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Richardson Crowned Homecoming Queen '96



The Queen and her Court: (Back) Leo Britten, Sean Crowell, Justin Ritter, Daniel Treadwell, Brad Sustaire. (Standing Middle) Toby Burgin, Brenda Fields, Kaylynn Britten, Mary Hutsell, Jessica Friemel, Stephanie Ollinger, Trae Kepley, Jessica Kepley. (Front) Chad Barkley, Julie Richardson, and Taylor Drewery.

Julie Richardson was crowned Homecoming Queen Thursday evening in ceremonies that highlighted the week-long celebration. Julie was escorted by Justin Ritter. Making up the Queen's Court were Princess Stephanie Ollinger, escorted by Brad Sustaire; Princess Jessica Friemel escorted by Daniel Treadwell; Princess Mary Hutsell, escorted by Sean Crowell; Princess Kaylynn Britten, escorted by Leo Britten. Candlelighters were Brenda Fields escorted by Toby Burgin; and Jessica Kepley, escorted by Trae Kepley. Flower girl was Taylor Drewery. She was escorted by crown bearer Chad Barkley. Mrs. Kim Richardson serenaded the Royalty and audience with a lovely version of "Hero".

Many other activities went on during the week. A sidewalk art contest was held for the first time. C.J. Whatley and Christy Galvan earned top honors. Melissa Anthony, April Burton and Donna Burton took second and Jessica Stapp, Sara Britten and

Jimmy Chavedo placed third.

The sign contest has long been a class rivalry event. The Juniors, Class of 1998, won 1st place. The Class of 1997, Seniors placed 2nd and the Freshman, Class of 2000, placed 3rd.

In the downtown window decorating contest, The Groom City Hall took top honors, followed by the Groom Memorial Library. Hops service placed third.

The downtown parade found students riding buses instead of walking this year. Charles Burk performed another one of his infamous card tricks that illustrated

that "Groom Tigers will be King!" Performances were given by both High School and Junior High Cheerleaders, as well as several cheerleaders in Spanish by the Spanish III class. The band also performed.

With the exception of the victory over McLean, the highlight of Friday's game was at halftime when the Queen and her court were introduced. The ladies were

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County Gazebo Tally Reaches \$32,000.00

The Commissioners Court met September 27, 1996 with the following present: Judge Roselius, Commissioners Mike Britten, Choc Smith and Jerry Strawn. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Kevin Howell.

Three bids were opened and considered for the sell of one (1) "Bush Hog" mower. The high bid of \$2,000.00 presented by Floyd Detton was accepted.

Two bids were opened and considered for concrete work for the installation of the Gazebo in Memorial Park. Bids included concrete pad, sidewalks, handicap ramp and land rails. The lowest bid of \$10,500.00 from Reining Concrete and Construction was accepted. The total for the gazebo so far is approximately \$32,000.00 for a county gazebo that will be located in Panhandle.

Tigers Victorious

The Groom Tigers put the McLean Tigers on the run Friday night with their Homecoming Victory of 51 - 7.

"We had a good week," stated Head Coach Larry Reid. "Sometimes homecoming activities can be distracting, but the boys stayed focused and really did a good job. We were able to do some things against McLean that we had

been wanting to try. We passed the ball well and moved the ball around more. All the players contributed to the total effort. McLean has had some bad breaks with injuries. It has slowed their

progress this year. We hope Derek Glass, the McLean Tiger who was injured at the game, has a swift recovery and send him our best wishes."

Justin Ritter led the yards rushing with 16 carries for 175 yards and 3 touchdowns. Justin also returned 3 punts for a total of 13 yards, and 3 extra point kicks.

Daniel Treadwell rushed 13 times for 76 yards and two touchdowns. He ran for 18 yards on a kick-off return. He had a very good night defensively, netting 9 tackles.

Toby Burgin pulled in 44 yards rushing on 7 carries.

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Justin Ritter takes over throne as Queen Julie Richardson stretches her legs.

Congregations To Meet To Say "Thanks" For Rain

At 2:30 p.m. on October 13, the Panhandle ministers and congregations who met at the foot of the cross at Groom in June to pray for rain will meet again at the cross to say "Thank You" to

God for sending the rain. Several local congregations were represented at the cross along Interstate 40 during the height of the drought conditions in Texas.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM MASONIC Lodge AF&AM #1170 meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at the location on W. 3rd st. by the Groom School.

THE MONTHLY Community Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, October 17 will be hosted by the congregation of the United Methodist Church. All ages are invited to attend.

4-H FOOD & Nutrition meeting will be at 10 a.m. Sat., Oct. 12 at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM will be held on October 10, 1996 at 9:30 A.M. in front of the Mural on Front Street to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Route 66, "Run To The Heartland."

ALPHA MU XI will meet Mon. Oct 14th in the home of Nancy Patterson for a program on Breast Cancer Awareness. Remember your costume and a veggie for hobo stew.

A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets every Tuesday at the Groom Library at 8:00 p.m.

T.A.A.S. EXIT Level test will be given on Oct. 22-24.

A BOOK FAIR will be held on Oct 21-22 at the Groom School.

GROOM TIGERS have an open date on Oct. 25. The Jr. Varsity and Junior High teams will play Ft. Elliott on the 24th here at 6:00 pm. (Ft. Elliott does not have a varsity team).

AN IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held at the Groom Community Center on Oct. 16 from 1-4 pm.

STOCK SHOW Board Meeting will be Oct. 16, 7 pm at the County Ag Barn. Executive Board will be selected.

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Groom Birthdays
Anniversaries
 October 10 - Mrs. Tony Britten, Cady Bivens.
 October 11 - William Lucas Pavlovsky, John Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Anthony (A).
 October 12 - Margaret Whatley, Nathan Wieberg, Tamera Ashford.
 October 13 - Mrs. Wallace Bichsel, Mary Kelly, Harold Bertrand.
 October 14 - Katie Talley.
 October 15 - Dawn Marie Baker, Stanley Seth Ritter.
 October 16 - Kimberly Ann Britten.

Correction
 In the homecoming story, Sept. 26, the name of the first the Homecoming Queen was Billy Louise Hodges, not Betty Louis Hodges as printed. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The Reverend Steve Barrett has taken a leave of absence from the local United Methodist Church and will be visiting his parents in Anton while future plans are finalized. An assignment to fill the pulpit is expected soon from the Northwest Texas Conference Ministerial Cabinet.

Local Happenings

Colorado Visitors
 Ralph and Frances Ledwig of Colorado Springs were visiting recently in the home of Gloria Ledwig and family.

While here Anthony Ledwig, Jan Ledwig and Bill Albract each celebrated their birthdays with a party at Anthony and Roxanne, Robert, Chuck and Regina's home in Amarillo.

Those attending were: Bill, Mary Ruth, Chip and Jacob Albract, Sam Scott, Dean and Barbara Caldwell, Ralph and Frances Ledwig, Kevin, Kathy, Joseph, Kelsey and Teron Webb, Carolyn and Kristin Brooks, Melanie, Jessica and Trevor Friemel, Jan Ledwig, John Evans, Stan, Kristi, Josh, Tyler and Lauren Britten, and Danny, Gayla, Corey, Will, Luke and Mandy Britten.

Following the party Frances and Ralph went to the Friemel's farm to help with the harvest, riding in a combine with Julie Friemel. A good time was had by all.

Bill and Dorothy McKee of McLean helped Rip and Joy Snyder with the Craft Show which they attended in Shamrock last weekend.

Ray and Gaynelle Pool and Bertha Knight attended a birthday party for Floretta Neal, Bertha's sister in law in Amarillo recently.

Card Of Thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation to all who have made this past month bearable: From the Ambulance attendants who answered our call so promptly: Jody Ball, Kevin Kerlee, Toni Pavlovsky, and Jay Lamb. To friends for all the phone calls expressing concern. For the beautiful flowers which were sent. (You all know how we love flowers.) To Debbie and Steve Anthony & Nicholas, Janelle Sustaie, Ellis Stapp, and Buddy Weller for their help in keeping our lawn and flowers going. To Kevin Kerlee, the furniture mover, and Jiggs Britten, the plumber. And to all who visited us at the hospital. You don't know how we looked forward to those visits. To Charleen Weller and Jay Lamb for some medical advice which resulted in another week at the hospital! To Randall and Nancy Patterson for all your help. To the Hinson's for the delicious cinnamon rolls. Also to Kim, Beverly, Linda and Donna for making it possible for me to be away from my office so long. I have a great group of employees. Many thanks to them. Arnie is home now and we hope he will be able to be around town soon. Stop in to see him. Thanks for everything. Arnie & Doris Kuchler

John Quirk Honored

John K. Quirk of Fritch, Texas, a former Groom resident, has been selected for inclusion in the 1996-97 of Who's Who of American Inventors. This prestigious honor was based on his invention of a patented oilwell spill containment system. Who's Who of American Inventors profiles successful inventors in the United States whose inventions have made a positive impact in society. Less than 10% of all patent holders are selected each year for this honor.

Public Notice

The phone system at the Carson County Courthouse was interrupted for several hours Friday afternoon, the 27th. Lines appeared to be constantly in use or numbers would continually ring with no answer. The problem occurred when electrical power was switched to auxiliary power during the monthly check of the county's generator. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Lori Stevens - John Collins Exchange Vows

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The Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving, Texas was the setting for the wedding vows of Lori Lynn Stevens and John Gary Collins. The double-ring service was held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, September 21, 1996.

Miss Stevens is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zielke of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Stevens of McKinney, Texas. She is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Nettie Fields and the late Charles L. Fields.

Mr. Collins is the son of Mrs. Marilee Straughan of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the late Clem Straughan.

The Rev. Eddie Hogan of First Baptist Church, Crockett, Texas performed the ceremony in front of two urns filled with white and fushia roses complimented by white lilies, yellow roses, fushias, ferns and baby's breath.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John D. Stevens. She wore a sleeveless sheath, floor length gown of Doerpioni silk with a scooped neckline. The cropped waisted bodice was encrusted with seed pearls and bridal iridescent sequins.

During the ceremony, she wore the matching detachable train and removed it for the reception. The shoulder length veil of bridal illusion was held to a matching band of seed pearls and bridal sequins. She carried a bouquet of white bridal roses with fushia and yellow roses as accents.

To complete her ensemble, the bride wore the garter her mother had worn. It had been made by the brides' grandmother, Nettie Fields. She also carried the handkerchief her mother had carried which was given to her by Jessie Faye Tucker. On her right hand, she wore her grandmother's pearl ring.

Mrs. Susan Bolian of New Orleans, Louisiana served as Matron of Honor. Junior Bridesmaids were Megan Wahl of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Jennifer Collins of Seattle, Washington. They are nieces of the groom.

The bridesmaids were identically dressed in fushia shantung two-piece gowns. The sleeveless tops were fushia shantung with an overbodice of lace. The straight skirts were out of the same shantung and were floor length. They carried bouquets fashioned after the brides.

Eddie Collins of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brother of the groom, served as best man. Allan Barker of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Alex Wahl of Tulsa, Oklahoma, nephew of the groom, served as groomsmen. They wore black tuxedos with burgundy and grey striped ties.

Seating wedding guests were Kevin Pike and Doug Steward. Paul Michalik of Irving provided the wedding

music and accompanied Mario Parga who sang a selection from "Phantom of the Opera," "The Lord's Prayer" and "I Will Be There."

Miss Liza Benson registered guests.

Immediately following the ceremony, a wedding brunch was served. After the brunch the bride and groom, cut the four tiered pedestal bridal cake. It was adorned with bridal roses and marzipan grapes. Rose pedals encircled the cake. The Groom's cake was chocolate. It was topped with chocolate covered strawberries and crystallized green and red grapes.

A bridal portrait of Mrs.

Collins was displayed at the entrance of the club after the ceremony.

The couple left in a white limousine for a wedding trip to points of interest in Canada.

The bride is a graduate of Bauder College of Interior Design in Dallas, Texas and is currently employed with the "Focus Agency" of DDB Needham Co. of Dallas.

The groom is a graduate of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and is employed by Caliber Logistics, Inc. of Arlington, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins will make their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Card Of Thanks

The Junior Class would like to thank all of the Groom and McLean fans for helping to make the hamburger/sausage supper a success. A special thanks to the Dairy Queen Crew who prepared our fixings for the hamburgers. We appreciate all of your support and help.

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Local Happenings

Wynona Koetting recently traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to join her late husband, Bill's Air Force Squadron Reunion. He was a member of the 93rd Troop Carrier and the 439th Squadron. Bill was a key figure in implementing the reunions back in the 60's and 70's.

Wynona was welcomed with open arms after she had told the group her health would likely keep her home this year. About 70 people attended the reunion.

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escorted by their fathers. Groom's Marching Band performed, showing off their snazzy new uniforms. All in all, it was a very exciting week that ended with a sweet victory over one of Groom's greatest rivals, McLean.

Tiger

He scored on a 15 yard T.D. pass from Justin Ritter and recovered one fumble. Quarterback Brad Sustaire threw for 105 yards and one touchdown. He intercepted a pass to gain 15 yards and punted for 12 yards. Sustaire also gained 14 yards rushing.

Scott Weinheimer made

the final touchdown on a 36 yard pass from Brad Sustaire. He also kicked for one extra point. Scott received passes that gained the Tigers 77 yards. He also sacked the quarterback and had 7 unassisted tackles.

Shining in the defensive line were Sean Crowell, Leo Britten, Trae Kopley and Jamie Shuck. Sean made 9 unassisted tackles. Leo had 4 solo tackles and sacked the quarterback. Trae Kopley had 4 tackles. Jamie Shuck had 6 unassisted tackles and also sacked the quarterback.

The Tigers face off with Miami this Friday night there at 7:30 p.m.

"They (Miami) have a lot

of speed. . . They can run and throw well. It makes them extremely dangerous. We have to expect the unexpected from them," said Coach Reid.

Cross

Local ministers and church leaders took ten minutes per person to speak and to pray for the blessing of rain. In God's own time the rain came.

Now, these same congregations are inviting others to join them at the cross on Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 p.m. to have a service of thanksgiving to God that the drought is broken, that the prairie grasses are green and abundant, that the crops are saved, that the ground is in wonderful shape for the planting of winter wheat, and that the whole area is beautiful all because of the rain.

The Cross Ministries asks that all who wish to voice thanksgiving and praise to God for the abundance of rain to meet at the cross.

Local Happenings

Bill and Norma Jean Homer, Joannie Homer and Tiffani, Mary Jo Schacher of Lazbuddie and Travis Homer of Amarillo were all in Houston this past weekend for the wedding of Greg Littlefield and Stacey Hopper. They were the guests of Susan and Leroy Littlefield of Sugarland.



Brad Sustaire sets up the line for another play in Friday nights Homecoming game.

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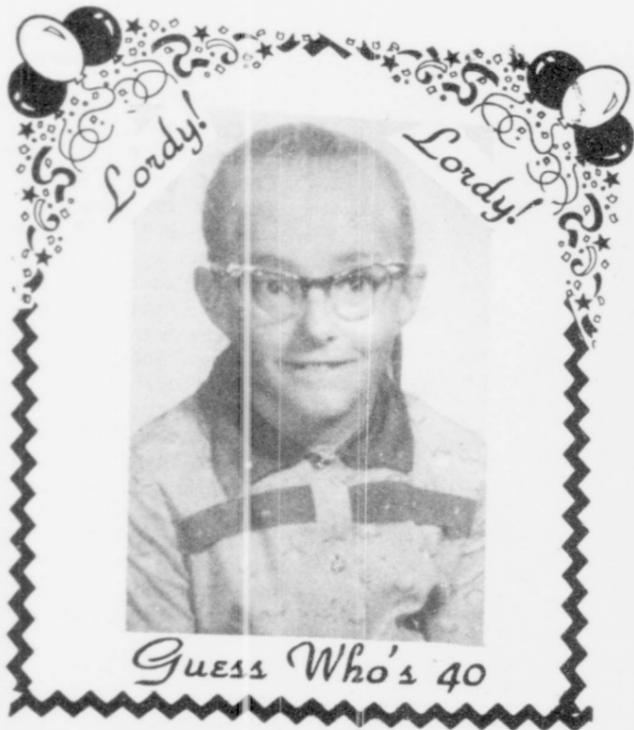
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Groom Honor Roll

All A's
Fourth Grade: Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens, Adam Britten, Ashley Jackson, Leah Looten.
Fifth Grade: Clay Britten, Joaenea Horn, Faith Looten, Owen Weinheimer.
Sixth Grade: Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Stephany Fraser, Amanda Martin, Amber Moore.
Seventh Grade: Cassie Ashford, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Hugh Weinheimer.
Eighth Grade: Marci Babcock, Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Sarah Looten.
Ninth Grade: Dustin Babcock, Travis Britten, Allison Eatmon, Jodi Homen, Sarah Hutsell, Jessica Kepley.
Tenth Grade: Dean Fields, Jessica Stapp, Wyatt Weinheimer.

Eleventh Grade: Melissa Anthony, April Burton, Jimmy Chavedo, Angela Conrad, Michael Stephens.

Twelfth Grade: Courtney Burgin, Brenda Fields, Stephanie Ollinger, Justin Ritter, Curtis Whatley.

A - B Honor Roll
Fourth Grade: Chera Chavedo, Catherine Robertson.

Fifth Grade: Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Britteny Martin, Bobby Ratterree, Cody Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn, Lillian Wakefield.

Sixth Grade: Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Staci Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lance Ollinger.

Seventh Grade: Staci Barnett, Cody Bivens, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Clay Ritter.

Eighth Grade: Nicholas Anthony, Skye Brown, Russell Conrad, Dewayne Gray, Michele Stephens, Grant Weinheimer.

Ninth Grade: Kristi Barkley, Evan Crowell, Carrie Davis, Chris Ollinger, Josian Scott.

Tenth Grade: Cody Britten, Karen Conrad, Joshua Evenson, Jeremy Lewis, Katrina Meaker, Marcus Miller, Jacey Richardson, Dara Whatley.

Eleventh Grade: Tami Ashford, Kay Britten, Jessica Friemel, Mary Hutsell, Martie Phillips, Mary Thomas.

Twelfth Grade: Buck Babcock, Leo Britten, Abdon Carrillo, Sean Crowell, Christina Galvan, Solomon Kepley, Michael Lewis, Jason Prather, Julie Richardson, Scott Weinheimer.

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Truly the "Eye" of the Tiger as Brett Britten shows his spirit. Doug Fields listens intently to the pep talk going on. In the background are Tiger fans Holly Burger and Karen Brown. In the foreground are Kecia and Karla Howard and Berkle Ruthardt.

Junior Varsity

By Coach Keim

The J.V. Tigers continued their winning ways last Thursday night at McLean by defeating McLean's J.V. by a score of 33-0. It was a total team effort as each of the Tigers performed valiantly in the game. Josh Evenson had an outstanding game of throwing the football as he connected on two long scoring passes to Wyatt Weinheimer. Wade Ritter, Justin Homen, Evan Crowell and Dean Fields all did a great job of running the ball with Ritter, Homen and Fields scoring T.D.'s. Crowell added a couple of extra point runs.

Chris Ollinger, Dusty Crump and Michael Stephens provided excellent blocking for both the running and passing games. The entire Tiger defense continued to show their same aggressive hard hitting style of defense as they completely smothered the McLean offense. These young men have shown great improvement thus far this season and we are looking for even greater things from them the rest of the year and in the future. The next J.V. game is against the Miami Warrior's J.V. on Thursday, Oct. 10. It will follow the Jr. High game which begins at 5:00 p.m.. Come out and support these youngsters as they try to boost their season record to 4-0 this Thursday.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Norman and Martha Sublett and also the eye doctor in Pampa on Monday.

As The Interstate Turns...

By Gary Davis

It's been a slower week than last. Trooper Jeremy Wallace arrested a Pampa man on DWI charges, after stopping his car west of Groom. The man had no drivers license or insurance on the vehicle. The passenger was also arrested for Public Intoxication. The passenger had a suspended drivers license for DWI. So both are no strangers to drinking and driving. Both were placed in jail at the Carson County Hotel. No room service at this no star hotel.

I've been hearing a lot about traffic fatalities increasing in the state. Austin says that fatalities are up 20%. This translates into about 40 more fatalities a month. That's a lot of people, but even one is too

Jr. High Loses To McLean

By Coach Keim

The Groom Jr. High Cubs dropped their first game of the season by a score of 38-13 to McLean last Thursday night. This leaves the Cubs record at 2-1 for the season. Touchdowns were scored by Dewayne Gray and Cody Bivens. Hugh Weinheimer added an extra point run. We were a little flat at the beginning of the game and got behind and in a hole we couldn't climb out of. Hopefully we learned a lesson that we can use in the future and get back on track. Dewayne Gray, Nick Anthony and Grant Weinheimer led the way on defense for the Cubs. The next Jr. High game is at 5:00 on Thursday Oct 10 against Miami at Tiger Field. See you at the game.

many. It appears that in rural areas the one vehicle run off the road accident is the most worked. No seat belts being worn means folks are going out of the vehicle. Austin is looking for ways to try and reduce accidents. This means stricter enforcement on DWI, speeding and seat belt enforcement. We don't want to lose our new speed limits. There are over 3300 fatalities a year in Texas. So please, slow down, buckle up, and be careful.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is now accepting applications for Trooper positions. The schools have increased from 18 weeks to 26 weeks. Folks this is a long time. If you are interested go to the Amarillo DPS office and pick up an application.

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(Left) Harold Hagemeyer, Curator of Devil's Rope Museum accepts a check from Gary Stephens representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Southwestern Bell Awards \$2,500 Grant To Museum

Southwestern Bell awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Historical Museum of Barbed Wire and Fencing Tools as part of its Economic Excellence program.

Southwestern Bell, with guidance from The Texas Rural Development Council and The Texas Economic Development Council, as well as other organizations interested in the economic development of the state of Texas, has provided this year approximately \$250,000 to 75 cities for economic development and enhancement of individual communities.

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Grant recipients may request a minimum of \$1,000 but can be awarded up to \$5,000. Southwestern Bell's financial assistance supports innovative proposals that fund partnerships with economic development groups, cities, counties and existing industry programs.

The Historical Museum of Barbed Wire and Fencing Tools plans to use the \$2,500 to make renovations and improvements to the building entrance, windows, roof drains and roof

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REMINDER

THE SENIOR CLASS of McLean High School is hosting a Chili Supper in the school cafeteria Friday, October 18, before the Homecoming game. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. to give everyone time to see the Homecoming Queen crowned. The menu is chili, beans, all the fixings, and cobbler.

THE DOWNTOWN Museum is attempting to establish a book of the history of the Prisoner of War Camp which was east of McLean. Anyone having information, please turn in to the McLean Museum before October 20.

MCLEAN CUBS will host Hedley on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

MCLEAN TIGERS will play at Hedley on Friday, Oct. 11. Kick off is at 4:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY competition will be at Wheeler on Sat., Oct. 12 for Jr. High and High School.

CITY COUNCIL meets in regular session tonight at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

MISD SCHOOL Board will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Business Office.

SCHOOL WILL dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11. No school Monday.

ALLEN BROS. BIG Top Circus will be behind B&B Turbine, Sat., Oct. 12. Shows at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE a flu clinic by the Texas Dept. of Health at the VFW building in McLean from 9 am to 3 pm on Thursday, October 17.

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AN IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held at the McLean VFW Hall on Oct. 17 from 9am-3pm.

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McLean Stomps At Jail House Romp

By Bonnie Hauck and Tammye Cole - Tiger Rag Staff

McLean Cross Country team traveled to Old Fort Mobeetie, Saturday, October 5th to participate in the Jail House Romp meet. Two Varsity boys turned out for the meet. Shawn Sanderson brought home another second place medal, and Erik Vega ran a good course as well. Varsity girls included Annie Weaver and Rachel Galley. Salvador Vega represented his Junior

Varsity team with his 2nd first place medal.

Running for the Junior High events included Benjamin Ridgley, with a fourth place medal, and Nathaniel Roberts. Randi Jo Riley ran as the solo girls runner.

This Saturday the Tiger teams will be going to the Mustang Stampede in Wheeler. They will return to Old Fort Mobeetie for their District Cross Country meet Wednesday, October 16.



The Tiger Captains: Chad Richards, Aaron Rice, Chris Flores and Derek Glass shake hands with the Groom Captains before last week's football game.

McLean Tigers, Cubs Face off With Groom

The McLean Junior High Cubs kept their undefeated streak while the Varsity and Junior Varsity Tigers each suffered another loss last week.

The McLean Tigers faced a fired-up Groom Tiger team at Groom's Homecoming Friday night. McLean's only touchdown came in the final quarter of the game on a 4-yard run by Aaron Rice. The PAT was successful making the

final score 51-7. Senior Derek Glass was airlifted to Amarillo after he suffered an injury to his throat in the game. After two days in the Intensive Care Unit, he has returned to McLean, but is not expected to play in this week's game against Hedley. Freshman starter Charlie Carter fractured his collar bone and is also expected to miss the Hedley game.

The Junior Varsity team

challenged the Groom Tigers at Duncan Field, but were unsuccessful in claiming a victory. They lost the game 33-0.

The McLean Cubs increased their winning record to 4-0, defeating the Groom Cubs, 38-13. In the first quarter, Randy Floyd ran the ball into the end zone for the first touchdown. The Point After Attempt was

See Face-off, pg. 10

McLean Lunch Menu
October 14 - 18
 Monday: No School
 Tuesday
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Burrito, chili, Ranch Style beans, salad, tortilla rounds, Rice Krispie treats, milk.
 Wednesday
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Ravioli, corn, green beans, fruit/whipped topping, garlic toast, milk.
 Thursday
 Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hamburger steak, brown gravy, broccoli & rice, hot rolls, brownies, milk.
 Friday
 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Bologna/peanut butter & jelly sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk.

Mrs. Zora Petty Billingsley of Amarillo received word Wednesday afternoon of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Horace M. Petty, 91, of Hurst. Memorial services were Thursday, October 3 in Fort Worth; burial was Friday, October 4, beside her deceased husband in the cemetery at Elmer, Oklahoma.



Horace M. Petty was the youngest brother of the late Luther Petty of McLean. Horace Petty died in 1972.

Mrs. Petty was born Iva Dee Ayres of Vernon, Texas.

Richards Retires

Barbara Richards has recently retired as manager of the Devils Rope Museum. A reception was held last week at the museum.

Barbara started working at the museum as a green

See Richards, pg. 9

Magee Celebrates 70th Birthday

Ruth Hess Magee recently enjoyed an 70th birthday celebration hosted by her children at the Devil's Rope Museum. There were many friends and relatives from McLean and the Panhandle area who shared their beautiful cards filled with special memories. Surprise guests were Ruth's niece and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Van Joffrin of Baton Rouge, La. All four of Ruth's children; Joe and Kay Magee of McLean, Janiece Magee of Plainwell, Michigan, Donna Smith of Amarillo and Marilyn Money of El Paso; and five of her grandchildren were present for the festivities. The party was catered by Kevin's Diner, Pampa.

MHS Plans Spirit Week For Homecoming

McLean High School students have activities planned for each day of Homecoming Week to build spirit for the Tigers clash against Vernon Northside. The National Honor Society is coordinating the special days for the school. Since Monday is a school holiday, many of the students will spend the day gathering wood for the annual bonfire, scheduled for Thursday night, following the Junior High Cubs game against Samnorwood.

Tuesday has been designated as Crazy Hair Day, when students may use non-permanent colors and create wild hair styles. Wednesday is Miss Match Day, when students are encouraged to wear clothing that is mismatched. Thursday is Hippie Day, when students will imitate an earlier generation by wearing bell bottoms and other clothing items typical of the period. Friday is Black and Gold Day, when students and teachers are encouraged to wear school colors.

Bookmark Winners Named

Librarian Ann Williams Myers and Jennifer Myers of McLean's Lovett Library, has announced that this year's winners in the bookmark contest are Sarah Myers and Jennifer Myers. The winning bookmarks were selected from 15 entries designed with the theme of "Ready, Set, Read."

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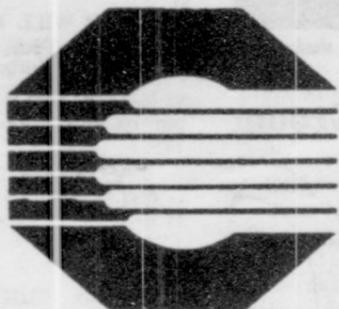
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Richards thumb employee in 1991. She has been the museum's manager for the last two years. She was instrumental in getting the office up and running, established the store and set up inventory procedures. She has spent the last two or three weeks training Betty Kaiser, who will be her replacement. Barbara says she intends to spend more time with her family and do a little grandparenting. She also has some trips planned for the future.

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McLean Care Center News

Sunday, members of the Trinity Baptist Church came to conduct a worship service. Residents playing bingo Wednesday afternoon were Dick Wheeler, Phyllis Bailey, Sylvia McClellan, Eula Morrow, Lena Bailey, Betty McCurley, Florence Drake,

Virgie Everett, Teresa Richardson, Jessie Watson and Marjorie Turnage. Bananas were furnished for all bingo players by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning Imogene King, Teresa Richardson and M.L. Rowan played dominos. In the afternoon the following residents attended the Reminiscing session: Phyllis Bailey, Lula Sheegog, Mable Dickey, Sylvia McClellan,

Florence Drake, Dick Wheeler, Truman Goodlett and Teresa Richardson.

Wednesday morning the residents enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon they watched a movie and had popcorn.

Thursday the ladies had manicures and at noon the following enjoyed a hamburger cookout which was sponsored by C & H and Farm Bureau: Mable Dickey, Eula Morrow, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, M.L. Rowan and George Garrett. Also attending were Cindy Lee, Evelyn Pennington, Betty Lopez, Betty Mackie, Bill Thomas and volunteer Betty Lowe. In the afternoon M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler and Teresa Richardson played dominos.

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unsuccessful. Gabriel Vega also scored on a run. Benjamin Ridgley caught a pass from Ricky Smith for

Terry, Martin Take Top Honors

McLean Golfers met the last weekend of September to test their skills in the annual two-day Club Championship. This is the last tournament for the year.

Top honors in the women's division went to Eva Terry, who burned up the course with a two-day total of 144. Michelle Basham came in second with a 169.

Bob Martin claimed the men's championship trophy with a score of 155.

Johnnie Haynes took second with a score of 156.

Other two day results are as follows: Championship flight - Bob Glass, 157; Bobby Richardson, 158.

First flight - Casper Smith, 159; Bill Terry, 161; Darel Lee, 164; Jr. Windom, 165.

Second flight - Jason Thomas, 163; Clay Cooper, 171; Buck Lee, 172; Flea Simpson, 178; Buddy Payne, 178.

Third flight - Terri Hall, 184; Mary Richardson, 190; Jessie Cooper, 191; Roy Richardson, 205.

the PAT. In the second quarter, G. Vega scored on an end-around run, but the PAT was unsuccessful. Sonny Floyd scored the final touchdown in the fourth quarter on a long run into the end zone, making the final score 38-13.



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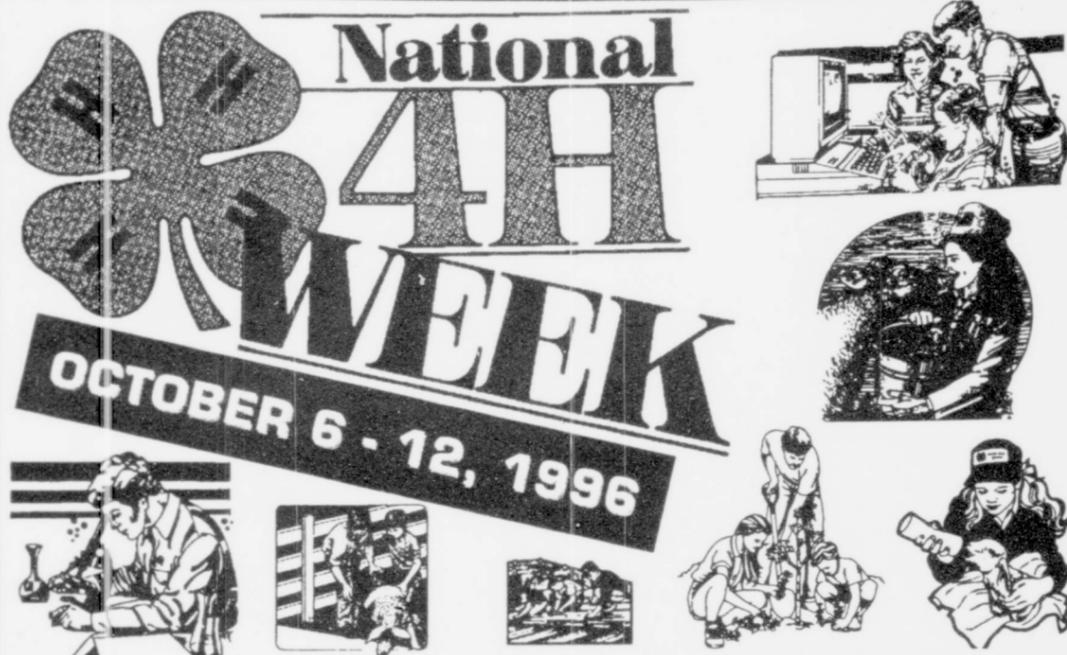
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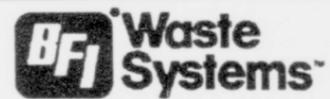
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