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"Weather" Leads Local News Stories For 1998 Calendar

1998 has come... and gone. For better or worse it has left its mark on all who witnessed its passage. The McLean News is no different. While it's top news stories have not the dramatics of Washington or the flash of Hollywood, they are very important to our area residents and subscribers.

1998's Top News in McLean is a draw between the vicious weather we witnessed, changes in our elected officials and the building of a much needed and long awaited gymnasium for the school.

Winter weather, while brief, was harsh in early 1998 with sporadic storms that created havoc

for motorists causing accidents and stranding travelers. Spring brought rough round tornadic like weather. On May 15, large hail and 100 mile an hour winds caused damage to 35 homes and 19 businesses, destroyed a trailer home, and over turned an 18 wheeler. Downed limbs made the park a mess while two churches had major damage.

If that wasn't enough, Mother Nature must have been really on a tear because a three month drought soon began. Extreme hot dry conditions lasted until the first week of August. Area farmers and ranchers are still suffering the repercussions.

Local and area elections also kept the news interesting. The May 2 school board election found voters choosing between ten candidates for three seats. The City had five candidates vying for three seats. In area elections, voters chose a new District Judge to represent them beginning this week. Forty percent of voters turned out for the November elections.

McLean School Board also approved the building of a much needed gym. While the long awaited construction has seen some delays, Tiger and Lady Tiger basketball fans are

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No Students On Web Page

The McLean Independent School District School Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 1998. Board members present were Bob Glass, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, Eugene Galley, Don Dorsey, and T.D. Simmons. Absent from the meeting was John Holland. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, secretary, Coach

Paula Waters, Ed Bailey, High School Principal, and Jerry Courtney. The Board enjoyed a delicious

meal prepared by Margaret Milam, with dessert prepared by Mrs. Griffin.

All votes was unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Vice-President, Don Dorsey. Opening prayer was led by Bob Glass. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 1998 were approved.

Superintendent, John W. Griffin, was voted as certified investment officer for McLean ISD.

The Board adopted the (LOCAL) policies

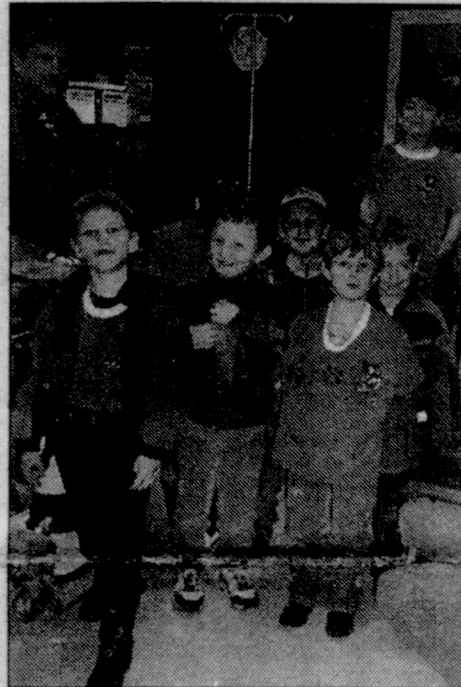
contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual, effective this date, December 21, 1998, and repealed all previous policies.

The board voted to pass the Internet usage policy to read: Photographs of students in the district shall not be published on the district web pages.

Financial Reports A, B, and C were approved.

Approval was granted to pay the November bills as presented.

The Board went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:49 p.m. with no action being taken on the discussion.



The McLean Tiger Cub Den recently toured the McLean Veterinary Clinic. Pictured with Dr. David Woods are first graders Billy Corley, Caleb Crawford and Brian Shackelford, front; Mark Jeffries, Zachary Odom and Dustin Lee, middle; and Daniel Conners, back.



Adams' Home Wins First Place

McLean residents took pride in decorating their homes this Christmas season. Lights of holiday colors could be seen on almost every street in town.

In honor of the season, the Lion's Club of McLean held a house lighting contest for the people of the area. The

home of Jim Bob Adams was selected as first place winner with a cash prize of \$40. Sammy and Vonda Averett's home was declared the second place winner with a cash prize of \$30. The home of Roy and Mary Richardson won third place and a cash

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McLean Reminders...

4-H Scholarship Training

The Texas 4-H Foundation will hold an application training for its Opportunity Scholarship Program via the Trans Texas Video Network 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on January 7. The site will be at the District Office in Amarillo. Last year, the foundation awarded almost \$900,000 in scholarships. The training will provide helpful information, guidelines and tips for 4-Hers and their parents as they prepare to complete the application. If you have any questions, please call the County Extension Office.

MOM'S CIRCLE will meet at 11:00 on Jan. 13 at the Methodist Church. Nursery provided.

THE LIBRARY will have story time for 4 and 5 years olds on Jan. 14 at 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. The library will also begin its book sale on January 8.

THE BASKETBALL teams for Jr. High will play Groom, here, on Jan. 7 at 6:00 p.m. and Hedley, there, at 6:00 p.m. on Jan. 11.

HIGH SCHOOL basketball teams will play Samnorwood, there, on Jan. 8 at 5:00 p.m. and Lefors, here, on Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL will have an audit meeting on Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

WARREN CHISUM will hold a town hall meeting at the McLean Sr. Citizens Center from 8:45 to 9:30 am on Tuesday, January 5.

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Jessi and Travis Fish Earn Top Awards

Jessi Fish earned first place honors in the Senior Main Dish category when she competed in the Pumbuckle District 4-H Food Show that was held December 12, 1998. Jessi will represent District 1 at the State Food Show in June at Texas A&M.

Earning a "Top 4" award was Travis Fish with a Junior Main Dish. Another 4-Her who represented Gray County from McLean was Kristen Odom.



Travis Fish



Jessi Fish

McLean School Menu

January 11 - 15
 Monday Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Burritos, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, brownies, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Breakfast burrito with cheese, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, French fries, baked beans, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancake, sausage on a stick, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Roast beef, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, fried okra, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Smoked sausage, baked beans, salad, fruit, Texas toast, milk.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- December 25 - Ted Simmons.
- December 26 - Janet McCracken, Chet Bohlar.
- December 27 - Jan Haynes, Joe Magee, John Griffin, Herman L. Petty, Harold C. Petty, Jane Herndon.
- December 28 - Stefanie Turpen, Rosa White, Michael Doniz, Ted and Imogene Longino (A).
- December 29 - Kyle

Woods, Evelyn Pennington.

December 30 - Trevor McDonald, Olene Brown, William Floyd Smith.

December 31 - W.C. Kennedy, Beverly Odom.

January 2 - Derek Mark Jones, Ott and Ernestine Davis (A).

January 3 - Juanita Fish, Monty Paul Joiner, Logan Sparling.

January 4 - Earl Husted, David Burrow, Patty Brass.

January 5 - Winifred Rice.

January 6 - Wayne Morris, W.C. Simpson, Zack Seymour.



Nicholas Odom, 11, shot his first deer two miles northwest of McLean. He is the son of Neal and Beverly Odom.

Letter To The Editor

Hi - Please renew my subscription. Was so very sad to know that Lena Carter would no longer be writing. Have always enjoyed her writings. Doubt if Lena remembers, but her sister (Billie Jean) was my best friend when we were in grade school. I remember crying for ages when they decided to leave McLean. Lena was special to us, back then. She was a bit older than we were, but she treated us like equals. (Which for grade schoolers was very special.)

Keep the papers coming, have a Merry Christmas and a very good New Year.
 Betty Smith

McLean Alanreed Museum News

By Dorthey McKee
 The month of December brought 35 visitors to the McLean, Alanreed Museum.

They were from 13 states and two foreign countries, three from Germany and one from Taiwan.

Visitors were up considerable from a year ago, December 1997. There were only four visitors for the month of December in 1997.

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hopeful to see action inside the new building before season's end.

1999 will usher in a new century. Let us hope that it will be kind to us all.

Mammogram Van Shall Return

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center had it's Mammogram van here on December 30, 1998. Fourteen women had mammograms and others had to be turned away due to the lack of appointments. The center hopes to return to the area soon.

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WEEKLY BIBLE QUESTION

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A. This question must be answered by considering both sides; the pros and cons. First, let us consider the view of those who affirm that falling from grace is not possible. John Calvin formulated this doctrine calling it the "perseverance of the saints." It is one of the "five points of Calvinism." This teaching is more commonly stated as "once saved always saved." Many denominations adhere to John Calvin's teachings.

Let's note two passages used to affirm this teaching. John 10:28 is used in teaching this doctrine, "and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of the Father's hand." Another passage is Romans 8:28-39. Specifically, notice verses thirty-eight and thirty-nine which say, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John Calvin states, "Yet it happens daily that those who seemed to be Christ's, fall away from him again, and hasten to destruction... True indeed; but it is also equally plain that such persons never cleaved to Christ with the heartfelt trust in which certainty of election has, I say, been established for us." (Calvin: Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 3, Chapter 24, section 7). In other words, while it appears that some have fallen from grace, they were never really converted to Christ in the first place.


To summarize this position, one might say, "If you are truly one of the elect and thus, a true child of God, there is nothing that you can do that would sever that relationship with God. Once you are saved, you are always saved. But if you do fall into sin and remain there, you were never really converted to begin with."

Next week, we will examine the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" from the perspective of its opponents.

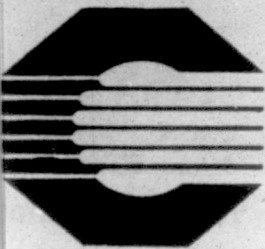
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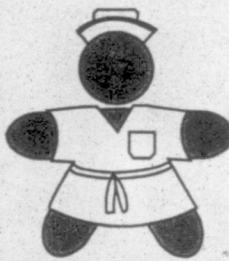
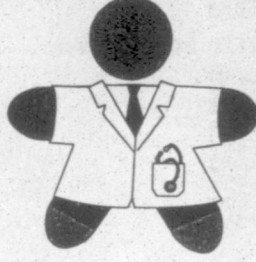
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McLean Care Center News

Residents attended Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class and later Sunday Worship services. Those attending were Dorothy Patterson, Gladys Andrews, Phyllis Bailey, Thelma Finson, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Christine Shipley, Dick Wheeler, Bessie McLemore, Glynnda

Martin, Vernee Bowling, Florence Drake, Sue Cubine, Ora Billingsley, Willie Wheeler, Hadda Moore, Duella Beverly, Don York, Vernie Lowe and Jess Coleman.

Monday morning was nail care and later in the day bingo was played and exercises were done. Bananas were furnished by the Lion's Club and the volunteer was Betty

Lowe. Tuesday games of dominos and craft time were occupations. On Wednesday the eye doctor came. On Thursday a New Year's Eve social with discussions of New Year resolutions was enjoyed. Bingo and exercises were also part of Thursday's recreation. Friday came with family visiting and outings for many of the residents.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP JAN. 13

Pampa Center Foundation will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships for students taking a minimum of 12 hours of course work at Clarendon College-Pampa

Center this spring semester, which begins January 18. Applications for the scholarships will be available at the college office, 900 N. Frost, beginning January 4. The scholarship application deadline is January 13. Call CC-Pampa Center at 665-8801 beginning January 4 for details.

Students must be in good standing and have at least a 2.5 or 85 grade average for their last period of study. The application requires three character recommendations, the completion of an essay, and the latest high school college transcript. The scholarship funds are made possible through a grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Services Held For Hood, 91

Evelyn E. Hood, 91, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, December 30, 1998.

Services were in Llano Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Bill Wade, associate pastor of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Scholer Funeral Home.

Miss Hood was born in Channing to Lee Hood and Carrie Clinton Hood. She has lived in Amarillo since 1917.

Miss Hood graduated from Amarillo High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from West Texas Normal College and degrees in library science from Texas Woman's University and George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Hood taught school at Groom and lived on the Knorpp Ranch from 1935 until 1937. She then returned to Amarillo and served as librarian at Horace Mann Junior High School for many years.

Since 1917, Miss Hood was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church. She also was a life member of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and the National Education Association. She was a member of the Esther McCrory Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and

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a sustaining member of the Audobon Society and the Democratic National Committee.

Survivors include a niece, Laurel Knorpp Chucovich of Pleasant Hill, Mo., and two nephews, Kenton Knorpp of Tulsa, Okla., and Kerry Knorpp of Amarillo.

prize of \$20. The home of T.D. Simmons won the fourth place award and a cash prize of \$10.

The Lion's Club gave Honorary Mention to the homes of Paula Waters, J.C. and Linda McAnear, and Lloyd and Cathy Bybee. The Most Unique Lion's Club member's home went to Monty Joiner.

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(Above) Sophomore members of the Tiger basketball team are (back) Nathaniel Roberts, Terrell Hémbree, and Robbie Bradley. (Front) Bradley Sawyer, Gabriel Vega and Charles Swafford.

Pictured to the right are the sophomore members of the Lady Tigers basketball team Lauren Williams and Cesily Cadra.



Obituaries

Joe Bailey Taylor Sr.
Joe Bailey Taylor Sr., 91, died Tuesday, December 29, 1998. Services were in First Baptist Church in McLean with the Rev. James Martindale and the Rev. Dr. Buell Walls officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor was born in Sweetwater and had lived in McLean for 48 years. He was a rancher, a barber and deacon at the First Baptist Church in McLean.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna. Survivors include three sons, Dan J. Taylor of McLean and Don B. Taylor and Joe B. Taylor Jr., both of Hereford; two daughters, Lynn Ellen Taylor of Amarillo and Louvera Bilbeck of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

member of the First Christian Church. Survivors include two sons, Trusten A. Thomas, Jr. of Wellington, Billy W. Thomas of McLean; one daughter, Patricia A. Barnett of Wellington; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested for First Christian Church building fund.

McLean Church Directory

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Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

Beatrice Thomas WELLINGTON

Beatrice Thomas, 76, died Monday, December 21, 1998 at Amarillo. Services were December 23, 1998 at First Baptist Church with Kerry Hookstra, minister of the First Christian Church of Erick, Oklahoma officiating. Burial was at South Fairview Cemetery.

She was born April 8, 1922 to Willie Lee Ewing and Gussie Colley Ewing at Comanche County, Texas. Beatrice moved to Quail in 1929 with her family, where she graduated from Quail High School. She graduated from Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Amarillo. She married Trusten A. Thomas on July 10, 1944 at Laredo, Texas. He preceded her in death on September 13, 1973. Beatrice worked as a registered nurse, and she also owned nursing homes in Wellington and McLean for 25 years. She was a member of the 1954 Study Club, the Hospital Auxiliary, and was on the Advisory Board for RSVP. She is also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. She was a

Mollie Marrie Robinson
Mollie Marrie Robinson, 64, died December 25, 1998 at Amarillo. Services were December 29, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in McLean with Rev. Quinton Newton and Rev. James Martindale officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mollie was born in Prestonburg, KY on April 4, 1934 to Mack and Maudie Lewis. She married B.F. Robinson in 1988. She was a homemaker and lived in McLean for the past 12 years. She was preceded in death by one son.

Survivors include her husband, B.F. Robinson of McLean; one son, Elmer Parratt of Oklahoma City; one step-daughter, Rose Mary Robinson of Amarillo; two step-sons, Frank Robinson of Amarillo and Robert Robinson of San Diego, California; three brothers, Donald Lewis of Myrtle Beach, VA., Bill W. Lewis of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Mack Lewis Jr. of Saline, Michigan; three sisters, Ellen Taylor of Cleveland, OH, Corena Scott of Willard, OH, and Johnetta Graybeal of McLean; and three grandchildren.

McLean Brief

Dale and Mary Lou Glass had several of their children and grandchildren home for the holidays. They also had several adventures. Roddy and Angie Burrus with their children Holly and Riley were here from Friendswood, Texas. Joe and Terri Luna along with Jullian, Jordan, and Jerah were here from Bartlett, TN. John Glass was here from Dallas. Then everyone went to Sherry and Marvin Kramer's home in Skellytown for Christmas dinner. Then Dale and Mary Lou brought home their granddaughters Rachel and Sandi Kramer from Skellytown and Lauren and Lyndsey Davidson from Plano. Sherry and Mary Lou took the girls to Dallas and returned on January 3.

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After the last car is loaded,
After the last bag is packed,
After the last Grandchild is soiled,
And after the loose toys are all sacked,
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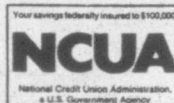


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Sealcoating - 1999
At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the City of Groom, 203 Broadway, Groom, Texas, telephone (806) 248-7929, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., at the above address as follows:
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the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

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In case of ambiguity of lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Groom reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

City Of Groom
Joe Homer, Mayor

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Highway: IH0040
Length: 1.000 MI
Control Number: 6031-99-001

DBE/HUB Goal: 0.0%
Project Number: RMC - 603199001

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Bids Received Until: 2:00 PM January 21, 1999
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Bids Will Be Opened: 2:00 PM January 21, 1999

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Amarillo District

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Amarillo, TX 79110-0000
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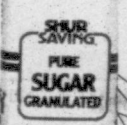
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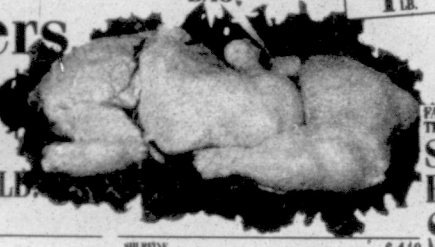
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Thursday, January 7, 1999

Election Tops '98' Headlines

Carson County governmental politics started 1998 as the lead story in January and continued throughout the year when Democrat Jay Roselius, incumbent of the county's top seat as County Judge, was challenged by Republican Lewis Powers. This race was complicated even more by a third candidate, Republican Lee Cockrell. Cockrell used a little more of an aggressive approach to the election by pointing out interesting facts concerning the county government. Responses were tossed back and forth, causing readers to become more knowledgeable than ever before in their county history and government. It was in the March primaries when the field of three judge candidates was narrowed when Lewis Powers defeated Lee Cockrell. Lewis Powers garnered 466 county votes to Roselius' 292 votes. Then it wasn't until November 1998 that challenger Lewis Powers pulled the upset by defeating Roselius in the general election. As the voice of Carson County voters was loud and clear, a change was being made. Carson County voters

turned out in large numbers as 2400 voters marked their choice. Powers defeated Roselius by a vote of 1408 to 984 votes. Carson County could boast to the heavy voter turnout statewide as 2423 folks cast votes.

This race had many interesting points and turn of events as 1998 made its way through continuing for an interesting year of politics.

It meant that for the first time in the 110 year Carson County history that a Republican will take the reins in 1999 as judge.

Approximately 54% of registered voters cast ballots (one of the highest voter turnouts in the state of Texas). From 1888 until 1988 Carson County did not have one single Republican in an elected office. So now, time will only tell how the change in local politics will change the local history even further.

In January Columbia Medical Center staffed its Groom Community Clinic with Physician Assistant Bill Sperling. He joined Loretta Britten on the local staff. A change in PA's was made later in August when Jerry Wilson assumed the duty of P.A. and he still

remains to begin 1999. Columbia Health Services has been a great asset to Groom and the area providing medical coverage to a vast area. Local folks not only support the clinic but are also very proud of its medical clinic. In May, the clinic took on a clean new facelift as various remodeling projects were undertaken by Columbia for the Groom Clinic.

Groom FFA maintained its high standards of excellence under Charles Burk as April Burton, Cody Britten, Dara Whatley, Kori Brown, Justin Homen and Blake Barnett placed high with their respective animals at the Pampa Livestock Show in January.

Fortunately, nobody was serious hurt in a robbery at Allsup's even though the clerk on duty was assaulted. The two thieves were captured.

Groom High School had six members of its band earn all region honors in 1998; Jill Britten, Evan Crowell, Brett Britten, Amanda Martin, Wyatt Britten and Karri Britten. Many Groom FFA exhibitors brought home awards for the County Livestock Show and Sale.

Groom and McLean

News subscribers enjoyed throughout the year feature news articles from Delbert Trew and Lena Carter on her Alanreed News and column "I Remember When..." or "You may be over the hill if..." Subscribers are going to miss Lena as she had to move to Amarillo for health reasons. The News desperately needs someone in Alanreed or the area to collect little news stories from down there for their hometown newspaper.

Groom and millions of passerbys annually down I-40 will continue to follow the work being done at The Cross of the Plains. Much work was done around the Cross in 1998 and more is planned in 1999. The stations of the Cross as well as other markers are being added.

Tina Painter was named Alpha Mu Xi Sweetheart for 1998. Mighty's was hit by burglars in February where an estimated \$200.00 was taken according to owner Tim Case. No suspect was ever named in the break-in.

Groom City Council approved in February a \$9000.00 homestead exemption for



M.B. Bolden displays a bobcat he shot just north of town last week. The cat weighed approximately 75 pounds.

homeowners who are over 65 years of age.

The community welcomed a new couple to Groom in Justin and Julie McGee.

Groom Tigerettes claimed the 1998 Bi-District title against Samnorwood.

White Deer was approved for a new library in 1998 by the Carson County Commissioners Court.

Folks held a goodbye get together at the Dairy Queen for Trooper Jeremy Wallace, wife Elizabeth and daughter who was transferred to the Gainesville, Texas area.

Tami Ashford received the DAR award by the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Groom High School basketball team lost eight players to graduation in 1998.

Carson County Deputy Ray Davis was transferred to Panhandle.

A replacement by Sheriff Brand has yet to be named.

Jacey Richardson was named all-around cowgirl in Sayre, Oklahoma in March.

Groom Booster Club purchased good looking track suits for the track team.

Principal Danny Chisum announced his resignation in March to take a similar job in Wellington.

Groom City Council awarded a \$54,059.09 bid to E. B. Baker & Co of Borger for seal coating and patching streets on the west side of town.

Groom School Board had nobody interested in the jobs as candidates filed in March.

The City had three people vying for three seats open. Don Case, Ellis Stapp and Pete Ham were elected and now serve for the city.

KayLynn Britten and April Burton completed April 1998, pg. 3

John Wilson New Superintendent Here Assumes Duties; Burk New Band Director

Groom ISD welcomed two new faces as school kicked off a new semester on Monday morning.

John Wilson is the new superintendent. He comes to Groom after service as principal at Texline. His wife Terri, and his three sons' Carter, 11; Matthew, 8; and Daniel, 7 will be joining him in Groom at the end of the semester.

Until then he will be "batchin" in the home they recently purchased at 407 Martin.

Wilson commented that the whole family enjoyed camping, fishing, and hiking. Recently they have also added mountain biking to their hobbies.

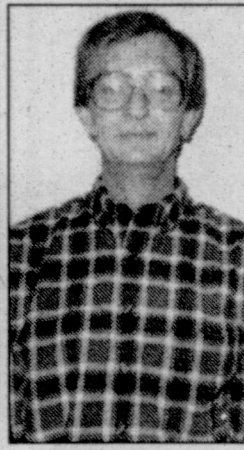
Mike Burt will be taking up the band director duties. He comes to Groom with 23 years experience. He taught in Abernathy just before coming to Groom. He and his wife, Susan, and daughter Maggie live in Amarillo. He also has a grown daughter who teaches school in Dumas.

Burt's experience is



John Wilson

generally all in the field of band, where he has taught all levels including three years of Junior College. His degree and masters comes from Texas Tech. "I am looking forward to



Mike Burt

working with the students here," he said. "I can see that the community has made the commitment to have a good band. I have been aware of Groom for quite some time."

Community Calendar

GROOM High School teams travel to Shamrock Jan. 8, 4 p.m. They play their first district game here with Samnorwood Jan. 12, 4 pm.

WARREN CHISUM will hold a town hall meeting at the Groom Community Center from 8:00 to 8:45 am on Friday, January 8.

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Our sincerest thanks to Scott Fields, Rick Prather, John Bohr, and Charlotte Whatley with the Groom Ambulance Service for their quick response and gentle care during Burl's sudden illness.

Burl & Nellie Painter

Thank You Card

The family of Margaret Sue (Boyd) Pair would like to express our thanks for sympathy, food, flowers and many other acts of kindness during the death of our loved one.

Ed Pair & Family

Harrell Visitors

Christmas day visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home were Louise and Bob Mulkey and Jeremy, Sara-Allyson and Steven Hightower, Robert and Whitney of Panhandle, Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Kim and Glynn Ingram, Melyssa and Stephanie of Garland, Glynda Eschle and Jason of Lubbock, Erin Kate and James Wolf and Elysa of Austin, Jay Britten of Canyon, Lauralee Ingram of Lewisville and Kemp Ingram of Long Beach, California.

Local Happenings

Helen Witt spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Lynell and Ben Peek at English, Texas.

They were joined Christmas Eve by Shannon Peek of Amarillo, Brent Peek of Austin, and Jay and Melody Witt and children Rheagan, Rachel and Rowdy of Princeton, Texas.

Helen and Shannon returned home Sunday.

Hosts Party

Earl and Vonnie Barker hosted their family Christmas Sunday, December 20. Tons of food and loads of fun was had by all. Those attending were: Rose Lopez, Lynn and Wanda Barker, Brad, Dondra and Jaxon Rogers, and Dana Johnson, all of Groom; Gerry and Schellon Meek, Danny, Renee and Taren Johnson, Donnie, Jo Lyn, Cody Joe and Jordan Johnson, and Mandi Guffy all of Amarillo; Laine, Laura, Hayden and Mason Meek of Grandbury; Jason Meek of Lubbock; Lance, Meredith, Logan and Layton Lamberson of Panhandle; Carla Edmondson, Jill, Zachary and Kalli Vasquez, Shane and Tyler Hodgson all of Pflugerville.

Jerry and Lou Mansel of Henderson, NV visited mom Dorothy Mansel over the holiday.

Dorothy said all her children were home for Christmas for the first time in many years.

Ruth Knight celebrated her 97th birthday on Sunday, January 3. Eighteen family members joined in the celebration including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth was born in 1902, and has lived in Groom for 69 years.

Juanita and Don Calloway and Cheryl of Channelview visited Julia McGee during the holidays.

Carolyn May and children of Fritch were holiday visitors of her mother, Lucille Merrick. On Saturday, December 26 the family and Mrs. Merrick went to Clovis to visit in the home of Maxine and Ferman Kelso.

Theresa Wills visited in the homes of Don and Patty Wills in Amarillo and Arlene and Carl Irlbeck in Plainview during the holidays.

Sick Or Recovering
 Burl Painter
 Barbara Fraser

On Sunday, Norma Jean Homer, Joannie Kling, Tiffani and Cody and Kristen Brooks went to Pampa to Janice Rucker's to visit with Johnny Cline, Greg, Jessica, and Jason before they went home.

Cayden Stroope, 16 month old son of Brett and Louessa Stroope of Amarillo was dismissed Sunday, December 27 after a week in Northwest Texas Hospital with pneumonia.

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Stephens Share Holiday
 Friends were invited to the home of Margie Stephens for coffee and to share the joy of the holidays for the 48th year on December 12th. Beverly and Kay Stephens and Margaret Crowell were the hostesses assisted by Lori and Michele Stephens and Lola Briebiesca.

The home was decorated with Santas and evergreens with poinsettias, peppermint canes and peppermint swirls. Santa's sleigh driven by a gingerbread boy and filled with evergreens and peppermints centered the serving table. Christmas punch, coffee and Christmas "goodies" were served.

Guests included were, Gina and Christy Painter,

Charlotte Whatley, Connie Burger, Shirley Fields, Kathy Davis Morris, Jolynn Davis Cash, Juandell Ritter, Myra Carlisle, Annie Carlisle, Connie Fields, Erma Dean McKee, Barbara Fraser, Leslie Crowell, Lauren Crowell, Mary Gruben, Hilda Duncan, Ellen Gray, Nancy Paronto, Vonnie Barker, Margurite Burgin,

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their stock showing career at the infamous Houston Livestock Show and Sale in March.

First Baptist Church family welcomed a new pastor and his family in March. Byron Williamson, wife Jana and their three children Ashley, Bethany and

Colby.

Father Ray Crosier was reassigned to Amarillo and St. Mary's welcomed Father Dee.

A first for everything, but no election was held under a new state law for the Groom Schools or City due to lack of interest.

Brody Brown graduated in March from Air Force Basic Training in San

Antonio.

Keli Schulte's "Hot Lips" the pig won the San Antonio Grand Champion award. Keli is Robert and Carolyn West's granddaughter.

Groom school officials felt the need for a public meeting April 16 to discuss future plans the school was facing in the future.

Twelve Groom High School students competed in the 1998 Regional UIL Literary Meet with Groom placing third.

Two Groom businesses celebrated 20 years of service under ownership of The Groom News of Phil Miller and Brumley Insurance of Johnny and Nancy Brumley.

Trooper Gary Davis reported in April that 1-40 traffic was picking up and speeding up more as the weather was warming up.

Bethel Robinson won the Golden Nail Distinguished Volunteer Award in the spring.

In April the Groom Band won sweepstakes at Boys Ranch UIL Concert with a lot of hard work.

Effective May 1 Carson County Commissioners accepted Tax Collector Roslyn Watson's resignation due to health reasons. Commissioners appointed Barbara Cosper to that

position.

A Panhandle couple not only made the local news but national news as well when they were wanted for aggravated robbery and kidnapping. The couple was eventually captured in Las Vegas.

The dry weather last winter through the spring and summer in the Panhandle area caused counties to issue warnings, eventually causing problems for the county on July 4 weekend.

Mary Hutsell was the top scholarship recipient from the Panhandle Press Association in 1998 for her excellent work with the UIL events statewide.

Josh Evenson wins the gold in golf at the district meet.

More changes in the courthouse in 1998 as Jackie Lewis was promoted to 1st Assistant in the county tax office.

The Wills' family celebrated in April the wedding of their son Floyd to Lori Poarch.

Carrie Davis earned herself a trip in May to the state track meet in the high jump and 300 meter hurdles, setting a new school, in the high jump, as well as a new standard for Region 1-A.

The Groom Day Committee began its 1998 Groom Day celebration in May with lots of work and planning by many fine folks helping each year making Groom Day a great annual success.

Kenzi Burger graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma in May with a degree in nursing.

Graduation for GHS in

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May had Toby Burgin graduating as the Valedictorian and Jimmy Chavedo as Salutatorian. May is a busy month for school, students and teachers. Toby Burgin won the '98 Fighting Tiger award and Angela Conrad was awarded the Fighting Tigerette award.

Donnie Carroll of Clarendon was hired to replace Danny Chisum as school principal.

Joe Britten was awarded the Layma Lee Liste scholarship at Frank Phillips Jr. College.

GHS graduated 18 seniors in 1998 and 14 eight graders.

The City of Groom was awarded a \$250,000 grant from HUD to help finance various water, sewer and street repairs.

Halee Kotara of North Texas University participated in a study abroad program in Spain

for six weeks.

A week long celebration was held in June by the Essie Knowles family in celebrating her 91st birthday.

It was during the summer months that the Grandview area received recognition when scenes of the movie "Abilene" were shot with Ernest Borgnine as the primary actor participating in the movie.

The Groom Ambulance Service asks the public for new volunteers in the emergency services due to several job changes taking some volunteers out of call. An update is needed as the problem needs immediate attention by all of us.

Area farmers in the June wheat harvest were able to provide better than average yields

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during harvest.

An announcement was made in June by Mr. Don Neal of Amarillo of plans to build a new truck stop and restaurant. This will be followed up on to find out the status of this project.

Tom and Doris Britten Supply celebrated their 50th year of business in 1998.

A \$2 million bond issue was approved at Grandview-Hopkins ISD in July to allow money to be invested into the community through school improvement. Other options for the money were discussed.

Groom's Southwestern Public Service representative, Bob Henderson, and his wife Sherry were involved in an automobile accident on HW 60 where they were struck head-on east of Amarillo. Sherry was killed and Bob is gradually making his way back to hopefully a normal routine again.

Paige Baldrige and Kim Richardson are new smiling faces as State National Bank employees.

Groom Community welcomed a new beautifully remodeled business by Forrest and Patti McLaughlin with its grand opening on July 21.

School students and parents began the school year under new scheduling hours. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m.

July 30 was the grand Groom Day Celebration as former residents, relatives and alumni were in Groom to participate. About 850 attended the annual barbecue.

A very enjoyable and inspiring Prayer Rally was held at the Cross of the Plains on August 7 as a good crowd was entertained by 24 nuns from the Community of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ convent located 8 miles south of Channing.

Groom ISD was classified as Exemplary by the State of Texas. Superintendent Ben Ingham said that this basically is the school's report card.

Coach Larry Reid welcomed 23 high school athletes and 15 junior

high athletes to make up the 1998 Tiger football program. The Tigers ended the successful season in the Quarterfinals state playoffs finishing the season with one loss.

Groom ISD was surprised with the sudden resignation of

Superintendent Ben Ingham and band director wife Betty. A new replacement took over at semester break, January 1999.

Senior Jessica Stapp was crowned Homecoming Queen for GHS in 1998.

A pro-life procession was held in October with a procession of volunteers from the Catholic Church to the Cross. Bishop John Yanta was in Groom to lead the

procession.

A wonderful honor was bestowed upon Lucille Britten as Diocesan Woman of the Year.

The Groom School Board upheld the Superintendent's decision to discipline a 19 year veteran Groom school teacher.

Finally, the last year's edition of The Groom News included the obituary of former Groom News editor Helen Wade, wife of Max Wade.



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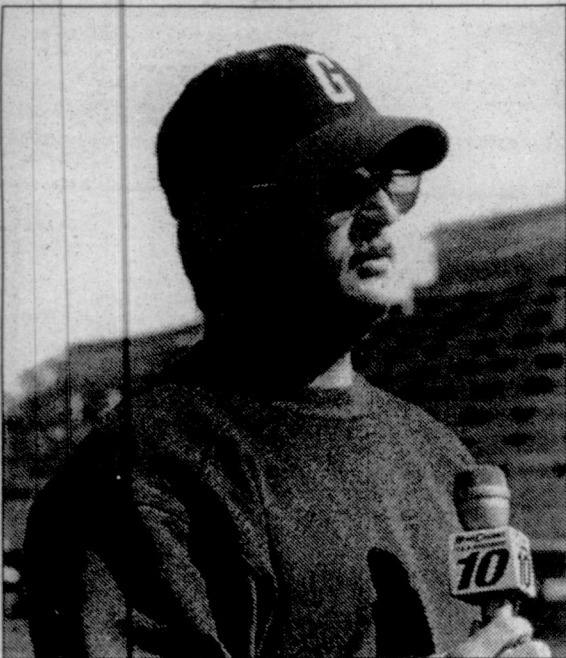
So as 1998 came to a close, looking back at interesting year. We 1998 in The Groom See 1998, pg. 6



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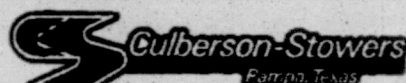
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DPS News

By Trooper Gary Davis Hello, and I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's. One of my New Year resolutions was to write the newspaper article every week.

Over the two holiday motorcade periods we had about 60 fatalities in the state. Way too many people being killed on the roads of this state.

Most accidents were one vehicle run off the road and no seat belt type accidents. Most people being thrown out and the vehicle rolling over them. And I've heard the comments on the seat belts. "Well its my life and if I want to die then that's my business." Yeah right, you want to be killed and not see your family or friends again, I understand.

The New Year's motorcade showed at least 85% alcohol related accidents. I'm afraid that the 1998 fatal accident deaths are going to be up. But I don't think of any one type of violation cause, such as speed, seat belts and DWI. Just that there are more vehicles on the road. The motor vehicle registration shows over 16 million registered vehicles in the state. And I bet on any given day there is over that many on the road

throughout the state.

The Legislature is going to meet in January and who knows what new laws to expect. I do see the blood alcohol limit going from 0.10 to 0.08. This has a good shot at passing. I don't see the speed limits going up on interstate highways. The truck speed limit will remain the same until Texas does not lead the country in truck related fatalities.

Well until next week drive safe and be careful out there.

Cody King Improving At Northwest Hospital

Cody Kling, son of Doug and Joannie Kling spend several days in Northwest Texas Hospital with pneumonia. He is home now doing fine.

Obituaries

Joe Luckenbach
SILVERTON - Joe Luckenbach, 63, died Monday, December 21, 1998.

Services were in First Methodist Church in Silvertown with the Rev. Jay Stinson, the Rev. Edwin Norris and the Rev. Erwin Emmert officiating. Burial was in Houston National Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Luckenbach was born in Oden. He retired from the Marine Corps and served in Korea and Vietnam. He earned the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Luckenbach was a member of the First Methodist Church of Silvertown, Golden Spread Emmaus and Kiros prison ministry. He was a Gideon.

He married Carolyn Brunnier Montague, a former Groom resident, in 1982 at Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Mark Luckenbach of Parksley, Va., J.W. Luckenbach Jr. of Pettus, Myron Luckenbach of Round Rock and David Luckenbach of Stafford, Va.; two daughters, Virginia Devonshire of Newark, Del., and Cindy Parks of Farmville.

He is the brother-in-law of Dean and Donna Burger of the Groom area.

Joe A. Huckert
HEREFORD - Joe "Little Joe" A. Huckert, 82, died Wednesday, December 30, 1998.

Rosary was recited in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel in Hereford. Services were Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Bloom officiating. Burial was in St.

Anthony's Cemetery. Mr. Huckert was born in Summerfield. He married Ida Mae Conklin in 1974 at Lovington, New Mexico.

He was a lifelong Hereford resident and a veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines as a radio operator. He was a television technician in Hereford for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jimmy Huckert of Groom, and Donnie Huckert of Wheeler; a daughter, Mary E. Cline of Portales, New Mexico; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret Sue (Boyd) Pair

Margaret Sue Pair was born March 16, 1947 in Erick, Oklahoma to Sarah Alice and Amos S. Boyd and passed away December 22, 1998 at her home at the age of 51 years, 9 months and 7 days.

Sue married Ed Pair on September 15, 1964 in the Erick First Baptist Church. They lived in Groom, Texas until 1989 when they moved to Erick to make their home.

She was a member of the Erick First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, J.T. Boyd. Services were December 28, 1998 at the Erick

First Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Jeff Avery. Interment was in the Erick Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Ed, of the home; one daughter, Mary Jo Houston of Ft. Worth; two sons, Terry Pair of Ft. Worth, and Phillip Dale Pair of the home; four brothers, Phillip Lee (Dubin) Boyd and Donald (Buck) Boyd, both of Erick, Oklahoma, James Boyd of Carnegie, Oklahoma and George Boyd of Sayre, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Jeremy Pair of the home, Justin and Will Wheeler; a very special home health nurse, Lora Odom Greer. She also leaves behind a large family and friends, who loved her very much.

Members Meet

The Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service met Elections were held following testing. Serving this year as president will be John Bohr, vice president will be Donald Burgin. Secretary will be Kerry Jenkins. James Miller will serve as treasurer. Scharla Miller will be memorial chairman and Brent Stephens will be the services training officer. Charlotte Whately will serve as director.

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