

# The McLean News



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## McLean Reminder

**MCLEAN VARSITY**  
boys and girls play at home  
against Miami Tuesday,  
December 3. Game time is  
6:30.

**MCLEAN JUNIOR**  
High is on the road in  
Sammorwood on Monday,  
December 2. Game time is  
6:00.

**ADOPT AN** angel.  
Pick up your angel at  
Puckett's, the bank or the  
Methodist Church. Please  
have your Angel gift to the  
Methodist Church. by  
Friday, December 6.

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**PLEASE HAVE** your  
Angel gift to the Methodist  
Church by Friday, Dec. 6th.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

**GO  
TIGERS**

**THE MCLEAN**  
Chapter of A.A., N.A.  
and ALANON will meet  
on Tuesday night at 8:00  
p.m. at the Trinity  
Baptist Church. Anyone  
from the area is welcome  
to attend.

**THE MCLEAN** Bank  
of Commerce is holding a  
blood drive on Monday,  
December 2 from 3:30 -  
6:30 p.m. at the Bank of  
Commerce Hospitality  
Room at 201 Main Street.  
This blood drive is  
benefitting the Coffee  
Memorial Blood Center in  
Amarillo.

**BOY SCOUT** popcorn  
is here. Also, watch for a  
bag on your front door for  
donating food to several  
charitable groups in  
McLean. The Scouts will  
be by on Saturday,  
December 14 to pick up  
your donations.



## AEIS Report Given During Public Hearing

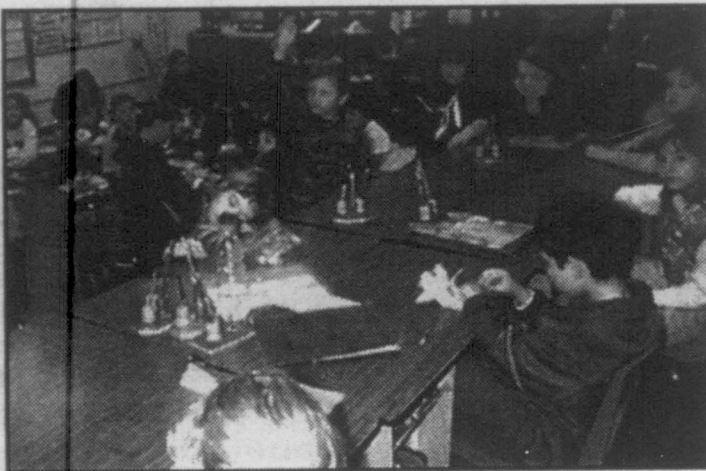
The McLean  
Independent School  
District Board of Education  
met for a regular meeting  
at 7 p.m. on November 18,  
2002. Board members  
present were Toni Bohlar,  
Mike Darsey, Joe Riley,  
Billy Bybee and Bobby  
Richardson. Others  
present were  
Superintendent Bob  
Downs, Secretary Leslie  
Darsey, Margaret Milam,  
Eric Smith, Dick Crockett,  
Charles Kuntz, CPA and  
Mindy Reeves. Absent  
from the meeting was  
Ronnie Ferguson.

All votes are unanimous  
unless otherwise stated.

Board President Joe  
Riley called the meeting to  
order at 7:20 p.m.  
Opening prayer was given  
by Bobby Richardson. The  
minutes from the last  
meeting were approved.

The motion carried to  
adopt Life Expectancies for  
Fixed Assets (listed in the  
Board Minutes book)  
which is necessary for

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## Mini-Society Established By 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

The Second and Third  
Grades celebrated the end  
of a ten week project they  
have been working on  
together called "The Mini-  
Society" by having an open  
"Market Day" on Monday.  
The Mini-Society was a  
multi disciplinary program  
that was developed by Dr.  
Marilyn Kourilsky, a  
professor at UCLA and  
Vice President of the  
Center for Entrepreneurial  
Leadership at the Ewing  
Marion Kauffman  
Foundation. The program  
has been endorsed by the  
United States Department

of Education.

In this innovative  
program, students  
established their own  
society, developed their  
own government, printed  
and designed their own  
money, and opened their  
own businesses or worked  
for their government doing  
things like paymaster.  
Some children did both.  
Children who worked for  
the government had to fill  
out job applications and be  
voted on by the rest of the  
Society. The children  
decided that everyone  
would receive a payday for

following certain rules  
such as hanging up their  
backpacks and coats,  
listening and raising their  
hands and being to school  
on time. This taught the  
children entrepreneurship,  
economics, government,  
law, math and ethics.

In addition to the subject  
area teachings, the  
children experienced  
several side benefits. They  
worked cooperatively and  
actively in problem  
solving-trying to find  
creative and workable

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**Christmas  
Is Coming!**

Don't forget to come by  
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## McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 28 - Billy Rigsby, Thelma Hopkins, Nicole McClendon, Imogene Glass.

November 29 - Versie Collie, Jeannie Adams, Thacker Haynes, Morgan Reynolds.

November 30 - Cliffie Heasley, Pansy Mounce.

December 1 - Robert McDonald, Shanna Dent, Anthony Shackelford.

December 2 - R.C. Parker, Mason Reynolds.

December 3 - Vicki Smith.

December 4 - Inez Trostle, Buck Lee, David Burrow, Renee Connors.

## Pioneer Study Club Enjoys Train Ride Memories

The Pioneer study Club met November 21, in the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum.

Roll call was answered with recalling memories of our first train ride.

After the minutes and treasurer report, Ruth Trew gave a very interesting program on the history of railroads.

Railroads played a big part in the development of the area's economy. Thousands of cattle and watermelon wec shipped from the depot in McLean. Hostess, Betty Taylor served delicious refreshments to nineteen club members.

Those present were: Barbara Bodie, Ruth Magee, Mary Dwyer, Nama Webb, Betty Taylor, Ruth Trew, Mary Lou Glass, Zeld McClellan, Betty Morgan, Mary Emma Woods, Lynn Reeves, Angie Ware, Ticie Taylor, Babe Brown, Mickey Jackson, Mary Powell, Mindy Reeves Jerry Corbin, Margaret Grogan.

Donations were made for the children's Christmas Angel tree.



With delicious food and wonderful fellowship, the Sr. Citizens enjoyed the annual feast.

People who believe a problem can be solved tend to get busy solving it.

—William Raspberry

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## Boy Scouts Hold Canned Food Drive

On Tuesday, December 10, The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be hanging a paper bag with a note attached on every McLean Residents Door. They will begin their Scouting For Food drive. They will be collecting dry goods and paper goods for Loaves and Fishes, the needy of McLean, and the Helping Hand (new food pantry in McLean) Loaves and Fishes is in need of things that are not regularly donated, such as spices, mayo, mustard, and tin foil. The note on your door will have a list of items needed.

On Saturday morning, December 14, the Scouts will be back out to collect the bags with your donation. Just leave them on your porch. Happy Holidays from the Scouts of McLean.

## 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**  
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church  
Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Reverend Carl Cox  
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 803 Commerce**  
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# Ted Simmons Remembered As An American

By Mike Haynes

The past year, a lot of us have thought about what it means to be an American.

To explain to someone from elsewhere in the world what an American is, I simply would hand him a list from one life.

This guy, born on Christmas Day, 1929, in Wheeler, Texas, in no particular order:

Graduated from McLean High School in 1948.

Married a girl from his class, Sue Davis, on March 12, 1949.

Was stationed with the Air Force in Boston, where Sue learned to cook lobster.

Worked for a big company, Southwestern Public Service Co., when he returned from the service.

Ran the Greyhound Drug store in McLean, where people shopped, got on the bus and where, in the basement, teenagers drank Cokes in the Tigers' Den and worked on model airplanes.

Is a mechanic who can take apart and fix anything, including fast cars and motorcycles.

Built and ran the Dairi-O Drive-In between the separated lanes of Highway 66 in McLean.

Ran the McLean Texaco station. Owned the Chevrolet dealership in McLean.

Dropped everything to drive his wrecker, with Sue alongside, the five hours to haul a crumpled Camaro back to McLean when my brother and I had a wreck at St. Jo, Texas, on our way to the 1970 OU-Texas game.

Used his welding skills to help my dad build the pens of one of the region's first feedlots.

Built the first cable TV system for McLean, including a TV tower north of the cemetery, and moved to Tulia in the 1960s to

build the first cable system there.

Served as a Gray County commissioner for 20 years and as president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. Served on the McLean school board.

Talks as genially with farmers and plumbers and hay-haulers as he does with state officials and rich bankers.

Built, from scratch, a covered, two-horse trailer whose quality would rival or surpass that of any commercially built trailer.

Spent a couple of years building and selling Manx dune buggies when they were a hot fad.

Made it through highway patrol school but decided not to become a law officer.

Owned and operated a bulldozer.

Earned his pilot's license, bought a plane and had his own private runway, a section of old Highway 66 in front of his house.

Has been a member of the Masonic Lodge and Jaycees and president of the Lions Club.

Built a horse training facility in McLean.

Learned to make gold jewelry.

Built HO scale railroad layouts, soldered miniature brass locomotives and, 40 years later, switched to N scale with a layout for his grandchildren.

Found a half-price deal this year on a brass N scale locomotive.

Built balsa airplanes and flew radio-controlled ones.

Operated a rendering company and dogfood plant that took care of dead cattle from feedlots.

Ran his own cattle near McLean.

Learned to play the fiddle and to repair mandolins.

Plays the harmonica at pickin' sessions in Lefors.

Jitterbugs with Sue at school reunion dances.

Is a member of First Baptist Church with Sue, whose grandparents helped found it, and believes firmly in salvation in Jesus Christ.

Was called "Big Ted" to distinguish him from his son, "Little Ted."

In the '60s, couldn't understand why kids would lack respect for themselves and others by growing dirty, sloppy, long hair, then saw his son grow long hair and play in a garage band.

Saw the same son become a part-time Baptist preacher with short, neat hair.

Doesn't overdo it bragging about his three kids but, when asked, is quick to tell you about the family and work of T.D. (Ted Davis), Mark's family and career teaching welding and Susan's job and role as wife and mother.

Watched his granddaughter on TV this year in the Miss Texas USA pageant.

Became active in party politics.

Has enjoyed the support of a business-savvy wife who has been a partner in their several businesses and, when needed, has taken other jobs.

Refurbished a bus as an RV and took McLean fans to football games across the Panhandle.

Will answer to his first name, Grover.

After retirement from his commissioner's job, has met new friends traveling in several states with Sue in another RV.

In his 30s and 40s, considered "partying" to be playing bridge on weekend

nights with other couples while their children ran around in the grass outside.

Has done what's necessary, with Sue, to fight back against cancer the past two years, living in a Houston apartment near M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for months and now, five days a week, driving 70 miles from their house on the outskirts of McLean to Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo for treatments.

Says about his cancer, "Oh, I really think it's going to be all right."

Has his name on prayer lists from McLean to Amarillo to South Main Baptist Church in Houston. Believes such prayer has kept him going the past couple of years.

Never fails to be optimistic.

Always has been "busy and fun," Sue says.

Ted Simmons is the name that goes with that list, and he and Sue have been best friends with my parents, for more than 50 years.

"I know of nothing that Ted would be afraid to try," Dad said.

That's what an American is.

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Let us give Thanks



You are invited to the  
**70th Wedding Anniversary**  
of  
**Euil and Lois Fulton**

Saturday, Nov 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
at the Lefors Community Center  
Hosted by their Children & Grandchildren

## PTA Holds November Meeting

The McLean PTA met on November 21, 2002 in the school cafeteria. All the officers were present except secretary Beverly Odom. Sandy McLain gave the Invocation. Ms. Tidwell read the minutes from the last meeting on September 17, 2002. The minutes were accepted as read. Shatrel Richardson gave the treasurer's report and reported a balance of \$1,017.71. There are several directory ad sales that have still to be collected. The treasurer's report was also accepted.

The First Grade class won the contest for the most members so they will receive the pizza party. We will contact Mrs. Glass to make arrangements for a day and time to have the party. Mr. Crockett was presented with a plaque for the school being recognized last year. Also, three framed certificates were presented to Mr. Crockett for accomplishments made by the 2001-2002 school year.

Poinsettia sales were discussed. Shatrel Richardson will purchase the poinsettias and pick them up in Amarillo and then deliver them to the McLean Flowers and Gift Shop. Mary Basham will purchase them from the PTA to sell in her shop.

The school directories are nearly completed. There are a few students who have not turned in their information so EllaMac Reyna will try to

contact those families for the information. We will set a time and place for putting the directories together. Jay Burnett will donate the paper.

A thank you note was read from Mrs. Watkins thanking them for the continued support of the music department and for helping purchase material for the Christmas musical.

The book fair was discussed. It was very successful!

The Angel Program was discussed. It has been decided that we will donate hygienic products again this year. Notes will be sent home with the students asking for donations. The items have to be in by December 6.


Volunteers for the Christmas store are needed for the mornings and for one hour after school on December 16-18. Notes will be sent home with students asking for volunteers.


Cindy Lee resigned as the PTA's Parliamentarian because she will soon be moving. Her resignation was accepted. A motion was made to elect Mrs. Stalls as the new Parliamentarian. The motion carried.

Mrs. Watkins won the teacher's drawing of a box of assorted teas.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the PTA will be during the Christmas store on December 16-18. The next business meeting will be January 16, 2003.

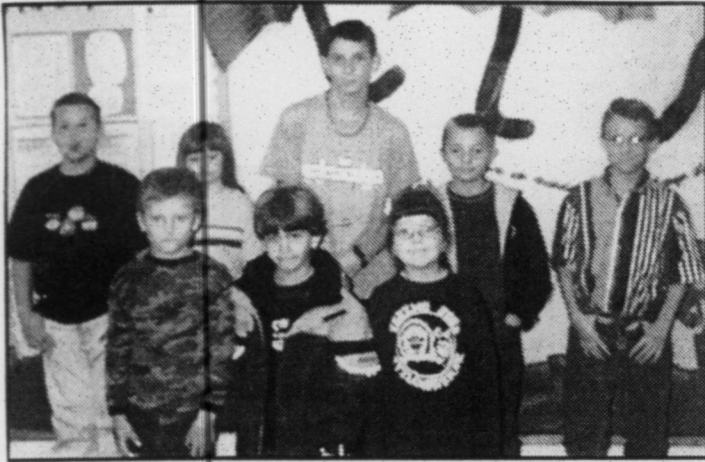
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**Students of the Week November 18 - November 22:** Kindergarten-Daniel Hutchison, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Tristan Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Stormy Manns, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Kirstie Perkins, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Zachary Seymour, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Dakota Greenwood, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Chris Walker, 7<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Alexander

## McLean Defeats Allison 76-58

In a high-scoring game McLean defeated Allison 76-58 on Thursday, November 21. The team played solid basketball. The coach remarked that this was the best team effort he had ever seen. It was a great win. Scoring: Ritchie, 25; Alexander, 14; Richardson, 14; Bauer, 6; Wallis, 4; L. Seymour, 4; Barker, 2; J. Seymour, 2; Dennis, 2; Conklin, 2; Bohlar, 1. However, on Friday, Nov. 22, McLean fell to Efors 58-40. The game was very physical and the Tigers couldn't seem to get on track

in the 4th quarter. They played tough through the whole game under difficult circumstances.

Scoring: Alexander, 8; J. Seymour, 8; Wallis, 7; Bauer, 7; Richardson, 6; Barker, 2; L. Seymour, 2. On Saturday, Nov. 23, Groom topped McLean by 9 points, 64-55. The Tigers led until the 4th quarter, then had some foul trouble. Six players fouled out in the 4th quarter. The missed free throws were the difference in this close game.

Scoring: Richardson, 12; Dennis, 9; J. Seymour, 9;

Alexander, 8; Bauer, 7; Ritchie, 3; L. Seymour, 2; Bohlar, 2; Wallis, 2.

On Tuesday, December 3, the Tigers will play Miami at McLean.



## SOCIETY

solutions to the numerous problems that occur in any society. Each student had a voice in the decision-making process through the daily debriefings. If a student had a problem with another student, they brought the problem before the council to be judged.

Parents were not allowed to let their student take things from home to help with Mini-Society without being paid. The parents were able to bring their money called "Tiggers" to Market Day to spend. Children and parents alike spent the Tiggers they had earned through the past ten weeks, ending with a party of cookies that they all pitched in to buy.

## SCHOOL BOARD

depreciation purposes according to the new audit procedures of GASB 34.

The board voted to accept the auditor's engagement letter to perform the Drop-out review for \$1000-\$1500 and the State Compensatory Review for \$1500-\$2000. These are newly added state mandates, in addition to the regular audit.

Mr. Crockett gave the 2001-2002 A.E.I.S. (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report during the Public Hearing. This is like a report card for McLean ISD from the state. Mr. Crockett explained the District's performance in comparison to other school districts in the state of Texas and Region 16. McLean ISD is still ranking above the average according to the Texas Learning Index. Mr. Downs gave the District Profile report, which takes a look at the financial standpoint for education of our students compared to other percentages from the state. The board commended the teaching staff for a job well done. These high scores are a result of the students performing well on the TAAS tests.

The board agreed to amend the 2002-2003 budget to add \$7500 revenue for the Accelerated Reading Grant and to add \$20,181 revenue for the

REAP Grant. The matching expenditures will be used to pay salaries.

Mr. Downs informed the Board about the E-rate for which he had applied to receive discounted rates for telecommunication charges. He received notification that the E-rate was approved for 80% discount on telecommunication services for the school.

The board went into executive session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss personnel. They returned to open session at 10:55 p.m. Eric Smith was hired as acting Superintendent effective January 2003. Blaze Herring was hired as high school principal, teacher and coach also starting in January 2003. Mr. Downs will still be contracted as an advisory capacity as needed.

The financial reports, A, B, & C were approved. October bills were paid as presented. Other business discussion was to elect a board Vice-President in December.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

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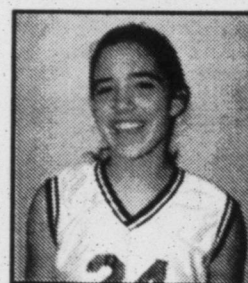
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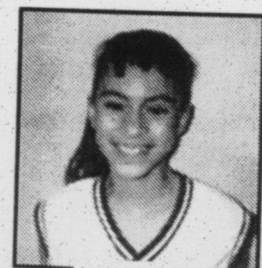
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Emory Crawford



Kristin Odom

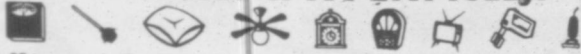


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**NEEDED CNA'S** for 12 hour shifts, \$8 with .50 differential for 6 a.m.-6 p.m., \$1.25 differential for 6 p.m.-6 a.m. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Inc. 226-5121.

**NEEDED NURSE Aids** for 12 hour shifts, will train for CNA status, \$7 per hour with .50 differential for 6 a.m.-6 p.m., \$1.25 differential for 6 p.m.-6 a.m. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Inc. 226-5121.

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## Community Calendar

**TIGERS AND** Tigerettes travel to Vega on December 3. Game time is 6:30. They are on the road once again on December 5-7 in Vega for the Vega Tournament.

**GROOM JUNIOR** High boys and girls play host to Hedley, Monday, December 2. Tip off for this game is 6:00.

**THE CITY** of Groom is once again sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest. The deadline to sign up is December 9. Ballots will be published in the Groom News. There will also be ballot boxes at the grocery store.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** Please bring us your pre-schooler's "Letter to Santa" no later than Thursday, December 12 for publication in our December 19 Christmas edition.

**DON'T FORGET** to turn in all your holiday visitors to The Groom-McLean News.

**HAVE YOU** been naughty or have you been nice? "Santa Saw" will be returning to The Groom News in the first week in December! Be on your "best" behavior so you won't make the naughty list! (Friendly Informers welcome!)

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## Tigerettes Win Lefors Tournament

The Groom Tigerettes won the Lefors Tournament over the weekend with what Coach Toby Tucker called a "great team effort."

"I was very pleased with the improvements we are making," he said. "We have a long way to go to still get to where we want to be, but our effort is excellent."

The first game was against Pampa Christian. The Ettes beat them handily, 50-26. Amanda Conrad took top scoring honors with 21 points. Staci Britten added 14. Britteny Martin and Brin Burgin each scored 4 points. Lauren Crowell added another 3. Malorie

Homen and Jennifer Jenkins each scored 2 points.

Groom sailed past San Jacinto in their second game 63-22. Amanda Conrad was high point with 16. Staci Britten was next with 13. Malorie Homen scored 11 points. Britteny Martin added 8, Jennifer Jenkins 6, Katy Britten 4, Brin Burgin 3 and Lauren Crowell 2.

The girls ran into a little more competition as they matched up with Allison in their third game. It was a white knuckle game, but the Ettes won 52-42. Amanda Conrad had 19 points to again take top

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Mari Treadwell and Skye Brown do a little early Christmas shopping at one of the jewelry booths at the Christian Mother's Bazaar.

## Tigers Win Third Place Trophy In Lefors Tournament

The Tigers won third place at the Lefors Tournament over the weekend. They played a very competitive match-up with San Jacinto's JV

winning 50-46.

Cody Babcock lead the scoring with 18 points. Doug Fields added 15 and Cody Schaffer 14. Lance Ollinger scored 3 points for

the win.

The Tigers next matched up against Shamrock. Cody Babcock had a great game scoring 25 points. Kelby Noack added 7. Six

points were contributed by Cody Schaffer. Doug Fields scored 5. Chance Barkley added 3 and Lance Ollinger 2. Groom lost to

Shamrock 65-48.

In the final game, Groom met McLean for the third place trophy. It was a

See Tigers, pg. 3

## Britteny Martin Named 4-H Gold Star Recipient



Twenty-nine outstanding 4-H club members from the Panhandle were honored at the Panhandle District 1 45<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A & M University Saturday, November 9, 2002. The theme for the banquet was "The Power of Youth, A Centennial 4-H Celebration." Nationally, 4-H is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative along with Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Elective Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Rita Blanca Electric sponsored the annual banquet. Britteny Martin, daughter of Kenny and Melency Martin, was the recipient from Carson County.

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## BRITTENY

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## Local Happenings

### GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Week of December 2 - December 6

#### BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk  
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk  
 Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, has brown potatoes, juice and milk  
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk  
 Friday: Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

#### LUNCH:

Monday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce and tomato, yogurt and milk

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot rolls, brownies and milk

Wednesday: Corn dogs, tater tots, pineapple, pickle spears and milk

Thursday: Frito pie, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers and milk

Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, ham and cheese, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet and milk

## Texas Tech University Names Students to Who's Who

Dara Whatley is among the Texas Tech University students recently named to the 2002 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Whatley is the daughter of Darrell and Charlotte of Groom.

Eighty-six Texas Tech students were awarded the prestigious honor this year. Who's Who has recognized individual academic excellence on a national level since 1934. Selection is a one-time honor awarded annually to students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, academic achievement, campus leadership and community service.

To be considered, undergraduate students must have attained senior status with at least 90 total semester hours prior to the fall semester. At least 30 hours must be completed at Texas Tech and applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Texas Tech, the largest research university in West Texas, provides education and support to

approximately 27,500 students. Texas Tech is the only university system in the state with a comprehensive academic campus, law school and medical center on the same campus.

## Wyatt Weinheimer Inducted into Honor Society

Wyatt Weinheimer, junior pre-medicine major, was recently inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

West Texas A & M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 126 students in ceremonies Sunday, November 10.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of planning and analysis at WTAMU.

### GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 28 - James Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Homer (A).

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December 1 - Don Lyles, Dena Lambert, Kevin Kerlee, Derrin Scott Kerlee.

December 3 - Calvin Clay Schaffer, Darlene Jones, Jill Ann Britten, Forrest McLaughlin, Jamie Vaughn.

December 4 - R.A. Snyder, Martie Jo Phillips.

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends in Groom for your prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers, cards and food during Bob's illness and death. The comfort from each of you has been a tremendous blessing.

A special thank you to the women of Christian Mother's for preparing the funeral dinner for us. We appreciate you taking the time to cook such a lovely meal.

The Bob Britten Family  
 Kay Britten and Family  
 Marcia Conrad and Family  
 Barbara Homer and Family

### Old Pictures Requested For County Schools

Johnny Brumley is currently writing a history of schools that were once in our area. He is chronicling Dawkins, Boydston, Lark, Bohr, Fairview, Riggins, Farley and Schaffer schools. Anyone who may have pictures of these school buildings and would like to share them is asked to call Johnny Brumley at 248-7550 or 248-7315. Mr. Brumley is only wanting to borrow any pictures. He is more than happy to return them.

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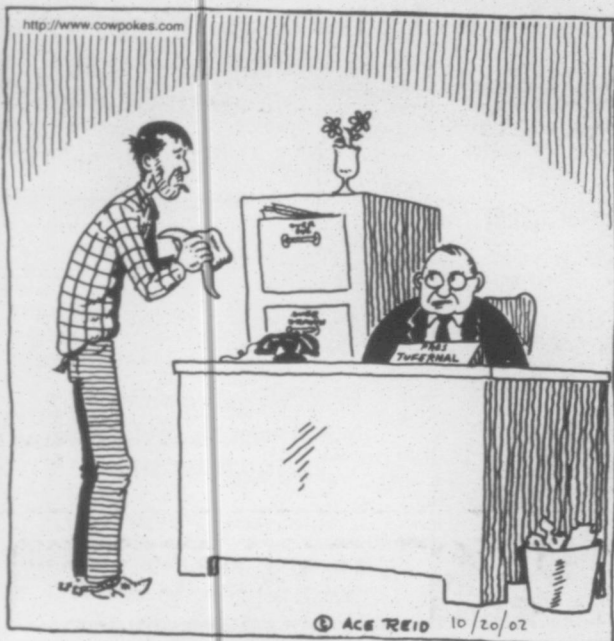
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Kay Britten of Amarillo, Barbara Homer and Marsha Bustos of Houston enjoyed a good day at the Craft Show.



The line was long, but it was worth the wait for the delicious roast beef dinner prepared by Christian Mothers.

**ETTES**

scoring honors. Malorie Homen and Amanda Martin tied for second with 9 each. Lauren Crowell scored 6 points, Brin Burgin 5, and Staci Britten 4.

In the championship game, the Ettes faced Lefors. Amanda Conrad again took the lead in scoring with 24 points. Malorie Homen scored 11 points, Staci Britten added 7, Britteny Martin put up 5, Jennifer Jenkins, Amanda Martin and Brin Burgin each added 4.

The final score was 59-23. The girls now have a record of 6-1 for the season.



**THE FOLLOWING**

are the pager numbers for the Groom city employees in case anyone needs to get a hold of them over the holiday weekend.

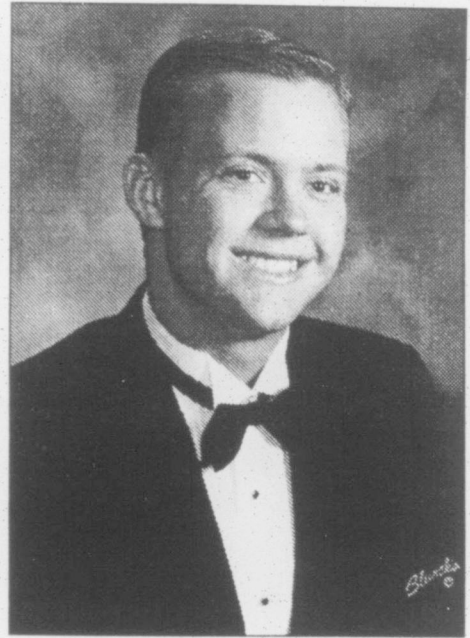
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**TIGERS**

very exciting game and ended with Groom winning 64-55. Lance Ollinger was high point with 17. Doug Fields contributed 14 points, Cody Babcock put up 11 to Groom's credit. Kelby Noack added another 10. Cody Schaffer scored 6, Adam Britten 5, and Chance Barkley 1.

Congratulations to the Tigers on an excellent competition.



**Ledwig Named To Golden Key International Society**

Texas Tech University student Charles Joseph Ledwig has accepted membership in the Golden Key International Society and was individually honored at a campus ceremony Sunday, November 10.

Members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the

Society commitment to service.

Membership into the society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of junior and seniors in all fields of study.

Ledwig is the son of Roxanne and Anthony Ledwig of Amarillo and the grandson of Gloria Ledwig of Groom and Henry and Evelyn Rossi of Tulsa.

**Breithaupt To Open Groom Office**

Bruce Breithaupt, who has an office in Amarillo, will soon begin bookkeeping and tax service in the same office in Groom as the late Bob Britten. He will continue Britten's Tuesday office hours.

Breithaupt is a WTAMU graduate with a degree in Accounting and has been in private practice in Amarillo since 1985. Breithaupt and Britten used the same computer software and were working on a sale of Britten's business to Breithaupt at the time of Mr. Britten's death.

Mr. Breithaupt will begin serving the Groom community on December 3 at the office previously occupied by Britten. Breithaupt welcomes you to drop in on December 3 to meet him and discuss your accounting needs. If you are unable to meet him on December 3 and would like to contact him, his Groom telephone number remains the same at 248-7220.

Breithaupt's office in Amarillo is located at 3501 South Georgia. He can be reached at 353-1105.

**Happy Birthday Rip!**  
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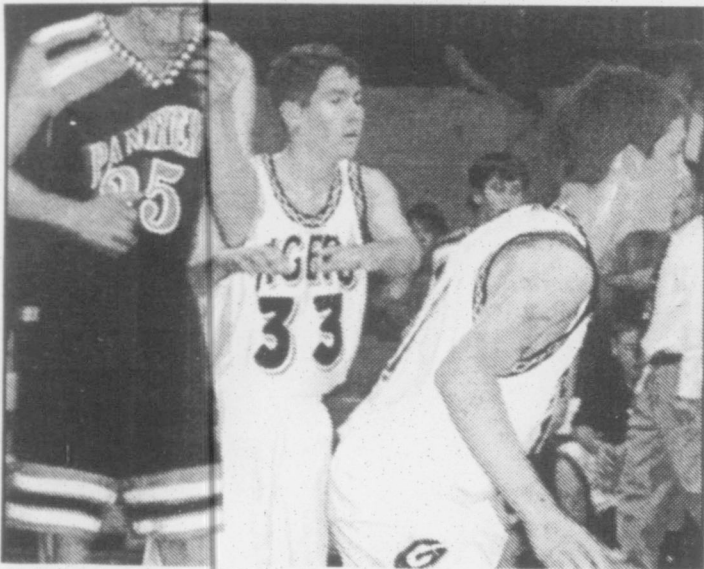
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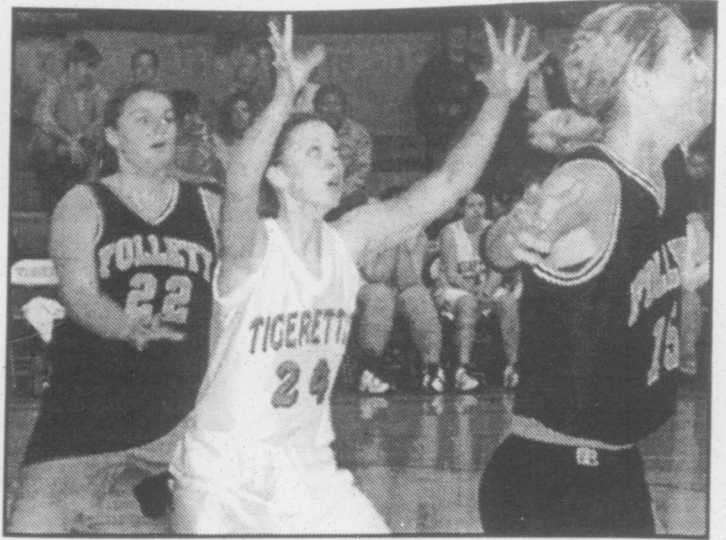
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Kelby Noack and Chance Barkley watch for the in-bound pass at the basketball game against Follett.



(Above) Staci Britten prepares to rebound the ball in the game against the Lady Panthers.

## Teams Play Follett

The Tigers and Tigrettes met up with Follett last week.

The girls won their game 45-32. Amanda Conrad led the scoring with 12 points. Staci Britten added another 10. Maloric Homen scored an additional 9 points, Lauren Crowell contributed 8, Brittney Martin 4, and Brin Burgin 2.

In the boys game, the Tigers continued to have difficulty with turnovers.

"We still have a lot of

work to do," said Coach Jym Dennis, "but the team is improving."

Groom lost to Follett 21-61. Cody Babcock was high point with 6. Lance Ollinger and Kelby Noack scored 5 points each. Cody Schaffer added another 3. Adam Britten and Javier Caro each scored 1 point.

The Tigers and Ettes will face Happy on December 3 and attend the Vega Tournament on December 5-7.

## Commissioners' Court Meets

The Carson County Commission met November 25, 2002. The following were present: Presiding County Judge Lewis W. Powers; Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. #1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, Pr. #2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner, Pr. #3; and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4. The minutes of the November 12 meeting were read and approved.

The court decided to take bids for a new motor grader for Precinct #4.

The court will proceed with the process.

The court set dates to accommodate the Christmas Holidays. December 20 is the time agreed upon for the county Christmas Party. Claims will be signed and approved on December 18. Time sheets are required by December 13.

Brandon Lowe with Pitney Bowes Company met with the court to propose the lease of a postage machine for all county offices. The court

voted to authorize the agreement.

The court released safekeeping receipt #3129062P4 from the First Bank and Trust of White Deer in the amount of \$450,000. The motion was made to release the cusp which will be covered by the previously approved surety bond.

The court reached an agreement with the County Information Resource Agency (CIRA). The court agreed to enter into a contract that will create a web page for Carson County. Judge Powers informed the court that no dues are required, and if the agency determines at a

later date that a fee will be imposed, then the county will have 60 days to withdraw.

Auditor Jacqueline West presented the offices' September report. The motion passed to acknowledge the account.

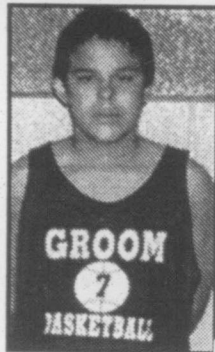
Justice of the Peace-Elect Randy Elliott met with the court to determine the location of the Precinct #4 office in Skellytown.

The court agreed to pay \$300 for rent and expenditures for the site located at 806 Main Street in Skellytown. Elliott stated that the new phone number will be 848-2255, effective December 27, and the mailing address will be P. O. Box 148.

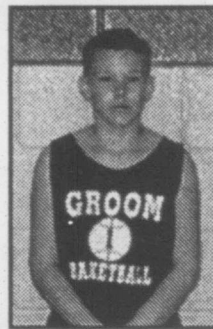
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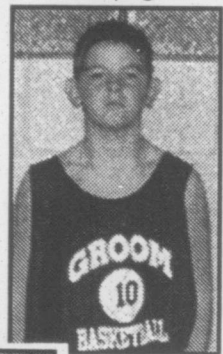
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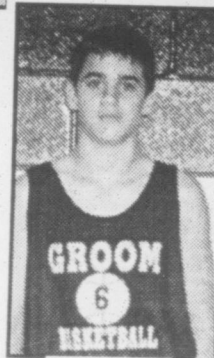
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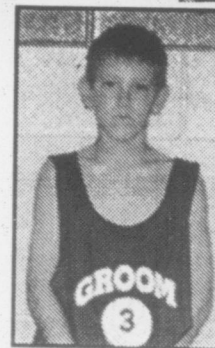
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## Services Held for Brenda Sain of Memphis

Services for Brenda Sain, 53, of Memphis, Texas were at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Hedley, Texas with Rev. Bryan Knowles, officiating. Burial was in Rowe Cemetery.

Mrs. Sain died Thursday, November 21, 2002 in Amarillo, Texas.

She was born on December 5, 1948 in Paris, Texas to the late Mr. John Moncrief and Mrs. Earline McKinney Moncrief. She attended schools in Arlington, Texas. She married Glenn Sain on October 28, 1989 in Memphis, Texas. She moved to Memphis, Texas in 2001 from Mincola, Texas. She was a Baptist

and worked as a LVN. She is survived by her mother, Earline Moncrief of Quinlan, Texas; her husband Glenn Sain of Memphis, Texas; two sons, James Chandler and Kenneth Chandler both of Ft. Worth, Texas; one daughter, Sharolyn Kerlee of Groom, Texas; two brothers, Ronnie Moncrief of Dallas, Texas and Donnie Moncrief of Quinlan, Texas; and two sisters, Carolyn Bunch of Fargo, Oklahoma and March Bourne of Dallas, Texas; and two grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be made to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, Texas 79101.



## Services Held For John Coe

John Henry Coe, 80, died Tuesday, November 19, 2002 in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held Thursday, November 21, 2002 at Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel, 15th and Martin Road, with Bob Thomas, Chaplain of Crown of Texas Hospice as the officiant. Grave side services were Thursday, November 21 at noon in the Groom Cemetery with Brother David Kelley of the First Baptist Church of Groom as the officiant.

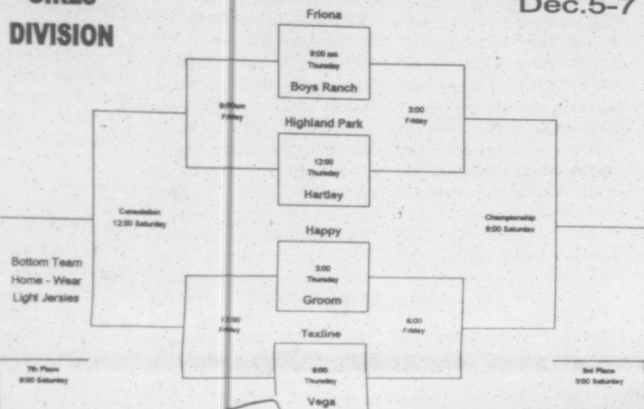
John Henry Coe was born in Mangum, Oklahoma on August 14, 1922. He married Mary Gertrude Chamblee on September 25, 1941. John went to the Army in 1943.

While in service, he received several campaign ribbons, the WWII Victory Medal and three Bronze Stars. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, four sisters, one baby daughter, one baby son, one granddaughter and wife.

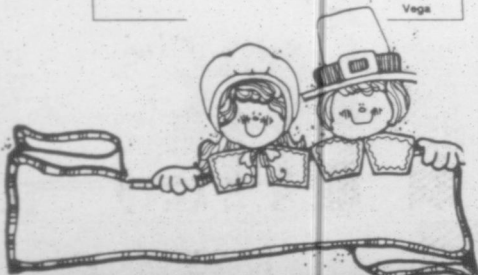
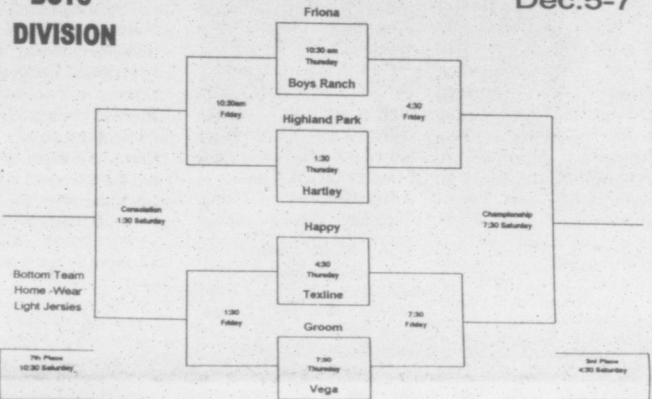
He is survived by four daughters; Frances Clancy and Marie Mobley, both of Amarillo and Pat Pool and Kathy Vaughn both of Groom, Texas; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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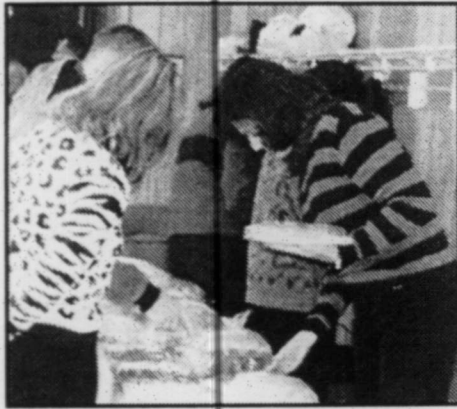
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# Carson County Sheriff's Report



The Christian Mother's bake sale is legendary with all the treats that everyone loves just in time for Thanksgiving.



The toy booth was a favorite spot for the younger Christmas shopper. Many of them tried out numerous toys.

The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are willing to make for it.

—John Galsworthy

Dispatcher Rick Armstrong was on his way to work this week when he happened on an accident on Hwy 60 at Hwy 207 and assisted at the scene with traffic control.

Once again, Armstrong came to the aid of an elderly woman at the Love's store in Conway. The woman was reportedly unconscious and unresponsive. Armstrong started CPR on the woman until Panhandle EMS arrived and took over.

Rick has shown what we already knew, he is a professional and exhibits a desire to help people in need. Rick is to be

commended for his actions, which helped to keep this lady alive.

Deputies answered a call at the 100-mile marker on an overturned vehicle. The accident was caused when a vehicle that was towing another came loose and the towed vehicle overturned. There were no injuries to anyone at the scene.

City officers in Panhandle were busy at the same time this was going on in the county at St. Ann's on a sick call. Still yet, another call into 911 had the Groom EMS responding to a residence in Groom on an alarm when the resident accidentally triggered her health alert alarm.

Clint and Son's store in White Deer was broke in by thieves sometime late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. The amount of items plus

damages to the property is estimated at over \$1400. 683 and St. Francis and turned it over to our office. It has been placed in our "found" property room at the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Derek Welch made an arrest of a man in Skellytown for possession of a controlled substance. The Sheriff's Department has received information of numerous other drug activities in and around the Skellytown area. Those people and places can expect a visit from us real soon.

Speaking of visitors, our department is looking into recent reports of persons from the temporary half-way house located in Skellytown. It has been reported that persons from the half-way house have been seen out on the streets late at night and hanging around in the Taylor Mart. The half-way house is planning on moving to a permanent location 10 to 12 north of Skellytown as soon as housing can be obtained for the occupants. Citizens can expect to see patrols stepped up in Skellytown for a while.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation in the death of a woman found at her residence west of Groom just off I-40. The death appears to have been

a suicide, but foul play has not been ruled out. The body has been sent to Lubbock for autopsy. Sheriff Gary Robertson and Deputy Terry Brown are the investigators in this case. Anyone having any information on this case is asked to contact the Sheriff or Deputy Brown at 537-3511.

Panhandle EMS responded to a call at the Conway airport on a fall victim. The patient was treated at the scene and released.

Two people were detained and questioned by the Panhandle Police after they jumped off the train they were traveling on through Panhandle. They were later released.

DPS troopers Chris Ray and Gary Davis were called to work an accident at the 109 mile marker when a semi-truck lost control and ended up on its side. There were no reported injuries at the scene.

Sergeant Scott Sutton is conducting an investigation of an alleged "aggravated sexual assault on a child." A warrant had been issued for the person in question. At the time of this report, the suspect has been arrested in Hereford and is awaiting transfer to Carson County. The offense is said to have occurred when the young lady, now 21 years old, was five years old by her stepfather.

Two out of five suspects are in custody after they

allegedly burglarized a residence in Fritch. Officers from Fritch, Hutchinson County, DPS and Carson County worked together to round up the bunch after the suspects fled on foot in the area. Even though only two were captured more arrests are expected in this case.

The Panhandle EMS responded to the Love's Truck Stop at Conway

when a truck driver fell from the trailer of his 18-wheeler while parked at

Currently, there are a couple of suspects we are looking at in this case.

Deputy Terry Brown assisted the Pampa Police in locating a stolen flatbed trailer in Skellytown. Sergeant Scott Sutton and Deputy Drew Brassfield conducted a search with Pampa Police and served a search warrant at a residence in Skellytown and recovered a stolen flatbed trailer and numerous tools.

THP troopers made arrests of two suspects on I-40 near Groom for possession of marijuana in the amount of 85 lbs. with an estimated street value of \$47,000.

A citizen found a cash register at the corn of FM Love's. He was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

There are currently 12 persons in custody at this time.

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