

# The McLean News



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## T.N.R.C.C. To Inspect Landfill

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, December 11, 2000, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Jim

McDonald, Bob Martin and Charles McClendon. Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon and Courtney Lamb.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Work at the landfill has been resumed. There will be an inspection by

TNRCC on the 22nd of this month, but everything is ready for it.

Street signs will be painted as soon as Butch Warner can get to them and as soon as the weather permits.

Motion by Jim McDonald, second by Doyle Lee to go with the ballot proposition example that was received from Dalhart to change 4A to 4B in the May election. Bob Martin, Joe Creed Lamb, Jim McDonald and Doyle Lee voted for, Joe Billingsley voted against.

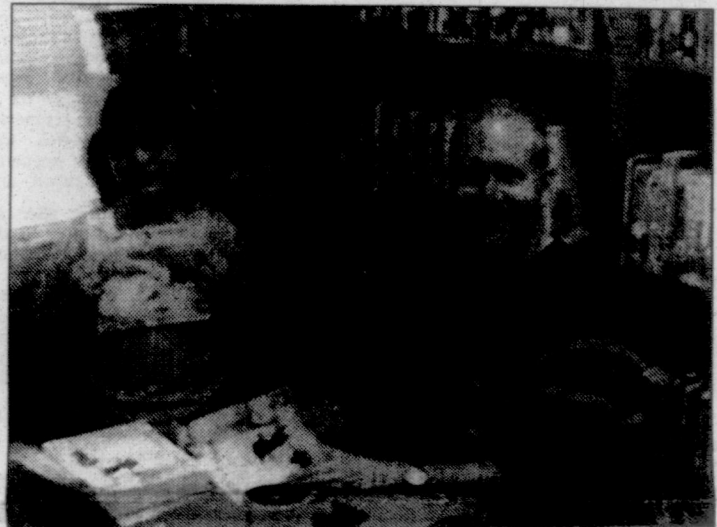
No action was taken on the McLean EDC, a representative was not in attendance.

The council voted to accept the Bank of Commerce as the City's depository for a period of two years.

The council voted to adopt the cross connection plumbing Ordinance #273 on its first and final reading.

The council voted to give the full time employees a \$100.00 Christmas bonus.

Motions passed to pay all bills.



## Vega, Floyd & Sawyer Named To All-Star Teams

The District 1-1A Six Man All-District Football team was announced recently. Six McLean Tigers were named to the list.

For the First Team Offense, Gabe Vega was named as Running Back; Terrell Hembree was named as Center.

For the First Team Defense, Randy Floyd was named to the Defensive Line; Brad Sawyer was named as a Linebacker.

On Second Team Offense, Brad Sawyer earned a Runningback position. Adam Johnston was named as a Tight End. Chris Sparling earned a Quarterback position.

Second Team Defense named Adam Johnston as a Defensive Lineman and Gabe Vega earned a Linebacker position.

Two McLean Tiger football team members were named to the Second Team All-Region o-man football team. Gabe Vega was named as a running back on the 2nd team offense. Randy Floyd was named to the 2nd team defense on the defensive line.

Other members of the teams from the area are:

**1st Team Offense:**  
Quarterback Grant Weinheimer, Groom; Spreadback Steven Lopez, Whitharral; Runningbacks Landon Parham,

Lazbuddie, Justin Davis, Valley; Ends Clay Ritter, Groom, Tony Harvey, Jayton, Tyler Cline, Cotton Center; Center Wes Henson, Valley; Kicker Fabian Guzman, Lazbuddie.

**1st Team Defense**  
Defensive Line, Dewayne Gray, Groom, Waylon Presley, Follett, Jeremy Polk, Whitharral; Linebackers, Hunter Schilling, Follett, Greg Cirilo, Whitharral, Ryan Wellman, Valley; Safety Red Ivory, Silvertown; Punter Josh Smith, Rule.

**2nd Team Offense**  
Quarterback Jimmy James, Miami; Spreadback, Marty Long, Jayton, Josh Robertson, Follett; Runningbacks, Gabe Vega, McLean, Lucio Moreno, Miami, Josh Rodriguez, Rochester; Ends, Reece Hartman, Happy, Zach McDowell, Miami, Isaiah Ivory, Silvertown; Center, Anthony Ferguson, Three-Way; Kicker, Vance Chandler, Valley.

**2nd Team Defense**  
Defensive Line, Justin Lucero, Valley, Isaac Garcia, Silvertown, Randy Floyd, McLean, Daniel

Frost, Patton Springs; Linebackers, Will Kristnek, Whitharral, Robert Rodriguez, Three-Way, Seth Jeter, Jayton; Safety, Garrett Britten, Groom; Punter Jake Weiderstein, Higgins.

## Author Speaks To Students

Arkansas author David M. Sargent, Jr. held a program for Kindergarten through fourth grade on December 8th. Mr. Sargent spoke about the importance of reading and some of the books he has written.

Parents were encouraged to attend the program with their children and listen to the author speak about the

experiences of his two miniature dachshunds and their friend Buffy. Sargent also spoke on how he became an author.

The program was

### REMINDERS

**THERE WILL BE** a Breast Screening Clinic in McLean on Jan. 9, 2001. Call 1-800-377-4673 for an appointment.

**HEALD** Methodist Candlelight Service will be Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

**SANTA WILL BE** at the bank on Dec. 20.

**THE MASONIC** Lodge will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m.

**THE NEXT** School Board meeting is Dec. 18 at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST** will have a Christmas Program on Dec. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The price for Gas in the City of McLean for the month of December is \$7.95 per thousand mcf.

presented to help in developing a better understanding of achievement, and the pride that comes with success.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST** Church will have it's Christmas Program on Dec 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**THE SENIOR** Citizens will have a Christmas dinner December 19 at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**TRINITY** Baptist will hold a Children's Christmas musical on Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**THE COMMUNITY** Christmas Cantata will be Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

**SCHOOL** WILL be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on Dec. 20th. School holiday, Dec. 21 - Jan. 2, 2001. Everyone will return January 3.

**THE SCHOOL** Christmas program performed by grades 2-5 and the Tiger Choir will be held tonight at 7 p.m.

**THE TIGERS** and Lady Tigers will travel to Ft. Elliott on Dec. 15. Games begin at 6:30 pm.

**McLean School Menu**  
**Monday** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, toast and jelly, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday** Breakfast: Breakfast mini-pockets, toast and jelly, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

**Wednesday** Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

December 14 - Sheri Haynes, Jeff Pike.

December 15 - Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Jo Blaylock, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Michelle Basham, Mary Basham, Wendy Morris.

December 16 - Clint Herndon.

December 17 - Dorothea Bybee, Wanda

**County Commissioners Hold Meeting**

The County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on the 14th day of November. County Judge, Richard Peet, and all county commissioners were present.

Attorney, Mark Buzzard asked the court if they had any plans for the Gray County Law Library. No comments were stated in the minutes.

All the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hefley and seconded by Commissioner Greene to defer action on fire contracts with the volunteer fire departments of Hoover, Lefors, McLean, Groom, Skellytown, Mobeetie, White Deer and Wheeler. All agreed.

Mark Buzzard, attorney for Fred Brown, and Kevin Nelson, attorney for L.H. Webb, presented arguments concerning the county building a neighborhood road. A motion was made by Commissioner Hefley and seconded by Commissioner Wheeley to defer action on application for the county to build a neighborhood road until the next meeting. All approved.

All commissioners approved a motion to send a letter in support of building a chapel at the Jordan Unit after a discussion with Reed Kirkpatrick and Chaplin David Schlewitz.

All the commissioners approved a motion to accept the outside audit of County funds by Doshier, Pickens & Frances as presented.

Mr. John Kiehl discussed the restoration project for the courthouse. He also announced that

ArchiTexas accepted the suggested changes to the contract.

The commissioners court canvassed and approved the results of the November 7, 2000 General election as recorded in Gray County, Volume 4 on pages 118 through 122.

Action on the invoice

from Correction Security Services were deferred until the next meeting.

A motion to approve monthly bills in the amount of \$290,460.37 was approved by all commissioners. Also the budget transfers were approved as recommended by the County Auditor.

Meeting adjourned.

**Obituary**

V.E. "Barney" Lowe

V.E. "Barney" Lowe, 84, died December 4, 2000. Services were Friday, December 8 with the Reverend Z.A. Myers assisted by Pastor Brian Quisenberry officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Lowe was born, August 22, 1915, to Frank and Lummie Lowe

in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. He married Betty Payne October 15, 1938 in Pushmataha County. He and his wife had lived in McLean for 50 years. He was a retired rancher, a member of Jumbo Baptist Church of Oklahoma, and an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; two daughters, Jessie Bailey and Judy Green both of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Varoo of Bend, Oregon; one granddaughter, Jodi Thomas of Amarillo, three grandsons, Kenneth Nicholson and Kevin Nicholson, both of Amarillo, and Jeffrey Parker of Austin; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family request memorials to the McLean Care Center Activity Fund, Box 780, McLean, Texas 79057.

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**Ordinance #273**

An Ordinance adopting chapter ten of the uniform plumbing code providing for water distribution and cross connection control.

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## PTA Holds Pot Luck Dinner & Meeting

The McLean PTA held its regular meeting on December 11 at 5:30 p.m. with a pot luck dinner. After the dinner, President Heidi Gamble called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Janet Glass.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Secretary, Shawn Bybee. All approved.

Heidi spoke about the school directory. Fifty people have not turned in information forms. Mr. Crockett will send out forms again to Jr. High to check on the response. Waiting until next year to do a directory was also discussed.

Stacey Smart gave the budget report. The checkbook balance is \$286.57. Discussion was held for fundraiser ideas. One idea was a tire raffle or a raffle for a night out on the town for two.

Amy Herring introduced Shelly Long and Renea Chambers who presented a LIPS program. The program is teaching the children

comprehension and word identification.

Mr. Crockett gave a report card for the McLean schools, stating that it is an exemplary status, well above state averages. McLean has also received an extra

award for reading.

Taylor Food Mart donated door prizes. All present won.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be February 6. The title of the program will be "Worth the Wait."

### McLean Church Directory

**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
779-2548

Sunday Bible School 10 am  
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
779-2221

Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**

Rev. Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**

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

**Heald United Methodist Church**

Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**

James Mantooh 779-3207  
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
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The Tigers traveled to Samnorwood to participate in a tournament there. The first game of the tournament saw defeat for the Tigers against the Memphis Cyclones with a score of 41-72. Shane Estes led the pack in scoring with 13 points. Randy Floyd scored 9. Chris Sparling and Terrell Hembree added 7 points each. Brad Sawyer

earned 5. The second game was a comeback for the Tigers, defeating

Samnorwood 53-34. Brad Sawyer led the victory with 21 points. Shane Estes followed with 13. Randy Floyd scored 10. Chris

Sparling and Terrell Hembree each put in four points. Ricky Smith added one.

The last game of the tourney brought the Tigers to their second win and a consolation trophy. Again, Brad Sawyer earned top scorer honors with 17 points. Randy Floyd helped in the victory with 12 points. Chris Sparling followed with 11 points. Shane Estes earned 10 and Terrell Hembree added 4.

"I'm proud of the Tigers," stated Tiger Coach Blaze Herring. "They bounced back after being defeated by Memphis in the first game and beat Samnorwood and Hedley to win the consolation trophy."

## Museum To Close Dec. 8- Feb. 5

November brought two hundred twenty-two visitors to the museum. They came from twenty-seven states plus Washington DC. Of

these 222 visitors, 24 were from eight foreign countries. These countries were: Japan, England, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Finland, Sweden and the Former Soviet Union.

Curt Haller was our sixtieth thousandth visitor. He visited on November 10 from Wanamingo, MN. He was given a DRM cap and certificate and his picture was taken in front of the museum. It will probably be in the next newsletter.

On November 16 and 17, Mike McCafferty, (Oakley, Kansas) Dan Sowle, (Stanley, New Mexico) Harold Hagemeyer and Joe Cotter (Amarillo) and Delbert Trew (Alanreed) were here making improvements to the entry way and lobby. You must come see what a fine job they did lowering the ceiling in the entry and putting paneling on two walls along with new displays.

The volunteer Christmas party is scheduled for December 7 at 5:30 in the Heritage Room. This is a way of saying "Thanks" for a job well done.

The Devil's Rope Museum will close December 8, 2000 until February 5, 2001 to conserve utilities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Pioneer Study Club Has Holiday Meeting

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, December 7th in the home of Mickey Jackson for Christmas in the country.

Members all brought their favorite party food and a recipe to share with others. Coffee and hot cider were served with the delicious food. Those present were Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee, Zeld McClellan, Mary Powell, Pam Quisenberry, Lynn Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb, Mary Emma Woods and new member Barbara Bode.

Ruth Trew had Christmas games to challenge members. Oh what fun! Mickey Jackson gave a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas in Texas". Gift exchanges completed a fun time had by all.

"Learn to Laugh at Yourself. You'll have a lifelong source of amusement."

Next meeting will be January 18, 2001 with hostess, Patti Brass and program by Ella Mae Reyna.



McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week December 4 - December 8: Kindergarten Cody Azzazi; 1st Grade George Patterson; 2nd Grade Jacob Azzazi; 3rd Grade Mike Krueger; 4th Grade Nikki Alvarez; 5th Grade Travis Fish; 6th Grade Justin Dillman; 7th Grade Lindsey Ruiz; 8th Grade Tyler Hanes.

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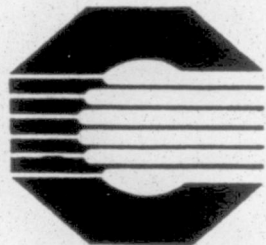
June Suggs, Receptionist

**Dr. Craig Shaffer  
Medical Director**


The Clinic Will Be Closed December 5 through December 14

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**Card Of Thanks**

For the past year, I have been the butcher at Puckett's Grocery here in McLean. Many of my customers have become my close friends and I feel honored. Thanks to you and also to Alta, Brandon, Lynda, Diane, Paula and Steven, for making this time a very pleasant and rewarding experience. May everyone of you have a very blessed holiday and good luck to Jim Armbrister who will be my replacement. God bless all of you.  
Sincerely,  
Danny

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**MOVING SALE:**  
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Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics By Don Biggers Rph



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The optimal amount of Vitamin C is 500 mg per day. A recent study suggests that if you take more than 500 mg of this potent antioxidant on a regular basis, you may actually cause genetic damage that can lead to rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions. Also, too much Vitamin C can cause excess iron absorption, a risk factor for heart disease. Please don't take too much Vitamin C daily. However, if you are feeling the onset of a cold, it is safe to take up to 3000 mg daily -- 1000 mg at regular intervals with food -- until the cold has subsided then return to your regular dose of 500 mg daily.

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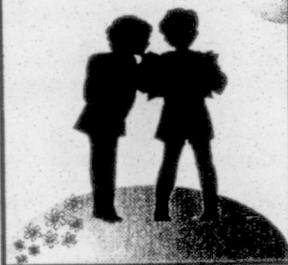
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**Where:** Red River Steakhouse, McLean, Texas  
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**When:** Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.  
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**Parkay Margarine** 16 OZ **79¢**

**Angel Soft Bath Tissue** 4 ROLL **99¢**

**Maxwell House Coffee** 11-13 OZ **1.89**

**Cake Mix** 18-18.25 OZ **79¢**

**All Purpose Flour** 5 LB **79¢**

**Imperial Cane Sugar** 4 LB **1.29**

**Shurfine Grade A Large Eggs** 18 CT **89¢**

**Shurfine Ass'd Whipping Cream** 1/2 PINT **3 FOR 2**

**Assorted Grapes** 12 OZ **2.53**

**Gold Medal All Purpose Flour** 5 LB **79¢**

**Medium Large Yellow Onions** **29¢ LB.**

**Salad** 10 OZ **1.79**

**Fresh Lemons** 10 For **1.00**

**Bananas** 4 Lb **\$1.00**

**Avocados** 3 For **1.99**

**Cucumbers** 3 For **.89**

**Apples** 12 For **.89**

**Spinach** 12 For **.89**

**Sunkist Santa Clause Decorated Bag Oranges** **2 FOR \$3**

**Golden Ripe Bananas** **4 \$1**

**Carrots** 16 OZ PKG **89¢**

**Celery** 2 For **.89**

**Salad** 16 OZ **99¢**

**Apples**

**Red Delicious** lb **.69**

**Golden Delicious** lb **.69**

**Potatoes** lb **59¢**

**Shurfine Whiteflake Coconut** 14 OZ **1.39**

**Ells Halves, Vts or Pieces Pecans** 6 OZ **\$2.83**

**Shurfine Mandarin Oranges** 2 11 OZ **99¢**

**Chunk Light Tuna** 2 4 OZ **89¢**

**Napkins** 120 CT **89¢**

**Trash Bags** 8-14 CT **1.59**

**Sugar** 2 LB **99¢**

**Kibbles & Mini Chunks** 27 LB **8.99**

**Nestle Mix** 34 OZ **2.79**

**Party Cups** 20 CT **1.19**

**Party Plates** 15 CT **1.19**

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Thursday, December 14, 2000



## Santa Saw...

Nice.....

Janie Britten delivering Avon products in the cold weather.

Daniel Treadwell, Josh Evenson and Sean Crowell coming to the rescue after fire broke out in the Thomas Moranic garage.

Sybil Harrell greeting The Groom News staff and offering to hand deliver messages or ads to White Deer.

See Naughty List, pg. 6

## Weinheimer, Ritter, & Gray Named To All-Region Team

Groom Tigers football team members continue to rake in honors after their 12-1 season. Quarterback Grant Weinheimer, offensive end Clay Ritter and defensive lineman Dewayne Gray were named to the All-Region 6-man football team. Garrett Britten, Safety, was named to the Second Team on defense.

Other members of the teams from the area are:

**1st Team Offense:**  
Quarterback Grant Weinheimer, Groom; Spreadback Steven Lopez, Whitarral; Runningbacks Landon Parham, Lazbuddie, Justin Davis, Valley; Ends Clay Ritter,

See All-Region, pg. 4



## Attention Kids!

Preschool - 4th Grade  
All Groom Kids will need to have Mom or Dad bring your letter to Santa to the Groom News this year!

Santa is hoping to hear from you by Monday Dec. 18.

## The City's Home Holiday Lighting Contest

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... everywhere you go... even in Groom. Homes on every street are decked out in their holiday finery. This year's city lighting contest has several entries. It is the first year that area residents will be allowed to vote. Make your voice heard because as we now know... "Every vote counts!" Take a moment to put the kids in the car and drive around and look at the lights! Then take a moment to mark your ballot, found on page 6.

(Note: Dimpled chads, hanging chads and pregnant chads will not be counted except by order of the Supreme Court!)



## MEETING TONIGHT...

## Talks To Continue On School Budget and Program Cuts

Groom School Board members will hold an important meeting tonight, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.

In their continuing efforts to balance Groom School's budget the board will entertain comments from concerned citizens during the open forum section of their regular meeting.

Those interested in speaking, should have their comments or questions clearly in mind at the time of the meeting for the sake of time restraints.

The Board is in the midst of deciding what employees and/or programs will have to be cut in order to come up with the approximately

\$100,000 to \$150,000 needed to make the budget balance.

Many options are on the table for the board to consider. Among them, options such as cutting the Ag program, band program and combining the Superintendent and Principal's positions have been discussed at great length by the board and visitors.

According to budget information received at a recent school board meeting the budget for teacher's payroll, travel, insurance and supplies is \$787,000. That includes all elementary, junior high, high school, coaches and teachers

See Talks, pg. 5

## Elementary Wins U.I.L. Meet Again

For the second year in a row, Groom Elementary swept the District UIL competition winning another First place for Groom School. This is the first time that the meet was held in the fall.

"This just helps free up the busy spring schedule," stated Principal Kevin Noack.

The new scheduling and shortened preparation time was new to all the area students and teachers, but it did not seem to effect the Groom students ability to do well.

According to Principal Noack, the previously reported Junior High UIL results were incomplete. The following is a complete list of results. Congratulations to all the students who have worked so hard on these events.

The results of the meet are as follows:

2nd Grade Creative Writing: 1st Bethany Williamson, 3rd Maddie Wieberg, 6th Jacob Torres.

2nd Grade Storytelling: 4th Morgan Britten.

2nd Grade Oral Reading: 3rd Maddie Wieberg.

3rd Grade Storytelling: 1st Cady Wilson, 4th Daniel Wilson.

3rd Grade Ready Writing: 1st Daniel Wilson.

3rd Grade Oral Reading: 1st Daniel Wilson, 2nd Cady Wilson, 3rd Ashley Murry.

3rd Grade Spelling: 1st Tyler Case, 4th Britney Evenson, 5th Daniel Wilson.

4th Grade Spelling: 4th Brittany Weinheimer.

4th Grade Art Team: 2nd Place Team, Bailee Ruthardt, Trevor Friemel, Brett Friemel.

5th Grade Art Team: 1st Place Team, Brittany Weinheimer, Matt Wilson, Chad Barkley.

4th Grade Ready Writing: 3rd Brittany Weinheimer.

5th Grade Ready Writing: 1st Matt Wilson, 4th Chad Barkley.

6th Grade Ready Writing: 1st Kecia Howard.

5th Grade Ready Writing: 1st Matt Wilson, 3rd Chad Barkley.

6th Grade Spelling: 1st Karla Howard, 2nd Kecia Howard.

4th Grade Number Sense: 1st place tie between Bailee Ruthardt

and Andrew Thompson; 4th Brittany Weinheimer. 1st place for 4th Grade Number Sense team, Bailee Ruthardt, Andrew Thompson, Brittany Weinheimer.

5th Grade Number Sense: 1st Matt Wilson, 2nd Chad Barkley, 5th Ashley Williamson. 1st place for 5th Grade Team, Matt Wilson, Chad Barkley, Ashley Williamson.

6th Grade Number Sense: 1st Thane Barkley, 2nd Blaine Britten, 3rd James Reid. 1st place for 6th Grade team, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, James Reid.

6th Grade Mathematics: 4th Kecia Howard. 3rd place 6th Grade team, Kecia Howard, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten.

5th Grade Maps, Graphs, Charts: 3rd Matt Wilson. 2nd place 5th Grade Team, Matt Wilson, Chad Barkley, Taylor Drewery.

6th Grade Maps, Graphs, Charts: 1st Thane Barkley, 4th Blaine Britten. 1st place for 6th Grade team, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Karla Howard.

5th Grade Dictionary Skills: 2nd Matt Wilson, 3rd Chad Barkley. 2nd

place for 5th Grade team, Matt Wilson, Chad Barkley, Tommy Head.

6th Grade Dictionary Skills: 1st Kecia Howard, 2nd Thane Barkley, 6th Berklee Ruthardt. 1st place for 6th Grade team, Kecia Howard, Thane Barkley, Berklee Ruthardt.

5th Grade Listening: 3rd place team, Matt Wilson, Tommy Head, Michaela Roskens.

6th Grade Listening: 5th place tie, Kecia Howard, Joel Horn. 3rd place 6th grade team, Kecia Howard, Joel Horn, Karla Howard.

4th Grade Music Memory: 4th place team, Brett Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt, Brittany Weinheimer.

5th Grade Music Memory: 3rd place team,

See UIL, pg. 3

## COMMUNITY CALENDER

CHOW LINE is Tuesday at noon.

DON'T FORGET Juanita Brown's Busy Day Luncheon, Sat. Dec. 16, 11:30-1:00.

THERE WILL be an immunization clinic at Groom School on Dec. 15, 1pm - 3 pm.

WE NEED YOU! EMT classes to begin in January. Please! We need help. Groom Ambulance Service. Call 248-7963 for information.

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Norma Jean Homer, Tiffani and Cody Kling were in Lazbuddie this past weekend visiting in the home of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi and Justin. On Saturday Mary Jo had a birthday party for Brittney and Jacob.

**Card Of Thanks**  
 We thank everyone sincerely for the phone calls, food, prayers and visits during Ernest's illness. Your kindness was so very much appreciated.  
 Dorothy & Ernest Weller

## Local Happenings

Gloria Ledwig and Rip and Joy Snyder spent Saturday in Wellington helping Marshall and Louise Peters celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. There was lots of singing and visiting in the afternoon.

**On The Sick List**  
 Evelyn Ollinger, Jack Spencer.

**IF YOU HAVE** printing, call The News at 248-7333 or 779-2141.

Saturday visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home were Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Louise Mulkey of Panhandle and Lauree and Jim Arnold, Lauren and Christopher of Eules.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

- December 14 - Bill Hinson, Pamela Davis, Ann Mitchell.
- December 15 - Scott Weinheimer.
- December 16 - David Lee Britten, Gene Earl Steed, Katrina S. Meaker.
- December 17 - Renee Anthony, Brent Stephens, Verda Lee Littlefield, Byron Williamson, Carter Wilson, Byron and Jana Williamson (A).
- December 19 - Stella Patterson, Amanda Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rennie (A).
- December 20 - Wade Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr, Shirley and Gary Parish (A).

Jack and Margie Stephens attended the Hospital (Pampa Regional Medical Center) party December 9th. Joe Wheeley of White Deer was honored as volunteer of the year.

**Community Calendar**  
**CHRISTMAS** Cantata at First Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 17, 6 pm. Everyone invited. Theme "2000 Decembers Ago."

**HIGH SCHOOL** basketball teams host Shamrock Dec. 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**JUNIOR HIGH** basketball teams travel to Samnorwood on Dec. 18, 6:00 p.m.

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**UIL**

Whitney Evenson, Ashley Williamson, Taylor Drewery, Michaela Roskens.

6th Grade Music Memory: 4th place team, Berklee Ruthardt, James Reid, Ellen Leven.

3rd Grade Music Memory: 2nd place team, Daniel Wilson, Tyler Case, Danielle Rodriguez.

7th Grade Dictionary Skills: 1st Katy Britten, 3rd Malorie Homen, 5th Carter Wilson, 1st place team.

7th Grade Impromptu Speaking: 1st Katy Britten, 3rd Carter Wilson.

7th Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts: 1st Katy Britten, 2nd Gailynn Drewery, Sherri Britten, 1st place team.

7th Grade Math: 1st Katy Britten, 2nd Kelby Noack, 7th Malorie Homen, 1st place team.

7th Grade Modern Oratory: 1st Katy Britten.

7th Grade Number Sense: 1st Katy Britten, Malorie Homen, Carter Wilson, 2nd place team.

7th Grade Oral Reading: 1st Kelby Noack.

7th Grade Ready Writing: 1st Katy Britten, 5th Carter Wilson, 6th Malorie Homen.

7th Grade Science: 3rd Carter Wilson, 4th Kelby Noack, 5th Katy Britten, Teams 1st.

7th Grade Spelling: 1st Carter Wilson, 2nd Katy Britten, 4th Kelby Noack, Team 1st.

8th Grade Dictionary Skills: 2nd Ashley Jackson, 3rd Magan Bivens, 4th Catherine Robertson, Teams 1st.

8th Grade Impromptu Speaking: 1st Magan Bivens, 2nd Ashley Jackson, 8th Chance Barkley.

8th Grade Listening: 2nd Chance Barkley, Ashley Jackson, Catherine Robertson, Team 2nd.

8th Grade Math: 3rd Adam Britten, 6th Jeff Rios, 10th Catherine Robertson, Team 2nd.

8th Grade Modern Oratory: 2nd Chance Barkley, 3rd Jeff Rios, 4th Ashley Jackson.

8th Grade Oral Reading: 3rd Adam Britten, 5th Catherine Robertson, 6th Ashley Jackson.

8th Grade Spelling: 2nd Adam Britten, 4th Chance Barkley, 5th Ashley Jackson, Team 1st.

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Letter To The Editor...

**Belgium Is Great, Wish You Were Here!**

Hello everyone!! This is Evan in Belgium, just wishing everyone of you in Groom Happy Holidays!!

Everything here is going great! After 4 months, I'm finally getting the hang of the language (Flemish). I'm not speaking fluently yet, but I can understand about 90% of what everyone says.

Where to start? Well, for starters, everything here is a lot smaller than in America, and especially in Texas - the

cars, the houses, the distances between places. Distance is a big difference. I can go 2-3 hours in every direction, and the people speak a totally different language! With the distances being so much smaller, the people here tend to think that a 1-hour drive is way too far!

The holiday season here is about the same (except no snow). In Belgium, they have the tradition of St. Niklaas. He is a different person than our St. Nick or

Santa. They have both a Saint Niklaas and a Santa Claus here. St. Niklaas comes on December 6th and Santa (or as they call him "The Christmas Man") comes on Christmas day. But it's good - I get two sets of presents!!!

School is going all right here. I'm starting with semester exams now, and I expect to pass a few!

Well, you are all in my thoughts. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas! See you in July!

Evan Crowell



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Safety needs to be your first priority this holiday season!

### Groom Tigerettes Victorious Over Claude

Groom Varsity girls bested one of their biggest rivals last week, beating Claude 38-31.

Amanda Conrad took high point honors with 15 points. Candace Bohr contributed 7. Cassie Ashford and Lauren Crowell each added 4. Krisanne Davis scored 3 points. Nichole Barnett and Brin Burgin added 2 each.

The Ettes will play Shamrock, here, this Friday night. Tuesday, December 19, the Ettes will play Silvertown, here.

### All-Region

Groom, Tony Harvey, Jayton, Tyler Cline, Cotton Center; Center Wes Henson, Valley; Kicker Fabian Guzman, Lazbuddie.

**1st Team Defense**  
 Defensive Line, Dewayne Gray, Groom, Waylon Presley, Follett, Jeremy Polk, Whitharral; Linebackers, Hunter Schilling, Follett, Greg Cirilo, Whitharral, Ryan Wellman, Valley; Safety Red Ivory, Silvertown; Punter Josh Smith, Rule.

**2nd Team Offense**  
 Quarterback Jimmy James, Miami; Spreadback, Marty Long, Jayton, Josh Robertson, Follett; Runningbacks, Gabe Vega, McLean, Lucio Moreno, Miami, Josh Rodriguez, Rochester; Ends, Reece Hartman, Happy, Zach McDowell, Miami, Isiah Ivory, Silvertown; Center, Anthony Ferguson, Three-Way; Kicker, Vance Chandler, Valley.

**2nd Team Defense**  
 Defensive Line, Justin Lucero, Valley, Isaac Garcia, Silvertown, Randy Floyd, McLean, Daniel Frost, Patton Springs; Linebackers, Will Kristnek, Whitharral, Robert Rodriguez, Three-Way, Seth Jeter, Jayton; Safety, Garrett Britten, Groom; Punter Jake Weiderstein, Higgins.

### Varsity Girls Win Tournament

Groom Varsity girls won the Vernon Tournament over the weekend. The Ettes' #22, Candace Bohr, was named "Most Valuable Player" of the tournament.

The girls began the tournament playing Archer City. Candace Bohr was high point with 14. Krisanne Davis added another 10. Amanda Conrad contributed 8. Jill Britten put in 3 and Nichole Barnett added 1. The "nail-biter" ended with Groom 37, Archer City 35.

In the semi-final match, Candace Bohr again scored the most points with 15. Amanda Conrad put up 12, Jill Britten 9, Nichole Barnett 4 and Amanda Martin 2. Another close game found the Ettes ahead 42 to 35 when the buzzer sounded.

In the championship game, Groom faced off with Quannah. Amanda Conrad won high point honors scoring 11 to Groom's good. Amanda Martin scored 10, Krisanne Davis added 8. Brin Burgin and Candace Bohr each scored 6. Cassie Ashford scored 2. The girls brought home the championship trophy after winning 43-29.

### Tigers Lose To Vernon In Double Overtime

The Groom Tigers traveled south to the Vernon tournament.

In first round action, the Tigers battled Burk Burnett JV, losing 81-33. Russell Conrad was high point with 11. Dewayne Gray added 9. Lance Ollinger scored 5, Grant Weinheimer 4, Clay Ritter 3 and Hugh Weinheimer 1.

On Friday Groom cagers beat Electra, 57-42. Dewayne Gray led the scoring with 24 points. Clay Ritter scored 23. Russell Conrad added 7, Garrett Britten 2 and Grant Weinheimer 1.

On Saturday, the boys played Vernon Northside for the Consolation Trophy, in what had to be the most exciting game of the whole tournament. The Tigers fought a great fight but lost to Vernon in double overtime 70-74.

Clay Ritter scored 34 points to lead the team. Dewayne Gray added another 16, Russell Conrad 11, and Garrett Britten 4. Grant and Hugh Weinheimer each contributed 2.

Dewayne Gray was named to the All-Tournament team for his outstanding skills and sportsmanship.

The Tigers will play Shamrock, here, on Friday and Silvertown, here, on Tuesday.

**Tigers Play Basketball**  
 The Groom Tigers battled one of their biggest rivals last Monday evening. After a hard fought game, they succumbed to the Mustangs 59-30.

Clay Ritter led the scoring with 19 points. Garrett Britten added another 4. Dewayne Gray, Doug Fields and Russell Conrad each scored 2. Grant Weinheimer added 1 point to Groom's credit.



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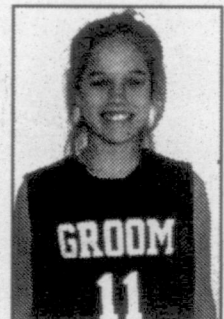
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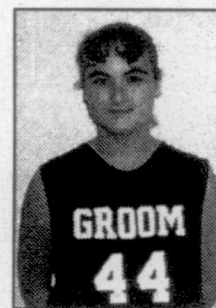
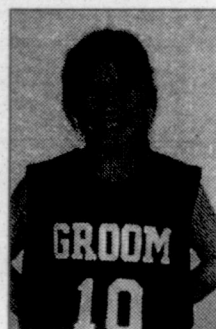
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## "Christmas Coffee" Celebrates 50th Year

Saturday, December 9th was a day to visit with friends and remember past Christmases. This year we celebrated our 50th Christmas coffee.

50 years ago a few neighbors were invited to Margie's house for coffee at Christmas. More friends were invited and the coffee became an annual event. The coffee has been at Margie's with the exception of one year. Brent was born in December and June Pool invited everyone to her home.

Margaret Crowell, B Stephens and Kay Stephens have helped



Shown are Eunice Major, Nancy Paronto, Margie Stephens and Jo Ann Britten during an early coffee.

host the party for at least 18 years. Lori and

Michele Stephens came to their first coffee in their mother's arms and now they preside at the serving table. Lola Bribisca has been a co-hostess for the past several years. Eunice Major, Jo Ann Britten, Nancy Paronto and Juanita Brown were early hostesses.

The theme for the coffee has been different every year from candy canes to angels, gingerbread men, Christmas bears, Mexican fiesta and the more traditional poinsettia, evergreen and holly. This year the house was decorated with evergreen, crystals and gold bows to celebrate our anniversary.

Guests registered in an album of pictures, invitations and clippings from years past.

Christmas cider punch, originated by Eunice

Major, and all the "goodies" that have become traditional fare for our guests were served.

By Margie Stephens

### Carson County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Gary Robertson reports that there were five persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 4 through December 10, 2000. Currently there are nine persons incarcerated in the jail and ten additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

This is the season to be especially alert to those who want something for nothing.

Arrests made this week include: Sherry Sons (White Deer), 22, Criminal Trespass & Resisting Arrest.

Mark Nathaniel (Tulsa), 38, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

Xiomara Rios (Los Angeles, Ca.), 20, Tampering With Government Document.

Tommy West (White Deer), 43, Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd.

Sheila Nelson (Sacramento, Ca.), 30, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.

### Carson County Commissioners' Court

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on December 11, 2000 with the following officers and members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

All motions were passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The motion passed to pay all claims.

Valor Telecom petitioned the court to install a communication line from Hwy 207 to I-40 on County Road 3 in Precinct #2. The request was granted.

The court discussed Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's 911 system. New 911 addresses are currently being updated in the county's emergency computer system. Judge Powers informed the court that corresponding mailing addresses are around 14 months away from being implemented.

The motion carried to accept the receipt numbered 3133TG5K1. This \$200,000 safekeeping receipt is from First Bank and Trust of White Deer.

The court approved the report from County Auditor Jacqueline West with the annual accounting from that office.

Sheriff Gary Robertson asked and the court agreed to renew a 6-year

contract for a radio frequency license with the FCC.

The court took no action on a reinvestment zone for tax abatement purposes.

After determining that the code was vague, County Attorney Scott Sherwood said he would seek more information and have a resolution prepared for the December 20th meeting.

Judge Powers suggested to the court that the "Silver Choice Plan" for supplemental insurance for county retirees be accepted. The motion carried to enter into the agreement with Texas Association of Counties.

Shawn Davis with the Texas Department of Agriculture along with area farmers met with the court to discuss a chemical regulation for the county. Davis explained how other counties had adopted resolutions to control chemical applications and stated that the county did not have to ban certain chemicals - there would be a permit required to apply the substance. Davis said that the permit could be granted by a phone call to either the Amarillo or Lubbock agriculture office.

### Talks

Extra curricular activities such as band, UIL, and ag shows are budgeted in at \$19,302.

The principals budget is \$77,272, which includes salary, travel and insurance, supplies and his secretaries salary.

The athletic budget is estimated at \$48,500, which includes supplies, travel, and salary and housing over state based pay.

Citizens should not confuse the project budget deficit with the recent bond issue money.

Money raised from the sale of bonds can only be used for capital improvements. The money was raised to reimburse the budget reserves for the heating and air retrofit and the electrical work required for the retrofit. Of the \$600,000 received, \$367,907 was repaid to the reserves for the aforementioned reason.

\$28,000 was paid to the security company to take care of all the paperwork, fees and selling of the bond. \$4,700 was paid for architect services, \$3,600 for asbestos removal; \$143,000 for the actual renovations of the old home economics science room and teachers lounge; \$2,678 for fixtures for the science room, \$4200 for new desks and tables, and approximately \$1300 in miscellaneous related expenses.

Again, the money raised from the bond must go toward capital improvements. There is currently approximately \$28,000 left. According to Superintendent Wilson this money has been set aside to take care of possible additional renovations needed for energy savings.

Everyone who is interested in the future of Groom School is invited to attend the meeting to offer advice, ask questions or just develop an informed point of view. The Groom School Board of Trustees has a difficult task ahead of them. They welcome constructive input from all who attend the meeting.

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 Hop and Sarah Britten running out to look at Tracy Byrd's bus as it went past, late at night, and accidentally getting locked out of their house. "talking" to the meat slicer at the grocery store. Byron Williamson for going off and leaving us, right after Christmas. Art Britten telling Doris Kuehler she needs to have open house at the post office every week.

**Pinning and Graduation Held For Former Resident**



Katonia (Meeker) Miller of Claude recently graduated from the Amarillo College of Nursing and was pinned as a registered nurse. Katonia is the wife of Robert Miller and they have two children, Dacoda 9 and Austin 7. Both are Groom High School graduates and former residents.

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 Hop Britten - 605 Eastern       Rose Leven - 112 Ware  
 Jerry Britten - 603 Eastern       Al Alward - 505 Ware  
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