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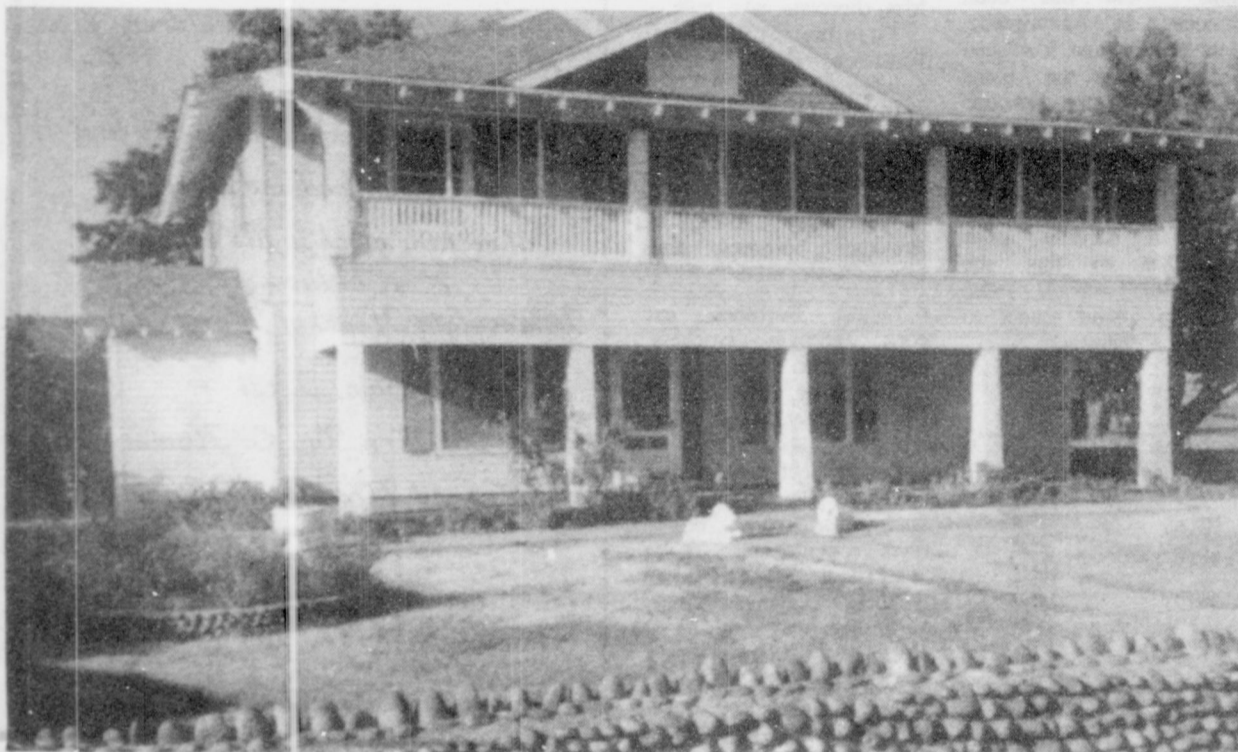
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Thursday, December 12, 1996



The Prairie Rose Bed & Breakfast is slated to open soon. Be sure to get out to the Open House.

Ribbon Cutting, Open House To Be Held For New B & B Business

The Prairie Rose Bed & Breakfast will soon be open for business. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Tuesday, December 17 around 5:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Located at 507 E. 5th Street in Groom, the Prairie Rose Bed & Breakfast house was built by one of Groom's founding fathers, Mr. J.W. Knorpp. Knorpp was one of the founders of the State National Bank. C.L. Culver, who later became bank president, owned the home for many years. Recent generations remember Culver's beautiful Christmas displays.

The home was most recently owned by D.P.S.

Trooper Joe Longway before he sold it to its present owner, Jane Jackson.

Jackson is the mother of Phillis Jackson. She has filled 3 bedrooms of the vintage home with antiques and nostalgic furnishings and is ready to welcome guests with southern hospitality. She has plans to add two more bedrooms to those available for guests sometime in the near future.

Ms. Jackson will be serving a homestyle breakfast to her guests. Be sure to stop by the Open House and see the wonderful renovations she has made to this lovely home.

Ettes Play Wheeler, Tigers Play Claude In Mixed Match

Groom basketball teams traveled to Wheeler last week. The boys played Claude due to the Wheeler boys still being tied up with football.

The Junior Varsity girls opened up the action by beating the Wheeler girls 36-28.

Jodie Homen led the scoring with 14 points. Jessica Kepley added another 11. Katrina Meaker had 6, Carrie Davis 4 and Jacey Richardson 1.

The J.V. boys beat Claude in a very exciting game by 1 point.

Jamie Shuck led the scoring with 7 points. Caleb Pool had 6 as well as Chris Ollinger. Wyatt

Weinheimer and Evan Crowell each had 4. Dusty Crump and Justin Homen each had 2. The boys won 31-30.

The Varsity girls played another extremely close game winning against Wheeler 67-64. Mary Hutsell was top scorer with 22 points. Jessica Friemel had 16. Jessica Stapp scored 8, Angie Conrad 6, Karen Conrad 5, Christy Galvan 4 and Stephanie Ollinger 2.

The Varsity boys had the only loss of the night after a very intense game against Claude 47-62.

Brad Sustaire was high
See Cagers, pg. 6

Weather Causes Numerous Accidents On Highways

By Gary Davis

On 11-27-96, Troopers Gary Davis and Jeremy Wallace worked a one vehicle rollover 11 miles east of Groom on IH-40. A 1996 Chevrolet driven by C. Thomas Price of Las Vegas, Nevada, was eastbound on IH-40. The driver drifted off the road and over-corrected, rolling his car at least four times. Price was freed from his vehicle by the McLean Fire Department using the jaws of life. Price was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by McLean Ambulance. The Gray County Sheriff's Office Deputy, Larry Wallis, also assisted at the accident

scene.

The above accident happened on dry pavement and the below accidents, all nine of them took place during our first snow storm of the year. Believe me there are a few non-driving people out there. The first accident occurred at 11:00 am on top of the 113 overpass on westbound IH-40. A truck driven by Larry Hudson of Albuquerque, New Mexico struck the guard rail. The trailer then veered over and struck the guardrail also, causing about \$800.00 damage. Hudson was cited for Unsafe Speed out of the accident. The next accident is a one in a

See D.P.S., pg. 5

Groom To Compete In Vernon Tourney This Weekend

The Groom Tigers and Tigerettes will compete in the Vernon Invitational Basketball tournament this weekend, December 12, 13 and 14.

Sixteen boys and girls basketball teams are scheduled to play in the Fulton Gym on the campus of Vernon High School. Championship games will be played Saturday evening.

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Dr. Pepper have joined Vernon residents in an effort to provide high school athletes with a memorable tournament.

"People from throughout the community are dedicated to making this a great event for high school basketball players," said Wilson Friberg tournament chairman. "From food service to basketball action, Vernon is ready to host this event."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM ATHLETIC Booster Club will meet on Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Anyone interested in all aspects of athletics is encouraged to attend.

THERE WILL BE an immunization clinic at the Groom Community Center on December 18th from 9-12 noon and 1-4 pm.

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church will have their Christmas program on December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

SEMESTER TESTS will be given Dec. 19-21.

DEADLINE - Groom News Christmas edition will be on Friday, Dec. 13th.

THE METHODIST Church will hold their Christmas program on December 18 at 6 pm.

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THE GROOM SCHOOL Music Department will have a Christmas program on December 19.

THE GROOM HIGH School gym will be closed from December 21 through 27.

GROOM ISD will be on their regular schedule this Friday. Students will be released at the regular time, 3:35 pm.

ELEMENTARY School Christmas parties will be held on Dec. 20. Parents should watch for a letter from teachers concerning party times and release times on that day.

ALPHA MU XI Christmas Party will be December 12, 7:00 pm at Janyth Bowers.

GROOM SCHOOL will resume after the Christmas break on January 7.

DON'T FORGET to keep your Christmas decorations lit up for the judges of the Christmas decorating contest.

Deadline is December 13 to get a greeting in

The Christmas Edition

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Mrs. Emalea London has relocated. She is now living in Amarillo, at Potter House. She was honored with a birthday celebration for her 86th birthday, there on Monday. Friends may write, phone, or visit at the following address:
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Irene Baggerman attended a Christmas party held by Golden Spread Trax Camping Group in Amarillo, recently.

The Barnett family will be attending the Friona Chieftains State semi-final match in Dallas this weekend. James Morton, Willie & Jack Barnett's son-in-law, is the head coach for the Chieftains.

Local Happenings

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for the many expressions of sympathy and other kindness extended us during the recent illness and death of Gene Wade. He was fortunate to have had many years of life in this community.

Mrs. Gene Wade & family
 Max Wade & Family

Brian Baker will soon be mustering out of the Air Force, after a four year stint. He has been stationed in Alamogordo, New Mexico and has been working in the base pharmacy for the last two and a half years.

He and his wife, Marie (Conrad) plan to relocate in Amarillo. Marie has been back in Groom since September so that she could attend school. Brian plans to attend school to become a pharmacist.

AA GROUP MEETS
 Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at the Library.

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Groom School Menu
 December 16 - 20
 Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk.

Lunch: Steak or fish on bun, baked beans, french fries, chocolate cake, milk.

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

Lunch: Pizza or chicken rice supreme, salad, crackers, fresh orange slices, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Burritos, cut corn, graham crackers, peaches, milk.

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

Lunch: Beef stew, peanut butter & jelly or tuna fish sandwiches, corn bread, crackers, pears, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, blueberry cobbler, milk.

Helen Witt and Eloise Chaffin attended the meeting of the Hi-Plains Poetry Society at the Central Library in Amarillo Saturday. Helen was on the program to read two of her poems which had won places in the top ten in their categories in the recent state contest.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the Les Neal's at Clarendon over the weekend.

The Steve Anthony's, the Johnny Brook's and Karen Brown attended the funeral of Charlie Keeton, in Idalou. Mr. Keeton was Johnny's sister's husband.

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December 13 - Patsy Fraser, Margie Smith, Janyth Bowers.

December 14 - Bill Hinson, Pamela Davis.

December 15 - Audrey Cummings, Scott Weinheimer.

December 16 - David Lee Britten, Gene Earl Steed, Katrina S. Meaker.

December 17 - Renee Anthony, Brent Stephens, Verda Lee Littlefield,



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Junior High Girls Beat McLean

Krisanne Davis made a heart-stopping "save the game" shot in Monday nights Junior High game against McLean. With 8 seconds to go in the 4th quarter, Groom was down by two points. Krisanne drove past McLean, set up, and took an awesome 3-point shot and made it! The Cub-ettes won the game 30-29.

Davis led the scoring with 16 points. Cassie Ashford

added another 6 as did Candace Bohr. Nicole Barnett earned 2.

In the Eighth grade girls game Groom won 26-18 against McLean. Skye Brown was high point with 18. Brooke Britten had 4. Courtney Sustaie and Michele Stephens contributed 2 each.

The Junior High Cagers will be off until after the 1st of the year when they play at Wheeler, on January 6.



Case - Kuehler To Graduate

Kristy Case and Nick Kuehler will be graduating for West Texas A & M University on December 12.

Kristy is the daughter of Don and Karen Case. She has earned her degree in Business Management. She is currently on staff at WTAMU and plans to continue on there.

Nick is the last of Robert and Alice Kuehler's 12 children to graduate from

College. According to Alice, they have been in the school business since 1960. This will end a 36 year adventure for the Kuehler's.

Nick has earned his degree in Chemistry. He has no definite future plans at the moment, but has several promising prospects.

Congratulations to both of these fine, former Groom students on such a great accomplishment.

GROOM TIGERS



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Tami Ashford
Junior



Mary Hutsell
Junior

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million chance, that the same trucking company is going to run into each other, but it happened. Only on IH-40 will this happen. A westbound Covenant transport truck driven by Troy Calder of Riviera, Arizona was struck almost head on. The other Covenant transport truck driven by Paul Redcloud of Sikeston, Missouri did the hitting almost head on. Redcloud was eastbound on

IH-40 at the 100 mile marker, when he lost control of his truck on the ice while driving too fast. The truck went across the median and struck the westbound truck driven by Calder. The resulting collision resulted in one overturned truck and the road was blocked. The Groom Fire Department rerouted traffic onto the access road and it was about four hours before the roadway was cleared. Both drivers were transported to

Northwest Texas Hospital by the Groom Ambulance Service. Tony Treadwell said that his arms and shoulders hurt so bad from gripping the steering wheel while enroute to Amarillo. He said that people would pass him on the ice covered roads on both sides of the ambulance. At 4:00 pm a westbound eighteen wheeler changed lanes into two vehicles running both into the center median. The first Dodge pickup driven by Carlos Castro of Las Cruces, New Mexico was struck from behind. The second Dodge pickup driven by Mark Ingram of Canyon, Texas was unable to stop

and struck the rear of the first pickup. Neither driver was able to get a description of the truck due to blowing snow, off road driving and sudden stopping.

On 12-1-96 at 5:58 am, Groom troopers were called to a two vehicle accident at the 111 mile marker on IH-40. A Toyota pickup, driven by Celeste Serrano of Rogers, Arkansas, was eastbound on IH-40 when she lost control on the ice. The pickup veered across the center median and struck a truck, driven by Brien Corzine of Delphos, Ohio. Serrano and her two sons, ages two and five,

were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by the Groom Ambulance Service, with non-life threatening injuries. Serrano was cited for Unsafe Speed and having a child under 4 unrestrained.

At 8:05 am another accident occurred at the 113 mile marker when a truck driven by Daniel Oswald of Middleburg, Florida was unable to stop on the snow-packed lanes of westbound IH-40. The trailer swung

around and hit the rear of a pickup driven by Kenneth Pritchett of Richfield, MN. Another eighteen wheeler managed to avoid the accident, but got crossways in the road blocking traffic. Oswald was cited for Unsafe Speed. And at 11:30 am the last accident of the day for us occurred. A truck driven by Sylvia Larson of Phoenix, Arizona was westbound on IH-40 east of Groom around the 114 1/2 mile marker. She lost control and jackknifed blocking half of west IH-40.

She almost took out one of our new light poles, missing it by about five feet. Larson was cited for Unsafe Speed.

12-02-96 Just when we thought it was going to get better, wrong, it got worse. Trooper Wallace worked three accidents at the 100 mile marker, westbound IH-40. The first accident happened at 8:20 am, when a 1996 Chevrolet van driven by Sergio Cisneros of

Houston, Texas, lost control on the ice and slid into the center median. The driver was cited for Unsafe Speed. The second accident occurred 20 minutes later when a 1990 Dodge pickup towing a Prowler travel trailer lost control on the ice and jack-knifed. No one was hurt in either accident. The last accident happened at 11:09 am when a pickup driven by Sherry Martin of Groom lost control on the ice and slid into the center median and into the eastbound lanes.

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point with 12, Josh Evenson Treadwell earned another 3. and Justin Ritter each Marc Miller, Toby Burgin added another 10, Jimmy and Joe Britten each had 2. Chavedo had 6 while Daniel

Tigers & Ettes Valley

The Groom Tigers and Ettes competed in the Valley tournament last week.

"I'm very proud of our kids," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "We played six games this week. . . five inside of 10 points. You just can't ask these kids to play any harder. They really hustled and did their best." In the varsity girls

opening game Groom lost by a narrow margin to Kress 43-50. Jessica Friemel was high point with 19. Jessica Stapp added 9, Mary Hutsell 8, Angie Conrad 4 and Karen Conrad 3.

The girls came back on Friday to beat Memphis, 52-51. The 1 point win was due in part to Mary Hutsell and Angie Conrad's top scoring abilities. Each earned 16 points for the

Ettes. Jessica Friemel added another 10. Sara Britten and Stephanie Ollinger added another 4 points each and Jessica Stapp had 2.

In their final match for consolation the girls smoked Alamo Catholic, 53-25. Jessica Stapp "wowed" the crowd by scoring a whooping 27 points. Stephanie Ollinger added another 10, Jessica Friemel had 10, Jessica Kepley 8, Karen Conrad 5, and Mary Hutsell and Tami Ashford each added 1.

In the boys tournament schedule, Groom opened against Kress. The Tigers won the match 59-50. Justin Ritter led the scoring with 12 points. Brad Sustaire added 9; Josh Evenson, 8; Jimmy Chavedo and Toby Burgin 7 each; Daniel Treadwell and Trae Kepley each had 5, Marc Miller 4 and Todd Gray 2.

Groom came back on Friday to battle Memphis.

The boys lost by 1 point, 50-51. Daniel Treadwell had 13 points to earn top honors. Justin Ritter had 11. Brad Sustaire had 8, Jimmy Chavedo had 7, Josh Evenson 6; Marc Miller 3 and Joe Britten 2.

Groom lost to Shamrock on their final game 41-44. Justin Ritter led the scoring with 12 points. Brad Sustaire added another 10 points. Jimmy Chavedo had 9, Josh Evenson 8 and Joe Britten had 3.

Notice To Groom Ambulance - Fire Service Members

Carson County Sheriff's Office will conduct a phone check on the emergency phone line on Sunday, December 15, 1996 at 9:00 p.m. Members are asked to be home at this time to confirm that their phone is in working order. If a problem is found, members are asked to contact City Hall the following morning. The phone is a vital link in Groom's Emergency System and all members need to be accessible. Your cooperation is needed.

Note of Concern
Groom would not be Groom without the love and concern each citizen of Groom shows in time of need, but concern or curiosity has made it difficult for Groom Emergency Volunteers to do their jobs. Please keep your distance at the scene of an emergency call. Congestion slows down response times which slows down care.

Schedule For Groom ISD Semester Tests
Wednesday 12/18/96
1st 8:30 - 10:00
3rd 10:30 - 12:00
6th 1:00 - 2:30
School out at 3:10
Buses run 3:10
Thursday 12/19/96
2nd 9:00 - 10:30
5th 11:00 - 12:30
School out at 3:10
Buses run 3:10
Friday 12/20/96
4th 9:00 - 10:30
7th 11:00 - 12:30
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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	
REVENUES:			
Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State State Program Revenues	\$ 535,085.01	\$ 1,941.09	\$ 537,026.10
Federal Program Revenues	17,939.32	2,572.51	20,511.83
Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14	\$ 553,024.33	\$ 3,387.66	\$ 3,387.66
Revenues Collected for Funding Function 14	390,930.00	7,901.26	560,925.59
Total Revenues	\$ 943,954.33	\$ 7,901.26	\$ 951,855.59
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	\$ 173,178.98	\$ 1,617.00	\$ 174,795.98
Instructional Administration	732.27		732.27
Instructional Resources and Media Services	3,350.06		3,350.06
School Administration	65,405.08		65,405.08
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	98.00		98.00
Health Services	1,101.20		1,101.20
Student Transportation	27,470.40		27,470.40
Co-curricular Activities	2,788.36		2,788.36
Food Services		27,518.28	27,518.28
General Administration	31,429.57		31,429.57
Plant Maintenance and Operations	57,773.65		57,773.65
Expenditures Excluding Function 14	\$ 363,327.57	\$ 29,135.28	\$ 392,462.85
Instructional Services Between Districts	390,930.00		390,930.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 754,257.57	\$ 29,135.28	\$ 783,392.85
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 189,696.76	\$ (21,234.02)	\$ 168,462.74
Other Resources		21,500.00	21,500.00
Other (Uses)	(21,500.00)		(21,500.00)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 168,196.76	\$ 265.98	\$ 168,462.74
Fund Balance, September 1, 1995 (Beginning)	642,643.72	1,395.25	644,038.87
Fund Balance, August 31, 1996 (Ending)	\$ 810,840.48	\$ 1,661.13	\$ 812,501.61

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District Attorney's Office Kept Busy with Indictments

The District Attorney's office announced last week that 53-year-old James Clifton Walker was indicted on four drug-related charges as well as a car theft charge by a Gray County Grand Jury in Pampa on Wednesday.

Walker, who was arrested on November 6 in McLean as the result of a search of his person and automobile remains in Gray County Jail. He is being held without bond.

Walker was arrested after the vehicle he was driving was stopped because of law enforcement officers spotting a passenger of Walker's known to them to be wanted in connection with a felony warrant out of Pampa. During the stop, officers asked Walker for consent to search his person and vehicle for contraband. Walker complied and crack cocaine and

methamphetamine were found on Walker's person and in the glove box of the vehicle which he was operating. The investigation also turned up evidence of the fact that the vehicle which Walker was driving was stolen.

Walker's trials on the five felony charges are pending in the 223rd District Court in Pampa according to 31st and 223rd District Attorney John Mann.

Also indicated were Thalamus Pshard Malone for possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; Theresa Sierman for forgery by passing; Elias Espinoza, Jr., for forgery by making; Anthony Erick Shopteese for endangering a child; Joe Mix Wilson for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense; John Hardy King for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense; Christopher Paul

Givens for forgery by making; Jeremy Fitzer for burglary of a habitation and burglary of a building; Charles Edward Broadbent for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and aggravated assault on a public servant; Cesario Hernandez for criminal non-support. Ricardo Cruz was reindicted for attempted burglary of a habitation; Juan Antonio Rosalez was reindicted for attempted burglary of a habitation; Mary Wesley Parks was reindicted for burglary of a building.

A six-month jail sentence was handed down to 40-year-old Dennis Glenn Wolfe on Tuesday in County Court in Wheeler for his part in the October 3 theft of a rototiller from Country General Store in Pampa. 31st District

See D.A., pg. 8



Krystle McClellan, Jennifer Barker and Bonnie Hauck sit among the other basketball fans and yell for their favorite teams which, of course, are the McLean Tigers and Lady Tigers.

Cagers Compete In Miami Tournament

Tiger Rag Staff - December 5. The Tigers Tammye Cole, Lorin Hall & Shanna Dent.

The McLean Lady Tigers traveled to the annual Miami Tournament December 5th & 6th. Thursday's game was against the Spearman Lynxettes. The Lynxettes went away with a 42 to 20 victory. High point for the Lady Tigers included Shaley Stalls and Rachel Galley each with 7 points. Other scorers were Lori Hefley, Vanessa Glass, and Tanna Shipman with 2 points each.

The McLean Ladies took on the Ft. Elliott Cougars in an exciting game on Friday. The score was tied 18-18 at half time with Rachel Galley and Vanessa Glass as the lead scorers. With only a few seconds left in the game the Lady Cougars scored the winning basket edging a 1 point victory over the Lady Tigers. The final score was 44-43. Galley was high point with 27 points. Other Lady scorers were Tanna Shipman, Lacey Steel, Vanessa Glass and Shaley Stalls.

Tigers Beat Pampa JV At Tournery

By David Fuller & Traci Seitz, Tiger Rag Staff
McLean Varsity Tigers fought hard but lost against Spearman Thursday,

December 5. The Tigers struggled through the first quarter with a score of 4-20 and never regained the lead. Thus leaving the ending score 47-88. The leading scorers were Freshman Ike Hanes with 9, Senior Charles Harris and Freshman Brett Montgomery with 8.

On Friday the Tigers showed teeth and beat Pampa JV 72-60. The Tigers started the game with a 12-10 lead, until the final quarter where the Harvesters were ahead by 2 in quarter scoring. The leading scorers were Montgomery with 28, Hanes with 10, Senior Tobey Purcell with 9, Harris with 8, Freshman Gary Jones with 5, Junior Anthony Albus and Freshman Aaron Rice with 4, Senior Chad Richards and Senior David Fuller with 2, Junior Chris Flores with 1.

Saturday morning the Tigers suffered another defeat, losing to the Follett Panthers 73-51. McLean fought hard but went into half-time, 30-17. They stayed behind for the final two quarters. Jones sprained his ankle and was replaced by Fuller. Top scorers for this game were Hanes with 16, Montgomery with 10, Purcell with 9, Richards with 5, Fuller with 3, Flores, Albus, Harris and Junior Erik Vega with 2.

Reminders

THE MCLEAN FIRE Dept. will have its annual Christmas party, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm.

SANTA WILL BE at the bank Dec. 13 from 9 am until 3 pm.

THE CHILDREN of the Assembly of God Church will be in charge of the morning worship Sunday, Dec. 15. It will be a musical program with the bell choir performing.

DON'T FORGET your personal Holiday Greeting! Say "Merry Christmas" to all your friends & neighbors this year. Much less expensive than stamps! "Holiday Greetings" start at only \$4. Call The McLean News today!

LION'S CLUB Christmas Decoration Contest judging will be December 16-23rd. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th places.

ELEMENTARY Christmas Program begins at 7 pm, Dec. 12 in the school auditorium.

HIGH SCHOOL basketball teams play Amarillo Christian Dec. 13 here beginning at 6:30 pm.

MCLEAN H.S. DRAMA Dept. Christmas program will be at 7:00 pm Monday, Dec. 16 in the Drama Room.

MHS TIGER Choir will present a Christmas Concert and community sing on Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Bhatia To Attend Patients At McLean Clinic

The McLean Clinic is proud to welcome Dr. Laxman Bhatia to its staff. He will be seeing patients in McLean on Friday afternoon's.

Bhatia earned his M.D. at SMS Medical College in Jaipur, India. He did his internship at Christ Hospital in Oaklawn, Illinois; and his residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago in Internal Medicine. He also, did a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

See Dr. Bhatia, pg. 10

22 People Booked At Gray County Jail

By Sheriff Randy Stubblefield 12-10-96

Another very busy week has passed here at the sheriff's office and the new week appears to be more of the same. We booked into the jail 22 persons charged with the usual crimes such as theft, driving while license suspended, public intoxication and different other charges. Thirteen reports were made this week including 2 thefts, 1 armed robbery, 1 aggravated

sexual assault, 2 motor vehicle burglaries, 3 agency assists, 2 aggravated assaults, 1 failure to identify and 1 stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was reported to be stolen in Oklahoma and it was recovered in Alanreed. Last week we responded to 129 calls for service. Our jail count this morning, Tuesday the 10th, is 58 inmates. As I said earlier, this has been a very busy week.

I hope that most residents of Gray County have been aware of the fact that the first ever satellite law enforcement academy sponsored by Amarillo College has been held here at the Gray County Sheriff's Office. The college has been holding these regional academies since the very early 70's and never has one been held outside of the Amarillo College location. Pampa's police chief, Charles Morris and myself went to the director of law enforcement at the college. See Sheriff's Report, pg. 12

Deadline is December 13 to get a greeting in!

The Christmas Edition

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Briefs

The McLean Fire Department assisted Shamrock on a grass fire Thursday, December 5 and worked a wreck Friday December 6.

George and Louise Watson will be making a three week trip to points in the Northeastern part of the United States. The Christmas lights in New York City and plays, then on to South Lee Massachusetts to view all the beautiful sights.

Denver Marsh will be going to the VA Hospital for more tests.

Several people from McLean attended the funeral of Earl Wheatley of Clarendon.

Wilma Barker won the door prize from the Open House at Lamb Ferguson Flower Shop on Thursday, December 5.

Billie Sue Moore was the winner of the door prize for Friday, December 6.

Helen Black is in the hospital in Pampa.

Ruth Bogan and nephew, Charlie Bogan of Borger visited with friends in McLean, Ruth Magee, S.A. and Isabell Cousins and Johnny and Joyce Haynes.

Freda, Rhonda and Myrtle seemed to be doing some Christmas shopping in Pampa on Saturday.

Jerry Wilson of The Family Health Care Center of McLean is on vacation in New Orleans.

When you see the girls at the McLean Health Care Center, ask about their pictures in the Pampa News.

Rhea Simpson did some Christmas shopping in Borger on Saturday.

Mary Richardson had three grandchildren over the weekend and still had time to decorate outside.

Micky Jackson had surgery on her foot. She is recovering nicely at home.

Lana Stumb had hip replacement surgery December 10 in Amarillo.

Jodie Thomas is in the Pampa hospital recovering from surgery.

Casper and Jeanie Smith attended the Postmasters Christmas gathering in Amarillo over the week-end. While there with their kids they had family Christmas pictures made and did some shopping.

Obituaries

Grady Enoch Darnell
Grady Enoch Darnell, 72, of Pampa, died Tuesday, December 3, 1996. Services were in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Darnell was born September 4, 1924, at Alanreed. He married Bonnie Mae Blacksher on July 5, 1947, at Alanreed; she died September 7, 1995. He received a master's degree in English from West Texas State University in 1957. He worked for Continental Products in Odessa, retiring in 1971 after 20 years of service. He had been a Pampa resident since 1971, moving from Odessa. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharisa Sheehan of Giddings; a son, Richard Darnell of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Christopher Taylor and Brandon Taylor, both of Pampa, and Amber Taylor of Corpus Christi.

Leola Dunlap
Leola Dunlap, 59, of Amarillo, died Friday, November 22, 1996.

Services were in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Memorial Chapel, with Jeff Asher of Dumas Drive Church of Christ officiating.

Graveside services were in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed.

Ms. Dunlap was born in Alanreed and had lived most of her life in Amarillo. She retired as a service representative after 30 years with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

She was working part-

time for the city of Amarillo and Amarillo Answering Service at the time of her death.

She was a member of Telephone Pioneers of America and Dumas Drive Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Ximena Lovett and Xenial Sharp, both of Amarillo; her father, Leroy Terbush of Amarillo; two sisters, Clellan Kern and Louise McQuillen, both of Amarillo; a brother, Gerald L. Terbush of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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District Attorney

Attorney, John Mann, said in a press release that Wolfe was also fined \$1,500.00 as a part of the punishment plea-bargained for by Wolfe and his attorney, Phil Pendleton, of Shamrock.

Wolfe, along with 22 year-old Robbyn Griffin and 33-year-old Dan Luna, Jr. of Shamrock, were arrested the day after the rototiller was stolen when Luna and Wolfe sold the machine to a Shamrock resident.

Griffin has been sentenced to prison in connection with her part in the theft and a felony charge of involuntary manslaughter stemming from another event occurring earlier in the year. Luna remains at large, and is the subject of a felony arrest warrant.

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Care Center Residents Prepare For Holidays

Sunday, members of the Baptist Church came to hold a worship service at the Center.

Monday morning the residents decorated the tree in the Sun room. In the afternoon they played bingo. Those playing were Vernee Bowling, Annie Eudey, M.L. Rowan, Sylvia McClellan, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Sue Cubine, Florence Drake, Thelma Hopkins, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Jessie Watson, and Dick Wheeler. Volunteer helpers were Cliffie Heasley and Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning residents joining the donut circle were Jessie Coleman, Betty McCurley, Halda

Moore, M.L. Rowan, Sylvia McClellan, Ruby Ayers, Marjorie Turnage, Phyllis Bailey, Vernee Bowling, Sue Cubine, Thelma Hopkins, Mable Dickey, Thelma Finson, Leon Tate and Florence Drake. In the afternoon M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler and Teresa Richardson played dominos.

Wednesday morning some of the residents started signing their Christmas cards. In the afternoon they watched a movie and had an exercise program.

Thursday, Inez Trostle styled the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Teresa Richardson, Dick

Wheeler, Truman Goodlett, M.L. Rowan, Phyllis Bailey, Beryl Halbert, Eula Morrow, Leon Tate, Marjorie Turnage, Virgie Everett and Sylvia McClellan.

Saturday was the annual Holiday dinner where family and friends come and enjoy having dinner with the residents. Everyone had a great time.

Moore Recipient Of Airline Ticket

Muriel Moore was a recipient of the Southwest Airlines "Home for the Holidays" free airline tickets. Moore will be allowed to travel anywhere in the United States with her travel pass during December. She plans to visit her daughter, Patty Lee, in Oregon for the Christmas holidays. This will be the first time for her to see some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

McLean To Get Sirens

The City of McLean will soon be getting three sirens from the City of Pampa. The 1954 vintage federal band sirens were originally designed to be used for civil defense to warn citizens of

impending enemy attacks. The City of Pampa is getting 8 new sirens.

Pampa will need to raise \$250,000 in funding to cover the cost of installing the new sirens.

McLean Lunch Menu

December 16 - 20
Monday Breakfast:
Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Mini corndogs, salad, corn, cake, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast:
Gravy, biscuits, sausage, hash browns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hamburger steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, oven fried squash, Texas toast, fruit, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast:
Pancakes, bacon, juice, milk.

Lunch: Macaroni & beef, corn, green beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.



Reynold's Welcome New Baby Boy

Sheri and Clay Reynolds are proud to announce the birth of Mason Trent Reynolds. He arrived on December 2, 1996 at 11:24 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces. He was 21 1/4 inches long.

Proud first-time grandparents are Kathy and Gerald Reynolds and also first-time grandparents, Rickie and Brenda Jasper.

Great-grandparents are Doyle and Wanda Hindman,

Esther May Jasper, Annie Herndon, Robert and Juanita Reynolds.

He is the first great-great grandchild for Pearl Lerner.

It's A Girl!

Cheyenne Denise Colpetzer was born December 3, 1996. Proud parents are Brandon and Charly Colpetzer. She weighed in at 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Roy and Rovena Brewer of Temple, Texas and Sharon and Bill Carter of Amarillo.

She is welcomed by two older brothers, Jacob and Dakota.

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Tigers and Lady Tigers show Fort Elliott their stuff in a recent game.

Lena Carter Reports on Alanreed Local Happenings

By Lena Carter
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Friday.
Graveside rites were said Saturday in Alanreed Cemetery for Leola (Terbush) Dunlap, daughter of Leroy Terbush. Mrs. Dunlap was born in Alanreed and lived here for several years before their move to Amarillo.

Ruth and Brenda McLain spent Thanksgiving in Oklahoma with mother and grandmother and others.

Robert Bruce was in Borger on Monday.

Visiting with Lena Carter on Tuesday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce of Amarillo and Jim Bible of McLean.

Denva Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on Tuesday for medical attention for Nora. Reports were good last week.

The Robert Bruce's spent Thanksgiving in Midland with daughter Sandra's family.

Visiting her parents here during the holiday was Verna Carver and daughter of Lamesa. The Tidwell's had the rest of their family here on Thursday and the James Armbristers, the Bill Hambrights, the Jimmy Armbristers and Nora Dragoo for dinner.

Mildred Hill of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Willie Mae Carter of Bentonville, Arkansas visited relatives here during the weekend.

Due to the inclement weather the quarterly meeting of the Alanreed Cemetery Association was tabled to a later date.

Nora Dragoo and daughter were in Pampa on

Tuesday for medical attention for Nora.

Rush Turner was absent from First Baptist Church Sunday as he accompanied son Gary of Amarillo to Dallas to visit daughter and sister Glenda.

Dr. Bhatia

He is board certified in internal medical infectious diseases and geriatrics and has been in general practice since 1982.

Devil's Rope Museum News

November was a very slow month at the Devil's Rope Museum. There were only 157 visitors from 23 states and 8 foreign countries. They came from Canada, Germany, Japan, Austria, Switzerland, Korea, Hungary and Holland.

A new heater/air conditioner was installed in the office, which is most appreciated by the workers.

All items in the Route 66 Room were entered on the computer and with luck they hope actually to find them again! The next big project will be putting all the Devil's Rope displays on the computer. Carl Dwyer has been most appreciated with all his help on the computer.

Don't forget to shop our Mercantile for your Christmas gifts.

December 18th the Devil's Rope Museum will be featured on The Discovery Channel at 8:00 p.m.

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<p>Household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Whirlpool Apt. size washer & dryer, heavy duty 1-Bedroom suite-bed, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands 1-Bronz bed 1-Set wood bunk beds 1-Chest of drawers 1-Bedroom chest 1-Hammond Organ w/ stool 1-Mahogany secretary 1-Couch 1-Blue velvet bedroom chair 1-Small dining table w/3 chairs 1-Microwave & stand 1-Stove top 1-Built-in oven 1-Wicker love seat, chair, coffee table 1-Recliner chair 1-Wooden On-it 1-Marble top end table 1-Glass top coffee table 1-Glass table top lamp 2-Unique formal gold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> leaf lamps 1-Lot nice table lamps 1-Marble top small table 1-Marble top fern stand 1-Assortment of small tables-end, etc. 1-Bookcase 1-Silver service set 1-Scanner 1-Stool 1-Lot oil paintings 1-Elephant stand 1-Lot glassware-Carnival, milk, and other 1-Gas stove 1-Electric stove-1957 1-Lot space heaters 1-Drum set 1-Lot miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> table 1-Singer sewing machine in cabinet w/ stool 1-Metal bed 1-Wicker desk 1-Red velvet chair 1-Clay pot 1-Corn sheller 1-Lot Prince Albert cans 1-Coal oil stove 1-Sickle 1-First aid kit 1-Cow yoke 1-Cow kickers 1-Maytag washer 	<p>Cars & Trailers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-1975 Suburban, 4x4, 400 a/t, a/c 1-2-wheel livestock trailer for small animals, complete with one or 2 small Jackasses 1-2 horse shopmade trailer
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immediately preceding the day of the scheduled bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Agnes Bell, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 20, 1996, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as is authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

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Sheriff's Report

and expressed our need for an academy to be in Pampa to give anyone in the eastern part of the panhandle an opportunity to attend and not have to make the long drive back and forth to Amarillo. It took several months but the college agreed to do a one time academy here if Chief Morris and myself would oversee the running of the academy on the local level. The academy started on May 20th and graduated on December 7th. Eighteen students graduated and from all appearances they have some of the highest grades ever achieved as a group in any of the academies. The valedictorian, Danny Richards, from Borger, had a grade point of 99.26. Sheriff James Robertson,

Lipscomb County, was salutorian with a grade point of 97.86. These eighteen will take their state licensing test on December 10th and I feel confident that all will pass and will receive their Peace officer license. These individuals went to school all this time, either 4 or 5 nights per week and on Saturdays, and most worked full time jobs. This is quite an accomplishment for them.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that most stolen vehicles have the keys left in them. We all feel safe at our homes and probably have been guilty of leaving the keys in the ignition at some time, but this is a practice that we need to stop. In McLean and Alanreed, since you are along I-40, you have more chances of a hitchhiker or transient coming through than most rural towns so extra precautions need to be taken.

Sheriff's Summary

By Sheriff Randy Stubblefield 12-3-96

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday with no mishaps due to the much needed snow. People here in Pampa cannot understand the problems that the weather can create on interstate 40 or the work involved in keeping the traffic moving. I know that you folks that live in McLean and Alanreed can probably tell some real hair raising stories about near misses along the interstate and access roads. My experience has been that during these snowy times that if you see a car with California or Florida tags you should give them all the room you can. If you see Jim McDonald you should ask him about the time last year that he had his patrol car parked in the barditch and still had it rear-ended not once but

twice. He sure had some choice, descriptive words to say about the driver's abilities.

Being raised in Pampa my entire life and not having seen the work and dedication given by small town volunteers such as the McLean Fire Department and Ambulance Service, I can tell you that you are blessed to have such citizens in your community. This weekend, these volunteers gave many hours to help us and the DPS in keeping the traffic moving and any other assistance that was needed. In my four years as your sheriff it still amazes me that no matter what accident or mishap there may be in the southern part of the county, these volunteers are more than willing to give what is needed to assist and it sure makes our job easier with the help they provide. My hat is off to all of you Firemen and EMT personnel and you have my

respect and gratitude for the past four years we have worked together.

I would like to caution the farmers and ranchers in our county to take extra precautions as we are seeing an increase in the eastern panhandle in thefts of saddles and trailers. Just this past week a ranch in Lipscomb County reported 5 saddles stolen and many articles of tack. Also this past Wednesday night, north of Allison, a barn was broken into and the thieves stole 2 saddles, an aluminum show box and a 16 ft. stock trailer. Later the same night a pickup was seen pulling what is believed to be this same trailer and leaving another barn, this time near Reydon, Oklahoma. Upon investigation it was found that the thieves had stolen a welder, an air compressor and a four wheeler. At this time we are working with the agencies in these areas to locate the thieves, not

that we think that any of our residents are guilty, but these types of individuals do travel many miles to locate a choice location to "hit". it takes a joint effort of all the area law enforcement to stop this type of thefts. I'll keep you posted as to any developments we have.

This week we booked into Gray County Jail eleven persons charged with various crimes ranging from issuance of a bad check to possession of marijuana over 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds. It seems that this time of year many

people are buying Christmas presents and not paying very good attention to their checkbooks. We served 10 warrants for bad checks this week alone. Of the 5 reports that we took this week 2 reports came from McLean, 1 for credit card abuse and one for burglary of a residence. Again, this time of year we need to be aware that the thieves are always looking for "easy pickings" so don't make it easier for them than it is.

Alanreed News

Nell Keese returned home this past week after a long stay in Ft. Worth with her ill son. The son was better.

Dixie Crockett made a trip to Amarillo on Friday.

Graveside services for Grady (Spot) Darnell were held Friday. Grady was the last remaining son of pioneer family, the Jim Darnell's. He lived here from birth and for sometime after he and Bonnie Blacksher married. Their only daughter was born while they were still living here before they eventually moved to Pampa.

Accompanying Jim Bible to First Baptist Church Sunday was his nephew from Amarillo.

There will be a community singing at First Baptist Church Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Come and celebrate the season early.

More McLean Briefs

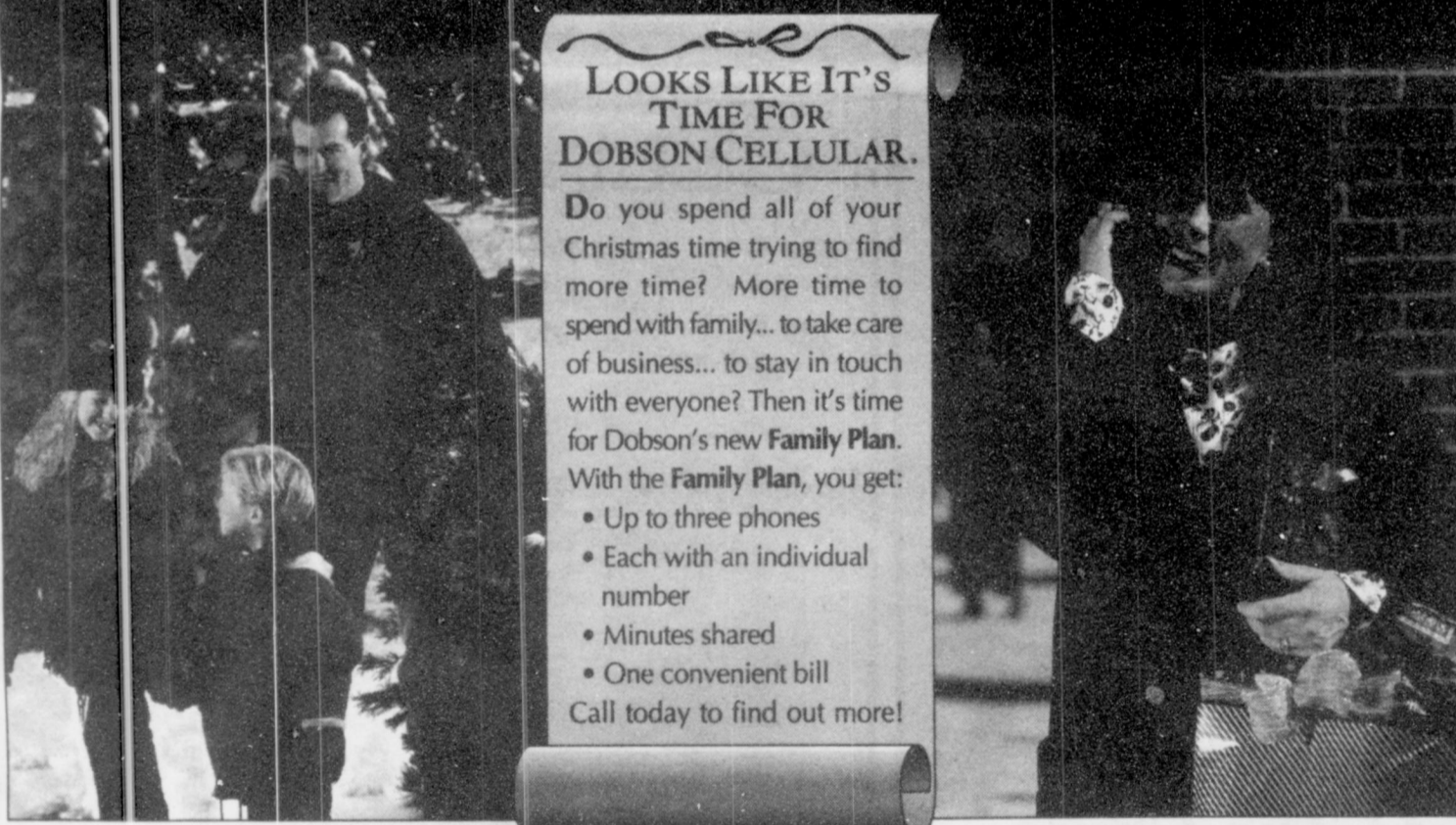
The Joy Sunday School Class had their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin.

The Donnie Basham family visited with Mattie Basham in Stringtown, Oklahoma over the weekend. They also entered, participated and took away some awards from the Oklahoma State Poultry Show, at the Expo Center, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. There were 3700 entries. Following is a list of some of the winners.

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