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Alanreed Hosts 70th Annual Reunion



Tracy Cooper, Jeannie Adams, Charles Barns, Billy Bob Adams, Kay Hallum, and Beth Sharp sign in and get their name tags while visiting at the Reunion.

The phrase "get your kicks on Route 66" and "a walk down memory lane" are two phrases familiar to everyone. However, did you know that memory lane really exists? It's just one block off Old Route 66 in Alanreed, TX, but it's only for one day.

The 70th Annual Alanreed Homecoming held June 11, 2006 is that walk down memory lane. Ms. Mildred Hill of Achille, OK formerly of Alanreed has chronicled the families and history of the Alanreed area with

newspaper clippings and pictures dating back to the early 1900s. This informative display lined the walls of the community center. As people registered, starting at 10 AM, they had the opportunity to re-visit families they had known and heard of through pictures and information. They also had the opportunity to talk with cherished friends and new acquaintances who were at the reunion.

At 11 AM the program started. Billy Bob Adams, outgoing chairman of the

Alanreed Community Board of Directors, introduced the new chairman, Ray Harris, who gave the invocation. The audience all joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the welcome was given by Tracy Cooper, a former Alanreed student. Tracy commented on how glad he was to see so many young people return for the reunion. He recounted the story of his moving from Amarillo to Alanreed as a young teenager. After living in Alanreed only two weeks, he knew that this place that had hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and a quality school system with 0 peer pressure was a place that left him with a good feeling.

Vice-President Bill McKee introduced Steve Brass who played several keyboard selections including *Faded Love*, *Tennessee Waltz* and *Silver Wings* only to name a few. The crowd honored Steve with a standing ovation at the conclusion of his part of the program.

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Mildred Hill, Alanreed historian visits with a friend during registration.



Reading...The Sport of Champions Starts June 19th

Reading...the Sport of Champions is the 2006 theme of the Lovett Library summer reading program. Books may be read at home or in the library. Each book read will be used to fill up a square in the Sport of Champions puzzle. Each book read can be counted in only one square. Older children that want to tackle a more difficult book may use that book to fulfill multiple time and page squares. The squares in the columns in the puzzle may be completed in any order. When columns are completed, prizes will be awarded. However, the prize of 20 AR BONUS POINTS cannot be collected until all other squares in the columns are completed. An alternative prize may be awarded to those not needing the bonus points. Pre-school through 2nd grade will need to complete 2 squares in each column. Third

grade and up will complete all squares in all columns. Sign up for the program will start June 19. For information call Sally Bohlar at 779-2851. There will also be an adult summer reading program similar to the kids program

with some prizes awarded. Contact Sally for information.

On June 19th, the summer reading program will kick off with a celebration at the City Park at 4 PM. There will be

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New poster heralds kick-off of the summer reading program at Lovett Library.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

CITIZENS AWARENESS group tonight at 7PM in the library.

LOVETT LIBRARY will be closed June 23.

ANGEL FOOD ministries distribution day is June 24 12:30 PM at the Cowboy Church. Bring a box to take your food home in.

SUMMER READING will begin at the library June 19th.

YOUNG@HEART will meet Tuesday, June 20 at noon for a pot-luck-luncheon at the Young@Heart Building on Main Street.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet June 19th at 6PM in the school business office.

GOLF SCRAMBLE every Tuesday at 6PM at the McLean Golf Course.

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

DON'T FORGET! Father's Day June 18th.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

June 15 - Pam Crockett, Bailey Herring, Eva Anderson Camilli, Kayla Story, Laverne Hutchison

June 16 - Max Coleman, Bob Glenn

June 18 - Morse Haynes, Linda Meador

June 19 - Mrs. Herman L. Petty, Chad Richards, Le Milam, Delbert Trew

June 20 - Linda McAnear, Lexus Brown

June 21 - Glenda Dickey

Dennis Ward Earns Degree at Southwestern Oklahoma State U.



Dennis Ward, formerly of McLean, was recently honored at Southwestern

Oklahoma University's School of Nursing pinning and awards ceremony on May 12th. Dennis was awarded the Holistic Nursing Award.

On May 13th, Dennis graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. He had a 3.5 GPA.

Dennis, Alison, his wife, and their son, Brennen live in Hydro, Oklahoma.

Dennis is the son of J.D. and Billie Ward of McLean.

McLean Care Center News



Billy Ray Johnston, Administrator and Connie Baten, Assistant Director of Nursing proudly show off their new life saving emergency cart. This was just one of the many items made possible by a memorial gift from JoAnn T. Jones in memory of her mother Clotilde M. Thompson of Pampa.

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American Cancer Society Sets Relay For Life in Pampa, Texas

Cancer survivors—living proof that the fight against cancer can be won—are needed to help launch the American Cancer Society's fund-raising event: **Relay For Life**.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled team event held on Friday, June 23, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Park in Pampa.

"Our cancer survivors will be honored during a "Survivors Lap" with a walk around the track," said Pam Dalton, Relay For Life Chair Person for the Gray County Unit. We want a large turnout of cancer survivors, so please call Pam to register at (806) 665-0356 or Billie Ward at (806) 779-2272. Also, on the 23rd will be a special luminaria ceremony to remember those who have lost their lives due to cancer and to honor those who have survived. You may contact Pam to purchase a luminaria.

The money raised supports cancer research, public education, advocacy, and patient service programs such as support groups, transportation, patient visitation, and medical equipment.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS 2345 or visit www.cancer.org

ATTENTION GARAGE SALE-ERS

The first ever Trash To Treasures Citywide Garage Sale will be held all day this Saturday, June 17, in Clarendon.

For more information, call the Enterprise for 874-2259.



Nina McCurley celebrates her birthday with a cake. Others celebrating their birthdays are Florene Everson and Rhonda Cook.

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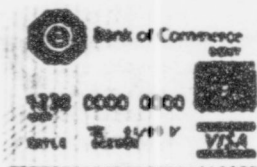
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Jeannie Adams, secretary, read the Memorium-20 names of those "gone, but not forgotten." There was a moment of silence in the memory of those 20.

During the business meeting, Jeannie read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the treasurer's report.

Several awards were presented. "The Oldest Lady Present" was Lena Carter. "The Oldest Man Present" was Euil Fulton. The "Person Traveling The Farthest Distance" was Mildred Hill.

Bob Stubbs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the cemetery association, reported that the upkeep of

the cemetery is good. However, straight line winds had ripped up 12 trees that need to be replaced.

Ray Harris recognized Billy Bob and Jeannie as members of the first board of directors. He acknowledged them as being instrumental in keeping the Alanreed Community Building.

The next order of business was to elect officers for the 2006-2007 Homecoming Association. The crowd let it be known that they were very happy with the current slate of officers. So, the 2006-2007 officers are Billy Bob Adams-president, Bill McKee-Vice President and

Jeannie Adams-Secretary.

The drawing for door prizes was done by Lexi Simmons. Barbara Bode's name was drawn for the water jug. Carlton Patterson won the lawn chair.

Jane (Yake) Lowe led the group in *God Bless America*. The benediction and blessing was given by Charles Barnes.

The crowd then enjoyed a huge pot-luck lunch, with musical entertainment by Steve Brass, and an afternoon of visiting.

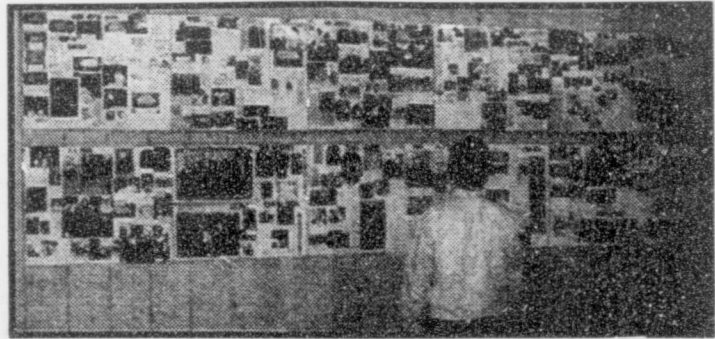
Cowboys Compete

Heath Allen and Kutter Anderson, both of McLean, each won a buckle at The Original Team Roping District Finals in Amarillo, TX. The finals were held Saturday, May 29, 2006.

They won their buckles in a one and one-half that consisted of 273 teams.

Heath is a header and Kutter is a healer. (They do, sometimes, trade with Heath healing and Kutter heading.)

Heath and Kutter have qualified to go to the State Finals in Abilene, Texas, July 7-15.



Steve Brass studies the many displays that took Mildred Hill hours & hours to prepare.



Dorothea McKee, Barbara Bodie and Emma Pechtel prepare for the luncheon to be held in honor of the former students of Alanreed.



McLean Cowboys Heath Allen and Kutter Anderson proudly display their trophy buckles.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
Pastor Jim Rayna 779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.

Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

New Life Assembly of God 4th & Main

Pastor Z.A. Myers
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 205 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 779-2619 & 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 Railroad Street

Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:10 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sonshine 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.
AA Meetings on Tues. 11:00 pm



Commandment Monument News

Because of the cooperation of the people of McLean, the Ten Commandments monument is almost paid in full. Less than \$800 is all that is needed to finish paying for the monument. A \$350 donation will be given upon completion of the project. The committee of Thacker Haynes, Jim Reyna and Archie Cooper decided this money would be left in a fund for further needs of the project.

Rev. Archie Cooper has mailed out numerous religious articles. In return, he has received donations to the monument from as far away as Michigan, Iowa, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, California and Washington.

The monument is located on the corner of West First Street and Gray Street.

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Brad Dalton Named New Director of Housing Authority



The McLean Housing Authority has two new directors. Executive Director Brad Dalton has

Summer Reading

fun, games and watermelon. Will Frost, owner of Red River Steakhouse, will be there with a Karate demonstration. Will has a black-belt in Karate. Sally Bohlar, librarian, also invites everyone to bring your water guns (NO WATER BALLOONS!). Wear comfortable clothing that you can get dirty in!

There are other activities going on at the library in addition to the summer reading program. Story time for ages 1-kindergarten will be on Tuesdays starting June 20. (except for July 4th-that will be July 5th) at 11 AM. Parents or guardians are required to stay with their child.

Story time for grades 1-5 will be Thursdays at 11-11:30 AM. This will start June 22nd. Grades 6-12 will meet at the library on Wednesday, starting June 21st at 1:30 and will last from 30 minutes to an hour.

There will be a community service program at the library this summer. Anyone 14 and older wishing to earn community service hours (for such things as scouts, applications and transcripts, etc.) or just wanting to help out at the library this summer can come by and sign up to be a volunteer. Any one or group under the age of 14 can also do community service with a leader present.

been with the housing authority since May 1. Assistant Director Terri Wilhelm has been there since June 1.

The McLean Housing Authority has jurisdiction over the HUD housing and the Rural Housing Development in McLean. The purpose of the housing authority is to provide housing for people who really need it.

There are 12 HUD units. There are 4 two bedroom units, 2 one bedroom units and 6 three bedroom units. All have central heat and air. They will all soon have new doors and windows.

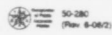
There are 8 of the rural units. All are 2 bedroom units. The Housing Authority board voted June 5th to apply for a USDA loan to completely refurbish these units.

To apply for housing, a person needs to provide a Social Security number, a driver's license, proof of income and their job information if they are working. There is a \$10 application fee. All information is verified. The computer based program *TENANT TRACKERS* is used to verify criminal and credit history. Any person convicted of a felony cannot qualify.

Rent is based on income. If a tenant wishes to have an animal there is a \$150 pet deposit. All tenants are required to renew their lease each year.

Members of the Housing Authority Board are Linda McDonald, Brenda Wallis, Rachel West, Linda Smith and Sherry Watson.

The Housing Authority is located at 605 N. Wheeler. Office hours are M-W-F from 10 AM-4 PM.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ McLean Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 7:00 pm, June 29, 2006 _____ in _____ the Business Office at 4th and Rowe St. _____ McLean, Texas _____.

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 pro _____ shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and con _____ sions set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.37 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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	12.54 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	12.54 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

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	\$ 154,300,000.00	\$ 182,907,104.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 99,510.00	\$ 180,130.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 123,860,778.00	\$ 146,657,784.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 59,510.00	\$ 180,130.00

* "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* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 9-08-02) (Berk)

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	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 9,052.00	\$ 301.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.33	\$ 8,715.00	\$ 638.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.37	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.37	\$ 9,728.00	\$ 745.00

* 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	\$ 16,782.00	\$ 16,799.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,799.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 26.43	\$ 24.65
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (1.78)

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 \$ 1.37. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$ 1.37.

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)	\$ 1,352,772.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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Bill Hinson

Gray County Gray County Clerk
 Republican Candidates
Susan Winborne
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
 Republican Candidates
Mary Ann Carpenter
Co. Commissioners Precinct 4
James Hefley

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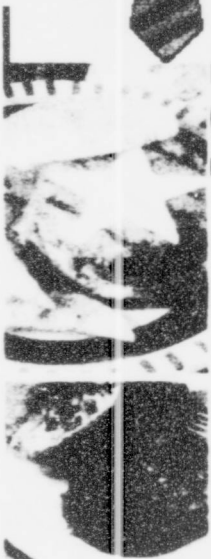
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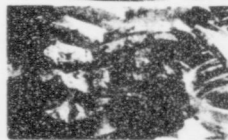
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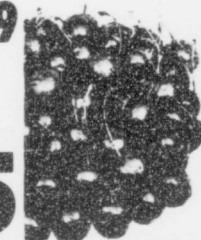
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Thursday, June 15, 2006

City Votes To Take Over Ambulance To Take Advantage of County's Funds

The City of Groom answered the "leap of faith" taken by the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Department on Monday night when they voted unanimously, (with the exception of a member who abstained because he is currently on the Ambulance Board), to make the Ambulance a part of the City of Groom. While there are many details yet to be worked out, this will allow the volunteer service to take advantage of the money set aside by the County to hire a qualified person to handle daytime calls when volunteers are away at work when matched by the City.

The News reported the hiring of such a person last

week, who until the City's action would be paid by the Ambulance Department. According to the discussion at the meeting, the City of Groom will make this person an employee of the city, with the same benefits as any other city employee. The funds for this persons salary will be paid by the matching funds provided by Carson County and the City of Groom. According to Mayor Joe Homer the City will be taking a hard look at whether taxes will have to be raised to come up with the funds needed to keep this position funded on a regular year in, year out basis.

As far as the structure of how the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service is set up, the consensus of the City Council was that the Ambulance Department knows their business better than the Council would, so for now, their board and way of doing business will not change. Adjustment will be made when needs

arise. In other business, Chris Welch was unanimously elected Mayor Pro-Temp. He will serve when Mayor Joe Homer is absent from meetings.

Mary Sue Lyles was appointed Public Information Act Officer and will be responsible for all requests for open documents, etc.

The council acted upon Resolution #158 suspending the rate increases that XCEL Energy requested. The suspension of the rate increase will be effective for ninety days. Other Cities have followed the same plan in opposing such a significant increase to its customers.

Another increase considered was the 6% rate increase proposed by Allied Waste. The City Council voted unanimously to absorb the rate increase at this time instead of passing it on to the residents of Groom.

Gary Bohr, representing

See City pg. 2



County Earns Gold Star

Carson County has been awarded a 2005 Gold Star Safety Award by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers various self-insurance pools for counties and local governments.

The Gold Star Award was earned through a record of excellence in the involvement and commitment to safety in

the workplace, as well as for controlling Workers' Compensation claims. Only eleven counties in Texas received this prestigious award making it a truly exceptional award reserved for counties with

the highest degree of safety commitment and success. The Texas Association of Counties presents a Gold Star Award to Counties and other pool participant

See Gold Star, pg. 5

Community Calendar

GROOM RED HATTERS will meet on June 29, 2006.

Court to Hear Library Re-Naming Proposal

AN EMT class is slated to begin on July 11. Registration will be on June 26 at the Groom School beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information please call 248-7963.

The Carson County Commissioners will entertain ideas concerning the a proposal for renaming of the Groom Branch Library in memory of Mrs. Bertha Knight. The Court is inviting anyone in the area to submit their thoughts about the suitability of this proposal or to come in person to express their thoughts and opinions to the Court on July 10th at 10:00am in the Court House in Panhandle.

GROOM GYM will be open on Tuesday & Thursday this summer for Elementary children from 6 to 7 pm and Junior High and High School age kids from 7 pm to 9 pm. Open Sunday from 7pm to 9 pm for Junior High and High School kids. June 12-June 30 from 8 am to Noon.

DON'T FORGET! The Groom Swimming Pool is open Tuesday - Friday from 1-6 and Saturday 1-5.

FATHER'S DAY is Sunday, June 18.

T-Shirt Earn Dollars For Fire Dept.



Fire Department employee Buck Babcock gladly accepts the \$175 check donation from Stop 'N Shop Manager Hop Britten.

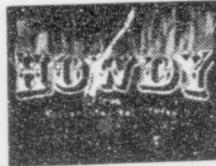
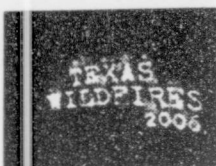
Stop 'N Shop Raises Money for Fire Dept.

Recently, Stop 'N Shop Manager Hop Britten designed Wildfire T-Shirts exclusively to raise money for the Groom Fire Department. All profits on the shirts go directly to the Fire Department. So far, Stop 'N Shop has sold over 150 shirts.

A donation bucket was also set up at the counter of Stop 'N Shop, and it has collected over \$100 from travelers.

At the end of May, Hop Britten collected the profits and donations and handed the Groom Fire Department a check for \$975. Shirts are still being sold, though, so the Fire Department is sure to receive similar checks in the near future.

If you are interested in buying a Wildfire T-shirt, you can get one in any size at Stop 'N Shop.



Another hit for customers and your local newspaper with XCEL proposing a 6% increase and postal rates looking to increase 25%...

Cindy Erwin stopping by the news office on her way to work at Red River Steakhouse in McLean...

Bud Paine watering his yard and chasing rabbits out...

Slim and Bobby working hard in these 100 degree temps...

Judge Lewis Powers, wife Tommie Kay, and granddaughter visited last week in the news office...

Bob Howard looking good after his fall and surgery...

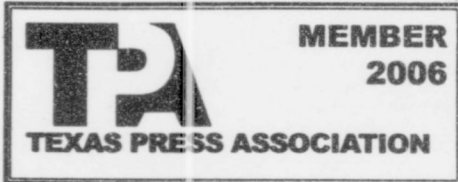
Terry Stevens buzzing down Main Street on his motorcycle...

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Shirley Sustaire out early Thursday morning visiting the news office...

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City

the Groom Fire Department, discussed a recent inspection of the community that has alerted the department to some structures that may be fire hazards and represent a danger to the community. At his suggestion, the City will send letters to the residents with a request to take care of the problems specified.

These address include 107 Choctaw, the old Tom Pool; the Whatley trailer on the corner of Front and Newcome; the old Musser place at 3rd and Bosen, the old Payton house at 106 Newcome; the Raymond Brown property at 96-98 Bosen, the Robin Loner property. Some of these properties have clean up underway, but will be urged to keep the process

LOCAL HAPPENING

WTAMU Honor Roll Named

West Texas A & M University has named more than 800 students to honor lists for the spring 2006 semester. Among those who carried a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 the following students from the Groom area were named to the list: Cassandra Ashford, senior, majoring in Management.

Jessica Bates, senior, majoring Speech Communication.
 Karri Britten, senior, majoring in EC-4 Generalist/Education
 Dewayne Gray, senior, General Studies
 Amanda Martin, senior, 4-6 Math / Science / Education.

WTAMU Awards Diplomas

Degrees were officially conferred on 685 West Texas A & M University during spring commencement exercises on May 13. Those from the Groom area earning degrees include:
 Gary W. Britten, MBA, Business
 Andrianna E.

Casteneda, MS, Communication Disorders
 Russell D. Conrad, BS, Sports/Exercise Sciences
 Dewayne Gray, BGS, General Studies.
 Congratulations to all area students on these important accomplishments.

Birthday & Anniversaries

June 15 - Kenton Ruthardt
 June 16 - Johnny Brumley, Joe Rae Richardson, Mason Miller.
 June 17 - Joe Britten, Roni Michelle Miller.
 June 18 - Bobby Burgin, Nicole Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brumley (A).

June 19 - Laurel Fields
 June 20 - Phillip J. Miller, Anthony Luna, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnett (A).
 June 21 - Austin Crowell, Andrew Thompson.
 June 22 - C. Wayne Stroopce, Christi Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Lamberson (A).

Girls Attend Horse Camp

Brooklyn Kerlee and Kylie Pickering recently attended the West Texas A&M University 4-H Horse Camp in Canyon. Brooklyn was named "All Around Cowgirl" after an exhibition of skill the campus learned in the 3-day event.
 Kylie was given the title "Legs of Steel" for her ability with an especially

difficult horse. At the camp, the girls learned saddling, bridling, grooming, nutrition, as well as riding and trotting. The pair had a wonderful time.
 Brooklyn is the daughter of Kevin and Sharolyn Kerlee of Groom, and Kylie is the daughter of Cecil and Buffy Gwen, also of Groom.

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going. Fencing at the park was a subject of interest to protect the property and sprinkler system from those who carelessly drive onto the property. A motion was made to discuss the matter further with the insurance company and if it meets with their approval, to go ahead with the fencing project.
 Minutes from the previous meeting and the financial reports were approved before the meeting adjourned. Attending the meeting were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Joe Ray Richardson, Chris Welch, Buck Babcock, and Matt Fields; Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary; Judge Lewis Powers of the Carson County Commissioners Court; Ambulance Service Representative Rick Prather, Sharon Prather, Jason Prather, Dee Smith, John Bohr, and interested individuals Tony Treadwell, Phillip Miller and Donna Burton. Alderman Kenny Weller was absent.



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Winning Writers. Back: Jes Roskens, Amy Weinheimer, Katy Britten, Elizabeth Merrell. Front: Bekah Roskens, Rileigh Welch, McKenna Britten. Not pictured: Alex Ragsdale.

Groom Writers Win Awards

Several young writers from Groom were presented with awards from the 2006 Frontiers in Writing Youth Contest on Saturday, June 10 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

These writers had entered their short stories, poetry, or non-fiction pieces to the contest earlier this spring. Elementary students were given medals, and the junior high and high school students received trophies. Students who received an Honorable Mention Award got a certificate.

There were five elementary winners from Groom. Elizabeth Merrell won 2nd place in the Short Story Division for her story "Montgomery and the Elves." Amy Weinheimer placed 2nd in the Non-Fiction Division with "The Cut Thumb," followed by McKenna Britten, who tied for 3rd place with "My Trip to Houston." In the Poetry Division, Alex Ragsdale won 3rd place with her poem, "Stumble, Mumble" and Rileigh Welch received an Honorable

Mention with "Snow." In the middle school division, Groom had 2 winners. Jes Roskens' story "Earth's Horror - Part 1" won 3rd place in the Short Story Division. Bekah Roskens won 1st

place in the Poetry Division with her poem, "Problems."

Katy Britten was the only winner in the high school division. She placed 1st in the Non-Fiction Division with "Becoming Belle." Her other non-fiction piece, "Adaptation," received an Honorable Mention in that category. She also won 3rd place in the Poetry Division with "The Silent Plea."

The winning students' entries were published in Range Writers Jr. by the Panhandle Professional Writers, the organization that hosts the contest. After the awards reception, the winners had a book signing in which each student traded signatures in their book. Groom writers have been published both years the book was made.

County Burn Ban Reinstated, Fire Works Sale Limited

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county;

AND WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstance present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard the would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Carson County that all outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, or other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality for (1) fire training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code or (5) have been granted exemptions since Jan. 3rd, 2006 by action of Commissioners Court. Any person is entitled to injunctive relief to prevent the violation of a prohibition or restriction established by an order adopted under this section (g) of the Local Government Code §352.081.

This burn ban does not prohibit the use of outdoor grills or welding activities but will be restricted based on guidelines adopted by the Commissioners Court in accordance with this burn ban order.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 12th June, 2006 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CARSON COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Carson County and;

WHEREAS, on the 12th of June 12, 2006, the Commissioners Court of Carson County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Carson County is greatly enhanced by extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Carson County adopts this Order prohibiting the use, but not the sale of, restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Carson County.

No person may detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 CFR part 173.100(r) (2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Carson County.

This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Department of Transportation. [Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154].

A person commits an offense if the person

knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C misdemeanor.

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The Groom Minor League Baseball team gathers to discuss play at one of the recent tournament games here in Groom.

Groom Summertime Tradition Continues

By Michele Bohr

Fans were feeling nostalgic this week as Minor League and Coach Pitch baseball games filled the evenings.

The stands were packed with fans, the fence was lined with cars and the

concession stand was humming.

Smells of good food and sounds of laughter and cheering filled the night air. One Groom resident said "This is the way it used to be in Groom. It is so good to see it return."

Come be a part of this

ole time Groom tradition as tournament play continues. The Minor League championship game will be on June 15th at 7pm. Coach Pitch home games continue on June 19th at 7pm, June 22nd at 6pm, and June 26th at 6pm.

Carson County Sheriff Holds Suspect In Jail Pending Bail

By Sheriff Tam Terry
Jonathan Wallace Howell, 23, of Borger was arrested by Officer Tanner Blackburn on May 22, 2006 for Driving While Intoxicated. He was released on \$2,500 bond.

Debra Lynn Rowls, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Deputy Rick Armstrong for possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She paid her fine of \$500 and was released.

Beau Jackson Fuqua, 17, of White Deer was arrested by Deputy Rick Armstrong on a felony charge for Aggravated Sexual Assault on a child. He was released on \$20,000 bond.

Gregory Lane Elliott, 24, of Borger was arrested on May 25 for a misdemeanor charge of Assault causing bodily injury by Deputy Drew Brassfield.

Stephen Darryl Buchanan of Amarillo, TX was arrested on outside warrants by Trooper Gary Davis on May 26, 2006. He was transferred to Gray County.

Victor Arreola, 35, of Elgin, IL was arrested by Sheriff Tam Terry for a felony possession of marijuana. 50 lbs to 2,000 lbs. He was released on \$40,000 bond.

Manuel Enrique Gutires of Nashville, TN was arrested on May 26, 2006 by Trooper Oscar Esgueda on a felony possession charge of possession of marijuana. 4oz to 5 lbs.

Emmanuel Vasquez-Martinez, 17 of Nashville, TN, was arrested on May 26, 2006 for a felony possession of Marijuana, 4 oz to 5 lbs. by Trooper Esqueda.

Curtis Wayne Matlock, 47, of Perryton, TX was arrested on May 27, 2006 for Criminal Non-Support by Deputy James O'Malley.

David A. Ruches, 39, of Fritch was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated on May 27 by Trooper Mike Smith.

Robert Walter Hereder, 29, of Phoenix, AZ was arrested on May 27, 2006 for criminal non-support, a felony by Trooper Mike Smith.

James Dean Tate, 30, of Fritch was arrested on charges of Assault causing bodily injury by Deputy Rick Armstrong. He was released on \$2,500 bail.

David Willingham, 49, of Amarillo was arrested on charges of Driving while License suspended or revoked by Trooper Mike Smith on June 2, 2006. He was released on \$1,500 bail.

Eric Charles Collier, 41, of Baltimore, MD was arrested on I-40 on a felony charge of Possession of Marijuana by Trooper Mike Vennellon May 28.

Jeffery Ray Stribling, 47, of Panhandle was arrested in Panhandle by Officer Sace Hardman for a misdemeanor charge of

marijuana, 2 oz on May 29.

William Fletcher Obrecht, 47, of Panhandle, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of marijuana by officer Sace Hardman on May 29, 2006.

Adam Clay Obrecht, 26, of Panhandle was arrested for a misdemeanor charge of Possession of Marijuana on May 29 by Officer Sace Hardman.

Arturo Magana Herrera, 21 of Amarillo was arrested on a felony charge of evading arrest with a vehicle on May 31, 2006 by Deputy Drew Brassfield.

Dominique Deandre Jackson, 25, of Tulsa, Ok was arrested in Oklahoma City on a felony warrant out of Carson County for Possession of marijuana 50

lbs to 2,000 lbs.. He was arrested by Chief Elliott Randy Elliott on June 1.

Justin Scott Schimpf, 22, of Panhandle was arrested by Sheriff Tam Terry on June 1, 2006 for a felony charge of Driving While License Suspended and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Mario Terrelle Love, 21, of Greensboro, NC was arrested by Trooper Jerome Ingle for possession of a controlled substance on June 2, 2006.

Jevonne Gerrell Celestine, 25, of Pittsburg, CA was arrested by Trooper Jerome Ingle on June 2, 2006 for possession of a Controlled Substance.

Jesus M. Contreras, 33, of Paragould, AR was

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We set our goal several years ago to increase our effort and implement procedures which would bring increase awareness to our safety in the work place with emphasis on earning the Gold Star Award. This Award is the results of our commitment to safety.

Special recognition to Brenda Vermillion who is the Safety Director and has developed and implemented the safety procedures. Also to recognize the safety committee Jimmy Rainey, Bud Stafford, Jigger Britten, Ed Story and

Becke Reynolds, and to all of our employees form implementing and following safe work habits.

James Cain, Safety Coordinator with the Texas Association of Counties which carries the insurance for the county, presented this award, stating, that the taxpayers of the county truly benefits from this award. The County's proactive approach to safety and loss, keeping our losses at the lowest possible rate, results in lower tax rates for the tax payers of the county.

Sheriff

arrested by Deputy James O'Malley for having Prohibited Substances in a Correctional Facility on June 2.

Angel Augustin Villarreal, 30, of Richardson, TX was arrested by Sheriff Tam Terry on June 2 for possession of a controlled substance.

Scott Alan Delara, 42, of Amarillo was arrested for driving while license

was suspended on June 2, 2006 by Trooper Gary Davis. He was released on \$1,500 bond.

Ray Lloyd McDaniel, 58 of Perryton was arrested on Highway 60 for driving while intoxicated by Trooper Chris Ray on May 27. He was released on \$1,500 bond.

Head Children Win Awards

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Tommy Head from Yukon, OK, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Speech and Drama. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students. Tommy, who attends Mustang High School, was nominated for this national award by Emily Farnham, Speech and Drama teacher at the school. Tommy will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Tommy is the son of Mary Head of Yukon, OK and the late Rodney Head of Groom, TX. The grandparents are Venita Hickey of Groom, TX, and Todd and Shirley Martin of Apple Valley, CA, and the late Tommy Head of Erick, OK.

Tommy has also received the "Best Actor in a Class Play" 05-06 award for his roles as Judge Danforth in "The Crucible" and as Officer Buckley in "Will Someone Please Tell Me What's Going on Here?" He also received first place in Dramatic Duet in a recent UIL competition. Other drama awards are "Class Clown," "Most Outgoing," and "Mama's Baby (teacher's pet)."

Corkey, Sandie and Venita Hickey were in Yukon, OK, to attend the 8th grade graduation of Ruby Head. Ruby graduated from Mustang North Middle School, where she is a member of the Honor Choir. Ruby's choir received top scores of 1's at the Tri-State, and Seiling Music Festival competitions and scored a 2 at the Mustang District competition. Ruby was voted "Best Hair" by her class for 2006. Ruby is the daughter of Mary Head of Yukon, OK and the late Rodney Head of Groom, TX. The grandparents are Venita Hickey of Groom, TX, and Todd and Shirley Martin of Apple Valley, CA, and the late Tommy Head of Erick, OK.

Courtney Head was awarded the Principle's Honor Roll award for Mustang Trails Elementary for making the honor roll all four nine-weeks. Courtney was also awarded the Honor Choir award for her participation in the 4th and 5th grade honor choir. Trails Honor Choir received exemplary marks at each competition they attended including Mustang District, Tri-State, and the Seiling Music Festival. Courtney is the daughter of Mary Head of Yukon, OK and the late Rodney Head of Groom, TX. The grandparents are Venita Hickey of Groom, TX, and Todd and Shirley Martin of Apple Valley, CA, and the late Tommy Head of Erick, OK.

Pair-A-Dice Car Show Comes to Panhandle


Come spend the day in Panhandle! Saturday, June 17th is the day for the first annual Panhandle Pair-A-Dice Car Show. The show, sponsored by the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce and Panther Pizza, will begin at 10am.

Events planned for the day include the Car Show from 10am to 3pm, including vehicles of all kinds from antique, classic, hot rod, and lowrider cars and trucks, to Harleys. Winners in each category will be announced at 3pm and trophies will be awarded. The winner of the People's Choice Award will win a trip to Cripple Creek, Colorado. Tires will squeal and the smoke will fly starting at 3:30pm, as the Burn-Out Contest hits the bricks just off Main Street. A cruise on Main Street will be held from 6:00 until 8:00pm, followed by a dance

featuring the music of Insufficient Funds from 8:30 to 11:00pm in front of the Carson County Court House on Main Street. There will be a Swap Meet area, and vendors will be on hand with food and beverages as well as crafts and other items.

Panhandle also features great restaurants, quaint retail shops and one of the best history museums in the state of Texas, so take a cruise out to Panhandle Saturday and enjoy the show. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and children age twelve and under get in free.

Vehicle entrants will be accepted until noon on Saturday. For more information for entry forms, please call the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce at (806) 537-4325 or download an entry form at panhandletx.com.



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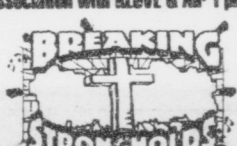
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Court Hands Down Sentences

100th Judicial Court met recently with the Honorable Judge David McCoy presiding. The following cases were ruled upon.

Cause No. 3492: Daisy Sabrina Bermudez pled guilty of a State Jail Felony of possession of a Controlled Substance on January 21, 2005. She was sentenced to two years State Jail, two years deferred adjudication to run concurrent with Carson County Cause No. 3491. She was ordered to pay court costs of \$361.00 and restitution of \$140.00.

Cause No. 3142: Joshua Gardiner had his community supervision revoked for his 3rd degree felony offense of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity on September 20, 2003 because he violated the terms of the community supervision. He was sentenced to 1 year in the Texas Department of Corrections, a \$500 fine and court costs.

Cause No. 3545: Eric Ortiz Gonzales pled guilty to a State Jail Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance on July 16, 2005. He was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication and fined \$1,500, court costs and restitution. This case was heard by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr.

Cause No. 3455: Jimmie Hatcher pled guilty to a second degree felony for Possession of Marijuana on March 8, 2005. He was sentenced to seven years, deferred adjudication, a \$5,000 fine, court costs and restitution. This case was heard by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr.

Cause No. 3543: Torri Lanell Nacem pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony for possession of Marijuana on July 30, 2005. The sentence handed down by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr. was four years deferred adjudication, a \$2,500 fine plus court costs and restitution.

Cause No. 3526: Albert Anthony Tonelli pled guilty to a 2nd degree felony Possession of Marijuana on August 3, 2005. He was sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication and a \$5,000 fine. He was also ordered by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr. To pay court costs and restitution.

Cause No. 3491 - Daisy Sabrina Bermudez pled guilty to a 2nd degree felony possession of Marijuana on January 21, 2005. Judge David McCoy sentenced her to 7 years deferred adjudication to run concurrent with Carson County Cause # 3492. She

was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine, court costs and restitution.

Cause No. 3587: Eric Charles Collier pled guilty to a 2nd degree felony charge of Possession of Marijuana on May 28, 2006. Judge Bryan Poff, Jr. Ordered him to serve 5 years deferred adjudication and pay a \$4,000 fine as well as court costs and DPS restitution.

Cause No. 3034: Craig Thomas plead guilty to a 3rd degree felony possession of marijuana on October 25, 2002, and ordered to served 7 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. He was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine, court costs and restitution. 165 days of time already served were credited to his sentence. This case was heard by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr.

Cause No. 3402: Marco Antonio Pantoja plead guilty to a 1st degree felony charge of possession of a Controlled Substance (a lesser offense than what was charged in the indictment) for crimes committed on Oct 18, 2004. He was ordered to serve 10 years deferred adjudication and to pay a fine of \$15,000 on June 5, 2006 by Judge David McCoy.

Cause No. 3127 - Gary Don Salazar was ordered to serve 2 years in the Texas Department of corrections for violating the terms of his deferred adjudication orders on March 20, 2003, and to pay a \$9,000 fine. He was credit 74 days of time already served to his sentence by Judge Bryan Poff, Jr. This sentence will run concurrent with Carson County Cause # 3128 in which he was ordered to 10 years confinement on a 1st degree felony for possession of a Controlled Substance. The defendant plead guilty and will also pay a \$9,000 fine.

Cause No. 3563: Matthew Gilpatrick pled guilty to a second degree felony of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon on February 15, 2006. Judge Bryan Poff, Jr. sentenced him to 5 years in the Texas Department of Correction and a \$1,000 fine and court costs. 140 days of time served were credited to his sentence. The defendant was also convicted of a State Jail Felony for Possession of Marijuana (a lesser charge than in the indictment) and sentenced to 2 years in a TDC State Jail Facility. This sentence is ordered to run concurrently with Carson County Cause No. #3563.

FOIFT Hold Seminar For Open Meetings, Open Records

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas (FOIFT) was in Amarillo last Friday, June 9, 2006, in collaboration with the Texas Attorney General's representatives to sponsor their third Open Government Seminar of 2006.

The symposium on Access to Public Information and Open Meetings' laws was open to all public officials whether it be city council, school board, or county commission members as well as all elected officials, government employees, the general public, and representatives of the news media. The seminar was set up to develop and enhance understanding of the changing landscape of open government.

In attendance from Groom was Phil Miller, publisher of the Groom McLean News. Also attending from Claude was Judy Miller, who recently assumed the assistant city secretary for the City of Claude.

Other than that there was nobody else from our area and public entities in attendance. Public officials attending the seminar were awarded mandatory hours required of all public officials and employees as of January 2006 by the state's attorney general and the legislature. The seminar was located at the western campus of Amarillo College.

The seminar kicked off by attendees picking up the necessary materials of the Texas Public Information Act in Texas in the morning session.

Joseph Larsen, an

attorney from the Attorney General's office, spoke of the Public Information Act in Texas.

Also in the morning session was a section on the cost rules presented by Attorney Hadassah Schloss. She is presently cost rules administrator for the Attorney General. Her responsibilities include developing rules for determining charges for copies of public records, reviewing and handling governmental bodies' requests for exemption from the rules, reviewing and resolving complaints of overcharges for copies of public information, and conducting and publishing results of the Biennial Open Records Report. She also co-chairs the Open Records Steering Committee. Ms. Schloss

stated cost provisions on public information are "not made up" but rather set forth by the legislature. A cost of \$40 should be the maximum charge prior to notifying the requestor.

The Freedom of Information of Texas, a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, works to encourage, sponsor, and facilitate a greater appreciation, knowledge and understanding of the First Amendment. The FOIFT strives to preserve the freedom necessary in a democratic republic by educating the media and legal professionals, educators, students, public and government officials, and individual citizens about their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Mr. Larsen advised to make public information

requests in writing, due to timelines. No special forms are necessary to request information officer. He said, "One cannot ignore a request." Also, a public official "cannot ask what a person wants the information for." Communication is an important tool for clarification of the information being requested because it can save everyone time and ability to get the right information being requested. Information must be released promptly. Example: arrests reports.

The afternoon session was designated by the Open Meetings laws. The Open Meetings Act was adopted to help make governmental decision-making accessible to the public. It requires meetings of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except for expressly authorized executive sessions and to be preceded by public notice of the

time, place and subject matter of the meeting. The Act was adopted in 1967 as article 6252-17 of the Revised Civil Statutes. It has been amended many times since its enactment. The policy states, "the people in delegating authority do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Emergency meetings can be held if it is a 1) imminent threat to public

safety or 2) reasonable unforeseen circumstances.

Specifically, it was explained that an agenda that posts 1) personal matters and 2) to visit with attorney, is not completely acceptable, according to the Attorney General's lawyer. A rule of thumb is 'how important is the person and would people want to hear about this matter.' "By making the agenda more specific, it would solve considerable problems," Larsen added.

Another point that Larsen explained was that on any emergency meeting where there is not enough time to post the required agenda, anybody, especially the news media, in the area of interest involved, should be notified by telephone or fax to meet the requirements of the Open Meeting law's emergency meeting. The Groom/McLean News annually requests by means of a formal letter to be notified of any such emergency meetings. This was said by Attorney Larsen to be a good means of being notified by such entities.

Another point by Larsen and the Attorney General's law is public officials cannot meet (by phone, etc.) of less than a quorum just for purpose to discuss public information or to take a straw vote prior to the open meeting. This is called a "Walking Quorum," just to circumvent the Open Meetings Act.

This was the final Open Government 2006 seminar for the year. The next meeting will be held in Tyler in October.

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