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Dustin Lee, Byron, Phil and Jay Slaton were wise men in the Christmas Eve Service at the Heald Church.

Heald Christmas Pageant Best Ever!

The Christmas Eve service at Heald was a big success. About 54 people attended the service and were treated to great singing and a Christmas story enactment. Cozy Parsons sang "O Holy Night," Jessica Basham narrated, Megan Slaton performed "The Little Drummer Boy" and Mickey Jackson played the piano for congregational singing. Jana Davis and Rhonda Graham presented a skit on Heald Holy Water. The festivities were topped off with a visit from Santa.



Bryanna Jackson and Daniel Syfrett were little angels in the Christmas Eve Service held at the Heald Church.

Fish Does Well With SCCC Livestock Judging Team

The SCCC Livestock Judging Team recently wrapped up its contests for the fall 2001 semester. The sophomore team competed at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky, in November. In December, both the sophomore and freshman livestock judging students competed in a pair of contests at Oklahoma Panhandle State University and West Texas A&M University.

The sophomore trip to Louisville was a week long trip that enabled the teams to practice at some really good livestock operations in Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky.

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Troopers Make Drug Busts Over Holidays

Friday, December 18, Trooper Jason Henderson made a routine traffic stop for failure to wear a seat belt about one mile West of McLean on I-40. Upon a search of the vehicle \$400,000.00 was found. The driver was charged with money laundering and taken to

the Gray Co. Jail. He is now out on bail.

On the same day on I-40 near Groom, Troopers stopped a Dodge Van for speeding and found 118 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$44,548.00. Two men, Edward Porter, 35 and Dewane Rogers, 32

were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds. They were taken to the Carson County Jail and bond was set at \$40,000.00 for each man. Both men remain in custody. It is believed they were

coming from Arizona and on their way to Indianapolis.

On Saturday, December 29 at 1:24 p.m., Trooper Jason Henderson stopped a semi for following to close east of McLean on I-40. Upon searching the semi-trailer, Trooper

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REMINDERS

BRAND Registration is underway and will continue through Feb. 28, 2002. Register with the County Clerk's Office.

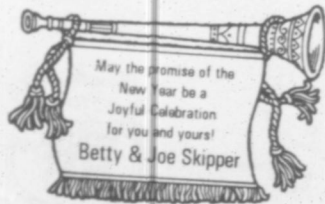
THE MASONIC Lodge will have a called meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4 at the Lodge.

FAMILY READING Night is every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Library.

TIGER Basketball will host Samnorwood, here, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 4 and will be traveling to Lefors on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.

THE CUBS Basketball will be hosting Hedley, Monday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m.

FOUND: In park, nice jacket. Call 886-6251 to identify.



Congratulations to the Angel Program. They won the drawing for the gift certificate from Elizabeth's Gift Shop held by the Masonic Lodge.

The Mason's clothing, shoe and coat drive was a great success. The drop box at the bank was completely full. There was 15 to 20 good coats and many shoes, suits, and other clothing.

Don't expect the temperatures to warm up much. The possibility of snow remains all week and into next week, with temperatures low in the 20's and highs in the 40's.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you get it all done! Thank you for your support in 2001. We're looking forward to your next visit.
Red River Steak House



BASHAM PROMOTED
Donald Ray Basham Jr. was promoted to Senior Airman on November 17, 2001. If you would like to write Donald his address is 8134 F James Crt., Tinker AFB, OK 73145.

A Chorus Of New Year's Wishes

We join together to wish you and yours the happiest of new years and many joyful days to come.

Happy New Year!
Ted, Teresa and Teddra Simmons

Look Who's New!

Jerad Scott Ramos, was born December 3, 2001 at 1:01 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Jerad is the son of Jacinda Parker of Shamrock and the late Jerad Ramos. Jerad weighed seven pounds, 11.75 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Leroy and Rose Parker of Wheeler and Leon and Lawana Ramos of Shamrock. Great grandparents are Faye and Allen Crutcher of McLean, Helen Ramos of Shamrock, Minerva Jones of Wheeler, Melinda Parker of Wheeler, Leroy Parker, Sr. of Amarillo. Great-great-grandparents are Myrtle Hollaway of McLean and Glen Marcum of Wheeler.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

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

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

January 5 - Chelsie Jasper.

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

January 7 - Christopher Myers, Ruth Boles, Deanna McClendon, Leron Thompson, Charlie Irene Webb.

January 8 - Jim Ridgway, Monica Shipman.

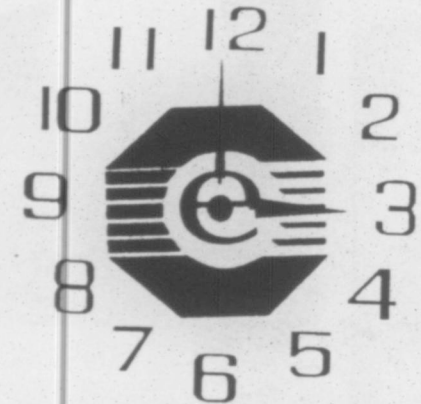
January 9 - Randy Kennedy, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel, Evan McMordie, Cody Scott Crockett.

GOOD CHEER IN THE NEW YEAR

As people everywhere join together to welcome the brand new year, we hope that your celebration holds many merry moments and that the coming days bring you much happiness and success.

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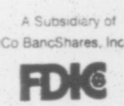
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TEAM

The team did well in the contest, competing against 30 schools with over 150 contestants.

The team was third in sheep, eighth in performance cattle, tenth in reasons and eleventh overall.

overall.

Kenney Thies, Fort Lupton, CO, was 11th in sheep and 17th overall and Jessi Fish, McLean, Texas was 13th in sheep. Other SCCC judges included Shelby Axtell of Meade, Sabrina Dorsett of Dalhart, Roger Dickey of Lakin, and Jeremy Shields of Stinnett.

Seventeen judging students competed at OPSU's Annual Judging Contest and followed this up with a trip to WTA&MU the following day for another contest. The OPSU contest

featured a record number of entries with over 180 students competing.

At OPSU, the team was second in sheep, third in horses, second in reasons and fourth overall.

At WTA&MU, the team was second in cattle, second in horses, second in swine, fifth in sheep, third in reasons and third overall.

They were fourth in swine, eighth in horses. Dorsett was 13th overall, seventh in cattle and 10th in swine. Fish was 14th overall and Amber Macias of Balco was 10th in horses.

Others competing included Candice Barnes of Ignacio, CO; Travis Burgess and Kirby James, both of Hooker, OK; Justin Hergert, Leoti; Mindy Hittle, Liberal; Kayla Karber, Balco; Shannon Schwartz, Dighton; David Sharp, Spearman; Hunter Shelley, Amherst; and Dusty Wrye, Estancia, NM.

DRUGS

Beside the arrest near McLean, DPS made two other drug related arrests on that same Saturday.

At 12:35 p.m. troopers stopped a west bound 2000 Dodge Intrepid on I-40 near Vega. Juan Francisco Sanchez, 22 was stopped for not having any visible registration on the rear of his vehicle. After obtaining a search warrant, \$37,970.00 was found concealed in the dash of the vehicle. They money is believed to have originated in Chicago, IL and enroute to Phoenix, AR.

Finally at 11:15 p.m., Troopers stopped a Mercury Topaz on I-27 near Amarillo, for failing to signal a lane change. As troopers approached the car, they discovered 1.5 pounds of marijuana and one gram of cocaine in plain sight on the floor board of the back seat. Milton Vasquez Villagomez, 28, of Amarillo was arrested. The estimated street value of the drugs is \$923.00.

These drug busts make a total of 103 bust for DPS in 2001 with an estimated street value of \$11,675,073.00 in drugs and \$996,361.00 in currency.

Henderson discovered 791 pounds of marijuana among a load of apples. The estimated street value of the marijuana is \$514,150.00. James Powell, 30 of Morrisville, PA was arrested and taken to the Gray Co. Jail. He was enroute from Yuma, Arizona to Everett, MA.

Grinch Steals Christmas Lights

Late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, December 22 or 23, four sets of red rope lights worth about \$70.00 were stolen from the property of Casper Smith.

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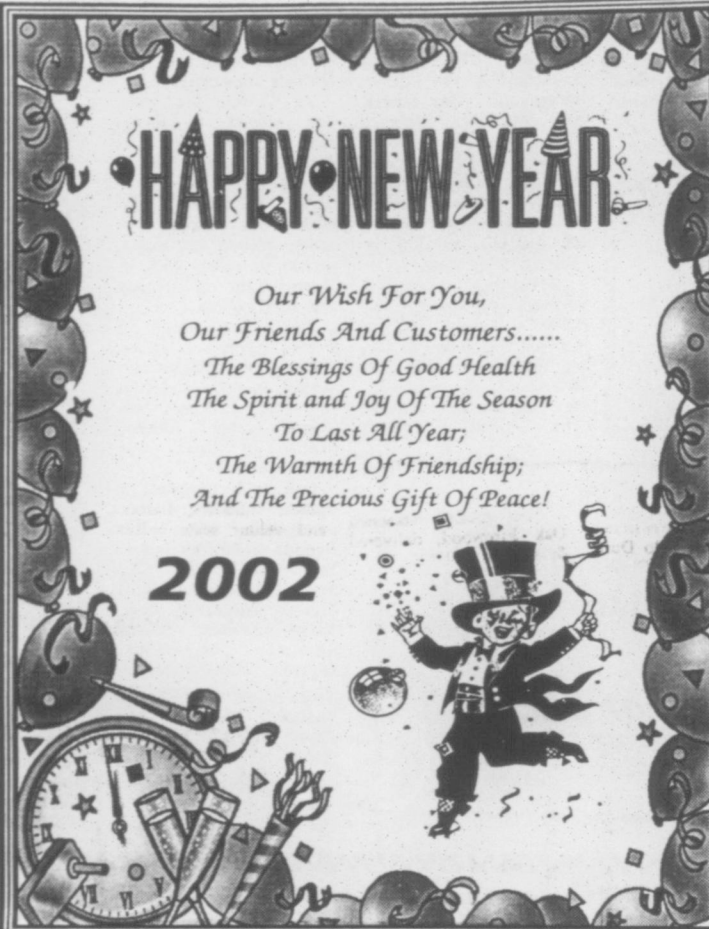
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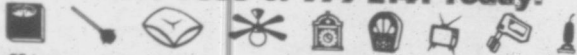
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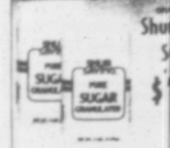

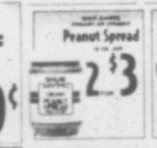




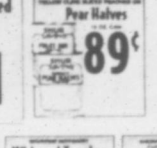














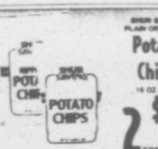
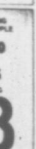







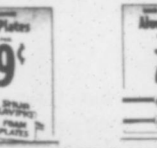



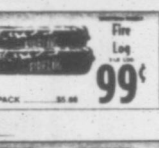






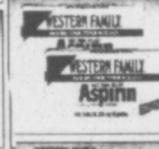









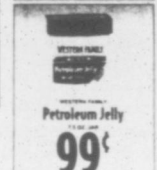

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Thursday, January 3, 2002

Terrorist Attack; School Finance Top News In 2001

The top story for 2001 is undoubtedly the "Terrorist Attack on America." No one now living will soon forget how we all sat in stunned silence as the towers of the World Trade Center came crashing down. Our world has forever changed but with great loss comes at least some small measure of gain. Patriotism has come alive, flags are being flown everywhere. Our youth is showing a strength and commitment to freedom that most of us thought did not exist.

Locally, the attack has done little to change our daily lives with the exception that we appreciate the "normal"

things we do like having dinner with family, going to a ball game and attending church. It seems that we are winning the war against this particular threat and everyone hopes that the new year will bring justice and closure to at least this particular "Reign of Terror."

A more local top news story of 2001 was the school finance problems faced by our local School Board. The lack of funds was dealt with after several public forums by cutting two programs, Band and Ag to half day programs.

January shows Groom digging out from a Christmas snow storm that dumped 20 inches

on the Plains. Cody Bivens won Reserve Grand at the County Stock Show and Tigers Grant Weinheimer, Dewayne Gray and Clay Ritter were named to the All-Star Team.

Big heating bills and more cold weather were ushered in February. Marie Bohr celebrated 50 years of service at The State National Bank! Two new home went up on GEDC lots.

March found students preparing for academic contests including UIL's One Act Play "Steel Magnolia" sponsored by Aimee Fields. Census numbers were announced with no surprises as most area towns lost population. Winter

continued to hang on dumping three inches of snow after spring had officially arrived.

Superintendent Wilson announced his resignation in March and Groom's School Board elected to combine the Superintendent and Principal duties and hire Principal Noack for the job.

In April, local children once again enjoyed Alpha Mu Xi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Local elections heated up with several candidates for seats on the City Council and School Board.

Two long time educators, Leatrice Nelson and Juanita Brown retired in May. Brooke Britten

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Glenn and Kenny Shultz make a great team entertaining Groom's Senior Citizens for a special holiday treat.

Groom ISD Board Hold Public Hearing On AEIS Report

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on the above date at 12:00 p.m. in its usual meeting

place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Fields, Mike Friemel and

Tony Britten. Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, and Kevin Noack, Superintendent were also present. Guests were not present.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the November regular meeting.

Clif Britten called the Public Hearing for the AEIS Report open.

Mr. Hill presented the Audit Report.

A motion was passed to approve the AEIS Report as presented.

A motion was also passed to approve the Audit Report.

Superintendent Kevin Noack discussed Update 66 Legal Policy. No action was taken at this time.

Superintendent Kevin Noack also discussed Policy Update 67. No action was taken at this time.

Kevin Noack distributed the evaluation instrument for the job performance of the superintendent. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was passed to adopt the Educational Aide Program as presented.

Mrs. Hutsell presented the business manager's report. A motion was passed to pay the bills as presented.

Commissioners Approve Security Lighting For Courthouse

On December 21, 2001, the honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers present as follows: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Commissioners, Mike Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4.

Minutes of the December 10, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay all claims. Added to the list for approval was a \$135 payment to Don Beck for caliche in Precinct #2.

Judge Powers presented vouchers for security lights which will be placed outside of the courthouse. A motion was passed to pay the \$359.11 and to take the money from the courthouse security fund.

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The court accepted certification of continuing education hours for Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper who received 15 hours from the 19th Annual Texas A&M Seminar. Judge

Powers made the motion to approve the education requirements. The motion passed.

County Extension Agents Jody Bradford and Jeanene Montgomery met with the court to



Happy New Year from the staff at The Groom News



The school music program held just before the holidays shows that Groom's young musicians have a lot of talent. Cory Hartsell and T.J. Moranic live up the tune with percussion instruments.

Community Calendar

THE VARSITY Girls Basketball team will play Sanford, there, on January 4.

THE VARSITY Girls and Boys Basketball teams will play Samnorwood, there, at 6:30 p.m. on January 8.

THE JUNIOR High Basketball teams will play Miami, there, on January 10th.

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I want to express my sincere thanks for all the prayers said for me before and after my recent surgery. A special thanks to Tiffani and the 4th grade class, Mrs. Roskins and Mrs. Knobloch for their get well note. It meant so much to me.
 Norma Jean Homer

Local Happenings

Visiting the Allie and Norris Hoyt home over the holidays was Lanita, Kelsey and Hannah McClure of Amarillo and Kenny Shultz of Groom.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer spent Christmas Eve in the home of their daughter and family Joannie and Doug Kling, Tiffani and Cody. Santa came by to visit. Thanks Santa.

On Christmas Day, Bill, Norma Jean, Doug, Joannie, Tiffani, and Cody went to Lazbuddie to spend Christmas with Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Britteny, Jacob, Kinzi, and Justin and Daniel's mom and sister, Vernie and Cathy Schacher.

ILL OR RECOVERING
 Jack Barnett and Sammy Britten.

In Memoriam

Groom 2001 Obituaries

- 1-26: C.L. Garner
- 2-8: James Hosea
- 2-10: Ethel Gillham
- 2-12: Bud Babcock
- 2-18: John Schaffer
- 3-8: Bernice Brown
- 3-24: Martha Wagoner
- 3-25: Jessie Cruse
- 3-29: Ora Garmon
- 4-13: Bertie Helton
- 4-18: Ruby Ramming
- 4-21: Colleen Britten
- 4-23: Barry Mitchell
- 4-26: Winnie Inmon
- 5-4: Edith Wade
- 5-26: Theresa Hermesmeier
- 5-26: Donald Hunt
- 5-31: Bill Robertson
- 6-1: Leslie Neal
- 6-27: Betty Rockwell
- 7-27: John Stockett
- 8-3: Katherine Gray
- 8-4: Ruth Martin
- 8-6: Lloyd Littlefield
- 8-9: Hap Watson
- 8-18: Page Blackwell
- 9-16: Skeet Brown
- 11-9: John Trott
- 11-10: Walter Schneider
- 11-11: Clara Fee
- 11-18: Ruth Campbell
- 11-21: Doris Lovelace
- 12-2: Bob Major

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 January 3 - Nicholas Weinheimer, Andrew York, Sara E. Britten, Jamie L. Vaughn.
 January 4 - Mrs. Nathan Weiberg, Daniel Hinson, Brandi Bates.
 January 5 - Kori Brown, Todd Edward Gray, Armando Medellin, Bobby S. Ratterree.
 January 6 - Ronald Kuehler, Virginia Baggerman.
 January 7 -
 January 8 - Shannon D'Laine Fields.
 January 9 -

25 Babies Born In 2001

- Groom 2001 Births**
- 1-1: Victoria Brown
 - 2-23: Samantha Amphay
 - 3-6: Keston Wolf
 - 3-8: Charlotte Craft
 - 3-8: Jimmie Leven
 - 4-6: Hannah Yelverton
 - 4-10: Kreed Kotara
 - 4-18: Sydney Ritter
 - 4-27: Madison Fricmel
 - 5-11: K'Leigh Thornton
 - 5-13: Caitlyn Carson
 - 5-24: Jayden Lambert
 - 5-30: Halle Barkley
 - 6-23: Kyndall Hill
 - 8-3: Caitlyn Mulkey
 - 8-9: Joseph Asher
 - 8-23: Logan Wills
 - 9-4: Garrett Stewart
 - 9-11: Jared King
 - 9-29: Abby Lewis
 - 10-20: Ginna Miller
 - 10-25: Jenna Brumley
 - 10-26: Jackson Rainer
 - 11-7: Derek Weinheimer
 - 11-16: Keaton Boucher

Rick and Sharon Prather spent Christmas helping their son, Jason and his wife Tammy move to Tucumcari, NM. Jason is working as a police dispatcher there.

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Governor Rick Perry Proclaims January As State Of Texas School Board Appreciation Month

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed January as Texas School Board Recognition Month, by signing a proclamation. In it he comments, "There is no resource more precious to Texas than the children of the Lone Star State. Our dreams for the future and the Texas of tomorrow lie with our children and how well-equipped they are to face challenges, embrace opportunities and build upon this state's solid foundation. One of our most important challenges, then, is to offer our children the best possible education. Taking up this challenge

in towns and cities across Texas are locally elected school boards that govern and guide schools, taking into consideration the children's best interests and the will of the people.

School boards have served our nation for more than 200 years, and continue to serve a pivotal role in shaping our great state's next generation of leaders. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Texas, more than 7,000 school board members, who so generously serve their communities without pay, our schools are better equipped to prepare our

children with the skills needed for lifelong success.

Each year, the Texas Association of School Board designates January as School Recognition Month, to emphasize to parents, educators, community leaders and others the importance of the services that these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and the children of Texas."

He urged all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions that are revealed through the work of our local School Boards.

Local School Board members currently serving are Clif Britten, Barry Fields, Tim Case, Tony Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, and Mike Friemel. We thank them for serving our community in this capacity.

Holiday Visits

T.C. and Shirley Sustaie were hosted Christmas Eve in their home. Visiting were Randy, Janelle, Brandy, Brad and Courtney Sustaie.

Randy and Janelle, then, hosted Christmas Day in their home.

Visiting the Katie Tally home over the holidays were Amie, John King, Anthony and Matthew of Las Cruces, NM; Alice and Gerald Hooks of Norman, Oklahoma; Lanita McClure and children and Kenny Shultz of Groom.

Pav, Toni and Luke Pavlovsky traveled to Clarksville, Arkansas over the holidays to visit Toni's Mom and Sisters.

won gold at the State UIL meet, and Clif Britten is elected School Board President. 15 seniors graduated from Groom High School and Dewayne Gray and Candace Bohr were named fighting Tiger and Tigerette.

June saw Groomites turning out in force to donate blood to a Claude boy with Cancer. Groom veterans Tator Blackwell,

NEW YEAR

Guy Blackwell, and Norris Hoyt were honored at the V.A. Flag Day ceremonies. Pantex employees turned out in force to work on clean up projects for Groom.

In July, Groom School joined KVII's Weather Net and 75 years of Rt. 66 was celebrated at Groom's downtown gazebo.

Volunteer water rationing was imposed in mid July as the area drought continued. Solar cars traveled through Groom causing quite a few rubber necks and double takes with their "outer space" like appearance.

Groom Day 01' came and went with a bang. The melodrama was once again held and proved successful with the help of many volunteers.

Showers finally came back to the area in mid August. Groom ISD welcomed back 152 students and was named Exemplary for the previous year.

Groom's football team gets things off to a roaring success and the City of Groom lowers taxes while the school must call for a roll-back election.

In October, Groom said "Good Luck" to retiring postmaster, Doris Kuehler and welcomed about the new postmaster, Ginger Dee. Garrett Britten and Candace Bohr were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

In November, The State National Bank installed a wonderful flag pole and Matt Fields was seriously injured in a fall from his horse. Tigers continued their winning ways all through early December before losing in the State Qualifier Finals match up. Clay Britten and Clay Ritter were named MVP's for the District. Fire

COUNTY

destroyed Mr. and Mrs. Scott McLaughlin's home south-west of Groom. Luke Pavlovsky and Garrett Britten were named to the All-Region Concert Band.

Christmas came and went with lovely un-winterish weather and snow only fell after most travelers had returned home.

Who knows what challenges the new year will bring. It is an uncertain world in which we live, but has it now always been so. We must hope for the best and prepare for the worst, and keep faith in those things in our lives that are un-changing like God's love. We at The Groom-McLean News wish you a happy, prosperous and healthy "New Year" in 2002.

present a job description and set the salary for the secretary of that office. It was proposed for the salary to be set at a level 2 secretary which is in the range of \$16,387 to \$19,773, depending on the skills and experience. A motion was passed to allow the level 2 request.

Contracts with Dobson Cellular were presented to the court. A motion was passed to enter into a 2 year agreement with the cell phone company. Motion carried with Commissioner Strawn voting against the contracts. AIP Grant money will fund these agreements.

County Auditor Jacqueline West submitted that offices' monthly report. A motion was passed to accept it.

The court adjourned until January 14, 2002.

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Britten Named Tennis Coach Of The Year

Tracy Britten, tennis coach at Grady High School, was recently named the 2001 Conference A Coach of the Year by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.

Britten, who has a bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech, is in his tenth year at Grady.

During that time, the girls have won the past six district team

championships while the boys have won seven consecutive titles. He has coached 22 district championships, 39 regional qualifiers, four regional champions, 11 state qualifiers, one state runner up, and two state third place winners.

Grady has also qualified for the TTCA Conference A-AA State Team Tennis Tournament three times during the past four years.

In the spring of 2001, the Wildcats captured first and second at district in boys' singles, girls' doubles, and boys' doubles, and finished second and fourth in girls' singles.

At regional, Clint Schuelke finished second to earn his third straight trip to state while the girls' doubles team of Samantha Yates and Haley Madison finished third.

Britten, who also received the award in 1999, was nominated this year by the now retired

Menard Coach, John Kniffen. Kniffen, was inducted into the TTCA Hall of Fame in 1993, coached high school tennis for 24 years and

taught professionally for 12 years. He coached state champions in 5A, 4A, 3A, and 1A schools.

Christmas Visits

Troy & Betty Treadwell had a lot of visitors over the holiday. They were visited by Tonya and David Owen & family of Shamrock; Shelly & Mike Gray and family of Duncan, Ok.; Tommy & Jennifer Dobbs and family of Weatherford, TX; Melissa

and Seth Ritter and family of Groom; Daniel Treadwell of Groom; Pam and Butch Nickleson and family of Canadian; and Mary and Tony Treadwell of Groom.

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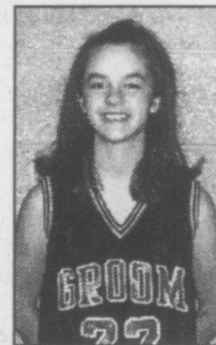
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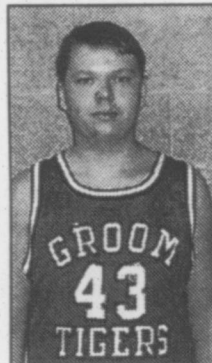
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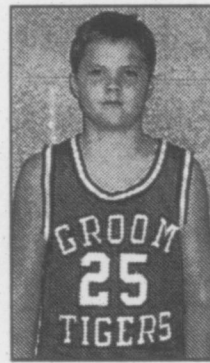
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TROOPERS KEEP "WAR ON DRUGS" HIGH ON THEIR PRIORITY LIST FOR NEW YEAR! Texas Highway Patrol Troopers are working hard to keep the Texas Interstates from becoming a drug pipeline. Just in the days before Christmas, Troopers in the immediate area confiscated over \$250,000 and several hundred pounds of various kinds of drugs. Rusty Nesbitt, a trooper from Groom is pictured with a trunk load of marijuana that he pulled from a secret compartment on a van, recently.

Christmas Visits

Members of the Church of Christ met at the home of Helen Witt after Sunday evening

services for refreshments and fellowship.

The serving table was festive with many types of "goodies".

Those attending were Linda and Ronnie Fields, Martha and M.B. Bolden, Frances and Kenneth Payton, Glenna and Tom Reed, Jeannie and Billy Bob Adams, Melissa and Glen Hill, Kenneth Hill and Amelia, Valerie and Delton McGuire, Myra and Cory, Rachel McGuire and friends Misty and Jason from A.C.U. and Travis McGuire and friends Chris and Jerry from Amarillo.



The School Christmas Program was enjoyed by the participants as well as the audience in the performance held before Christmas.

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Holiday Visits

Al Alward hosted the family Christmas celebration on Friday, Dec 28 at his home. Attending were Hal, Melody, Lauren, Kaytlynn, & Britian Simpson of Amarillo; Zonelle Simpson of Amarillo; Terry, Brenda and Britnee Alward of Dumas; Allie and Norris Hoyt of Groom; and Jim and Donna Burton of

Groom. Santa Claus even put in some overtime and made a stop over.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 11 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 24 through December 30, 2001. Currently there are 17 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdiction. Arrest made this week include:

Jesus Garcia, age 25 of Amarillo, TX-Warrants-Randall County.
 Brian Trantham, age 34 of Conway, AR-Possession of a controlled substance, more than 1g but less than 4g.
 Stoney McCarty, age 21 of Amarillo, TX-Warrants-Potter County.
 Misty Ramby, age 24 of Amarillo, TX-Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 Rick Sugera, age 18 of Panhandle, TX-Minor in possession and minor in consumption and driving

under the influence-Minor.

Sidney Nicholson, age 21 of Culver City, CA-Possession of a controlled substance, more than 4g but less than 400 g and possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

Patti Smith, age 33 of White Deer, TX-Hindering apprehension.

Marhonda Yarger, age 36 of Panhandle, TX-Driving while license suspended and warrants-Colorado.

Brian Felker, age 22 of Panhandle, TX-Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Letron Burruss, age 29 of Rockville, MD-Possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

D'Ann Slattery, age 32 of White Deer, TX-Aggravated assault causing bodily injury-domestic and interference with emergency telephone communications.

There were 12 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 17 through December 23, 2001. Currently there are 14 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 18 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. We wish each of you a happy and prosperous new year and remind you that if you intend to celebrate, please be responsible. Your's and someone else's life may depend on it.

Arrest made this week include:

Marc Rogers, age 32 of Peoria, AZ-Possession of marijuana, more than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds.

Clarence Porter, age 35 of Chandler, AZ-Possession of marijuana, more than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds.

San Juanita Martinez, age 39 of White Deer, TX-Driving while intoxicated-1st.

intoxicated-1st.

Gerardo Moreno, age 29 of Huntington Park, CA-Possession of a controlled substance and money laundering.

Angelica Garcia, age 21 of Huntington Park, CA-Possession of a controlled substance and money laundering.

John Caraway, age 21 of Dumas, TX-Court ordered commitment.

Sheri Luker, age 35 of Topeka, KS-Public intoxication.

Corrina Liendo, age 21 of Panhandle, Tx-Assault-Family violence.

Michael Isles, age 23 of Panhandle, TX-Assault-Family violence.

Demetrius Robinson, age 27 of Tempe, AZ-Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jermaine Petterson, age 18 of Amarillo, TX-Warrant-Potter County.

Eugene Thomas, age 67 of Amarillo, TX-Driving while intoxicated-1st.

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GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199	200-499	500-599	600-699	98	97
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	August 31, 2001	August 31, 2000
REVENUES:						
Local and Intermediate Sources:						
	\$ 28,069	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ 828	\$ 29,617	\$ 28,107
Investment Income						
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	746,082	25,493	55,873	-	827,448	789,368
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	774,150	25,493	56,593	828	857,064	817,475
5800 State Program Revenues	463,471	72,193	-	-	535,664	693,422
5900 Federal Program Revenues	483	71,848	-	-	72,331	55,497
5020 Total Revenues	1,238,104	169,534	56,593	828	1,465,059	1,566,394
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	798,141	98,017	-	-	896,158	890,971
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	88,238	1,195	-	-	89,433	83,369
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	139,874	82,168	-	-	222,042	208,529
0040 Administrative Support Services	142,799	-	-	-	142,799	141,619
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	176,052	-	-	-	176,052	138,324
0060 Ancillary Services	2,154	-	-	-	2,154	1,000
0070 Debt Service	30,667	-	52,392	-	83,059	51,634
0080 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	5,156	5,156	183,451
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	22,100	-	-	-	22,100	16,571
6030 Total Expenditures	1,400,025	181,380	52,392	5,156	1,638,953	1,715,468
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(161,921)	(11,846)	4,201	(4,328)	(173,894)	(149,074)
7020 Other Resources	3,895	10,846	-	-	14,741	630,474
8030 Other (Uses)	(10,846)	-	-	-	(10,846)	(30,474)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(168,872)	(1,000)	4,201	(4,328)	(169,999)	450,926
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	603,111	1,546	-	26,104	630,761	179,708
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 434,239	\$ 546	\$ 4,201	\$ 21,776	\$ 460,762	\$ 630,634