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Jessica Stapp, Karen Conrad, Angie Conrad, Mary Hutsell, Tami Ashford, Melissa Anthony, Jessica Kepley, Jodi Homen, Jessica Friemel, and Carrie Davis proudly accept their trophy at the Vernon Invitational Tournament.

Tigerettes Win Fifth In Vernon Tournament

Groom Varsity teams travelled to Vernon over the weekend to compete in the Vernon Invitational Tournament.

Groom's boys opened up the action facing off with Peaster on Thursday. Josh Evenson led the scoring with 17 points. Jimmy Chavedo added another 15. Dean Fields, Daniel Treadwell, Toby Burgin, and Todd Gray each contributed two points. The final score was Groom 40, Peaster 70.

The girls had much better luck against Peaster winning 46-39. Melissa Anthony, Jessica Stapp, Jessica Friemel

and Angie Conrad shared top scoring honors contributing 10 points each. Mary Hutsell added another 3, Tami Ashford 2 and Karen Conrad 1.

For the second game the boys faced off with Breckenridge. Josh Evenson again led the scoring and had 12 points. Wyatt Weinheimer earned 6 for the Tigers. Chris Ollinger and Toby Burgin each added another 5 points. Daniel Treadwell contributed 4, Dean Fields 3, Evan Crowell 2 and Todd Gray 1 for a final score of Groom 47,

and Angie Conrad shared top scoring honors contributing 10 points each. Mary Hutsell added another 3, Tami Ashford 2 and Karen Conrad 1.

Peaster 79. In the girls second game they challenged Paducah.

Angie Conrad scored 13 points to take top scoring honors. Jessica Friemel had 7 points, Jessica Stapp 6. Karen Conrad and Jessica Kepley contributed another 5 points each. Melissa Anthony and Mary Hutsell had 4 points each and Carrie Davis put in two points. The girls lost to the much larger team 46-75.

The boys played Olney in their final game. Josh Evenson once again led the scoring. See Vernon, pg. 3

Grocery Has All Your Holiday Needs

The Groom Grocery is tailoring their hours to fit your needs during the holiday season.

The store will stay open until 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and re-open on December 26th at 10:00 a.m.

The store has a fabulous selection of your holiday baking needs on sale this week. Fancy fruits and nuts are also available for entertaining provisions as well as ingredients for party dips, snacks and log rolls.

For the hostess on the go, Groom Grocery has many items tailored to the busy schedule. Frozen and pre-baked pastries, pie shells, chips, dips and fancy crackers will all make it appear that you have spent hours in the kitchen.

They have all sizes of chicken, turkey and hams for families of every size. From the traditional to the unusual the Groom Grocery usually has it!

On New Year's Eve the store will close at

5:00 p.m. and re-open at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

They carry a full line of soft drinks and mixers as well as some frozen mixers. One can also get fancy fruit for garnishes at the Groom Grocery. Cold cuts, chili makings and plenty of blackeyed peas will also be on hand.

Brad and Dondra Rogers of the Groom Grocery wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Council Approves Special Use Permit

The Groom City Council met for a regular meeting with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Pro-Tem, Ellis Stapp; Aldermen, Don Case, Mary Margaret Brooks, and Jimmy Britten; visitors Tony Painter, Tina Painter, and Donnie Evans.

Absent from the meeting was Joe Homer and Jay Lamb.

All voting on motions was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Ellis Stapp, Mayor Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order and opened the floor to comments for the public hearing to allow Tina Painter a special use permit to locate a beauty shop at her home in a residential district.

The motion to adopt ordinance #179 was granted and will allow a special use permit to

Tina Painter to locate a beauty shop in a residential district.

Minutes of the November 10 meeting were read and approved as read.

A motion passed to pay all bills.

It was decided to not add any utilities to the old clinic building or to the building that Jim Huckert rents, but to leave the buildings as they were when they were rented.

The Christmas lighting contest prize money was left at \$25.00 for first prize, \$15.00 for second prize, and \$10.00 for third prize.

The bank depository agreement was approved.

It was decided that a

phone will be installed at the community center.

An executive session was called at 8:08 pm. The City Secretary and Utilities Director were asked to stay for the discussion. Executive session ended at 8:15 pm and it was decided to give the City Secretary and the Utilities Director longevity pay of \$150.00 and to give the Animal Control Officer longevity pay equal to 1/2 of the full time employees salary.

Holiday hours for the City Office will be December 24, closing at 12:00 pm. and the office will be closed all day December 25 and 26.

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE...

There Is Still Time To Get A Christmas Greeting! Call Today!

CLASSES AT Groom School having Christmas parties on Friday, Dec. 19 are scheduled to begin at 1:30.

DON'T FORGET! Judging the Home Lighting Contest will be tomorrow night, Friday, Dec. 19.

THE METHODIST Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

STUDENTS WILL get out of school for the Christmas Holidays on Dec. 19 at 2:30 pm.

DURING SEMESTER tests on Dec. 17-19, school will be released at 3:00 p.m. on Wed. & Thurs., on Fri. school will end at 2:30 p.m.

BUSY DAY Luncheon & Open House on Sat. from 11 am - 2 pm. Mamie, Juanita and Lezlie at 601 Ware Street. You are invited! See page 2 for information.

OPEN HOUSE at Trinity & Co., Patti McLaughlin's, 701 Ware. 4:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, Dec. 18. See page 2 for ad.



There Are 7 Days Until Christmas

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO.
Wheat-\$2.85
Milo-\$4.04
Corn-\$4.63
No Moisture reported this week

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April Burton and Dara Whatley recently attended the Wheeler County Stock Show. April won Reserve Heifer and was first in Showmanship. Dara was second in Showmanship, Reserve British and placed second in class with her other steer.

You are invited!
Busy Day Luncheon & Open House
 Saturday, December 20th
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mamie, Juanita and Lezlie
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Local Happenings

Card Of Thanks

The Groom basketball teams and coaching staff would like to thank the Groom Athletic Boosters for their help getting the teams down to Vernon.

Hours For Groom Community Clinic
 Monday & Wednesday
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
 Tuesday & Thursday
 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Call 248-9011

Groom Birthday & Anniversaries

December 19 - Stella Patterson, Amanda Martin, Pete and Viki Ham (A).
 December 20 - Wade Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr.
 December 21 - Thane Barkley, Franklin Leven.
 December 22 - Jerry Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hutsell (A), Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thompson (A).
 December 23 - Marion Pool, Ruby Faye Latta, Rebecca Conrad.
 December 24 - Margie Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Conrad
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter
 Rebecca D'Ann
 to
 Toby Duane Vincent
 son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Vincent
 on Saturday, the third of January
 nineteen hundred and ninety-eight
 at seven o'clock in the evening
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
 Groom, Texas
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 at the Legion Hall

Rebecca and Toby

Open House

Thursday, Dec. 18
 with Patti McLaughlin
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 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Vernon

again came through with a whopping 23 points for high point. Wyatt Weinheimer added 9, Jeremy Chavado 6, Toby Burgin added 3 for the Tigers and Chris Ollinger and Dean

Fields each had 2 points. The boys lost 45-63. The Ettes faced off with Floydada winning 75-46. Jessica Friemel earned top scoring honors with

20 points. Angie Conrad put up another 16 for the Ettes. Jessica Stapp and Karen Conrad each had 8 points. Carrie Davis and Melissa Anthony had 6 each. Jessica Keply put in 5 points. Tami Ashford and Mary Hutsell each scored 3

points.

The girls in the final game won a very close match against Olney, 58-54. Jessica Stapp was high point, sinking 18 baskets. Jessica Friemel added 13. Melissa Anthony and Angie Conrad contributed 8 points each. Mary Hutsell had 7. Jessica Kepley and Tami Ashford each had 2 points.

The girls won the 5th place outright, out of 13 teams in the tournament.

"We have really improved in some areas," stated Coach Yelverton. "Both teams gave good performances

WTAMU's Beta Beta Beta Inducts New Members

Twenty-three West Texas A&M University students were inducted into the West Texas A&M University Delta Xi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the biological sciences honor society.

Qualifications for active members include completion of four biology courses, 45 semester hours and a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).

Stacy Fields of Groom was inducted as an active member of the society. She is a junior science composition major and the daughter of Keith and Shirley Fields.

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against much larger teams."

"The girls fared better but I'm also proud of the boys for working so hard." "We are looking to get better starting with our very next game."

The teams will play Alamo Catholic, Friday night. It will be a rematch for the boys after they played them at the Valley Tournament.

All-District

On the second team defensive line were lineman Wyatt Weinheimer, linebacker Evan Crowell, safety and

punter, Josh Evenson.

Honorable Mention All-District players are running back Wade Ritter, quarterback Josh Evenson, center Michael Stephenson, defensive line Dusty Crump and safety Dean Fields.

Card Of Thanks

I was truly touched by the many cards, letters, phone calls, and flowers that were sent to my family and me at the loss of my Mother. Your concerns and prayers have helped me find some measure of comfort during a truly difficult time. Again thank you for all you have done during this period of loss.

Annetta J. Childress

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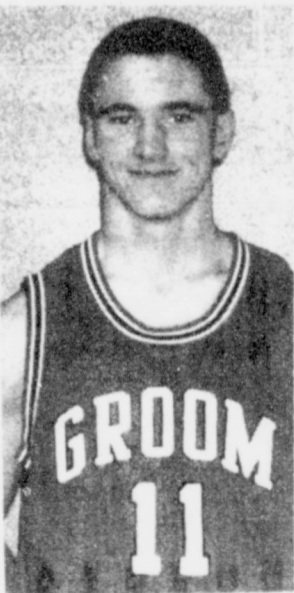
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and Erin Kate Wolf and Elysa of Austin, Glynda Eschle of Lubbock, Kemp Ingram of Phoenix, Arizona, Beverly and Jim Ingram

of Amarillo, Louise Mulkey, Sara-Allyson Hightower and Whitney, all of Panhandle and Glynn D and Sybil Harrell of Groom.

Donald and Juandell Ritter and their daughter, Maria Overstreet, were in Plano, Texas on Saturday, December 13. Their grandson Chance Overstreet competed in

the Valeri Liukin Invitational Gymnastic Meet. He placed in 5 of 6 events and had the 2nd high all-around score in the 12 and over age group in Class V.

Lopez Named To District



Anthony Lopez, grandson of Rosa Lopez of Groom, and son of Juan Lopez of Hereford, has been named 1st team All-District 1-4A, as a defensive cornerback.

Anthony is a good student and has plans to go to Texas Tech.

Lopez led the district in interceptions. He had 7 for a return of 68 yards. He also had 22 unassisted and 29 unassisted tackles in his final year of play.

CARD OF THANKS

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The McLean News



Commerce Bank Building No. 5 Thursday, December 18, 1997 779-2141

Gas, Water, Sewer & Garbage Rates To Increase By Ruling Of City Of McLean Aldermen

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, December 12, 1997 in the Library. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mary Dwyer, Gordon Shepler, Ford Smith, Jr., Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, and Charles McClendon.

Others present were Allen Nixon, Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Robert McDonald, Donnie and Mary Basham and Roger McCracken.

The minutes of the November and December meetings were approved as read.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Mayor McClendon called for an executive session at 7:08 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning the landfill.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m. No action was taken concerning the executive session.

Discussion began on the landfill issue. Roger McCracken with the Bank of Commerce assured the council that

the Standby Letter of Credit for financial assurance would be ready when needed with no fee to be charged for the letter. Fred Smith informed the council that we would be able to cover the landfill with the dirt that we have at the landfill, we would just need to cover it with 3 feet of dirt instead of 18 inches and that would save the City approximately \$50,000.00. On an unanimous vote, it was decided to keep the landfill open and to haul to Pampa until the equipment needed to be used at the landfill is

found.

It was decided by the council that garbage could now be picked up outside the city limits within a certain radius. Fred Smith is to determine that radius and we will then offer the service to the citizens that would be affected.

The council approved to fix the City gas well at a \$2500.00 cap.

Jim Adams who lives outside city limits and is now on the City's garbage pick up, wants to discontinue the service and have an outside contractor pick his up.

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Lee Waters Files For Re-Election As District Judge

Re-Election

Lee Waters, Judge of the 223rd District Court of Texas, serving Gray County, announced today that he has filed for re-election.

"I have worked hard to provide a competent and fair court and will continue to do so if re-elected. Fifteen years as a trial attorney and seven years as Judge have provided me the experience and qualifications necessary to handle the complex litigation of the State court," Waters said.

During his seven years as trial judge, Waters has handled over 6,000 cases, he said.

"I am a conservative Democrat who understands the problems and needs of the people of the area," Waters said.

"However, I believe that partisan politics should have no place in the election of judges. In my opinion, judges should be elected based upon their qualifications and experiences."

Waters promised to continue to administer justice fairly to all, following the laws the

State Legislature enacts.

Judge Waters pointed out that he has saved the county more than \$10,000 by beginning a new system of answering machine announcements to those called for jury service, telling them whether they need to attend on the particular day summoned. He said this has also been more convenient for the citizens.

Judge Waters also ordered a fee schedule for court appointed attorneys. He said that has provided additional savings to the county.

Waters pledged to continue to do his part to reduce crime and make Gray County safe for its law-abiding citizens.

He said that there are over 800 cases pending on the docket at any given time, but that he is current on the docket. He said that because he finds his work to be both interesting and challenging, he wants to continue to serve Gray County as its State judge.

A native of Pampa,

See Waters, pg. 10

Fire Department Holds Awards Dinner

McLean Fire Department had their annual Christmas party December 6 in the Fire Department's newly remodeled living area. Chief Clifford McDonald handed out an award for fireman of the year to Daniel Tolleson, that was voted on by all the member. This is going to be a yearly award. There was also

certificates of achievement given for most five that went to Lewayne Foshee and most meeting to Linda McDonald.

The Chief Award went to Robert McDonald.

Years of Service awards went to Jim McDonald for 28 years; Clifford McDonald, 31 years; Joe Riley, 17 years; Pete Skipper, 16

years; Doyle Lee, 13 years; Larry Swanson, 12 years; Roy Richardson, 11 years; David Tolleson, 7 years; Lewayne Foshee, 10 years; Jay Dee Fish, 17 years; Dan Fish, 6 years; Linda McDonald, 7 years; Sue Burrow, 6 years; Brandon Colpetzer, 6 years; Don Hauck, 3 years; Donald Bradley, 3 years; Ladonna Bradley, 3 years; Blake Crockett,

2 years; Devin Wheeler, 2 years; and Danny Simpson, 1 year.

Junior firefighter sponsor Robert McDonald gave certificates to all the Junior firefighters for their help.

See Awards, pg. 8

McLean

Reminders . . .

TIGERS VS. Allison here Friday at 6:30.

McLEAN Elementary School will present a Christmas musical in the high school auditorium on Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm.

CITY OFFICES will be closed Dec. 25 & 26.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 18th, 2 pm at Wanda Lamb's home.

THE LION'S Club will be judging Christmas lights between Dec. 15-21st.

DECEMBER 15TH is Ladies night at the McLean Lion's Club.

LOVETT Memorial Library will be closed Dec. 22 - Jan 1, 1998.

Students Of The Week



McLean Elementary Students of the Week are: Kindergarten, Jessi Skipper; 1st grade, Tanner Wilhelm; 2nd grade, Kristen Ellis; 3rd grade, Anthony Ruiz; 4th grade, Talitha Newton; 5th grade, Ashley McClendon; 6th grade, Slade Terry; and 7th grade, Matt Gutierrez.

Covered Dish Dinner Planned For Christmas

The Young at Heart Club will again sponsor a covered dish dinner Christmas Day at the senior citizen's building on Main Street. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. Everyone who is able is asked to bring vegetables, salads and desserts. This dinner has been a tradition for several years. It is for anyone who is alone on Christmas Day. Just because you are "Home

Alone" doesn't mean you have to be lonely. Come on in and enjoy the meal and fellowship with friends and neighbors. All ages are welcome. Donations are accepted.

Awards

Chief McDonald reported to the group that the department responded to 118 calls to date for

this year.

The main ones were eleven structure fires, 41 grass fires and 28 wreck or extractions.

McLean

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Wed. Bible Study & Youth Service 7 pm

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(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7pm
Youth Bible Study Sun. 5pm

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Sun. Sr High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wednesday: Choir 7:00 pm

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Kellerville Road

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH 603 Commerce
James Mantooth - 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 pm

Lion's Club Holds Ladies Night

Monday, December 15 was Ladies Night at the McLean Lion's Club. All members were encouraged to bring their wives and families.

Mrs. Riley's drama class presented a skit, with three of its members presenting a Christmas Reading.

Lion's Club members and family attending were: Bob and Janet Glass, Johnny and Joyce Haynes, Sam and Linda Haynes, Casper Smith, Tex, Dolly, and Minnie Buckhaults, Christina Carter, Don and Mary Basham, Buddy Sutton, Joe Ray and Jacque Riley, Roger, Janet and Moriah McCracken, Ferris and Leta Mae Hess, Bob and Elizabeth Martin, James and Charlotte Hefley, and Carl Dwyer.

Honored guests were Lois Murray, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Mary Dwyer, Ruth Magee, Fern Boyd, Isabel Cousins, and Jody Thomas.

Members of Mrs. Riley's drama class were Ike Hanes, Brett Montgomery, Chris Flores, Mark Bolton, Ryan Swanson, Erik Vega, Shaley Stalls, Lori Hefley, Jennifer Barker, Traci Seitz, Krystal McClellan, Dee Dee Floyd, Jean Guiteriz, and Jessica Flemming.

Crockett's Host Annual School Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crockett hosted the McLean ISD annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th in their home. The party began at 6 pm and was attended by 38 faculty members and their families.

There was a pot-luck supper and a "chinese" Christmas gift exchange to get the festivities started.

The elementary staff will finish up the school year by revealing their secret pals on Friday.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries:

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

December 20 - Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb, Lukas Seymour.

December 21 - Jana Davis.

December 22 - Glendora Rice, Sherry Martindale, Laura Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stillwell (A).

December 23 - Sue Cubine, Ott Davis, Deb Crockett, W.A. Davis, Bill and Katy Graham (A).




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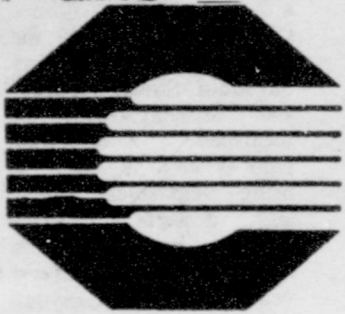
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Tigers Win In Overtime Match

On December 9, the McLean Tigers played the Wheeler Mustangs and in an exciting game, squeaked by 60-59 in overtime.

Coach Ramsey said, "There was only a one or two point difference in each quarter the entire game. Wheeler turned the ball over in overtime and we won it in the last 30 seconds."

Top scorer was sophomore Ike Hanes with 33 points. Sophomore Brett Montgomery came in with 14 points and senior Erik Vega added 11. Sophomore Chris Hauck scored 2 for the

Tigers.

In the Samnorwood Tournament the McLean Tigers came out the winner again on Thursday as they defeated the Shamrock Irish 57-45.

Ike Hanes had 23 points and Brett Montgomery had 21 points to lead the scoring for McLean.

On Friday the Tigers were overtaken by the Hedley Owls, 78-59. Brett Montgomery had 14 points for the Tigers and Ike Hanes scored 13.

Saturday in the Ft. Elliott Tournament, the Tigers fared no better

and lost 82-67.

Ike Hanes scored 19 points, Erik Vega and Chris Hauck each had 11 points.

McLean plays Allison here on Friday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

FFA Members Attend District Banquet

By Rebecca Hembree
McLean FFA Reporter
Three members of the McLean FFA attended the annual Greenbelt District Banquet on Monday, December 8th. These members were Rebecca Hembree, Scott Glass, D.J. Basham, and

Advisor Bill Layman. D.J. Basham is currently serving as Greenbelt District reporter and had many duties and responsibilities in making this banquet a success. Banners from the recent leadership contest were passed out and McLean picked up their third place banner for the Rolling Plains Wildlife Management contest. A talent team was selected to represent Greenbelt at the Area convention.

Eighteen members of the McLean FFA attended the thirteenth annual Farm and Ranch Show on December 3 in Amarillo, Texas. The show was held at the

Amarillo Civic Center and hosted over seven hundred exhibits. Students watched demonstrations of new products including things such as animal health, computer software, and all kinds of farming equipment.

Thanks To Mrs. Smith!

Thank you Mrs. Smith, for your renewal for another year and your comments. I feel our newspaper has good hometown support in McLean and Groom. It is this base that allows us to do the things we want to for our readers.

Sincerely,
Phil Miller

Letter To The Publisher

Dear Phillip Miller,
Just a note to ask you to renew my subscription to your paper for another year. I enjoy the paper so much. Have missed seeing much of Delbert lately, but assume he's busy. Tell Lena Carter to write some more of the "old days."

Don't know if it's been brought to your attention, but Grace McCabe had

only lived in Amarillo a few months, when she died. She had lived in McLean all her life, I'm sure. Thelma Stevens was her sister-in-law. (She was married to my uncle). No problem, just wanted to set the record straight.

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McLean 1997-98 Tigers & Lady Tigers

Lady's Beat Wheeler

December 2, the Lady Tigers were matched against Wheeler, with McLean whipping them 51-29.

"We were pretty tough on defense," commented Coach Waters.

Shaley Stalls led the scoring with 14 points followed closely by Amanda Cline with 12 and Rachel Galley with 11. Lori Hefley put in 7 for the Lady Tigers and Vanessa Glass added 3 more. Lauren Williams and Lacey each scored 2 points.

In the Samnorwood Tournament the Lady Tigers defeated the Shamrock team 51-43. Shaley Stalls had 24 points followed by Rachel Galley with 13. Lacey Steel added 6 while Amanda Cline and Lori Hefley each had 4

points.

On Friday, the Lady Tigers were again victorious, this time against Ft. Elliott, 46-41.

Rachel Galley led the scoring with 14 points. Vanessa Glass added 8. Lori Hefley and Shaley Stalls each put in 8 points and Amanda Cline and Lacey each added 2 points to the win.

In their final tournament game, the Lady Tigers were defeated 46-40.

"This was a tough game for us," said Coach Waters. Rachel Galley scored 15 for the Ladies and Shaley Stalls added 11. Vanessa Glass scored 5 points and Lori Hefley 4. Lauren Williams and Lacey Steel each had 2 points and Amanda Cline put in 1 point.



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City

Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson
Visitors are almost a thing of the past at the museum on these cold wintry days. In November, we had only 112 people come in. They came from 24 states as well as France, Canada, Japan and South Africa.
We have had local people in doing their Christmas shopping this month. We have some new crafts and gifts. We are selling the Route 66 throws. They have woven scenes from Old Route 66 through Texas. The Trew's old award winning pickup and Devil's Rope Museum are included in the tapestry. We have them in red and green. The blue ones should be here before Christmas. The museum is opened on Thursdays, Fridays

and Saturdays from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.
On Friday night, December 12, the museum staff hosted the annual volunteers Christmas party. Due to cold weather the crowd was small but we had a good time enjoying stew and "non-fat" desserts. Afterward we had a Chinese gift exchange that brought protests and laughs. It took only a few minutes for the clean up with everyone pitching in. Thanks volunteers for another year of your time and talents. We will be calling on you when spring comes and the tourists travel Old Route 66 again, seeking their kicks.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Living outside the city limits he is not obligated to use the City's services.

The council approved the decision to transfer \$263.00 from the General Fund to the Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund to pay the annual retirement checks.

It was decided by the council to allow the City Employees to trade Christmas Eve day off for Friday the 26th off.

Toni Bohlar explained to the council that she would be getting a refund check from American Medical Insurance for premiums paid on behalf of her son, in the amount of \$1497.00. Because it was paid under the City of McLean's group plan, it would be made out to the City of McLean and that they needed to be informed of the situation.

The council voted to take Gabe Parsons off the EDC board and place Jane Herndon on the board and to put the office at the Cactus Inn. Gordon Sheplor also

informed the council that he was working with Marcus Cable on trying to get a local channel for McLean on the cable system through the EDC. He would keep them informed on the results.

The council approved the transfer of \$6000.00 to the General Fund and \$3969.64 to the WS&G Fund, from the second Utility Deposit Fund, on suggestion from Gordon Maddox, the City's auditor.

It was decided by the council to consolidate 17 of the City's Certificates of Deposit into one Certificate of Deposit.

By unanimous vote it was decided to raise the following utility rates:

Gas Rates - Minimum from \$8.70 to \$10.00, and from \$4.35 mcf to \$5.00 mcf.

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Sewer Rates - Residence from \$5.00 to \$6.00 and all other sewer charges to be raised a \$1.00 also.

Garbage Rates - Raise \$3.50 a month more. Churches will be charged a residence rate.

The council voted to transfer previously

discussed items from the General Fund to the Water Sewer and Gas fund.

were in Pampa on Friday.

Jim Bible was in Amarillo on Saturday for his prison ministry.

The Cemetery Association meeting set for last Saturday was cancelled due to illness of some board members.

First Baptist Church has a new heater in the auditorium, bout time, plans are in the making for a Christmas program. We enjoyed our usual second Sunday luncheon in the church kitchen and exchanged "white elephant" gifts.

The David Crocketts accompanied their children to Las Vegas, Nevada last week for the rodeo and sightseeing.

Absent from First Baptist Church Sunday was Nora Turner and Rush due to Nora's illness.

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter
Visiting with Lena Carter on Wednesday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce of Amarillo.

The Fish's have their Christmas lights up already, very pretty.

Visiting Lena Carter on Saturday was Mrs. Sam Bryant and Lynzee and Jerrie Ann Carter of Amarillo.

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Waters

the 47 year old judge graduated from Pampa High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at

Austin in 1973 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the UT School of Law in 1975. He is a member of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas and the American Judicature Society and is a past president of the Gray County Bar Association.

Judge Waters has also been active in civic affairs in Pampa. He is a past vice president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and serves in the Top of Texas Gold Coat Association. He is past president of the Pampa Rotary Club, a former chairman of the American Red Cross and a former Little League manager.

He and his wife Diane have three children: Colby, 22, Kellen, 17, and Emily, 15. They are members of First Baptist Church.

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Democrat:
Jeannie Cunningham

Dist. & Co. Clerk
Democrat:
Sonya Millican

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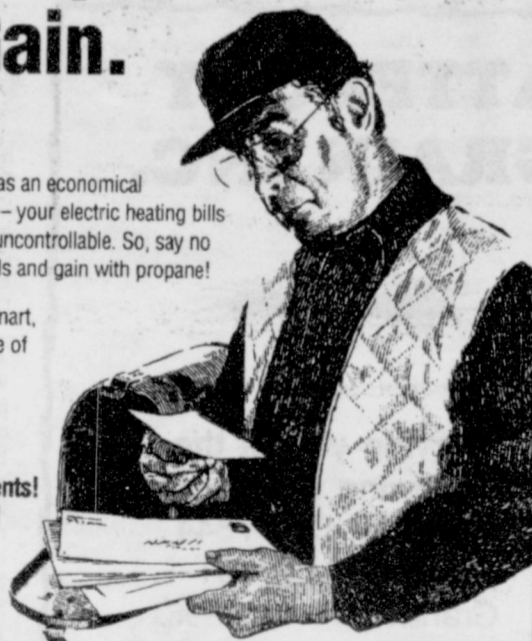
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As The Interstate Turns

By Trooper Gary Davis
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The holidays are upon us once again and its time to be careful. The Highway Patrol will be looking for the hazardous violations, such as speeding, no seat belt

and DWI.

And speaking of DWI, I arrested a Edward Davis Sawyer of Clarendon on 12-12-97, north of Clarendon on TX-70. Sawyer was placed in the Donley County Jail in Clarendon and charged with DWI, 2nd offense.

On 12-14-97, a tip was received by the Shamrock

Police Department that a murder suspect was in the area. A note left at the Pizza Hut in Shamrock led to the arrest of a Lenord Ray Harper for murder out of San Antonio, Texas. I had received the call along with other police units that the suspect was westbound on IH-40. A Texas Game Warden, Robert Greenwalt of Amarillo, was following a van east of Groom as

he passed me. I caught up to the van and verified the information that this was the vehicle. A felony stop was made on the vehicle by myself, the game warden, Deputy Ray Davis, and Trooper Grant Nixon of McLean. Harper was arrested without incident and the warrant was confirmed out of Bexar County Sheriff's Office for murder. Harper was placed in jail in

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News release--Dec. 15, 1997

Lee Cockrell reveals campaign plans



Last month I announced my candidacy for the Republican Primary for Carson County Judge. Now it is time to reveal my campaign plans to fellow Republican Primary Carson County voters.

I truly believe the future of Texas and Carson County will best be served with the progressive, responsible, conservative Republican Party. We can have a progressive agenda to serve the needs of the county residents and still maintain conservative responsibility by setting priorities. Socialism or tax and spend liberalism does not raise the standard of living for society, but actually brings it down. Lincoln said, "You can not raise the bottom of society up by pulling the top of society down."

The ad valorem property tax system was designed to tax the HAVES to provide

equal county services to the HAVE NOTS as it should be. It's not perfect, but it works if the property owners have representation in the taxing process. It does not work well when the HAVE NOTS gain control of government with the attitude of "sock it to them". Over taxation creates many problems and will eventually ruin a community. Now that I have shared some of my views and beliefs, I will reveal my campaign plans.

Campaign Plans:

1. I will manage my own campaign and I will write my own news releases or editorials without a speech writer or a campaign manager.
2. I will research the issues and problems of the county and offer solutions.
3. My reports to the voters will be supported with facts, figures, and financial records.
4. My campaign is for the Judgeship not against individuals. If you want to know something about my opponents, ask them. I will attack a policy that I can not support.

Methods of Communication

1. Two thousand years ago Jesus took his message to the people riding on a donkey.
2. Two hundred years ago Thomas Jefferson took his message door to door by horse back.
3. One hundred thirty years ago Abe Lincoln took his message town to town by a horse-drawn carriage.
4. Fifty years ago Harry Truman took his message

state to state by train. 5. Twenty years ago Ronald Reagan took his message to the nation by airplane and television.

6. In 1998 I will take my campaign messages to Carson County voters by 3 county newspapers and post office mailings. I am introducing a new election campaign style, **I will put it in writing.**

College political science professors teach that a candidate should never put his views in writing. If you do you can not say, "I was misquoted" or "I did not say that." I will tell you the truth with **straight talk** and I will **tell it like it is.** Some career politicians talk in circles, straddling the fence, and tell you what you want to hear. That is not my style. Carson County voters are much smarter than the national average person and will not be deceived by a career politician's double talk.

Carson County is now operating on a deficit budget and money is being taken from the county reserve to avoid a tax increase in the election year. They say the reserve is too big. A tax surplus can only be created by the sale of county property or years of over taxation. You be the judge.

I believe it is time to throw the rascals out and replace the deficit spending opportunists with conservative, responsible Republicans. Some of these antiques have been hanging around the court house for decades just to pick up a pay

for the past three years and was a high school coach. He previously coached at McLean for five years, Big Spring for six years and Snyder for seven years.

He was a member of Merkel Church of Christ and Texas High School Coaches Association. He had also served on the American Heart Association Board in Big Spring. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include a daughter, Krista Dorsett of Merkel; a son, Riki Dorsett of Merkel; his mother, Juanita Dorsett of Childress; his father, Don Dorsett of Amarillo; a sister, Kimbra Adair of Gatesville; and a brother, Eddie Griffin of Childress.



Obituary

Jack Wayman Dorsett
MERKEL - Jack Wayman Dorsett, 44, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997, at a deer lease in Nolan County. Services were Friday in Merkel High School gymnasium with Mark Whitmire officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Dorsett was born January 21, 1953, at Childress and graduated from Childress High School. He attended Panhandle State College on a football scholarship. He married Trena Bayes on January 7, 1984, at Big Spring. He had been a Merkel, resident