

# The Groom News

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## Groom Tigers Placed On Elite Team

Several Groom football players have been elected to represent District 2 A Six Man on the All-District team for 1988.

Richard Koetting, a senior was named on the first team for his linemen abilities shown through out the season.

Kevin Kerlee, a senior was named on the first team for his linebacker efforts.

Michael Rose, was recognized as the All-District punter and as All-District second team quarterback and was named among the eight All-Star team members.

Stony Crump, a senior



Michael Rose

was recognized for his abilities as a All-District first team offense end and was named on the All-Star team.

Jay Britten was recognized for his skills as a linebacker, being named on the second team and for his abilities shown as a center, Kevin was also named All-District first team.



Stoney Crump

Jason Eschle was recognized for his abilities as offensive lineman, as Honorable Mention.

Coach Branch said "The boys did real well, they got strong votes, due to their performance in the last two games. They were at their peak of performance".

## Local Song Writer Alice Wells Wins Second Place

"I Want To Hold You Tonight", a song written by M.L. Bolton and Alice R. Wells, both of Temple, Tex., was chosen as second place song in the Third Annual "Making Texas Music" song writers competition November 11, 12 & 13 in Putman, Texas. Over thirty

songwriters from throughout Texas were selected for the semi finals in the three day competition. The top ten advanced to the finals, with "Radio Blues" submitted by John Guthrie of Dallas being selected the winning song.

Writing and performing under the name of Bolton &

Wells, the duo has a collection of their original Music that was produced and released on cassette this past September. It is titled "A Reason to Stay Sane" and contains an electric selection of songs ranging from traditional folk to Rhythm and Blues.

## Telephone Charges To Increase By 60¢ On December 1

In accordance with recent Federal Communication Commission action, all single line business and residential telephone customers across the nation, including those served by GTE Southwest, will be subject to an increase in their interstate Subscriber Line Charge from the current \$2.60 per month to \$3.20 per month.

This 60 cent increase in the interstate subscriber line charge is effective December 1, and is the third phase of a federally mandated process that is intended to gradually eliminate the practice of charging customers more for long-distance service in order to keep local rates artificially low.

Business customers with more than one line have been paying \$6 interstate subscriber line charge since May 1984. This interstate subscriber line charge for business customers will not change.

Under the Federal Communications Commission plan for implementation of the interstate subscriber line charges, the total revenues of the local telephone companies will not increase since the FCC in turn will reduce by an equivalent

amount charged to long-distance carriers for use of local facilities and equipment. It is the intent of the FCC that this decrease in long-distance carrier's expense will be passed through to consumers in the form of reduced interstate long-distance rates.

GTE officials said the interstate subscriber line charges are designed to shift from long-distance users to local customers, a larger portion of the actual costs of providing the line from their

residence or business to the telephone switching equipment.

Depending on the amount of interstate long-distance calling, the reductions for interstate rates could offset the \$3.20 interstate fee for many customers, especially high volume users.

The \$3.20 interstate subscriber line charge applies to all residential and single line business customers of all exchange telephone companies providing local exchange service.

## Christmas Band Concert Set

A Christmas Concert will be held at Groom ISD on Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Director Steve Thomas has arranged a program made up of students from the

Kindergarten class up.

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten and First Grade will perform Christmas tunes followed by the Second, Third and Fourth Graders. The Fifth Grade Band beginners will

perform selections. The Sixth Grade Band will also perform and the High School Band will conclude the afternoon.

A reception will follow hosted by the Band Boosters.

### St. Mary's Program Set

The St. Mary's Church Christmas Program will be on December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Debbie Ollinger, Nila Burgin, Melanie Bridgman and Michelle Friemel are helping prepare the approximately 31 children for the program. These youngsters range from the first grade on up to the eighth grade.

Karen Brown and Maria Britten are preparing a program for the preschool children whom range from three years old to Kindergarten. These youngsters will also perform that same evening.

## Commissioner Addresses Ag

Deputy State Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller will address the annual meeting of the Texas Wheat Producers Association in Amarillo on Thursday, December 1. Moeller is scheduled to begin speaking at 9:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center, located at 3rd and Buchanan.

Moeller will address some of the agricultural issues facing the 1989 session of the Texas Legislature, including rural agricultural development, water and marketing initiatives. Approximately 200 delegates are expected to attend the annual meeting.

## Greetings Available At News Office

We are reminding readers to get their Christmas Greeting turned into the News very soon. The Christmas edition will be printed on Thursday, December 22.

Greetings will again be published for \$2.00 or display Christmas cards are available at a variety of styles and prices. Bring us your personal wishes or just call, 248-7333 and we'll select a verse for you.

Don't be left out, deadline is December 15.

## Community Calendar

**United Methodist Church** will begin the holiday season with a Christmas service, Sunday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy this service.

**TOPS** will begin meeting at 4:00 p.m. Monday at Dr. Black's office.

**Community Center Pot Luck** supper and entertainment will be December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

### School Calendar

**Thursday**  
High School Basketball tournament in Miami.

**Friday**  
Miami tournament continues.

**Saturday**  
Miami Tournament Continues, Band to Amarillo College for recording session to be aired December 13th at 12:00 on Channel 2.

**Band Christmas Concert** will be Sunday December 11, at 3:00 p.m.

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### Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:  
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**Award**

Helen Witt received awards in four categories in the recent annual Poetry Society of Texas Contest. Awards were announced in Dallas November 17. There were 7,600 entries in the contest.

Mrs. Roy Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter, Troy Ritter, Seth, Justin, Wade & Clay spent Thanksgiving Day in the James Waltore home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heasley of Breckenridge visited with Harris and Clea Howard on Friday.

Mrs. Tim McGill, Katreana and Camella of Searcy, Arkansas, returned home Monday after a few days visit with their grandmother, Helen Witt.

Bertha Knight and Evelyn Hubbard attended the library staff meeting last Wednesday. They brought several new books back to Groom

## Local Happenings . . . . .

Edna Copeland was a patient at Cornado Community Hospital this past weekend.

Nellie Ford was dismissed from Pampa Cornado Community Hospital on Friday of this past week.

Carlene Britten spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Atchley of Lefors and with Mrs. Elva Wood in Wheeler. She also attended the National Roping Finals in Oklahoma City.

Carlton Turvaville is a patient in Cornado Community this week.

Jack and Betty West recently returned from a two week visit to see their children. They visited Alice Wells and Kristi Jackson in Temple, Shirley and Bill Culver, Lonni, Russell of Salado, Margaret and Rodney Hardin, B.J. and Mandy of Llano, Jim and Judy West, Arron, Andrew and Austin of Victoria. They returned in time for Thanksgiving with Betty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnston of McLean.

Harris and Clea Howard, Craig, Monica, Caren, Karla & Kecia spent Thanks giving in Amarillo in the home of Tim and Kim Hoelscher, Jenny, Matthew, Julia and Meredith. Also attending were; Sue and Hal Howerton, Shannon, Kendy, Ashley of Lubbock and Cliffie Heasley of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hanning and Jennifer and Jarrod of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Britten and Jenni and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley English were visitors and dinner guests in the home of Zoah Britten on Thanksgiving Day.

Jack Ward is a patient in Pampa Cornado Community Hospital.

**Puppets**

**Performed**

The Sunshine Puppets of the First Baptist Church of Groom presented "Kids Praise 3". The puppet play was presented during morning worship services on November 13.

The cast included Rhett Patterson, Staci Fields, Seth Ritter, Jason Trevino, Ty Lambert, Shannon Miller, Aimee Lyles, Darcee Lyles and Tom Lambert.

Visiting in the home of John and Mary Howard, Jill and Kyle during Thanksgiving were John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Clark of Chillicothe.

Arnold Kuehler was a patient this week in Amarillo.

Those who kindly brought food to the funeral luncheon for the Marvin Koetting Family may pick up their dishes at St. Mary's Catholic School.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle and Jason were Thanksgiving Day visitors in the R.J. Mulkey home.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who remembered us during our time of loss. Your cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy were appreciated.  
Marvin Koetting Family

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Black of Hereford were Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. Ethel Blackwell.

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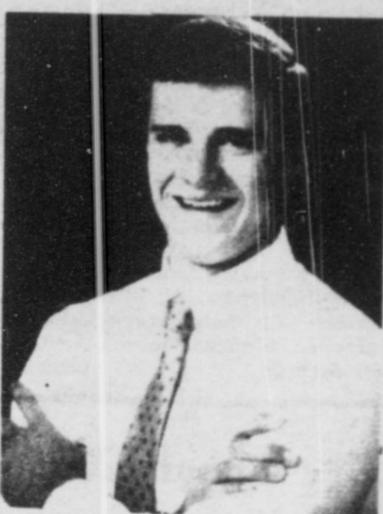
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## Local Student

### in Who's Who

These Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford have been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The students, selected as outstanding campus leaders, were chosen according to their respective academic achievements, services to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continuing success. They will be included in the 1989 edition of the Who's Who Book. Students from Southwestern named to the list include (front from left); Michelle Friemel, Groom, Texas; Shelly Flaherty, Pampa, Texas. Back row from left; Ajith P. Dhasrmawardhana, Weatherford; Jeffrey Dean Ballard, St. Charles, Missouri.



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## Country Neighbors Holds Luncheon

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon of the Groom Country Neighbors was Wednesday, November 16 in the home of Mrs. R.J. Kuehler with Mrs. Roy Ritter and Mrs. O. A. Pool as co-hostesses.

Officers for the 1989-1990 term. During the business session. They are as follows; President-Evelyn Hubbard, Vice-President-Mrs. Kuehler, Sec./Treas./Reporter-Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Sunshine Chairman-Mrs. Hubbard. Dates for being hostess in 1989 were drawn They are as follows: Jan.-Mrs. J.V. London, Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Feb.-Mrs. Jim Wall, Evelyn Hubbard, March-Mrs. R.W. Wills,

Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, April-Mrs. W.G. Koetting, Mrs. W.A. Cornett, May-Club outing, Sept.-Mrs. O.A. Pool, June Pool, Oct.-Mrs. Claude Schaffer, Mrs. Rex Brown, Nov.-Mrs. R.J. Kuehler, Mrs. J.E. Lee, Dec.-Mrs. H. F. Britten, Mrs. Roy Ritter.

Hostess gift was received by Mrs. Cornett.

Those present were mes.dames; Wills, Britten, Cornett, June Pool, Koetting, Brown, Ritter, Wall, Patterson, London, Schaffer, Hubbard, O.A. Pool and Mrs. Kuehler.

June Pool and Mrs. Harrell will be hostesses of the December 14, meeting and members are reminded to bring gifts for Girlstown.

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# What Thanksgiving Means To Me!

The following stories were written by Mrs. Burgin's First Grade Class of Groom ISD.

## Thanksgiving

Nikki Dakon

We are going to my nanas house. I think we are. Randy and mom and Jessica and me too thanksgiving is fun I love thanksgiving very much. we are having turkey. Jessica likes turkey too at thanksgiving we eat turkey and pakuin pie it is good I love pakuin pie. I play house Lyle is mean some times. he likes pakuin pie too.

Bryan Turvaville

I dot know what we are going to do whin it thaks-giving. we mit have a terkey. or are we going to orw gramos. IDOT KNOW. the muorning is aet urkey sosh.

Joshua Robinson

Thasgiving you glt terke and jelow and terkesauce. Pepl kum to eat the food.

Lynsie Pool

I like thanksgiving becus we eat terce and ptados and we eat rostbef with grave and som times we eat choklit cack in a fyoun days it will be my brothers berthia but we are going to hav his parde on thanksgiving and my buther mad up a noo game it is cod crash up dude you haf to cash cars and i wun ons.

Christy Moore

I like thanksgiving be cus we will go to my grama or we will go to my ants or we will stay hom and hav a nis turkey and hav punkmn je-low I like punkm je-low and turkey. 13

Christy Moore

Sarah Hutsell

We are going to Hollys for thanksgiving. I do not know what we are bringing to eat. I know what we are bringing to eat. I know that we are going to have turkey. I like turkey. Mom is going to bring coluflower and brocky raw at Joly and Jontys house becose they are having thanksgiving at their house to.

B.J. Homer

My mom wont let me go to my dad for thakiving and I want to go to my dad and we r having briskit.

Justin Homen

I lik thanksgiving bkuz Josh is coming to my house. So is Shannon, and Dale was weth my dad and Iwas when we got the Turkey.

Jodi Homen

I like thas giving be cis are nanny and papa is cuning and are ant and ukl and my kusns and we are going to eit terky and it is going to be big I am going to git out the hart and did you no it is gooe in sid yous so I did but I wonutoo to.

Joey Garcia

Thackgiveg ol thy pepl mad food for thackgiveg for and pepl to et we wheel hav fun.

Dusty Crump

We are going to have turkey. My aunt and unkl are coming for thanksgiving.

Evan Crowell

On thanksgiving I'am going to eat a lote of terkey and i wuse full of terkey. we aet seldts that terkey to. I can't sy it agin becuse I'm full of terkey, I had to go to bed filde with terkey.

Travis Britten

We mit go to gramaws in Vega for thanksgiving, or wemit go to are uthr gramow and grapow I dot no.

Dustin Babcock

We are having thanksgiving at my grand mas and grand pas but my mom and dad and Buck and I are going to Jim and Rondas house for thanksgiving too becas we havit seen them in a long time.

## Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to the Groom Fire Department and other individuals for their assistance in controlling the grass fire on the C.J. Merrick farm on November 15.

Thank You,  
Panhandle Feeders  
Donald & Troy Ritter  
C.J. Merrick

## Deborah Class Sponsors Christmas Decorations At First Baptist Church

This year the Deborah Class of the First Baptist Church has taken on "Project Christmas Tree". This project has begun with the purchase of a new tree for the entrance foyer. In recent weeks, members have been told of new ornaments.

The theme chosen was white and gold colors with religious meaning. New greenery will be placed in the sanctuary with white and gold bows.

The women of the First Baptist Church are asked to participate in "Project Christmas Tree" by coming

to a brunch, Saturday, December 3, 1988 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The tree will be decorated along with the church. A hour following will be enjoyed with a social hour, with good food and a sharing of Christmas spirit.

## Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, visits, gifts, and for sitting with Magan while she was in the hospital. Thanks also to Pa, Ma, Grand, BB, and Susan Britten for taking care of Cody. A special thank you goes to our neighborhood watch group.

Mark, Tammy, Cody and Magan Bivens

## Celebrated 80th

Mrs. Clyde Cruse of Claude celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday, November 26th, with a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter. Enjoying the day were Clyde Cruse of Claude, Bennie Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wisdom and Marissa of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hudson and boys of Alvarado, Kelly Cruse of Ft. Worth, and Troy Ritter and boys. Mrs. Johnny Leathers of Clarendon and Mrs. Leo Luttrell of Amarillo visited in the afternoon.

## Local Happening

Mrs. Ben Peek of English, Mrs. Tim McGill, Katreena and Camellia of Searcy, Arkansas, and Helen Witt visited Audie Martin at the Palo Duro Convalescent Home in Claude this past Sunday and enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner.

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county commissioner. I believe my dad

had a f had a good program started and

I appreciate the chance you have given

me to build on it. I assure you our

precinct will continue to represented in

a manner in which we can be proud of.

Thanks Again,

Mike Britten

# The McLean News

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## Michael Colley Hired As McLean Police Officer

The City of McLean has a new police officer and animal control officer.

Michael Colley came to McLean from Friona where he served for six years as animal control officer and will work as a police officer for McLean one or two days a week and as animal control officer one day a week. He will also serve as animal control officer for Wheeler, Miami, White Deer, and Claude.

Mr. Colley received his police qualifications in 1987

and this will be his first commission.

McLean Mayor, George Green, said, "The City's main intent is to enforce the traffic laws and to curb the adolescent drinking in public and contrary to all reports, we are not trying to run the kids off the parking lots, we just want them to obey the law while they are there."

Mayor Green added, "The City has also asked Mr. Colley to pay special attention to the school zones."



Jerry Miller

Miller

Named

## 2-A Coach

McLean Head Coach, Jerry Miller has been named Coach of the Year in District 2 A.

The coaches in the District chose Miller as Coach of the Year after he led McLean to the Co-Championship in District 2-A Six man football, after a five year, 49 game losing streak.

Miller came to McLean from Whitharral, where he amassed a 13-5-2 record over two year. He has also coached in Higgins, Blackwell and Cristoval.

## Rev. Jack Riley

Services Held

In El Paso

Rev. Jack Riley, former Pastor of McLean Methodist Church, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 1988 at his home in El Paso, Texas.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, November 22 at his church in El Paso. He was 62 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ellen; two daughters, Bonnie Westmoreland and Kelly Ann Riley; four sisters, Tommie Jones and Hannah Faye Chapman of Wheeler, Lora Clark of Fairlie, TX and Wilma Barker of McLean. Three brothers; Ed Riley of Wheeler, George Riley of Farmington, N.M. and Earl Riley of McLean, and one grandson.

Rev. Riley was pastor of McLean United Methodist Church from 1956 to 1961.

## Erin McCracken Attends Junior Leader Retreat

The Junior Leader Retreat was held November 18-20 at the Texas 4-H'ers from Gray the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood.

Erin McCracken, Nathan Dawes, Amy Maul, Carily Downs and Shawn Hunter attended from Gray County.

The theme of the retreat was "It's Up to Me." The 4-H'ers received training in many new skills which will make them better prepared to face life as a teen and adult. Some of the workshops included "Decision Making," "Winning Hand in Leadership," "4-H Opportunities," "Brown Bagging It" and "Let's Recreate and Play."

The decision-making workshop was conducted by a Gray County 4-H'er, Laura Williams, with help from her mother, Margaret Williams. Laura spent a great deal of time stressing to the 4-H'ers the importance of making decisions. They were led through a step-by-step process on how to make the right decision.

The workshop was concluded by presenting the 4-H'ers with several different situations and allowing them to make the

critical decision. Our thanks goes out to Laura for doing such an outstanding job in leading this workshop.

The "Winning Hand In Leadership" workshop was led by five members of the Texas 4-H Council. This workshop helped the young 4-H'ers to learn the importance of how to communicate. Key points stressed in their session included speaking to make people listen, and how to ask the right kind of question to clarify a point.

The "4-H Opportunities" workshop was led by members of the Texas Tech Collegiate 4-H. In this session, the 4-H'ers learned more about the many opportunities that 4-H has to offer.

"Brown Bagging It" was led by members of the Texas A&M Collegiate 4-H. These collegiate members use a very unusual technique of showing the 4-H'ers how important teamwork is. They made the young realize that friends are important, especially good friends.

A group of five 4-H'ers from Moore County led the "Let's Recreate and Play" workshop. Everyone participating in this workshop learned the importance of combining a good learning experience with a good time.

## Services For

Lorene Price

Services were held Monday for former McLean resident Lorene Price.

Mrs. Price had been a resident of McLean or Pampa all her life. She married Tom Price on December 11, 1937 in Sayre Oklahoma.

She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter and son-in-law, Jenane and Phil Tate of Austin; a sister, Molita Greer of Clarendon; and two grandchildren.

In El Paso

Ruth Magee and granddaughter Mindy Magee spent Thanksgiving in El Paso with Marilyn Money and son, J.P.

Dismissed

Lloyd Burnett of McLean was dismissed from Pampa Community Hospital on Friday of this past week.

## Lighthouse Church Asking For Assistance For McLean Family

The Lighthouse Church is sponsoring a McLean family of six for this Christmas. Any donations of food, shoes, or clothing would be appreciated. Girls sizes 4 and 14 slim and boys size 16 slim. Any good clean shoes, coats or clothing and toys sure help out. Call Rev. Winebrinner at 779-2885 for further size information or to if you have donations you would like us to pick up.

The Lighthouse Church was invited to a home cooked Buffet Style Sunday Dinner and over 38 people excepted and it was so good we all returned after the evening services to eat leftovers. We all enjoyed the fine food an this time of Christian fellowship. A big thanks from Rev. R.L. Winebrinner an all the Lighthouse Church.

## October DPS Report

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of October, our troopers investigated 8 fatal accidents, 76 personal injury accidents, and 114 property damage accidents. There were 9 persons killed and 114 per-

sons injured in these accidents.

Sgt. James Powell of Pampa stated, "In Gray county, our troopers investigated 1 fatal accident, 12 personal injury accidents, and 16 property damage accidents in the month of October. 1 person was killed and 16 persons were injured."

## CBOT Sponsors Marketing Seminar In Texas For Women

A marketing seminar for women in Agriculture will be offered December 6 and 7 in Amarillo, Texas by the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT)

The seminar will be held at Amarillo Sheratin, 3100 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas. Registration will begin at noon on December 6 and the program will begin at 12:30 p.m. Dinner will be served on December 6 and breakfast and lunch will be served on December 7. A registration fee of \$35 per person will cover the cost of materials refreshment breaks and meals.

Sponsored in cooperation with Texas A & M University, Texas Agri-Women and Texas Women involved in Farm Economics, the program is designed for begin-

ners in marketing to provide information that will help to develop skills to better manage price risk and acquaint participants with principles and applications of commodity futures markets.

For further information, contact Georgia Lee Swickheimer, Texas Agri-Women, 512-645-2155, or Pamela Diercks, CBOT, 312-435-4687.

December 18-Community Contact- 7:00p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Thursday December 15, the Senior Citizens will have a birthday and Christmas Dinner. Admission is a covered dish or donation to the club. Everyone, young and not so young is invited to come have a good time with us at this joyous time.

Senior Citizens have a quilting and lunch every Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Building. Whether you quilt or not; bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship with others.

Joanny Windom-VFV Post and the auxiliary will have their regular meeting on December 6, at 6:30 p.m. opening with a pot luck supper. All members are asked to please attend.

Alanreed Parent Teacher Organization will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Alanreed Community Improvement Association will meet on December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Alanreed School Board will meet on December 15, at 8:00 p.m.

McLean Junior High Basketball Tournament, Friday and Saturday.

McLean High School basketball teams travel to Clarendon tomorrow evening.

December 6-Tigers and Lady Tigers vs Lefors there.

December 6-Open House at McLean-Alanreed area Museum 2:30-4:30

## Program Set

Mae Williams of Southside Senior Citizens and Donna Brauchi of Gray Co. Extension Office will have an educational program "Motivating Yourself and Others" on December 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Library in McLean. This program teaches skills for increasing leadership and involvement in community affairs. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Open House

The McLean-Alanreed Area Museum will host an Open House Tuesday Dec. 6 from 2:30-4:30, at the museum.

A group of residents from the Wheeler Nursing home including our own Vera Back will arrive earlier for a relaxed viewing of the displays. Everyone is invited to come and help make the group fell welcome and enjoy the museum.

Ruth Magee attended the Jurisdictional Methodist Church Conference in Dallas last week.

Cleo Turpen has just returned home from a three week stay in Colorado.

While there she visited friends and relatives in Penrose, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs.

## Adela Bichsel Feted On 87th

Adela Urbanczyk Bichsel was honored on the occasion of her 87th birthday on November 27, at St. Theresa Parish Hall in Panhandle.

Eighty nine members of her family and friends shared the dinner. Rev. Clifton Cocoran of Panhandle and Msgr. Devin Hand, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in White Deer, were special guests attending the affair.

Those attending included Wallace and Jackie Black Bichsel of Groom, Adela Bichsel Kotara of Groom, Gary, Cindy, Marci and Cody Babcock of Groom.

Wilfred Bichsel of Panhandle, Terry Brewer

Bichsel and Shawn of Panhandle, Shane and Celeste West Bichsel and Heather of Panhandle, Donnie and Shannon Bichsel Whitt and Corey of Panhandle.

Dale and Gloria Held Brown, Kenneth and Darren of Wheeler.

Louis and Vivian Spoonmore Bichsel of White Deer, Randy and Pamela Hodges Bichsel of Sonora, Tx.

Charles (Chuck) and Lorraine Bichsel Albus of Pampa, Nick and Sharon Kidd Albus, Jeffrey, Lisa and Matthew of Trinity, Tx., Chuck Albus Jr., Susan and Kris Adams, Traci and Shari

Albus of Pampa, Mike and Gina McGall Albus, Jason Roberts, William and Laura Williams, Anthony and Jacob Albus of Pampa, Susan Albus of Houston, John and Briget Albus Grancis and Karrina of Albuquerque, N.M., Jeff and Paulette Albus Cottom and Samantha of White Deer, Clyde and Leslie Albus Whitten, Benjamin and Christopher of Pampa.

George and Bonnie Coley Bichsel of Perryton.

Richard and Beth Slagle Bichsel of Pampa, Amy Bichsel of Amarillo, Jay and Anita Bicksel Urbanczyk, Cassy and Asron of White Deer.

Jim Bichsel of Pampa, Angel Bichsel Love of Midlothian, Tx., James and Melinda Bichsel Daniels, Ashley, Michelle and Jessica of Alanreed, Farrow and Dora Bichsel Taylor, Amanda, Gregory, and Jimmy of Ringling, Okla.

Robert and Marjorie Long Bichsel, Timmy of White Deer, Mary Ann Bichsel and Lyn Waitman of White Deer, Charles and Jackie Bichsel Hill, Christopher and Ashley of White Deer.

Gerald and Pam Middleton Bichsel and Stormi Middleton of Bedford, Tx.

## Petition Started For Insecticide

The insecticide Lorsban (chlorpyrifos) is not currently labeled for use on wheat to control the Russian Wheat Aphid. However, it is cheaper to use, safer for the applicator, longer lasting and it does not harm certain beneficial insects. Because of these facts area farmers are in the process of petitioning TDA to petition the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an Emergency Specific Exemption under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Fodenticide act (FIFRA) so that Lorsban may be labeled in Texas to battle the spreading menace of the Russian Wheat Aphid.

Area farmers can sign petitions which will be collected and forwarded to TDA about the middle of November. Anyone wanting to sign a petition can do so as several agribusiness locations in the county or in the County Extension Office in Panhandle, have them.

There is no assurance that the emergency exemption will be allowed but the chances are better with evidence of farm operator support.

## Card Of Thanks

Varny and Betty would like to say a big thank you to all our children, grandchildren, and niece Lynda Mayden and family from Childress and wonderful friends, for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary a beautiful Day.

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## December Anniversaries

12th-Bob and Jeanette Fish  
15th-Jack and Linda Syfrett  
20th-Sam and Linda Haynes  
21st-Mr. and Mrs. Billy

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23rd-Bill and Katy Graham  
27th-Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ford  
28th-Teb and Imogene Lon

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## Alanreed News

Visiting with the Dick Dragoos were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Larue. Mrs. Larue is Dick's sister.

Visiting the James Armbristers during the holidays was his Mother, Dorothy, from Oklahoma and also their daughter Vicki and husband of Pampa.

Denna Tidwell and family drove to Kansas where Bill is working to spend the holiday.

Visiting with Nita McKee was her daughter Margie and family from Spearman.

The R.D. McLains spent the holiday in Oklahoma with Ruth's mother.

The Laverne Goldstons had all their children home for the Holiday.

The Hartley Davis' spent Thanksgiving in Amarillo with their daughter and family.

The R.L. Leeders had their daughter, Becky, of Amarillo here for Thanksgiving.

Spending Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Daniels were their daughter Christi, of El Paso; Linda Wigington and family, of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hallum of Canyon were at Rose Hills on Wednesday, then they all went to Clarendon for Thanksgiving with Beth Sharp and family.

## McLean Brief

Varnie and Betty Lowe have enjoyed a visit from Varnie's sister Mary Vasco from Bend Oregon, she was here for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thanksgiving Day Barney and Betty Lowe, Jessie and Rocky Bailey had dinner in Stinnett, with their Grandsons Jeff Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nicholson and daughters Whitney and Lindsey. Varney and Betty had a weekend celebration

in their home with their children and grandchildren; Jessie and Rocky Bailey of McLean, Kevin Nicholson, Judy and Jodi Green, Diana Gursky, Debi Boles all of Amarillo, Jeff Parker, Kenneth and Kathy Nicholson and girls Whitney and Lindsey of Stinnett, Paula Clendennen and Judy Stewart of McLean. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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## Care Center.

### News

Sunday Steve Roseberry Pastor of the Church of Christ was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Ruby King, Kittie Hesse, Eula Morrow, Adelle Walker, Leon Burch, Dick Wheeler, Earl Tolleson, Ruby Ayers, Ruby Trusty, Ora Billingsly, Ann Eudey, Inez Fields, Teresa Richardson, Clyde Trusty, Lillie Knox and Lucille Cullison. Our volunteer helpers were Bertha Smith, Mildred Giesler and Cliffie Heasley. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning was our fellowship with the Church of Christ members. Steve Roseberry led in a sing-a-long and gave a devotion. Cookies and punch were served to all the residents. Ladies attending were Oleta Harris, Marjorie Fish, Mary Emma Woods, Myrtle Allen, Avalee Crockett and Cliffie Heasley. In the afternoon Ted Robertson, Pete Evans, Lena Carter and Brenda McLain were here to assist the following residents in dominos; Eula Morrow, Dick Wheeler, Annie Eudey,

Adelle Walker, Teresa Richardson, Earl Tolleson, Leon Burch, Imogene King, Frank Hambricht, Inez Fields and Ora Billingsly.

Wednesday morning the residents enjoyed their doughnuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. Several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo; Lillie Knox, Kittie Hesse, Delbert Murray, Frank Hambricht, Teresa Richardson, Monnie Mathews, Ruby King, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch, Dick Wheeler, Mattie Wheeler, Earl Tolleson and Ora Billingsly.

Thursday the residents enjoyed a special Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing with all the trimmings topped off with pumpkin pie. Several residents spent the day with their families.

Friday Martha Parker was here to show her great movies.

Special dates to remember for the month of December; Thursday Dec. 1, 9 a.m. will be the decorating of our tree, Friday Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. will be our Holiday potluck dinner for residents family and friends, Sunday, Dec 18, at 2:30 p.m. Santa will pay his visit for the residents to open their gifts.

## McLean

### brief

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curry for the holiday were Randy and Donna Curry, Heather and Heather, from Stroud, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Friedrich, Mickey and Megan, of Clinton, Okla., Steve and Courtney Shaller, of Canyon, Teb and David Shaller, of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Shaller, of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Watson and Carl Watson, of McLean.

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### Residents Granddaughter Weds

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Lee announce the marriage of their daughter Becky to Richard Curtis son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Curtis all of Portland, Oregon.

The bride's gown was made by a friend. She carried a handkerchief given to her by the groom's great-grandmother. Colors of peach and blue were chosen.

The bride is a data processor for North Pacific Insurance. The groom is employed at Bear Springs Forest Products.

After a honeymoon to Sunriver Resort the couple are making their home in Portland Oregon.

The bride is the granddaughter of Muriel Moore of McLean and Nadine Webb of Brovetown, Ga.

### Jack Syfrett Honored

A surprise dinner was given in honor of Jack Syfrett on November 18, in the home of Ginger Morilla. The occasion was finishing 20 years in the service.

Lasagna was the main course, made by Ginger and homemade pies made by Betty Lopez.

Guests were Betty and Tiffany Lopez, Jan and Andy Layfield, Linda and Heidi Syfrett.

The decor was red, white, and blue.

Jack was presented with an American flag by Betty and Tiffany. A Navy ring was given to him by Linda and Heidi.

### Toll-Free Hotline Established for Prenatal Care

State officials urge all low-income pregnant women to call a toll-free hotline, 1-800-252-8263, if they cannot afford health care.

"We've established this toll-free number to help low-income pregnant women get medical care that can dramatically improve their chances of having a healthy baby," said Marlin W. Johnston, state commissioner for human services.

The hotline is part of a joint effort between the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Department of Health to make prenatal care available to every woman who cannot afford it. Studies show that 149 women can receive prenatal care for the cost of treating five high-risk, premature infants.

Johnston said prenatal health care is effective in

preventing infant deaths, birth defects, and the complications of premature and low-birth-weight babies.

The telephone hotline operator will refer low-income pregnant women to the health department's local prenatal care services or to their local department Human Services office for determination of Medicaid eligibility which would pay for medical care through local doctors, clinics or certified nurse midwives.

An estimated 15,000 new pregnant women are expected to be eligible for the prenatal care and delivery under Medicaid. Once eligible for the prenatal care a woman continues to receive health care for at least two months after the baby is born, even if her income increase beyond the poverty line. Also, free health care is available to her children up to the age of two.

Poverty is defined by the federal government as a family of two earning \$7,730 a year, a family of three earning \$9,690 or a family of four earning \$11,650.

### December Birthdays

1st-Robert McDonald  
2nd-R.C. Parker  
4th-Cecil Back, Inez Trostle, Buck Lee  
5th-Tammy Carter, Ryan Swanson, Marjorie Turnage  
6th-Mike Long, Bud Steel  
7th-Mary Emma Woods, Dawson Jackson  
8th-Randall Wynn, Vela Gaye Richards, Jamie Glass  
9th-Katy Graham, Verna Biggers, Allen Turpen  
11th-Doris Windom, Mrs. Otis Ford  
12th-Dr. Harold F. Fabian  
Boyd Lee Thompson, Betty Lou Davis, Bobby Sanderson  
13th-Darla McAnzar, Wayne Bybee, Creed Lamb  
14th-Sheri Haynes  
15th-Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Jo Blaylock, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Angela Wolfe.

16th-Shorty Burr, Clint Herndon.  
17th-Dorothea Bybee, Wanda Hill  
18th-Short Hill  
19th-Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Staci Holland, Catherine Calcote  
20th-Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston  
21st-Jana Davis.  
22nd-Lenora Rice, Laura Willis  
23rd-Bob Crockett, Maude Carpenter, Sue Cubine, W.A. Davis.  
25th-Teb Simmons  
26th-Janet McCracken, Chet Bohlar  
27th-Jan Haynes, Herman L. Petty, Harold C. Petty, Jane Herndon, Joe Magee  
28th-Stefanie Turpen, Ruth Kemp, Carl Watson  
29th-Kyle Woods, Evelyn Pennington  
30th-Trevor McDonald and Olené Brown  
31st-W.C. Kennedy, Scott Green

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## Services Held For Ila P. Morbitzer

Ila Pearl Morbitzer, 83, of Amarillo died Sunday, November 27, 1988.

Services were at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, in Llano Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Richard Higley, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Morbitzer, born in Jericho, was a homemaker and has lived in Amarillo.

since 1928. Her husband, Hubert Morbitzer, died in 1939. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Edward R. Morbitzer of Amarillo; a half-sister, Joy Snyder of Groom; two grandchildren, Bert Morbitzer of Dallas and Michelle Morbitzer of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice.

## Carson County Commissioners Met In Regular Session

Carson County Commissioners, in session on Monday, November 14, accepted a bid in the amount of \$14,962 from A.J. Weiser and Co. for liability and fire insurance and one from Case Power and Equipment Co. for the purchase of a new 15-foot bat wing mower with a used Ford tractor and dump trailer as trade-in.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerry Strawn was granted permission to advertise for bids for a truck and dump trailer.

Installation of a buried Cabot pipeline in Precinct 4 and release of a safekeeping receipt in the amount of \$100.00 with First Bank and Trust in White Deer were approved by Commissioners Strawn, Britten and Lock-

ridge. Precinct 2 Commissioner C.F. Smith was not present.

Judge Roselius gave an update on the 1988 Wheat Crop disaster. The D.A.R. (Damage Assessment Report) has been filed with the State Emergency Management office and, if approved, will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. for consideration. The report showed a 75 percent loss of wheat production in the county due to Wheat Mosaic and Russian Aphids.

Commissioners also heard a report from Southwestern Public Service Co. concerning a recent valuation on the heating and cooling system in the Courthouse. The Court then discussed ideas on how to make the system more efficient.

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## Rural Carrier Examinations Offered

Donald S. Bloyd, Sectional Center Manager Postmaster, Lubbock, Tx. has announced that the Rural Carrier examination for the Amarillo, Tx. area will be open from November 28, 1988 through December 2, 1988.

This examination will be used to fill Rural Carrier Associate and Rural Carrier examination for the Amarillo Tx. area will be open for November 28, 1988 through December 2, 1988.

This examination will be used to fill Rural Carrier Associate and Rural Carrier vacancies in the following cities: Amarillo, Tx., Canyon, Tx., Groom, Tx., Hereford, Tx., Fritch, Tx., and Claude, Tx.

Persons who are interested may apply at their local Post Office during the week of November 28, through December 2, 1988.

No applications will be accepted prior to or after dates.

Starting salary of Rural Carrier Associates is \$10.39 (average hourly rate). The salary range for Rural Carriers is \$19,824-\$26,826.

## Alter Society Met

The Christian Mothers and Alter Society met Monday evening, November 28, for their Progressive Friendship Evening and Shower for the Christ Child. Members met 1st in the home of Janice Weinheimer for appetizers prepared by Adela Kotara and Carolyn Brooks. Afterwards, members moved on the Maggie Weinheimers home for salads prepared by Wanyth Britten and Betty Rae Brown. Deserts were prepared by Alice Kuehler and Julie Friemel, the members met at the home of Neyia Friemel.

The business meeting was held after deserts were served. The general church cleaning and Christmas decorating will be done on Tuesday, December 13th.

The Children's program and reception will be Wednesday, December 14.

Any gifts for the Christ Child Shower may be taken to Marla Britten. The baby items will be taken to Amarillo to be given to needy families.

The Jr. C.Y.O. will be selling religious articles after masses on the next three Sundays. They will also set up a booth at the reception following the Children's Christmas program.

The Arts, Crafts, and Bake Sale and Stew Lunch was a tremendous success. We would like to express our thanks to everyone for their participation, help and support.

## Old Photos Needed At Square House

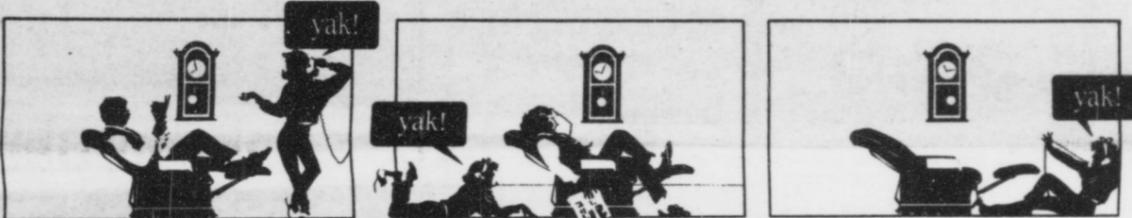
The Museum staff is adding to and updating the photos in the multiplex displays. They would appreciate anyone owning pictures relating to the school, students or activities of the Hobart and Liberty communities to contact them at 537-3524 in Panhandle.

All photographs will be returned to the donor. You may request copies for your collection if you wish to donate your originals to the Museum. Any original will be exactly copied and stored in acid free containers in the climate controlled archives of the Museum.

Photographs not properly cared for will eventually fade and their image become obscure. Long life of a picture depends on the method of storage. For this reason the Museum staff is copying the entire photographic collection and making sure that the original likeness is exact in every detail before it is placed on display. Originals are all stored and cared for properly according to the latest conservation methods.

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## Carnival

At the 4H Halloween Carnival door prizes were drawn, being that a 4Her spend time with a senior Citizen. Some never knew who they received so the following list is being published: Emalie London-Andy Payton, Ray Pool-C.J. Whatley, Dorothy Mansel-Cody Britten, Bertha Knight-Stanley Homer, Thelma Pool-Brandon Crump, Lavesta Barnett-Melody Burton, Mary Britten-Jarett Weinheimer, Bob Pool-Bo Burgin, Sybil Harrell-David Fields, Marietta Britten-Leo Britten, Howard Mansel-April Burton, Crim Goodlett-Daniel Treadwell, Charlie Fields-Toby Burgin, Theresa Wills-Daryl Homer, Al Homer-Kristi Case, Ruth Payton-Johnny Carl Turvaville, Barney Davis-Robert Homer, Jack Bivens-Kay Case, Agnes Homer-Kay Lynn Britten, Truman Goodlett-Jimmy Dale Kingston.

**Candlelighters**  
**A Flame In The Dark**  
By Kelly Varner Ebel  
"Please God, not now, just give me the Summer with him!"

These were the thoughts that went through Marie Shockey's mind as she drove home from the doctor's office.

Glancing briefly at the small child tucked safely into his seatbelt, she wondered if he could comprehend the turn his life was taking.

The waiting room had been pleasant and comfortable. The doctor walked in, took Marie aside and carefully told her that her son had two to three months to live.

For Marie, now president  
See Candlelighters, page 12.

## School Menu

**Monday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Juice and Milk.

Lunch-Chile Cheese Dogs, Tator Tots, Fickle Spears, Cheese Cake.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast-Pancake, Syrup, Juice and Milk.  
Lunch-Sweet and Sour Chicken on Rice, Broccoli Spears, Corn, Rolls and Pudding.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, Toast, Juice and Milk.  
Lunch-Beef Stew, Tuna and Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Pears, Cornbread and Crackers.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast-Bacon Bisquits, Gravy, Juice and Milk  
Lunch-Mexican Salad, Sopapillas, Jello

**Friday**  
Breakfast-Donuts, Juice and Milk  
Lunch-Shaved Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Peacan Pie Bars.

## Basketball Scores

**Groom VS McLean**  
G. Boys-60  
M. Boys-59

G. Girls-43  
M. Girls-37

**Groom VS Channing**  
G. Boys-67  
C. Boys-45  
G. Girls-50  
C. Boys-39

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**Groom VS Shamrock**  
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S. JV Boys-30  
G. Boys-60  
S. Boys-51

Groom JV. Girls-25  
Shamrock JV Girls-23  
Groom Girls-39  
Shamrock Girls-50

## Local Happenings . . . . .

Everett Snyder of Payson Ariz., Mrs. Martha Burgess and children of Scotts Ariz. and H.J. Snyder of Truth of Consequences, New Mexico, Mr. Mrs. S.B. Ball of Amarillo visited their brother Rip and Joy Snyder Thursday, after a nice visit they all attended a family reunion at Lefors. There were about 65 family members there to enjoy the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Rip Snyder and Richard Homer made a recent trip to Pampa and Amarillo.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited John Richey in Clarendon on Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Peek of English, Shannon Peek of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt and Rheagan of Alto and Audie Martin were guests for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Helen Witt.

Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley traveled to Claude on Thursday evening for dinner with her father and family. On Friday Charlotte, C.J. and Dara traveled to Childress for the weekend with her mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Callaway and Chery of Channelview and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Callaway and Sara of San Antonio spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Julia McGee.

Guests in the home of Curtis and Margaret Whatley for Thanksgiving were; Debbie, Ron, Tisha, Cameron and Darin Tigg, Sheila Whatley of Amarillo, Howell, Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy Lewis, Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley, Mildred Miller, all of Groom.

## Card Of Thanks

I want to thank my family and all my friends for the many things you did for me while I had Fleabitis, all the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, food and your visits meant so much. A special thanks to Helen Wade for all the fruit and bake goods you put in my freezer. I love each and everyone of you.  
Ethel Blackwell

Darin Wheeler and Cameron Tigg of Amarillo were guests in the home of Howell and Sharlene Lewis over the weekend.

## Open House

Carson County Appraisal District will hold open house on December 8, 1988 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and invites the county tax payers to stop by and visit or ask any question they may have about the appraisal office. The appraisal processes their taxes. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

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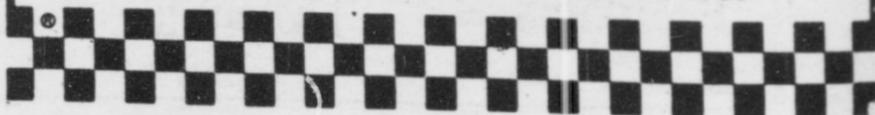
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### Candlelighters

of the Candlelighters group in Colo. Sprs., Colorado, life seemed to lose its meaning. She had nowhere to run and nobody to run to.

Caleb, age three at the time, was diagnosed with a Plastic Anemia, a life threatening disease that affects the immune system. Instead of the body fighting off the bad cells, it destroys the good ones.

Nolan, Caleb's father, and Marie felt isolated and alone for the first 10 months of their son's illness. Nobody really understood what they were going through and because of that experience joined the Candlelighters to help other parents facing this challenge.

"We don't want others to go through what we did," stresses Marie. "Family members and friends tried to help, but really couldn't understand what was happening to us. It took others who had been through it to comprehend our grief and they were the biggest help."

The Candlelighters share the shock of diagnosis, answers to questions and the anxiety of waiting. They want to help families cope with grief, despair and even joy. These parents care in the way only parents of other child cancer patients can, believing, "it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

They are an international network of groups of parents of children with cancer or other blood-related diseases that are life threatening: A non-profit organization whose free services and publications are supported by tax-exempt donations and the American Cancer Society, Inc..

The network includes over 250 parent groups and contacts through-out the world.

Not only is membership open to parents, but to anyone interested in the control and cure of childhood cancer and in helping families cope with this experience.

Nolan and Marie weren't

sure what to expect when they attended their first meeting, but soon found it a welcome experience.

"When you're at a meeting, you're allowed to feel what you want to feel. If you want to cry or laugh or just sit there quietly, it's your choice. There's absolutely no 'pressure,'" explains Marie.

Some groups have youth auxiliaries for teenage cancer patients and teenage siblings of children with cancer.

Other forms of support include crisis phone lines, buddy systems, parent to parent contacts, professional counseling, self-help groups or social functions where families met in an relaxing supportive settings.

Also offered is babysitting or transportation, sponsor blood banks, in-hospital visitors and even residential aid for families of children away from home on extended care.

One peculiar case happened when a single mother was kicked out of her apartment because she chose to quit her job to spend more time with her dying child.

The Candlelighters helped her establish herself again and paid her first month rent.

The organization provides information services as well, such as guest speakers and panels on childhood cancer, newsletters and handbooks of local resources and regional conferences. Members may also serve on community boards such as American Cancer Society advisory committees.

As a registered lobbyist, the Metropolitan Washington Candlelighters group coordinates congressional testimony and monitoring of federal programs affecting Candlelighter families.

Other groups are active in the state legislative and government programs.

The foundation has grown over the last 18 years to monstrous proportions and it all started with one woman and her doctor.

Back in 1970 in the basement of Children's Hospital

in Washington D.C., small informal meetings began to take place because one woman, Grace Powers Manaco, wanted a change.

In 1968, her 20-month-old daughter, Kathleen Rea, was diagnosed as having Leukemia and Grace wanted to actively participate in Kathleen's care. She wanted the best for her daughter.

Back then, parents were not usually included in the therapeutic process and were generally told to treat the child normally and not to discuss it.

Sympathizing with Graces' viewpoint was Dr. Sanford Leikin, Chief of

Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Children's Hospital. He brought the original group together which numbered 35 at the time.

For the first time parents had a means to channel the frustration and tension this experience caused, and no longer felt like helpless bystanders.

Marie and Nolan Shockey felt the impact of the first 10 months of Caleb's illness on their own. They were associated with the group through their doctor who told them of the meetings.

"It was such a relief to be able to talk with someone who really understands what you're going through," says Marie.

For the next 6 months of Caleb's illness, they had the support they needed. Support they couldn't get from family and friends.

When Caleb died, August 13, 1987, Nolan and Marie joined the ranks of Candlelighters where they strive to help others cope when coping seems impossible.

They feel this gives meaning to their son's death and are now seeing situations much worse than their own.

Nicole Pridle, 9 years old, was diagnosed with AML (Adult Leukemia) on April 8, of this year, 3 weeks after her mother, Esibelle, was diagnosed with acute leukemia.

A week later, Marie received a call from another member concerned for the family. Marie contacted the suffering family.

"The first thing I did was ask if there was a turbin for the little girl's head because the treatments had taken her hair," explains Marie.

Later on, the child's doctor suggested a waterbed for Nicole to ease the bedsores and help with joint and muscle aches due to treatment.

The Candlelighters approached Big Sur Waterbed in Colorado Springs for a donation. The employees pitched in half of the required expense and the main office in Denver contributed the other half to complete the purchase. All the Candlelighters had to buy were sheets and guardrails.

Unfortunately, Nicole slipped away May 11, and her parents Ed and Esibelle Prindle have asked that all the donations go to the Candlelighters and their continued efforts.

The Candlelighters also associate families with such organization as Angel Corporate Network and Make A wish.

Angel Corporate Network

is a corporation of private jets that fly V.I.P.'s to their destinations and for the return flight offer the empty space to a cancer patient. There is no cost to the patient and they reach their needed destination for therapy and tests.

Make A Wish gives dying or life-threatened children a chance to live out a dream.

Wishes can range anywhere from a trip to a stereo, both of which are a preference for most teens. The most popular all around is Disney Land.

Requirements are that the child be at least two years of age and have a doctor's signature that the child's disease is life-threatening not necessarily terminal.

Caleb's wish was a trip to Disney Land which included two day, motel costs, plane fare and spending money. This was such a special event for the entire family because Caleb got to live before he died. There is happiness, even in the midst of turmoil and this is what the Candlelighters are all about.

They take time to help stricken families, bringing a little cherished light to the surrounding darkness.

If you know of a struggling family, let them know there is help. Get them in contact with a group nearby and continue to offer them support. You never know, someone may need to light your candle someday.

For more information contact:

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