

The McLean News



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City Employees Complete Variety Of Repairs

The City of McLean employees have been busy. In five days, they filled potholes on city streets with over 30 tons of asphalt. "We were happy to get the repairs done for the people of McLean," said Mayor, Bob Martin. Besides filling potholes, dirt city streets have also been graded when possible.

The park was also spruced up for the Ex-Student Reunion that was held. Trees were trimmed and the grass mowed.

In addition to these items, the employees have also been continuously hauling clay for the mandatory reconstruction of the sewer plant southeast of town. Water leaks, from old pipes have also been on the list, such as the one on the 200 block of Commerce street that the employees worked until after midnight to repair.

Day to day work also keeps the team constantly



City employees Bill Anderson and Chet Bohlar excavate the damaged water works to repair the leak.

at work. Garbage collection, landfill maintenance, utility work, meter reading and customer service are just a few of the things that must be taken care of in the city. According to City Secretary, Toni Bohlar, on an average day she assists 30 people that come into City Hall or call on the

phone. On a busy day, the number increases to around 50.

The City of McLean is a rarity in the panhandle, as only five small towns have their own gas system. That is not the only reason that it is a rarity. The city also serves not only McLean but also the Alanreed and Heald communities as well.



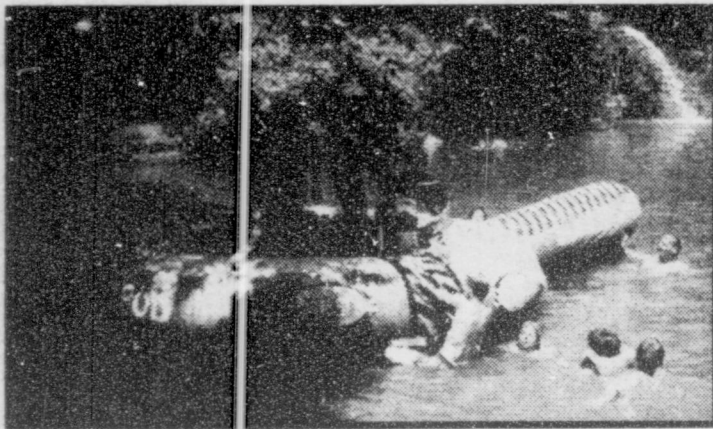
City employees work past midnight to repair a major water leak on Commerce Street.

McLean has 36 miles of water and sewer lines. It has 53 miles of gas lines. And it is responsible for the landfill which has state requirements as far as what

kind of dirt, etc. can be used to cover the trash.

All city employees are educated in the different areas of utilities, which

require certain types of license. Yearly continuing education classes are also required to keep the license.



McLean Bids Farewell To The Eric Smith Family

Over 60 people turned out for the going away party for Superintendent Eric Smith and his wife Tracie and their sons. The party was held at the pond of Mike and Leslie Darsey, north of Alanreed.

Friends gathered to share hot dogs and sausage along with all the fixings. The kids and the adults enjoyed the water of the pond on the hot summer day.

To serve as a reminder for the Smith's time in

McLean, they were given a framed picture with everyone writing something sentimental on the mat around the picture.

The Smiths moved to Texhoma, where Eric has accepted a job as Superintendent.

Young At Heart To Hold Potluck Luncheon

The Young at Heart met on June 21. President Marjorie Fish explained that the Senior Citizens building had flooded during the recent heavy rains. The rain may have come through the ceiling near the swamp cooler. She thanked Ben Reeves, Rosa Troy, Mary Dwyer and Boots Stone for helping in cleaning the building after the flood.

The Young at Heart are currently working on finding grants to re-wire the building, purchase anew furnace and air-conditioning system and repair the back door and wall.

There were 25 guests and members at the meeting. Guest included Z.A. and Lois Myers, Dawn Raudybush, Anita Seaney, and Hannah and Daniel Miller who are teh grandchildren on Dan and

Linda Eggers.
Lynn Swanson, Marisa Martinez and Gayla Chester with McLean

Home Health did blood pressure checks.

The next potluck luncheon will be on July 5.

Reminders

THE MCLEAN NEWS will go to Groom on Monday, July 4. Ads can still be called into the Groom News on Tuesday, July 5 at 1-806-248-7333. The McLean News Office will be closed July 4 - July 8 for vacation.

MCLEAN RANCH Rodeo - July 23.

THE LIBRARY will be closed June 30 - July 4.

BOOK SALE at the library. Great bargains. Buy 1 get 2 free - Hardback.

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

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

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

Murdoch-Stalls To Wed



Trueman and Billie Murdoch of Morton, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Larenda, to Shandon Stalls, son of Randy and Bobbi Stalls of McLean.

The couple will be

married September 10, 2005 at County Line in Lubbock, Texas.

The bride elect is a graduate of Morton High School and Texas Tech University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Samnorwood High School and Texas Tech University.

Grilling Ideas

(NAPS)—Grilling fans can now try some of the best barbecue recipes from America's finest resorts. The talented chefs at ten U.S. resorts, part of the RockResorts collection, are creating recipes using indigenous ingredients which offer a twist on the traditional barbecue fare. For more recipes from RockResorts visit www.rockresorts.com/recipes.

A delicious low fat cake can begin with Krusteaz Fat Free Blueberry Muffin Mix. All you add is lemonade concentrate, water, an egg and freshly grated lemon zest. The cake bakes up with a light texture and a tasty golden top.

By choosing a wide variety of colorful fruits and vegetables, you reap the benefit of all the unique combinations of fiber, nutrients, and phytochemicals that each fruit and vegetable provides. For information on fresh, sweet cherries and other fruits from Stemilt Growers, visit www.stemilt.com.

Correction: John, Linda and Travis Donovan of Denver, Colorado were accidentally omitted from the Glass Family reunion article in last weeks edition of the McLean News.

Back Family Reunion Held

Forty-nine descendants of the John David Back and Emma Vaughn Britton family gathered together in McLean this past weekend,

Obituaries



JAMES SMITH

James Smith, 56, died on Thursday June 23, 2005 in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at the First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas, with Rev. Dean Williamson and Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery McLean, Texas.

Mr. Smith was born October 10, 1948 to Riley and Effie Smith in McLean, Texas. He loved to visit with people. No matter where you were James would always have a HEY! HEY! And a how are you, for you. He worked as a custodian at the U.S. Post Office in McLean for years.

Survivors include (5) Brothers: Arvin H Smith (Nona), Colleyville, Texas

Freddy J. Smith (Brenda), Indianapolis, In Warren G. Smith (Clara) Pampa, Texas, Casper D. Smith (Jean) McLean, Texas, Hershel L. Smith (Francis) Lela Lake, Texas, (2) Sisters: Sadie M Green (Cecil) McLean, Texas, - Helen L. Anderson McLean, Texas; sister-in-law Wanda Smith Altus, Ok.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, a brother Larry V. Smith, a brother-in-law Jimmie A. Anderson.

The family suggests memorials to The Assembly of God Church, McLean, Texas.

Marsha Utsumi Reeves - died June 16, 2005 in California. She was born November 28, 1947. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at the Santa Clara Valley Christian Church on 40 Union Avenue, Campbell.

She was the wife of John Reeves, daughter of the late Genji and Eureka Utsumi; Doug (Martha) Utsumi; Gary (Patsy) Utsumi; Trudy (Ken) Fujii; Darce (Mark) Sakamoto; numerous nieces and nephews and special great aunt to Cameron and Lucas Wheeler.

Mrs. Reeves taught at Meadow Heights for 30 years. She and her husband John coached Bobby Sox Softball in San Mateo and San Jose. Her husband moved up to coach high school and eventually college at U.C. Berkeley, but Marsha still provided the background work.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to The Friends of CAL Softball, ATTN: Bear Backers, 2223 Fulton St., Berkeley, CA., 94720.

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June 18-19. Many local and out of town visitors attended both the McLean Ex Students barbecue in the City Park on Saturday and the Back reunion on Sunday afternoon. A good time was had by all and it was agreed that we should meet again in June of 2007. Those from McLean that attended were: Dale and Mary Lou Glass; Johnny and Anita Day; George and Louise Watson; L.M. Watson; LaVon Watson; Mary Emma Woods; Bob and Janet Glass; Mae Laverne Back; Hobart and Glyndora Moore. Those from Amarillo that attended were: W.A. and Barbara Bentley; Ricce, Jackson and Grayson Taylor; Don and Pia Woods. Other out of town visitors included: Doug and Teresa Richards from Arlington, Texas; Tom and Marie O'Neal from Dickinson, Texas; Terri, Jordan and Jerah Luna from Clarendon; Judith Howard from Ruidoso, New Mexico; Sherry and Marvin Kramer from Skellytown, Texas; Jamie Glass from Fort Worth, Texas; Lee, Lauren and Lucas Crelia from Keller, Texas; Jim, Cindy and Jacob Watson from Alanreed; Sue and Joe Bob Barnhill from Brentwood, Tennessee; Shirley Hohstadt from Denver, Colorado; John, Linda, Megan and Travis Donovan from Aurora, Colorado; Halcyon, Ariel and Adren Rigdon from Durham, North Carolina and Linda Lou Maces from Keller, Texas.

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Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

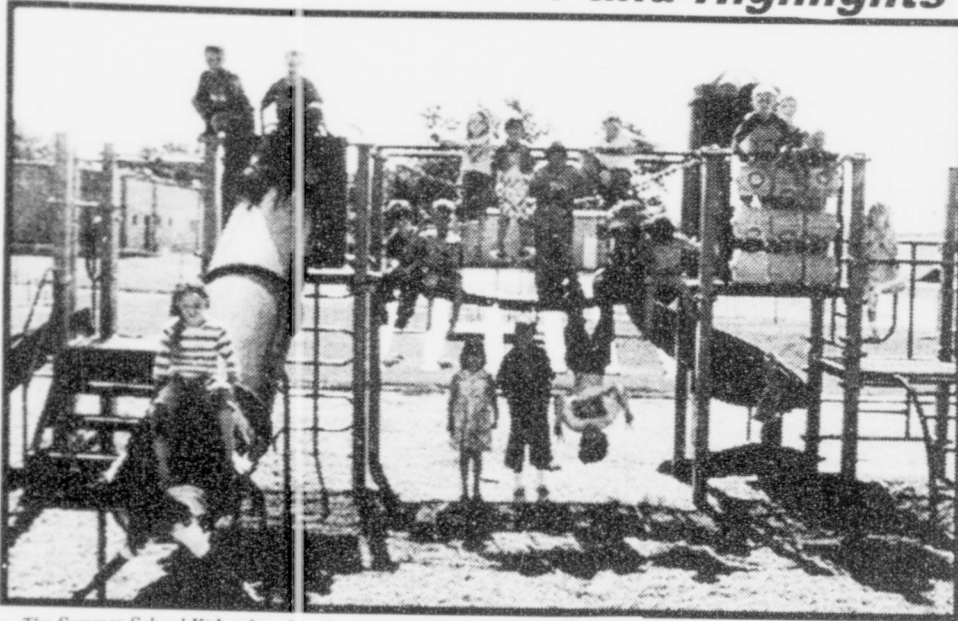
United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Summer Fun Activities and Highlights



The Summer School Kids take a break to have a little fun on the playground.



James Alexander and Sharmin Perkins along with new youth leader, Mike, don't let a little mud get in the way of good clean fun.



(Above) Solid Rock kids get "down and dirty". (Below) Pre-K through 2nd grade pose for picture at BBS.

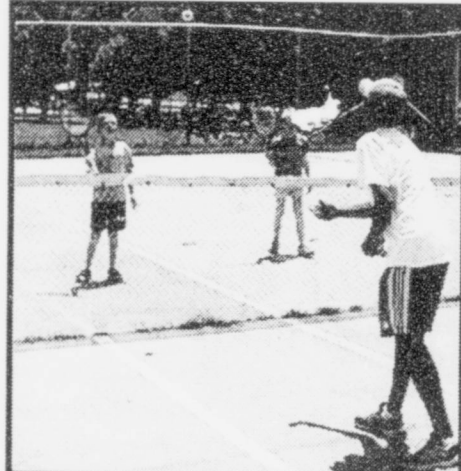


Marshall Hanes teaches the kids how to be on God's Winning Team with the perfect swing at the Trinity VBS.

(Far left) Tracie Smith holds her son Kyler and his good friend Stormie.
(Below Middle) Antonio Montoya instructs Morgan Reynolds on the finer points of tennis at BBS.



B.J. Ketcherside spins one more day with good friend, Tanner Smith.



Larry & Sharmin ride off into the sunset on their "noble steed".

SUMMER FUN!



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Class of 1933 Enjoys Reunion Festivities

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 30 - Jeanette Kennedy, Tami Smith Story, Marie Fennell, Jay Wallis, Carolyn Frost.

July 1 - Rhonda Sparling, Lawrence Kurtz, Mary Jo Cordell, M.L. Rowan.

July 2 - Doug Purcell, Bill Reeves, Richard Ellis.

July 3 - Dixie Jo Crockett.

July 4 - Nicki Hefley.

July 5 - Ethan McCracken, Melissa Thompson, Patricia Gaybeal.

July 6 - James Hefley, Sara Brown.

Lois Hinton Hughes of White Deer and Ruth Hess Magee enjoyed visiting during the recent ex-students reunion. They were members of the class of 1933.

The first reunion of this class was in 1953 when 27 members attended.

Lois' son Wayne Hughes of Amarillo brought her. He really enjoyed the museum, especially the new oil display Delbert Trew had just completed.

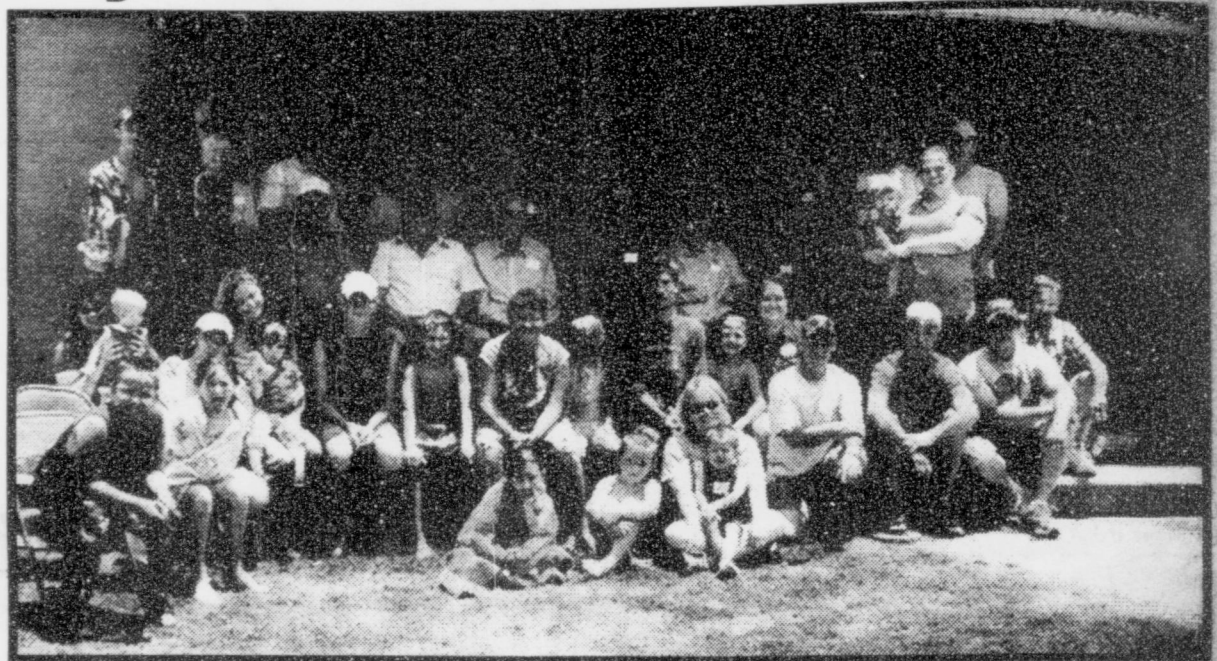


Lee Family Holds Annual Family Reunion

The Lee Family held their annual reunion in Shamrock, Texas this year at the Shamrock County Club. Everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie. The morning started off with nine holes of golf for anyone interested and depending on who you ask, Darel Lee won.

The kids enjoyed the sunshine with a cool swim in the pool. After lunch most of the adults and a few of the kids participated in very competitive games of Bingo with bought and family handcrafted prizes to be won. Everyone had a great time with the game, especially Sheila and Sue who didn't cheat at all to get the prized that they wanted!

A family cookbook was published this year with lots of great recipes to share from generations past to future generations. Betty Lee did a great job in putting it all together. She



also included in the cookbook some family history, pictures and stories. Those in

attendance at the reunion were Darel, Judy, Jeffery, Amber, Izaak, and Ellen Lee; Sherrell and Frank Scott; Lawrence and Marjorie Lee; David, Penny, Aubrey and Elise Carr; Cary Lee; Larry Carter; Eddie and Shiela

Carter; James and Pat Lee; Colleen and Paul Wayne Franks; Ryan and Clay Lee; Dusty Reed; Stefanie, Joshua and Jacob Blackmon, Pete and Deanna Crawford; Mable, Alexis, Donald and Robert Stuart; Kelly Chris. Dave

Julie, Evelyn and Joe Street; Otis Franks; Justin, Seth,, Randy and Betty Lee; Lester and Daniel Lee; Jim Bob, Terri, Tucker and Shelby Adams; Donald, Paulina and Jacob Woods; John Turner; Jim Lee; Doyle, Cindy, Dustin,

and Kacla Lee; Mildred Hill; Virginia Dehon and Wayne and Beth Leather; Paul and Sue Lee; Ross Carter; Carol and O.K. Lee; Christi, Harlie and Joel Bolz; Casey Lee and Jason Winner.

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until Friday, July 8th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened on July 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the City Council. The City of McLean reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.

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Thursday, June 30, 2005



Ashley Murray enjoys a dip in the pool with her niece and nephew, Aubrey and Carson Ritter.

Groom Swimmers Enjoy Summer Fun At The Pool

There is nothing more refreshing than a cool dip on a hot day. Groom ISD is one of the few schools in the panhandle area to have its own indoor pool.

The swimming pool and building were built in 1967 after a bond issue was passed 2 to 1. The pool and building were 1 of 2 issues on the ballot in the spring of 1966. C.J. Roberts was the Superintendent. The west wing of classrooms, administration offices and

ag shop were also on the ballot.

The philosophy was that the community wanted a

pool. If the school, rather than the city, built it the cost would be spread out over the whole district rather than just the city residents. The school was also set up to administer the pool personnel better than the city was. According to Johnny Brumley, who was superintendent when the

pool opened, the administrators required coaches and physical education teachers to be certified water safety instructors. This allowed swimming to be included in the curriculum and, at least for a time, every child in Groom School learned to swim.

Today the pool is mainly open in the summer. It is administered by the

See POOL, pg. 4



Karen Story, Jess & Jo Ann Baker's daughter, and her son Nathan doing a little shopping in Pampa...

Royce Brown enjoying the sunshine as he drives his white and blue golf cart to the post office...

Aimee Fields with her children Laurel and Conner, out for a morning stroll with a little help from her neighbor Jill Babcock...

April Burton and her friend Brandon Jones showing off something shiny on Sunday...

Toni Pavlovski running a few errands after a full morning at the Post Office.

A very good looking boat parked in front of Jack and Willie Barnett's house...

Forrest McLaughlin working pulling a stump from his yard.

Groom Students Earn Top Honors

Groom made a definite mark on the national writing scene this past Saturday as the Panhandle Professional Writers Association announced the results of its annual youth writing contest. Groom students claimed 17 of the 35 awards.

Students received their plaques, medals and/or certificates during PPW's annual Frontiers in Writing Conference, held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo on June 24-25.

The following Groom writers were honored:

Grade School Category Winners: Amber Adams received the first-place plaque in the Grade School Article/Essay Category for "Getting My Puppies."

Taylor Fields received the second-place plaque in the Grade School Article/Essay Category for "Turkey Hunting."

Sara Kelly received the third-place medal in the Grade School Article/Essay Category for "My Family Vacation."

Chase King received an Honorable Mention certificate in the Grade School Article/Essay

Category for "My Family."

Trent Murray received an Honorable Mention certificate in the Grade School Article/Essay Category for "The Hot Air Balloon Festival."

Alex Ragsdale received the first-place Grade School Poetry Category for "Sunset."

Bekah Roskens received an Honorable Mention certificate in the Grade School Short-Story Category for "Locked in a Stall."

Bekah Roskens received the third-place medal in the Grade School Poetry Category for "Running."

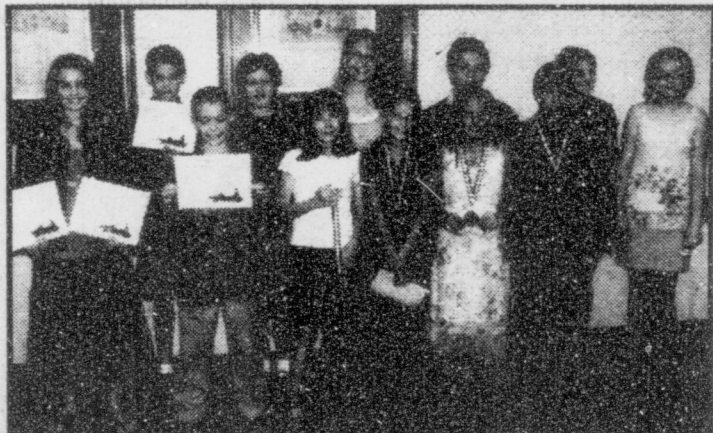
Middle School Category Winners:

Tanner Britten received the first-place plaque in the Middle School Poetry Category for "What I Think about Christmas."

Kassandra Brown received the second-place plaque in the Middle School Poetry Category for "For Christmas."

Samantha Clendennen received an Honorable Mention Certificate in the Middle School

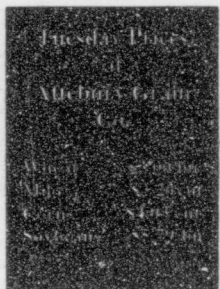
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Pictured are: front row-Katy Britten, Chase King, Bekah Roskens, Alex Ragsdale, Amber Adams and Taylor Fields; back row-Trent Murray, Tanner Britten, Friederike Roessner, Jes Roskens, Kassandra Brown and Samantha Clendennen. Not pictured are Sara Kelly and Maddie Wieberg.

Groom Community Calendar

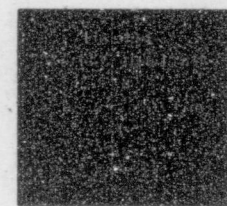
GROOM DAY is set for August 5th & 6th.



THE GROOM NEWS will be open on July 4.

THE TEXAS Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic in Pampa July 6, 2005 at 736 S. Cuyler from 9:30a.m. to 11:45a.m. and from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

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




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LOCAL HAPPENING

Spring Graduates At WTAMU

Canyon, Texas - Degrees were officially conferred on 650 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement exercises May 7 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 503 baccalaureate and 147 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90 or 4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2005 included 31 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 30 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 84 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 12 states and 96 Texas cities and towns.

Area graduates include: Cody D. Britten BAAS Applies Arts and Sciences and Julie D. Richardson BS Interdisciplinary.

Blood Donors Needed

Leigh Ann Hopkins is looking for individuals with Blood Type A+, A-, O+ or O-. She will have surgery in August and will need several pints of blood. If you would like to give, and can travel to Amarillo to do so, please contact her at 248-8211.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2005 DEAN'S LIST

Northern Illinois University announces its Spring 2005 dean's list students. The dean's list is compiled by NIU colleges according to varying criteria. The Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, and Health and Human Sciences use a minimum semester grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. The College of Business bases selection on class rank among the top ten percent of their classes.

Candace Bohr, daughter of Michele and Rodney Bohr of Groom was named to the list.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 30 - Don Smith, Alice Kuehler, Doris Kuehler, Carolyne Frost, Mr. and Mrs. John Koetting (A).

July 1 - Clifton Britten and Paul N. Britten.

July 2 - M.B. Bolden, Michael Anthony Lewis.

July 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMahan (A), Mr. and

Mrs. Scott McLaughlin (A).

July 4 - Gregory Britten, Lucille Merrick, Stacy Jean Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kuehler (A).

July 5 - T.C. Sustaie.

July 6 - Donnie Conrad, Jerry Lynn Thornton, Judy Miller, Nellie Painter.

Karen Britten Graduates With Honors From Amarillo College

Karen Britten, daughter of Amos and Loretta Britten recently graduated with honors from Amarillo College with an associates degree in business Administration and

Computer Information Systems. The Groom ISD alumni will attend Panhandle State University to complete her bachelor's degree. She currently lives in Hartley.

Katy Britten Named To President's List

Katy Britten was recently named to the University of North Texas President's List. Britten received the acknowledgment for maintaining a grade point average of 4.0 for the spring semester.

She completed a total of 21 credit hours in courses such as calculus, biology, chemistry, political science, English, and research.

Britten is currently continuing her research in material science at UNT this summer. She will return to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at UNT in the fall for her senior year of high school.

Katy is the daughter of Hop and Jan Britten and the granddaughter of Ray and Alice Britten.

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Donations will be accepted for the meal.

See you at the Park!!!

2004 Windbreak Program Deemed Big Success

The McClellan Creek SWCD sold windbreak and large trees again this year. They sold 510 potted trees and 210 bare root trees to Carson County land users for windbreak purposes. In large tree sales, the district sold 221 large potted trees and 20 balled trees. Some of the species sold in large trees were Lacebark Elm, Red Oak, Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Cotton Wood, and Burr Oak.

Those interested in trees or seedlings need to notify the SWCD office as early as November 2005 for best selections.

Tree care should be treated as an investment in your home, trees and community. Not only are you being a good neighbor,

but you can increase your property values and save energy from the hot summer sun and cold winter wind. By beginning a tree care management program including mulching, fertilizing, pruning, and regular inspections, a homeowner or renter can enjoy a landscape from years to come.

Carson County has some landowners that have planted windbreaks on their property. Some of these windbreaks are several years old and some are newly planted. These property owners are doing a great job of organizing and correctly planting these trees.

Commissioners Approves Autopsy Services

The Carson County commissioners held their regular scheduled meeting on June 27, 2005. In attendance were Judge Lewis W. Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the June 13th, 2005 meeting were read and approved. All claims were paid.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was approved to perform autopsy services for the county.

Sheriff Tam Terry reported to the court that Trevor McGill resigned his position as Deputy Sheriff.

He also reported that he is advertising and taking applications to fill that position.

Jackie Lewis, Tax Assessor/Collector, asked the court to consider signing an amended resolution stating that all bidders at public sales demonstrate that they do not owe delinquent taxes, in accordance with those sections as amended by the 79th Regular Session of the Legislature in 2005. The motion to sign the resolution was approved.

Celeste Bichsel, County and District Clerk,

informed the court that Lynn Rodriguez's employment with the County was terminated June 13, 2005. She also informed the court that she is advertising and taking

applications to fill the position.

County taxes collected as of May 31, 2005 are 97.86%.

Court adjourned until July 11, 2005.

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Winners

Article/Essay Category for "Wonderland."

Jes Roskens received the second-place plaque in the Middle School Short Story Category for "The Fight for Voidara."

Maddie Wieberg received an Honorable Mention certificate in the Middle School Poetry Category for "On December 25."

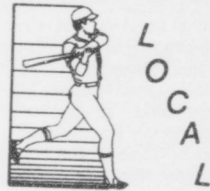
High School Category Winners:

Katy Britten received an Honorable Mention Certificate in the High School Poetry Category for "Where I Disappear."

Katy Britten received an Honorable Mention Certificate in the High School Poetry Category for "Let Go."

Friederike Roessner received the second-place plaque in the High School Poetry Category for "A New World."

Friederike Roessner received the third-place medal in the High School Poetry Category for "Dreams."



HAPPENINGS

Michael Rose, who teaches and coaches at Caprock High School in Amarillo, was named 3-4A Softball Coach of the Year. Michael is the son of Howard and Mary Rose of Groom. He will be holding a softball camp in Groom July 5-9.

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Pool

Summer Youth Program, which is funded by GEDC, the City of Groom and Groom Lion's Club. The school pays to heat the pool and maintains the facilities.

This year Coach Matt Johnson is the Manager with lifeguards, Adam Britten and Kyra Stevens assisting. Kyra is also teaching swimming lessons.

Join the fun and support the continued operation of the pool.

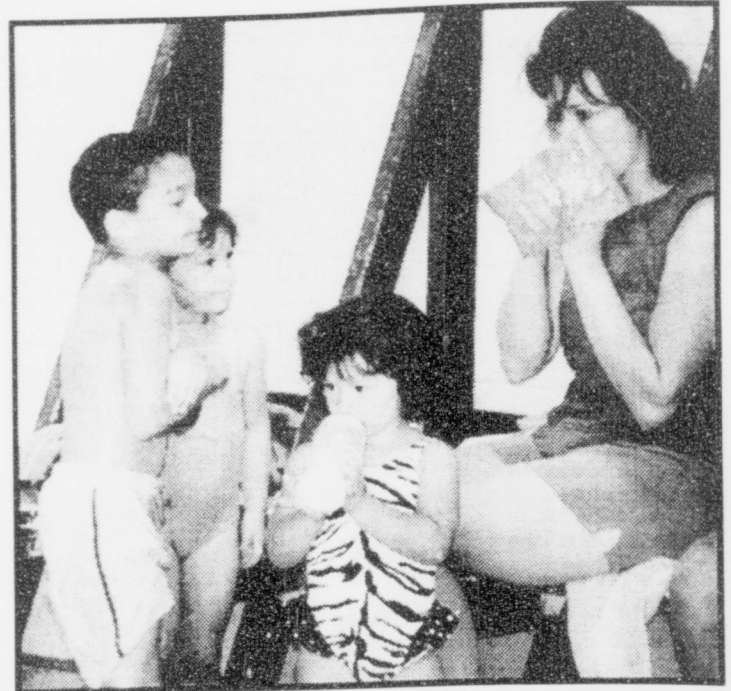
Looking For Family Farm Land Owners

Austin-Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150, and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches have been recognized in 226 Texas counties.

"We must not forget our past," Combs said. "There was a time when few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape. Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these pioneers and the generations who have continued the farming and ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2006. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in 2005 Family Land Heritage Registry. In addition, honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at



Carson, Sydney, and Aubrey Ritter patiently wait for mom, Melissa, to get their floaties blown up.

www.agr.state.tx.us
 Applications are due by Nov. 15. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-2631 or melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us.

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 13	Follett Scrimmage	Groom	11:00
Aug 20	Hedley-Samnorwood Scrim	Groom	6:00
Aug 27	Lazbuddie	Groom	2:00
Sep 2	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	7:30
Sep 9	Higgins **	Groom	7:30
Sep 16	Open		
Sep 23	Kress *	Kress	7:30
Sep 30	Happy *	Groom	7:30
Oct 7	Lazbuddie*	Groom	7:30
Oct 14	Silverton*	Silverton	7:30
Oct 21	Valley*	Groom	7:30
Oct 28	Hedley *	Hedley	7:30
Nov 4	Cotton Center*	Groom	7:30

** Denotes Homecoming

* Denotes District Games

2005 GROOM JR. High School Cubs Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sep 2	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	4:30
Sep 8	Higgins	Higgins	5:00
Sep 15	Samnorwood	Groom	6:00
Sep 22	Hedley	Hedley	5:00
Sep 29	Happy	Happy	5:00
Oct 6	Open		
Oct 13	Silverton	Groom	5:00
Oct 20	Valley	Valley	5:00
Oct 27	Hedley	Valley	5:00

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Local and Area Obituaries

Services For Beulah Shockly To Be Held Today, June 30



BILLY W. HAMMERS
GROOM - Billy W. Hammers, 88, died Friday, June 24, 2005, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 27, 2005 in Panhandle Cemetery in Panhandle with the Rev. Darrell Burton, pastor of Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Arrangements are by Holley Funeral Home of Canyon.

Mr. Hammers was born Sept. 17, 1916, in Lampasas to Joseph Weldon Hammers and Gertrude Wetsel Hammers. He finished school in Seymour. In 1940, he moved to the Panhandle of Texas to work in the Borger Rubber Plant. He was a rancher and farmer most of his life and also worked in the cattle trucking business. He moved to the Lark Community in 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Flora Glenn; a son, Billy Hammers of Amarillo; a niece, Diane Homer of La Porte; a grandchild, Sarah Bird; and a great-grandchild, Billy Bird.

The family suggests memorials be to the Groom Volunteer Fire Department or Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Services Held "Country" Downs



CURTIS H. DOWNS, JR.

Curtis H. "Country," Downs, Jr., 81, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2005, at his home in Amarillo. The memorial service were held Wednesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at Amarillo's First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Chester O'Brien officiating. Masonic graveside services will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Country was born January 12, 1924, in Dell, Arkansas, and graduated from Dell High School. Following graduation, Mr. Downs worked at a local grocery and served in the US Army. In May 1944, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou. The couple had three sons and

lived in Dell until 1951 when Country was hired by Pantex. The family made their home in Pantex Village where the boys were reared, all graduating from Panhandle High School. Many lifelong friendships were forged during the years at Pantex Village where Country helped establish Pantex Baptist Chapel, serving as a deacon. In 1970, the couple moved to Amarillo, joining First Baptist Church and

becoming active in the Khiva Shrine. Country retired from Pantex in 1986 after 35 years of service.



LARRY LEE DANNER

Harlingen, TX — Larry Lee Danner, born on Wednesday, May 14, 1941, passed into eternity on Friday, June 24, 2005. With his family at his side, he gave his son Royce his final instruction, "Don't worry about that boat, and keep the motor room locked." To his son Rodney's words of "I love you," He answered "I love you all too." He said, "It is time". Gave a final wave of his hand settled back into his recliner and closed his eyes and slowly breathed his last breath.

Larry was the son of Joseph A. Danner and Clara Schrader Danner, born in Del Norte, Colorado. Larry attended elementary school in Del Norte, where he and his favorite cousin, Teddy Slade, did their share of mischief. Larry attended middle school in Moriery, New Mexico, then his family moved to Groom, Texas. Larry married his high school sweetheart in 1959. While in Groom, Larry worked for Wheeler-Evans Grain Company and the Ford Garage. In 1964, Larry moved his family to Harlingen, Texas. He worked at a Ford Garage in Mercedes, for Aldridge-Washmon Company, then for Tri-Pac Machinery Company. Larry and his brother John started Danner's Cycle Sales, in 1965. Larry continued the motorcycle operation until his death.

Ever the competitor in motor sports, Larry enjoyed building motors for competition and operating them. When his sons showed their talents of racing Larry

retired to be the driving force behind them. He was so proud of his sons abilities in motor sports competition.

In Larry's 40 years of motorcycle business he made many friends. It

John and Phoebe Shockley in Groom. She graduated from Groom High School in 1933. She lived her whole life in Groom. She worked for Lee Sadler at the Groom Drug Store until she started working for the county as tax collector and secretary. She then worked as bookkeeper for Groom Memorial Hospital until its closing. She was board secretary of the Groom United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death

by two sisters, Opal Stamps and Clara Black and her brother William Shockley.

Survivors include 11 nieces and nephews, 23 great nieces and nephews and several great-great nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial to The Groom United Methodist Church, 303 East 2nd, Groom, TX 79039.



Services Held For Larry Danner

would be hard to list all of them, but outstanding are his employees, Robert Foster, Ray Ernst, Robert Anderson, and Mike Marquiz. He had many many delightful times with Steve and Bobby Thompson, Barney Majeskey, Buddy Tanner, Leon James, Darius Gramley, Frank Matz, Joe Pratt, Kenneth Cole, Harvey Ince, GB and Austin Carter, Randy Young, Phil Jones, the Hilburn Family, Ed Gonzalez, the Castro Family, Vance Rumfield, Chuck Danz, and Tim Slaton.

Surviving Larry are his wife, Dana B. Danner, sons Royce Danner (wife Nanette) and Rodney Danner, his nephew John Danner, Jr. (wife Lisa), sisters, Dusty Samudio of Grenada, CA, Juanita Heslip (husband John) of Silver City, N.M., Linda Pippin (husband Rusty) of Waco, TX, one brother Allen Danner (wife Margaret) of Hattiesburg, Miss., grandchildren, Courtney L. Danner of

San Benito, TX. Travis Lee and Amber Jade Danner of Bandera, TX.

Larry's parents and brother, John preceded him in death.

Larry's family would like to thank Dr. Ray Smith and Dr. David R

Yardley for their compassionate care in his last months of life. The staff at Valley Baptist Hospital Emergency Room, third floor, heart care are also thanked. Their expertise care helped give us a few more days to prepare for his death. Thanks to Dr. Smith for explaining salvation to Larry. Thank you Clyde Lewis for being there for him.

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church in Combes, Texas on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:00 A.M. His remains will be buried at a later time in Addington, OK. Friends and loved ones were invited to come by his garage in Combes after the services to continue to celebrate Larry's life.

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

Currently there are 12 prisoners being housed in the county jail. Five of these inmates have been sentenced to prison and are waiting admission dates. There were five persons arrested during the week. The arrest break down as follows: 1 - motion to revoke probation on an original charge of felony DWI, 1 - domestic violence, 1 - motion to revoke probation on an

original charge of indecency with a child, and 2 - possession of marijuana.

Activities for the week included the following calls for service.

At 1:00 PM on 6/18 Deputy Armstrong took a report of stolen tools in the Fritch area.

At 5:00 PM on 6/19 Deputy Armstrong and I answered a domestic violence call in Skellytown.

One person was booked into jail.

At 4:00 PM on 6/21 Deputy Cates took a report of a missing person from a residence on FM 2575. The missing person made contact later in the day.

Deputy Brassfield extradited a prisoner from Bend, Oregon last week.

Deputy Trevor McGill has resigned his position with our office to pursue his Master's degree. I appreciate his service to the Sheriff's Office and we all wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Pets Need Special Attention During Hot Weather

By Donna Burton

The coming of the hot months brings a whole different set of problems for animal lovers. Relief from the heat is a top priority for dog and cat owners. As a pet owner, former groomer and current animal control officer, I can tell you from experience that this is the most dangerous time pet owners face. Dogs sweat through their pads on their feet and through their tongues. If you are hot, chances are that they are even hotter. Plain old common sense will make your pet less likely to suffer any ill side effects from the heat.

1. Make sure your dog or cat or any other creature you are responsible for has constant access to fresh water. Products like "Lick It" (an attachment that goes on a faucet that allows dogs and cats access to fresh water by licking

the end of the device) are great as insurance against a pet turning over their water bowl or drinking it all on an especially hot day.

2. Make sure your pet has somewhere to get in out of the shade. A dog house is not usually their favorite place when it is hot. If no tree or shade from a building is available then perhaps an awning or other man-made devices will work.

3. Spraying the ground where the shade will be in the afternoon can provide a lot of additional cooling.

4. Freeze a butter bowl full of water to put in their water dish. While it does melt pretty fast, it keeps the water temp down.

5. Mist-ers, like the ones used for people are great for pets too. While some animals may not stand right under them, they will generally stay near enough

to enjoy the benefits of the coolness generated by them.

6. A small children's swimming pool filled with water is also a great help with bigger dogs.


7. Don't expect pets who have become acclimated to the indoors to make a rapid transition to the out of doors. They suffer just like those of us who are stuck inside most of the week only to venture out on the weekends.


8. Keeping pets well groomed and pest free will also help keep them comfortable. Dirty matted hair and flea and tick infestation keep the animal traumatized, making the heat even more stressful to them.

9. It goes without saying that a closed car... or even one with windows down is no place for pets or people.

10. Pets like people get short tempered and restless during the hot months. They like to wander every chance they get. Mother Nature's influences such as thunderstorms, nocturnal hunting instincts as well as procreation instinct will make even the most reliable pet look for a way out of that boring back yard. Keep pets stimulated by enriching their lives with an evening walk, a run in the country, some new toys or just some quality time with you!

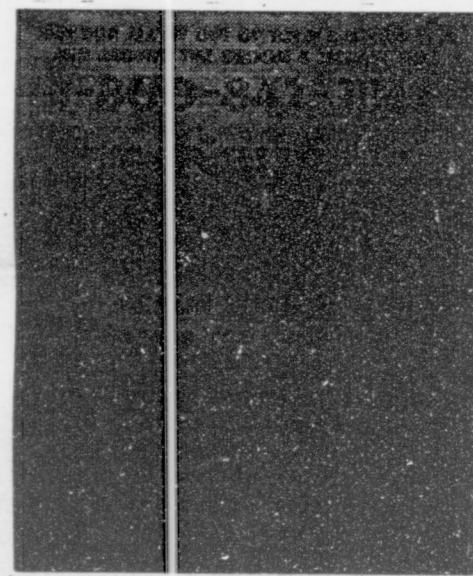
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