

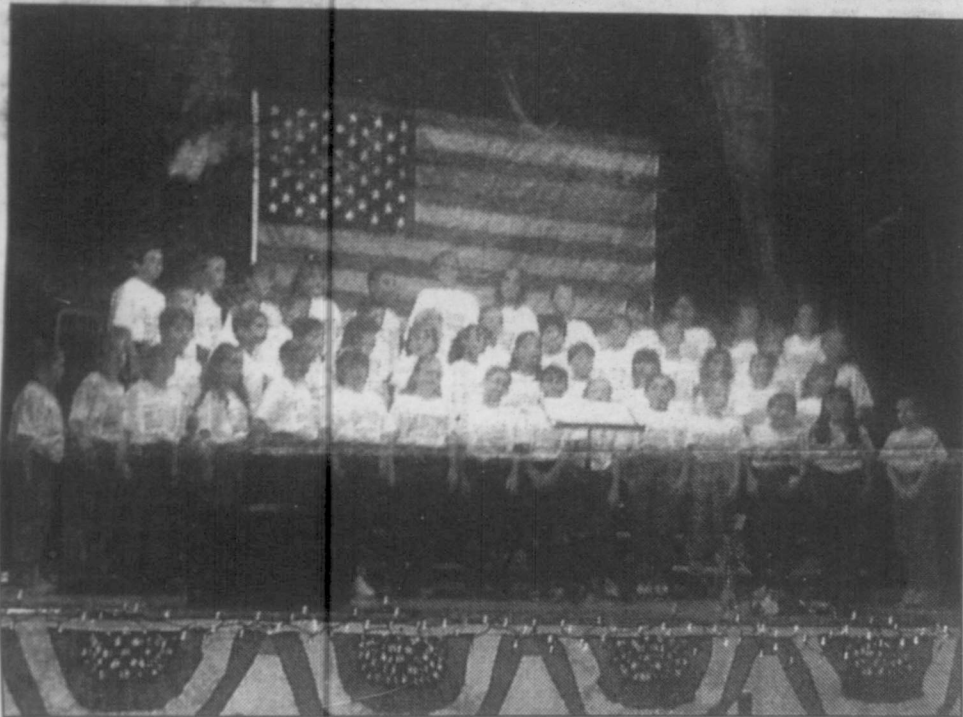
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Local Veterans Honored With Elementary School's Patriotic Program

McLean's Veterans were remembered by the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade choir and the high school girls choir, Triple Trio when they dedicated their standing room only program Proud To Be An American, A Patriotic Rally, to the Veterans on Thursday, November 15. The Veterans handed out Buddy Poppies to those attending the program.

The program began with the presentation of the flags by Evan McMordie and Lucas Webb, followed by a parade of flags carried by each member of the choir and Travis Fish lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Randi Riley read a poem entitled The Flag. Shaley Steel, Katrina Rounton, Jami Seitz performed a flag folding ceremony and Triple Trio with each fold of the

flag there is a meaning. The girls then performed America the Beautiful,

The Wind Beneath My Wings, We Will Heal, and From a Distance. Tammy Marsh and Amanda Hauck gave excellent solos in From a Distance.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade choir took over and sang You're a Grand Old Flag, America, My Home, We Are the People of the 21st Century, I Pledge Allegiance, Blue and Red and White. The program ended with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade choir leading the audience in God Bless America. After the show people were rather slow leaving the auditorium. Everyone seemed to want the evening to go on. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

New Economic Development Corporation Members Elected By City Council

The McLean City Council elected seven community members to serve on the new Economic Development Corporation. They are LaVerne Back, Steve Bowlin, Mary Dwyer, Charlie McClendon, Betty

Morgan, Jim Reyna, and LaVon Watson. A meeting was conducted on Thursday, November 15 to elect officers. Jim Reyna was elected President, Mary Dwyer, Vice President, LaVerne

Back, Secretary, and Betty Morgan, Treasurer. With the new officers in place, the first official meeting of the EDC will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library.

"I believe that with input and cooperation from the community and with the excellent EDC members working together, we can make a positive impact on

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REMINDERS

CUBS BASKETBALL
Team will play Ft. Elliott on November 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Ft. Elliott.

YOU CAN adopt a McLean-Alanreed Angel for Christmas. Angels are available at the Bank of Commerce, The Hair Gallery, and McLean Plumbing.

APPLICATIONS for the Angel Program are due on Nov. 30. Call or see Paula Wall at 779-8827 or 618 Rowe.

FAMILY READING
Night is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the School Library.

TIGERS will play Channing on November 27, there, at 6:30 and will also play in the Miami Tournament, there. The time has not yet been announced.

MCLEAN-Alanreed Museum is selling fresh pecans. For more information contact Dorthey at 779-2662.

PROJECT Graduation is hosting a Bazaar, Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9:00-5:00 at the old gym. If you would like to put up a booth contact Tammy Haynes at the Elementary School Office.

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 22.

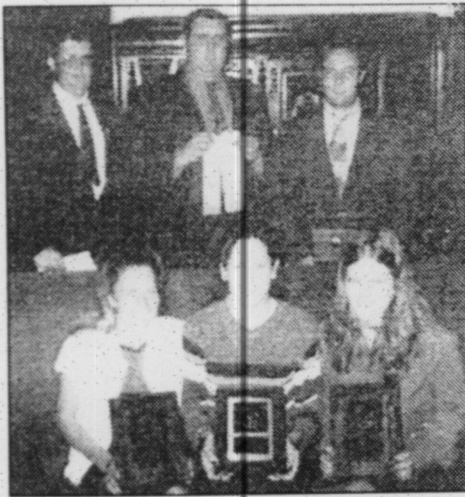
Scouts & Lion's Sponsor "Sight Night" Project For The Less Fortunate

On October 31st, the McLean Girl and Boy Scouts participated in the Third Annual Sight Night. (Several kids not involved in Scouts also participated in this worthwhile project!) Sight Night is a program sponsored by Lens Crafters and the Lions Club in which old eyeglasses are collected, recycled, and sent to needy individuals in developing countries such

as Mexico, Bolivia, and Tunisia. People in these countries have little or no access to eye care and a pair of glasses cost up to one month's salary. By participating in programs like Sight Night, we help other people see clearly for the first time. During Sight Night 2001, McLean collected 334 pairs of glasses! Wow! Thank you to all who helped make this project a success.



McLean Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts helped the Lion's Club collect eyeglasses to help needed individuals in other countries.



Seward County Community College Livestock Judging Team

Judging Team Places 5th

The Seward County Community College Livestock Judging Team placed 5th overall at the American Royal Judging Contest. This was the first national contest for the team.

The team is made up of Jeremy Shields of Stinnett, Sabrina Dorsett of Dalhart, Kenny Thies, of Fort Lupton, Colo., Shelby Axtell of Meade, Jessi Fish of McLean and Roger Dickey of Larkin.

The team also placed 3rd in Cattle, 5th in sheep, and 6th in oral reasons. Their next contest will be in Louisville, Kentucky on Nov. 14.

Living in a small community has a lot of advantages, you get to know your neighbors and everyone lends a helping hand when problems arise. It can also have its challenges, for instance getting back and forth to the doctors if you don't drive. Since the Family Health Center closed it has left many without accessible health care. There is help if you need health care and don't have transportation. Pampa Community Services provides rides to and from doctors appointments. It does take some effort to get things set up, but once you get into the system

it isn't difficult and there are people to help you get set up. The cost for a round trip to Amarillo is \$30.00 and round trip to Pampa is \$15.00. Some medical plans cover the cost. You can call 665-1863 to find out if you qualify. If you do qualify, you will need to call ahead for each trip and get a verification number no earlier than a month before the appointment. Pampa Community can help you if you run into problems and will even set up payment schedules or deferments if you cannot afford the cost and are not covered by Medicaid. For more information or help getting started call Helen Robinson at 665-0081.

Letter To The Editor

On Thursday evening last week, a good portion of the McLean Community enjoyed an excellent patriotic program presented by Mrs. Watkins elementary and high school voice students. A large crowd responded enthusiastically to the young voices as yet unfettered with the cares and exigencies of this world that time will require and demand. The "We are the People of the 21st century" number was particularly

chronologically and literally apropos. This evening microcosm of small town, Mid-America life, reinforces and amplifies what we knew but have at times lost sight of; that God has truly blessed America. We have an ongoing responsibility to respond positively to that gift. We have been given the trust-now let us be faithful. Thank you Mrs. Watkins and students for reminding us.

Bill Reeves

Devil's Rope Museum

Our total visitors for October were from 36 states and 12 foreign countries. Total visitors were 472. Twenty-five were from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Scotland and Switzerland. We had a very interesting October. On the 10th of Oct. we had Logan Martindale, age 5,

helping his grandmother, Sherrie volunteer. He seemed to have a good time and we enjoyed having him.

We had a Northern Tours Bus from Eau Clair WI. On October 6 with seventeen people. Fourteen of Hart School ex-students toured the museum as part of their reunion entertainment.

They were all retirement age and enjoying their trip.

"Thank You"

Loaves and Fishes have been very "BLESSED" to be apart of such a GENEROUS, LOVING community like McLean. "THANK YOU" so much for all the donations of food and money from ALL the businesses and the individuals who give so freely to Loaves and Fishes. We also want to "THANK" all the dedicated workers and everyone that delivers meals everyday. We want to give an "EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU" to Mary Bybee and Paula Wall for their dedication and all the hard work and time they generously donate all year long. If you would like to be apart of this very rewarding cause, please contact our Loaves and Fishes President-Bro. Dean Williamson, Treasure-Mickie Jackson, Secretary-Brenda Jasper or our Directors Mary Bybee and Paula Wall.

God Bless ALL of you

MCLEAN SCHOOL MENU NOV. 26-30 Breakfast

Monday: Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Pop tarts, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast pockets, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Monkey bread, sausage, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, banana pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Taco salad, meat, cheese, refried beans, salad, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Sausbury steak, mashed potatoes, cream style corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tator tots, baked beans, 3-layer bars, milk.

Friday: Pizza, corn, salad, jello, milk.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

November 22 - Dale Barker, Seth Brown, David Crockett, Robin Luna.

November 23 - Freda Holland, Evelyn Hunt, Ann Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Longino (A).

November 24 - Sophie Hutchinson, Velma Cornell Kinard, Robert Sanderson.

November 25 - Bill Hambright, Terri Lee Adams, James and Shirley Armbrister.

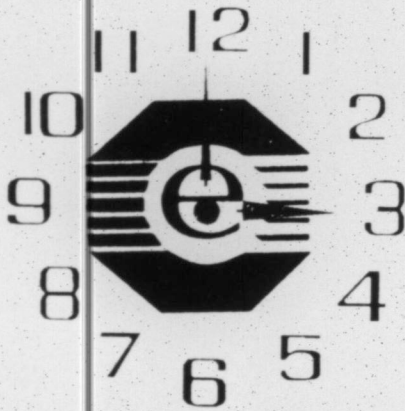
November 26 - Tonia Webster, Evan Patterson.

November 27 - John Bentley, Brodey Carter, Kay Magee, Jess Coleman, Kortney Smith, Judith Watkins, Sheri Ann Haynes.

November 28 - Billy Rigsby, Thelma Hopkins, Nicole McClendon, Imogene Glass.

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Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
Wed Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor. 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7 pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth: Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
779-2456 or 779-2965
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

Tigers Trounce Follett, Lady's Lose

The Tigers defeated Follett 53-35, Tuesday, November 13. The high-scorer was Jay Wallis with 21 points, followed by Adam Johnston, 15 points, Zane Richardson, 6, Chris Sparling, Tyler Haines, 2, Josh Seymour, 2, 4 and Terrence Fite, 1. Coach Blaze Herring

said, "The boys played real well, especially for the first game with only one day of practice. We are a very young team. The more these boys play together, the more we will improve."

The Tigers lost to Ft. Elliot, a top-ranked team, 57-27 on Friday, November 16.

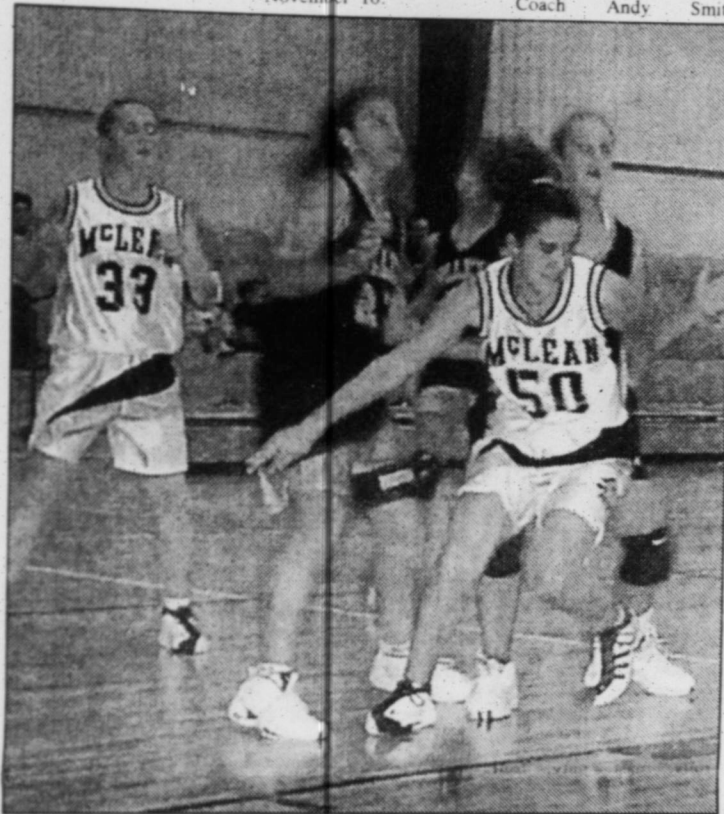
In other basketball news: The Lady Tigers lost to Follett, 73-34 on Tuesday, November 13. Randi Riley and Shaley Steel were high shooters with 8 points each. Jennifer Greer scored 6 points, Danielle, 5, Nikki Hefley, 3, Jami Seitz, 3 and Sandi Anderson, 2. Coach Andy Smith

commented, "The girls played very well against a state-ranked Follett team. This game was just a first step toward a successful season."

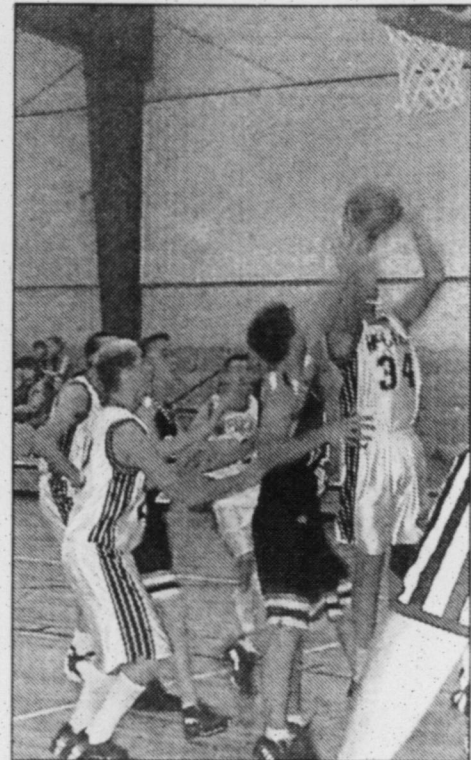
The Lady Tigers dropped a close game to Ft. Elliot 44-30 on Friday, November 16. Danielle Dampier provided 10 points and 10 rebounds, Nikki Hefley 8, Randi Riley, 4, Shaley Steel, 6 and Sandi Anderson, 2. "The girls continue to hustle and that desire will produce success," said Coach Smith.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will host Allison

on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.



Lady Tigers do some fancy footwork as they block Follett.



McLean Tigers go for a basket in last weeks game against Follett.

EDC

McLean," said Jim Reyna. "The EDC encourages all interested residents to attend the EDC meetings."

HARRIS GRADUATES

Congratulations to Angel Marie Harris for receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Texas Tech University. Her parents are Frank and Rhonda Sparling.

CORRECTION ON MILITARY LIST

Jessie Swafford is in Leaken Heath, England and Josh Swafford is in Ramstien, Germany.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS

Robert McDowell was in the Navy during the Cuban Missile crisis.

Jr. Hi. Cubs Lose Close Match

The Cubs lost a close game to Hedley 26-18. With an 18-18 tie, the Hedley team rallied with free shots, rebounds and good baskets to pull off the win. For the Tigers, Troy Pendleton scored 4 points, Justin Dillman, 3,

Zach Anderson, 3, John Haynes, 2, Nicholas Odom, 2, Chusum Smith, 2, and Anthony Ruiz, 2. The Jr. High girls lost to Hedley 62-9.

The Jr. High teams will play Ft. Elliott on November 26.

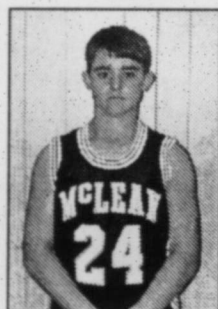
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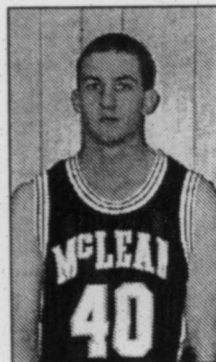
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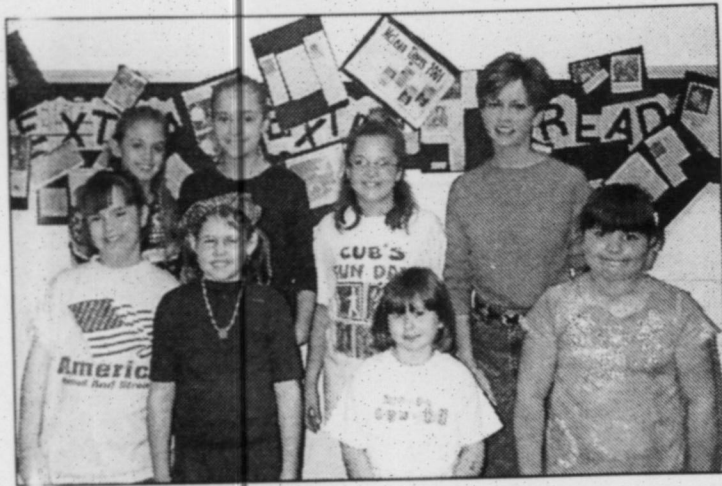


Josh Seymous



Adam Johnston





Students of the Week for Nov. 5 - Nov. 9: Kindergarten-Shelby Adams; 1st Grade-Rachel Greenwood; 2nd Grade-Saber Bohlar; 3rd Grade-Ashley Byron; 4th Grade-Lisa Ellis; 5th Grade-Tammy Syfrett; 6th Grade-Autumn Dillman; 7th Grade-Freda Holland.

"...And The Rains Came Down!"

Over the weekend, Mother Nature dropped between 3.10 and 4 1/2 inches of rain on McLean. There is no new rain in the forecast.

The average temperature for the month of November is a high of 61 and a low of 36 degrees with a mean of 49 degrees. The average precipitation is one inch. The record high is 88 in

1980 and the record low is 7 degrees in 1976. So far this year, in the month of November we have had average daily highs in the 60's and lows in the 30's.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANTHRAX

Anthrax is caused by bacterial spores (Bacillus Anthracis), which live in the ground. Animals can contract the disease by breathing in the spores while they are grazing. The spores can live in the dirt for a very long time. When the climate goes from wet to dry, the conditions are best for Anthrax infection: Another way animals get the disease is by lying on the ground where the spores are. If there is a break in the skin, the bacteria gets in causing sores.

People get the disease by handling the dead carcasses of infected animals. To prevent inhalation, carcasses should be handled in well-ventilated areas. Handling the infected carcasses can also cause the skin variety or cutaneous form of the disease. There is also an intestinal form caused by eating infected meat.

In people Anthrax is mostly an occupational disease identified with people who are exposed to dead animals and animal by products such as wool and is very rare. The incubation period for Anthrax is about seven days. In inhalation anthrax the symptoms resemble a cold and progresses into difficulty in breathing and is severe. In the skin form or cutaneous, there is a boil that turns into a sore with a black center. The intestinal form causes nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting and fever. All forms of the disease are treated with antibiotics. There are no known cases where the disease has been spread from person to person.

So what are our chances of having a problem with the disease? In nature it does happen but according to Neil

Odom of the McLean Feed Yard, it is not a problem in the Panhandle, where the weather is not right. The cattle kept here in the feed yard do not graze but are fed by the feed yard. Animals that are brought here are vaccinated and watched very closely by the medical staff at the feed yard.

Because the disease is not spread from person to person, it is not very likely to spread to this area. Even if an

individual should get the disease in Amarillo or even here in McLean, we would not be in danger, we have a greater chance of dying in a car wreck. This is not a very good choice for biological warfare. It does however, cause panic and terror, which is what it is being used for. We need to stay calm and go about our daily lives. That is the way that we, the average American can do our part to fight the terrorists who are attacking us.

Natures Light Show Disappointing

Every November, between the 14-20, the planet Earth is treated to a light show compliments of Comet Tempel-Tuttle. The year's light show was to be one of the best in 99 years and it was scheduled to appear on Sunday the 18 at around 4:00 a.m. Unfortunately you need clear skies to see the lights and our skies were overcast.

Every year when the Comet Tempel-Tuttle passes the Earth's path it sheds along it's orbit giving us a beautiful show of lights. Because of a narrow ribbon of debris being closer to the Earth this year it was expected we would have a better show than other years. This occurrence is only expected three times a century.

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DECEMBER 4, 2001

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LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Precinct 101	-	St. Mary's Hall - Groom
Precinct 102 & 401	-	High School Library - White Deer
Precinct 103 & 201, 202, & 301	-	Carson County Library - Panhandle
Precinct 302	-	Thelma Dugan Home - Fritch
Precinct 402	-	Skellytown School - Skellytown

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning November 26, 2001 and ending November 30, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Sonya Shieldknight
Early Voting Clerk
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on November 27, 2001.

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Both caulking and weather stripping can be found in hardware and building supply stores,

also stores like Walmart and K-Mart carry it.

Other easy ways to save energy: maintain your thermostat between 65-70 degrees; lower your thermostat when you are not home but don't turn your heat off when a freeze is expected or you are going to be gone a long time, to prevent water pipes from freezing; turn your thermostat down eight degrees while you are sleeping, your blankets will keep you warm, that will help you save about eight to ten percent on your heating bill around one percent degree; use baby protection plugs in unused electrical outlets to prevent heat escaping through the unused socket; have your furnace checked and clean the filter; if you have a fire place, check the chimney for build up of leaves, debris, birds nests, etc. before you use the fireplace for the first time.



ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry* *Mac*

Thanksgiving Will Take on a Special Significance This Year

America was under siege. For many people, it was the first time they had seen violence on our own soil. Cities were being attacked. Americans were living with fear. And in the midst of the devastation and turmoil, the President of the United States called on the Nation to give thanks to God for His many blessings.

The year was 1863. The President was Abraham Lincoln. And the country was in the middle of a great civil war. Recognizing his limitations to face the trials before him, President Lincoln called on God for strength and proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving.

In his proclamation Lincoln asked God to "heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union."

Now, more than 130 years later, Lincoln's words still ring true. If America could persevere through those challenging times, we can

surely make it through the challenges we face today.

The aftermath of September 11 will be with us for a long time. But the good that has come in the days since has given us so many reasons to be thankful.

We are thankful for the firefighters who risked their lives to save others. We are thankful for our Nation's military men and women who are being deployed to points around the globe to rid our world of terrorism. We are thankful for the children all over the United States who have given generously to the Afghan children's fund. And we are thankful for our Faith, our freedom, and the blessings in our lives that remain constant even in turbulent times.

This year, as families gather and the smell of turkey, dressing, and dinner rolls fill the air, Thanksgiving will take on a special significance. We will understand, better than we did on September 10, that we truly are "one Nation, under God" and that even in these tumultuous times, we are blessed beyond measure.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 137 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at www.house.gov/thornberry

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

U.S. SENATOR

Capitol Comment: America's Campaign against Terrorism Begins November 2001 Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas)

Since the very first days after the September 11 attacks, we have come to realize that our country has been attacked, and our freedom must be defended. This is truly a battle between good and evil, and in the process of holding accountable those responsible, the United States will act in a united, conscientious and determined manner.

The President recently stated that "we will not rest until terrorist groups of global reach have been found, have been stopped, and have been defeated." It is why the United States, with the assistance of the British, is bombing military targets in Afghanistan.

This is the first critical phase of what will be a long campaign against terrorism. This will not be a swift battle, with a conclusive and immediate end, like the Gulf War. This will take a great deal of time and sacrifice, but we will prevail. We will fight not just today, not just tomorrow, but next month and the years after that as well.

I know that if we remain steadfast and dedicated to our goals, and united in our hearts and our will, victory will come.

Meanwhile, we are providing humanitarian assis-

tance, including food, to the innocent Afghan people - people who have starved, suffered, and lost loved ones at the hands of the extremist Taliban regime. We are only targeting those who have committed evil, and those who support them. We will not let any stone remain unturned - and we will not let this horrible act go unanswered.

It is our responsibility to make sure all of those who have died these past months and in the 200 plus years before that to maintain the freedom of this country, will never, ever have died in vain.

From the very beginning of our history, we have faced the challenges presented to us with courage and integrity - and we have defended freedom no matter the crisis. This difficult time reminds me of the very first great challenge our nation faced - the battle for our very independence.

During the Revolutionary War, a brave young patriot, Major General Joseph Warren, fought against the Redcoats at Bunker Hill. He battled with the other American irregulars against an enemy more than twice their size - causing the Redcoats to lose more than a third of their troops - but, in the end, the ammunition of the Americans ran out.

While the bulk of the Continental Army retreated, the last units stayed in their trenches to hold off the British. They fought hand-to-hand. That is where Major General Joseph Warren was last seen fighting.

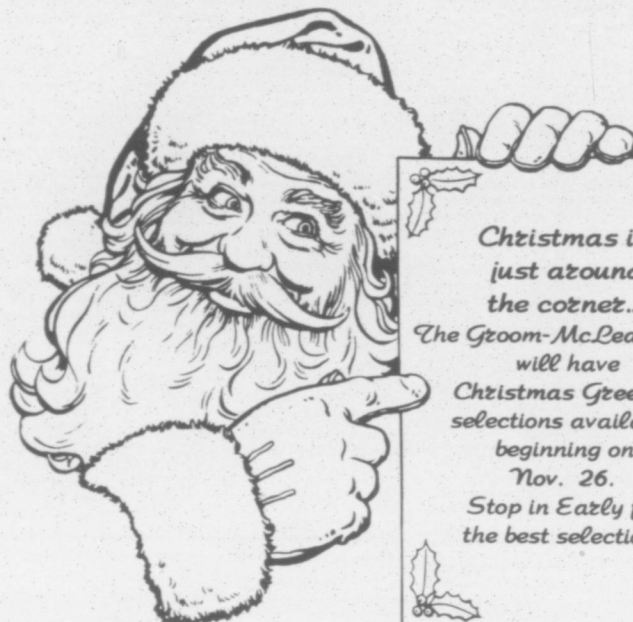
Before his death though, in the quiet before the battle, Joseph Warren gave the men under him a simple command:

"Our country is in danger now, but not to be despaired of. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important questions upon which rest the happiness and the liberty of millions not yet born. Act worthy of yourselves."

That command applies to all of us now - and it is a challenge I know we are all capable of living up to and even exceeding. God Bless America!



McLean parents and students and friends enjoy wonderful fellowship in the cafeteria.



Christmas is just around the corner...
The Groom-McLean News will have Christmas Greeting selections available beginning on Nov. 26.
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Tigers Named Bi-District Champs, Next Regional & Patton Springs

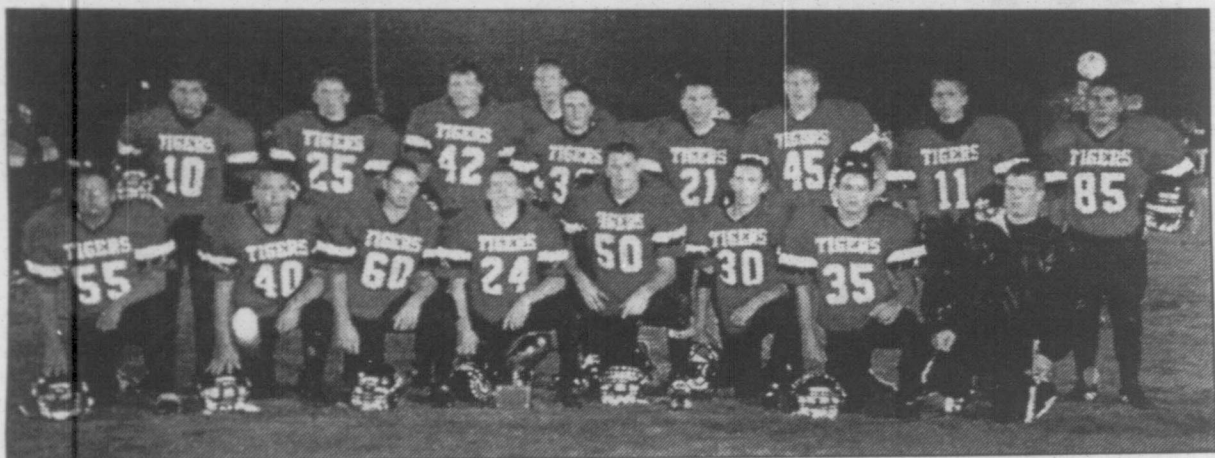
Groom won their Bi-District match against Miami on Friday and will face Patton Springs next week at Valley.

Patton Springs goes to the Regional Championship game with a 10-0 record.

"They have exceptional team speed," stated Coach Larry Reid, "they are aggressive and primarily a running team."

Reid went on to say that he thought that the Rangers will present a whole new challenge. "We will need to put forth our best effort, eliminating mistakes and executing well," he said.

Groom beat Miami last week in the Bi-District Championship, 48-22 in a game that had fans on their feet the entire first half, with a 18-8 score when the buzzer sounded. It was as close a first half as the Tigers have allowed. They made their adjustments and came back at the beginning of the third quarter with fire in their



eyes and completely dominated the second half of the game!

Clay Ritter scored the opening touchdown on a 14 yard pass from Clay Britten.

Miami's Ryan Manley scored on a one yard run and Hal Rogers kicked the extra point to put Miami ahead 6-8.

Garrett Britten

capitalized on a fumbled return and ran for 47 yards and a touchdown making the score 14-8 after a successful P.A.T. by Cody Bivens.

The second quarter was held scoreless by both teams.

In the third quarter, Doug Fields got the Tigers off to a good start

with a one yard run for a touchdown. Cody Bivens kicked the P.A.T. to bring the score to 22-8.

Cody Bivens then ran 34 yards for a touchdown to finish the third quarter 34-8.

Miami's Ryan Manley scored a one yard run and Hal Rogers P.A.T

was good.

Hugh Weinheimer connected with Clay Britten on a 63 yard reception for a touchdown. The P.A.T. was good by Cody Bivens.

Cody Bivens ran in a nine yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Manley of the Warriors, scored on a four yard run. The final score was 48-22.

Groom had 13 first downs to Miami's 9. The Tigers more than doubled the Warriors rushing yardage. Groom gained 225 yards on 25

See Tigers, pg 4

City To Hold Contest

The City of Groom will once again sponsor an annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Any city residence may participate. Prizes will be awarded to the home with the most votes. First place will receive \$25.00, 2nd place will receive \$15.00 and 3rd place will receive \$10.00.

Anyone wishing to enter or nominate a home for entry should submit the name and address of

the residence to the city office by Dec. 3. A ballot will appear in the Groom News on Dec. 6th and 13th. Anyone may vote by mailing or dropping off their ballot at City Hall, by Dec. 15.

The winners will be announced in the Dec. 20th issue of The Groom News.

Show your good old fashioned American Christmas Spirit and enter the contest! Don't forget to vote, too!

Rain Comes To The Plains!

When Mother Nature decides to break a drought, she really breaks a drought. The Groom area has had anywhere from three to five and half inches of rain since Wednesday with the majority of moisture falling on Wednesday.

One area farmer was overheard saying... "If we

get anymore we will have to stack it up against the fence rows!"

The moisture was long overdue and has come in the nick of time to save area dry land winter wheat. Pasture land was also in dire need of precipitation in order to get a little growth on

See Rain, pg 2

City of Groom Approves Water Well Bid

The Groom City Council met last week in regular session. Present were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, and Chris Welch. Visitors at the meeting were Dwight Brandt, Mike Peters, Russell Lewellen, Randy Broom, Donnie Evans and Mary Sue Lyles.

City Engineer Dwight Brandt informed the council that the bids for the new Water Well Grant were opened at 6:00, 1 hour before the meeting started in order to give him an opportunity to inspect them to make sure they met the specifications required.

The bids as presented were as follows:

Triple L Utilities of Dumas, TX: \$302,129.25.

B & P Construction of Canyon, TX: \$287,729.00.

L.A Fuller of Amarillo, TX: \$261,620.00 with

Triple F Controls (Electrical) or

\$272,907.00 with Ray's

Electric.

L Howard Construction Co. of Abernathy, TX: \$350,835.02.

Amarillo Utility Contractors of Amarillo, Tx: \$297,477.50

Morgan Irrigation of Plainview, TX: \$297,688.50.

In a split decision, the bid was awarded to B & P Construction of Canyon, Tx with a bid of \$287,729.00. The well drilling will be sub-contracted to W.D. Jones Drilling from Dumas and the electrical will be sub-contracted to Ray's Electric of Amarillo.

Although the bid was not the lowest, Alderman Case pointed out that W.D. Jones drilled their last well and Ray Electric put in the controls on the present well. Both companies were quick to respond when the City experienced problems.

Voting to award the bid to B & P Construction were Forrest McLaughlin, Don Case

and W.H. Ollinger.

Voting against the bid were Chris Welch and Ellis Stapp.

Several residents met with the city to ask that

the usual fee for using the community center be waived so that they might hold a Wednesday night Bible Study group there.

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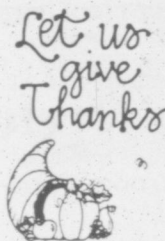
Community Calendar

TIGERS face off with the Patton Springs Rangers at 7:30 p.m., Friday night in Valley, for the Regional Championship football game.

THANKSGIVING is on Thursday, November 22.

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Local Happenings

Gary and Sharon Britten and David and Shelly Britten attended the Amarillo High Game last week. The group went on to Lubbock where the guys attended the Texas Tech-OU game and the gals met their sister, Sunni and went shopping. A great time was had by all!

Visiting Irma Ray Rutherford's over the weekend were her sister-in-law Alice and husband John Robinson of Ozark, Arkansas. Also visiting were Donna Marie Wagner and daughter Angela Ledbetter and her daughter Lacy.

Randy Sustaire and Nathan Weiberg of Groom met with Brad Sustaire and Nolan Weiberg in Lubbock and attended the Tech-OU game.

Chris, Andrea, and Ellie, 3, and Max, 3 months visited with Andrea's mom, Janetta Lamb over the weekend. They were on their way to the Tech-OU game.

ALPHA MU XI pecans are in! Contact any sorority member to get yours just in time for the holidays!

CARD OF THANKS
 Dear Friends and Family,

We greatly appreciate all of your calls, cards, and especially your prayers. I particularly would like to thank all of those who came out to help when I "remodeled" my car. You are all so wonderful. I am so fortunate to live in a community with such caring people.

We hope your Thanksgiving is as special as ours will be thanks to all of you.

Laura, Ron, Lauren & Baby Kuehler

SCHOOL MENU
 NOV. 26-30

Breakfast
 Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Mexican Pile On, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, graham crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, sauteed onions, sauteed green peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, graham crackers, milk.

Wednesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pineapple, milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.

Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, ham and cheese, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

**Groom Birthdays
 Anniversaries**

November 22 - Herman Leven, John Weinheimer.

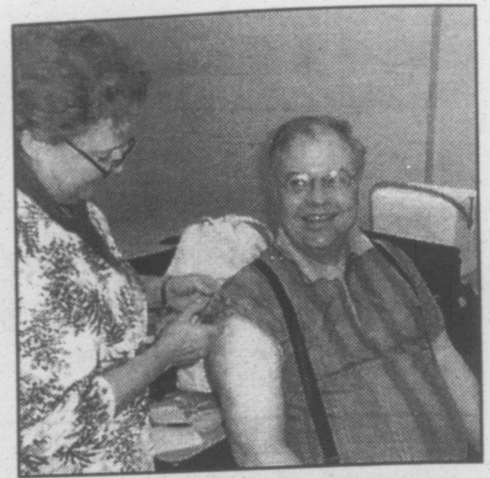
November 24 - C.L. Wieberg, Kyler Blaine Barkley, Father Neal Dee, Mr. and Mrs. David Brusco (A).

November 25 - Christopher Ollinger, John Mark Baggerman, Donald Bland.

November 26 - Mari Treadwell, Mallory Homen, Becky Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payton (A).

November 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens (A).

November 28 - James Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Homer (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard (A).



A man of faith with nerves of steel, Father Dee bares his arm to receive his annual flu shot as did about 64 other Groom residents at the Shot Clinic held at the Groom School last week.



**It's A
 Girl!**

Mason Miller is pleased to announce the arrival of his little sister, Ginna Rianna. She was born on October 20, 2001 at 3:11 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 9

ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Brady and Roni Michelle Miller of Groom. Grandparents are Ronny and Linda Fields of Groom, Merele Miller of Booker, and Jan Miller of Booker. Great grandparents are Shirley Fields of Groom, M.B. and Martha Bolden of Groom, Mary Ruth and Leo Miller of Booker and Celia Ellis Seaman of Booker.

RAIN
 natural grazing plants before the area has a killing frost. Fortunately the area has only flirted with a hard freeze and temperatures have not dipped below freezing for long.

Future forecast show some more moisture in the coming days. Let's give thanks for all that God gives us!

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Parrish - Drum To Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parrish of Houston announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Michelle, to Lonny Dale Drum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Drum of Lubbock. The couple will marry on December 29 at Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson. The bride-elect, a graduate of the Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of

Nursing, attends the Baylor University School of Nursing, and is employed by Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. The future bride groom, a graduate of Coronado High School, is employed by Public Service Plumbers in Dallas. Lonny is the grandson of M.B. and Martha Bolden of Groom.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson, Texas met on November 13, 2001 in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers present as follows: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; and Commissioners, Mike Britten of Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware of Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn of Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell of Pr. #4.

Minutes of the October 22, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay all claims.

The court heard a request from Valor Telecommunications Company to cross FM Road 2385 and County Road V in Precinct #4. A motion was passed to tentatively approve the crossing pending a conversation between Howell and Valor.

Judge Powers informed the court that the indigent care provided by the County has been reduced by one individual due to other assistance as being authorized.

Kelly Hill with Cornell and Company Accounting Firm was scheduled to evaluate the outside audit. Due to a death in the Hill family, the audit was tabled until November 26, 2001.

Commissioners discussed the recent asbestos survey provided for the courthouse.

Judge Powers said consideration would be given to the boiler room in the basement of the building for asbestos abatement before any new heating and air

conditioning units could be replaced. Other small amounts of asbestos was detected throughout the structure.

Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 53.31% of the county's taxes have been collected as of October 31, 2001.

Judge Powers gave a report on his recent school to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the Local Emergency Planning Commission Conference. Powers discussed the possibility of sheriff's personnel and road hands to attend an upcoming demonstration in Amarillo concerning hazardous materials and spills.

The court recognized County Auditor Jacqueline West's recent completion of continuing education requirements for certified public accountants participation. West also presented the court with the monthly recap of money activity in the general fund.

Court adjourned until November 26, 2001.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 10 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of November 12 through November 18, 2001. Currently there are 15 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. With the recent events in mind, let's be mindful of the thanks we should give to be Americans. Happy Thanksgiving from this department.

Arrest made this week include:

Nathan Haynes, age 23 of Borger, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-1st.

Lisa Stevenson, age 28 of Amarillo, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

Randy Peyton, age 39 of Amarillo, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

Jessica Mau, age 18 of White Deer, TX-Harboring a runaway child.

Eduardo Pena, age 17 of Panhandle, TX-Evading arrest or detention.

Joseph Minton, age 52 of Stinnett, TX-Criminal trespass.

Vito Poe, age 40 of Borger, TX-Possession of controlled substance,

greater than 1 gr. but less than 4 gr.

Dustin Brown, age 18 of Panhandle, TX-Driving while license suspended.

Jose Cavoza, age 51 of Amarillo, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-3rd or more.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on November 12, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in its usual meeting place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Fields, Mike Friemel, and Tony Britten. Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, and Kevin Noack, Superintendent were also

present. Guest present was Curtis Downs.

The minutes of the October regular meeting and the October special meeting were approved.

A motion was passed to certify the election results.

Kevin Noack discussed Update 66 Legal Policy. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was passed to nominate Ken Burger for Carson County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Superintendent Noack discussed area tax rates and no action was taken at this time.

Mrs. Hutsell presented the business manager's report. A motion passed to pay all bills as presented.

Mrs. Hutsell discussed the energy report and no action was taken at this time concerning this.

The Board went into closed session as per 551.074 at 8:40 p.m.

The Board returned into open session at 9:25 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY

Approving the request were Forrest McLaughlin, Chris Welch, Don Case and W.H. Ollinger. Ellis Stapp abstained.

Ken Burger was appointed to the Carson County Appraisal District to represent Groom ISD and the City of Groom as a member of the Board. Approving the appointment were Chris Welch, Don Case, W.H. Ollinger, and Ellis Stapp. Forrest

McLaughlin was against the appointment.

Discussion was held concerning the Christmas Lighting Contest. The Council approved the rules to be the same as last year. Deadline to get the address of a home on the ballot will be Dec. 3. A ballot will be published in the Groom News for two weeks before the Dec. 15 Deadline for voting.

The Council agreed to let the Zoning Committee update the zoning regulations for the City of Groom.

The task list and call book were reviewed by the Council as well as the financial statements.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.



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TIGERS

carries and scored four touchdowns. Miami gained 112 yards on 35 carries and three touchdowns.

Passing, Groom connected on six of 13 passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns. Miami completed 9 of 13 for 113 yards.

Groom punted one time for 39 yards. Miami was forced to punt four times averaging 33.5 yards.

Groom had four fumbles but lost only one while Miami had three fumbles.

Garrett Britten lead the Tigers rushing game with 93 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown. He had a fumble recovery for 47 yards and a touchdown. He gained four yards as a receiver and earned six unassisted tackles.

Cody Bivens gained 85 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries. He was successful in kicking three P.A.T.'s. Defensively he had 12 unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter gained 32 yards on two carries. He received two passes for 51 yards and a touchdown. He had two kick-off returns for 34 yards on a punt that

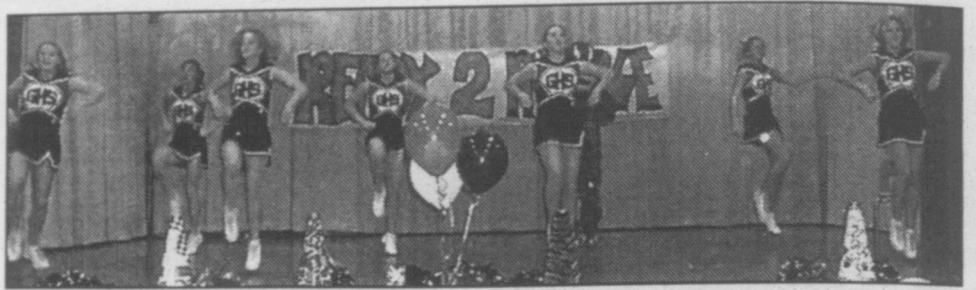
averaged 39 yards. Defensively he sacked the quarterback once and lead the Tigers with Clay Britten in unassisted tackles with 15.

Doug Fields rushed three times for 15 yards and a touchdown. He also gained 15 yards as a receiver and had three unassisted tackles.

Clay Britten passed for 137 yards and two touchdowns on six of nine throws. He also lead the Tigers (with Clay Ritter) and defensively had 15 unassisted tackles.

Hugh Weinheimer caught two passes for 65 yards and a touchdown. He gained nine yards on a kick-off return and had four unassisted tackles.

Be sure to give the Tigers a big "send-off" at 2:45 p.m. on Friday as they prepare to meet Patton Springs at Valley go toe to toe for the bragging rights to the Regional Championship!



Ettes Kick Off Season With Pair Of Wins

The Groom Tigerettes opened their season with a typical "white knuckle" game against Happy. The Ettes came through victorious winning 40-39.

Candace Bohr lead the scoring with 10 points. She completed 4 of 6, 2 point shots and 4 of 5 free throws. She made 3 offensive and 7 defensive rebounds, had 3 turnovers and 5 steals. Bohr also had 2 blocked shots.

Nichole Barnett and Amanda Conrad each added another 8 points. Barnett scored on 3 of 9 attempted 2 pointers and made 4 attempts at 3 point shots. She sank 2 of 4 free throws, had 2 offensive rebounds and 1 defensive rebound, 3 turnovers, a steal, and an assist.

Conrad scored on 3 of 7, 2 point attempts and attempted a 3 pointer but was unsuccessful. She connected 2 of 4 free shots. She had a total of 5 defensive rebounds, 6 turnovers, 2 steals, 2 assists, and 1 blocked

shot. Krisanne Davis scored 7 points for the Ettes.

She scored on 2 of 4, 2 point attempts and hit 3 of 4 free shots. She had 2 offensive and 1 defensive rebound. Davis had 7 turnovers, 2 steals, and 2 assists.

Staci Britten made a total of 5 points for Groom. She connected on 2 of 8 attempts from the 2 point field. She sank 1 of 7 free throws, had 2 offensive rebounds, 1 turnover, 1 steal, and 1 assist.

Amanda Martin, Brin Burgin, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Cassie Ashford, Laurisa Noack, and Britteny Martin make up the rest of the team. These girls contributed several rebounds and steals.

ETTES WIN AGAIN

The Ettes played Caprock on Saturday beating them handily, 72-43.

Krisanne Davis lead

the scoring with 15 points, 4, 2 pointers, a 3 pointer, and 4 free shots.

Amanda Conrad and Candace Bohr each contributed 14 points. Amanda scored 4, 2 pointers a 3 point shot and 3 free throws.

Candace scored 3, 2 pointers and 8 free throw shots.

Lauren Crowell scored 8 points, completing 2, 2 pointers, a 3 point shot and a free throw.

Amanda Martin and Nichole Barnett each scored 6 points. Amanda scored 2, 2 pointers and 2 free shots. Nichole scored 100% of her

attempts of 3, 2 pointers. Staci Britten scored 2, 2 pointers and 1 free shot to gain 5 points for Groom.

Brin Burgin connected on 3 free shots, and Britteny Martin a free shot.

Other individual stats were not available for this game.

The girls will take to

the road playing Follett on November 20, there at 6:30 p.m. and Wheeler on the 27th, there at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget to show them your support.

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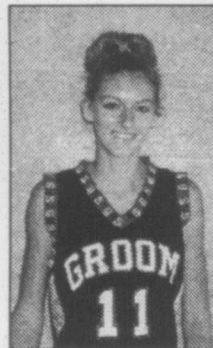
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SPOTLIGHT ON SUPER FANS

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Services Held For Area & Former Residents

JOHN TROTT

John Trott, 72, formerly of Groom passed away on Friday, November 9, 2001. Services were held in Bay City, Texas.

Mr. Trott was born in Illinois on April 12, 1929. He was raised in the Chicago area and worked construction in Texas most of his life. He also was a former employee of Celanese. He was a member of the Groom Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Fern of Bay City, Texas; children Mary Couch of Kokomo, IN, Chris Flynn of Wisconsin, Dean Ruff of Amarillo, Felba McClousky of Bay City, Keith Ruff of Houston, Frank Ruff of Houston, and Ernie Ruff of Houston; and 23 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to the Parkinson Foundation.

CLARA FEE

NAMPA, Idaho-Clara Laverne Fee, 86, died Thursday, November 1, 2001.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Chester Beavers officiated.

Mrs. Fee was born on October 11, 1915 in Groom, Texas. She was the eldest child of Homer and Lola Cranmer. She lived on the farm in Groom with her parents until 1934 when she married Dee Fee.

They had a long and loving relationship until his death. They loved to dance and party together. Guests at the Fee house were frequent and included friends from all over the country. Their home was always open for friends.

She had a 25 year career with Southwestern Bell and retired in 1974. She held several positions and retired as head operator. She was never at a loss of words and always spoke her mind. She had been living in Idaho with her nephew,

Billy Dee, for the last five years.

She was preceded in death by her husband in March of 1986, her parents and brother, H.R. Cranmer.

Survivors include a brother, J.L. Cranmer and wife, Margie of Amarillo; two sisters, Narcesia Baker and husband Harold of Monroe, LA., and Bernice Hathaway and husband, A.V. of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Louise Cranmer of Amarillo; and five nieces and nephews, Beverly Walker and husband, Dennis, E.H. Baker and wife, Ambia, Billy Dee Baker and wife, Debra, Sydney Roach and husband, Wayne, and R. Lee Cranmer and wife, Linda.

The family suggest memorials be to hospice or a favorite charity.

WALTER SCHNEIDER

EL PASO- Walter Edward "Doc" Schneider, 72, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001.

Services were held at 1:15 p.m. on November 13, 2001 at Hillcrest Funeral Home chapel. Burial was held in Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

Mr. Schneider was born on May 29, 1929, in Groom. He was a graduate of Groom High School in 1945. He married Joan Schaefer in 1950, at Linn, MO. He married Monica Houghton in 1982. He was in the Army from March 1951 to December 1955, serving 18 months in Korea. He worked for General Electric X-Ray in June 1956 and moved to El Paso in 1957. He later became a partner in Holmes and Schneider Inc. where he worked for several years. He then formed Accutron and most recently had been owner of Med-Tech Part Sales.

He was preceded in death by his second wife in 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Schneider and William Schneider; four daughters, Karen Carr, Janet Schneider,

Elaine Schneider, and Donna Krupinski; two sisters, Viola Keller of Amarillo and Donna Brockman of Fort Rucker; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to City of Hope National Medical Center, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010.

RUTH CAMPBELL

WEBSTER- Ruth Virginia Campbell, age 84, died November 18, 2001. Services will be held on Friday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at the Groom Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell was born on June 22, 1917 in Groom. She married Edward Campbell on June 22, 1938 in Groom. He preceded her in death in 1976. She lived in Hale Center for 10 years and worked as a nurse at the High Plains Hospital in Hale Center. She also worked as a nurse for Dr. Witt in Groom. She moved to Denver, Colorado in 1963 and then moved to Dallas in 1979. She was a lifelong Methodist. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Ruth Campbell in 1952.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol McCarty of Alvin; three sons, Joe Ed Campbell of Castroville, California, John William Campbell of Bothell, Washington, and Kevin Robert Campbell of Alvin; one brother, Robert E. Farley of Lake Charles, Louisiana; one sister-in-law, Kathryn Harbour of

Duncan, OK; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

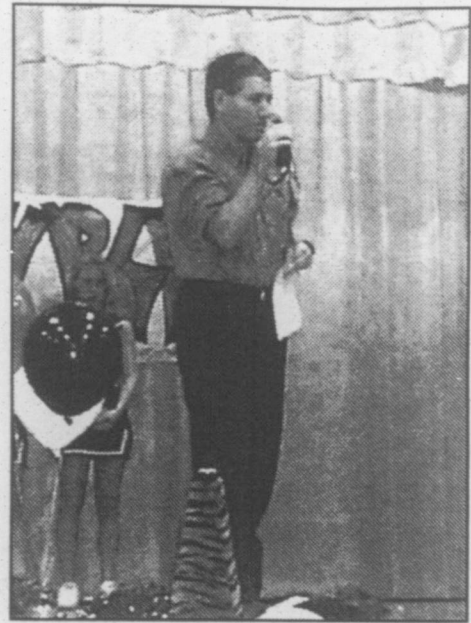
The family will be at the Gloria Ledwig home, 201 Choctaw.

The family suggest memorials be to the First Methodist Church, 303. E. 2nd, Groom, Texas 79039, or any Hospice.

Texas Farmers Union Disappointed With Farm Bill

The Texas Farmers Union (TFU) today said it was extremely disappointed that the Senate Agriculture Committee failed to support a competition title in this year's farm bill. The measure, introduced by Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would have provided better footing in markets for farmers and ranchers facing increasing levels of concentration and corporation control in the food and agriculture industries.

"American's farmers were dealt a major insult in the quest to restore competition and free enterprise," said TFU President Wes Sims. "This is a missed opportunity to address one of the biggest problems facing production agriculture. It is a missed opportunity to address today's agriculture price crisis. It is a missed opportunity to restore a fair, healthy and competitive marketplace for family farmers and ranchers."



Mr. Roskens gives an inspiring pep talk to students, players, and fans at last weeks pep rally.

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Christian Mothers Annual Bazaar



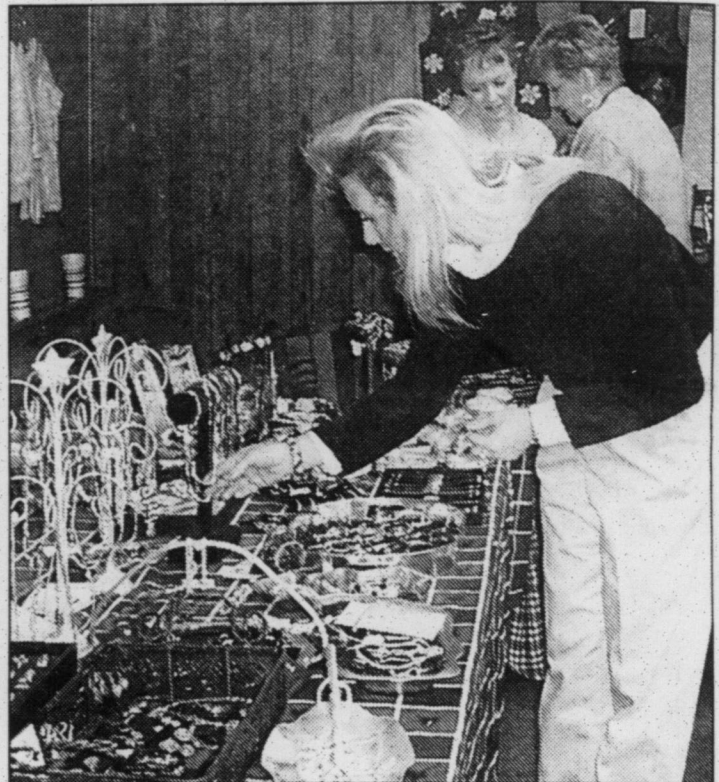
Sandi Schaffer has been busy preparing for the annual bazaar for many months and has the crafts to prove it.



(Above) - Many local and out of town people turned out in force to attend the Annual Christian Mothers Roast Beef Dinner and Craft Bazaar, held every year just before Thanksgiving at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School.



Louise Conrad has had her crochet needles flying most of the year in preparation for the annual bazaar.



Michelle Bohr has way to many "pretties" to pick from at the Christian Mothers Annual Bazaar. A lot of people had the same problem.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA ANNOUNCES FUNDING

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