

# The Groom News

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## Groom Superintendent Position Narrowed To Short List From 17

Groom Independent School Board will begin interviewing Superintendent candidates early next week after meeting Monday night to arrive at a short list of candidates from a field of 17 applications.

The board has named Charles Carter, currently superintendent at Grand

Falls Royalty which is in far West Texas; William "Bill" Hood, Superintendent at Three Way ISD near Lubbock; John Wilson, currently a principal at Texline; Herb Youngblood, currently a 7-12 principal at Savoy ISD in East Texas.

All of the candidates

are currently certified as Superintendents in the State of Texas. The interviews will be conducted in executive session by the entire board. They are expected to arrive at a decision and make a public announcement by November 25.



Brooke Britten



Macie Britten

### Macie Britten, Brooke Britten Among Top 4-H

Macie Britten and Brooke Britten were among the thirty-nine outstanding 4-H Club members from the Panhandle area who were honored at the Panhandle District I forty-first Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A&M University, Tuesday, October 27, 1998.

Deaf Smith Electric

Cooperative along with Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative and Rita Blanca Electric sponsored the annual banquet.

The program theme was: "Celebration of 4-H". The banquet was planned and conducted by

County Extension Agents,

Volunteer Leaders and 4-H'ers on the District Recognition Committee. Committee members this year are from Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gray, Randall and Potter counties.

Jamie Steiert, President of the District 4-H Council, Deaf Smith County, served as mistress of ceremonies.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, highest



Lewis Powers

## Lewis Powers Wins Carson County Judge

Carson County voters spoke in a voice loud and clear on Tuesday, saying that they were ready for a change. Almost 2400 people turned out to vote in elections of local concerns. In the County Judges race, Republican candidate Lewis Powers beat Democrat incumbent Jay Bob Roselius by a vote of 1408 to 984.

Republican candidate

Kenneth Ware won by a healthy margin over Democrat incumbent C.F. "Choc" Smith, 490 to 294, in the County Commissioners race, Precinct #2.

In the Commissioner's race for Precinct #4 Republican candidate and incumbent Kevin Howell won with 373 votes to Democratic candidate Dave Nicholson's 157.

In Carson County's



Jessica Stapp and Jessica Kepley show a little teamwork as they cheer the Tigers on toward their last game of the regular season.

## Tigers Knock Out Lefors

The Groom Tigers soundly beat the Lefors Pirates 42-0 before the game was halted due to severe weather.

"The nasty weather was a real factor in the game," stated Coach Reid. "We were not allowed to work on our passing game because of

the rain. Our standard running game was good. Line blocking was excellent."

Wyatt Weinheimer connected on a 16 yard pass from Josh Evenson for Groom's first touchdown. Wyatt caught two passes for a total of 20 yards. Weinheimer also rushed

for 7 yards. He had one unassisted tackle.

Dean Fields scored the next T.D. on an 8 yard run. He carried the ball six times for 44 yards. Fields also had two unassisted tackles.

Wade Ritter had a great night, scoring the lion's share of the touchdowns. He had three consecutive T.D.'s in the second quarter. He scored on a 25 yard run, a 10 yard run, and a 49 yard run. He had eleven carries for 187 yards and the already mentioned three touchdowns. Wade also had one unassisted tackle.

Daniel Treadwell scored the final touchdown on a 4 yard carry. He had five carries on the night for 23 yards.

Alberto Vega had four carries for 42 yards.

Josh Evenson carried the ball once for four yards and scored one touchdown on two attempts for 20 yards. He had two unassisted tackles.

Garrett Britten carried the ball for one yard and had one fumble recovery.

Gustavo Caro kicked three successful extra points.

Chris Ollinger had one fumble recovery and five unassisted tackles for the Tigers.

Evan Crowell had six unassisted tackles and one fumble recovery.

Dusty Crump had one

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4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three

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only other contested race, Justice of the Peace in Precinct #2, Phyllis Tyler, Democratic incumbent won in a close race with Republican candidate Renia McLeod Hammer, 778 to 643.

All other county candidates were running unopposed. They are: District and County Clerk, Democrat Sonya Millican; County Treasurer, Democrat Jeannie Cunningham; J.P. Precinct #1 Democrat Bill Hinson; J.P. Precinct #4 Democrat Sharion Harper; and Tax Assessor Collector Democrat Barbara Cosper.

## Community Calendar

GROOM ISD regular School Board meeting has been postponed until November 16 due to the superintendent search interviews.

THE VARSITY football game against Higgins will be played on Nov. 5th at 7:30 in Higgins. The Jr. High game will also be played in Higgins at 5:00 pm.

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November 11

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## Local Happenings

Ray Pool recently completed three computer courses at Amarillo College. He is now enrolled in another computer course at West Texas A&M University. His professor is his nephew, Ronald Mashburn. The Mashburn's were former residents of the Groom area.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Biggerstaff of Sherman, Texas, and Jay Witt of Princeton spent Wednesday and Thursday with Helen Witt. They attended the funeral services of Annie B. Kirk in Amarillo on Thursday.

### 4-H

years of club work and be active in 4-H. The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program. The awards were presented to Macie Britten and Brooke Britten by Bob Robinson and Donna Brauchi, District Extension Directors of the Texas Agricultural Extension

Jeannette Blackwell of Woodstock, Georgia has spent the past week with her parents, Bill and Norma Jean Homer. Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo and Justin of Lazbuddie were home over the weekend to see Jeannette. Joannie Kling, Cody and Tiffani visited and Travis Homer of Amarillo came by on Tuesday.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

- November 5 - Joy Snyder, Rocky Crump, Jennifer Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammers (A).
- November 6 - Kristi Barkley.
- November 7 - Fern Anderwald.
- November 8 - Kathleen Barkley.
- November 9 - Mrs. Christopher Britten, Mr. and Mrs. George (Jiggs) Britten, Sr. (A).
- November 10 - Justin Ritter, Jaxon Drake Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hutsell (A).
- November 11 - Kristen Brooks, Ralph Hutsell, Brent Thompson, Kenzi Burger, Al and Virginia Alward (A).

Lucille Merrick visited in Clovis with daughter, Maxine and Ferman Kelso this past weekend.

### Card Of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to all who rushed to my aid at the time of my accident, for the prayers for recovery as well as the many beautiful cards and uplifting phone calls. It is wonderful to know that so many care about me. I am recovering nicely and hope to be home soon. Beulah Shockley Heritage Nursing Center Rm 6A 1009 Clyde St. Amarillo, TX Phone 467-9974

### Memorials For Susan Babcock Harp

Memorials may be sent to West Texas A&M University Association at WTAMU Box 62833, Canyon, Texas 79016 in memory of Susan Babcock Harp.

### Ill Or Recovering

Beulah Shockley, Tisha Moore, Tommy Head, New baby-Timothy McGee, Sybil Harrell, Betty Hermesmeyer, Bethany Williamson, Dorothy Mansel, Mildred Miller, Gary Friemel. Please contact the News office if you would like the name of a loved one added to the ill or recovering list.

### Correction

The Groom News reported that Louise and Bob Mulkey celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary recently. Actually they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. We are sorry for the typo.



It's A Boy

Justin and Julie McGee announce the birth of their son, Timothy Riley on October 27, 1998. He was born in Pampa and transferred to Amarillo. He weighed 3 pounds 11 ounces and was 16 inches long. He is also welcomed by his maternal grandmother Cheryl Baker of Elk City, Oklahoma; paternal grandparents Tim and Shirrell McGee of Leedy, Oklahoma; great-grandparents Travis and Johnnie McGee of Hollis, Oklahoma; and great-grandmother Lois Spire of Elk City, Oklahoma.

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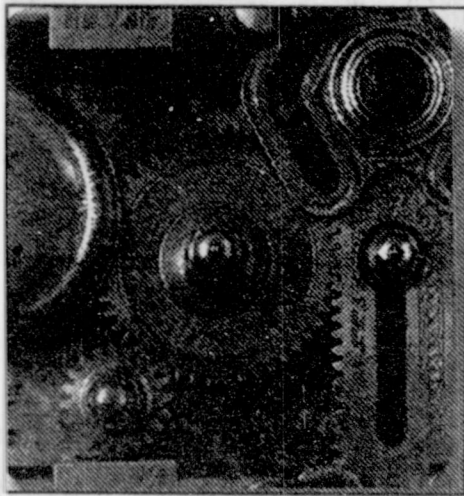
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Obituaries...

**Former Groom Resident Dies In Ft. Worth**

**Annie B. Kirk**  
Annie B. Kirk, 91, a former Groom area resident, died Monday, October 26, 1998 at Fort Worth.

Services were in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, Bell Avenue Chapel, with Lynn Camp of Southwest Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirk was born in Van Alstyne and moved to Amarillo in 1981 from Lark. She was a homemaker and member of the Groom Thimblet Needle Club. She also was a member of the Church of Christ in Groom, Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo and Lakewood Village Church of Christ in Fort Worth.

She married Lee Kirk in 1929 at Claude. He

preceded her in death in 1982.

Survivors include a son, Ivan W. "Buddy" Kirk of College Station; two daughters, Barbara Kirk Standly of Arlington and Martha Kirk Babcock of San Antonio; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo.

**Herman Vandervelde Dies In Illinois**

The News was saddened to learn that Ruby Evans Vandervelde's husband, Herman passed away on October 28th.

Mrs. Vandervelde is a former Groom resident, currently living in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

**Services Held Wednesday For Susan Babcock Harp**

DALHART - Susan Babcock Harp, 25, died Sunday, November 1, 1998 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were Wednesday, November 4, 1998 at First Baptist Church in Dalhart with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home, Dalhart, Texas.

Jeff Taylor, Minister, Central United Methodist Church, Dalhart, and Mark Metzger, Minister, First United Methodist Church, Stratford, Texas officiated.

Susan was born February 14, 1973 to Kenneth and Linda (Stout) Babcock in Groom, Texas. She was raised in Groom and graduated from Groom High School in 1991. She attended West Texas A&M and graduated with

an Ag Business Degree in 1995. While attending West Texas she was President of the Student Body and selected West Texas A&M Woman of the Year 1994-95. On June 10, 1995 Susan Babcock married Barry Harp at The Trinity

United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas. In 1996 she received her

teaching certificate and began teaching Kindergarten at Dalhart Elementary. Susan was an active member of the Central United Methodist Church, she and Barry taught the Senior High Sunday School Class, and she served on numerous Church Boards. Susan was a Board Member of the West Texas A&M Alumni Association and a member of the ETA Upsilon Sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Barry of Dalhart; her parents, Kenneth and Linda Babcock of Groom; one sister, Karen Babcock of Amarillo; one brother, Clint and his wife Kim Babcock of Groom; her grandmother, Jonnie Stout of Clarendon; her grandfather, E.N. "Bud" Babcock of Groom.

Memorials are suggested to West Texas A&M Susan Babcock Harp Scholarship Fund (c/o WTAMU Alumni Association, WTAMU Box 62833, Canyon, TX 79106), The Central United Methodist Church or the Lupus Foundation.



Susan Babcock Harp

**Local Residents Attend White Deer Sausage Festival**

Sacred Heart Parish in White Deer held their 60th annual Polish Sausage Festival last Sunday. This is an area wide event attended by about 1,875 people this year. These are approximately the same numbers as last year.

Several residents from Groom attended the event. To name just a few: Mike and Marla Britten and children, Earl Britten, Kay and Cobb Britten, Jess and Jo Ann Baker, Leon and Evelyn Schaffer, Alice and Breeze Kuehler.

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**Letter To The Editor**

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**Cub Cheerleader Carol Wilson**

Carol Wilson works to keep spirit high as the Junior High Cubs prepare for their last game of the season.

## Groom Cubs Win 20-6

The Groom Junior High Cubs ravaged Lefors in last weeks game, 20-6.

"The Cubs played a great game," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "Everyone got to play and we saw great teamwork by all the members of the squad."

Clay Britten scored on an eighteen yard run to draw first blood on the Bandits.

Brett Britten connected on a pass from Clay for the point after attempt.

Doug Fields scored on a 9-yard run.

Lance Ollinger ran a five yard T.D. in to

complete Groom's scoring. Doug Fields ran in the point after attempt.

Lance Ollinger had 49 yards rushing and two unassisted tackles.

Doug Fields gained 51 yards, rushing and connected on 30 yards receiving. He had four unassisted tackles.

Clay Britten earned 30 yards rushing for Groom and he passed for 38 yards completing two of four attempts. He gained eight yards on an interception and 20 yards on two kick off returns. He also completed five unassisted tackles.

Cody Bivens gained 16

yards rushing.

Chance Barkley had a one yard gain on a carry and two unassisted tackles.

Unassisted tackles were made by many of the line and defensive squad. Cody Schaffer had two, Owen Weinheimer had two, William Leven had one and Daniel Valenzuela had one.

The Cubs will play their last game this week at Higgins beginning at 5:00 p.m.

### Groom School Menu November 9 - 13

**Monday**  
Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Fish or steak, mashed potatoes, cut corn, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Pancakes,

peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, tator tots, pickle spears, graham crackers, applesauce, milk.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Soft tacos, shredded lettuce, cut corn, gingerbread, milk.

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

**Lunch:** Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

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

**Lunch:** Sandwiches, shaved ham, turkey or bologna, pork & beans, peaches, milk.

### Tigers

fumble recovery and five unassisted tackles.

The Tigers will play Higgins this week

"They have skilled players on both their running and throwing game," commented Coach Larry Reid. "Their play could be much better than their record indicates."

The Lefors win clinched the District Title for the Tigers. If they beat Higgins this week they will be undefeated for the season.

Who they will face in post season play off will be decided in the week 10 result from our neighboring districts.

The Higgins game will be played on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. there. The Junior High will also play there at 5:00 p.m.

### Groom FFA Begins Annual Fruit Sale

Groom FFA has begun its annual fruit sale. The sale will continue through November 11th. This year the club will be offering delicious fruit, as always, as well as holiday meats and other goodies. Delivery is expected to take place in early December, just in time for Christmas.

Contact any FFA member or their sponsor Charles Burk if you would like to place an order or get more information.

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213,615 miles of rural roads and highways - an average of 125 miles of highway for each trooper. The service strives to project a high level of visibility. The employees: Highway Patrol has an authorized strength of 1,703 officers, including supervisors. The service is organized into 14 geographical districts, each commanded by a captain. The year: During 1997, Highway Patrol

Troopers made 981,646 arrests and investigated 64,249 motor vehicle traffic crashes, of which 1,564 were fatal. DWI, speeding and occupant restraint violations continue to be the primary contributing factors in a majority of those traffic fatalities. Speeding violations accounted for 471,123 citations, while another 111,369 were issued for occupant restraint violations. In addition, 22,363 intoxicated drivers were apprehended. Highway Patrol Troopers made 19,709 criminal violator arrests during traffic stops, of which 5,008 were for felony grade offenses. They also recovered 836 stolen vehicles.



Election workers, Terri Rose and Karen Case, prepare for a very long day keeping the polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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## It's All Trew. . . by Delbert Trew

**The Bobcat Mistake**  
My father, J.T. Trew was conservative, gave previous thought to every action, and as a result made very few mistakes. However, when he was involved in a dumb stunt

### Alpha Mu Xi Meets

The October meeting of Alpha Mu Xi was hosted by Barbara Homer. Members met in Barbara's home and made and delivered stew to special friends in the community.

Alpha Mu Xi will meet at Nancy Patterson's on November 9, at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a pan of cornbread to the meeting. This will be used in preparation for the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, scheduled for Monday, November 16, at 12:00 p.m. at the community center. Alpha Mu Xi members will decorate at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15th.

### New Face At State National Bank

There is a new face at an old place! Mitzi Moraniec joined the crew at State National Bank recently. She is the wife of Thomas Moraniec. They have two children; T.J. age 8 1/2, and Victoria 3 1/2. They have lived in Groom since 1991, moving here from Amarillo.

Mitzi worked at Pagemart Wireless before coming to the bank.

"I am thoroughly enjoying my new job at State National Bank! I have enjoyed meeting all the residents of Groom and the surrounding area that I had not had the opportunity to meet. I really look forward to seeing your smiling faces each time you come by," she commented.

Be sure and stop and see Mitzi and all the other friendly, helpful people at State National Bank.

we never let him forget it. Two of these mistakes stand out in my memory.

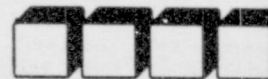
I recall one time he was feeding cattle in a rough pasture and while awaiting cattle to come to the pickup a baby calf refused to cross a deep arroyo. Dad climbed out of the truck and walked down to the trail to help. His pickup followed him off the hill, crashing into the ditch below. He had to walk to the house and get help. Little damage was done except to Dad's ego. We teased him for days.

Another time in New Mexico, Dad, Jack Buxton, and I treed a bobcat in a short mesquite tree. In an effort to dislodge the cat, Dad tossed his coiled lariat at him. The loop closed tight around the animal as he jumped down to run. Dad took a dally around the horn to prevent loosing his rope. When the bobcat hit the end of the rope he turned on a dime and came back up the rope hissing and spitting. The rodeo was on.

While Dad was spurring his horse to get away from the mad cat, Jack and I had our hands full trying to control boogered and bucking

mounts. We three cowboys tore up acres of grass and numerous mesquite before the dragging cat hit a tree truck knocking him unconscious and freeing the loop.

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Today, many young people in our community abuse such products to get a quick high. Unfortunately, kids are not aware of the high risks that come with this behavior. The fact is each year hundreds of children die from inhalant abuse.

Inhalants are the third most abused substances among 12-14 year-olds in the United States, coming right behind alcohol and tobacco. And as many as one in five children have "sniffed", "huffed" or "bagged" (inhaling the product intentionally) by the time they have reached the seventh grade. While many kids admit to sniffing toxic items, they do not consider this to be "inhalant abuse." That is because these products are readily available, inexpensive and legal to purchase.

Children, and all

people, who abuse inhalants and do not die put themselves at risk for permanent and severe brain damage. Inhalant vapors react with the fatty tissues in the brain, literally dissolving them. Therefore, chronic inhalant abusers may permanently lose the ability to perform everyday tasks such as walking, talking and thinking.

We must warn our children of the dangers of inhalant abuse, and make sure they know enough not to try them.

If you suspect your child, or someone else is using inhalants please consult a school counselor, a drug counseling center or the Poison Center for help.

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### DPS Phases In Six Year Drivers License Renewal

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"Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day."

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal licenses will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification cards will be valid for six years.

Driver license fees will remain \$4 per year, but totals will vary during the transition period based on expiration date. Licensees will pay \$16 for four years, \$20 for five years and \$24 for six years.

This new driver license program implements House Bill 1200, which was passed during last year's legislative session. DPS simultaneously is implementing several other new driver license laws. Changes include:

\* DPS-issued identification cards will cost \$15 for six years. However, citizens age 60 or older will be able to pay \$5 for identification cards that will be valid indefinitely.

\* The fee structure will change for licensed motorcycle operators.

Previously, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses

#### Alwards New Residents In Groom

Groom welcomes new residents Al and Virginia Alward. The Alwards come to Groom from Claude. They are the parents of Donna Burton and recently purchased the former Wynona Koetting home.

Al is a retired, salesman, who enjoys all kinds of spectator sports. Virginia is a homemaker who is a renowned quilt maker. She has made quilts for many famous people including Burt Reynolds. The pair owned and operated an antique store in Claude for many years.

They enjoy visitors so stop by and welcome them to town.



Little Tigers show their spirit at a recent pep rally as they spell out F-I-G-H-T.



The men don't have the patent on holding a morning get-together at the D.Q.! LaVesta Barnett, Charlene Weller, Toni Pavlovsky, Barney Davis, Katie Talley, and Allie Hoyt enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat to get their day off to a good start.

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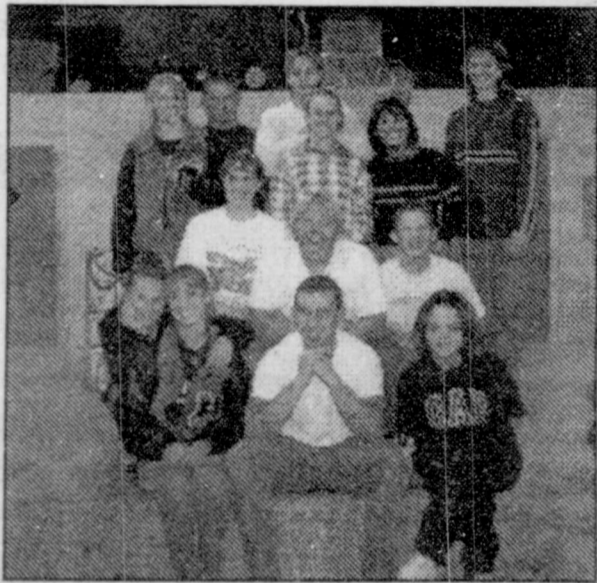
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## Red Ribbon Week Performance

The Drama department of McLean High School performed the play "Only Seventeen" in honor of Red Ribbon week. "Only Seventeen" is based upon a letter that has appeared in Ann Landers' column. It carries an effective message about drinking and driving.

Brodey Carter played the part of Corey, the deceased. He told his story while other cast members showed the effects his death had on their own lives. Annie Weaver played the part of Corey's mother and Gina Gutierrez played the part of Gina, Corey's sister. Charlie Carter played the part of Paul, Corey's best friend. Charlie also played a guitar solo in the play. Corey's girlfriend was played by Brandy Rich. Friends and bystanders who witnessed the scene of the car crash were



The Drama Club at McLean High School recently presented the play "Only Seventeen" which gave an effective message about drinking and driving during Red Ribbon week.

Rachel Galley, Ryan Swanson, and Mark Bolton. Two eulogies were given in honor of the deceased by Dee Dee Floyd and Josh Swafford. Ike Hanes gave statistics about alcohol and driving

in the United States. Crew members for the play included Frankie Sparling, Amanda Cline and Lacey Steel. The play was directed by Drama teacher Jacques Riley.

## Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Haunted Hospital

The Chamber of Commerce held its first ever Haunted Hospital on October 31st. Halloween brings out strange things around town and the hospital was no exception.

The young and old alike came by to see the reason the hospital closed. A tour was given by someone claiming to be a nurse who had been in the hospital since it closed in 1980, and ghoul of the night who scared everyone with her tales of woe.

The tour began in the waiting area, where people were asked to wait till the doctor could see them. Once they were called, they were taken to an x-ray room where the skeletons of long waiting patients still awaited their tests. Then they were escorted to the administration office, where Dr. Jason introduced himself, terrorizing all newcomers. The dark corridors then led the patients to their next room, which was filled



Martin Graham, Sonie Bybee, Vonda Averette and Ray Kirkland were a few of the people giving out Halloween scares in the Chamber of Commerce's Haunted Hospital.

with bodies of people who wanted to leave, but needed the help of a living being to do so. The next room brought fright to the strong and weak, when coffins opened and the Grim Reaper chased them down the hall. The hall

held surprises of its own, when the guy from the movie SCREAM came out of a closet to wipe off the blade of his knife for his next victim. Operating rooms that never seemed to allow a person to wake up were shown as well as a

## Election Results...

As The McLean News went to press, Steven Emmert, Republican candidate for 31st District Judge was leading the voting in the early returns. Other Gray County results were not available, although most offices were unopposed.

## McLean Tigers One Win Away From Making The Playoffs

The McLean Tigers ended the final home of the season last Friday night against Harrold beating them 53-22.

This makes the game with Chillicothe, Friday night, that much more important, a win and McLean is in the playoffs.

In rushing, Ike Hanes, #8, had 25 carries for a total of 341 yards and five touchdowns.

Sy Brown, #53, had six carries for a total of 53 yards and two touchdowns. He also had two extra point kicks.

Frankie Sparling, #11, had five carries for a total of 30 yards.

Chris Hauck, #44, had two carries for 9 yards. He also had one reception of 20 yards and a touchdown.

Gabriel Vega, #20 had one carry for two yards. Players Brian Fuller,



#37 and Terrell Hembree, #50 also added to the teams momentum.

Other team members who helped bring a victory were Ryan Swanson, Charlie Carter #22, Chris Sparling, #31 and #21 Randy Floyd.

"This was a really big victory. We are back in

control of our destiny in the district race," stated Coach Burch. "In my opinion, it's the best overall team played game all year. To qualify for district playoffs, we will have to beat Chillicothe." The Tigers play at Chillicothe at 7:30 p.m. on November 6th.

## McLean PTA Hear Counseling Program

The McLean PTA met in regular session on November 11th in the McLean school cafeteria. President, Dawn Herndon began the meeting by asking for any new business. Due to lack of interest in a Pre-K program, it was decided that Terri Adams, treasurer, would ask to be put on the next School Board agenda to return the balance of the money donated to the PTA for the Pre-K assessments.

The PTA then discussed the school directories. Ginger Haynes will be designing the pages again this year. Directories will go on sale later in November.

Rhonda Graham, M.Ed., L.P.C., gave a program on counseling children. She showed the different types of problems kids go through today, versus problems kids of ten or twenty years ago went through. She answered many questions that parents had in their own lives and gave examples of how to handle and cope with the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## McLean Reminders...

**MOM'S CIRCLE** will meet Wed., Nov. 11th, 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church.

**FFA BOYS & Girls** are selling fruit.

**MHS TIGERS** play Chillicothe, there at 7:30 p.m., Friday night.

**THE 6TH-8TH Grade Music Program** will be at 7 pm in the High School Auditorium on Oct. 12.

**PIONEER STUDY Club** will meet at the library at 2 p.m. hosted by Susie Thompson.

**CROSS-COUNTRY Regional** will be in Lubbock on November 7th.

**CITY COUNCIL** has been changed from Nov. 12th to Nov. 10th.

**THE PUBLIC Library and City Hall** will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day.

**PARENTAL Involvement Day** at School is November 12th.

# Briefs

Mary Lou Richardson is home after helping her son Ken and his family move from Las Vegas, Nevada to Colorado Springs.

Kathryn Herndon, daughter of Clint and Dawn Herndon is back in school after having her tonsils taken out.

Pete, Penny, and Madison Bowles are home after a two week vacation in Arkansas.

Christopher Walker is home after surgery on his neck.

### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- November 6 - Bob Fish, Ken Davis
- November 7 - Dale Glass, Ruby Ayers, Ruby Myers, John Meyers, Katrina Thomas.
- November 9 - Derek Studebaker, Emilee Bolton, Kenneth Davis, Jerrel Gardner, Nicholas Odom, Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Brown (A).
- November 10 - L.H. Webb, Charlotte Hefley, Scott Glass, Christopher Walker.
- November 11 - Mike Haynes.

## Obituaries

### Bill N. Allen

FORT WORTH - Bill N. Allen, 86, retired coach and educator of young people, died Wednesday, October 21, 1998 at Blue Mountain Ranch in Florissant, Colorado.

Services were at First Presbyterian Church with burial at Greenwood Memorial Park, Floyd Kinser officiating.

Coach Bill Allen was born June 28, 1912. He grew up in the Panhandle of Texas where he was captain of Lamesa High School's regional championship team and on Amarillo High School's state finals team at Texas Christian University stadium. His coach, who later became his mentor, was Blair Cherry. He attended Louisiana State University on a football scholarship and graduated from West Texas State University with his B.A. and M.A. degree.

Coach Allen married his cherished wife, Dorothy, in 1935, and they were partners in life for 63 years. His first coaching job was in McLean, where they won all but two games during his tenure. He then coached at Wichita Falls High School, where they won the state championship.

He accepted the head coach's position at Paschal High School in 1945, where he coached 12 district, five bi-district and two quarterfinal championship teams. He also coached the girls swim team from 1969 until he retired. The mayor proclaimed it "Bill Allen Day" in the city of Fort Worth when he retired.

In 1946, Coach Allen and Dorothy established a boys camp, Blue Mountain Ranch, in Florissant, Colorado. Upon his retirement from coaching, he turned his total attention to this youth camp.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and mentor who positively impacted thousands of lives and who lived by the Golden Rule as well as his philosophy: "A friend is worth a mountain of gold." He loved all children.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Brown Allen; daughters, Gail Allen Carpenter and husband, John, and Suzie Allen Graf and husband, Bob; grandchildren, Allen Carpenter, James Christian Carpenter and his wife, Carma, David Lee Graf and Timothy Allen Graf, and nieces, Betty Martens, Bea Sloan and Anna Marie Felton.

### Lois Nadine Turner

Lois Nadine Turner, 64, of Decatur, Arkansas, died Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at Northwest Arkansas Medical Center in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born November 26, 1933, in Alanreed, Texas, to O.K. Lee and Maggie Beardon Lee.

She had been a resident of Decatur for 33 years and was formerly of Texas. She was a retired janitor for the Decatur State Bank, and had been a member of the Assembly of God Church of Decatur. She married Bobby Turner in May 1954.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four infant brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Turner; two sons, John Turner of Springdale, Arkansas, and Steve Turner of Lincoln, Arkansas; a daughter, Deanna Crawford of Decatur; seven brothers, Lawrence Lee, O.K. Lee, Jr., and James Lee, all of Pampa. Edgar and Ray Lee, both of McLean, Paul Lee of Shamrock, and Danny Cliff Lee of Amarillo. Four sisters, Willie Carter of Bentonville, Arkansas, Evelyn Street of Reno, Nevada, Colleen Franks of Amarillo and Mabel Pletcher of Pampa; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 30, 1998, at the Assembly of God Church in Decatur,

Arkansas. She was buried at the Falling Springs Cemetery.

### Billie Bain

The sister of a former McLean resident, Billie Bain, 71, of Amarillo, died Friday, October 30, 1998.

Services were Monday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Ivy Chapel, Amarillo with the Rev. Raymond Bowlin, pastor of Bushland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Bain was born in Clarendon. She lived in Dumas from 1953 until moving to Amarillo in 1966. She was employed by Eva's Fashions and was a homemaker. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star in Clarendon and Bushland Baptist Church.

She married Keith Bain in 1953 at Hedley.

Billie's sister, Thelma Hill currently of Clarendon, lived at McLean and they were nieces of the late Howard

Hardin.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Connie White of Amarillo; a sister, Thelma Hill of Clarendon; and four grandchildren.

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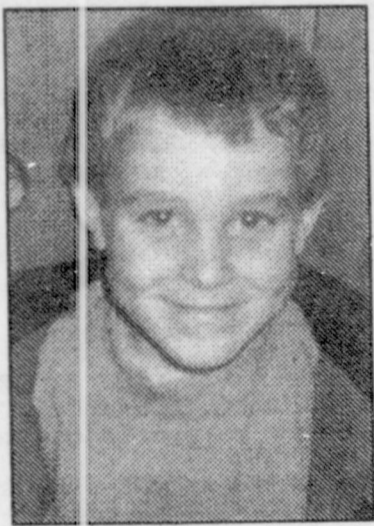
### Thank You Card

Mrs. Watkins and the McLean Tiger Choir would like to thank all the patrons of the community who supported the cake walk at the carnival on October 30th.

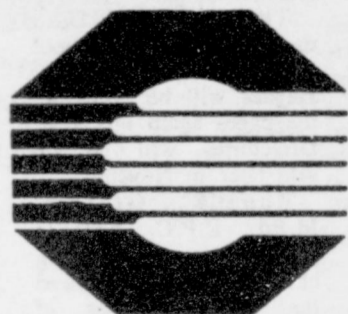
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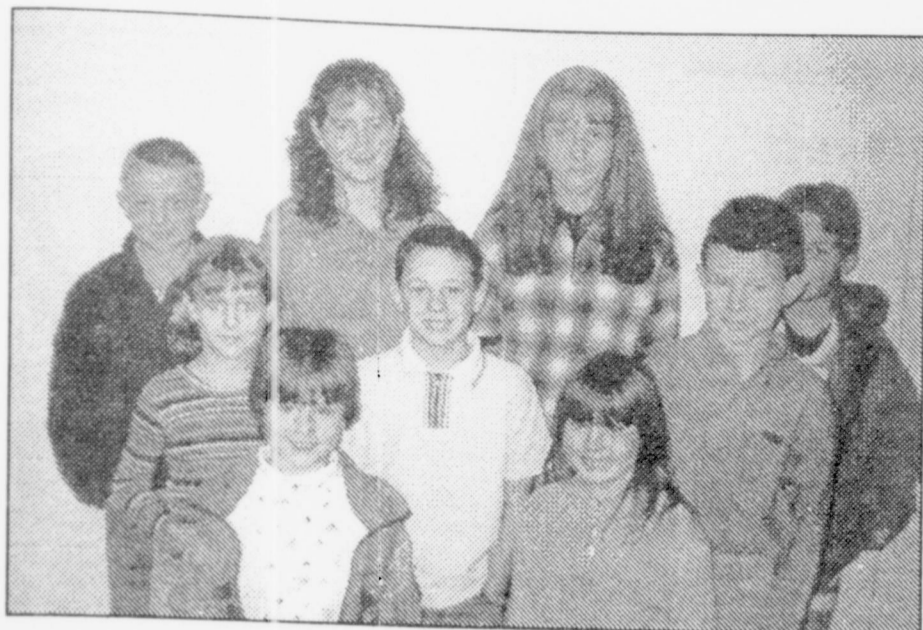
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McLean Elementary Students of the Week October 26-30. (L-R Back) Lucus Seymour, Jennifer Greer, Shaley Steel, Russell Anglin. (Middle) Jamie Sanderson, Logan Sparling, Jacob Tolleson. (Front) Lacey Ferguson, Amber Staton.

## McLean Cubs Finish Great Season With A Big 5-1 Record

The McLean Cubs finished the season 5-1. The Cubs came out fighting and never turned back. Sonny Northcutt finished the season with three touchdowns during the last game. Drew Barker caught a pass for another touchdown for the Cubs. Matt Gutierrez and Trent Cadra also caught passes for the extra point conversions. Defensively, the Cubs held their ground and kept Samnorwood from winning the game during

very good game. I'd like to thank all the kids and parents for a great season," stated Coach Burch. Coach Herring commented, "The team was made up of undersized kids who were over-achievers and they did a super job for us." The final score for the game was McLean 26, Samnorwood 18.

the fourth quarter. "The whole team played a

### McLean Church Directory

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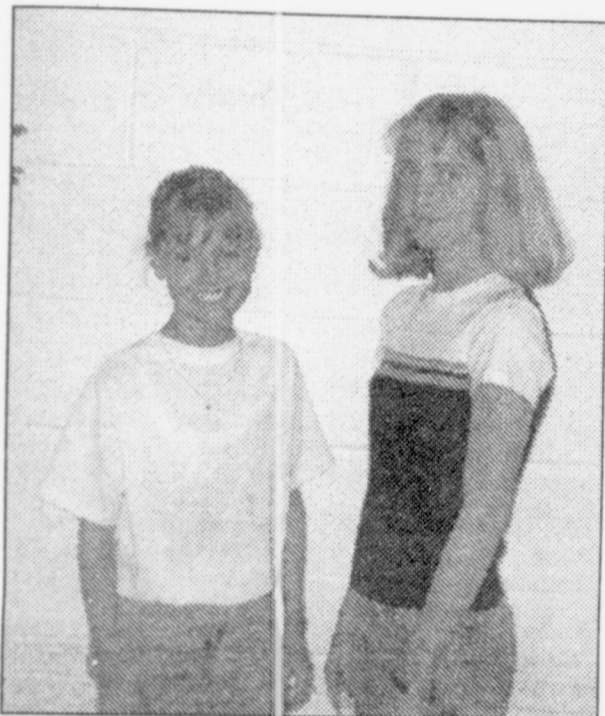
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.  
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United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray  
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Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church  
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Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.



Pictured from left to right are Kendall Newton and Jennifer Smith who were contestants in the recent Cross Country meet held in McLean.

## JH Girls Cross Country Team Places Second

The Junior High Girls Cross Country team placed second at the meet held in McLean on October 26th.

Jennifer Smith placed second in the individual

category and Kendall Newton placed ninth. Other members of the team are Shaley Steel, Sarai Sawyer, Jennifer Greer, Jamie Seitz, and Amanda Hauck.



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Members of the McLean Tigers team receive instructions from Coach Burch during a recent game.



## Beat Chillicothe

## Methodist Church New Steeple Displayed

Written By Bob Black  
A conspicuous void in the McLean skyline since the storm that struck the community about 2:00 a.m. of May 15th, has been the space atop the bell tower of the Methodist Church, that had been occupied for almost half a century by the steeple. The steeple, alas, was one of the many local structural casualties of the powerful wind, tornadic or otherwise, of that memorable night. After the storm the steeple was found lying on the north lawn of the church.

Wednesday morning, October 21st, however, workmen from Parsley Sheet Metal and Roofing of Pampa, with the aid of a crane, mounted a bright, shiny new steeple the company had fashioned to take the place of its toppled predecessor. The day evolved into a clean, beautiful one, and the copper covering on the steeple radiantly reflected the rays of the sun. This, though, will likely not be the case for very long, as the copper will be permitted to tarnish and assume a less lustrous appearance, much like that of the old steeple. The old copper, incidentally, was salvaged and made available to church members in the form of crosses, and otherwise.

The original steeple, along with the bell tower and bell, were put in place soon following an extensive remodeling of the church, which was planned in 1951 and completed in 1952. All of this occurred during the pastorate of Brother Wayne Parmenter. When asked about these happenings church member, Martha Parker, thought she could recall seeing the steeple taking shape as it was being constructed by Cliff Day and his son, Bill, both active members of the church during that period. The construction site, she believed, was on the corner property across the street west from the present library, where Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shull had a small lumber company. Martha noticed the undertaking in which Mr. Day and Bill were engaged on trips to

the post office, then just down the street to the south, and at other times when she drove past the location. She had not yet assumed the position of city librarian, in which she served for many years.

Wanting to be sure her recollection of the matter was correct, Martha phoned Mrs. David (June) McGahee of Pampa, the daughter of Mr. Day. Mrs. McGahee confirmed the recollection and added a few details to the relation. She said that a winch truck operated by Red Day (no kin to the Cliff Day family) was used to transport the finished steeple from the lumber company yard to the church, and to hoist it into place on the bell tower. She recalled that her brother, Bill Day, and Wilson (Slick) Boyd were in the bell tower giving directions for swinging the steeple into position. When she later asked Bill if he wasn't afraid that he might be injured in the process, he replied that he wasn't because his father and brother Parmenter were on the ground praying for him.

Bill further noted that fabricating the infrastructure of the steeple was quite a demanding task, with lots of proper angular measurements required. He recalled, though, how when time came to put the pieces together they fit perfectly, and he and his father were indeed pleased.

Mr. Day, who passed away in 1977, was a skilled woodworker, and was engaged for projects of numerous kinds. At one point in his career he invented a device for making picture frames, and thereafter did much framing work. A large lighted cross on the back wall of the church sanctuary is dedicated to him.

Bill Day operated a furniture store in two downtown locations. In recent years he has lived in Comanche, Texas, where he was co-owner of a radio station. Now, like his father before him, he does picture framing, and has his own shop. Bill had a wonderful voice, and sometimes sang solos in church.

Farris Hess remembers that the steeple and the bell tower came about as the result of a wish by his mother, Mrs. Jake L. (Bessie) Hess, for the church to have a bell. Mrs. Hess expressed a willingness to pay for such an acquisition. Mr. Day informed Mrs. Hess that he had heard of a bell being for sale at some down-state location, and offered to make inquiry about it. He did so, and the bell was duly obtained. Evan Sitter, brother of Mrs. Hess, designed a tower to house the bell, and the steeple to crown the town. When the project was completed it was found to have proven more costly than originally contemplated.

Mr. Sitter thereupon

reassuringly told his sister, "Oh, but just think how proud we all are of it!" This consideration evidently had the desired justifying effect. (At the time this article was written, it had not been determined who constructed the bell tower.)

The Board of Trustees of the church had the responsibility of seeing that the old steeple was replaced.

Board Chairman Doyle Lee and Board member Neal Odum made many of the arrangements for the Board in way of obtaining the new one.

The Methodists are very proud of the bright and shiny new spire, and cordially invite everyone to come by for a viewing.



Annie Weaver and Brian Fuller both qualified to go to Lubbock to compete in Cross Country Regionals.

### McLean Cross Country Team 5th

The High School girls cross country team participated in the meet held in McLean on October 26th. The team placed 5th overall. Annie Weaver placed 7th in individual and will be going to regionals in Lubbock on November 7th. Other members of the team are Vanessa Glass, Cesily Cadra, Lacey Steel, Randi Riley, Shannon Graybeal, and Lauren Williams. Others who ran are Sara Hall

and Austin Williams.

The High School boys team also participated in the competition. Brian Fuller finished 10th in the individual and the team finished 3rd overall. The boys team will be going to Lubbock in regionals. Members of the team are Brian Fuller, Mark Bolton, Frankie Sparling, Josh Swafford, David Glass, and Scott Glass.

### Former Resident Plans December Wedding At Wedding Chapel

Jim and Susan Barker of 13551 Tangle Aire Point announce the engagement of their daughter, Patsy Rhanda, to Kenneth Dale Snider Jr.

Snider is the son of Ken and Sue Snider of 4108 Pinehurst Drive.

The couple plans to be wed December 26 at the Wedding Chapel.

The bride-elect attended Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma for two years. She will receive an associate's degree in nursing from Amarillo College in December. She plans to

pursue bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Texas at Arlington with an emphasis in pediatric nursing.

The prospective groom received an associate's degree in business in 1993 at Seward Community College in Liberal, Kansas. He graduated in 1995 from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and earned a master's degree in 1996 in management information systems from

### McLean School Menu November 9-13

Monday Breakfast: Burritos, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritos, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, crackers, fruit, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joes, fritos, pickle spears, veggie sticks, elf cookies, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tator tots, fruit, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Waffles, ham, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, fried okra, baked beans, fruit, milk.

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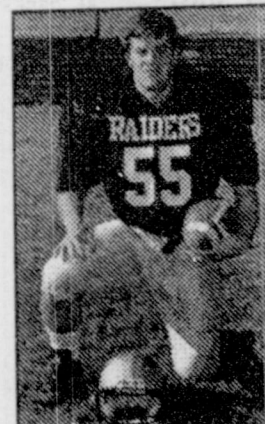
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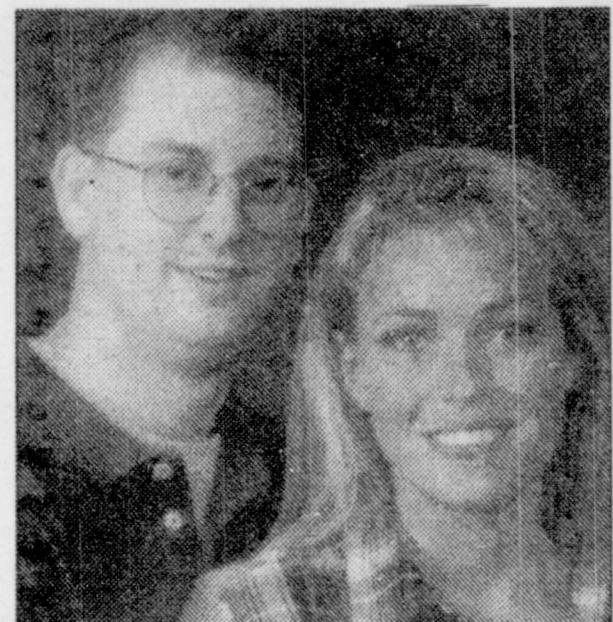
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### Bentley Named Pizza Hut Scholar Athlete

Justin Bentley, a senior at Randall High in Amarillo, is the grandson of Arley D. and Shirley Bentley of McLean. Justin was last weeks KVII-TV Pizza Hut Scholar Athlete of the Week with a GPA of 97.8. Justin is a 2 year member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Justin is the Offensive Center for the 1998 Randall Raider Football team. He is also on the Wrestling and powerlifting teams. He hopes to attend Texas A&M and major in Aerospace Engineering. He is the son of Donnie and Lisa Bentley of Amarillo.



Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is a systems programmer for IBM.

Patsy is the granddaughter of James and Pat Barker.

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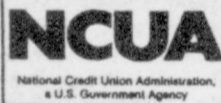
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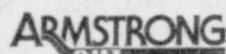
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## McLean Care Center News

Sunday morning began with the residents attending Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon church services for the residents was presented by the Trinity Baptist Church. Attending were Emma Graham, Jessie Watson, Lena Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Vernee Bowling, Essie Knowles, Abby Friend, Lula Sheegog, Pat Seymour, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Gladys Andrews, Phyllis Bailey, Loma Gibbs, Joe Taylor, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Essie Howard, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie McClemore, Glenda Martin, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley, Helen Glass, and Thelma Finson.

Monday morning the men enjoyed the barber shop and everyone had nail care. In the

afternoon residents played bingo followed by exercises. Volunteers Dorothy McGee passed out bananas furnished by the Lion's Club.

Some time was spent on Tuesday morning doing crafts and later in the afternoon bingo games were enjoyed by some while others did crafts.

Wednesday was "Morning Circle" with residents enjoying visiting and they were served banana pudding. In the afternoon a movie was shown and popcorn enjoyed.

Thursday morning Beach Ball kick was an enjoyable event and later in the day bingo was played. There were banana muffins compliments of the kitchen served.

Friday morning reminiscence was attended by several residents and later in the day games of dominos were played.

Saturday evening was the Halloween party. Many dressed up for

Halloween and helped pass out treats to the little goblins that came by. Everyone was served refreshments of cupcakes and punch.

### Technology Insights

Written by Frankie Sparling as a member of the Business Professionals of America Class.

Is Internet addiction a problem for you? Many Americans have this problem, although it is not something you hear about on the news, but it does exist. Thus far, there are no studies of how many people may have so-called "Internet addiction" or if it is a legitimate mental disorder. The closest is a study published in Psychology Reports this year by clinical psychology doctoral candidate Viktor Brenner at the State University of New York in Buffalo, in which Brenner asserts the existence of such an addiction by comparing traits of possible sufferers to traits of drug users.

Brenner garnered 185 responses to a Web site survey, finding the average respondent spent 21 hours online each week and others had told that 58 percent spend too much time online. Thirty percent have tried to spend less time online and failed, and all but one respondent admitted to having time-management problems. Respondents are folks, Brenner told The New York Times, "whose use of the Internet causes other behavioral problems that interfere with normal living." Some of the additions to the problem are spending more time with the computer rather than your spouse or spending more time on the computer than your class work or business.

If you are one of the many people with these problems, you can seek help at the Internet Addiction Center of America. Finally, Internet Junkies Anonymous offers the inevitable 12-step program for addicts. Write to Jeff via the Internet at [jeff\\_frentzen@zd.com](mailto:jeff_frentzen@zd.com). This site has a 12-step program for Net junkies.

## Alanreed News...

By Lena Carter  
Nell Keese's son Terry stopped by on his way home to east Texas from a hunting trip in Colorado and reported not much luck due to bad weather.

We received about 4 inches of rain in last week's showers.

The members of First Baptist Church started a bible study series Sunday

evening at 4:00 pm at the church basement that will extend well into the next year. Vonnie Bible is the instructor and anyone is welcome.

Sunday, November 8 will be our usual luncheon in the basement of First Baptist Church after regular services. Visitors welcome.

Bill Tidwell is home on a breather.



Mike Darsey is shown auctioning off items at the recent Circle of Friends Membership Party.

## McLean's Circle Of Friends Annual Party

The Red Fiver Steak House in McLean provided the setting for the 5th Annual McLean

Circle of Friends Membership Party on Monday, October 19, 1998 at 6:30 p.m.

Beef fajitas and all the

trimmings were served buffet style to the 85 guests and host couples attending. McLean Circle of Friends Board Member Beverly Odom

welcomed the guests. Mike Darsey recited some of his favorite cowboy poetry that he has composed and collected. Special guests from the Harrington Cancer Center included Debbie Powell, Kathy Haynes, and Deleise Brown. Other Circle of Friends Board Members attending were Suzanne Willis of Perryton and Shannon Buck of Pampa.

Circle of Friends is a non-profit, volunteer support organization for the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. Helping cancer patients and their families in times of need is the main goal. Assistance has included helping pay utility bills and rent or mortgage payments, and providing gas and meal money for cancer patients who are unable to afford these things as they travel back and forth to Amarillo to seek treatment.

A furnished apartment in Amarillo is available through Circle of Friends to cancer patients from outlying areas such as McLean who seek treatment. A second apartment will soon be ready for occupancy. The social worker at the Cancer Center, Debbie Powell, has the information necessary to qualify those seeking assistance from Circle of Friends.

A "Homespun" Auction concluded the events of the McLean membership dinner. Those donating items for the auction were Creed and Wanda Lamb, Terri Adams, Neal

Odom, Colleen Mertel, L.H. and Nama Webb, Marye Thomas, Zelda McClellan, Babe Brown, Mary Powell, Charlotte Hefley, Audrey Seitz, Don and Lonna Dorsey, Kathy Haynes, Johnnie and Mary Ann Carpenter, Freda Holland, Davie Gipson, Barbara Bode, Ella Mae Reyna, Sam Haynes, Mary Emma Woods, Ted and Jean Longino, Delbert and Ruth Trew, Patti Brass, Lane and Susi Thompson, Suzanne Willis and Johnny and Joyce Haynes.

Items ranged from delicious canned and baked goods, festive holiday decorations, beautifully wood crafted pieces and a gorgeous hand-crocheted afghan and table cloth to masterpiece drawings and paintings, an exquisite handmade knife and various interesting "found treasures," including a Kerr cardboard box that sold for \$31.00.

The auction was a portion of the entertainment. Generous buyers included Bob Martin, Sharon Haynes, Nama Webb, Linda Haynes, Jean Longino, Beverly Odom, L.H. Webb, Lane Thompson, Gabe Parson, Ruth Magee, Patti Brass, Neal Odom, Shannon Buck, Dick Bode and Johnny Haynes. Also Suzanne Willis, Johnnie Mertel, Jake Hess, David Haynes, Bob Holwick, Mary Dwyer, Valerie Brass, Jane Simpson, Kathy Carter, Riley Atwood, James Hefley, Garth Thomas, Fern Woods,

Sam Haynes, Molly Haley, Mike Darsey, Jacque Riley, and J.C. McAnear. The auction generated over \$1800.

Host couples underwrite the cost of the party so all the profits from the membership fee of \$25 for couples and \$15 for singles along with the auction proceeds goes to the Circle of Friends. Host couples for the event this year are Dick and Barbara Bode, Steve and Patti Brass, Tex and Dollie Buckhaults, Johnnie and Mary Ann Carpenter, Dick and Pam Crockett, Dan and Sasha Fish, Bob and Janet Glass, David and Ginger Haynes, Johnny and Joyce Haynes, and Thacker and Sharon Haynes. Also John and Freda Holland, James and Charlotte Hefley, Monty and Darlis Joiner, Creed and Wanda Lamb, Bob and Elizabeth Martin, J.C. and Linda McAnear, Zelda McClellan, Charlie and Deanna McClendon, Roger and Janet McCracken, Pat and Carol McDowell, Neal and Beverly Odom, Joe Ray and Jacque Riley, Bobby and Robbie Sanderson, T.D. and Teresa Simmons and L.H. and Nama Webb.

Over \$2600 has been raised by McLean this year for the Circle of Friends and donations are still arriving. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Circle of Friends and by the people of the Panhandle of Texas who benefit from this financial resource.

## Groom Grocery

Due to the upcoming holidays, Groom Grocery is trying to restock the shelves for all your cooking needs. Therefore, we will not be able to run a sale this week. Look forward to our upcoming ads for all your holiday cooking items!