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Requested Investigation Process Ongoing In School Fraud Case

member of the McLean brought first the investigation into the finances of the MISD to the attention of Gray Co District Attorney Rick Roach. An unidentified school board member called Mr. Roach's office called Mr. Nosch to get and asked him to get with the involved with the investigation. Mr. Roach said he has also been McLean by many residents expressing concern. The Gray Co Sheriff's office was initially given the resources available at this time, to hand such a time consuming and expensive investigation so the case passed to the Attorney General's Special Crimes Division. It would have taken four to Crimes six months before the Special Crimes Unit would have been able to investigate due to their case load, so Texas

Ranger Henderson asked to handle investigation. Ranger Henderson has had a lot of experience in this type of investigation and the resources. After the investigation has been completed the case will be given back to District Attorney Roach to take before the Grand Jury for charges to be filed.

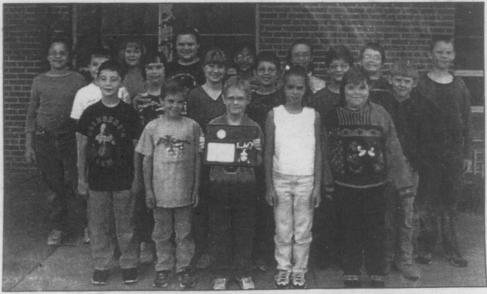
Mr. Roach stressed that at this point everything is considered allegations and a thorough investigation into everyone concerned with the McLean School's finances will be conducted before charges against anyone will be made. He said "When Ranger Henderson investigates he gets it all.
He'll get to the bottom
of this." He also
stressed that the school board has been proactive in its attempt to uncover the truth and have followed the right course of action; it is following Ken Attorney



McLean Receives About Two Inches Of Snow with First Round of Winter

McLean received its last week. Mother last week. Mother last week. Mother last wo inches of snow Tuesday and Wednesday, with large dropping dangers. School kids got to sleep in a little as classes started an hour later than Wednesday.

temperatures were enough that there t much snowman low wasi building, everyone stayed in where it was warm and on Thursday morning the sun came out early melting all the snow within just a few hours. It made conditions on the road slick and caused several accidents.



2001 McLean Elementry UIL Winners

Elementary UIL Wins First Place

McLean made a great showing at the UIL competition last month the Elementary taking 1st place over all and the Jr. High taking The Elementary overall score was 663 with Groom taking taking second with 465.333. In the Jr. High, Groom took first place with 673.5 and McLean took 4th with 216. Individuals scoring was as follows: Second Grade Oral Reading, Grade Oral Reading, Jordan Herring, 3rd place and Jace McLain, 5th place; Storytelling Chelsey Sims, 6th place; Creative Writing Ashley Russell, 6th place; Third Grade Oral Reading Ashley Byron Clay Katy Ashlev Story L. Crockett, 1sa, Crockett, 3rd; Read, Nicole Fourth Storytelling Grade Ready Writing
Lisa Ellis, 6th place;
Spelling Lisa Ellis, 4th;
Oral Reading Stephen
Williamson, 2nd place, Writing Williamson, 2nd place, and Sheri Haynes, 3rd place; Fifth Grade Oral Reading Tammy Syfrett, 3rd, Arely Vega, 4th, Jami Sanders, 6th; Spelling DaShae Tolleson, 2nd; Ready Writing Arely Vega, 1st, and Trent Darsey, 6th; Sixth Grade Oral Reading Kristen Ellis, 2nd, Kristen Odom,

4th, Anna Shackleford,

5th. In the teams division Fourth Grade Number Sense team placed Members and places include Stephen Williamson, 1st, Lisa williamson, 1st, Lisa Ellis, 2nd, and Lyndsey Ellis 3rd.

McLean team also placed first. Members include Daniel Conners, Stephen Williamson, Lindsey Ellis, and Lisa Ellis.
The Music Memory

team made up of Amber Staton, Caleb Crawford, Stephen Williamson, and Daniel Conners took first place.

Fifth Grade Picture Memory team made up

of Trent Darsey, Jamie Sanderson, Arely V. DaShae Tolleson, E. McMordie placed 1st. Vega, Evan

The Fifth Grade Music Memory team placed 1st. Team members include Evan McMordie, Emory members include Crawford, and Vega.

In Listening Skills, Emory Crawford particles 2nd. In Dictionary Skills placed DaShae Tolleson placed 3rd, Trent Darsey, 4th, and Arely Vega, 6th. Arely Vega, The team placed first.

In Maps and Graphs and Charts, DaShae Tolleson, 2nd, Trent Darsey, 5th; as a team they placed first. In the Number Sense,

DaShae Tolleson placed 1st, Emory Crawford, 2nd, and Amanda Loya,

In Sixth Grade Number Sense, Mark Smith and Travis Fish, 1st, Casey As a team Phillips, 4th.

the they place.

In the Spelling Stephanie 2nd, Henson placed 2nd, Travis Fish, 3rd, Mark Smith, 5th. As a team

they placed first place.

In Music Memory
Casey Phillips, Travis

Fish, and Lucas Webb placed first as a team.

In Maps, Graphs, and harts, Lucas Webb Charts, Lucas Webb placed 1st, Travis Fish, 2nd, Mark Smith 3rd. As a team they placed first.

In Dictionary Skills, Wallace placed Casey Phillips. Lacee 3rd, Casey Phillips.
Along with Travis Fish, the team placed 2nd.
In Mathematics, Travis

Fish placed 2nd, Lucas Webb, 5th, Stephanie

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REMINDERS

ANGELS are available at the Bank of Commerce, Hair Gallery and McLean Plumbing.

YOU MAY donate personal hygiene products for the PTA's Angel program at the Elementary School.

ROPE DEVIL'S Museum will close for the winter on Dec. 14.
You might remember
when doing your when doing your shopping, as they have several items suitable for gifts.

CUBS BASKETBALL will be traveling to Miami, Mon. Dec. 10 at

THE TIGERS basketball teams will be hosting Channing Tues., Dec. 11 at 6:30.

SANTA CLAUS will be making his annual visit to the bank on Thursday, Dec. 13 from

FAMILY READING night is Monday from 7 - 8 pm in the school library.

Delbert Trew's Book Now Available At Museum practiced allowing the

ANNOUNCEMENT

Jack and April Evan of Allen are the pro parents of a baby girl born on November 6, 2001. Jaica Dawn Evans weighed in at 8lbs. 14 oz. Her proud big sister Jenna Lee is 2 1/2 Grandparents of Rick and Jenny Evans of Allen, and Don and LeeAnn Dunbar of Wichita, KS. Great-grandparents orear-grandparents are Sam and Linda Haynes of McLean, Bob Beall of Park City, UT; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hall of Carlton Hall of field CO and Dunbar of El Broomfield Lorene



McLean Birthdays Anniversaries December 6 - Mike

Long, Bud Steel. December 7 Emma Woods, Jud Orrick, Dawson Jackson.

December 8 - Bo Loya, Jamie Glass, Katy December 9 - Verna

Biggers, Allen Turpen. December 10 - Peggy Schmidt

December 11 - Dorris December 11 - Dorns
Mrs. Otis Ford.
December 12 - Boyd
Lee Thompson, Bobby
Sanderson.

McLean School Lunch Menu

Dec. 10-14 Breakfast Monday: French toast, am, toast and jelly, ham. and jelly,

fruit, juice, milk. day: Cinnamon toast and jelly, Tuesday:

fruit, juice, milk. Wednesday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Pop tarts, Thursday: toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch

Monday: Nachos, meat and cheese, baked pinto beans, sal cinnamon crisp, milk. salad,

Tuesday: S with meat sauce, Spaghetti salad. green beans, garlic bread, cake, milk.

Chicken Wednesday: strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, texas toast, milk

Thursday: heeseburgers, lettuce, Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, cheetos, fruit, milk.

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, milk.

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McLean 4-Her's Compete In **County Contest**

Saturday, November 17. was texas Cooperative Extension Gray County 4-H Food Show and Competition. There were 23 young people representing four clubs competing in 11 categories. McLean had four members receive top honors. In the Junior Main Dish Division -Tammy Syfi Intermediate Main Syfrett: Division Nicholas Odom; Intermediate Bread Cereal Division and Amanda Fricks, and in the Intermediate Nutritious Snacks Division - Anna Shackelford received awards. They went on to represent Gray county at the District Food Show on December 1.

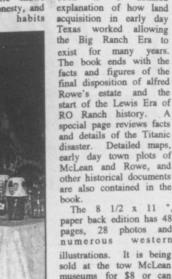
The Best of Display was awarded to Caleb Crawford.

Other participants from McLean include in the Main Junior Division - Caleb Crawford and Zachary Odom; In Junior Fruits Caleb and Vegetables - Emory Crawford; In Junior Shara Breads Shackelford.

author Delbert Trew from Alanreed, has published a new book entitled, "The which PO Brand" RO Brand" which chronicles the life of Alfred Rowe, the founder of McLean and the RO Ranch. In addition to all references known published before about Rowe Estate in England

and information gleaned from land abstracts and legal documents filed in both early day Gray Donley counties and after

Donley counties after they were organized. This personal insight into Rowe's life shows the intellect, honesty, and hard-working



are also contained in the book. The 8 1/2 x 11 paper back edition has 48 pages, 28 photos and numerous western illustrations. It is being sold at the tow McLean museums for \$8 or can be purchased direct the author for \$9.50 including shipping and handling. Send check to handling. Sea. Trew, Box A,

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BAZAAR-BAKE SALE A BIG SUCCESS

Project Graduation's bazaar-bake sale was a big success bringing in over \$700.00 on Saturday. There were 21 booths set up selling everything you could booths everything you from baked goods to woodworking to clothing. Everyone had a

good time and money was made for a worthy

Project Graduation is a program originally started by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration in order to children stop from drinking and driving on gradution night. It provides the kids with an all night party where they are "locked in" so that they can have fun in a safe drug and alcohol free environment. It is first class and attractive so that the kids will want to be there, there is no coming and going, once you get there you stay.

Last year over 4,000 kids were killed in traffic accidents while intoxicated. In Oxford Hills Maine for example in 1979 there were teens killed in accidents associated with drunk driving while on the following year, 1980, a school-community coalition began Project Graduation and in that year there were no fatalities or drug and alcohol related injuries.

Several parents from McLean are busy putting Project Gradution together for our town, If you for our town, If you would like to help or donate call T Haynes at the office at 779-2671. Tammy school

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

United Methodist Church 2nd & Grav 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 Interium Pastor John Denton 779-3207 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins 779-2456 or 779-2965 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

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basketball home with one win and losses from the Miami Tourney. The Tigers beat Miami 56 to 30 but lost to Borger 48 to 38 and Memphis 60 to 30. There was some good scoring with Adam Johston the high scorer with 46 points. Zane Richardson scored 15 and Chris Sparling a close

third with 14 points. Other scorers were Tyler Hanes, Josh Seymour and Jay Wallis all scoring 12 points, Drew Barker with 6 and Jeremy Jones and Dusty Moody each scored

The Junior High boys lost their game to Samnorwood, 36 to 20. The boys ys are looking through and good the every

Jacob Tolleson and John the top with 6 points scorers smith scored 4, Justin Dilmon 3 and Seth Childers made

1 point. The High school girls lost both games in Miami. Spearman over came the girls 54 to 21. Nikki Hefley was high scorer in that game scorer in that game scoring 7 points. Shaley

Steel Danielle Dampier both points and Randy Riley and Jami Seitz each scored 2 points. The Borger game was closer with the final score of Borger 49 and McLean 43. Although the girls fought hard, they couldn't pull the game out. Shaley steel was the high pull the putting 14 points he board, Randi scorer the Danielle Riley and Dampier each scored 8 came in third with

points. Other scorers were Sandi Anderson 4 points, and Jami Seitz and Jennifer Greer each

with 1 point.
The Junior High girls lost their match up with Samnorwood, 34 to 16.

19 Days till

Christmas!



Students of the Week for Nov. 26 - Nov. 30: Kindergarten-lan McMordie; 1st Grade-Rocco Rodriguez; 2nd Grade-Rena Smith; 3rd Grade-Sarah Shackelford; 4th Grade-Lyndsey Ellis; 5th Grade-Tex Bencomo; 6th Grade-Anna Shackelford; 7th Grade-Dick Crockett.



ROBERTS GRADUATED

BASIC TRAINING
Air Force Airm Airman Nathaniel W. Roberts has graduated from basic military training at

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks

of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen

complete earn an a who associate toward through the

degree Community College of the Air Force.

Nathaniel is the son of Nathaniel is the son of Subscrine Bybee of a 2001 Catherine Bybee of McLean. He is a 2001 graduate of McLean High

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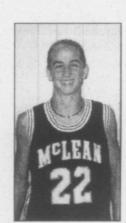


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Henson, 5th. As a team they placed second.

In the Calculator competition, Anna Shackelford placed 4th, Mark Smith, 5th. Along with team member Travis Fish, the team placed second.

In the Listening Skills competions, Travis Fish placed 1st, Kristen Odom and Lucas Webb tied for 3rd. As a team they placed 1st.

The statistics for the Jr. High were not in at press time.

MUSEUM REQUESTS INFORMATION

During the year 2002, the 100th birthday of Gray County, McLean, and Alanreed, the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum will strive to collect, file, and preserve additional history of the area and it's residents. A recent grant by Southwestern Bell Telephone provided a fireproof filing cabinet to preserve documents and photographs of the past.

All citizens are urged to bring copies of you family history, genealogy records, stories and old photographs to the museum to start or add to your existing file. Many residents may be featured in the "Gray County HEritage Book" published in 1985. The Museum staff urges you to update that information and bring it to the museum. Many families already have files, please bring them up to date.

The histories of churches, older rural schools, businesses, and civic organizations are also wanted to complete the museums efforts in

recording area history.

Information may be submitted in any form, just so it is legible. Museum staff and volunteers will retype it if necessary for filing. If you need help in obtaining copies, let the

museum know.

Contact Dorothy at the museum, 779-2731 or Delbert Trew at 779-3164 for more information. Do your part in helping collect your family history for preservation.





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Fortunately, there is federal legislation under consideration to close the digital divide by guaranteeing high-speed access to millions more Americans: H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001. Authored by Congressmen Billy Tauzin and John Dingell, H.R. 1542 requires local telephone companies to upgrade 100 percent of their central office facilities to provide high-speed service — so inner-city and small-town residents aren't left behind as we race into the Information Age.

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The Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001 is moving quickly through the U.S. House of Representatives; a vote is expected soon. Congress should do the right thing, giving us all the speed we need and the access we deserve.

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GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Groom Independent School District (Groom BEEN) performed inspections of the Groom BEEN campus for asbestos-containing material (ACM) in September 1988. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans have been on file in the school administrative office since that time.

The EPA requires that schools perform reinspection of the ACM every three years. During September 2001, accredited and Texas Department of Health (TDH)-Licensed Asbestos Inspectors performed the most recent reinspection at Groom BEEN. A TDH-licensed Individual Asbestos Consultant reviewed the results of the reinspection and recommended actions we should take to safely manage the ACM identified at the Groom BEEN campus.

ACM identified and currently present at the Groom BEEN campus consists of thermal system insulation (i.e., pipe and pipe fitting insulation), floor tile and mastic, and ceiling tile. These materials are included in our Operations & Management (O&M) Program and we will continue to

monitor them for any changes in condition.

The results of the reinspection are on file in the Management Plan in the administrative office. Everyone is welcome to view these documents anytime during normal school hours. The Asbestos Program Manager, Mr. Kevin Noack, is available to answer any questions you may have about asbestos at the Groom BEEN campus at (806) 248-7557.

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November.

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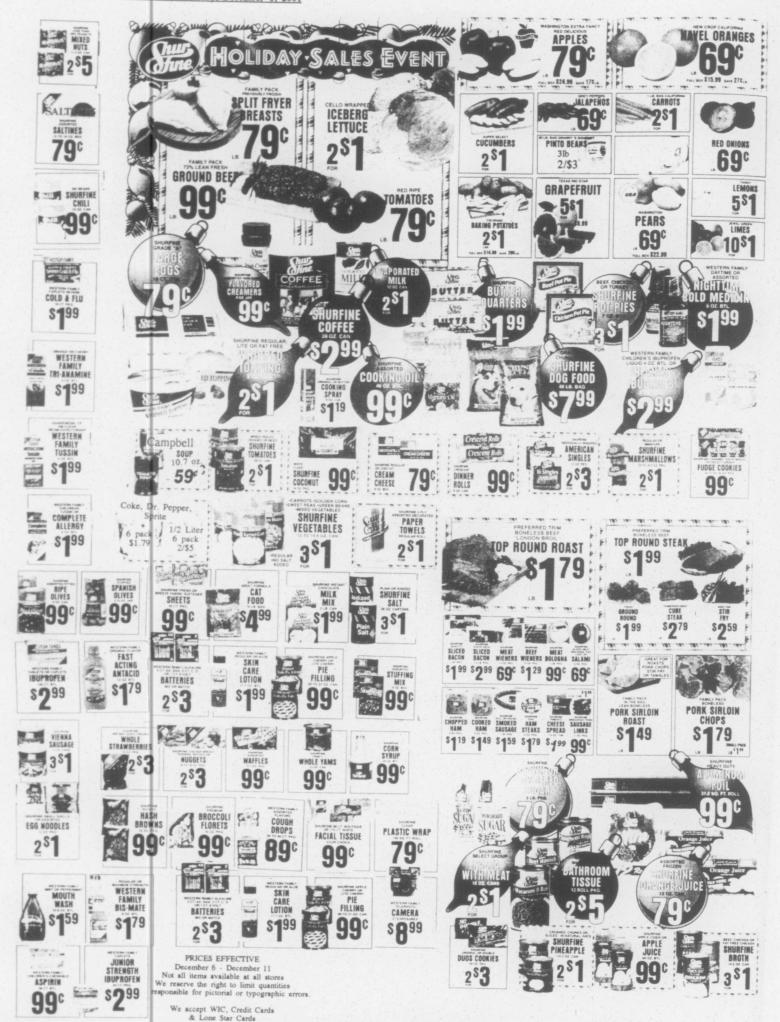
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Thursday, December 6, 2001

Fire Destroys McLaughlin Home

KayLynn McLaughlin home, located on Farm to Market 294 and 1151 in Armstrong County was completely destroyed by completely destroyed by fire last Thursday night. investigation ongoing to determine the cause of the blaze.

Fire and Rescue Units

from Claude and Groom responded to the blaze, which was first reported from a pay phone in Clarendon. According to people on the scene the sheriff of Claude drove to the scene before

determining the need for the response of fire units. The Groom attempted several times to get the Armstrong County Sheriff to respond to this response delay. He was not available for

and Mrs. Mr McLaughlin were not at home when the fire began. Luckily their pets fire were both outside. No one was injured in the inferno and ughlin's were left their vehicles and clothes on their McLaughlin's their

backs and their pets.

The State Marshall's service will be determining the cause of the fire.

The McLaughlin's are both life long residents of the Groom area and are graduates of Groom High School. Scott is employed by Pantex and Kaylynn is a senior at West Texas A & M University and employed at the Groom News.

fund has been established in their names

See Fire, pg. 5



Clay Britten



Clay Ritter

Tigers End Season With Loss

Game 13 turned out to be unlucky for the Groom Tigers as they faced their only loss of otherwise person.

The Tigers lost larson 35-49 in terfinal Sanderson the match for Quarterfinal Championship.

The Tigers got off to a slow start, having a bit of trouble getting of trouble getting Sanderson shut down in the first half. Groom scored a 55 yard drive for the goal posts by Cody Bivens very early in the 1st quarter. Unfortunately it would be the 3rd quarter before the made it to touchdown territory again.

"Sanderson played very well and put us in a very difficult position early in the game," said Coach Larry Reid.

Sanderson scored five touchdowns unanswered in the first and second quarters. Groom was frustrated because just could not shut them down and it was beginning to look like Groom would get 45-ed. When the teams retired to the dressing rooms for halftime a transformation took place.

"There wasn't much need for me to say anything to the boys," stated Reid, "They knew what they had to do. It was like someone throwing cold water in your face, our boys came back fighting."

Bivens scored a Cody six yard touchdown and a good P.A.T. to fire up team early in the third quarter.

"The team showed a lot of character in the second half. We showed that we were a worthy opponent to Sanderson and I couldn't be prouder of these young men f

Sanderson and Groom began to touchdowns trade touchdowns with a touchdown by Sanderson bringing the score to 15-

Hugh Weinheimer connected on a 66 yard pass from Clay Britten and Cody Bivens kicked a successful P.A.T. to narrow the margin to 23-42

Sanderson came back with a touchdown stretch their lead 23-49.

Clay Ritter caught back to back passes from Clay Britten for two touchdowns, yard completion and then a 14 yard completion.

"We did take control the second half," "We just stated Reid. simply ran out of time to catch up. The guys had spent so much themselves in the first half that I think they See Game, pg. 6

Britten - Ritter Named MVP's Clay Britten and Clay Ritter have been made District 2-A All Star Most Valuable Players

for the 2001 season. #35, Clay Britten is a sophomore at Groom High School and served the Tigers as Quarterback. Clay completed 81 of 124 passing attempts for the season; a whooping 65% completion rate. He threw for 1,597 yards He and 31 touchdown.
h a d only two
interceptions. Clay is the
son of Mr. and Mrs.
Reitten. He was Greg Britten. He was named MVP Offensive

Team. MVP for the Defensive Team is undoubtedly #50, Clay Ritter. Clay made 100 tackles and gained 3 interceptions for Groom. He is the son of Troy Ritter and Sharon Britten

of Groom.
Groom dominated the selections for the 2001 All-District Team.

Clay Britten was also named as first team quarterback. Sr. Cody Bivens was selected as runningback with Derrick Cruse of Valley. Clay Ritter was also named offensive-end with Justin Lucero of Valley. Other

members of the "Dream" team are spreadback Andrew Francis of Silverton, split-end Red Ivory of Silverton, center spreadback John Arnold of Silverton, kicker and Andrew Francis already mentioned of Silverton.

On the defensive team, Sr. Trey Britten and Soph. Clay Britten were named All-Star Defensive Linemen along with Robert Mendoza of

See Tigers, pg 6

Community Calendar

THE FIRST Baptist Church will have their Christmas Program on Dec. 12 at 7:00.

THE GROOM School Band and Elementary Music Department will have a Christmas Program on Dec. 13 at 7:00 in the auditorium.

DON'T MISS following Open House Events:

Groom Elected Officials at Bill Hinson's office on Dec. 11, 9:00-1:00; Groom Post Office Dec. 9:00-1:00; 7 8:30 am; State National Bank 9:00 to Noon; Groom Library, Dec. 7.

THE GROOM HIGH School Basketball will play in the Vernon Tournament beginning on Dec. 6. The boys will face Crowell at 11:30 am; the girls will play Midland at 4:00 pm.

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The News will publish the honor rolls as soon as the school has what they need for this issue. You may turn in to us, at any time, news concerning your child, club, family etc. We will be honored to include these commendations in our regular weekly publication

36 Santa Saw_

Christy Painter and her angel bear singing Jesus Loves Me in the Dairy

Mallory Homen being helpful in getting the basketball scores correct.

Rusty Nesbitt putting lights up on his house, in the dark!

Tony Painter giving Tina the day off to go shopping (sans kids!).

Brad Rainer for not yelling at the Groom News reporter for giving his wife's maiden name!

Groom News customers hurrying into the office their holiday greetings!

Lonny Brown is up to something... only Santa knows what it is!

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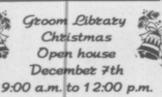
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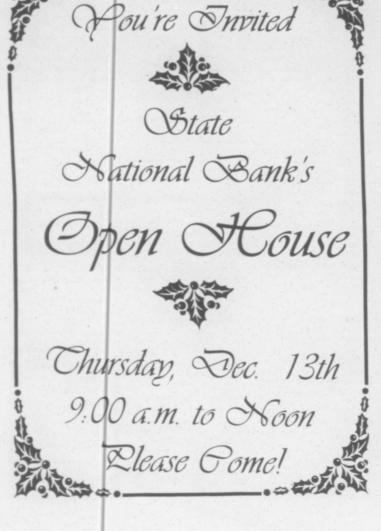
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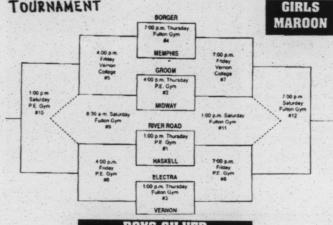
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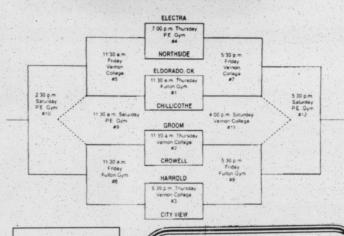


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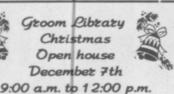


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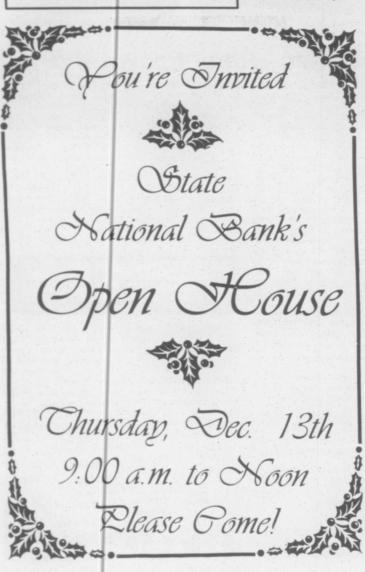
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Fire _ -

the State National Bank in Groom.

community shower will be held at a later will be held at a later date for the McLaughlin's once they have found a place to live. Members of the Alpha Mu Xi Soroity says that they will host a shower in the near future, they ask that people watch the paper

Services Held For Bob Major Onia Robert (Bob) 1986-1991. In 1991, Mr.
Major, Jr., age 83, Major retired and moved
Kanorado, Kansas died to Kanorado, Kansas.
on Sunday, December 2, He thoroughly enjoyed

2001, at the Kit Carson County memorial Hospital in Burlington, Colorado.

Bob was born April 12, 1918, in Ashland, Kansas. He was the eldest of four children born to Onia Robert Major Sr. and Mary Major Sr. and Mary Helen (Little) Major.

1940, Bob Tidwell, in Frances amarillo, Texas. They had two children, Ronald Lee in 1943, and Judith Lynette in 1948.

Bob Graduated from Groom High School, Groom, Tx in 1936. He owned Major Metalcraft Ironworks in Groom from 1945 through 1954. He was involved in farming from 1954 through 1975 in White Deer, Texas. He owned Bob Major Real Estate and was located in Amarillo, Tx from 1977 until 1986 and in Clarendon, Texas from

Major retired and moved to Kanorado, Kansas. He thoroughly enjoyed his new hobby of clock making in his retirement

Mr. Major was member of the masonic Lodge and was honored for 50 years in the organization.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother Richard.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of home; son Ronnie and wife Barbara major of San Antonio, TX; daughter Judy husband Jay Snyder and Burlington, Colo Colorado: four great grandchildren; on brother, Ted major of Lubbock, Texas; and on sister Dorothy Frederikson of Amarillo, Tx.

Services were held on Wednesday, December 5, 2001 at Love Funeral Home in Burlington, Colorado with Pastor

officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Burlington.

Amarillo Woman Dies In Accident **Near Pantex**

Trooper Gary Davis worked a fatal accident on Nov. 27, 2001 at the location of FM245 and the Pantex Plant gate. The driver of a 1990

Volkswagen, Charlene Hartzell, 58, failed to yield the right of way and pulled into the path of a 1998 Dodge pickup driven by Gary Frazier of driven by Gary Frazier of Lefors. Light snow was Lefors. Light snow was falling but didn't appear to be a factor in the accident

Dead at the scene was Charlene Hartzell Amarillo. Injured were Gary Don Frazier of Lefors and his passenger Chad Young also of Lefors.

Groom Library

The Groom Library has holiday activities and new hours comming up for the new year.

Pre-Schoolers The Story Hour will be held on December 7 and 14 to finish out the year. Christmas party will be held for those who attend

on the 14th.

An Open House will be held for all the Library's patrons on December 7, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Beginning in January the Library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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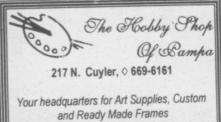


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Groom's Jr. High Cubs Loses To Hedley

In two very close games, Groom Junior High Basketball teams lost to Hedley.

In the girls match, Groom lost by 4 points with a final score of 33-

Kecia Howard lead the scoring with 16 points. Mallory Homen took next high point honors. Whitney Evenson netted two points as did Gailynn Drewery and Karla Howard.

competition. Groom scored 31 points to Hedley's 38. Kelhy Noack scored 8

and Ti points, while Thompson and Barkley added 6 each. T.J. Moranic and Blaine Britten each contributed 4 points. Kade Brown

scored 2 and Chard

Barkley scored 1.

The Cubs will play
Lefors here on Monday,
Dec. 10. Come and cheer the Cubs to victory!



The Groom Tigerettes traveled to Vega for an Invitational Tournament last week. They played a very tough match a very tough match against Happy in their opening match. Candace Bohr lead the scoring with 22 points. Amanda Conrad was second high point with 9: Staci Britten contributed 6 points, Krisanne Davis 5, Nichole Barnett 4, Cassie

Ashford 4, and Lauren Crowell 3. The Ettes The Ettes lost the match 53-65

Groom then played Adrian on Friday. Krisanne Davis lead the scoring with 20 points.
Candace Bohr earned 17
to Groom's credit. Amanda Conrad gained

Cassie Ashford goes up for a rebound in last weeks ent play. Cassie is a senior and is a post another 12, while Nichole Barnett contributed 9, Lauren Crowell 7, and

was

Groom 66, Adrian 40. On Saturday, the girls were matched up with Highland Park for the Consolation Title. Amanda Conrad was high point with 14 points Krisanne Davis added 11

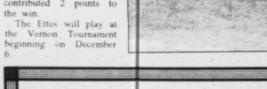
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to the scoreboard Nichole Barnett scored 9 and Staci Britten added another 8. Lauren Crowell gained 7 points Groom's. Candace Bohr earned 4, Brin Burgin 3, Amanda

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Tigers





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It was

match

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Ettes to Victory by scoring 24 points.
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TIGERS

Valley and Duncar Vernon of Silverton.

Sr. Clay Ritter and Jr. Doug Fields were named defensive linebackers with Andrew along Francis of Silverton.

Safeties were Red Ivory of Silverton and Derrick Cruse of Valley Punters named were Red Ivory of Silverton Willie Silverton and Wright of Samnorwood.

On the second team offense Senior were runningback Garrett and Britten Tyler Hargrave of Happy. Sr. Hugh Weinheimer Groom, Wes Henson Valley and Dustin Hale of Silverton were named All-Star Ends.

Sr, Wyatt Britten was named center and Sr. Cody Bivens was named kicker.

Jeremy Givens Happy was named to the spreadback position, Justin Wilks of Valley was named second team quarterback and Nathan Baker of Silverton was named split-end.

On the second team defense, Sr. Hugh Weinheimer was named to the defensive line with Dustin Hale of Silverton, Wes Henson of Valley, Clayton Olaham of Samnorwood

and Tyler Hardgrave of

Sr. Garrett Britten was named second team safety along with Darren Irlbeck of Happy, and Jordon King of Hedley.

Linebackers named Yeary of were Clif Valley, Nick Holbrook of Happy, Jesse Ramos of Samnorwood, and Justin Lucero of Valley.

David Evan of Hedley was named punter.

Congratulations to all our players and thanks again for a wonderful season.

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showed tremendous fortitude and courage to come back the way they

The Tigers finished there season 12-1.

For seven seniors there will not be a next Garrett season, however. Britten, Cody Bi Luke Pavlovsky, Bivens, Clay Ritter, Trey Britten, Hugh Weinheimer, and Wyatt Britten will end their careers with Regional Regional Championships by their

"The Program will miss not only their athletic ability but their leadership and experience," stated Coach

Larry Reid. "We have some very good players coming up though. Our numbers may be down a bit, but we have a core

group of players that will step up and take control. have a lot of untapped potential that you might say has been victim of the class above them, that we expect to see great things out of. I'm sure they will prove to be good players with work and experience."

Groom completed 12 first downs in the quarterfinals game while Sanderson completed 14. The Tigers earned 112 yards rushing on 21 carries. Sanderson gained 292 yards on 43 carries

The Tigers passed for 282 yards on 18 of 33 attempts for touchdowns and one Sanderson interception. completed only 5 of 16 passes for 115 yards on three touchdowns

Groom kicked three punts averaging 26 yards, Sanderson kicked one for 30 yards. Both teams two fumbles, and Sanderson lost one.

Individual stats are as follows:

Garrett Britten rushed for 57 yards on eight carries. He connected on one of two passes, and

earned 26 yards on four receptions. He completed nine unassisted tackles.

Cody Bivens scored two touchdowns, rushing seven times for 48 yards. He completed one pass, and earned one defensive tackle for the Tigers, as well as scoring four points on P.A.T.'s.

Clay Britten rushed four times for seven yards. He threw for 294 yards completing 16 of passes for three touchdowns and one interception. He sacked the quarterback once and had 11 unassisted tackles.

Trey Britten rushed two times. He completed two quarterback sacks and had eight unassisted tackles.

Weinheimer Hugh caught five passes for 160 yards and touchdown. He gained three yards on a kick-off return and had two unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter scored two touchdowns receptions for 74 yards. He gained 58 yards on three kick-off returns. He kicked all of Groom's punts averaging 26 yards. He earned six unassisted tackles for Groom.

Doug Fields gained 14 yards on two kick-off returns. He recovered a fumble. He lead the

Tigers in defensive unassisted 16.

Other team members, Ollinger, Lance Luke Pavlovsky and Wyatt Britten contributed one assisted tackle each.

Tigers completed their football season for this year with Tigers!"

BURTON HONORED

n defensive Alpha Chi tackles with Honor Society National inducted WTAMU Students 122 on November 4. April Burton, a junior psychology was inducted. Membership in Alpha Chi is invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall a lot to be proud of. As grade point average of for nest year... "Go 3.5 or higher who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

Marshall Sherwood

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The City Of Groom

Has several health care items for residents who may need them temporarily.

They are: A wheelchair, 2 walkers, a potty chair, and a bath stool.

