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McLean Welcomes New Year And New Opportunity

Just like the changing of the West Texas winds, so do the seasons. For each season in McLean the past year has brought hope and heartache.

Local state troopers, Henderson and Ingle did their best to keep Interstate 40 and the McLean area safe.

During the course of the year the two law officers seized over 10 million dollars in drugs, over a million dollars in cash, plus drug items and property, at times placing their own lives in jeopardy for the betterment of the town, country and world.

Elections were a hot topic this past year. McLean elected a new mayor in 2004. Frank Warner was elected to the office.

Also newly elected to city offices were Jacque Riley, Teresa Simmons, Mindy Reeves and Clifford McDonald. Each of whom were elected to serve as council members. Clifford McDonald later resigned from the position and the position was not filled in '04.

McLean I.S.D. had four openings on the Board of Education. Ten people vied for the positions. Public vote placed David Fuller, Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams and Marshall Hanes in the seats.

The City of McLean began the process of improvements, beginning with the garbage system when a side loader

garbage truck and dumpsters were purchased. Continuing with the improvements, the City received a \$250,000 grant to use with the sewer plant project. The City also placed mandated fencing around the water tower and storage tanks.

Taxes were a big issue with McLean residents in 2004. A tax freeze was voted down by the City Council after a public meeting was held to hear both sides of the issue.

A tax rate of \$1.35 from the recommended \$1.17 was voted on by the McLean I.S.D. Board of Education to take to public vote. The tax rate passed by a narrow margin of 216 - 204.

Vandalism hit McLean businesses in the fall. A seventeen year old male was arrested for the crime.

The McLean Emergency Management Service purchased a new ambulance this past year. They also began a campaign to recruit new EMT's as the service was (and is) in need of more help.

Two new businesses

opened in town in 2004, Route 66 Motors and McLean Hardware. And McLean residents were saddened to see the closing of it's biggest business, Woodgroup Turbine and Components which moved most of it's employees to Houston.

McLean held it's first Open Ranch Rodeo in place of the annual round-up. Also held was the traditional parade and car show. New to the annual weekend was a Main Street fair with old fashioned booths.

In sports, the 11-12 year old girls All-Stars Baseball team headed to Waco to play for state but were defeated by ten time National title holders from Waco.

The McLean Tigers football team ended their season with a loss of a coin toss. The loss kept the Tigers from heading on to bi-district play.

The McLean Tigers basketball team had not begun district play at the end of the year, however, they have won most of their games and brought home a first place trophy from the Lefors Tournament.

Senior Tyler Hanes made preparations for his future in sports when in November he signed with Southwestern University



State Troopers Jason Henderson and Jerome Ingle stand behind over 800 pounds of marijuana that was seized during a single drug bust. This was just one of the many busts the two troopers made totaling a street value of over 10 million dollars for 2004.

to play golf on a consecutive four year scholarship.

Two area churches celebrated milestones as they both turned 100. First Baptist Church of McLean and First Baptist Church of Alanreed both held celebrations to mark this extraordinary event.

Several court positions were crowned in 2004 in McLean. Carrie Thompson won the honor of Miss McLean. Junior

Miss McLean went to Jamie Sanderson. Little Princess was awarded to Chelsey Simms and Jacie Ketcherside won the Little Miss McLean title.

Allison Hill and Lucas Seymour was honored with the title of Harvest King and Queen at the Harvest Coronation. Ashley McClendon received the Homecoming Queen honor.

Sam Haynes was honored with a 25 year

Cooperative award from the Amarillo national Weather Service for meritorious weather support in the CO-OP program.

In the literary world, former McLean resident Arthur B. Baker penned a book entitled "Triumphs and Tragedies, Corregidor and It's Aftermath." Mr. Balzer donated a copy of the book to the local library. Also, the

see NEW YEAR, pg. 10



Ketcherside's Win Drawing

The Ketcherside family was the lucky winner of the Family Reading Afternoon door prize that

was given away on December 17, 2004 for the Accelerated Reader see WINNERS, pg. 10

New Year Baby Delivered By EMS

The McLean Emergency Medical Service responded to a 911 call on New Year's Eve that led to the delivery of the first baby in McLean or Gray County in 2005.

Responding to the call were Intermediate Pam Skipper and EMT Bill Anderson.

After reaching the scene, EMT Ronia Anderson and Paramedic Robbie Sanderson were called.

A baby boy arrived at

12:05 a.m., delivered by EMT Bill Anderson, both mother and baby doing well. The 7 lb, 12 ounce baby and the mother were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

This was the first call of the year for Amarillo Communication Center who responds to McLean's calls. This was the second baby to be delivered by the McLean EMS. The first being approximately four years ago.

REMINDERS

THE PTO WILL Meet on January 13 @ 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

THE CUBS WILL Host a basketball tournament starting today through Saturday.

THE TIGERS Begin District basketball play against Valley, here, Jan. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

MCLEAN Stockshow is January 15 at the Gerald Tate Ag Barn.

THE ALANREED Community Association will meet on Saturday, January 8 at 6:30 pm for a regular meeting in the Alanreed Community Center.

THE CITY COUNCIL Will meet on Jan. 10 @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 6 - Wayne Morris, W.C. Simpson, Zack Seymour, Iylene Watkins.

January 7 - Christopher Myers, Ruth Boles, Deanna McClendon, Leron Thompson, Charlie Irene Webb.

January 8 - Jim Ridgway, Monica Shipman.

January 9 - Randy

Kennedy, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel, Evan McMordie, Cody Scott Crockett.

January 10 - Betty Husted, Bailey Weaver, Carroll Tolleson.

January 11 - Sy Brown, Clay Reynolds.

January 12 - Holly Hauck, Chris Sparling, Mike Krueger, Judy and Huey Green (A).

Lion's Club Chooses Lighting Contest Winners

Out of town judges for the Lion's Club traveled the streets of McLean to view Christmas lights over the holidays.

Stating that it was a tough choice, four houses were chosen for top honors.

First place went to Casper and Jeanie Smith, whose house is always

decorated for every season. Second place went to the home of Roy and Mary Richardson.

Betty Kaiser was honored with the third place choice and Martha Jo Bailey received fourth place honors.

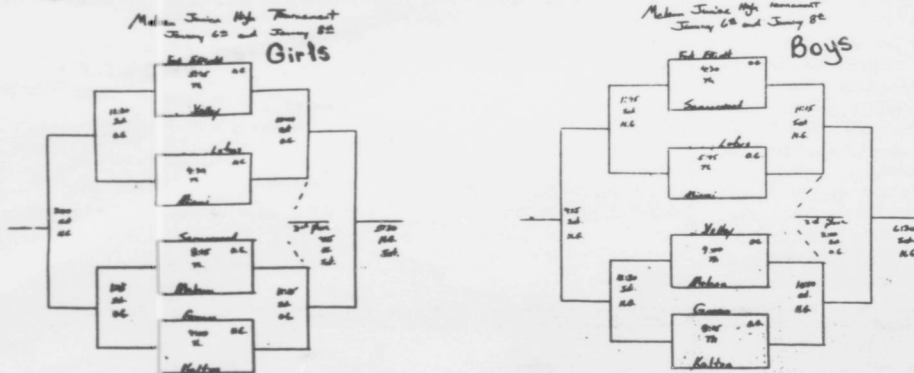
All winners were awarded cash prizes.

High School Honor Roll

8th Grade
80 & Above
Nikki Alvarez
Emory Crawford
Michael Kelley
Jamie Sanderson
Patrick Seager
Tammy Syfrett
Arelly Vega
90 & Above
Trenton Darsey
DaShae Tolleson
9th Grade
80 & Above
Daniel Lee
Lucas Webb
90 & Above
Mark Smith
10th Grade
80 & Above
Matt Applewhite
90 & Above
John Haynes

Tamara Loya
Brooke Seymour
11th Grade
80 & Above
Lindsey Ruiz
Kevin Smith
Connie Vega
90 & Above
Mandin Conklin
Carrie Thompson
12 Grade
80 & Above
James Alexander
Tyler Hanes
Allison Hill
Philip Jones
Antonio Montoya
LaShonda Parks
Lucas Seymour
90 & Above
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Amber Raines
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Junior High Basketball Tournament Schedule



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Young At Heart Celebrates Christmas

There were 26 members and guests at the December 21 Young at Heart Christmas party. Wilma Barker (now living in Shamrock) was able to join the group.

Linda Eggers and Ben Reeves led a carol sing-along. Members were given door prizes and the poinsettia centerpieces. Boots thanked Butch and Katie Warner for donating the turkey and Mary Dwyer for donating the ham.

The Young at Heart group gave retiring President Boots Stone a lovely jewelry box. Boots reminded everyone our membership dues of \$10.00 will be due at the next meeting on January 4, 2005. There will be an election of officers and board members at that meeting.

LITTLE DRIBBLER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 22
Ft. Elliott
Feb. 10 - 12
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McLean
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First Assembly of God 4th & Main
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Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church 603 Commerce
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
Wednesday 8:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Lady Cubs Defeat Hedley Lady Owls



Chase Bohlar puts two on the board for the Cubs against the Hedley Owls last Monday night.

The Lady Cubs and Cubs faced off against the Hedley Owls on Monday night.

The Lady Cubs held tight the entire game, never letting the Hedley ladies ahead. The Lady Cubs won with a 34-28.

DaShae Tolleson and Lexi Menefield led the team with 8 points each. Tolleson led in rebound with 7. She also had 3 assists and 3 steals.

Nancy Castillo and Ashley Byron both scored 7 points for the ladies. Castillo has 5 assists and 5 steals. Byron had 6 rebounds.

Sheri Haynes and Summer Morris each scored 2 points. Morris had 4 rebounds; Haynes had 2.

The Cubs effort is in the ball game, but they are still missing to many free throws and lay-ups, according to Coach Farmer, after the boys lost to Hedley. "The boys played a great first half and a great fourth quarter," stated Farmer. "It was the third quarter that did us in."



Chase Bohlar scored 16 points for the Cubs. Trent Darsey followed with 8 points. Tanner Cadra added 2 points to the board. Clay Crockett and Caleb Crawford both scored 1 point each.

The Lady Cubs and Cubs will play at home in the McLean tournament, starting today and ending on Saturday.

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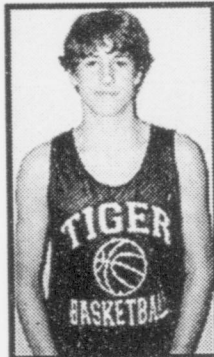
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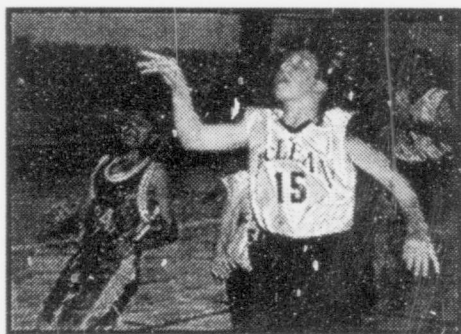
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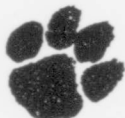
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779-8940

Trinity Church
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Tanner Cadra watches for the rebound as he plays defense in a recent game.



Fish - Buckingham Exchange Vows



The Yankee Lodge at Raton, NM was the setting for the cowboy wedding of Jessi Fish and Danny Buckingham, Saturday, October 16, 2004.

The bride is the daughter of Jay Dee and Becky Fish of Raton. Grandparents are Loyd and Sandy Bowen of Hawley and Marjorie Fish of McLean. Great grandmother is Annie Lair of NM, all of whom attended the wedding.

The groom is the son of Bob and Diane Buckingham of Twitty, the grandson of Julia Buckingham of Shamrock and Harry E. Frye of Pampa.

the bride. Flower girls were Alyssa Giordana, friend of the bride and Julia and Billie Buckingham, nieces of the groom.

Britt Bowen was the usher. Amanda Bowen and Kaitlyn Mance were the servers.

Vows were exchanged under an archway made by the bride's father. Judge Marietta Shell presided at the ceremony.

Following the wedding, the guests were invited to a sit-down dinner cooked by the bride's father and served by the bride's uncles and aunts, Johnny and Cathy Bowen and Roger and Vickie Bowen.

The cake provided by Donna Munden was decorated with white icing and topped with lace and an upturned horseshoe with a cowboy and bride facing each other. Each tier of the cake was ringed with fall colored sunflowers and oak leaves.

After dancing, the cowboy couple departed through a shower of rice and a well decorated pickup to a honeymoon in Colorado.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jay Dee Fish. She was a simple, white satin dress with a straight low neckline. In keeping with the simple cowboy theme, the bride's bouquet consisted of burnt orange sunflowers and Gerber daisies.

Matron of honor was Becky Fish, mother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Holly Dickinson, Valerie Word and Sabrena Shields.

Serving as best man was Morgan Hightower. Groomsmen were John Henry Bain, James Moore and Travis Fish.

The ring bearer was Caleb Giordan, friend of

School Menu

BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancakes, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Toast with Sausage Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Waffles, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Friday: Cinnamon Roll, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Soft Tacos with Cheese, Salad, Pinto Beans, Dream Bars, Milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni & Cheese with Ham, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday: Steak fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Hot Rolls, Milk.

Thursday: Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.

Friday: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onions, French Fries, Fruit, Milk.

2004 McLean Births

1/26/04 McKenzie Cate Ellis

4/27/04 Trinity Zoe Hambright

7/29/04 Riley Raecanna Richardson

8/12/04 Garrett Lee McDonald

9/28/04 Elise Catherine Carr



Hess Family Welcomes Baby Boy

The Hess Family would like to announce the birth of Luke Jacob Braden, the newest member of the Texas A&M Class of 2027. He was born Friday, December 10, 2004 at 4:47 p.m., and he weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Heather & Kevin Braden

of Liberal, Kansas. He is the grandson of Jake Hess of McLean, Mark & Ida Wilson of Austin, and Wilbert & Joyce Braden of Midkiff. He is the Great-Grandson of F.J. and Leta Mae Hess of McLean, Jack & Cleo Cruikshank of Illinois, and Rosalie Dierschke of San Angelo.

Winners

Their prize consisted of one free night stay at the American Inn Best Western Motel, two free pizzas from Pizza Hut, and five movie passes for the Sandell Drive-In, all located in Clarendon, Texas.

In order to be eligible for the drawing, students only need to attend Family

Reading Afternoon one or more times during the semester. Each student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian each time.

The Ketcherside family attended the Family Reading Afternoon program 18 times during the semester.

New Year

magazine Medallion highlighted McLean as one of the many stops on Route 66.

McLean has never been a community to shy away from helping one another. In 2004, the Circle of Friends raised over \$4200.00 to help cancer patients and their families. The school and the Boy Scouts helped out the Loaves and Fishes Program by collecting cans of food. The PTO collected toiletries for the

needy of town. A soup kitchen was opened and a new free clinic is making it's way to opening through the M.A.P.S. ministry.

Eighteen Seniors graduated from McLean High School. The Valedictorian for the class was Jennifer Greer. The seniors chose as their motto, "You live your life only once, but if lived right, once is enough." What a great motto for the beginning of a new year!

In Memoriam

12/23/03 Arley Bentley

12/31/03 Wynema Corley

12/29/03 Irene Pakan

1/1/04 Jeffrey Alan McLain

1/2/04 Chuck Griffin

1/11/04 Patty Braden

2/1/04 Bill Kingston

2/2/04 Lois Fulton

2/5/04 Jewell McCurley

2/5/04 Charles "C.L." Wynn

2/14/04 Milton Best

2/15/04 Ruth Bible

2/18/04 Bud Simpson

2/22/04 Betty Littlefield

3/5/04 Sue Cubine

3/10/04 Imelda Harrison

3/10/04 Lance Kidwell

3/19/04 Walter Lee "Blackie" Hill

3/29/04 Ollie Brock

3/29/04 JoEllen Munden

4/1/04 Laura Winegart

5/6/04 Bobby Eugene Blaylock

5/15/04 Rovena Brewer

5/20/04 Bill Graham

5/25/04 Pauline Mullins

6/4/04 Bob Evans

6/12/04 Irene Muncy

6/15/04 Ruth Clark Ware

7/29/04 Minnie Erwin

8/6/04 June Saggs

8/15/04 Joyce Louise Morris

8/19/04 Bill Holmes

8/26/04 Jean Finck

9/9/04 Joe Bob Fish

9/9/04 Billye Bailey Ladd

9/22/04 Richard M. Roman

10/3/04 Judy Whately

10/15/04 Lloyd Simpson

10/25/04 Jeanette Fish

10/25/04 Benny F. Robinson

10/30/04 Olin Weldon

11/28/04 Dorothy Gail Brown

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12/6/04 J.B. Waldrop

12/7/04 Gary C. Shock

12/11/04 Sherlyn Ketcherside

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Groom ISD will hold its regular monthly School Board meeting on January 13th at 7:00p.m. in the school administration office. There will be a public forum starting at 7:00p.m. to take public opinion on the option of an early start date for the 2005-2006 school year. TEA has set next year's start date on August 22nd. Groom ISD would like to start on August 15th, so that we do not have to go into June to complete the year.

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Groom Bids 2004 A Fond Farewell

The world turns... another year comes and goes and changes for better or worse mark the passing of time. 2004 will be remembered as an important year of change in many venues.

The year began and ended with candidates seeking office on the county, state and national level. It was a year of politics, issues and doing our civic duty. Carson County boasted two well qualified sheriffs in 2004, one interim and one elected. Scott Sutton filled in after Gary Robertson resigned before his term of office expired. Tam Terry was elected in the March primary. The November 2nd balloting found Groom in the midst of a snow storm and power outage. Only those devoted to making their voices heard ventured out as Groom cast their ballots for president and other offices.

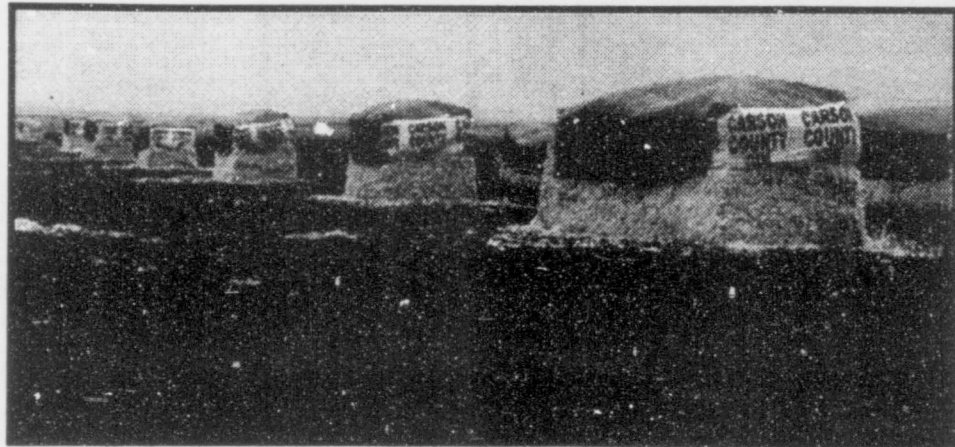
Even with two sheriffs, criminals had to learn the hard way not to mess around in Carson County. State troopers and counties deputies have made numerous drug busts along Interstate 40 as well as captured bank robbers and criminals wanted for everything from murder to

not paying for their gas! Weather, while not as severe as some years, played a big part of keeping these law enforcement officers busy, too. Several fatal accidents occurred as well as many less serious accidents.

Farming had an important year in 2004. Some area farmers invested in building a Cotton Gin near White Deer and it was open for business by the time harvest rolled around.

Local farms have reflected the diversity of the area as many have broke tradition and are opting to plant more profitable crops than the usual wheat and corn. With so many acres not being planted in winter wheat, local cow herd sizes have diminished somewhat as grazing has become a premium.

The school has seen some changes come to pass. The Elementary School finally saw the long awaited new playground equipment installed by local volunteers. Superintendent Kevin Noack passed the baton to Superintendent Terry Stevens in the summer. Business manager Joyce Hutsell retired after 22 years of service.



Carson County were Cotton is King? New Crop becomes more prominent in 2004.

The school continues to distinguish itself as a bastion of higher learning, earning top honors in several state ranking tests. Groom athletes earn individual honors in football, basketball and track. The fall of 2004 find new coaches getting acquainted with Groom students.

An unusually cool day in August finds a wonderful setting for Groom Day. The Arena is completed just in time for the



Carson County Sheriff Tam Terry swears in his staff of deputies as one of his first official acts of 2005.

Community Calendar

THE TIGERS and Ettes will play Silverton, there, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, January 7th.

GROOM TIGERS and Ettes will play Hedley here at 6:30p.m. Tuesday, January 11th.

THE GROOM Arena Association will have their next meeting January 11th in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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Groom Mourns The Loss Of Two Leading Citizens



Groom mourned the loss of two important civic leaders over the holidays with the passing of W.H. Ollinger on Christmas and

Fred Brown on December 30. Both men have been influential in the development of the community during their lifetimes. Their wonderful personalities and character left a lasting impression on their family and friends

W.H. OLLINGER
Walter Herman "W.H." Ollinger, age 75, of Groom, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004.

The Vigil Service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the

See OLLINGER, page 5.

FRED H. BROWN
Fred H. Brown, 76, of Groom, Texas, died Thursday, December 30, 2004.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 3, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Groom with Rev. Dee Slocum and Rev. David Kelly officiating. Burial followed in the Groom Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born August 26, 1928 in Goodnight, Texas to CH and Beatrice Judd Brown.

Fred was raised on a farm



north of Goodnight. He attended school in

See BROWN, page 5.

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THE GROOM Cubs will play McLean, there, at 6:00p.m. on Monday, January 10th.

GHS COUNSELOR will host a Financial Aid Seminar on January 20th. Keep watching the Groom News for more information.

EMT CLASSES forming in Claude from 6:00-10:00p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. or 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. on Saturday. Starts January 13, 2005. For more info. call 226-3261.

THE CARSON County Tax Office will be closed Monday, January 10, 2005. The Texas Department of Transportation will be conducting training.



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Local Happenings

The Red Hat Society of Groom will meet at The Route 66 Steakhouse on Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Fred and Ruth Anne Young visited the home of Tim, Tammy, Tyler, and Tanner Case over the

Visitors in the home of Verda Lee Littlefield over the holidays were Russell Littlefield and daughter Nicole of OK. Leo Britten from Canyon, Roxie McMordie, Miranda Evans, and Dan of McLean, R.V. Ratliff and Danyer of Tecumseh, OK.

RING IN THE NEW!



We'd just like to chime in and say, "hope your year's a bellringer in every way!"

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celebration. A melodrama makes the whole community have a belly laugh as it once again makes a big hit.

The Groom United Methodist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary drawing former pastors and members from the four corners of the country. Over 150 people attended the event that spanned a weekend.

The Cross also was establishing its own customs with the annual "Respect for Life" walk and service. At least 300 dignitaries and the Faithful gather to show their appreciation for the sanctity of life.

The year waxes and wanes as Groom celebrates the holiday season with children's programs at school and church as well as holiday parties and celebration.

2005 looms just above the horizon filled with the promise of more tomorrows for Groomites to fill with love and laughter. From the staff at The Groom News, Have a wonderful and prosperous new year!

Groom Births

Welcome little ones to the world!

- 12/19/03-Ronin Allen Burger Moore
- 1/20/04-Mallory Lynn King
- 1/24/04-Zachary Cole Holsey
- 1/29/04-Daniel Arnold
- 1/30/04-Malachi Xavier Stockman
- 2/26/04-Grayson Lane Britten
- 4/1/04-Emily Brienne Wills
- 4/8/04-Tucker Ryan Ruthardt
- 6/8/04-Avree Beth Fields
- 6/9/04-Chloe MacKenzie Carson
- 6/9/04-McKy Colson Lambert
- 6/25/04-Ridge Weller Holland
- 6/29/04-Katherine Cecil Kuehler
- 7/24/04-Audrey Elizabeth Dolce
- 8/1/04-Bailey Nichole Johnson
- 10/7/04-Logan Elizabeth Hardin
- 11/18/04-Jacob Stiles
- 12/1/04-Hadley Elizabeth James

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 6 - Ronald Kuehler, Virginia Baggerman.

January 7 -

January 8 - Shannon D'Laine Fields.

January 9 -

January 10 - Mary Sue Lyles, R.F. (Bob) Pool, Jesse Jenkins, Mr. and

Mrs. D.W. Ashford, Sr. (A).

January 11 - Tony & Sherry Rocha (A)

January 12 - Jon Brandon Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown (A), Mr. and Mrs. Gary Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jess Baker (A).

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Friends and Loved Ones who will be sorely missed.

- 12/23/03-Betty Blackwell
- 1/4/04-Brennan Michael Hofmann
- 1/12/04-Agnes Angela Homer
- 1/15/04-Veona "Barney" Davis
- 2/27/04-Bobby Crownover
- 3/4/04-Lillian Holt Brown
- 3/3/04-Charles York
- 3/7/04-Benjamin Schuster
- 3/26/04-Virgil Dale Johnson
- 4/1/04-Zola Mae Webb

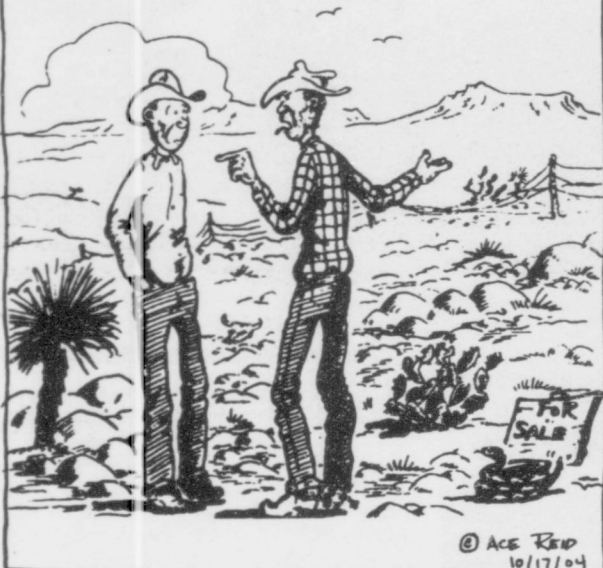
- 4/24/04-Bonnie Witt King
- 4/29/04-Burl H. Little Jr.
- 5/13/04-Virginia Vance
- 5/15/04-Chad Voyles
- 5/18/04-Lucille Clark Smith
- 5/19/04-Michelle Britten King
- 5/31/04-Mary Howard

- Kelly
- 6/11/04-John Chick
- 6/19/04-George Crowell
- 6/21/04-DaKinda Gatlin
- 7/4/04-Don J. Davis
- 7/19/04-James Koetting
- 7/20/04-Johnny Byrd
- 7/27/04-LaVesta Barnett
- 8/5/04-James Duke
- 8/10/04-Ralph Musser
- 8/17/04-JoLynn Davis Cash
- 9/17/04-Mary Sue Pauline Troy
- 9/25/04-Pamela Palmer Gagnon
- 10/12/04-Mildred Burgin McWhirter
- 11/3/04-Perry Edward Johnson
- 11/10/04-John Raymond Smith
- 11/16/04-James McCoy
- 11/22/04- Inez Britten
- 11/30/04-Richard Crump
- 12/25/04 -W.H. Ollinger
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Carson County Sheriff's Department Rings In New Year Investigating Rash Of Stolen Property Cases

Last week we received several reports of burglarized and stolen vehicles. Deputy Rick Armstrong took 2 reports of burglary of a motor vehicle in Groom on 12/28. In both cases stereo equipment was removed from unlocked vehicles during the night. Deputy Armstrong was able to get enough information to enter the equipment as stolen. We are in the process of checking local pawnshops for the equipment.

Sgt. Heath Cates took a report of a backhoe that was stolen from the Cross in Groom. Dennis and Buck Babcock noticed the backhoe abandoned at the end of a dead end county road later in the day. We are not sure if someone parked it there with the intention of returning with a truck and picking the tractor up, or if someone was pulling a prank. There has been a rash of equipment stolen in the Amarillo area recently. If you own equipment it is a good idea to make it as inaccessible as possible. Doing things like parking it as far as possible from the road and taking the keys

will decrease the chances of someone helping their selves to your property.

Deputy Trevor McGill took a report of a stolen car in White Deer last week. The car was found in the alley behind the owner's residence the next day. It appears that someone used the vehicle and then returned it.

As of Monday morning we were holding 26 prisoners in the county jail. There were 16 persons arrested last week. The offenses break down as follows. Possession of Marijuana @ 3, Motion To Revoke Probation @ 1, Possession of a Controlled Substance @ 2, Parole Warrant @ 1, Bond Forfeiture @ 1, Criminal Non Support @ 1, DWI @ 2, and Public Intoxication @ 4.

Sheriff's Report 12/27/04
By Tam Terry
I hope everyone had a safe holiday. As of Monday morning we were housing 20 prisoners in the county jail. There were 4 persons arrested during the week. Two were arrested for DWI, one for Money Laundering, and one for Assault.

On Sunday 12/19 Deputy Trevor McGill took a report of criminal mischief in White Deer. An unknown person threw a brick through the window of a car in the 700 block of Popham Street. The incident occurred during the overnight hours. This case remains under investigation.

On Wednesday our Office assisted DPS with multiple traffic accidents in the county. Most of the accidents occurred on I-40 however several also occurred on US 60 and TX 207. We were fortunate in that only 2 persons were transported to the hospital out of over a dozen wrecks.

On Thursday at 12:30 PM Sgt. Heath Cates responded to a report of an assault in Skellytown. DPS Trooper Chris Ray and myself also responded to the area. A Skellytown man was booked into jail for the offense.

Deputy Trevor McGill responded to a reported domestic in Fritch at Midnight on Thursday. His investigation that no physical violence had occurred, the couple had only had a loud argument. Deputy McGill was able to settle the dispute without anyone being arrested.

Sgt. Heath Cates took a report of a check that was stolen from a residence in Fritch. The check was passes at a Taylor Mart in Borger. There is a suspect in this case. Sgt. Cates is continuing the investigation.

Next week will be a busy one at the Court House. We will have docket call in District Court on Monday. If nothing changes we will have a jury trial starting Tuesday. As always you are welcome to attend.

Robertson - Cockrell Plan Nuptials

Catherine Robertson and David Cockrell are please to announce their engagement.

Both Catherine and David grew up and attended Groom School. Catherine graduated in Clarendon High School in 2004 and went on to college at the Academy of Professional Careers. She graduated as a massage therapist.

David graduated in 2000 from Groom High and attended Amarillo College and graduated in 2004. He works in Conway.

Nuptials will be exchanged on January 8, at the First Baptist Church of Groom at 6:00. A reception will follow at the at the legion hall.



Groom E.D.C. Approves Lot Returns

Groom GEDC met on December 16, 2004 with the following members present: Chris Welch, Cecil Gwyn, Lisa Roskens, Joe Rae Richardson, and Rick Prather. Absent were Mike Smith and Jamie Bowen.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Rae Richardson.

In open forum, Cecil Gwyn reported that we did receive a bid on lights for the lights around the pavilion in the city park but because this was not on the agenda the board will discuss and act upon at next months meeting.

The GEDC received an application for a lot for a mobile home. It was decided to invite the couple to next months meeting for a final decision.

TimCase had requested to discuss the summer program but was not available to talk with the GEDC due to conflicting events. Tim will be placed on the agenda at a later meeting.

Discussion was held concerning sharing the cost of the sidewalk with the city, to be installed at the park.

Rick Prather makes motion to table the decision on the sidewalk due to the fact that we now have a bid on the lights. The EDC

would like to discuss this with the city at next months City Council meeting. Chris Welch 2nd the motion. The motion passed

Joe Rae Richardson makes motion to accept the lots back from Karen

Brown and forgive previous agreement. The GEDC agrees to pay for the survey upon taking possession. 2nd by Lisa Roskens. The motion was approved.

Minutes from previous meetings were read and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

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Groom Teams Play Games During Holiday

There were several basketball games played over the holidays.

The Ettes lost to Memphis 54 to 15. Kacie Galyean was high point with 9 points. Kyra Stevens contributed 4 and Michaela Roskens added another 2.

Kyra Stevens was high point in the game against Ft. Elliot with 10 points. Kacie Galyean added another 3 and Jan Ratterree contributed 2. The final score was Ft. Elliot 65, Groom 15.

The Tigers won against Lefors 52 to 36. T.J. Moranic had a great night

scoring 22 points. Thane and Chance Barkley each added 10. Javier Caro contributed 6. Adam Britten and Chad Barkley each scored 2.

The Tigers lost to Ft. Elliot 52 to 38. T.J.

Moranic was high point with 17 points. Thane Barkley added 11. Chance Barkley contributed another 4. Blaine Britten added 1.

GROOM CUBS will travel to McLean for a basketball tournament beginning January 6th.

The Groom Cafeteria will be serving the following for the week of January 10-14

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Cold Cereal, muffins, juice & milk

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

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, fruit, juice, & milk.

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

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

LUNCH MENU

Monday: Char-Broiled Chopped Steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, milk and brownies.

Tuesday: Steak fingers,

french fries, fruit cocktail, Texas toast, and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken Fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, peas, and milk

Thursday: Stew, Peaches, cornbread, crackers and milk.

Friday: Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spears, vegetables, beans, applesauce and milk.

Christian Mothers Discuss Bazaar

The Christian Mothers January meeting was held at the Catholic Hall. It was hosted by Dorothy Weller and Tonda Torres.

Minutes were read from the November meeting.

Ideas and suggestions were made regarding improvements for the Bazaar.

There was a reminder for members to pay dues. A reminder will also be put into the church bulletin. All dues need to be paid to Nila Burgin.

Discussion was held in regard to the Spring Fling. It was decided it will be held February 13, at 6:00 p.m. Bingo will be held

afterwards. Voting for the Family of the Year will also be done that evening.

Tentative plans were made for the Mini Mission with Father Bertin Roll from January 8th through the 12th.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and refreshments.



Zachary Brown, Carson Ritter, Devin Kerlee, and Andrew Mckissick pose for the camera during their school Christmas Program.

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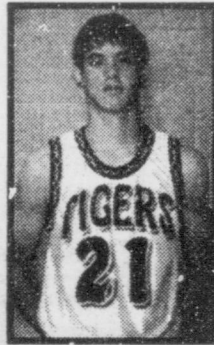
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Obituaries

DR. KENNETH L. ROYSE

Dr. Kenneth L. Royse, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church with Elder Stephen Porter, of the Primitive Baptist Church of Paducah, and Dr. Jerry Lane officiating.

Burial followed at the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Dr. Royse was born July 19, 1925, in Elk City, Okla. He married Ruby Bozeman on Dec. 22, 1946, in Elk City. He received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1959 where he owned and operated Royse Animal Hospital until his retirement earlier this year. He was also involved in farming and ranching in Gray County.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Royse was a life member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and was a life member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He was a past member of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for 17 years and was a past board president. He was a member and former director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Royse served as veterinarian for the Top O' Texas Livestock Show for over 20 years and was active in FFA and 4-H for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Royse; and by two brothers, Dr. Paul

Royse and Sam Royse.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Royse, of the home; one son, James Lowell "Jim" Royse of Pampa; one sister, Lucille Stewart of Elk City, OK.; one grandson, John T. Royse of Fort Worth; several nieces and nephews; and close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith of Elk City, OK., Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smith and daughter Taylor, Mr and Mrs. W.T. Seitz and Dr. and Mrs. Brian Gordzelik and children Sarah and Kyle, all of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

Norman D. Britten

Norman D. Britten of Traverse City died on Saturday, January 1 at home. Born on Sept. 10, 1930 in Groom, Texas, he was the son of John M. and Louise Britten. He graduated from Groom High School and served four years in the military during the Korean War. He then earned his Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of Detroit and Wayne State University in Detroit.

On August 17, 1957 at Duns Scotus College in Detroit, he married Jean Ellen Ward who survives.

For 25 years he worked for the Michigan Department of Education in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation helping the disabled find employment. Norman was active in the Civil Rights Movement and marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama. After retirement from state service, he worked for Britten Inc. until recently. He wrote numerous letters to the Traverse City Record-Eagle most having to do with his strong convictions relative to the Right to Life.

Along with his wife

Jean, Norm is survived by four sons, Charles and his

wife, Deb, John and his wife, Cordie, Paul and his wife, Darcy, and Thomas and his wife, Connie; two daughters, Therese Rhein and her husband, Bob, and Susan McManus and her husband Jim; 32 grandchildren and one great grand child. Also surviving are two brothers,

Art and Bill and two sisters, Dora Jean Homen and Sr. Mary Louise of Amarillo, Texas. He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen, six brothers, and two sisters.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Friday, January 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and will continue at 6:00-8:00 p.m. where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 8, 2005 at Immaculate Conception Church in Traverse City. Fr. James Hayden and Fr. Michael Janowski will concelebrate. Burial will follow in Memorial Gardens.

In remembrance, memorials may be directed to Right to Life, 1779 South Garfield Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49696 or Pregnancy Care Center, Box 5363, Traverse City MI 49686

OLLINGER

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Groom.

Mr. Ollinger was born on May 11, 1929 to Walter F. and Bernice Ollinger. He graduated from Groom High School in 1947. He married Evelyn Quirk in Groom in 1951. Mr

Ollinger farmed his entire life. He was also employed by Gray County. A lifelong resident of Groom, Mr. Ollinger was active on the City Council and served on the Groom Independent School Board. He was a past member of the Knight's of Columbus

and a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2003.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Brown and husband Larry of Groom and Pam Ashford and husband Jerry of Groom; three sons, Mike Ollinger and wife Dianne of Claude, Kelvin Ollinger and wife Debbie of Groom and Duane Ollinger and wife Sherry of Dumas; two sisters, Yvonne Elizabeth Keating of Costa Mesa, CA. and Carmelita Sue Diller of Amarillo; three brothers, Jerry Raymond Ollinger of Amarillo, Phillip Richard "Dick" Ollinger of Rancho Cordova, CA. and Thomas Walter Weller of Claude; 12 Grandchildren and 4 Great-Grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX. 79176; St. Ann's Nursing Home, Hwy 60, Panhandle, TX. 79068; or the Groom Ambulance Service, 1001 East First St., Groom, TX. 79039.

BROWN

Goodnight and Groom, graduating in 1945 from Groom, at the age of sixteen. Fred married his high school sweetheart, Juanita Dee Williams, in Groom on April 24, 1948. He was engaged in farming and ranching. He farmed for 56 years north of Groom and raised Registered Black Angus cattle. For more than 50 years he showed Angus cattle all over the Southwest.

Mr. Brown was a Christian and member of the First Baptist Church in Groom. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Texas Angus Association, American Angus Association, and Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, JC Brown; and two sisters, Opal Spurgeon and Zola Mae Webb.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Juanita Brown; two daughters, Lynita Brown of Austin, and Lezlie Rainer and husband Brad of Groom; three sons, Larry Brown and wife Karen of Groom, Lonny Brown and wife Susan of Groom, and Tracy Brown and wife Heidi of Lubbock; 11 Grandchildren, Skye Ritter

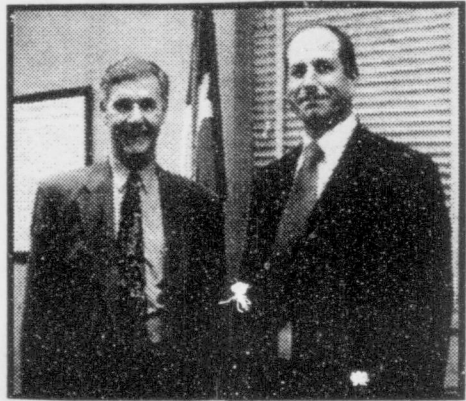
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and husband Wade, Kori, Kade, Mamie, Maggie, McKinley, and Montgomery Brown, Molly Stewart, Jackson, Jordan,

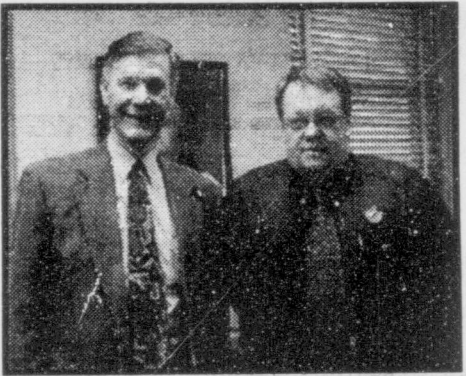
and Whitney Rainer.

The family suggests memorials be to the Groom Ambulance Fund 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas 79039.

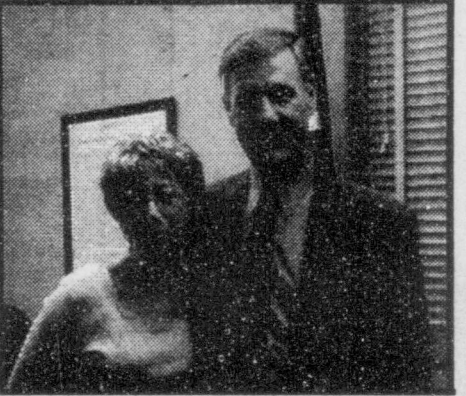
Elected Officials Take The Oath Of Office



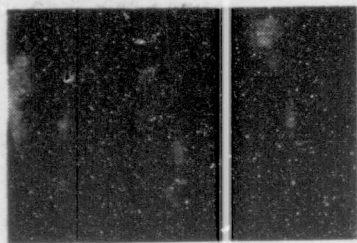
District Judge David McCoy swears in County Commissioner Mike Britten.



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