

# The McLean News



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## Architect To Provide List Of Problems On CIB Gym Project

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 23, 2000. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, T.D. Simmons, John Holland, Neal Odom, Don Dorsey

Holman, Greg Billington, Lynn Ramsey, Mr. Crockett and Mr. Herring. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bob Glass, President. Opening prayer was led by John Holland.

The Board, Administration, Architect, Lynn Ramsey, and the gentlemen from CIB had a walk-through of the new gym. Lynn Ramsey

will be sending a list of problems that will need to be addressed by CIB. CIB has been correcting any problems reported to them.

Motion by Neal Odom, second by Don Dorsey to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Billie Ward, second by John Holland to return to open session at 10:31 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by John Holland, second by Mike Darsey.

## Follett Downs McLean In 4th Quarter Action

The Follett Panthers clinched a six-man playoff spot as they ended the game with 9:40 remaining because of the 45 point rule.

Follett improves to 4-0 in 1-1A play and 8-1 overall. McLean, which has had its play off hopes dashed, fell to 2-2 and 3-6.

Josh Robertson paced the Follett attack by throwing 7 touchdown passes. He finished the game with 10 of 14 completions for 246 yards. He also found time to carry the ball 3 times for 32 yards.

Hunter Schilling led Panther runners with 129 yards on 9 carries. He

scored on a 27 yard run and caught a 62 yard score from Robertson.

Robertson also threw scoring passes of 10, 11 and 12 yards to Waylon Presley in addition to throwing scoring strikes of 50 and 14 yards to Jordan Schearer.

Jared Robertson intercepted a pass for Follett.

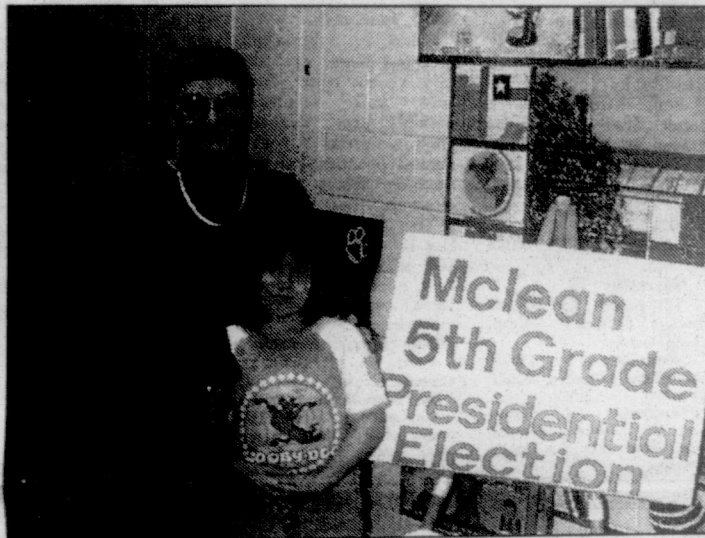
McLean scored when Brad Sawyer threw an 8-yard pass to Adam Johnston and Chris Spurling threw a 31 yard pass to Johnston.

The scoring by quarter stats: McLean, 1st quarter 6 points, second quarter 8, third 6 and fourth 0

points for a total of 20 points. Follett scored 24 in the first quarter, 22 in the second, 16 in the third and 6 in the 4th for a total of 68 points.

McLean had 19 first downs; 170 yards

rushing; 122 yards passing for a total of 292 yards gained; 21 passes with 9 completed and 1 interception; 3 fumbles with none lost and 5 penalties for 40 yards. Follett had 15 first downs; 202 yards rushing; 246 yards passing for a total of 448 total yards gained; 14 passes attempted with 10 completions; 1 fumble not lost; and 5 penalties for 25 yards.



Mrs. Skipper, Hogan Kesterside and Amber Staton proudly cast their vote in 5th grade's presidential election.

### Letter to the editor...

## Minutes Not Accurate According To Visitor

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in regards to the McLean School Board minutes printed in the Thursday, October 26, 2000 McLean newspaper.

I disapprove of how the McLean I.S.D. chooses to censor visitors comments. I will defend my right to Freedom of Speech and have my comments recorded as they were stated at the meeting.

concerned with the Accelerated Reading program because we have two children in school, one who loves to read the other doesn't. The program is doing the one that doesn't like to read some good. Our 4th grader, who loves to read and is reading at a level of 5.1 to 7.2 is learning to hate to read. She reads the New York Times Newspaper and compares it with the Amarillo Newspaper.

requesting a retraction for the inaccuracies the McLean I.S.D. has recorded and printed in the School Board Minutes for October 16, 2000. A tape recording of future meetings will help avoid any further misinterpretations of visitor comments.  
Sincerely,  
Shandee Tolleson

[Editors Note: All official minutes are subject to change at the next regular meeting pending approval, however, minutes should always reflect actual discussion topics and comments as well as the self explanatory.]

### REMINDERS

CITY HALL and the Library will be closed Friday, Nov. 10th for Veteran's Day.

VETERAN'S DAY is November 11.

THANKSGIVING is November 23rd.

NOVEMBER 16 is the McLean School Board meeting.

## T.E.A. Visits With McLean P.T.A.

The McLean PTA had some very special guests at their last meeting on October 16th. Three visitors associated with the University of Texas Dana Center and TEA came to gather information from the faculty and parents regarding McLean Schools. Out of over 4,000 Texas Title I

Schools, McLean is one of twelve selected to be reviewed to receive the Distinguished School Recognition Program Award. The ladies are gathering information to be used in narrowing the twelve schools down to five finalists. The Commissioner of TEA will make the final selection. The faculty, staff and parents had wonderful remarks regarding the outstanding job Mr. Crockett does, the above and beyond efforts of all the teachers, the excellent music program and the support it receives and the love

the kids have for their teachers, the principal and their eagerness to learn. All parents in attendance agreed that the teachers do an excellent job and feel safe with their children in McLean Schools.

The McLean PTA is getting ready for Red Ribbon week. The PTA will provide cookies at the end of the week for the elementary and high school students.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. It will be potluck and child care provided.

On October 16, 2000 I commented at the School Board Meeting that "I would like to see the budget amendment amount for the 1999-2000 school year of approximately \$327,000.00 printed in the paper, it was discussed at length that night." (There was no response to my comment). In the minutes my comment was changed to a question or inquiry with someone responding to a question

that was not asked. Also regarding the Accelerated Reading program. I expressed a concern not a complaint. I commented "I am

I am respectfully

The price for Gas in the City of McLean for the month of November is \$6.36 per thousand mcf.

## More Reminders.....

**SCHOOL WILL** dismiss at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and will be dismissed for Nov. 22, 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

**SCHOOL BOARD** meeting November 16.

### McLean School Menu

McLean School Menu  
November 13 - 17

**Monday Breakfast:** Breakfast mini-pockets, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.  
**Lunch:** Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday Breakfast:** Biscuit and gravy, sausage, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.  
**Lunch:** Corn dogs, Twister fries, ranch style beans, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, milk.

**Thursday Breakfast:** Hot or cold cereal, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, potato chips, fruit, milk.

**Friday Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tator tots, baked beans, cake, milk.

**Card Of Thanks**  
We would like to thank the people of McLean, for all of the prayers, cards and food during my wife's recent auto accident (August 25th). They helped so much and it is great to be part of such a caring community. My wife and baby are doing great.  
Jason and Shelly Haderson

### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

**November 9** - Derek Studebaker, Emilee Bolton, Kenneth Davis, Jerrel Gardner, Nicholas Odom.

**November 10** - L.H. Webb, Charlotte Hefley, Scott Glass, Christopher Walker.

**November 11** - Mike Haynes.

**November 12** -

**November 13** - Joe Taylor, Tiffany Stump, Gene Greer.

**November 14** - David Day, Troy Corbin, Nikki Steward.

**November 15** - Mary Lee Boyd, Mary Dwyer, Dee Dee Floyd, Peggy Leader.

## Museum Initiates Help For Traveling Frenchman

By Davie Gipson

On the coldest day of this season, a Frenchman came from Shamrock on his bicycle. He was half frozen and hungry when he came into the museum. I shared my peanut butter and crackers with him and he finally thawed out. His English was a little better than my French and I finally understood that he was wanting to know about a Greyhound Bus, not a "ground bush" as my Texas ears heard! The JP gave me the number to call for the bus station in Shamrock, but all I got there after punching this and that, was a recording that didn't help. I tried several ministers and everyone was unavailable but Quenton Newton. He could get the man a ride to Groom that night. In the meantime, Mickey

Jackson suggested I call Bob Black. Bob is

always most gracious and helpful. He could get the fellow on the bus... after dark by flagging the bus on I-40. A local boy said he would take him to Amarillo the next day. Bob got him situated at the Cactus Inn for the night and met him at the County Corner the next morning. There a trucker overheard the story and took the Frenchman and his bike all the way to Albuquerque where he had friends. Thanks to Bob, Quenton, Mickey and all the others that did everything they could to help this visitor to our country.

On October 13th, we had a bus tour of 31 from Oklahoma on their way home from the Balloon Fest in Albuquerque.

The Trews treated our volunteers to a party on Oct. 17. About 25 volunteers and guests enjoyed catfish, chicken

strips, and ice cream furnished by the Trews. Everyone brought salads and such and we had a delicious meal and lots of visiting. Harold and LaNell Hagemier and Joe Cotter were here. Harold is our museum

curator and Joe is on the Board of Directors. In October, we had 368 visitors from 35 states and 13 foreign countries. That makes a total of 59,924 visitors since the opening in March 1991.

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## Flags Presented To Center

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church

services conducted by the Reverend Quenton Newton and members of the Assembly of God Church.

Activities were as usual this week.

Pansy Mounce is in

the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The November Birthday Party is Saturday, November 11th at 2:30. Come and join us in the celebration. The birthday people are Pansy Mounce, Ruth Caudill and Eula Morrow.

The annual Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

There is a need for baked goods for the sale if anyone wishes to bake and donate for the Care Center Auxiliary.

There will be a raffle of a king size quilt, pieced by Davie Gipson, at the bazaar. Now is the time to get your tickets.

The Center received two gifts that they are very proud of; Warren Chisum, the State Representative in Austin sent a Texas flag with a certificate stating when it was flown over the State Capitol for one day. U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry sent a U.S. flag flown over the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. These flags will proudly fly whenever weather permits.



(left to right) Phyllis Bailey, Willie Wheeler, Dick Wheeler, Pat Seymour and Bessie McClemore are holding the new Texas and U.S. flags received from U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry and State Representative Warren Chisum.

### 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 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 803 Commerce**  
James Mantooh 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm



**McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week October 30-November 3:** Kindergarten Chance Roland; 1st Grade Jamie Alvarez; 2nd Grade Timothy Jeffries; 3rd Grade Dustin Lee; 4th Grade Suzanne Howard; 5th Grade Jacob Conners; 6th Grade Samantha Krueger; 7th Grade Connie Vega; 8th Grade Andy Ritchie.

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Boys Win Varsity Cross Country Meet  
McLean's Varsity Boys Cross Country Track team won 1st place recently in their District

Meet in Allison. Chris Sparling placed 3rd overall with a time of 18:20. Dusty Moody was 6th with a time of 19:39. Trent Cadra placed 9th, D Swafford placed 10th and Jay Wallis placed 11th.

In the Varsity Girls meet Kendall Newton placed 3rd with a time of 14:19. Jennifer Greer placed 15th and T Kirkland placed 26th.

In the Junior High Girls meet, Ashley McClendon was 14th with a time of 17:23. Teammate Talitha Newton was 15th.

The varsity winners went on to the Regional meet held in Lubbock over the weekend.

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## Obituaries

### Pearl Dickinson

Pearl Porter Dickinson, 92, died Wednesday, November 1, 2000, in Lynchburg, Va.

Services were Sunday in Lamb Funeral Home Chapel with Col Art Smith officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dickinson was born in Shamrock. She was an artist and art teacher. She was a member of the First

Baptist Church at McLean and Thomas Road Baptist Church at Lynchburg. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of McLean.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Thomas "Dick" Dickinson; and by a son, John Robert Dickinson.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma E. Smith of Austin and Nancy J. Neas of Forest, Va.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the

American Cancer Society; or a favorite charity.

### William Edward Offield

William Edward "Bill" Offield, 77, died November 3, 2000 at McLean. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the

direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Offield was born January 24, 1923 in Dickens County, Texas to Jim Offield and Josie Youngblood Offield. He was a retired rancher and heavy equipment operator.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He married Frances Fisk on March 12, 1950 and they resided in the Texas Panhandle most of their married life, settling in the McLean area about two years ago.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Frances of the home; a step daughter, Judy Devenport of Haskell, Texas; 1 granddaughter, 4 great-grandchildren; and 4 sisters.

### Study Club Enjoys Book Summaries By Wanda Lamb

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, November 2nd in the home of Wanda Lamb with Margaret Grogan serving as hostess.

Members enjoyed delicious pecan pie complimented with whipping cream and coffee for drink. Members present were Patti Brass, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee, Sherry Martindale, Zeld McClellan, Betty Morgan, Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Ela Mae Reyna, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb and Mary Emma Woods.

Wanda Lamb delighted everyone with renditions from three books, "Stories for the Heart" compiled by Alice Gray with stories by Billy Graham, Max Lucado,

Paul Harvey, James Dodson, Kay Arthur and others.

The second book was titled, "Happy Birthday You Poor Old Wreck!" by children edited by Helen Exley. This book contains children's ideas of aging: 5-14 year olds wrote that at age 30 you get eye-glasses and wrinkles, at age 42 you have aches, you're a middle age fossil when you watch the news, sleep in the afternoon and act like a 2 year old. You're getting old when your teeth fall out, you're crumpled up and knees are wobbly as old potatoes!

Wanda closed with readings from "Children's Letters To God" by Smart Hample & Eric Marshall. A must read book!

Next meeting will be November 16th with Jerry Corbin as hostess, Mary Emma Woods has the program.

### J.B.'s Restaurant

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### IT'S A BOY

Jimmy and Misty Hannon are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bradley Magee Hannon. He was born on October 12, 2000 in Pampa, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Bradley was welcomed

home by big brother, Trae.

Bradley's grandparents are Joe and Kay Magee of McLean and Jimmy and Betty Hannon of Pampa.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Magee of McLean and Dent and Bessie Bradley of Dimmitt.

### Christmas Open House

Extended Hours: Thursday, Nov. 9 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday, Nov. 10 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
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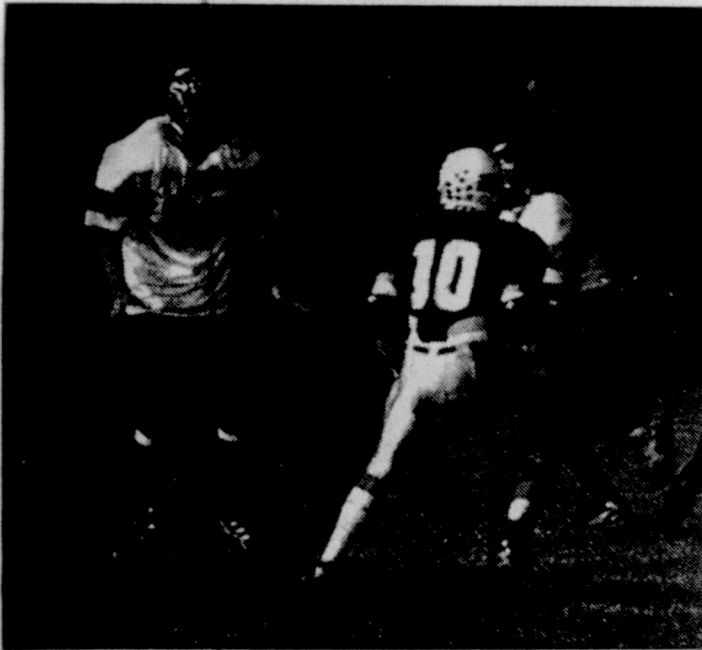
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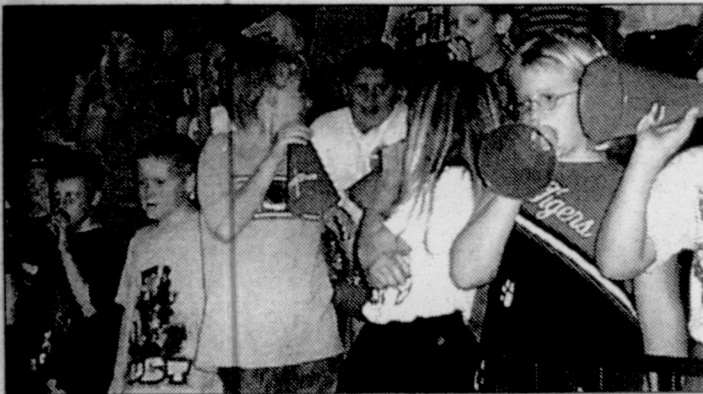
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Thursday, November 9, 2000

## Groom Tigers Cinch District Championship



Clay Ritter watches for the snap as he prepares to lead down field to receive one of three passes that gained Groom 58 yards in all. Picture courtesy of Ed Gray.



Pep rallies are a favorite Friday afternoon activity for Elementary students. They always enjoy a good yell!

### The Superintendent's Corner....

## Wilson Discusses School Finances

By John Wilson

It seems impossible that this school year is already one third through, but we have completed two six week periods.

Our students continue to excel in many areas. In athletics, a number of our high schoolers qualified for the regional cross-country meet, and they represented us well on a muddy, slick course

in Lubbock. The football team is headed for another district championship and basketball is about to begin.

In academics, a number of our students are taking courses for college credit here at Groom School. It is possible for a student to graduate from high school with 32 hours of college credit. Our

principal and teaching staff deserve a great deal of credit for making this possible.

It is important in the coming months to keep you the citizens of Groom informed regarding our finances and possible program cuts. The following financial data may help to understand the current situation.

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The District title is in the bag for the Groom Tigers after Happy was beat last week.

"Happy has a very good team," stated Coach Larry Reid. "This is their first year as a six-man team and they have had some adjustment problems. They also have had a very tough schedule. They are actually a much better team than what their record shows."

"We will have to be on our toes and see this as a play off type atmosphere," he continued.

The Tigers cake-walked Hedley to defeat Friday night allowing the Owls only 3 first downs to Groom's 11.

Groom gained 200 yards rushing on 13 carries for 3 touchdowns. The Owls actually lost 21 yards on 32 carries.

Gaining 4 touchdowns and 174 yards on 9 of 17 completed passes

helped cinch the win for Groom.

Hugh Weinheimer caught a 51 yard pass from brother Grant to get the scoring underway.

Cody Bivens ran 58 yards for a touchdown to bring the score to 12-0.

Hugh Weinheimer caught a 44 yard pass from Grant Weinheimer to score and end the first quarter 20-0. Clay Ritter kicked the extra point.

Garrett Britten scored a touchdown on a 59 yard run. Clay Ritter's P.A.T. was good.

Grant Weinheimer connected with Clay Ritter on a 16 yard pass for a touchdown.

Cody Bivens ran in an 11 yard touchdown in the third quarter. The P.A.T. was good by Clay Ritter.

Wyatt Britten caught a 1 yard pass to score from Grant Weinheimer, ending the contest in the third quarter with a final score of 48-0.

Garrett Britten led the Tigers in rushing yards with 95 yards on 3 carries and 1 touchdown. He gained 8 yards receiving, gained 18 yards on a kick off return, recovered a fumble and had 1 unassisted tackle.

Cody Bivens scored two touchdowns and gained 87 yards on 4 carries. He also completed 6 unassisted tackles.

Dewayne Gray gained 18 yards on 3 carries and received for 12 yards on 2 catches. He completed 6 unassisted

tackles for Groom.

Clay Britten carried the ball twice gaining 1 yard. He earned 10 unassisted tackles and a quarterback sack.

Grant Weinheimer completed 9 of 17 passes for 58 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Hugh Weinheimer scored 2 touchdowns on 2 passes gaining 95 yards.

Wyatt Britten scored a touchdown on a 1 yard reception.

Doug Fields caught an interception and had 6 unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter had a touchdown for Groom receiving 3 passes for 58 yards. He kicked 3 successful P.A.T.'s and led the Tigers in unassisted tackles.

Trey Britten had a great defensive game completing 7 unassisted tackles and a quarterback sack.

The Tigers will play Happy, here, Thursday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is the last game of the regular season. The Tigers will play the loser of the Miami-Follett game. It is unknown as of yet where they will play as the Tigers begin their play-off schedule.

### Cross Country Team Goes To Regional Meet

Groom's Cross Country Regional Track qualifiers traveled to Lubbock last week to compete. While no one placed high enough to go on to state, all the athletes did a wonderful job of representing Groom I.S.D.

Competing were Russell Conrad, Luke Pavlovsky, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Martin, Amanda Conrad and Staci Britten.

"I am very proud of the effort put forth by these athletes and the ones who did not advance past the District level," stated Coach Chris Sumrall.

"Everyone worked very hard. This is a young team and with the exception of our Senior Russell Conrad, I

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### COMMUNITY CALENDER

November 11th is Veteran's Day



ALPHA MU XI will host their Senior Citizen's "Thanksgiving" Dinner on Monday, November 13th at noon at the Community Center.

#### Upcoming Board Meetings

Groom School Board will meet next Tuesday night, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. Among items on the agenda will be discussion on possible program budget cuts in the upcoming year. Everyone is invited to attend.

At the City Council meeting next week, aldermen will be discussing the Christmas Home Decorating Contest, vending machine rates and City Marshall possibilities. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 14.

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 November 9 - Mrs. Christopher Britten, Mr. and Mrs. George (Jiggs) Britten, Sr. (A).

November 10 - Justin Ritter, Jaxon Drake Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hutsell (A).

November 11 - Kristen Brooks, Ralph Hutsell, Brent Thompson, Kenzi Burger.

November 12 - Susan Burgin, Catherine Robertson.

November 13 - James P. Ratterree, Mrs. Charles D. Fields.

November 14 - R.B. Thornton, Irene Kotara, Kirsten Fraser.

November 15 - Skye Brown, Lori Stephens, Heather Brown, Ernest Weller, Brooklyn Jade Kerlee, Doris Homer.

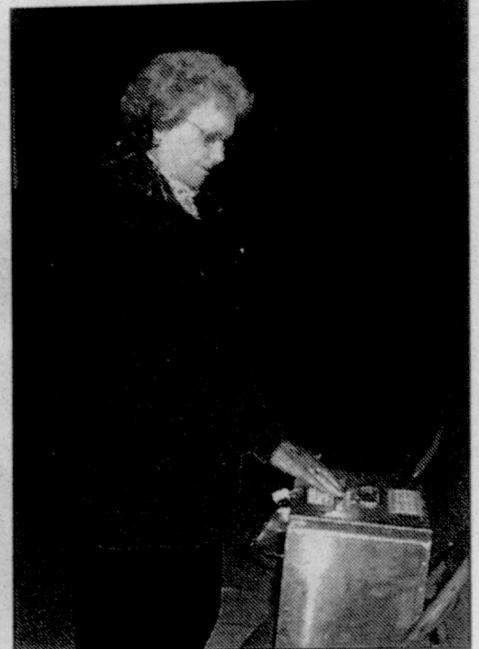
**On The Sick List**  
 Evelyn Ollinger, Roxene Hurst - Sybil Brown's granddaughter, Jack Spencer, Ernest Weller, Mike Koetting.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer spent the weekend with their daughter and family, Mary Jo, Daniel Schacher, Britney, Jacob, Kinzi, and Justin of Lazbuddie. They attended the turkey dinner in Bovina at St. Ann's Church on Sunday.

**Cross Country**  
 hope they will all try again next year! They just keep improving." Congratulations to the Cross Country team on a great season.

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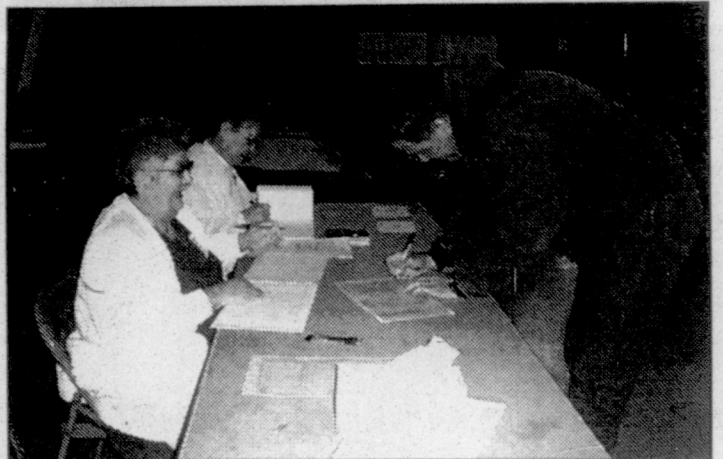
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# Halloween Spirits Dampened By Rain



Sophie, Chas and Ellen Leven enjoy all treats and no tricks (except for the weather).



The weather didn't dampen the spirits of these excited Weinheimer children last Halloween evening.

The weather played a nasty trick on Spooks and Goblins last Tuesday night. Halloween proved to be a "dark and stormy" night making trick or treaters have to go early and finish early. Wind picked up as the evening wore on and ended with a pretty hard rain that netted Groom proper with about a half inch of moisture. Lightning popped and thunder rolled. The electricity even went off briefly causing everyone to reset their clocks (after having reset them from the daylight savings time change).

Most of the Halloween participants finished making their rounds by 7:30. High School kids played a little longer but "Halloween" was officially over before the traditional midnight witching hour."



## Orders Being Taken For Windbreak Trees and Shrubs

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The conservation tree program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost with the aim being to protect cropland, feedlots and buildings and to control erosion and enhance wildlife.

A wide variety of trees will be available this year. Several species of potted conifers are being offered including Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern Red Cedar, Pinyon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Scotch Pine and Spruce. Hardwoods available included American Plum, Aromatic Sumac,

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A little snow doesn't stop this postal worker from making her appointed rounds! Beverly Haas thinks that nasty weather just goes with the territory.

## Winter Makes A Surprise Appearance

While the weatherman kept promising that the "white stuff" would arrive on election day, most cynics didn't believe them. Just as the polls opened in Groom snow began to gently fall. By 10:30 a.m. about 2 inches had the area

looking like a winter wonderland. The wind had picked up a little by then, causing a little drifting.

The weather service in Amarillo predicted accumulations of approximately 3 to 5 inches with the possibility

of as much as 13 inches in some isolated areas. The system seemed to be traveling straight down 1-40.

While no plans had been made to release school early, officials were keeping a close eye on the weather.

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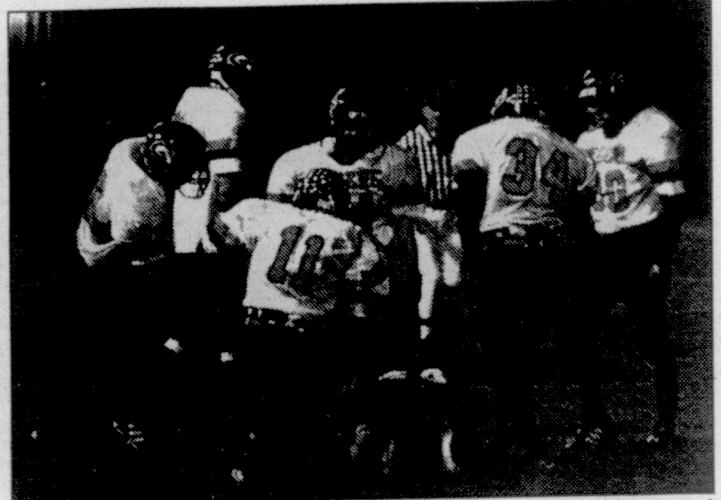
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## Junior High Cubs End Season Against Hedley

By Brad Rainer  
The Groom Cubs finished up their season last Thursday at home against Hedley. The season was successful as we saw these kids improve and gain confidence in their abilities from day one to the final game. With only one eighth grader on this years team we will return nearly the whole group intact next

season. Our young kids really gained a lot of experience and confidence. The kids kept a great attitude all season long and had a lot of fun as they played and learned. In the final game against Hedley, Chance Barkley had 30 yards rushing, 1 reception for 6 yards, made 1 tackle and scored on an extra point run. Thane Barkley had 35 yards

rushing, a 35 yard touchdown run, and a 9 yard kickoff return. Joel Horn had 1 rushing attempt, and caught a 20 yard pass. Kelby Noack had 2 rushing attempts, completed 2 passes for 26 yards and returned 5 kickoffs for 64 yards. Blaine Britten and Carter Wilson each broke through and blocked an extra point kick. The Cubs now trade football equipment for basketball shoes, as they begin preparation for their first game on November 13 at home against Wheeler.



Hedley's quarterback must be wondering what hit him after he was sacked by several Groom Tigers. Picture courtesy of Ed Gray.

## Faye Killough Exhibit At Square House

Faye Killough of Amarillo captures life stories through her artwork. Many of her paintings have a background story relating to a particular time or place in her life. Killough is the featured artist at the Carson County Square House Museum for November with her exhibit, Inspired Heritage. Her father, a self-taught artist, who entertained her and her siblings with caricature drawings and painting landscapes in oil, introduced Killough to the visual arts at an early age. His artistic inspiration led her to explore the world of art.

Killough began to work in ceramics after her children were grown and she moved with her husband to Fairbanks, Alaska. After returning to Amarillo, Killough enrolled in art classes and workshops led by professional artists and local art instructors. Learning the basic techniques of fine art from several teachers helped her better express her feelings on canvas. Her guidance and artistic talents have allowed her in recent years to have her paintings accepted to hang in local and tri-state juried shows, where she has received numerous ribbons and

awards.

Killough's exhibit can be viewed at the Carson County Square House Museum through November from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday. A reception will allow the public to visit Killough on Sunday, November 12, 2000, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Square House Gallery. Admission to the Museum is free. For more information, please

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**Obituaries**

**Ralph Britten**

Ralph Britten, 77, of Amarillo, died Friday, November 3, 2000.

Rosary was Sunday, November 5, 2000 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was Monday, November 6, 2000 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with Msgr. Joseph Tash officiating for both services.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Groom with arrangements by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia, Amarillo.

Mr. Britten was born in Groom. He graduated from Groom High School, where he was football team captain in 1939 and lettered in basketball. He had worked on the family stock farm and was a cattleman for numerous

years in the Texas Panhandle. He was a patron of the Amarillo Livestock Auction. Mr. Britten owned and operated the Tower Fuel Stop in Groom. He was notorious for being the founder of the Leaning Water Tower in Groom. Mr. Britten was an avid sports fan and a well known Dilla patron. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

He was an Army Air Corps engineer and top turret gunner in the eighth Air Force Bomber Station at England. He received the Flying Cross.

He married Mary McDonald in Dalhart on May 1, 1951. He died after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Janie Street of Pampa and Barbara Fowlkes of Amarillo; six sons, Kenneth Britten, Tim Britten, Chris Britten and Vince Britten, all of

Amarillo, Greg Britten of Groom and Steve Britten of Dallas; two sisters, Sister Louise Britten of Panhandle and Dora Jean Homan of Amarillo; three brothers, Art Britten of Groom, Bill Britten of Amarillo and Norman Britten of Traverse City, Michigan; and 23 grandchildren.

**Robert R. McPherson**

PAMPA - Robert R. McPherson, 48, formerly of Pampa, died Saturday, November 4, 2000, in Springfield, Ohio.

Graveside services were Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements were by

**Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.**

Mr. McPherson was born in Sandusky, Ohio. He was a former resident of Pampa and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger in 1969. He lived in Ohio the past 20 years.

Survivors include a son, Robert Paul McPherson of Springfield; a daughter, Sabrina M. Leven of Groom; his father, Robert D. McPherson of Pampa; a brother, Terry Robinson of Springfield; and Sandi Schaffer of Groom.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Services, P.O. Box 111, Groom, TX 79039.

**Carson Co. Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Gary Robertson reports there were six persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of October 30 through November 5, 2000. Currently there are ten persons incarcerated in this jail and eleven additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. It appears that "old man winter" is closing in on us and we will have to contend with bad road conditions, so please get prepared and slow down as needed.

Arrests for this week include:

Donald Sharp (Horatio, Ar), 39, Local Traffic Charges & Warrants, Lamar Co. Tx.

Joseph Henley (Altoora, Pa), 33, Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds, but less than 2000 pounds.

Shawn Segura (Panhandle), 31, Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd.

Daniel Sanchez (Pampa), 22, Public Intoxication.

Benjamin Smith (Fritch), 21, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

Jose C. Sanchez (Big Spring, Tx), 45, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.



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Given what you know about the current financial difficulties facing our school system, what do you think should be done about them? The Groom News will compile a suggestion list for school officials. If you have ideas to contribute please send them to The Groom News office at P.O. Box 460, Groom, Texas 79039. While we will not print your name, (unless you want us to), you must sign your suggestion in order for it to be included. These suggestions will be printed in paper as part of our ongoing interest in the future of our school.



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95-96 208	53,253,601	1,303,693	608,653
96-97 193	50,057,571	1,386,637	533,379
97-98 173	51,747,140	1,407,220	402,458
98-99 181	50,122,428	1,242,165	546,483
99-00 177	49,344,860	1,376,635	505,594**
00-01* 167	46,805,170	1,381,670	385,629
% Chg -20%	-12%	6%	-63%

\*Projected \*\*Unaudited - Subject to change

Please notice the changes in our district. Student enrollment is down 20% and taxable property values are down 12% since 1995. These factors have combined to force raises in the tax rates. These higher rates have helped to keep revenues up where student programs have not been severely affected. We are now at

the maximum allowable tax rate for Maintenance and Operation taxes, but revenues continue to decline.

Please notice that expenditures have gone up 6%. During this six year time period state mandates have raised teacher salaries approximately 20%, while no student programs have been cut. The conclusion is that the district has done an excellent job in keeping expenditures as low as possible. Compared to most other districts, we are very frugal in our operation. The staff is always aware of budget constraints and they live within those constraints without complaint.

The school board and

administration have also been aware of these financial trends for several years, and discussions of the district's financial situation are a frequent topic of board meetings. In 1995, cuts were discussed and a public forum was held. The board and the school were able, through careful management, to retain these student programs while still maintaining an acceptable fund balance. These trends have continued to the point that the board must again consider cutting one or more programs. While no one wishes to cut programs, all realize that our students will continue to receive a top quality education even with a streamlined curriculum. The Groom ISD Board of Trustees is to be commended for their prudent financial

decisions over the years, and with public input, they will no doubt make the best decision this time as well.

International Student Exchange

The AFS program booklet for semester or year study abroad is available at the high school library. AFS features summer homestays, community service and language studies as well as the school study program, with 128 programs in 44 countries for ages 15 to 24. Applications are being taken now. A German scholarship is available worth \$2,300 with GPA of 2.8.

Programs are available to all students irrespective of financial ability, whose academic performance and community involvement reflect the goals and mission of AFS.

AFS is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization founded in 1947 by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from WWI and WWII. They believed that the way to ensure future peace was to enlighten the world leaders through student exchanges. AFS serves over 10,000 students in 54 countries each year.

For further information call 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit the web site at [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa).

Kristin Johansen of Norway is the AFS student attending Groom High School this year. She is hosted by the Tony Britten family.

### Cancer Society Offers Programs

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make you look and feel more like yourself. You'll learn how to compensate for hair loss, including how to use scarves and turbans to your best advantage. You'll be happy to discover that looking good really can make you feel so much better.

The meeting is Saturday, November 11, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the American Cancer Society Office at 3915 Bell Street, Amarillo.

### GROOM TIGERS & TIGERETTES 2000-01 BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	WHERE	TIME
11-14	CLARENDON	ALL	HERE	4:00
11-17	TRINITY	ALL	THERE	4:00
11-21	CLAUDE	ALL	HERE	4:00
11-28	WHEELER	ALL	HERE	4:00
11-30 - 12-2	MIAMI TOURNEY	V6,VB	THERE	TBA
12-5	CLAUDE	ALL	THERE	4:00
12-7-9	VERNON TOURNEY	V6,VB	THERE	TBA
12-12	MIAMI	ALL	THERE	4:00
12-15	SHAMROCK	ALL	HERE	4:00
12-19	SILVERTON	ALL	HERE	4:00
12-28 - 30	CLARENDON TOURNEY	V6,VB	THERE	TBA
1-2	WHEELER	ALL	THERE	4:00
1-6	SHAMROCK JV TOURNEY	JVG,JVB	THERE	TBA
1-9	SAMNORWOOD	ALL	HERE	4:00
1-12	LEFORS	V6,VB	THERE	6:00
1-16	HEDLEY	ALL	HERE	4:00
1-19	MCLEAN	ALL	THERE	4:00
1-23	OPEN			
1-26	SAMNORWOOD	ALL	THERE	4:00
1-30	LEFORS	V6,VB	HERE	6:00
2-2	HEDLEY	VB,VB	HERE	6:00
2-6	MCLEAN	ALL	HERE	4:00

### GROOM JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	WHERE	TIME
11-13	WHEELER	2 TEAMS	HERE	6:00
11-20	CLAUDE	2 TEAMS	HERE	6:00
11-27	HEDLEY	2 TEAMS	THERE	6:00
12-4	HEDLEY	2 TEAMS	HERE	6:00
12-11	LEFORS	2 TEAMS	HERE	4:00
12-16	OPEN			
1-15	LEFORS	2 TEAMS	THERE	6:00
1-22	MCLEAN	2 TEAMS	HERE	6:00
1-25 - 27	MIAMI TOURNAMENT	2 TEAMS	THERE	TBA