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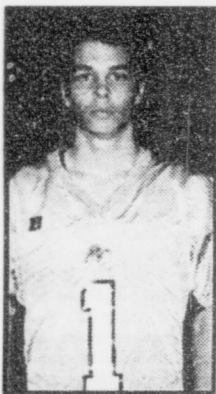
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McLean High School All District Selections Named



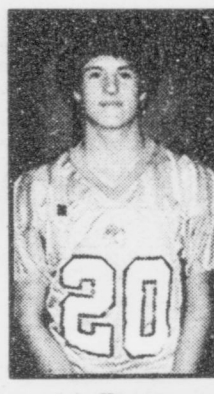
Mark Smith



Zach Richardson



Jayme Welch



John Haynes



Seth Childers



Frank Saunders



Matt Applewhite



Trey Skipper

Division II District Seven Six-Men All District Football Teams were announced recently.

McLean was well represented with the following Tigers being honored.

Defensive MVP: Mark Smith
First Team Offense
Wide Receiver: Mark Smith
Spread Back: Zach Richardson
Utility Back: Jayme

Welch
Second Team Offense
Wide Receiver: John Haynes
Running Back: Seth Childers
Full Back: Frank Saunders
Kicker: Zach Richardson

First Team Defense
Linebacker: Jayme Welch
Cornerback: Seth Childers
Second Team Defense
Noseguard: Matt Applewhite
Defensive Line: Trey Skipper

"The Magic Well" Performed Today by Drama Department

"The Magic Well", a comedy by Herman Ammann, published with permission of I.E. Clark Publishers of Shulenberg, TX, will be presented today, Thursday, Dec. 14th by the McLean Theater Department in the McLean High School Auditorium.

The production is a fantasy

See "Magic Well, pg. 10



Scott Glass Graduates from AC Fire Fighting Academy

Scott Glass, a 1999 graduate of McLean High School, graduated from Amarillo College's Fire Fighting Academy, Monday, Dec 11.

After graduation from high school, Scott served 4 years in the U.S. Army. Upon returning home, he was employed by Puckett's Grocery as a butcher while he pursued academics at Amarillo College.

On the afternoon of March 12th 2006, Scott
See Glass, pg. 8

Methodist Church Choir To Perform Christmas Cantata On Sunday Morning

The McLean United Methodist Choir will perform a Christmas Cantata, Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Methodist Church. The program will begin at 10:50 AM.

The cantata consists of familiar carols, new carols and some unusual carols that may not be familiar to everyone.

Soloists for the program will be Erin Shaw singing "Manger Carol", Janet Glass singing "Mary, Did You Know?" and Jacque Riley singing "I Wonder As I Wander". Linda Haynes, Johnnie Allison and Diane Studebaker will perform "The Night That Christ Was Born".

The choir is under the direction of Linda Haynes. Accompanist for the program is Diane Studebaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"THE MAGIC WELL" will be performed at the High School Auditorium today, Dec. 14 at 9 and 11 AM and 1:30 and 7 PM. (See related story)

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be performed at the McLean United Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 17th at 10:50 AM. Everyone is invited.

TIGERS AND LADY TIGERS will play Motley County here, Dec. 15th. Game time is 6:30 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet Monday, Dec. 18th at the School Business Office.

SCHOOL WILL be dismissed at 12:30 Wednesday, Dec. 20th for the Christmas holidays.

MCLEAN BLOOD Drive will be Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 3:30-6:30 PM at the Bank of Commerce. Every donor will receive a Christmas ornament and will entered into a drawing to win one of two \$500 Westgate Mall gift cards. For appointment call 1-877-574-8800.

TIGERS AND LADY TIGERS will play at Channing, Dec. 19th. Games begin at 6:30 PM.

CANNED FOOD drive for Loaves and Fishes at McLean ISD Nov. 27-Dec. 15.

BOOKSALE at Lovett Library, Nov. 27-Dec. 15. Book donations accepted.



The cast of "The Magic Well" will present their play today, Thursday, December 14th.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 14 - Jennifer Norton, Sheri Haynes, Jeff Pike.

December 15 - Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Michelle Basham, Mary Basham, Wendy Morris, Jack and Linda Syfrett (A).

December 16 - Clint Herndon.

December 17 - Dorothea

Cooper, Wanda Hill, Mike Nicholson.

December 18 - Colt Patterson.

December 19 - Colleen Mertel Sherrod, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

December 20 - Laura Brooks, Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb, Lucas Seymour.

Glass decided to join the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and help fight the horrific wildfires that devastated the area. He knew then that he wanted to pursue a career in firefighting.

While in the academy, Scott studied basic structure fires, car fires, rescue and extrication, repelling and hazardous materials operation level.

This is the 19th academy class to graduate from Amarillo College's Fire Fighting Academy.

Scott is a member of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and an EMS associate. He is the son of Bob and Janet Glass of McLean.

McLean School Menu

BREAKFAST-FRIDAY-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

MONDAY-pancake/sausage on a stick, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

TUESDAY-scrambled eggs, sausage, toast & jelly, fruit, juice and milk. **WEDNESDAY**-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice and milk.

LUNCH-FRIDAY-chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato and pickle spear, tater tots, cookie and milk.

MONDAY-corn dogs, baked beans, French Fries, apricots and milk.

TUESDAY-chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY-pizza pockets, salad, corn, fruit

Pioneer Study Club Meets For Christmas Party

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, December 7th at the home of Mickey Jackson with each member bringing a favorite snack food. Members answering roll call with their most memorable Christmas gift

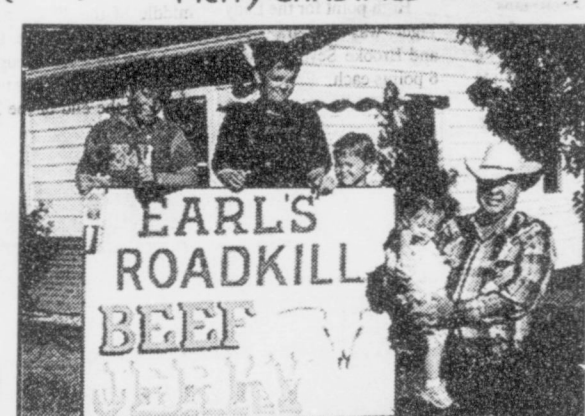
were Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Shirley Ennis, Janet Glass, Zeld McClellan, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa

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City Council Hears PODS Report

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, December 11th, 2006 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor, George Shaw and James Troy. Mindy Reeves was absent.

Others present: Roby Lynn and Toni Bohler.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

By unanimous consent the Council agreed to pay the bills.

Consider Engineer for Major Amendment For Sewer Plant Permit - The City has one proposal from Enprotec Hibbs/Todd for \$8,000.00. The Mayor explained that he had contacted Brandt engineers but that they did not seem interested in submitting a proposal. Alderman Shaw made a motion to accept

Enprotec Hibbs/Todd proposal, but after some discussion, Alderman Shaw rescinded his motion. Mayor Martin is going to contact OJD engineers to see if they would be interested in submitting a proposal on this project.

Approve Financial Completion of Sewer Grant Project - final figures are not in yet, there will be a special meeting when the figures are received.
See City/EDC, pg. 10

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Students of the Week



McLean Students of the Week: (back to front) Rudy Rodriguez, Casey Graham, Stormy Means, Jane Kaefer, Sarah Barker, Josh Watson, Nathan Raymond, Sara Richardson, Kuttler Hermeszemeyer and Kinzie Cooper.

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McLean Battles Channing

The McLean Tigers and Lady Tigers squared off against Channing here Dec. 5th before a good crowd of basketball fans.

The Lady Tigers faced an experienced Channing team led by all state candidate Megan McLain. Although the Lady Tigers lost 55-33 Coach Hausen commented on the improvement the Lady Tigers are making each week.

"We are a young team and we're playing some

very good teams. We are going to take some lumps but hopefully this will make us a better team"

High point for the Lady Tigers was Tamara Loya and Brooke Seymour with 6 points each.

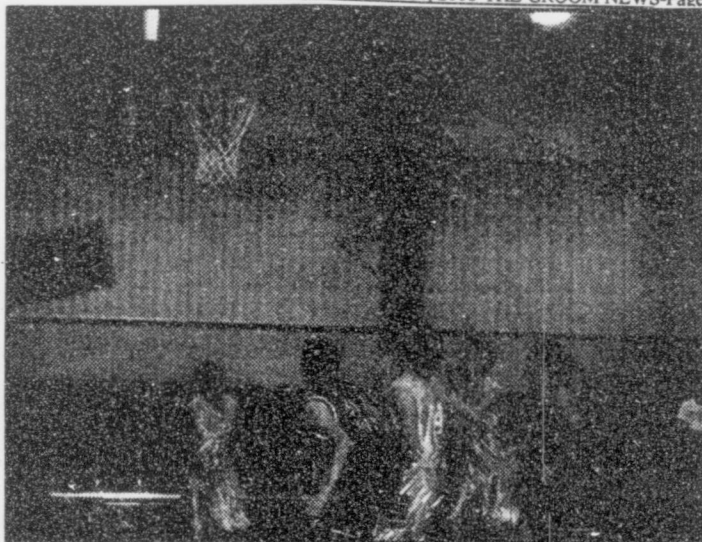
In the boys game, the Tigers came out on fire in the 1st quarter. Lots of hustle and dead eye shooting helped the Tigers to a 19-6 lead in the 1st quarter and a 28-22 advantage at halftime.

Channing changed their defense to a press in the second half and took control of the game. By the middle of the 3rd quarter, Channing had taken the lead, but the Tigers fought back and the game was tied 41-41 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

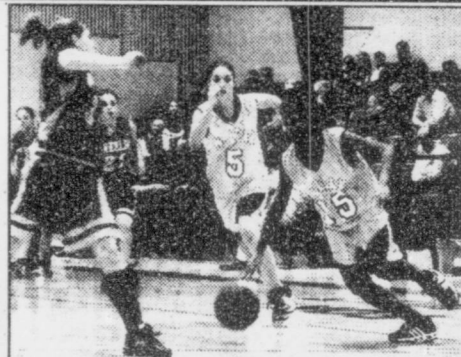
In the 4th quarter, the lead changed hands five times. With 1:09 left, Channing made a three pointer and a jump shot to win the ball game 61-55.

John Haynes led the scoring for McLean with 18 points. Zach Richardson followed with 11 points.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will play Motley County here, December 15th. The Lady Tigers will begin the action starting at 6:30 PM.



(Above) Jayme Welch, Nathan Macina and Chase Bohlar watch for a rebound. (Below) Trent Darsey fires a shot.



Nancy Castillo drives to the basket with Sheri Haynes following. (photo courtesy of Mike Haynes)

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McLean Tigers & Lady Tigers

Tigers Compete in Tournament



(Above)-John Haynes tips off for McLean against Shamrock (right)-John Haynes shoots a three-pointer as Chase Bohlar sets a screen. (photo courtesy of Mike Haynes)

The McLean Tigers traveled to Fort Elliott for tournament action December 7th, 8th, and 9th.

The Tigers lost to White Deer in the first game by a score of 58-36. John Haynes led the Tigers scoring 10 points followed by Logan Sparling with 9 points.

The Tigers came back on Friday, December 8th,

and beat Lefors 58-34. Jayme Welch was high point for the Tigers with 14 points, followed by John Haynes with 13 points.

In the consolation game Saturday, December 9th, McLean squared off against Shamrock.

The Tigers lost to Shamrock by a score of 54-32. Jayme Welch led the Tigers with 8 points.



Lady Tigers Win Consolation at Ft. Elliott

The Lady Tigers competed in the Fort Elliott Basketball Tournament December 7th, 8th, and 9th, winning the Consolation game.

The Lady Tigers lost their opener against White Deer 34-45. Sheri Haynes was high point with 15 followed by DaShae Tolleson with 5 points.

The Lady Tigers squared off against Lefors in their next basketball

game Dec. 8th, winning 78-33. DaShae Tolleson was high scorer with 21 points followed by Sheri Haynes with 19 points.

In the consolation game on Saturday, December 9th, the Lady Tigers beat Wheeler 53-52 for 5th place in the tournament.

DaShae Tolleson led the Lady Tigers scoring 18 points followed by Nancy Castillo with 12 points.



DaShae Tolleson, Nancy Castillo and Sheri Haynes fight for the ball in their win over Wheeler in the Ft. Elliott Tournament. (photo courtesy of Mike Haynes)

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 Fellowship Hall - No Gifts Please

City/EDC Look at Tennis Courts

Appoint Housing Authority Board Member - Sherry Watson had served a 2 year term on the board and as per the rules of the Housing Authority she submitted her resignation at the end of her 2 year term, but she told the Mayor that she would be willing to serve another 2 year term. Motion by Alderman Taylor, second by Alderman Shaw, with all voting in favor

to appoint Sherry Watson to the Housing Authority Board. Lock In Gas Price - we were not able to get a lock in price because our contact at West Texas Gas was out of town until Friday. Open Bank Depository Bids - only one bid was received from the Bank of Commerce. Motion by Alderman Shaw, second by Alderman McDowell, with all voting in favor, to accept the

bid from the Bank of Commerce for a 2 year contract.

Financial Assurance Letter of Credit - no action taken because the inflation figure from TCEQ has not been received yet. This will be put on the next agenda.

Director's Report - Roby Lynn reported that the new sewer pump burned up the day after Thanksgiving. We sent it back to the company and they will give us another one for 1/4 price or if our insurance pays on it, they will pay the deductible. He reported that the sewer mains were doing okay after having some trouble with them last month. The front end loader is in Amarillo being worked on. Alderman Shaw asked if a time had been arranged yet for Perryton to come work on the fire hydrants and Roby said that he hadn't called yet, but he would.

Other City Business - Toni Bohlar told the Council that only 1 employee would be able to attend the Christmas Dinner due to other obligations. The Council decided to cancel the dinner this year.

Mayor Martin then told the Council that he had went to a meeting in Pampa put on by the Texas Department of Health to learn about Points of Dispensing or PODs concerning the procedures of what would happen in our area if an epidemic should occur. Alderman Troy told Alderman Taylor, who is president of the EDC, that he had been looking at the tennis courts and that he had made some calls to different individuals and that he would have some ideas for repairing them for the EDC's meeting in January.

Visitor Comments - no comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Club

Troy, Nama Webb, Sherric Martindale, Mary Lou Glass, Wanda Lamb and Ruth Magree. Guest, Rita Crawford, was welcomed. A traditional gift exchange followed.

The next meeting will be January 18th with Betty Taylor in charge of the program and Nama Webb, hostess.

Young @ Heart Has Pot Luck Luncheon

Young at Heart Club had their potluck luncheon on Dec. 5th with 14 members present. The nurses from Accolade Home Health were luncheon guests. They also did the regular screenings.

It was reported that there was a good turn-out for the flu shot clinic.

Members were reminded to remember all the families that have lost loved ones in the past month.

The Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 19th with Bank of Commerce donating the turkey and

ham. Bring a gift of \$5.00 or less for the gift exchange.



Magic Well

The cast of characters include: Prologue and Fiddler-Lucas Webb, Dragon-Jayne Welch, King-John Haynes, Old Man-Trey Skipper, Miss Blinky-Tamara Loya, Old Woman-Amanda Fricks, Town Fool-Matt Applewhite, Town Poet-Zach Richardson, Tissy-Erin Bailey, Prissy-Brooke Seymour, Lissy-Lacey Wallis, Prince Arlo Marlowe-Steve Vassey, Hag-Jessica Mann and Frog-Mark Smith. Lighting technicians are DeShae Tolleson and Trent Darsey. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Jacque Riley, drama teacher.

Times for the play are 9 AM, 11 AM, 1:30 PM and 7 PM. Admission (which goes to the theater dept) is fifty cents for students and \$1.00 for adults for the daytime performance. Admission (for everyone) is \$2.00 for the evening performance. Call 779-2571 for reservations.

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chuck steak \$2⁹⁹

chuck eye steak \$4⁵⁹

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chicken breasts \$1⁹⁹

boneless ham \$3⁴⁹

sliced bacon \$2⁵⁹

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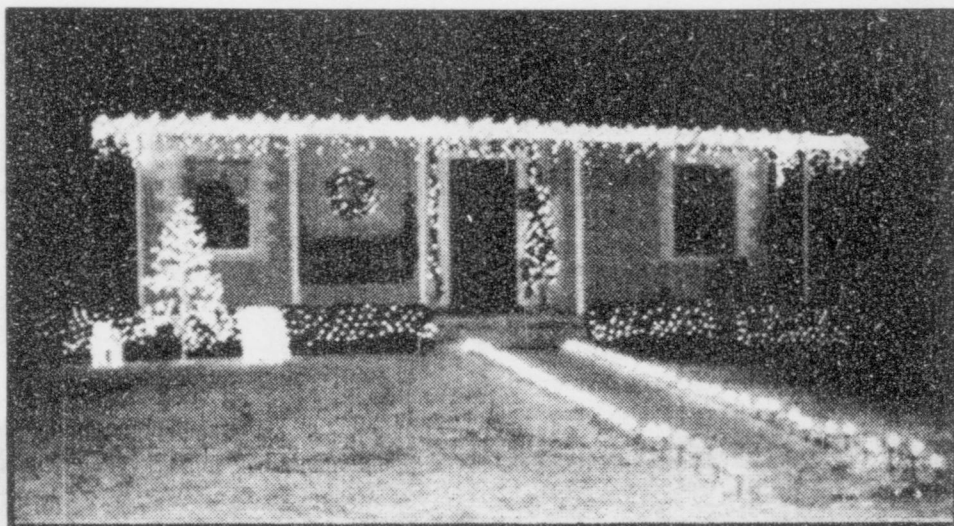
Marcia Davis and Susie
Thompson dishing up a
'mean' chili dog and
helping their students in
the concession stand.

Residents Vote On Housing Decoration Due To Home Owners Hard Work

City of Groom residents need to remember to vote for their favorite home in the City Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest. Ballots can be found in this issue of The Groom News. Cast your ballot for your top three favorite homes either by address or name of resident. The winners will be announced in next week's keepsake Christmas Edition of The Groom News.

Other events culminating this next week is the Groom ISD Student Council is hosting a canned food drive to benefit the High Plains Food Bank. A competition between the classes is at stake with the prize yet to be determined. Student Council President Thane Barkley stated that students would be happy to come pick up canned goods if donations would call a class member. The contest will end on Monday, Dec. 18.

There is still time to get your holiday greeting for



Groom News Christmas Edition Next Week

the Christmas Edition, too. Donna Burton, editor stated that she will be in the office most of Saturday, for those who work and have not had a chance to come and look

at her new book of greetings.

Pressed for time? Just give Donna a call and she can help you pick out something suitable over the

phone.

Don't forget all the Christmas programs that are ahead. Share your pictures and holiday get-togethers of these and

other events with The Groom News, the only newspaper in the world interested in Groom, Texas!

Commissioners Approve Hirings Of Two Deputies

Carson County Commissioners approved two new requests from County Sheriff Tam Terry to replace two deputies. Approved were Jeff Hunt and Chris Richardson. The Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 11, 2006 to discuss and approve routine items on the agenda.

Kelly Hill of the accounting firm Corneli and Co. was present as the county's outside auditing firm to review the County's Financial report for the year ending September 2005. Judge Powers said, "The report was overall favorable."

The commissioner approved the 100th Judicial District's Victim Assistance Grant program.

The program is directed in the local district by Kim Jeffers. It is set up for victims of crime to receive help and assistance, whether it be rape, assault, robbery or violence of one kind or another. All approved the resolution in support of the Victim Assistance Grant for the 100th Judicial District.

The commissioners discussed and approved the county's property insurance coverage by Texas Association of Counties. The commissioners approved the renewal program on all county covered TAC property. Judge Powers said, "There was property in the county owned by the county where adjustment in the property values needed to be changed."

Community Calendar

THE GROOVIN'
RED Hatters of Groom will meet on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Groom Dairy Queen for a Christmas party. For the gift exchange, bring a Christmas ornament.

THE PRESCHOOL
will hold their annual Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

GROOM UNITED
Methodist Church will have their Christmas Program on Dec. 13.

THE FIRST Baptist Church will hold a candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to an evening of caroling and the reading of the Christmas story.

G R O O M
BASKETBALL teams will play Lazbuddie, there on Friday Dec. 15 beginning with the Varsity Girls at 6:30.

GROOM JR. Varsity will play in a tournament at River Road beginning on Dec. 14. See the bracket for more details.

GROOM JR & Varsity
teams will play Booker there, beginning at 6:30 on December 18.

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Local Happenings



Groom Birthday and Anniversary

December 14 - Bill Hinson.
 December 15 - Scott Weinheimer.
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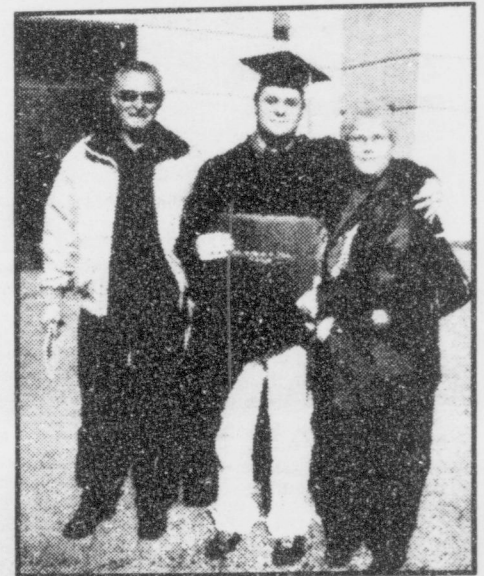
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at the tree limb pile near the practice field! If we do not have co-operation in this matter we will be forced to close this service down for good. **NO JUNK ALLOWED!**

The City of Groom

Pavlovsky Graduates From UT

Luke Pavlovsky graduated on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from the University of Texas at Dallas Campus. He graduated with 2 majors earning a BA in Sociology and a BS in Child Learning and Development. He earned an internship working with hearing impaired children in the Dallas ISD as a psych intern for the Callier Center. Luke has been a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity for 3½ years, serving as philanthropic chairman. He also served as Treasurer earning national recognition for service to the fraternity and for serving on the most recognized Executive Committee in the nation. Luke donated the most service hours of all UTD Greek students and all the student body. The University of Texas Dallas Greek and Student Life awarded Luke the 'Service to Student Life Award for 2005-2006, the highest honor given to an individual student. He is listed in Who's Who Among American College Students. Luke plans to attend graduate school at the University of Texas Dallas in the fall working



Proud parents, Pav and Toni pose with their son, Luke at his graduation in Dallas recently.

toward his Master in Public Affairs and masters in Early Childhood Disorders. Luke is the son of Pav and Toni Pavlovsky and a 2002 graduate of Groom High School.

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Considered and proclaimed this 11th day of December, 2006

Joe L. Homer,
 Mayor, City of Groom

CARD OF THANKS

I thank the good Lord everyday for my friends. For 3 months now someone has paid my city water bill. I do not know who paid it. Your thoughtfulness has touched my heart. Paying my bill was a selfless and devoted act of kindness and will always be remembered. I am very fortunate to have friends like you. I pray you will be blessed as richly as I have been blessed.

Thank You!
 Paula Brown

'Breeze' Kuehler Services Held



ROBERT KUEHLER

GROOM - Robert "Breeze" Kuehler, 84, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006.

Rosary was said on Friday, Dec. 8 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Mass was Saturday in the church with the Rev. Jose Palathara celebrating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., in Amarillo.

Mr. Kuehler was born July 18, 1922, to George and Mary Kuehler in the home where he currently resided. He graduated from Groom High School in 1940 and began farming thereafter. He married Alice Detten on May 5, 1953, in St. Francis.

He was a past board member of State National Bank in Groom, the Federal Land Bank, Groom ISD and the building committee for Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. He was the current vice president of Texas Wheat Producers and served on the financial board for Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He was a longtime volunteer for mowing and cleanup of the church grounds and the cemetery.

He was a dancing fanatic and an avid supporter of the Groom Tigers and the Dallas Cowboys.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Detten Kuehler; 10 daughters, Mary Lane and husband John of Salina, Kan., Martha Bror man and husband Jerry of Hereford, Roseann Schmitz and husband Dave of College Station, Ruth Bubl is and husband Paul of Hobbs, N.M., Margaret Heir ch and husband Eric of Sliton, Karen Asher and husband Brian of Snyder,

Beth Winner and husband Joe of Louisville, Ky., Dorothy Wire and husband Steve of Albuquerque, N.M., Robbie Dolce and husband Chris of Moriarty, N.M., and Loretta King and husband Edward of Hobbs, N.M.; two sons, Ron Kuehler and wife Laura of Groom and Nick Kuehler and wife Nicole of Panhandle; a sister, Loraine Dearing of Muleshoe; a sister-in-law, Wanda Kuehler of Austin; numerous nieces and nephews; 38 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a host of other family and friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund or a favorite charity.

Panhandle Businessman Passes Away

ROY H. LANE

Roy H. Lane, 67, died Saturday, December 2, 2006 at home. Services were held in the United Methodist Church of Panhandle.



ERNIE BILL TERRY
WHITE DEER - Ernie Bill Terry, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, in Pampa.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Terry was born Aug. 6, 1931, in Berger to Cleo Tom and Cammie Elmore Terry. He was a

Father Of Sheriff Tam Terry Passes Away

1949 graduate of White Deer High School. He married Carolyn Sue Groninger in Raton, N.M. He was a rancher, farmer and founder of B & B Solvent in 1955. He was a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer. He served on the White Deer school board from 1965 until 1970. He received the

32nd Degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, being a member for 50 years of the Valley of El Paso Orient of Texas on April 18, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Terry; two sons, Tam Terry and wife Sheila of White Deer and Bebo Terry and wife Dana of

Pampa; a daughter, Tonya Homen and husband John of White Deer; six grandchildren, Amanda Saffel and husband Phillip and Tyler Terry, all of Lubbock, Carmen Terry of Alexandria, Va., Justin Freeman of White Deer and Elizabeth Terry and Emily Terry, both of Pampa; five step-grandchildren, Justin Homen of White Deer, Chris Homen and Malorie Homen, both of Groom, Jodi Homen of Amarillo and Misty Homen of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097 or Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

Lucille Case Services Held In Claude



Lucille Marie Case passed away on December 11, 2006 in Clarendon. Services were held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 in the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Jerry Hopkins and Rev. Jeff

Matsler, officiating. Burial will be in the Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Mrs. Case was born April 28, 1914 in Decatur to Raymond & Mary Emma Beach Carter. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1931. She had been married to O'Dell Holland, Bill West Jr., & J.L. Case all of whom preceded her in death. She was a long time resident of Groom before becoming a resident of Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude 5 years ago. She was an office manager for the Groom Osteopathic Clinic for 33 years. Mrs. Case was charter member and past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in

Groom. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her three husbands; one brother, James Carter, and one grandchild, Brett Sargent.

Survivors include 5 daughters, Jerlene Morrison of Lorenzo, Emma Kay Sargent of Dallas, Janet Listen of Greeley, Colorado, Mary Dell Burke of Amarillo, and Billie Ruth Lewis of Panhandle; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels or BSA Hospice of Amarillo.

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Monday - Cold Cereal, muffins, juice, and milk.
Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday - Bar-B-Que

Groom, McLean Academic All-District Team Named

The following football players were recently named to the Academic All-District team: Tyler Babcock, Josh Kelly, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Virginia Froese (cheerleader), Ashley Murrey (cheerleader), Brandi Bates (cheerleader), and Brittany Kuehler (cheerleader).

Beef on a Bun, potato wedges, pickle slices, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday - Burritos with chili and cheese, bean dip, pineapple, chips, and milk.
 NO SCHOOL UNTIL JANUARY 3.

Also earning honors were from Lazbuddie: Jesse Gomez, Esteban Pacheco, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Brittany Sexton (c), Delvin Thompson, Chase Timms, Kayle Jesco, and Riley Smith

From McLean: John Haynes, Shari Haynes (c), Tama Loya (c), Brooke Seymour (c) and Mark Smith.

JH Cub-ettes Lose Game

Groom Junior High Basketball teams played Samnorwood last week. The Cub-Ettes played a very hard game, but lost 29-38.

Hali Bohr lead the scoring with 12 points, Maddie Wieberg contributed 10 points, Haley Kuehler added another 5 points. Neva

Corley put up another 2 points each.

In the boys match up the Cubs won 33-22. Brady Painter was high point with 14, Myles Friemel added another 9 points. Michael Kelly contributed 7. Both Jacob Torres and Taylor Fields added 4 points each.

Groom Outscores Sunray

The Groom Tigers traveled to Sunray last week to play in a tournament.

They faced off with Sunray JV in their opening match. Blaine Britten was high point with 21. T.J.

Moraniec scored 12 points. Thane Barkley added another 6, Joel Horn 4 and Eric Torres 2. The final score was Groom 45, Sunray JV 27.

Groom Tigers then played Sanford-Fritch in their next game. Thane Barkley lead the scoring with 21 points. T. J.

Moraniec was next with 15 points, Eric Torres added another 11. Josh Kelly contributed 7, Blaine Britten 5 and Joel Horn 1. The final score was Groom 60, Sanford-Fritch 76.

In the 3rd match up, Groom beat Channing 63-55 earning the 3rd place trophy. T.J. Moraniec was high point with an impressive 33 points. Thane Barkley added 9. Blaine Britten and Josh Kelly each added 6 points. Kade Brown contributed 5, Eric Torres 3 and Trevor Friemel 1.

JH Tigers Beat Ft. Elliott By One Point At Tourney

The Groom Junior Varsity boys played two games last week. The Tigers played a "white knuckle" match up against

Ft. Elliott. Brett Friemel earned top scoring honors with 9 points. Ben Thompson added 6 and Cody Stell 3. Ben

Thompson, Chas Leven, Shane King, and Tyler Babcock each contributed 2 points. The final score

found Groom on top with 24 and Ft. Elliott 23.

The Junior Varsity boys played Groom arch rival from the days of old... Claude. Ben Thompson was high point with 11. Brett Friemel put up 9, Anthony Luna 6, and Kelton Weller 4. Tyler

Babcock and Shane King and Tyler Case each scored 3 points while Chas Leven and Tyler Case each scored 1 point to cinch the win, Groom 38-Claude 22.

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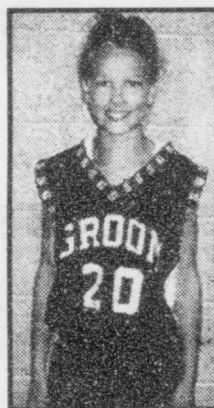
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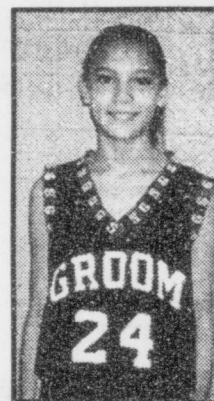
Sara Kelly



Sophia Leven



Alexandria Ragsdale



Cassandra Ingle

Superintendent's Letter To Parents

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It is basketball season again and I am getting concerned about a problem that I would like to solve. This problem could be

minor or it could turn into something major in a heat beat. I am talking about small children who run around the basketball court while a game is going on.

While this may not seem like a problem to you, but it is a dangerous situation waiting to happen. We have boys that

weigh around 200 pounds running down the court as fast as they can to make a lay-up, or to try and save a ball, and we have small children moving very close to the court. It would be dangerous to our kids if one of the varsity boys landed on one of the small children because they are not in the stand where they are supposed to be. The Varsity boys are focused on the game, not on what is going on off court. Please

help me take care of the this problem by helping me to keep the smaller kids away from the edge of the court and by helping me to keep them from running back and fourth to the concession stand every 2 minutes. Parents, if your kids are up her for ball games then you need to be here with them. Please don't use the ball games for a cheap babysitter.

It is not only a dangerous situation, but it

is also annoying for people who are trying to enjoy the concession stand to have kids playing out in the hall. I have had to tell kids several times to go sit with their parents and stop playing tag in the hall. We are here to watch a basketball game, not have extra playtime.

Another problem that has come up is food in the

gym. We have a policy of NO FOOD OR DRINKS in the gym. We discussed changing this policy but have decided that it would not be wise. We want to try and keep that gym floor in the best possible shape so that it will not become a major expense to the school for a replacement. The best way to keep that floor in the best shape is to not allow food or drinks in the gym. So please help me out by keeping the food and drinks in the hallway.

I thank you for your help in these situations.

Terry Stevens
Superintendent

Varsity Splits With Ft. Elliott, Adrian Next

Groom Varsity teams went head to head with Ft. Elliott last week and split wins with the teams. The girls lost their match up 27-61. Ashley Murray took high point honors with 10 points. Rachael Hopkins added 8 points to help the Ettes side of the scoreboard. Cady Wilson contributed 7 and Virginia Froese 2.

In the boys match up, the Tigers blasted past Ft. Elliott, 68-56. Thane Barkley had an awesome night, scoring a whooping 32 points. Blaine Britten put up another 13 points. T. J. Moranic scored 10. Eric Torres contributed 6, Trevor Friemel 4 and Joel Horn added another 2.

The teams will play Adrian next Tuesday. Our Varsity Boys team is ranked 19th in the state and theirs is ranked 20th. This should be one of the best games of the year. Don't miss the excitement.

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