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Claude Mustangs
Last Night

The Groom News

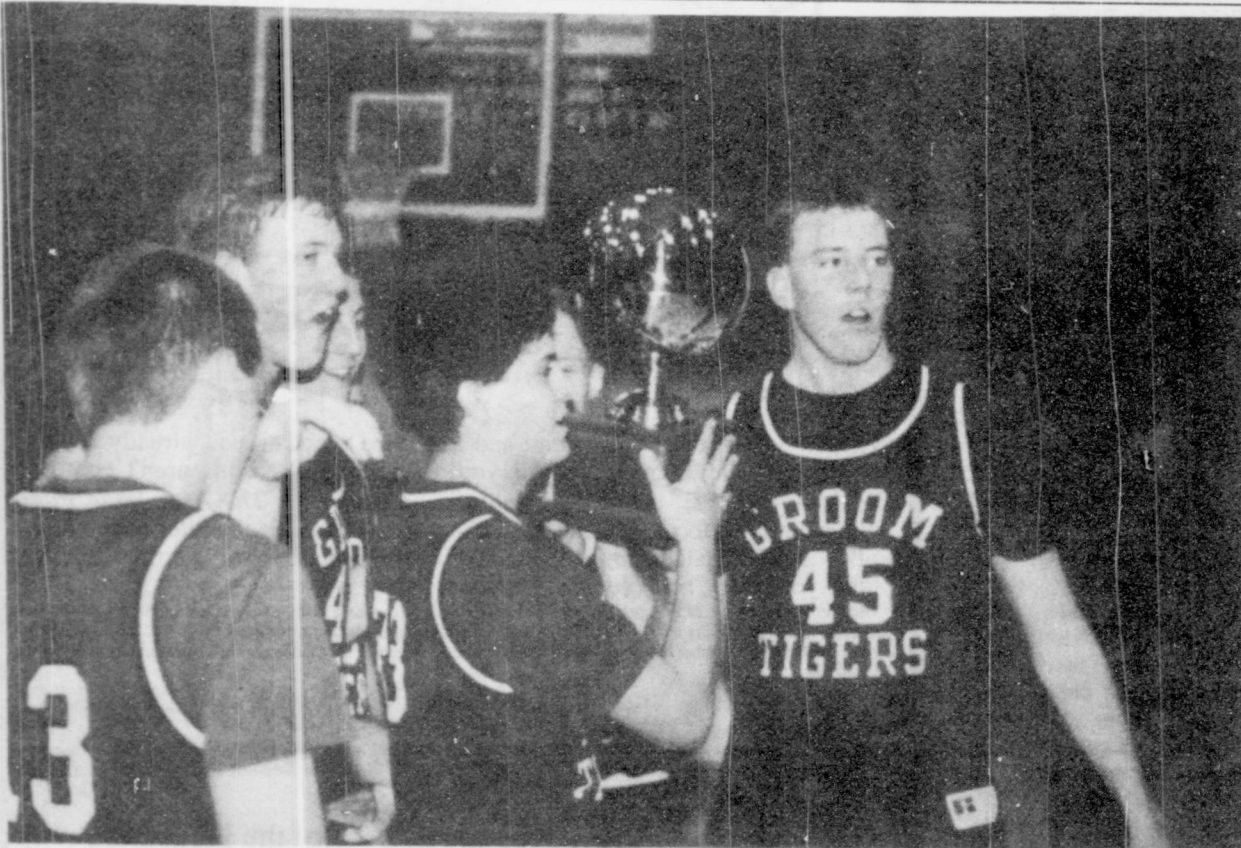
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A very proud and excited group of Groom Tigers accepted the Bi-District trophy at Pampa last week. Three seniors are shown here, Brandon Crump, "Moonie" Munoz, and Nick Ashford.

Tigers Win Bi-District Championship

For the first time in many years the Groom Tigers won the Bi-District Championship. The game against Higgins was played in the Pampa High School gym last Thursday night.

"This was the best these boys have played against a zone defense," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "I'm really proud of them."

Justin Ritter was the leading scorer for the Tigers with 12 points. Stanley Homer and Jeremy Chavado each added another 10. Nick Ashford put up 9, Brandon Crump had 6, Brad Sustaire had 4 and David Munoz had 2.

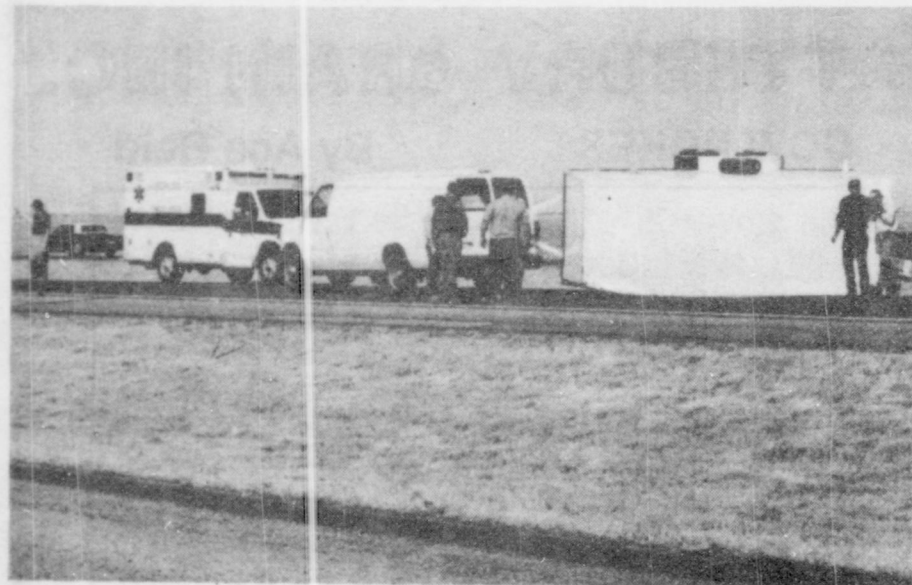
Coach Yelverton

explained why he ran an unorthodox play late in the second quarter. "We had a 6 point lead and good momentum going. We pulled out to a four corner stall in an attempt to get them to come out of their zone defense. We had the size advantage," he explained.

"When we saw that they were not going to go to a man to man, we knew more what we needed to do after halftime."

The Tigers won the match 53-38.

The boys are playing Claude as the paper goes to press, at Caprock High School in Amarillo.



Local rescue units responded to a trailer that had turned over travelling behind a van east of Groom last Thursday. A tire came off the trailer causing it to flip over. No injuries were reported.

Case Named District MVP

District 3-1A coaches announced late last week their picks for the All-District team. Kay Case was named Most Valuable Player. The 6'1" senior has been a varsity player all her basketball career. Case averages 23 points per game and is Groom's leading rebounder. She is the youngest child of Don and Karen Case.

Three other Groom players were named to the All-District team. Sandie Conrad, Sheridan Koetting, and Mary Hutsell. Sandie, a senior, is the daughter of Donnie and Marcia Conrad. Sheridan Koetting is the

daughter of John and Janice Koetting and is also a senior. The baby of the group is Mary Hutsell, a sophomore. She is the daughter of Steve and Pam Hutsell.

Angie Conrad and Jessica Friemel, sophomores, were named to the Honorable Mention list. Both contributed a great deal to the success of the Ettes this season.

Making the first team from other towns in the district were: Corey Little, Shamrock; Angie Thomas,

See Case page 3.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE JUNIOR HIGH will travel to Highland Park on Friday for a track meet. High School will also have a meet there on Saturday.

THE UIL TEAM will travel to Canadian for a meet on Saturday.

IF THE BOYS win the Area Championship on Tuesday, they will play their first game at Levelland at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Scheduled track meets and UIL meets will be cancelled in this event.

JETS WILL compete at WTAMU on March 2.

FFA WILL SPONSOR Big Brother week, March 4-8.

SPRING BREAK is March 11-15 for Groom School.

CANDIDATES FOR Groom ISD School Board and Groom City Council can file at the Business Office and City Hall respectively until March 20th.

GROOM ISD will have school on April 4th to make up for the lost day of January 18.

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According to Groom School Counselor, Debbie Addy, Groom High School has entered the Panhandle Tech Prep Consortium. Tech Prep is a way "to learn a living" and earn free college credit while a student is in high school. Tech Prep education plans streamline the link between high school and college. The student saves time, energy, and money. The Tech Prep career path allows students to get state-of-the-art instruction - both in the classroom and on the job. The classes emphasize the academic and workplace

skills Panhandle employers are demanding.

Mrs. Georgann Hinson will be the articulating teacher at Groom High School for the initial phase of Tech Prep. The articulating teacher as well as the administration must sign an agreement stating that the students will be taught under certain guidelines. Mrs. Hinson already meets or exceeds these guidelines in Accounting I, Micro-Computer Applications, and Advanced Word Processing. At the present time, Amarillo College, Amarillo

Technical Center, Clarendon College, and Frank Phillips College are the participating colleges in this area. Any junior or senior student who takes one of the above classes in high school will earn college credit for the class if they attend one of these community colleges. It is possible for a student to earn 9 - 12 college hours at one of the participating community colleges. This is at no cost to the student or the school.

Each student who wishes to participate in an articulation agreement must be on an academic track in

high school. The minimum high school requirements are: 4 credits English, 3 credits math, 3 credits science, 4 credits social studies, 1/2 credit health, 1 credit fine arts, 1 1/2 credits P.E., and 1 credit computing. When the student enrolls at one of the community colleges, the student tells the registrar they are a Tech Prep student and college credit is awarded.

Mrs. Hinson states, "This is a wonderful opportunity for our students. It lets

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United Methodist Women met Tuesday afternoon February 20th in the church at 2:30 p.m.

The Reverend Steve Barrett was the program leader of the meeting with the topic "Roles of Women in the Church."

Others present were: Shirley Lambersen, Julia McGee, Oma Schaffer, Mamie Ritter and Sybil Harrell.

Evelyn Hubbard, Karen Case and Sybil Harrell attended a meeting of the Carson County Library Board and staff in Panhandle Wednesday morning, February 21st.

Leldon Hudson suffered cracked ribs in a fall at his home this past week.

Teams Compete

Groom's U.I.L. speaking events team traveled to Sanford Fritch last week for a competition.

Joe Britten placed 4th in Persuasive Speaking. Suzy Pool placed 5th in Prose competition.

Mary Hutsell and Brenda Fields competed in the poetry contest.

The group will travel to Canadian this weekend.

Card Of Thanks

We deeply appreciate all the assistance from the Groom Fire Department and the many friends and neighbors who helped put out our recent grass fire. We thank you for everything!

Barry & Carole Fields

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

February 22 - Mrs. M. B. Bolden, Chy Phillips.

February 23 - Gary Wayne Friemel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool (A).

February 24 - Louis Lee Barkley, Mrs. Kenneth Ray Burger, Robbie Ellington, LaDonna Walker.

February 25 - Mrs. N.B. Helton, Trevor Jordan Friemel.

February 26 - Katy Leann Britten.

February 27 - Tracy Jay Britten, Juandell Ritter, Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock, Howard G. Britten, Clinton Wakefield.

February 28 - Matthew Keith Fields, Mrs. Harris E. Howard, Gary Don Davis.

Attention!

Former Girl Scout Leaders, we have been asked to clean out the Girl Scout room at the Community Center. Please go by and remove anything that belongs to you. If you would like any of the books that are there, feel free to take them. I will probably have to throw them away.

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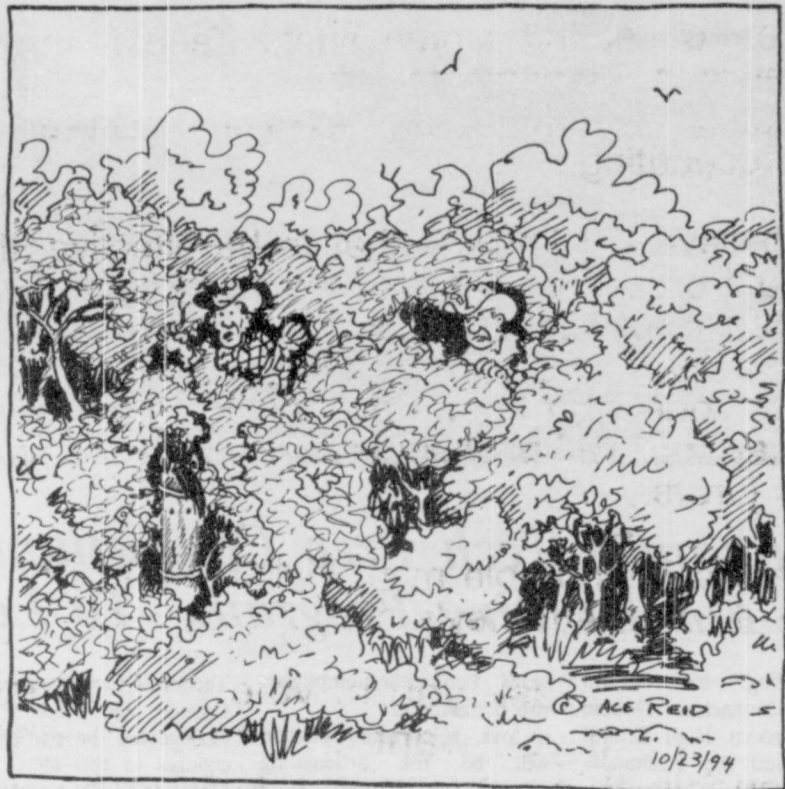


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According to a memo released by Judge Roselius Carson County, along with a major portion of the state, is in the midst of very dry conditions, thus fire hazard is great.

would ask that our citizens who live outside the city limits not burn unnecessarily," said Roselius. He continued, "Wild fires have cost us acres of grass land and considerable amount of financial loss to property. Thank you for your cooperation."

"I have been visiting with some of our emergency responders in the county about this situation and

Grandview-Hopkins Honor Roll

The following students made the honor roll for the 4th six weeks.

A Honor Roll

1st Grade: Haley Acker, Hope Coutts, Maggie Hopkins, Matthew Trusty.

2nd Grade: Abbi Aderholt, Will Jaegle, Megan Jouett.

4th Grade: Collin Bowers, Jake Hopkins, Drew Jaegle, Justin Jouett, Erin Norris.

5th Grade: Lauren Acker, Sara Blankenship.

6th Grade: Brenna Coutts, Carolyn Munoz, Shaun Smith.

A - B Honor Roll

2nd Grade: Ryan Spaulding.

4th Grade: Chance Bowers, Michael Dominguez, Calvin Schaffer.

5th Grade: Cody Babcock.

6th Grade: Christopher Lee, Krista Roby.

Special Achievement Awards

1st Grade: Hope Coutts, 100 in Language.

4th Grade: Calvin Schaffer, Improvement in Spelling. Erin Norris, 100 in Spelling. Justin Jouett, 100 in Social Studies. Jake Hopkins, 100 in Spelling and Science. Drew Jaegle, 100 in Spelling and Science.

6th Grade: Brenna Coutts, 100 in Spelling and Social Studies. Carolyn Munoz, 100 in Spelling.

Velma Hickox Son Passes Away

Roy Martin

Roy Martin, 67, of Amarillo, died Saturday, February 24, 1996.

Services were in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, with the Rev. Graham Harvey, a Baptist minister, officiating. Military honors were rendered by Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 26. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born in Lark and moved to Amarillo five years ago from Stanfield, Arizona. He married Rosemary Coy in 1968 at Stanfield. He was a veteran, serving in the Army during the Korean War.

He had worked for actors John Wayne and Louis Johnson as the operations supervisor of the Red River Land and Cattle Co., for 28 years. He also worked for the 26BAR Ranch. He retired in 1991 from the Verde Grande Vineyards.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Karen Janice Kee and Karen D. Lewis, both of Amarillo, and Paula Jo Fleck of Watkins Glen, N.Y.; two sons, Steve Koors of Phoenix, and Roy Keith

Martin of Heavener, Oklahoma; his mother Velma Hickox of Amarillo; two sisters, Wilma Hughes and Helen Kitchens, both of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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I am an honorable man. I will bring this honor and respect to the District Attorney's office.

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needs. For our students to stay competitive in the job market and to stay current with our community colleges, we will need to upgrade and replace our present computers in the high school lab."

Steve Hutsell, chairman of the Groom School Technology Committee, has said that the committee had been discussing the need to upgrade and replace the high school lab's computers in order to stay current with today's technology. The committee began looking

into this at the beginning of this school year and has been to the school board with their concerns and proposals.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity for our students to earn college credits and to help parents defray college costs just a little. The entire staff at Groom School has always strived for excellence in education. I believe this is just another example of our

school's dedication to our young people," said Debbie Addy.

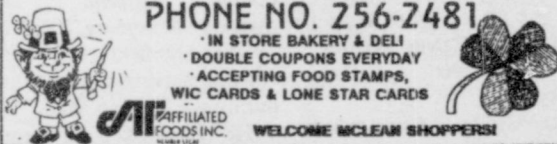
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All A's

Grade 12: Kay Case, Adam Odor, Sabrina Schaffer. Grade 11: Brenda Fields, Justin Ritter. Grade 10: Melissa Anthony, Tamara Ashford, Kay Britten, Toby Burgin, April Burton, Jimmy Chavedo, Angela Conrad, Mary Thomas. Grade 9: Dean Fields, Wyatt Weinheimer. Grade 8: Dustin Babcock, Travis Britten, Allison Eatmon, Jodi Homen, Sarah Hutsell, Jessica Kopley. Grade 7: Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Sarah Looten. Grade 6: Cassie Ashford, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten, Hugh Weinheimer. Grade 5: Jill Britten, Doug Fields. 4th Grade: Clay Britten, Blake Howard, Faith Looten, Owen Weinheimer.

A - B Honor Roll

Grade 12: Nick Ashford, Craig Baker, Harold Cave, Jeremy Chavedo, Tamera Cockrell, Sandie Conrad, Brandon Crump, Terry Eatmon, Stanley Homer, James Huckert, Sheridan Koetting, David Munoz, Suzy Pool. Grade 11: Buck Babcock, Courtney Burgin, Sean Crowell, Christina Galvan, Michael Lewis, Stephanie Ollinger, Scott Weinheimer. Grade 10: Jessica Friemel, Tony Homer, Mary Hutsell, Jennifer Lewis, Martie Phillips, Michael Stephens, LaDonna Walker. Grade 9: Cody Britten, Jeremy Lewis, Katrina Meaker, Stacy Munoz, Caleb Pool, Jacey Richardson, Jamie Shuck, Dara Whatley. Grade 8: Evan Crowell, Carrie Davis, Greg Lott, Chris Ollinger, Wade Ritter. Grade 7: Marci Babcock, Frances Britten, Skye Brown, Russell Conrad, Chase Holland, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaie, Grant Weinheimer. Grade 6: Staci Barnett, Cody Bivens, Karri Britten, Trey Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Clay Ritter. Grade 5: Lindsay Blackwell, Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Heather Day, Stephany Fraser, Heather Leven, Amanda Martin, Amber Moore, Lance Ollinger. Grade 4: Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Cody Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn, Lillian Wakefield.

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Boys	Girls	Location	Course
Mar 4		Childress	
Mar 14		Booker	
Mar 23	Mar 15	Booker	
	Mar 23	Vega	
Mar 29		Amarillo	Ross Rogers
	Mar 29	Amarillo	Ross Rogers
Apr 3		Borger	Huber CC
	Apr 3	Borger	Phillips CC
Apr 9		Borger	Huber CC
	Apr 9	Borger	Phillips CC

Regional April 22, 1996
State May 6, 1996

1996 Track Schedule

Varsity	Jr. High	Location
Mar 2	Mar 1	Highland Park
Mar 8 & 9	Mar 8 & 9	Highland Park
		Groom
		Open Date March 16
Mar 23	Mar 23	Lefors
Mar 29 & 30	Mar 29 & 30	Miami
Apr 4		Claude
Apr 12 & 13	Apr 12 & 13	Sunray (D)
Apr 26 & 27		Levelland (R)
May 10 & 11		Austin (S)

(D - District; R - Regional; S - State)

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All JTPA applicants planning to attend college

are required to apply for financial aid and grants through the college's financial aid office. All placement test scores must be brought into the office before a decision can be made about your sponsorship. On-the-job training is by special contract between the participant and a qualifying employer.

For more information, please contact Celia Duff (806) 372-5521, Texas Employment Commission, 1206 West 7th, Amarillo, Texas.

Local Happening

Monica Weinheimer underwent heart surgery earlier this week.

Icons Not For Worship

Letter to the editor of the Amarillo Daily News by the Most Rev. Leroy Matthiesen, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Amarillo.

I wish to assure letter writer Leigh Brown (Dec. 7 Amarillo Daily News) that the builders of the cross erected near Groom and the "Stations of The Cross" being crafted to be placed there in no way intend these icons to be objects of worship. They are not that, any more than the bronze serpent God commanded Moses to erect was intended by God to be adored and worshiped, though that was clearly a "graven image."

The golden calf that Aaron had made in response to the demands of the people was condemned precisely because they

called pagan neighbors.

If, indeed, we were asked to adore the "graven images" of our four presidents on Mount Rushmore, or the statues of heroes and heroines in our Texas State Capitol and national Capitol, and the thousands of sculptures - all "graven images" - in our art centers and museums, we would certainly be guilty of idolatry, forbidden by the

Second Commandment.

But we don't do that in these cases, and we don't do that in paintings and sculptures of Christ. These are simply ways of reminding ourselves and others of the presence of the living Christ in our midst and in our hearts, much as we do when we

carry pictures of our loved ones in our billfolds and purses.

Whetstine - Finck Home Damaged By Fire Friday

Fire broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Whetstine and Pattie Finck Friday night after a gas leak in the hot water tank caused a small explosion.

Volunteer firefighters were quickly on the scene to douse the blaze. Damage from the actual fire was limited to the hot water closet, but the whole house sustained some smoke damage.

Officials think that some copper tubing going from the gas line to the water heater developed a small

hole allowing gas to escape and build up in the closet.

"While it scared us to death," said Ms. Finck, "It could have been worse." The Whetstine's and Ms. Finck continue their clean up efforts on the rest of the house.

Don Bland of West Texas Gas explained, "There is an ingredient of natural gas that eats up copper tubing from the inside out. Its hard to tell when a leak is developing. Stainless steel or steel is the preferred material to use."

Citizens of Carson County:

*I would like to let the citizens of your county know about a very special person you have living in your district. My husband and I met this gentleman in May 1992, while facing a life tortuous battle against a giant in our community. He was appointed to my case, so of course, we were extremely skeptical of his loyalty; the long arm of this giant reached far beyond our small town city limits. After many long hours of working on the case, my family and I saw through the tough exterior to the heart of an angel. This gentleman was employed by the State of Texas as a Special Prosecutor, so win or lose it shouldn't have mattered to him, but it did! The endless hours he sat with us listening to my case, to find the perfect way to represent me in court was far beyond his job requirements. He took the time to listen to my concerns and fears and always had a kind word of support. This man has the intelligence, the morals, and heart to do what is right for the people he represents. This man is **Randall Sims**, your District Attorney. And though we live a few counties away, he has the full support of my family (Chambers' and Boedeker's) because he has proven himself as a trustworthy and hard working person who CARES. He fought for me and he will fight for you.*

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 The City of Groom will hold a second public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 1996 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a

Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements for the City in the approximate amount of \$250,000.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and

moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the City for assistance.

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McLean Tigers Win Bi-District Championship

By Moriah McCracken
Tiger Rag Staff

After losing three games to the Silvertown Owls in regular season, the McLean Tigers were the definite underdogs in the bi-district championship game Thursday night at Memphis, but managed to pull a surprising 68-65 win. The Owls, with an awesome 25 game winning record, were picked by all the pundits to beat the Tigers. However, from the opening buzzer, the Owls knew this was a fired-up Tiger team. Tiger fans were kept on the edge of their seats through all four quarters, as the score wavered from a dead heat to as much as a six-point

deficit for the Tigers.

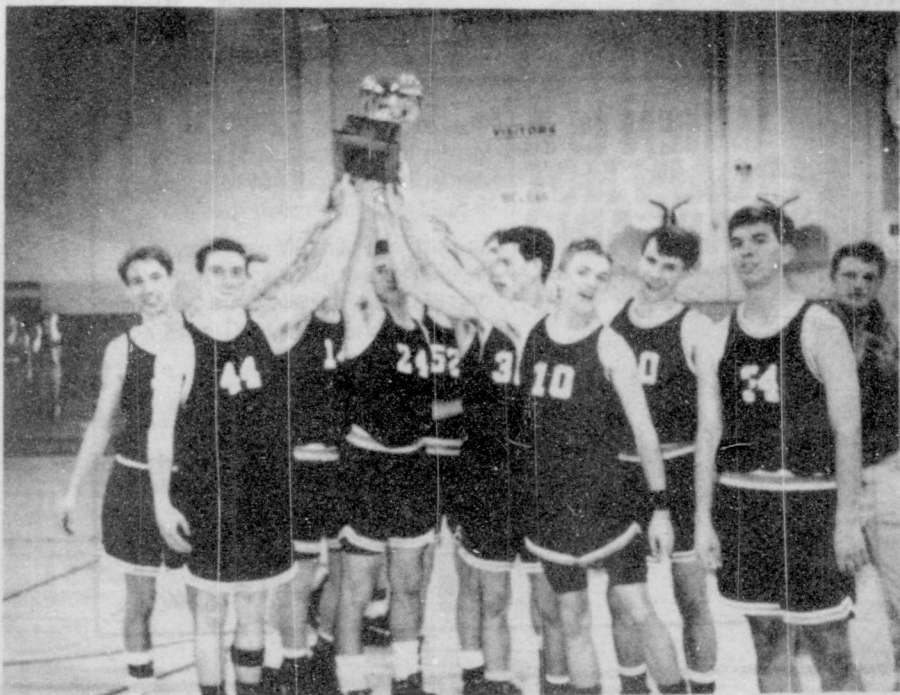
Newcomer coach Blaze Herring had his wits tested in the first Bi-District Championship game for the Tigers in eight years. Even when the Silvertown coach, in a psychological battle, called three successive time-outs with three seconds left in the game, and senior Monty Joiner at the bonus line for the Tigers, the McLean boys and coach kept their cool. Joiner made the free shots, and the Owls last desperate shot from the center line fell short to put the Tigers into the area playoffs.

The starting lineup of seniors held their own by being the top scorers.

Blake Crockett led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Monty Joiner and Jeremy Crutcher each with 16 points. Casey Carter followed with 10 points and Ben Reeser had 6 points. Andy Glass scored 2 points.

"We came onto the court at the beginning of the game ready to play, but we were really fired up when we saw the fans in the stands supporting us," Joiner said.

The Tigers were scheduled to play Sudan at Randall High in the Area Championship Tuesday night, but results of that game were late for press time.



Randy Stubblefield Seeks Re-Election

Randy Stubblefield has announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Gray County. Stubblefield, who took office January 1, 1993, stated that the Gray County Sheriff's Office has seen many changes since he has taken office as the new sheriff.

One of the most notable changes is the presence of deputies in the rural areas of the county. "Farmers tell me that they have never seen patrol cars on the county roads as much as they have since I have taken office," Stubblefield stated. He continued, "I traded the Mustangs for 4 wheel drive Blazers so the deputies could get to the areas that they need to patrol.

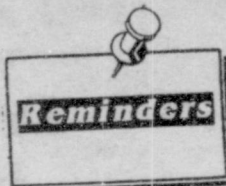
Stubblefield campaigned on the promise of taking a firm stand on fighting the drug problems in Gray County and he states that he is proud of the number of cases that his office has made. "We have arrested dozens of drug dealers in several different undercover operations. It is so easy to buy drugs in Pampa that one night chief deputy Charlie Morris put on civilian clothes and made 7 buys of crack cocaine in two hours. Working with the Texas Department of Public Safety narcotics officers we arrested several persons and took quite a bit of drugs off the streets," he stated. "We started an investigation that ended up with the arrest of

a man in Lefors that was receiving drugs in the mail from Arizona and with our help the United States Postal Inspectors were able to confiscate one of the largest meth labs in Arizona," he added.

Stubblefield stated that the operation of the Gray County jail is the biggest challenge in his past three years as sheriff. He stated that his officers have booked into the jail over 2,000 prisoners and that more than 500 of those were felons. "The jail capacity is 76 and I have tried to keep the count under 48 so that the county does not have to hire more jailers. I know that some people do not understand why we can't combine city and county jails but I have researched this with Texas Jail Standards and taking on the city prisoners would require the addition of 5 more jailers at a cost of about \$130,000 to the county and that is not counting the food costs and medical expenses. The city's offer of \$14,000 per year does not even come close to what it would require to fund the consolidation of the two jails," Stubblefield said.

"Through watching our expenses and utilizing what resources we could, such as operation alliance, we have been able to save the costs

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McLEAN FFA Open House will be Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 in the McLean High School Ag Shop.

EARLY VOTING for Donley County voting precinct 402 will be held Saturday, March 2 from 2 to 4 at the home of Bernard McClellan.

SPRING BREAK for McLean Schools will be March 4-8.

SIAMROCK'S March 15 & 16 St. Patrick's Day celebration will feature a reunion of former St. Patrick Day Queens. Call 306-256-2501 or 806-256-3181 for information.



Daisy Girl Scouts: (Top) Shelby Terry, Lacey Wallis, Seoul Chappell, Kay Taylor, Erin Bailey. (Middle) Neci Chappell, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour, Stephanie Henson, Amanda Fricks. (Front) Haylee Hendrick, Krisin Odom.

Daisy Girl Troop Recently Organized

Daisy Girl Scouts have recently organized in McLean with 13 participants. Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 at Trinity Baptist Church. The first meeting was on January 24. Troop leader

Beverly Odom read the book "Who Is A Daisy Girl Scout" to introduce the scouting philosophy. Linda Syfrett organized the Valentine activity on February 14. A polaroid picture of each scout in her new blue tunic was framed with her artwork for a

special valentine. Money earning activities are not planned for this age level of scouting. McLean Feedyard is a sponsor for the group and the previous Girl Scout organization in McLean donated the funds left in their bank account to help the Daisy Girl Scouts.

Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study Club met on February 15, 1996 in the computer lab in the McLean Elementary School. Freda Holland presented the program showing the progress that has been made in the last year in the computer laboratory. She explained the great strides made using the "Writing to Read" and "Writing to Write" as well as the "Accelerated Reader" programs. Next an exhibition of touch typing was given by Skyler Ferguson and Zane

Richardson, both students of the third grade. These are skills that were not presented until the high school years to the students before now. Everyone also visited the library and found how reading and computer skills work together.

Jerry Corbin was hostess and served sandwiches, cookies, candies and punch in a Valentine theme.

Those attending were Kristi Crockett, Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murray, Beverly Odom, Martha Parker, Lynn Reeves, Lezlie Stewart and Molly, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, Nama Webb, June Close and Sherry Martindale.

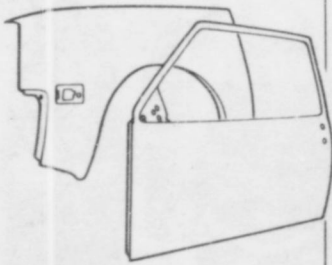
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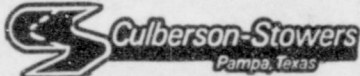
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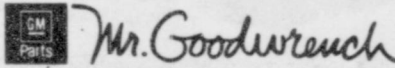
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Stubblefield

of running the sheriff's office. I have been able to return to the county fund over \$270,000 from my budget over the past three years," Stubblefield continued.

Stubblefield said that when he campaigned four years ago he remarked that he felt that sometimes that the people of McLean, Alanreed and Lefors seemed to be neglected and that he would see to it that his department would give them as much law enforcement coverage as possible. "I feel that I have fulfilled that promise and I know that those residents will agree that my officers have made their presence known in their communities," Stubblefield said.

Stubblefield, 44, has been a resident of Gray County for 42 years and is a graduate of Pampa High School. He has two children, Shelly Stubblefield, 21, of Austin and Tyler Stubblefield, 16, a student at Pampa School. His parents are Wilfred and Ethel Stubblefield, also of Pampa.

Stubblefield closed with saying, "I feel that I have kept all of my campaign promises and that I have built a professional department that the Citizens of Gray County can be proud of. I would like to

be re-elected to continue the programs that I have started. Changing sheriffs at this time would throw the county back four years and I feel that we should continue moving forward."

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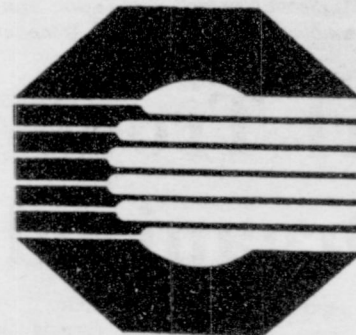
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requirement, the student must have been active in three or more service projects in the school or community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with both students and faculty. This year six students are being considered for membership. They are Mike Stone, Tanna Shipman, Moriah McCracken, Lori Hefley, Lorin Hall and Shaley Stalls.

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Lady Tigers Come Up Short
 By Jonathan Galley and Mike Stone
 MHS Tiger Rag Staff
 The Lady Tigers traveled to Palo Duro High School in Amarillo on Tuesday, February 20 where they were turned away by No. 1 ranked Nazareth 70-33. This game concluded the Lady Tigers winning season in which they went 21-5. The Lady Tigers were District Champs as well as Bi-District Champs. During the game on Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers fought heroically, but found themselves trailing when the final buzzer rang. The leading scorer was Senior Heather Hess with 17 points. Sophomore Shaley Stalls had 9 points and Freshman Rachel Galley had 7 points.

Obituaries

Harry E. Franks

Harry E. Franks, 82, died Monday, February 19, 1996. Graveside services were in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. James Martindale,

pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mr. Franks was born at Memphis, Texas, and had

lived at McLean since he was a small child. He was a rancher and a member of the American Legion Post at Shamrock. He was a veteran, serving with the Navy during World War II. There are no known survivors.

On The Sick List
Waidean Cheatham was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

DON'T FORGET to use the Community Calendar at the City Hall when scheduling local events.

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McLean Care Center News

Sunday Pat Andrews, pastor of the Church of Christ was here to hold a worship service.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Annie Eudey, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Sylvia McClellan, Myrtle Allen, Beryl Halbert, Teresa Richardson, Florence Drake, Hadda Moore, Vernee Bowling, Eula Morrow, Lena Bailey, Dick Wheeler and M.L. Rowan. Our volunteer helpers were Loree Barker, Avalee Crockett and Cliffie Heasley. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday morning ladies from the Church of Christ were here to give the residents a social, an assortment of cookies were served. Ladies attending were Louise Watson, Gladys Godfrey, Avalee Crockett and Oleta Harris.

Wednesday Kim Hernandez was here to hold her musical therapy. Residents attending were Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Myrtle Allen, Thelma Hopkins and Hadda Moore. Playing dominos were Dick Wheeler, Teresa Richardson and M.L. Rowan.

Wednesday the residents enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mac Hess. In the afternoon the following residents had popcorn while watching a movie, M.L. Rowan, Sylvia McClellan, Phyllis Bailey, Dick Wheeler, Polly Burnett, Annie Eudey, Betty McCurley, Virgie Everett, Thelma Hopkins, Beryl Halbert, Florence Drake, Loma Lou Gibbs, Lula Sheegog, Helen Glass, Truman Goodlett, Hadda Moore and Myrtle Allen.

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The parents of the bride are Stan and Kay Kropff of Canyon and David and Pam Rooney of Kansas City,

Missouri. The parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magee of McLean.

The bride is a graduate of Canyon High School. She is currently doing her student teaching and will graduate in May from West Texas A&M University.

Destry is a graduate of McLean High School. He is employed by Affiliated Foods of Amarillo.

The couple plan to reside in Canyon.



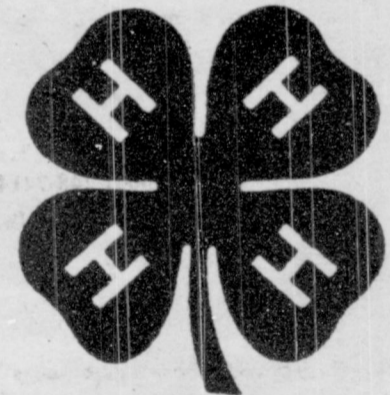
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Public Notice

Pursuant to HB 2128, Section 3.455, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to provide interim number portability to holders of certificates of convenience and necessity, certificates of operating authority, and service provider certificates of operating authority. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 14940. Interim number portability is provided to allow customers to retain the use of their telephone number if they change their provider of local telephone service within the same exchange.

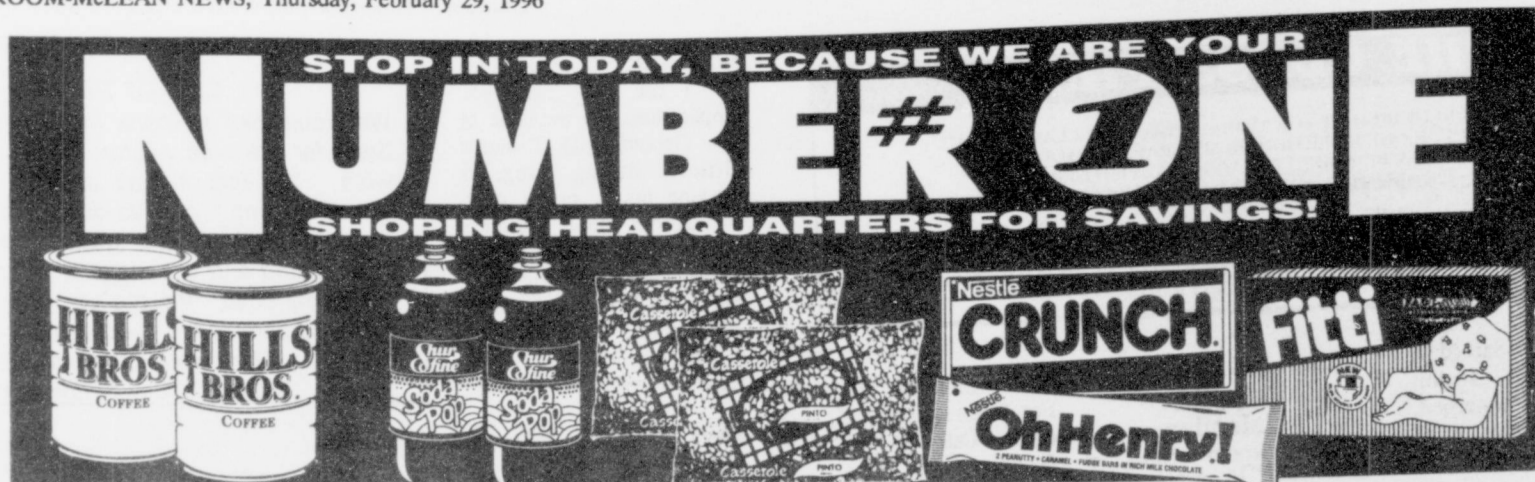
Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission by March 22, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, según el HB 2128, Sección 3.455, han hecho una petición de tarifas con la Comisión de Servicio Público de Texas para proveer números portátiles provisionales a los que tengan certificados de necesidad y conveniencia, certificados de autoridad operacional y certificados de proveedores de servicio con autoridad operacional. A esa petición le ha sido asignadas el sumario de causa No. 14940. Estos números serán proveído para permitirles a esos clientes que lo deseen, retener el uso de su número de teléfono, en caso de que decidan cambiar su proveedor de servicio local telefónico dentro de la misma central telefónica.

Las personas que deseen hacer comentarios acerca de esta aplicación, deben notificar a la comisión antes del 22 de Marzo de 1996. Más información puede ser pedida por correo a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757 o usted puede llamar a la Oficina de Información al Público de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, teléfono (512) 458-0256, or al numero (512) 458-0221 de la máquina de escribir telefónica para las personas sor-

Southwestern Bell Telephone



STOP IN TODAY, BECAUSE WE ARE YOUR NUMBER #1 SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS FOR SAVINGS!

ASSORTED HILLS BROS **Coffee** 12-13 OZ. **\$2.19**

ASSORTED SHURFINE **Soda Pop** 3 LTR. BTL. **89¢**

SAVE ON CASSEROLE **Pinto Beans** 4 LB. BAG **\$1.59**

ASSORTED NESTLE **Candy** REGULAR SIZE PKG. **3\$1** FOR

ASSORTED DIAPERS **Fitti** 18-34 CT. PKG. **\$3.89**

Lay's REG. OR WAVY Lay's® Chips \$1.59 SIZE 99¢	ASSORTED V8 Juice 6 PACK, 5.5 TO 6 OZ. 1.99	REG. OR BLUE Shield Soap 5 OZ., 4 BAR PKG. \$1.59	PEDIGREE ASSORTED Dog Food 22 OZ. CAN 89¢
ASSTD. THICK & CHUNKY Pace Salsa 16 OZ. \$1.99	TOSTITOS® CHEESE DIP Con Queso EACH \$1.79	LIQUID DISH SOAP Ultra Ivory 28 OZ. \$1.99	KELLOGG'S Rice Krispies 15 OZ. BOX \$2.99
DUNCAN HINES ASSTD. KID CUPS OR ANGEL CUPS Cup Cakes 9.7-13.6 OZ. PKG. \$1.79	6 Pack Coke \$1.99 3 Liter Dr. Pepper \$1.79 7 Up	BETTY CROCKER ASSTD. Pop Secret 3 PACK \$1.49	CAMPBELL'S Chunky Soup 19 OZ. \$1.49

GARDEN FRESH PRODUCE!

RED RIPE Strawberries **88¢** PINT

NO. 1 RUSSET Potatoes \$1.69 10 LB. BAG

SEEDLESS Flame Grapes ...LB. 99¢	GARDEN FRESH CilantroEA. 49¢
EXTRA LARGE OrangesLB. 39¢	TEXAS RIO STAR Grapefruit ...4 FOR \$1.00
SNO WHITE CauliflowerEA. 88¢	WASHINGTON GRANNY SMITH ApplesLB. 79¢

FROZEN

BLUE BUNNY ASSTD. HI-LITE **Ice Cream** 1/2 GAL. **\$1.99**

BLUE BUNNY SUNDAE **Nutty Cones** 6 PK. **\$2.29**

RHODES OLD FASHION CINNAMON ROLLS OR ASSTD. **Dinner Rolls** .. 24 CT. OR 30-48 OZ. **\$1.99**

DAIRY

SHURFINE BUTTERMILK OR BUTTER FLAVOR **Jumbos Biscuits**.. 16 OZ. **\$1.19**

SHURFINE **Crescent Rolls**.... 8 OZ. **\$1.49**

SHURFINE ASSORTED **Yogurt**.....3 8 OZ. **\$1.00**

KRAFT SLICED DELUXE **American Cheese** 12 OZ. **\$2.69**

HEALTH & BEAUTY

TABLETS, KAPSEALS OR SOFT GEL NO DYE **Benadryl** 24 CT. **\$3.99**

ASSORTED SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER **Suave** 11-16.5 OZ. **99¢**

ASSORTED ROLL-ON OR ULTRA SOLID **Secret**..... 1.7 OZ. **\$2.19**

SCENTED, UNSCENTED OR SENSITIVE SKIN **Lubriderm Lotion** .. 10 OZ. **\$4.99**

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS Top Sirloin Steak **\$2.39** LB.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE A Split Fryer Breast POUND 99¢	WILSON REG. OR POLISH Smoked Sausage 1 LB. PKG. \$1.29	PREFERRED TRIM BNLS. Pork Sirloin Chops POUND \$2.69
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PREFERRED TRIM **T-Bone Steaks**LB. **\$3.89**

BAR-S **Meat Franks**12 OZ. **69¢**

BAR-S **Bologna**12 OZ. **79¢**

BAR-S REGULAR, LOW SALT OR THICK **Sliced Bacon**1 LB. PKG. **\$1.49**

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