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No. 1 Ranked Whitharral Next Groom Tigers Bi-Dist. Champions

For the first time in many years, the Groom Tigers won their Bi-District play-off game. Groom blasted past McLean with relative ease, taking the lead early and maintaining it throughout the game to win 60-14.

"We worked hard not to underestimate McLean," stated the now hairless Coach Larry Reid. (The team shaved his head after the district win against Follett.) "These senior boys were freshman when we beat Chillicothe in pre-season and lost to them in the play-offs. They remembered and took this game very seriously."

Groom out-rushed McLean with 388 yards compared to 146. Groom accumulated 21 first downs, while McLean had 8. The Tigers chalked up 80 yards passing. McLean had 27.

Justin Ritter led the rushing and scoring with an outstanding game. He rushed for 296 yards for 6 touchdowns and 26 carries. He had 10 unassisted tackles.

Daniel Treadwell carried the ball 10 times for 64 yards. He received a 56 yard pass from Brad Sustaire for a touchdown. Treadwell also returned a

kick off for a 21 yard gain.

Toby Burgin scored a touchdown and gained 35 yards on 5 carries. He connected with a pass from Sustaire to gain 1 yard for the Tigers. He had 7 unassisted tackles.

Quarterback Brad Sustaire connected on 7 of 4 passes for 2 touchdowns. He netted 14 unassisted tackles.

Also receiving on Groom's passing game were Sean Crowell and Scott Weinheimer. Crowell connected for 12 yards. He had 13 unassisted tackles. Weinheimer received for 11 yards and a touchdown. He pulled down 10 unassisted tackles.

Adding to Groom's awesome line were unassisted tackles by the following, Leo Britten, 12 tackles (Britten also blocked an extra point attempt.) Evan Crowell 7 tackles; Jamie Shuck 5 tackles and Josh Evenson 1. Shuck earned 5 yards on a kick-off return.

"This was an exciting game for the boys. They were 'up' for the event and played with a lot of emotion," stated Larry Reid. "I was very proud of our defense and our linemen. They played a very good



Groom's Tigers pause after their victory against McLean, to give thanks for the win, no serious injuries and maintaining good sportsmanship.

ball game."

Next the Tigers will play the Number 1 ranked team in Texas, Whitharral. "They have a senior led team," said Reid. "Their speed is tremendous. They play both passing and rushing games well and they have

an aggressive defense. Their average player is 170 pounds. We are looking forward to playing the Number 1 ranked team. We hope to gain their respect as we spend the week eliminating mistakes

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM TIGERS will face the Whitharral Panthers at Tulia Friday night at 7:30 pm.

JUNIOR HIGH Basketball game will be in Silvertown at 5:00. Only one girls team will play.

SORORITY WILL serve Thanksgiving Dinner to ALL Senior Citizens at noon in the community center on Thursday, Nov. 21. A program will be given. Meals may be delivered to shut-ins by calling Toni Pavlovsky, 248-7565. There will be no charge. Free Blood Pressure and Glucose checks following lunch.

GET YOU GROOM Yearbook today. Order through Nov. 22, \$15.00. After the 22nd \$20.00.

THE DISTRICT Champion FFA Chapter Conducting team will compete for area on Nov. 23rd at Clarendon.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving holidays The Groom/McLean News will have an early deadline next week. Please have all news items to us by 3:00 pm on Monday.

GROOM GROWTH Corporation will meet on Nov. 26 at 6 pm in the Groom Community Center.

GROOM ECONOMIC Development Corporation will meet on December 2 at 6 pm in the Groom Community Center. A "members at large" meeting will be held after the officers meeting.

THE FRIDAY Basketball game against Allison has been changed to Saturday at 2:00 pm. in Allison for the Varsity Girls only.

GROOM'S FFA leadership team will compete Saturday, Nov. 23 at Clarendon for the Area competition.

GROOM JUNIOR High Science Fair, Nov. 21, 5:30 pm in the Teachers Lounge. Admission will be one can of food.

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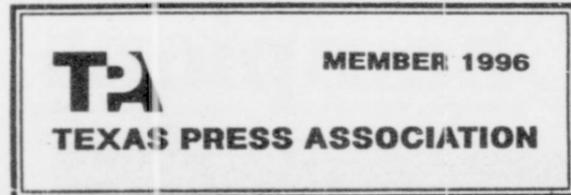


Depicted in the Second Station of the Cross, Jesus Christ is given his Cross by a Roman soldier. These new statues were placed at the site of the "Cross of the Plains" late last week.

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Amarillo Civic Center To Be Site Of Christmas Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

The Amarillo Civic Center will be the location for the 16th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show & Sale. Holiday Productions hosts the largest craft show in the area. The show will have a variety of handmade crafts from exhibitors of all areas of Texas and surrounding states.

Arts & Crafts on display will range from wood crafts,

clothing, jewelry, art, ceramics, quilts, Christmas decorations and other crafts too numerous to mention.

The show will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center, 4th & Buchanan, November 23rd & 24th. Show hours will be Saturday: 10-7pm, and Sunday 12-5pm. Admission is only \$3.00 and children 14 and under are free if accompanied by an adult.

Local Happenings

New Subscribers To The Groom/McLean News
 Ken Ruthardt
 John Mann
 Lois Jones

Groom School Menu
 Monday, November 25
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, Spanish rice, tortilla pieces, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Tuesday, November 26
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, pineapple, milk.

No School Wednesday through Friday.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 November 21 - Gordon Schaffer, Gregory Lamb, Karen Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bichsel (A).

November 22 - Herman Leven, John Weinheimer, Roy Martinez.

November 24 - C.L. Wieberg, Kyler Blaine Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. David Brusco (A).

November 25 - Christopher Ollinger, John Mark Baggerman, Alice Atchley, Carl Looten, Donald Bland.

November 26 - Mari Treadwell, Mallory Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payton (A).

November 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens (A).

FOR THE MONTH of Nov. the Groom Branch Library is going to change it's hours on a trial basis, to try to meet the needs of the patrons. Starting Nov. 1st thru Nov. 30th - Mon. thru Thurs. the hours will be 2:00-6:00 pm and on Fri. 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Groom Marching Band attended the Texas Tech game in Lubbock over the weekend. National television picked up a shot of several of the Groom students as they were yelling for the Raiders.

Drivers Safety Course To Be Offered

A Driver Safety Course will be held in Pampa on Saturday, December 7, 1996. The course will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 North Frost. Cost of the course is \$25.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10 percent discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

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Bus Manufacturer To Open Pampa Plant

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The Pampa Economic Development Corporation announced that U.S. Bus Manufacturing, Inc., currently headquartered in Suffern, New York, will be bringing more than 50 new jobs to Pampa beginning early next year.

PEDC has been working on this project for about a year according to Pampa Economic Development Executive Director, Jack Ippel.

Ippel and U.S. Bus President Irv Kushner both see the project as a perfect marriage between Pampa and the New York based bus company.

"We're happy to welcome U.S. Bus to Pampa," Ippel said.

"Pampa is a manufacturing town and this company plays to the strengths of our workforce and our experience with metal fabrication. At the

same time, though, it diversifies us away from our dependence on the oil and gas industry.

"We feel that this will be a reciprocal relationship beneficial both to Pampa and the U.S. Bus," said Ippel.

Kushner was enthusiastic about the responsive and enthusiastic attitude he found in Pampa.

"We've been looking to expand for several years," he said. "Costs of land and labor are prohibitive in New York. We found the people in Pampa to be excited and cooperative. The competency of the local workforce and the strong work ethic we discovered were also very attractive to us."

"Additionally, the central location will be beneficial to our distribution process and the lower cost of business will also enhance our

position in a highly competitive market," Kushner said.

This agreement is a major accomplishment for PEDC and indicative of the benefits of the 1/2 cent sales tax city residents have dedicated to economic development, according to PEDC Board President, Lewis Meers, Jr.

"The objective of PEDC is to provide a vehicle to attract new businesses that export goods and services from Pampa," Meers explained.

"The bus company will do that by being a significant employer and exporter of goods. That in turn will give Pampa a substantial net inflow of revenue. This agreement demonstrates that PEDC is viable and can attract good quality manufacturing concerns to Pampa."

Pampa Mayor Bob

Neslage was enthusiastic in his comments about the new business coming to his city.

"Being from Pampa and reared in Pampa, I'm elated to see a company of the scope of U.S. Bus coming to Pampa. The expansion of their operations to Pampa marks the beginning of a much brighter future for our city. We are looking at growth, looking at jobs and stimulating our local economy," he said.

"This is a real shot in the arm of optimism," Neslage continued. "It is the culmination of a great deal of effort from our economic development corporation."

Ippel reported that the initial contact was developed through a lead provided by Southwestern Public Service Company. The new manufacturing plant, will occupy a 50,000 sq. ft. building located on

approximately 7.5 acres within the city limits of Pampa.

U.S. Bus is a privately owned, family operated business. Kushner reported that his son, Bruce, will be in charge of the new facility, which he expects to be up

and running by February or March, 1997.

Kushner described the project as "an expansion of our current operations," but optimistically noted that the plant "could eventually become our headquarters of operation."



Many local fans made the trip to Lefors to cheer on the Tigers in their bid for the Bi-District Championship.

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Classes for the 1996-97 spring semester at Clarendon College have been determined, according to Clarendon College's Admissions Office. This semester, CC classes will be offered in Clarendon, Wellington, Childress and Pampa.

A complete listing of all spring semester courses and continuing education courses will soon appear as an insert in your local paper.

Pre-registration for spring classes begins Tuesday, December 3 and ends Friday, December 6. Other registration dates are as follows: Childress, January 6; Wellington, January 7, Regular Registration at Clarendon campus, January 7.

Spring '97 classes will begin Wednesday, January 8, 1997. For a complete schedule of classes or more information, please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571 ext. 97 or the Clarendon College - Pampa Center at (806) 665-8801 ext. 97.

Happy Thanksgiving!
November 28th

Christmas Contest To Be Held

The Groom City Council will once again sponsor the city-wide home Christmas decorating contest.

The contest is open to any home in the city limits of Groom. Christmas decorations will be judged around December 15. Cash awards will be given. They are first place \$25.00, second place \$15.00 and third place \$10.00.

Tigers

and refining our game plan. We'll have to watch the penalties and turnovers and play as flawless as possible," he continued.

The Tigers will play Whitharral at Tulia, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Groom Tigerettes Open Season

Groom basketball season got off to a limited start last week. Currently only the girls are playing as football season continues for the boys.

The Junior Varsity kicked off their season with 9 players on their roster. They are Jodi Homen, Carrie Davis, Jacey Richardson, Tami Ashford, Jessica Kepley, Kristi Barkley, Trisha Broadway, Kori Brown, and Katrina Meaker.

Top scorers for the Ettes were Jacey Richardson and Tami Ashford each with 9 points. Jessica Kepley had 6 and Jodi Homen added

another 5. Carrie Davis, Kristi Barkley and Katrina Meaker each had 2 points. The JV Ettes won 33-20 against the Memphis team.

Groom's Varsity girls opened the season with a loss to Memphis 51-57. Jessica Friemel led the scoring with 15 points. Angie Conrad added another 12. Jessica Stapp had 9, Mary Hutsell 6, Julie Richardson 4 and Sara Britten 4.

Filling in the rest of the roster for the Tigerettes are Christy Galvan, Karen Conrad, Martie Phillips and Stephanie Ollinger.

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Bi-District Champions

Martin Completes Basis Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher D. Martin, son of Daniel D. and Susie Martin of Groom, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Martin completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Martin learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Martin and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Martin joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this

year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Martin and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Martin are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

He is a 1996 graduate of Groom Independent School District.

City of Groom To Ask For More Local Expanded Calling

The City of Groom is considering petitioning G.T.E. to add two more towns to the local expanded calling plan. When expanded calling was passed this last year, only three towns; Amarillo, Panhandle and Pampa; were on the ballot. By law and regulation up to five towns can be in the expanded calling network.

Groom's officials want its area residents to get their money's worth by adding

two more towns to its network. Phone customers are already paying an additional \$3.50 for the service. This fee will NOT increase by adding two more towns.

Input is needed on which two towns would most benefit the majority of the people in the area. Keep in mind that a reason is required to show need for these additions, Amarillo and Pampa were added

because of medical services that our local community does not have, while Panhandle was approved because it is the county seat and center of the emergency service operations. A rational like - business needs; or students living in one area and going to school in another would carry more weight than "family living in the area."

Towns under consideration are Claude,

Larendon, McLean and Canyon. The City Council would appreciate your input. In today's paper a survey form will be found on page 6. Please mark your preference and state your reasoning. Return to Groom City Hall by December 2. Feel free to drop the form in the night depository, mail or bring it by during business hours 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Obituaries

Charles 'Chuck' Steele
PAMPA - Charles "Chuck" Steele, 63, of Pampa, died Friday, November 15, 1996. Services were Monday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at Boys Ranch Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Steele was born January 28, 1933, at Anthony, Kansas. He married Martha McGinley on August 10, 1955 at Alva, Oklahoma. He had been a Pampa resident for the past eight years. He was a longtime teacher, coach and school administrator, working for schools in

Spearman, Boys Ranch, Grandview-Hopkins and Hooker, Oklahoma. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was active in the bus ministry.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzy and Eddie Taylor of Boys Ranch and Cindy Steele Langston of Perryton; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Janie Steele of Big Lake, Doug and Lori Steele of West Lafayette, Indiana, and Pat and Shelly Steele of Perryton; and 12 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

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Wheeler Man Arrested

223rd Judicial District Judge Lee Waters on Tuesday, November 12, granted the request of the District Attorney's Office to deny bail for Gray County

Jail inmate James Clifton Walker. Walker, 53 years old, of Wheeler County, was arrested in McLean on the afternoon of November 6 as a result of police officers identifying the passenger in Walker's vehicle as being wanted on a felony warrant out of Gray County.

Conversation with the passenger and Walker resulted in a consent to search being given the officers by Walker. The search yielded an amount of controlled substances believed to be both methamphetamine and crack cocaine.

Walker had previously been indicted in Hemphill County on drug-related charges and was out of jail on bond.

The request of the District Attorney's Office came about as the result of a recently-passed amendment to the Texas Constitution permitting courts in certain circumstances to deny bail to persons already free on bond pending resolution of another indictment.

Walker's case has been set for trial January 7, 1997.

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A Honor Roll

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Grade 11: Melissa Anthony, Tami Ashford, Toby Burgin, April Burton, Jimmy Chavado, Angie Conrad, Michael Stephens.

Grade 10: Dean Fields, Jacey Richardson, Jessica Stapp, Wyatt Weinheimer,

Dara Whatley.

Grade 9: Dustin Babcock, Travis Britten, Evan Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Sarah Hutsell, Jessica Kepley.

Grade 8: Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Russell Conrad, Sarah Looten.

Grade 7: Cassie Ashford, Garrett Britten.

Grade 6: Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin.

Grade 5: Clay Britten, Faith Looten, Owen Weinheimer.

Grade 4: Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens, Adam Britten, Leah Looten.

A-B Honor Roll

Grade 12: Buck Babcock, Joe Britten, Leo Britten, Courtney Burgin, Christina Galvan, Trae Kepley, Scott Weinheimer, Curtis Whatley.

Grade 11: Kay Britten, Jessica Friemel, Tony Homer, Mary Hutsell, Martie Phillips, Mary Thomas.

Grade 10: Cody Britten, Sara Britten, Kori Brown, Karen Conrad, Josh Evenson, Jeremy Lewis, Katrina Meaker, Marcus Miller, Caleb Pool, Jamie Shuck, Daniel Treadwell.

Grade 9: Kristi Barkley, Carrie Davis, Jodi Homen, Chris Ollinger, Wade Ritter, Josiah Scott.

Grade 8: Marci Babcock, Skye Brown, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaire, Grant Weinheimer.

Grade 7: Staci Barnett, Cody Bivens, Candace Bohr, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Clay Ritter, Hugh Weinheimer.

Grade 6: Brett Britten, Lanie Britten, Staci Britten, Kira Broadway, Amanda Conrad, Stephany Fraser, Amber Moore.

Grade 5: Lorri Britten, Joaenea Horn, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Britteny Martin, Bobby Ratterree, Cody Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn.

Grade 4: Sarah Broadway, Ashley Jackson, Catherine Robertson.



Proud fans all, as the game comes to an end. Donald Ritter is all smiles as he watches his grandson, Justin Ritter's performance.

PUBLIC OPINION POLL

The City of Groom is considering petitioning the phone company for two more towns on our extended calling plan. We are allowed five towns and currently have only three. This will not increase our current charges. However, we must rationalize the need for these towns. Please check your preference and give your reasons for wanting these towns added. Turn in to City Hall by December 2.

- Canyon Claude
 Clarendon McLean

Reason:

Driver Safety Course To Be Offered In Clarendon

A Driver Safety Course will be held in Clarendon on Saturday, December 14, 1996. The course will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 103 of the Administration Building. Cost of the course is \$25.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10 percent discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc.

G.E.D.C. To Meet And Disband On December 2nd

Groom's Economic Development Corporation will meet on December 2, 1996 at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of approving the agreement and merger of G.E.D.C. and Groom Growth Corporation will be the focus of the meeting. As reported in previous articles about the merger, the old G.E.D.C. will have to disband and reform in order to use the 1/2 cent sales tax designated for economic development.

After the officers meeting, a meeting of the

members at large will be required to get a 2/3 vote to disband the corporation.

The new group, which will be called Groom Growth Corporation until the current G.E.D.C. relinquishes its name, will meet on November 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the community center.

Election of officers and approval of by-laws are items of interest on the agenda. This meeting falls under the open records laws. Anyone may and is encouraged to attend.

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Groom School Board Approves Transfer

The Groom School Board met in regular session last week. Trustees Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, Dennis Babcock, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara and Steve Anthony were present. Superintendent Ben Ingham was also present.

student to Grandview Hopkins ISD was approved.

The board heard a report on the Academic Excellence Indicator System. The report was approved.

All bills were unanimously paid and the budget amended where necessary.

A transfer of a Groom

Groom's Junior High Basketball Season Begins

Groom Junior High athletes kicked off basketball season Monday night. The 7th grade girls team blasted Shamrock, 39-14.

Krisanne Davis led the scoring with 15 points. Candace Bohr scored 6 points. Nichole Barnett added 4 and Sarah Looten had 2. Karri Britten finishes off the roster for the 7th grade team.

In 8th grade girls action, the Ettes ran into a difficult match. Skye Brown was top scorer for Groom with 4

points. Frances Britten and Brook Britten each made 2 points. Marci Babcock, Courtney Sustaie, Macie Britten, Liz Vega, Michele Stephens and Jessica McMahan round up the rest of the roster. The Cub-Ettes lost to Shamrock, 43-8.

Next week the Junior High teams will face off with Silvertown, there, beginning at 5:00. The girls will combine their teams for the game.

Boys Beat Shamrock

By Coach Dudley Kelm

The Groom Cub Jr. High Basketball team opened their season at Shamrock with a 30-27 overtime victory. The Cubs showed



Christ's body seems to strain under the weight of the Cross placed on his shoulders.

2nd Station Of The Cross



The bronze Roman soldier places the wooden cross upon Christ's back.

great hustle and effort in their first outing despite only one week of practice time. Nicholas Anthony led Cub scorers with 10 points, followed by Clay Ritter with 8, Dewayne Gray with 7, Grant Weinheimer with 3 and Russell Conrad with 2 points.

Others who played and contributed to the victory were Cody Bivens, Luke Pavlovsky, Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten, Trey Britten and Hugh Weinheimer. The next Cub game is Monday, Nov 25th at Silvertown.

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If You Asked Me And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton
If you ask me (and nobody did) this business of being a 90's woman is for the birds. Yes, in today's world we can have it all!

Well, I've seen it all . . . and you can keep it. Sure, I can bring home the bacon but if I do . . . I dang sure don't want to have to fry it. I'm practically positive that this having it "all" business is a secret ploy by the male race to get us to do everything!

I think it all began when I was in high school when my dad made me learn how to change a flat and check my own oil so that "I would never have to depend on a man." I am now almost certain that he did that so he wouldn't have to!

Think about all the painful stuff we go through to look good. Through the ages we have been cinched, bound, plucked, pierced and permed, all to look good not for ourselves or each other but so our men won't be ashamed of us. Face it, girls! A belly that has been through three pregnancies is never going to look like an

18 year olds no matter what you do to it.

And what about that whole natural child birth thing! That had to be conceived by some man, who thought drugs were a cop out denying us of how God intended to remind us that we were responsible for the original sin (my mother had drugs and I turned out O.K.)

I think that as our sex has evolved, we have become somehow less bright. Think about it . . . once we were taken care of . . . petted . . . and spoiled. If we didn't want to do something we simply pretended not to understand. We weren't required to make sense of political situations, financial planning or how to measure a room for carpet. Faced with an unpleasant situation, we could simply cry or pretend to faint and avoid the whole thing. All the while we manipulated, coerced, and cajoled men into getting our own way.

We are much too up front today. We had it

made and we blew it! Not only do we have to "bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan" but we had better know how many grams of fat is in the darn stuff and how many laps we'll have to do to make up for eating it!

More Local Happenings

Bertha Knight is in the High Plains Hospital after she fell on Sunday. She was taken there by ambulance on Monday.

Allie Hoyt recently returned from an extended stay in Moore, Oklahoma where she was visiting her great-grandchildren.

Marcia Conrad and several family members "Shopped Till They Dropped" recently at a Penney's family night sale. Marcia's daughter-in-law, Jennifer is an employee of J.C. Penney's.

THE GROOM Kindergarten through 4th grade will present a Thanksgiving program Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 10 am.

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City Council Approves Lot Bids And Christmas Bonuses For Employees

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, November 14, 1996 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order and opened with an invocation by the Mayor at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mary Dwyer, Sid Lands, Harold Smith, and Sam Haynes. Wayne Bybee and Gary Jackson were absent.

Others present: Fred Smith, Allen Mixon, Rick Harris, Stella Lee, Gordon Sheplor, Quentin Newton and Toni Bohlar.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

City Superintendent, Fred Smith advised the Council that they had buried approximately 500 feet of pipe on the Utility Line Project, and that a ditch digger would probably be here Monday and that they would get more done next week.

Superintendent Fred Smith also told the Council that due to trying to get the Utility Project completed,

and doing some work at the landfill that they had not been able to get anything done on the Christmas decorations, but that he would try to get at least a few of them done before Christmas.

Attorney Rick Harris told the Council that he didn't

have any luck getting hold of the Lanier copier people, and that we would wait until we heard from them.

Rick Harris also told the Council that he had written the people concerning the alleyway in Block 79 and had invited them to attend the next Council meeting so an agreement could be reached between all parties.

Representatives from the company Waste Wranglers could not attend the meeting so there was no action taken.

Representatives Pastor Quentin Newton and Gordon Sheplor from the Assembly of God Church came with a request to buy the old hospital parking lot, and possibly leasing the old

See City, pg. 14



Tanna Shipman, mascot, whispers a secret to the many McLean fans who attended Friday night's game against Groom. The secret is still a secret!



It takes three Groom players to bring down Tiger Aaron Rice, as Chris Flores and Brian Fuller rush to try to aid him.

The McLean News Welcomes Emma Jean McDonald, New Editor

The McLean News would like to welcome Emma Jean McDonald to our staff. She is the wife of Jimmy Joe McDonald, Chief Deputy of Gray County Sheriff's Office. They share five children, Trevor McDonald, Wichita, Kansas; Paige Skinner, Vernon, Texas; Mark Tate, Chandler, Arizona; Lee Ann Feenstra, Chandler, Arizona; and Kara Fox, Hereford, Texas. seven grandchildren, J.C. Sarah, Logan, Kelsey, Jake and Owen.

Emma Jean enjoys painting, woodwork and yard work!

With help and patience from the town and community, we can make



The McLean News even better!

Tigers End 1996 Season With Loss To Groom For Bi-Dist.

By Ashley Slagle and Bonnie Hauck
MHS Tiger Rag Staff

Groom's defense held true against the McLean Tigers in a desperate battle to win the Class 1A bi-district six-man playoff game, in Lefors, Friday the 15th. In the first half, the Groom offense worked overtime to dominate over the McLean Tigers 26-0. In the third quarter, Aaron

Rice returned a 68 yard kick-off completing it with a two-point conversion. McLean's second touchdown was scored when Chris Flores maneuvered in for a 14 yard touchdown. McLean ended their season with a record of 6-5 and the District 2A Six-man playoff representative. We are all proud of our Tigers who showed their stamina and pride this football season.

McLean School Board Completes Routine Business

The McLean School Board of Trustees approved a \$100 bonus for school employees at the regular session of the board November 14. The December supplement check has been a long standing tradition in the school system, according to John Griffin, superintendent.

In other business the board approved local board policy updates, and accepted a bid from Wayne Bybee to

REMINDER GIVE THANKS

METHODIST YOUTH
Bake Sale Wed., Nov. 27, 8
am - ?? at Puckett's
Grocery.

McLEAN CUBS will play
basketball against Lefors
Monday Nov. 25 at 6:00
pm.

TIGERS & LADY Tigers
will play basketball at
Hedley on Tuesday, Nov. 26
at 6:30 pm.

CITY HALL will be
closed Thur. and Fri., Nov.
28 & 29 for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

HIGH SCHOOL AND Jr.
High basketball teams will
play in Lefors tournament
Nov. 21-23. Game times to
be announced later.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to
the Thanksgiving holidays
The Groom/McLean News
will have an early deadline
next week. Please have all
news items to us by 3:00
pm on Monday.

PIONEER STUDY Club
will meet Thur., Nov. 21 at
Lovett Memorial Library at
4 pm.

AREA FFA District
banquet will be December 2
at 6:00 p.m. at Clarendon
College.

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter

Jim Bible was absent from First Baptist Church Sunday as he went down state to a Bible Seminary and took his parents to see their daughter, Jean and family.

Visiting here during the weekend was Vicki Hambright and family of Canadian.

Visiting with the Bill Tidwells recently was grandson Jeremy. Jeremy had his tonsils out last week and had some bad luck that necessitated a run to Amarillo.

Nora Dragoo was in Pampa on Monday along with the James Armbristers for medical attention for

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

November 21 - Destry Magee.

November 22 - Dale Barker, Seth Brown, David Crockett, Robin Lura.

November 23 - Freda Holland, Evelyn Hunt, Ann Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Longino.

November 24 - Sophie Hutchinson, Velma Cornell Kinard, Robert Sanderson, Jesse Coleman.

November 25 - Bill Hambright, Terri Lee.

November 26 - Tonia Webster.

November 27 - John Bentley, Brodey Carter, Kay Magee, Jess Coleman.

Nora. She is nicely recuperating from her recent surgery.

The James Daniels home has undergone a real nice change with sparkling white siding, new windows and new metal roof. Very nice.

The church basement has a new back entrance, new sheetrock and the kitchen will soon be usable.

Saturdays shower brought us .30 to 1/2 inch rain. Very welcome.

Letter To The Editor.

On behalf of the Chillicothe Booster Club, I would like to commend you on the courteous behavior of your football team. After the game, a few of our members distributed the hamburger meals to your players. We were very impressed by how polite they were. In a world where we hear about all the bad things our youth are involved with, it is so nice to be reminded that there are good kids out there as well.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the meals for your team. Good luck to you and your athletic and scholastic programs.

Sincerely,
Deborah Obenhour
Chillicothe Booster Club

Visiting with Jesse Coleman this week-end were daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John (Sarah) Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Jan) Watts and children, Charles and Scott, Vance Coleman from Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Area School Officials Attend Conference
Superintendents, principals and counselors from area school districts recently attended Clarendon College's Fall Conference.

Designed to inform high schools of the latest admission and testing requirements, CC's Fall Conference dealt with the issued of TASP requirements, dual credit, advanced placement, and concurrent enrollment. Scholarships, financial aid and tech prep also were discussed in detail.

According to Michelle Hughes-Wilson, CC's Coordinator of Counseling and Testing Services, colleges such as Clarendon College are facing a new era of high technology, changing student demographics and changing values. "As CC moves with the times and enters the 21st century, we want to keep the high schools informed of the latest educational issues facing CC," Wilson said.

Attending the Fall Conference included John Griffin, McLean ISD.

4-H Club News

The 4-Clover 4-H Club of McLean was well represented Saturday, November 18, at the 1996 Gray County Food Show. 4-Hers entering the County Food Show must have completed the Foods and Nutrition Project. Some of the requirements for completing the project include: Participating in

Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study Club met on November 7th in the conference room of the Lovett Memorial Library. President Mary Dwyer conducted a short business meeting during which the club voted to change the meeting time back to 4:00 p.m. Fayette Bell Barton asked to be taken off the active member roll and become an honorary member. This was accepted.

In the absence of the scheduled program, Bonnie Nell Fabian presented a second third of the slides of the Holy Land.

Pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream accompanied by cheese squares and coffee was served from an autumn decorated table by Bonnie Nell and Lynn

Reeves to Fayette Bell Barton, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murry, Beverly Odom, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, Nama Webb, Sherri Martindale and Irene Pakan.

some form of community service relating to foods and nutrition, and having at least six new learning experiences relating to foods and nutrition.

Results from the County Food Show are as follows:

Jessi Fish, Sr. Division, Nutritious Snacks &

Desserts, 1st place. Sarah Myers, Sr. Division, Breads, 1st place. Jennifer Myers, Jr. Division, Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, Outstanding Participation.

Andrea Shank, Inter. Division, Breads, 1st place. Kaylee Shank, Jr. Division, Breads, 1st place.

4-Hers placing 1st and 2nd will advance to District competition in Amarillo on December 14.

Also completing the project but not entering the Food Show Contest was Jennifer Greer.

All of the 4-Hers did an outstanding job in completing the project. They all learned something new about foods.

2nd Grade: Brooke Seymour, Jacob Tolleson, Jacob Wilson.

intoxicated; and 1 unlawfully carrying a weapon.

In this same period of time we booked into jail 38 people and answered 116 calls for service. These calls for service are calls such as motorist assist, burglar alarm calls, cattle out, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, welfare checks and domestic violence. Our civil officer also served 20 civil papers such as divorce, subpoenas and law suits. These figures do not reflect the hours and miles that our deputies spend on patrol or doing follow up on older cases or transporting prisoners. As you can see we stay busy here.

I'll close this first article with a piece of advice, there are many telemarketing scams going today and if you receive a call from someone wanting to sell or give you something, DO NOT give them your social security number or a credit card number until you can call and verify the credibility of the company through the better business bureau.

Now back to our original purpose. In the preceding week, the Gray County Sheriff's Office has taken reports on and investigated seven new incidents. They are: 2 agency assists; 1 disorderly conduct; 1 theft of a motor vehicle; 1 burglary; 1 driving while

we can operate with 2 officers per shift. When our population goes over 48 and under 96 we must have 3 officers per shift. This increase of one officer really means that we will have to hire 5 more officers due to days off, vacation and such. As you can tell we will soon need to hire more officers and this will cost the county approximately 125,000 dollars when you add in the employee benefits such as retirement and medical.

This increase in inmate population results from several things. First, we are seeing more people on probation being revoked and sentenced to time to serve in jail. Second, the felony prosecutors are taking more cases and more warrants are being issued for arrest of persons accused of a crime not only in our county but elsewhere. Third, when the state issues a warrant for a person on parole, who violates the parole, this person stays in the jail of the county in which he is arrested until the state has a hearing and he is then taken to prison. The state does not reimburse the counties for the 60 or 90 days that they are kept in county jail so we must burden this expense.

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McLean Honor Roll, 2nd Six Weeks

Elementary Honor Roll 90 & Above

7th Grade: Nikki Hefley, Randi Riley, Teddra Simmons.

6th Grade: Drew Barker, Robert Brass, Erin Coffey, Jeffery Lee, Josh Seymour, Jennifer Smith, Shaley Steel.

5th Grade: Jaclyn Grigsby, Robyn Weaver.

4th Grade: Ashley McClendon, Joshua Nelson, Zane Richardson.

3rd Grade: Russell Anglin, Talitha Newton.

2nd Grade: Michael Doniz, John Haynes, Charli Jarvis, Tamara Loya, Shelby Terry.

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7th Grade: Ashley Comer, Jessica Daniels, Sara Hall, Brenna McDow.

6th Grade: Trent Cadra, Caroline Cole, Amanda Hauck, Tami Marsh, Sonny Northcutt.

5th Grade: Derek Best, Ashley Francis, D.J. Graybeal, Jennifer Greer, Chase Jarvis, Dustin Moody, Kendall Newton, Traci Rigsby, Jani Seitz, Delinda Simpson, Slade Terry, Victor Vega, Jay Wallis.

4th Grade: Valarie Bradley, Skyler Ferguson, Matt Hanes, Lucas Seymour, Mitchell Steward.

3rd Grade: Ashley Love, Nicholas Odom, Joshua Pendleton, Kevin Smith, Connie Vega, Justin Wehrenberg.

2nd Grade: Brooke Seymour, Jacob Tolleson, Jacob Wilson.

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In this same period of time we booked into jail 38 people and answered 116 calls for service. These calls for service are calls such as motorist assist, burglar alarm calls, cattle out, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, welfare checks and domestic violence. Our civil officer also served 20 civil papers such as divorce, subpoenas and law suits. These figures do not reflect the hours and miles that our deputies spend on patrol or doing follow up on older cases or transporting prisoners. As you can see we stay busy here.

I'll close this first article with a piece of advice, there are many telemarketing scams going today and if you receive a call from someone wanting to sell or give you something, DO NOT give them your social security number or a credit card number until you can call and verify the credibility of the company through the better business bureau.

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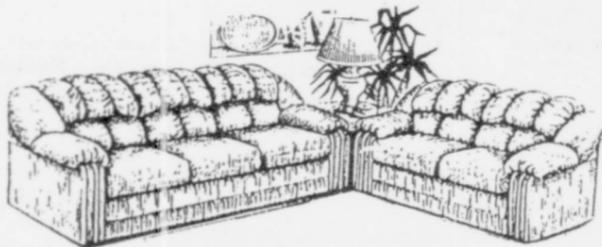
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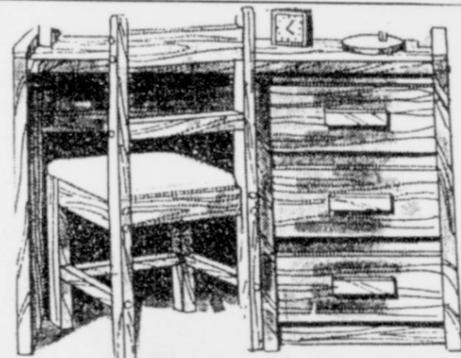


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McLean Care Center Residents Enjoy Bazaar, Prepare For Thanksgiving

Everyone sends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Farrar Guyton who passed away at the Care Center Saturday, November 11, 1995. She will truly be missed.

Sunday members of the Baptist Church were here to hold a worship service.

Residents working in crafts Monday morning were Sue Cubine, Thelma Hopkins, Imogene King, Jessie Watson, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Teresa Richardson and Helen Glass. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Dick Wheeler, Sylvia McClellan, Thelma Hopkins, Thelma Finson, Teresa Richardson, Eula Morrow, Jessie Watson, Virgie Everett, Sue Cubine, Florence Drake and M.L. Rowan. Volunteer helper

was Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club. An exercise program was held following bingo.

Tuesday morning Sylvia McClellan, Sue Cubine, Eula Morrow and Lula Sheegog went to vote. At noon Sue Cubine, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Doris Reborn and Helen Glass enjoyed having their turkey dinner in the Sun Room. Betty Lopez joined them also. In the afternoon the Reminiscence program was held. Those attending were Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Thelma Hopkins, Phyllis Bailey, Teresa

Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Florence Drake and Lula Sheegog.

Wednesday morning was the donut circle. Donuts were furnished by Leta Mae Hess. Those attending were Phyllis Bailey, Truman

Goodlett, Vernee Bowling, Sue Cubine, Betty McCurley, Thelma Hopkins, Florence Drake, Thelma Finson, Marion Turner and Christine Shipley. In the afternoon the residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn. Following the movie everyone exercised.

Playing bingo on Thursday were Thelma Hopkins, Beryl Halbert, Florence Drake, Eula Morrow, M.L. Rowan, Teresa Richardson, Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Dick Wheeler and Annie Eudey.

Saturday was the bake sale and bazaar. Residents working at the bazaar were Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett and Teresa Richardson. All donations to the activity fund were appreciated.

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Sunday Bro. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the Methodist Church came to hold a worship service.

Residents working in crafts Monday morning were Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Helen Glass, Marjorie Turnage, Jessie Watson, Sylvia McClellan, Truman Goodlett and Phyllis Bailey. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo and attended our exercise program: Polly Burnett, Beryl Halbert, Thelma Hopkins, Mable Dickey, Thelma Finson, Eula Morrow, Vernee Bowling, Betty McCurley, M.L. Rowan, Teresa Richardson, Truman Goodlett, Dick Wheeler, Annie Eudey, Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Phyllis Bailey, Sylvia McClellan and Sue Cubine. Bananas were furnished for all bingo players by the Lions club. Our volunteer helpers were Betty Lowe and Cliffie Heasley.

Tuesday morning Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, and Imogene King played dominos. In the afternoon president Sylvia McClellan held her resident council meeting, those attending were Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, M.L. Rowan, Teresa Richardson, Lula Sheegog, Phyllis Bailey, and Eula Morrow.

Wednesday morning 17 residents gathered in the dining area to enjoy the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon members of the friendship Methodist Sunday school class came to give the residents an ice cream social. Ladies attending were Katie Graham, Molly McDowell and Mary Dwyer who also played the piano for them.

Thursday morning the ladies had manicures. In the afternoon they played bingo and had an exercise program. Residents attending were Thelma Finson, Leon Tate, Eula Morrow, Sue Cubine, Beryl

Halbert, Dick Wheeler, Truman Goodlett, Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Phyllis Bailey, Sylvia McClellan and Jessie Watson.

Saturday was the birthday party for the month. Residents celebrating were Teresa Richardson, Ruby Ayers, Eula Morrow, Ruby Myers, Jessie Coleman, Thelma Hopkins and Pansy Mounce. Corsages and boutonnieres were furnished by Lamb-Ferguson florist. Evelyn Pennington baked and decorated the cake and the angel food cake was furnished by Mary Dwyer. Jessie Coleman's family furnished us with great country music, they included Sandra Coleman (Fox), Dennis and Jan Watts, Charla Roberts, and Vance Coleman. Our servers were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Evelyn Pennington, Tami and Julie Marsh. Everyone had a great time.

Alanreed News

Ruth and Brenda McLain visited in Oklahoma with mother and grandmother this week.

The Dan Martin's of Groom were here for the Adelaide Weldon funeral.

Sid Keese and Glen Cummings took off a day and went hunting, but the deer were the fastest.

Nora Dragoos underwent heart surgery in Oklahoma City last week and was doing well. In attendance were daughters Denva and Shirley, granddaughter Vicki Hanbright and James Armbrister. Denva and Shirley were home over the weekend as Nora was gaining ground fast. Nora came home on Monday when the girls went after her.

Higgins Wins Season Opener Against Ladys

By Walter Handlin
Tiger Rag Staff

Tuesday, November 12, the Lady Tigers lost a squeaker to Higgins 38-35 in the first game of the season. Headed by their new coach, Bob Ridgley, the Lady Tigers out scored the Coyotes in the first half, leading 14-13. The scorers of the first half were Vanessa Glass, sinking two three-pointers, Rachel Galley, putting some offensive moves on, making her six points, and Lori Hefley swishing two to add on to the score. However, in the second half the Lady Coyotes broke through the Lady Tigers defense. The

third quarter was the turning point of the whole game with Higgins outscoring McLean 12-5.

In the absence of the scheduled program, Bonnie Nell Fabian presented a second third of the slides of the Holy Land.

Pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream accompanied by cheese squares and coffee was served from an autumn decorated table by Bonnie Nell and Lynn Reeves to Fayette Bell Barton, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murry, Beverly Odom, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, Nama Webb, Sherri Martindale and Irene Pakan.

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McLean Athletic Boosters would like to thank the following organizations for their help with the concession stand during football season.

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Jr. High Kicks Off Season With Wins

The McLean Cubs and Lady Cubs kicked off their season recently with a pair of wins over Samnorwood.

"The girls really hustled!" stated Coach Ridgley, "We still have a lot of work to do."

The Lady Cubs played an exciting game winning 28-27, against the Lady Eagles.

Randi Riley and Lauren Williams led the scoring with 6 points each. Tedra Simmons added another 5.

Austin Williams had 4. Nikki Hefley, Twila Williams and Cesily Cadra each contributed 2 points. Jessica Daniels, Sara Hall, Veronica Fite, Tina Steward and Julie Marsh round out the roster for the Lady Cubs.

The Cubs blasted Samnorwood 55-8. Four boys shared the high point honors, Terrel Hembree, Robbie Bradley, David Swafford and Randy Floyd

each made 8 points. Chris Sparling, Ben Ridgley, Brad Sawyer, Ricky Smith, Gabriel Vega, and Josh Logan each added 4 points. Coy Tolleson and Jake Eddleman finish off the roster for the Cubs.

"We had good hustle, but we need to stop turning the ball over so much," said Coach Caffey. "They did very well on their press. This team has a lot of quickness."



Brenna McDow Named Principal For A Day

contain between five and twenty questions and any student who makes sixty or above on the test can earn anywhere between four tenths of a point to thirty-six points. Students save the points that they have earned and at the end of each six-week period they can spend their points on various prizes that are in the A.R. showcases. At the beginning of the school year each student is responsible for setting their own A.R. goal for that year. The goal that Brenna set for the 1996-97 school year is three hundred and sixty points and she has already reached eighty-one percent of that goal. Principal McDow said it was well worth the two hundred-fifty points it cost her to sit in a big chair, eat cookies, roam in and out of the classrooms and say "What's going on here?"

McLean Elementary has a new principal! Brenna McDow, seventh grade student at McLean Elementary, received the privilege of being principal for the day by reading twenty-six books and earning two hundred ninety-one points through the Accelerated Reading program. The Accelerated Reader is an easy-to-use computer-based tool that inspires kids to read more and better books. Students earn points by reading A.R. books and then going to the computer and taking a test on the book. The tests

McLean School Menu

Monday, November 25
Breakfast: cream beef, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie/chili & cheese, salad, crackers, applesauce, no bake cookies, milk.
Tuesday, November 26
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, milk.
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Mark Bolton blocks Groom's Justin Ritter in the Bi-District game held in Lefors last week.
(Above) Aaron Rice #30, sprints for a touchdown.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT YEAR!

The Francis Cousins' Hold Annual Party

The grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Francis (pioneer residents of McLean) had their annual Francis Cousins' Party on Saturday, November 9, 1996, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Francis who live in the Claytonville Community east of Kress, Texas.

The cousins met about 11:00 a.m. with the noon meal about 12:00 noon. Each cousin furnishes a dish of something for the noon meal. After the noon meal, much visiting was done. Later in the afternoon, several games of 42 were played before the cousins departed.

Present this year were: Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Petty, Abilene; Ms. Nora

Petty Loveland, Dallas; Mrs. Zora Petty Billingsley, Amarillo; Mrs. Viola Francis Gum, Canyon; Mrs. Leona Francis Langston, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tubbs, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Francis, Kress.

Originally, there were 18 grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Francis; however, six are deceased; four cousins and spouses were unable to attend this year. Of the ten cousins present, they have 52 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The 1997 party is scheduled to be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest James in Plainview.

That Blessed Computer

By Delbert Trew

A few months ago, Ruth and I were dragged, protesting and screaming, into the computer age. Resisting the advice and pleadings of our 'expert' sons and friends, we kept to wood pencils, Big Chief tablets, and that ancient machine, the typewriter.

However, in the last year or so, trying to produce a weekly newspaper column, The Route 66 newsletter, the Devil's Rope Museum newsletter, plus answer the barrage of correspondence we receive weekly, we decided to make the change.

We bought, installed, and began to learn the world of computerism. First came the mouse and the games. It was a snap. Next came the typing tutor. As I did not know how to type, we bought a program to teach me. I have reached the 30 word per minute level, and since that is as fast as I can think anyway, I feel comfortable. It was a snap.

I have always had a problem spelling, but with the spell-check program, spelling is a snap. Now, as Paul Harvey says, lets have the rest of the story.

I have always met the problems and crisis in life in a calm, collected, and considerate manner. However, our new computer has nearly blown my mind

in frustration and rage, as the most simple process goes completely 'bananas'. Ruth has always been a gentle, common-sense, down to earth person, and that's why I love her so. However, recently after a bad session with the computer, I had to restrain her as she approached the desk with a clawhammer held in a menacing manner.

My wall chart showing the merits and demerits of owning a computer, lists a 50-50 ratio. It is posted right beside the hole in the sheetrock where I drove my fist last week.

If our patience holds out, if we continue to progress, and if neither of us destroys the "brain" in rage, we may eventually become friendly to this #@**+@** pile of buttons.

purchase lots 11 and 12 in block 60. Following a one-hour executive session the board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Representatives from the McLean Athletic Booster Club asked the board to consider remodeling the dressing room areas in the gym. Since the item was not on the agenda, no action was taken.

Attending the meeting in the school business office were board members Billie Ward, Jay Dee Fish, Neal Odom, and Bob Glass. Also attending were Griffin; Dick Crockett, elementary principal; and Pam Crockett, secretary. Absent from the

meeting were John Holland, Kathy Carter, Jacque Riley, Don Dorsey, Eugene Galley, Joe Riley, Lacey Steel, and Charles Callum. Shaley Steel, Rose Steel, Visitors attending were and Charlotte Hefley.

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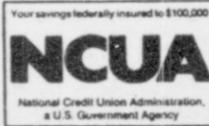


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hospital building. The Council explained that before the City could sell that property it would have to advertise so that everyone would have a chance to bid on it if they chose to. The Council would also have to decide if they wanted to sell it. Both the parking lot and the hospital building will be put on next month's agenda so that the Council can decide what action to take on both properties.

Motion was made by Dwyer, seconded by Lands to accept a \$250.00 bid from Wayne Bybee for Block 60, Lots 11 & 12. All present voted in favor.

Motion by Lands, second by Smith to transfer \$259.00 from the General Fund to the Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund to pay the 1996 retirement.

Discussion was held concerning employee Christmas bonus, holiday and dinner. Motion was made by Dwyer, second by Lands to give the budgeted bonus amount of \$100.00 to full time employees and \$50.00 to part time employees. City holidays will be Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th, and the holiday dinner would be after the December meeting. All voting in favor.

All current bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

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Escalating prices of natural gas used to generate electricity are the primary cause of a request Southwestern Public Service Company filed today (November 1, 1996) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for increases in the "fuel-cost recovery" portion of electricity bills.

The average Texas residential customer of SPS, using 800 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, would see a bill increase of about \$1.96 on the monthly bill from January through June

1997, said Gerald Diller, SPS Vice President, Rates and Regulation. However, beginning in July, the increase would drop to 79 cents monthly.

"Even with this fuel cost increase," Diller said "SPS's residential rates will continue to be the lowest among all the investor-owned utilities in Texas."

The requested increase consists of two components, he explained. One component is an under-recovery of actual fuel costs over the past nine months, which would be recovered in

the January-June period. The second component is the expected ongoing increase in prices of natural gas.

"The actual increase in individual customer's bills will vary, depending on the individual customer's use of electricity," Diller said. "All of our Texas retail customer classes, including industrial and commercial classes, would see similar increases in monthly bills."

The trend in prices for natural gas has been "significantly upward during

the past year, and is expected to continue upward," Diller said. "We negotiate the lowest fuel costs we can, in order to keep electric energy competitive and reliable. But we cannot totally control the costs to us of the fuels we must use to generate power and energy. Thus, this increase."

Diller emphasized, "Despite fuel-cost changes, we are determined to keep our rates low. And we have been successful. We have dropped our prices twenty percent in the past eleven years. SPS rates are twenty percent below the national average."

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For further information, contact Bill Crenshaw (806)378-2120.

McLean, Alanreed Voters Turn Out In Force For Nationwide, Local Election

McLean and Alanreed voters had a good turn out in last weeks national election. The biggest upset in local races was the Mann-Roach battle for District Attorney. Mann, a Gray County native, did not carry his home county while Roach a Miami native did, although he lost the election. Roach had 4421 votes in Gray County and Mann had 4301.

Frank Sparling, Precinct 4 Constable candidate totaled 57 votes in Alanreed, 339 in McLean and 2109 total votes in Gray County. He defeated three opponents during the primary elections.

Don Copeland defeated Randy Stubblefield in the primary election and won the election for Gray County Sheriff with 61 votes in Alanreed, 352 in McLean and a total of 7328 in Gray County.

Tax Assessor/Collector winner was Sammie Morris with 54 votes in Alanreed, 339 McLean and a total of 6064 in Gray County. Her opponent, Charles Buzzard garnered 15 votes in Alanreed, 104 in McLean and totaled 2688 in Gray

County. In the Mac Thornberry, Sam Silverman race Thornberry took 57 votes in Alanreed, 355 in McLean and a total of 7248 votes in Gray County. Silverman had 12 votes in Alanreed, 99 in McLean and a 1526 total in Gray County. Thornberry was declared the winner in this race.

Phil Gramm defeated Victor Morales overall and had 56 votes in Alanreed, 329 in McLean and totaled 6856 votes in Gray County. Morales tallied 13 votes in Alanreed, 125 in McLean

and had a total of 1889 votes in Gray County.

In the Dole/Kemp, Clinton/Gore, Perot/Campbell race for president the Republicans (Dole/Kemp) totaled 50 votes in Alanreed, 271 in McLean and had a total of 6102 votes in Gray County.

The Clinton/Gore Democratic winners won 16 votes in Alanreed, 128 in McLean and totaled 2114 in Gray County.

Perot/Campbell added up 3 votes in Alanreed, 53 in McLean and had a total of 568 votes in Gray County.

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