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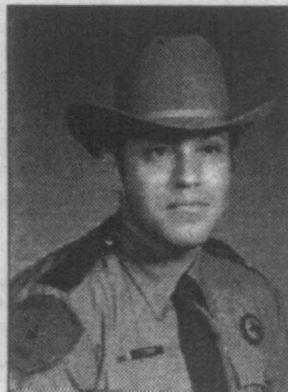
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R.C. Parker



Brad Parker



Derek Parker

## 3rd Generation Trooper Commissioned

### McLean Reminder

**VETERANS DAY** is soon approaching. Please contact the McLean News Office if you have Veterans not on the previous list.

**DON'T FORGET** to join PTA by September 30. Call the school office.

**THE CHARLES** Goodnight Chuckwagon

Cook-off will be held in Clarendon on September 28. See page 6 for details.

**CELEBRATE THE** Methodist Church 100th Anniversary on October 12 & 13. See ad on page 9 for details.

**THE ALANREED** Cemetary Association will meet on October 1 at 7 p.m. in the Alanreed Gym.

**MCLEAN TIGERS** play at home against Samnorwood Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

**MCLEAN JR.** High travels to Samnorwood Thursday, September 26. Game time is 6 p.m.

**FAMILY READING** night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

**THE MCLEAN** Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

Department of Public Safety Derek Parker represents three generations of DPS officers serving the citizens of Texas. Derek's grandfather, R. C. Parker, was commissioned in December 1952. He was stationed at McLean in January 1953, and served 30 years in the Texas Highway Patrol. Derek's father, Brad Parker, was commissioned January 1977. Brad retired in January 2002; he had been a sergeant in the DPS for 18 years

prior to his retirement. Derek was commissioned by the Department of Public Safety July 12, 2002 after completing six months training at the DPS academy in Austin. He is now stationed in Muleshoe. He was featured in a Channel 10 documentary, "The Making of a Trooper", during his training at the academy.

Derek is a graduate of Canyon High School and West Texas A & M University. He worked for the Canyon Police

Department before his induction into the Texas Department of Public Safety. Derek's parents, Brad and Brenda Parker, live in Canyon, Texas. Both of them grew up in McLean and are M.H.S. graduates. Derek has two sisters, Mindy, who is a student at Amarillo College, and Carrie who is attending West Texas A & M. His grandparents are R.C. and Martha Parker, and Olene Brown and the R.L. Brown, all of McLean.



Back row: (l to r) Jake L. Hess, Spencer Sitter, Jess Coleman, Evan Sitter, J. Hess, Clyde Magee. Middle row: (l to r) Bessie Hess, Margaret Coleman, Leona Sitter, Dorothy Sitter. Front row (l to r): Mary Dwyer, Nanny Sitter, George Sitter, Francis Sitter, Donna Magee

## United Methodist Church To Be 100 Years Old

The United Methodist Church held a special worship service on Sunday, September 22, in honor of the 100 year Anniversary coming up on October 13. Decedents of some of the founding families participated in the morning worship service.

Donna Magee Smith representing the fourth generation presented the family history Jan Coleman Watts and Sara Coleman Fox, also representing the fourth generation, sang "Amazing Grace." Shaley Steel presented the Youth Lesson from Exodus 16:2-

15. Shaley represented the fifth generation. Seven year old, second grader Trae Hannon represented the sixth generation by reciting the Apostles Creed.

After the worship service 38 decedents of the founding families ate together with

See Celebration, pg. 8

## Alanreed School Donated Back To The Community That Built It

The McLean Independent School District Board of education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2002. Board members present were Toni Bohlar, Mike Darsey, Joe Riley, Neal Odom, and Ronnie Ferguson. Others present were Superintendent, Bob Downs, Leslie Darsey, Secretary Margaret Milam, Eric Smith, Dick Crockett, Bill Layman, Sally Bohlar, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Adams, Cathy Dorsey, Ruby Dorsey and Mindy Reeves. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Board President, Joe Riley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Ronnie Ferguson.

Neal Odom made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2002, second by Ronnie Ferguson. Motion carried. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to approve the corrected Special meeting minutes of September 3, 2002. The correction was made to the paragraph regarding the appointment of new Board members, and should read as, Mike Darsey and Ronnie Ferguson favored appointing new Board members, while Toni Bohlar and Neal Odom favored holding a Special election. The next sentence stating Joe Riley had to break the tie will be omitted from the minutes. Motion carried.

The donation of the Alanreed School property to the Alanreed Community Association was discussed in a public hearing. Mr. Adams brought up the wording of the Resolution which states that this transfer will further the preservation of the improvements and the property will revert back to McLean Independent School District if, as, and when

Alanreed Community Assoc. discontinues use of the real property and improvements a community Center for public purposes or executes a document that purports to convey the property, Mr. Adams wanted it clearly understood of how bad the condition of the property was, and that the Board was aware of this. Sally Bohlar stated she would like something reflected in the records as to the condition of the property and a statement from the current Board acknowledging this fact for future reference. Mr. Adams had pictures of the property after it became a part of the McLean School District in 1994, which clearly shows neglect to the Alanreed Elementary building. These pictures along with a statement from Mr. Downs will be kept in the records to serve as a fair representation as to the condition of the property when it was donated to the Alanreed Community. A load of old band instruments and uniforms had been removed recently, but other old equipment, such as computers and band shoes will remain. There were no other comments.

It is the intention of McLean ISD to make a gift as a charitable contribution of surplus property in accordance with Section 11.1541 of the Education Code, as evidenced by that certain Resolution of the Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District on the 16th day of September 2002, wherein, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of MI SD hereby authorize the donation, by and through the execution and delivery of a Quitclaim Deed, of the real property and improvements formerly used as the Alanreed School campus and more particularly

See School, pg. 9

### McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 26 - Terry Smith, Shaun Crawford, Rickie Jasper, Jr.

September 27 - Billy Bob Adams, Shannon Weir, Ora Wayne Barker.

September 28 - Buna Gudgel, Loyd Bybee, Jason Myers, Sarah Myers.

September 29 - Chester Jones, Gabe Parson, Robert Brass.

September 30 - Dianne Stewart, Tony Acuna, Gwen Stewart, D.J. Basham, Lonnie Knutson.

October 1 - Elaine Pierce, Ruby Back, Nolan McClellan.

October 2 - Don Sanders, Ben Reeser, Shandee Tolleson.

### CELEBRATION

guests.

Activities are planned for the 12 and 13 of October to celebrate the anniversary, including a tent revival on the 12th and a special morning worship service conducted by Bishop D. Max Whitfield followed by a catered luncheon. If you plan to attend the luncheon reservations need to be received by October 1.



### Sister Has Hip Replacement Surgery

by: Archie Cooper

She is my sister and a resident of McLean and immediate communities since 1931. Never smoked a cigarette, or drank a beer, never partied late at nights. She did stay late at some prayer meetings, for she found Christ as her personal savior early in life, all seven of her children, seeing it pays to have Christ as Lord of your life, have accepted Christ. A member of the First Baptist Church in McLean, she is Susie (Cooper) Trout who lost her husband Jim Trout in 1950. A widow for 52 years with a "quick" in her step, had a hip replacement September 9, in Amarillo, now walks with a walker until she recoups a little. She turned 96 years old August 22.

### McLean-Alanreed Museum Hosts 126 Visitors In August

by Dorthey McKee

For the month of August we had 126 visitors from 19 different states, the most came from Texas, then Arizona and Oklahoma, next was Tennessee and California. We also had visitors from four countries, Switzerland, Italy, England, and Germany. All were very interesting and nice to talk to.

We have had several people in looking for their family history.

The museum had a very good month.

Don't forget to come by and see the window display and especially come by and enjoy Mrs. McLain's 2001-2002 third grade class' thank you pictures on the window. Enjoy them!

### Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their concerns and prayers during my son, Randy Dwyers, illness.

Love,  
Mary Dwyer

## McLean PTA Elects Officers For 2002-2003 School Year

The McLean PTA met for the first time on Tuesday, September 17. The new officers are EllaMae Reyna, President, Sandy McLain, 1st Vice President, Leslie Darsey, 2nd Vice President, Beverly Odom, Secretary, Shatrel Richardson, Treasurer, Kristi Tidwell, Historian, Cindy Lee, Parliamentarian.

Membership has dropped in half from last year. Last year there were 82 members, this year there have been 42 people sign up so far. To boost registration the PTA is sponsoring a membership drive with the class having the greatest percentage of parents joining, receiving a pizza party. The contest will be

decided on September 30. If you are interested in joining the PTA please call the school office.

A new budget was set and projects were discussed to raise the money for the many programs and services planned. The PTA will produce a school directory, provide refreshments during testing, give tow scholarships, provide supplies for children in need, participate in the Angel program, help support Red Ribbon Week and help in other areas when called upon.

A special tribute to Kaid Shallert was approved. Roses will be planted in

Kaid's memory.

The PTA is planning on having a Christmas store again this year, where the children can do their own shopping. Reindeer Lane will once again be used. This provides the students with the opportunity to buy their own gifts and allows them to use math skills.

To encourage parent participation, it was decided that which ever class had the most parents attend the PTA meetings, would be awarded a prize. The upper grades would be awarded 2 AR points and the lower grades would receive a coke party. The First Grade won this month.

## Funeral Services Held For Eula Jo Turner

Eula Jo (Jodie) Turner age 74 died September 16, 2002, in McLean, Texas.

Mrs. Turner was born Dec. 17, 1927 in Collingsworth County to Elbert and Berta Harvey. She was a retired RN with an associates degree. She worked for Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene for 40 years. She married Ed Turner, January 16, 1965, and they recently moved back to McLean.

Mrs. Turner is survived by husband Ed, one son Freddie Lee Smith of New Hall, California, three

daughters, Judy Smith of Wichita Falls, Texas, Sharon White of Grand Prairie, Texas and Kathy Kennedy of Pennsylvania, one sister, Betty Meeks of Grapeland, Texas, 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Turner was buried Friday, September 20, 2002, at the Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church of McLean with Rev. Darrel Burton, hospice chaplain and Rev. Carl Cox officiating under the direction of the Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

### Pioneer Study Club Explores Life Of M.K. Brown

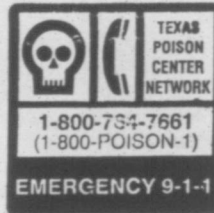
The Pioneer Study Club met September 19, at the McLean/Alanreed Historical Museum. Roll call and minutes were by Jerry Corbin, Treasurer's report by Nama Webb.

Betty Morgan gave a very interesting report on the life and accomplishments of M.K. (Montagu Kingsmill) Brown. Mr. Brown came to the U.S. from England in 1903. He lived most of his life in the Pampa area of the Texas Panhandle. He died in an automobile accident in Pampa in 1964 at the age of 86.

His life continues to have a very positive influence through grants he provided to many worthwhile projects, including our museum and library.

Hostess Betty Morgan served delicious refreshments to: Mary Lou Glass, Mary Dwyer, Mary Powell, Ruth Trew, Babe Brown, Mindy Reeves, Jerry Corbin, EllaMae Reyna, Ruth Magee, Sherrie Martindale, Mary Emma Woods, Nama Webb, Wanda Lamb, and Maryland (Magee) Moody.

The next meeting will be October 3, at the Methodist Church, with Ruth Magee as hostess.



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## SCHOOL

described as that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the county of Gray, in the State of Texas, Section 181, Block E. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to adopt the resolution authorizing the donation of the Alanreed property to the Alanreed Community Association, with four voting For-Mike Darsey, Neal Odom, Ronnie Ferguson, and Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar abstained.

After consideration the student travel policy was accepted, with a motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Ronnie Ferguson. Motion carried. The policy states that the District will fund K-12 student travel to extracurricular, competitive events. There will not be a limit as to the distance traveled. If a student misses a meal while attending school functions, they will be allowed a \$5.00 limit per meal cheerleaders will be included to receive this allowance, but Pep Club will not.

The FFA travel policy was revised from the original policy approved 9-20-99. The revisions include: the student must win 1st Place or better at the county Show in order to receive funding by the District. A student may take a different animal than the one they won with, as long as it is the same species. Should a major stock show occur prior to the county show and a student meets the criteria, they would qualify for reimbursement according to the schedule. Students will get \$5.00 per meal, motels will be paid for by the school, and transportation will be provided by the Ag teacher. If more students of livestock are involved than the school-supplied vehicle can transport and additional vehicles are required, the

school will provide fuel only for those vehicles Parents and/or students traveling at a different time or in a personal vehicle for their convenience, when room is available in the school vehicle, will not receive fuel or mileage reimbursements. A maximum of one major stock show per school year per student will be funded. All entry fees for the shows will be paid by the exhibitor. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Toni Bohlar to accept the FFA travel policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Neal Odom to approve the 2001-02 Year-end Budget Amendments as needed for bookkeeping. Motion carried.

The Board opted to appoint two new members to fill the vacancies for School Trustee. Six appointees were considered and the Board individually ranked them, and Mr. Downs tallied the rankings by the pint procedure. Those being considered were Susan Williamson, Bobby Richardson, Marshall Hanes, Billy Bybee, Dale Steel, and Carey Richardson. Bobby Richardson was the most favored, with Billy Bybee following. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Mike Darsey to appoint these gentlemen for the two vacant Board positions. Motion carried. All the appointees had been previously contacted and had agreed to serve on the board if they were appointed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Return to open session came at 9:00 p.m. Motion by Neal Odom, second by Toni Bohlar to authorize Mr. Downs to hire a Special Ed teacher at the appropriate time. Motion carried.

Mr. Layman addressed the Board and requested to be paid a \$500.00 stipend for being the FFA sponsor for the past school year. In

Mr. Layman's justification of his request, he stated he would spend about 400 hours extra time outside of school with the FFA projects. He also made mention of the fact that the other sponsors had all received a stipend for last year. Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Neal Odom to pay Mr. Layman for being the FFA Sponsor during 2001-2002, in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried. Mr. Layman mentioned the fact that he had also been omitted from the list of sponsors to receive a stipend for the new school year, and he questioned the Board as to whether he would get this or not. The Board is curious to know what other districts are doing in this situation, and will probably do some checking with other schools. they will make a decision at the next regular Board meeting in October.

There was some discussion of how the District finished up financially for the year. Reports showed to come in under budget by approximately \$337,000.00. The bank balance was at \$152,000.00, with another \$303,000.00 in CD's. Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Mike Darsey to approve the financial Reports A, B, & C. Motion carried.

Under other business the Board agreed to work the concession stand, along with Cowboy Church for the October 11th, High School Football game.

Toni Bohlar made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., second by Mike Darsey. Motion carried.

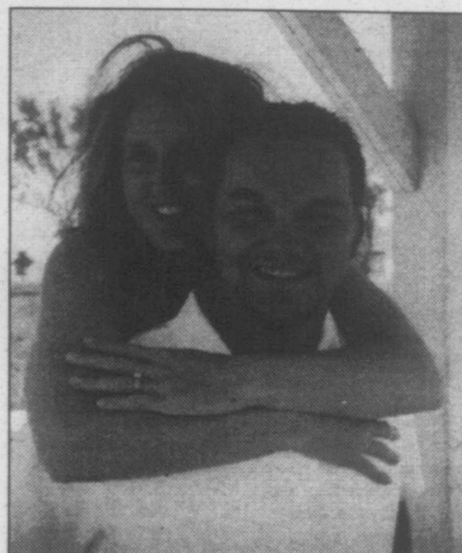
## Valorie Hueber & Andy Simpson To Wed

Valorie Hueber of Wichita Falls and Andy Simpson of McLean will be wed in Las Vegas Nevada on November 30. Ms. Hueber is the daughter of

Barbara Hueber of Wichita Falls and Jimmy Hueber of Venus, Tx. She is currently attending Midwestern State College in Wichita Falls.

Mr. Simpson formerly of Samnorwood is the son of David and Debbie Simpson of Shamrock. He is the Girls Sports coach at MHS.

The couple plan on making their home in McLean.



Students of the Week for September 16 - September 20: Kindergarten-Summer Ferguson; 1st Grade-Oscar Rodriguez; 2nd Grade-Candace Shackelford; 3rd Grade-Dimas Rodriguez; 4th Grade-Erin Vassej; 5th Grade-Hogan Ketcherside; 6th Grade-Suzanne Howard; 7th Grade-Ronnie Alexander

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main  
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church  
Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

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

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

Heald United Methodist Church  
Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

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

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### You Are Invited!

You are invited to attend the  
100th Anniversary  
of the

McLean United Methodist Church  
the weekend of Oct 12 & 13.

On the 12th there will be a tent revival with visiting, reminiscing, storytelling, and singing from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A pot luck supper will be at 6:00 p.m. followed with Gospel Music & storytelling at 7:00 p.m. The evening will close with a devotional at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. will be Fellowship Coffee time. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop D. Max Whitfield. There will be a catered luncheon at 12 noon. Reservation need to be received by Oct. 1.

## School Remembers September 11th Tragedy



Wednesday, September 11, 2002 marked the first anniversary of an event forever ingrained in each mind of every American.

One year ago, the business-as-usual routine was interrupted and millions of lives were changed with each billow of smoke and each tumbling tower.

A year later, the morning routine was slow, reverent in tone and retrospective in thought for the community of McLean. Two hundred people comprised of McLean students, faculty, staff, and the McLean community gathered at the flag pole in front of the Elementary school to post the American flag and to honor McLean's local heroes

while pausing to remember those who lost their lives saving others on that fateful day.

McLean Boy Scout Troop, led by Scoutmaster, L.H. Webb, raised the American flag, and Lacey Wallis led the program with The Star Bangled Banner. The colors were then lowered to half-staff where they remained throughout the remembrance program.

McLean Elementary music director, Judith Watkins, led two elementary choirs, grades third and fourth and grades fifth, sixth and seventh in songs saluting McLean's heroes, members of the volunteer fire department, the EMT services and the local law

enforcement. Other soloists include Zach Richardson and Jamie Sanderson.

"The community was very supportive of the remembrance program," said Watkins. "The program was designed to honor our own cherished community heroes, and we were pleased to have had so many of them in attendance."

L.H. Webb presented an inspirational message and the program ended with a moment of silence.

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**Elegance is something more than ease—more than a freedom from awkwardness and restraint. It implies a precision, a polish, and a sparkling which is spirited, yet delicate.**

—William Hazlitt

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McLean Care Center employees honor September 11 by wearing red, white and blue

## Care Center Residents & Employees Remember 9-11

We have September in full swing at the care center. Besides our regular daily activities we have had several extra. The Methodists came Wednesday, September 11 for the monthly ice cream social. We also had a large flag up and cake decorated patriotic in memory of the New York tragedy 9-11-01. The September birthday

party was held on lucky Friday the 13th. The birthday people are Beulah Pyeatt, Ida Mae Myers, Florence Dodson, Bill Anderson, Ray Morris, and Lonnie Knutson. The entertainment was Tye Thompson, Steve Brass, Bobby Johnson and Cozy Parsons. They played the musical instruments and Cozy sang. The residents are

still talking about how wonderful the entertainment was.

The Church of Christ came Tuesday morning with cookies and cake and there wonderful smiles.

The care center Activity Department is having a bake sale Sept 28 at Pucketts grocery in McLean. The proceeds go to the activities Department.

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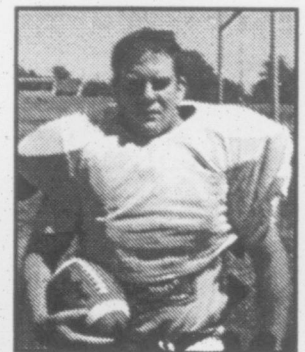
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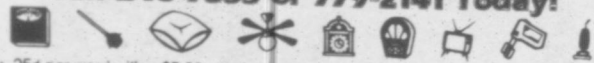
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**DEMOCRAT**

- For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1  
**Bill Hinson**
- For Carson County Treasurer  
**Jeannie Cunningham**
- For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk  
**Celeste Bichsel**

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- For Carson County Judge  
**Lewis Powers**
- For Gray County Clerk  
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# The Groom News

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Thursday, September 26, 2002

## Community Calendar

**THE GROOM** Economic Development Corporation has four openings to fill on the board. Please contact City Hall if you would be interested in serving the community of Groom in this manner. The number to call is 248-7929.

**GROOM JR.** High Cross Country team will travel to Shamrock Saturday, September 28, to compete at 3 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 27** is the end of the first six weeks at Groom School. Six weeks test will be in the days prior.

**THE K-6** music classes will present a Patriotic Program at 7 p.m. on September 30.

**THERE WILL** be a Groom High School Pep Rally at 3 p.m. Friday, September 27.

**THERE WILL** be no school on October 14.

**GROOM TIGERS** will kick off district play against Lefors in Lefors at 7:30 Friday, September 27.

**GROOM JR.** High Cubs play host to Lefors Thursday September 26 at 5 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST** Church AWANA Club meets Wednesday, October 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. for children 3 years old through 6th grade. Please bring a canned food item this week. If you need a ride, call the church at 248-7941

### Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

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## Groom Tigers Turn Out The Lights On The Chillicothe Eagles, 36-29

In a game that will not soon be forgotten, the Groom Tigers rallied from a 22-6 deficit to beat the Chillicothe Eagles 36-29.

"What a huge win for this football team," stated first year coach Toby Tucker. "These kids have worked so hard, and we finally had the ball bounce our way a couple of times. Watching this game you can see what type of character these boys have. They battled and scrapped their way back into the game and when they had the chance to deliver a knockout punch they did."

That knockout punch started when Groom came out of the locker room at halftime down 22-20. "You could feel the momentum starting to shift in our direction," said Tucker. "We went in down two at the half and it seemed like we were up 20. The kickoff return team started off the second half with the some huge blocks that opened up Doug Fields for an 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. "We had several players de-cleat their kids on that



Groom Tiger captains Doug Fields, Brett Britten, Cody Babcock & Lance Ollinger meet Chillicothe's captains mid-field for the coin toss.

play," added Tucker. "Lance Ollinger got our lick of the week on that play by taking two Chillicothe players out. There were bodies flying all over the place." That would be Groom's first lead of the game and

they would not look back. Fields would later score on a 46-yard touchdown run that would come on a huge 4th down play. Fields also scored twice more on 1-yard runs. Calvin Schaffer also chipped in with a 19-yard

touchdown run earlier in the game. Brett Britten added 6 points off extra point tries. Defensively, the Tigers settled down to contain a very good running back in Roy Araiza. Groom held him to his lowest output this season. Doug Fields had

15 tackles. Brett Britten had 7, Calvin Schaffer, Bobby Ratteree, and Owen Weinheimer all had 6. Cody Babcock contributed with 4, and Lance Ollinger had 2 tackles.

The game had a See Tigers, pg. 4



### Local Fair Exhibitors Win Prizes

Some Groom students competed in the Tri-State Fair last week and brought several ribbons home to Groom. Brett and Blaine

Britten showed in the Junior Calf Show. They placed 5th and 10th in their respective classes. Trent Murray placed

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## County Court Votes To Convert County Attorney's Law Library To C.D. Rom Format

The Commissioners' Court of Carson County met on September 23. Commissioners present were Lewis W. Powers, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell. Minutes of the September 9 meeting were read and approved.

The commissioners approved a motion to pay all claims. A late claim added to the list was for \$233 for tire service from Robert Moore. The commissioners met with consultants concerning the replacement of heating and air conditioning units in the courthouse and the abatement of asbestos. The court was informed that it would take about 2 weeks for the

abatement process and the replacement would follow immediately. The electrical work for the project was also discussed. Commissioners decided to wait until spring to begin the work.

County Attorney Scott Sherwood petitioned the court to enter into an agreement to convert the county's law library to a new system. Mr. Sherwood is wanting to purchase the required law books on a CD format instead of actual books, stating that it would cost the county less money. The commission voted to approve the request.

Commissioner Ware informed the court that

construction would take place between mid-October and mid-November for the replacement of materials on rail crossings on County Road 11 and County Road L. Mr. Ware stated that the roads will be closed for one day during the process.

The commission voted to accept the AIP Grant as submitted which was \$30,000 more than the annual amount.

The court reviewed the rates for the Texas County and District Retirement System. The court voted to make no plan changes for 2003.

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## Local Happenings

Bertha Knight was taken to the hospital in Pampa last week by ambulance.

### Harrell's Move To Amarillo

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell, long time residents, moved from Groom this past week to #9 Primrose Place on the campus of Craig Methodist Retirement Community, Ninth at Bell Street in Amarillo, Texas. They have many memories of living in Groom. Both were active in the United Methodist Church, school activities and civic affairs. Sybil was involved as a Brownie Scout leader, 4-H leader and several clubs. Glynn D was a charter member of the Lion's Club, owner of Groom Hardware and Lumber. He was later a farmer and raised quarter horses. They expect to enjoy this phase of retirement with family members, especially their nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Their new phone number is 468-1002. They hope their friends will keep in touch.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer and Cody Kling were in Lazbuddie this past weekend visiting with their daughter and her family, Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi and Justin.

### FAIR

1st with his medium size pumpkin, while his sister Ashley placed 2nd with her large pumpkin.

Ashley also had 4-H entries. She won 1st place with her garden basket. Her apple jelly and her mesquite bean jelly also placed 1st.

She also entered cherry jelly and jalapeno pepper jelly.

If you or your children had entries in the fair, please report them to the Groom News office.

### TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS EXCEL

Summertime commencement at Texas Tech University took place on Saturday, August 10, 2002. Approximately 1,027 students were awarded degrees-803 bachelor degrees, 186 master degrees and 38 doctorates.

Additionally, a growing number of students enrolled in courses at Texas Tech this summer. Several took 12 hours of course credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average, qualifying them for the President's List. Other students distinguished themselves by carrying 12 qualifying hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9, earning them a place on the Dean's List.

Curtis James Whatley graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Technology.

Michele Rene Stephens, a sophomore, made the Dean's List. She is studying Human Development and Family Studies.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries  
 September 26 -  
 Laverne Thomas, Adam Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields (A).

September 27 -  
 Yvonne Barker.

September 28 -  
 Alice Britten, Penny McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Kempf (A).

September 29 -  
 Travis McGuire, Carole Fields.

September 30 -  
 Louise Conrad, Kay Stephens, Arthur Britten, Betty Black, Ray Morris.

October 1 -  
 October 2 - Fay Wortham.

### SORRY!

My sincerest apologies to the Martin sisters, Amanda and Britteny and the Britten sisters, Sharri and Lorri. I know I recently mixed you up. I promise to try to do better and maybe I'll know which of you is which by the end of the year!

Sorry Again,  
 Donna Burton

## Groom School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

**BREAKFAST:**  
 Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

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

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

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

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

### LUNCH:

Monday: Chicken Fajitas, Sauteed onions and green peppers, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches and milk

Tuesday: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie and milk

Wednesday: Mexican pile on, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple, graham crackers and milk

Thursday: Cheese zombie, french fries, applesauce and milk

Friday: Cheeseburgers, baked beans, curly fries, trail mix and milk

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Marcia Davis and her class of 1st and 2nd graders give their battle cry at Friday's pep rally.

### Jr. High Loses To Silverton

Groom's Junior High Football team travelled to Silverton last week to face off in their second game of the season. The Cubs were up against some very big players. The Silverton was comprised solely of eighth graders. Coach Jym Dennis said, "It was a very good learning experience. We faced a very athletic team and played hard right up until the last buzzer sounded." Blaine Britten put Groom on the map with a TD on a 50 yard pass received from quarterback Thane Barkley early in the second quarter. "They were faster with

more strength than we had," continued Dennis. "I was very proud of the effort our guys put out. Everyone got to play and everyone learned some important lessons." Several big plays kept the Cubs scoreless in the first half of the game. The game ended with the score Groom losing to Silverton 26-6. "Our boys came out pretty healthy with only some minor bumps and bruises," said Coach Dennis. "You can bet we'll be ready for Lefors at home this Thursday night beginning at 5 p.m." Everyone is welcome to get out and cheer the Cubs on the victory.

\*\*\*\*  
 Who forces time is pushed back by time; who yields to time finds time on his side.  
 —The Talmud  
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**COUNTY**  
 The employee deposit rate is 7% and the employer contribution rate is 8.03%. Commissioners voted to accept safekeeping receipt #3129062 in the amount of \$450,000 from First Bank and Trust Company of White Deer. Judge Powers informed the court that Larry Beck had been hired to perform an electrical upgrade for the jail. The \$1500 project will be funded with jail maintenance funds. The court gave permission to enter into an agreement with the Lanier Company for office machines. Three copiers will be furnished with the contract. The court voted to accept this arrangement. The Texas Department of Health petitioned the court to enter into an agreement to receive a Mosquito Control Grant. The motion was passed by the commissioners. The money could not be used for mosquito control. It could be used to train staff to conduct surveillance and plan appropriate control measures. With no further business, the court adjourned until their next meeting on October 14, 2002.

### Carson Co. 4-Hers Hold First Meeting

The Carson County 4-H had a meeting on Monday, September 23. The officers for the 2002-2003 year are: President-Amanda Martin; 1st Vice-President-Chance Barkley; 2nd Vice-President-Bobby Ratterree; 3rd Vice-President-Berklee Ruthardt; Secretary-Brittney Martin; Council Delegates-Thane Barkley and Kade Brown; and Phone Committee-Ashley Murray. The Carson County Stock Show is January 16-18. Pigs need to be validated by December 1. The Carson County Food Show will be held in November. Dates are still undecided. The District Food Show is December 14. If you are interested in being in 4-H, you can still sign up. Call Kathleen Barkley at 248-7070 or Amanda Martin at 248-7433.



Calvin Schaffer springs past the Eagles in last week's game.

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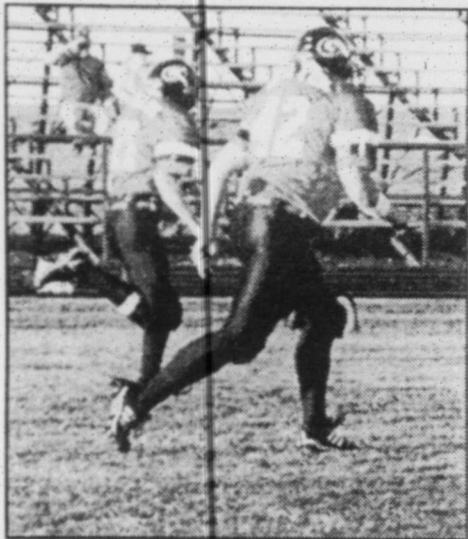
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## PUBLIC HEARING

All Groom Independent School District residents are invited to a **PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on Friday, October 25, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at the usual meeting place of the Board of Trustees at the District Offices located at 304 West Third Street in the City of Groom, County of Carson and State of Texas.

The purpose of the hearing is to consult with residents of this political subdivision regarding Section 11.14 of the state of Texas statutes concerning the taxation and exemption of **Tangible Personal Property Not Producing Income.**

All interested taxpayers are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against taxing the property described in this section of the law. This public meeting is held pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(e) of the Texas Constitution.



**TIGERS**

special twist when the ball of the lights went out early in the second quarter. It was strange playing out there in the dark, but our kids seemed to actually see the light when that happened. I was quite proud of the way we handled a little adversity, and kept on pushing. These kids are getting better every snap and that is all that I can ask. We have our work cut out for us this week playing a factors team that is undefeated. Our kids respect them but in no way fear them. If we play smart football and don't have turnovers then we should have a great chance of getting district status off the right way.

Individual stats for the 2002 season are as follows:

Doug Fields: 371 yards on 60 carries and 4 touchdowns, 22 of 22 passes for 22 yards, 2 receptions for 13 yards, 7 kick off returns for 262 yards, and two touchdowns. 1 punt for 20 yards, and 33 defensive tackles.

Calvin Schaffer: 142 yards on 27 carries and 2 touchdowns, 2 kick off returns for 60 yards, 8 defensive tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

Owen Weinheimer: 4 yard gain on 1 carry, 5 receptions for 48 yards. Defense stats include 21 unassisted tackles and 3 fumble recoveries.

Kelby Noack: 6 of 11 completions for 57 yards, 1 unassisted tackle.

Brett Britton: 1 reception for 8 yards, 5 defensive tackles and one quarterback sack.

Bobby Rathbone: 3 yard gain on 1 carry and 2 unassisted tackles defensively.

Lance Ollinger: Completed 1 of 3 passes for 4 yards, gain 14 yards on 1 reception, punted 5 times for a total of 141 yards, earned 10 defensive tackles and

sacked the quarterback twice.

Other defensive stand outs include Cole Babcock with 5 defensive tackles, Willie Leven with 2 unassisted tackles, and 1 fumble recovery, and Jeff Ross with an unassisted tackle.

As a team, Groom has matched first down to first down with its opponents, earning 23. Groom has a total of 809 yards rushing on 91 attempts and 9 touchdowns. Groom's

opponents have gained 1157 yards on 97 carries and 10 TD's. Yard passing and rushing equal 592 for the Tigers with opponents at 850 yards.

Friday's game time is at 7:30 p.m. in Letters.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

Al and Agnes Homef were seen out and about in Groom on Tuesday.



Keoni Howard leads cheer at Thursday's Cup pig tail.

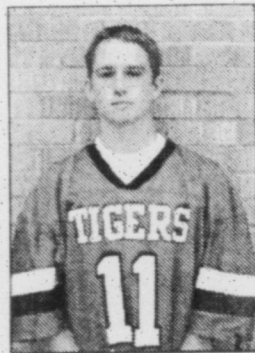


Kade Brown and Thane Barkley examine some goggles presented to them by the High Cheerleaders.

# 2002 GROOM TIGERS FOOTBALL

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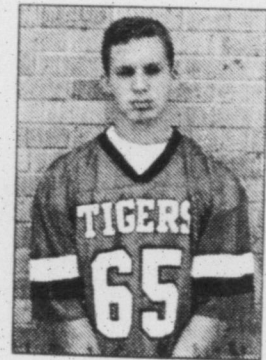
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# Services Held For A.J. "Slim" Britten



A. J. "Slim" Britten, 88, of Panhandle died in Amarillo on September 19, 2002.

A. J. Britten was born in Groom, Texas on July 11, 1914. He was known as "Slim" to both Groom and local neighbors and was the oldest living Britten upon his death. A. J. lived several years "on the creek" as he called it between Spearman and Gruver before moving to Conway, Texas in October, 1946.

A. J. Britten raised Registered Hereford cattle for a number of years. He was a farmer and

rancher. He had a great love for animals and enjoyed greeting the many visitors to his small zoo. He welcomed the area school children on field trips to his zoo where they learned from the variety of fowl and animals as well as the many travelers that

stopped by while traveling on Highways 207, Route 66 and I-40. He was a game breeder, licensed with the Parks and Wildlife Department. His love of acquiring new animals led to the trade of many of his stock to various zoos throughout the country. In 1955, he began raising a buffalo herd and continues to do so until his death. His herd was used as the mascot for the West Texas State University in Canyon. He and his herd were pictured in The Amarillo Daily News in the business section in October 1990.

Mr. Britten was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Panhandle and a charter

knight with the Pampa Knights of Columbus. He married Bertha Marie Wink of the St. Francis community in Potter County on February 19, 1941 at St. Francis Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on November 7, 1998.

Survivors include John M. Britten and his wife, Linda of Claude, Texas, Fred Britten and his wife, Donna of Panhandle, Texas and Louis Britten of Panhandle, Texas. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Michelle Avaritt of Cedar Hill, Texas, Melissa Britten of Carrollton, Texas, Kelvin Britten of Claude, Texas, Regina Lingenfelter of Fort Irwin, California, David Britten, Justin

Britten, and Cynthia Britten all of Amarillo Texas and two great-grandchildren.

Rosary services were held Sunday, September

22 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Panhandle, TX with Msgr. M. J. Mathiesen as celebrant. Funeral Mass was held Monday, September 23, at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church with the Rev. John Dalton as the celebrant. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia, Amarillo.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Crown of Texas

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## Alpha Mu Xi Kicks Off New Year

Just because summer is ending does not mean the work of Alpha Mu Xi members will end. Not only do they have the Gazebo grounds on Main Street looking beautiful during the Spring and Summer months, but they keep it year round, as well as many other services throughout the year.

They met Tuesday, September 10, in the home of Beverly

Stephens to plan the upcoming year and enjoyed a "potluck" dinner. This marked the beginning of a new year with the theme "Gateway to Friendship." The new officers for this year are: President, Barbara Homer; Vice-President; Cindy Babcock; Treasurer, Donna Barnett; Corresponding Secretary; Rebecca Yelverton and Recording Secretary; B Stephens.

Barbara led the opening ritual, read an inspirations poem and conducted the first business meeting for 2002-2003. Each new committee chairperson expressed their goals for the new year and much planning discussion was held. A workday was set for the Gazebo to water seal all of the wood for the winter and continue the lawn and

plant care. A thank you was presented on behalf of a citizen who received a gas gift certificate to help with the expense of chemotherapy treatments. The door prize was won by Rebecca Yelverton. She now has a cuddly black cat holding its own "Trick or Treat" bag to greet this year's goblins!

Members present were Cindy Babcock, Judy Eatmon, Barbara Homer, Tina Painter, Nancy Patterson, Lezlie Rainer, Rebecca Yelverton and Beverly Stephens.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 7, in the home of Nancy Patterson, beginning at 7:00 p.m. After the regular business meeting, the members will can homemade stew to be delivered to the senior citizens of the community. Look for more information in The Groom News about upcoming events, including the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Lunch.

Alpha Mu Xi continually thanks the community for their support in all of their ventures.

## Memory Doesn't Fail With Age

Feeling forgetful? Don't automatically blame your "aging brain." A Baylor College of Medicine expert says that memory loss has relatively little to do with growing old.

"There is the assumption that memory fails when we get older when in fact, memory stays stable into old age," said Dr. Anita Woods, a

geriatrician at Baylor's Huffington Center on Aging.

Woods adds that there are some normal changes in memory function expected as we age. The delayed recollection of names, for example, is not due to a deteriorating brain, but to a slowed down central nervous system and decreased cognitive energy.

Older brains have an incredible potential for regeneration and growth, she said. Just as the body needs to be conditioned to stay healthy, it is important to exercise your brain with mental activities to keep neurons firing at an old age.

"Meaningful mental activities, whether it's doing a crossword puzzle or debating with loved ones or friends, keeps the mind active," she said. "Also, a high level of social engagement is correlated with good memory performance in old age."

## Carson Co. Sheriff's Dept. Report

There were 7 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 16 through September 22, 2002. Currently, there are 8 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 19 prisoners being held in other

jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrests made this week:

Kimberly Weller, 40, Panhandle, TX; Public Intoxication

Joshua Lowell, 24, Parker, CO, Possession of Controlled Substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams

Rhonda Hawkins, 30, Hereford, TX, Warrants-Panhandle Police Dept.

Robin Loner, 47, Groom, TX, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

John Thomas, 39, Groom, TX, Public Intoxication

Minnie Menefield, 36, Amarillo, TX Driving While Intoxicated-1st offense

David Sanders, 39, Lubbock, TX, Public Intoxication

When older individuals forget something they often panic, assuming their mind is failing them, she said. This self-perpetuating thinking increases anxiety which inadvertently blocks memory. Woods advises seniors to relax when they have trouble remembering something.

Woods offers these tips to help keep a sharp memory:

Attach meaning-Make what has to be remembered practical and relevant to your life. Studies show we better remember what is important to us.

Pay attention-Because of decreased cognitive

energy in the older years, you may need to focus your attention on information you want to remember.

Repeat names-Say names out loud when you meet someone new.

Carry a notebook-Writing things down reinforces them in your mind and reduces the fear that you might not be able to recall information.

Admit you've forgotten-If you cannot remember someone's name, say so. Be polite and reintroduce yourself, asking for the name again.

## Chuckwagon Cook-Off To Be Held

The eighth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff will be held Saturday, September 28, 2002, in Clarendon on the grounds of the Saints' Roost Museum.


Fourteen wagons will compete for top prizes this year, and trade booths have been reserved for Kenneth Wyatt Galleries, silversmith Jack Craft, Rae's Candles, Courtney Shaller's jewelry, and several other Western and Native American exhibitors.

The gate opens at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and lunch concessions provided by the


Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. The trade show starts at 10 a.m. and museum tours will be available throughout the day.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and performances are scheduled all day and include the Saints' Roost Jamboree Band, Dan Hall of Clarendon, Thut Creek and Cozy Parsons of McLean, cowboy poet Oscar Auker of Clarendon, Christine Walls of Quitaque, Gary Alan Bruce of Pampa, and Buddy Payne of McLean.

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