groom for a while and are well known in the community.

Jill Babcock is returning to Groom ISD to assist with Special Education Students. She worked at Groom School a couple of years ago, before taking a position with Borger ISD. Babcock became a mom last year and fills her spare time with her beautiful daughter Molly and husband Buck.

Carla Koetting has been a Groom resident quite a while but has been teaching at Claude High School. With 26 years of education experiences, she will take on the councilors job as well as work with

TAKS testing, dual credit classes and scholarships. She is planning to teach two business classes as well. She has 3 children, Cady is the only one still at home. Koetting is married to Mark Koetting.

Sharon Jones is a lifelong Groom resident who has been involved in farming ventures in the area. She will be assisting in the cafeteria this year. She has two children still in school Ashley and Trent Murray.

Michele Bohr is also a long time resident of Groom. She will be serving as school nurse when she is needed and reminding parents about vaccinations from time to time. Michele is married to Rodney Bohr and has two children in Groom

ISD, Hali and Nicholas. The returning staff met on Monday morning to welcome their new members with a working breakfast. Attending were Superintendent Terry Stevens, Teachers Matt Johnson, Tim Schisler, Larry Roskens, Lisa

Roskens Steve Hutsell, Pam Hutsell, Marcia Davis, Shirley Fields, Aimee Fields, Leslie Floyd, Susan Oliver, Ande Ragsdale, Laura Stevens, and Susi Thompson; Education Aides Cindy Babcock, Melanie Britten and Mary Treadwell; Student Services Clerk Frances Payton and Business Manager Tammy Case.

Also ready for the new year are Custodial Staff Tammy Robinson and Jo Ann Ratterree; Cafeteria Staff Barbara Fraser and Neysa Friemel; Bus Driver Joe Homer and Maintenance worker Jim Burton.

A warm welcome and welcome back to all the new staff and old at Groom ISD! We are all looking forward to a wonderful year for you and the students.

meet at 10:00 am on August 21, 2006 in the courtroom to conduct a public hearing on a proposed 2006-2007 budget. The budget will be considered and necessary changes will be made to the budget at this time. Then a discussion will be held at this time and/or approved the adoption of the budget. Once all have considered and changes made to the budget a proposed tax rate will be set. The dates for a public hearing on a tax rate will be set, according to the August 21, 2006 agenda.

A continuing education opportunity in Dallas for commissioners and judges was announced. Commissioners Howell and Britten decided not to go. While Commissioners Jerry Strawn, Kenneth

Ware and Judge Lewis Powers were thought likely to attend.

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County Budget Tops Hearing

also gave the strengtns and weaknesses and a plan for improvement. Mrs. Vermillion asked the court to approve her continuing education credits. She completed IS 100,200, 700 and 800. The request was approved.

Commissioner Jerry Strawn, Kenneth Ware and Judge Lewis Powers voted 3-2 against an upgrade for \$5,900 to have voice mail in each office of the courthouse. Commissioners Britten and Howell voted for the upgrade.

Sheriff Tam Terry asked the court to transfer \$6,000 from new cars, \$1,000 from crime scene, \$500.00 from miscellaneous, \$950 from telephone and \$1,500 from conference and dues, a total of \$8600.00 to car maintenance. He also asked that \$1100.00 be moved from office equipment to office supplies, \$500.00 be moved from uniforms to radio repairs and \$3,000 from jail maintenance to boarding prisoners.

Phyllis Tyler, Justice of Peace #2 asked the court to consider allowing her to move \$200.00 from repairs, \$300.00 from travel and \$21.68 from conference and education to office equipment. She also asked to be allowed to move \$308.00 from conference and education into Carol Bentley's salary. The request to allow the line item transfers was approved.

The court held a public Budget workshop. Jackie West, auditor gave the commissioners and the judge copies of the proposed budget and told them they could make notes on the copies about consideration on each office's request and cuts. The court discussed proposed public hearings to prepare the final budgets and set the tax rates.

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2. All customer service requests should be directed to the Amarillo office at (806) 358-1321.
3. Customers will still have the choice to make payment in person at the Claude City office, or by using the payment drop at our Groom office (please note: payments dropped off in Groom may take up to two business days to post).
4. Citibank locations will no longer be authorized to accept payments on behalf of West Texas Gas.

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July 27, 1934 by: Publisher Thos. T. Waggoner

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Program Development Meeting Planned In Panhandle

The McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held in the conference room of the USDA Service Center at 221 Euclid in Panhandle. This meeting will be on August 29th at 8 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses and especially farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program Development

Group will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by John Wimberley, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, to address county based funding for the FY2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

On of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local

conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives program was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, EQIP was re-authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply

cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefits. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information,

call the USDA Service Center office in Panhandle at (806) 537-3533, ext 3. Service Center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GROOM ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, August 28, 2006 in the Board Room, Groom High School, 304 W 3rd 34420. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.370000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.083000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	17.79% increase				
Debt service	3.08% increase				
Total expenditures	17.12% increase				
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$78,737,880	\$84,586,510			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$2,182,760	\$1,697,010			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$71,015,750	\$65,506,960			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,964,484	\$1,595,189			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
Bonded Indebtedness					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$641,208					
* Outstanding principal.					
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	-\$1.500000	\$0.093000	\$1.593000	\$7,996	\$1,896
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.330050	\$0.084803	\$1.414853	\$7,432	\$1,822
Proposed Rate	\$1.370000	\$0.083000	\$1.453000	\$7,640	\$2,177
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.					
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence					
		Last Year		This Year	
Average Market Value of Residences		\$34,420		\$36,356	
Average Taxable Value of Residences		\$17,372		\$17,728	
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value		\$1.593000		\$1.453000	
Taxes Due on Average Residence		\$276.74		\$257.59	
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes				\$(19.15)	
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.454853. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.454853.					
Fund Balances					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:					
	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$550,836			
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0			