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Drama Class Performs At Monthly PTA Meeting, Fund Raisers Discussed

The McLean PTA held their monthly meeting, Tuesday, November 6. The turnout was low but a lot was accomplished. Dean Williamson gave the invocation and the meeting was called to order. Beverly Odom read the minutes.

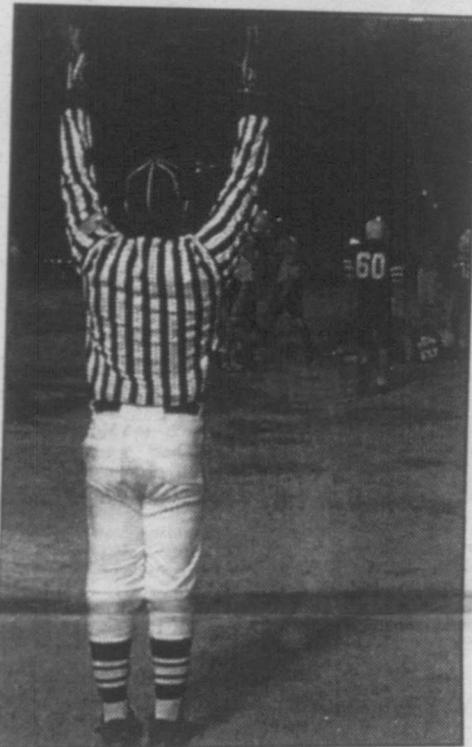
Several children, who read poetry, demonstrating how they compete in UIL, provided the program for the evening. The High School Drama Class performed "The Little Red Hen" and Randi Riley ended the program by telling the PTA about her educational trip to Europe.

Susan Williamson read the treasury report showing a beginning balance of \$1,319.89 last month, and an ending balance of \$914.72.

There was a lot of

new business discussed, beginning with a discussion on fundraisers. A community wide talent show is being considered and the PTA would like the public's opinion on whether this would be a worth while and supported project. Also "Project Graduation" and a bake sale were discussed as well as a spring carnival. It was decided that the PTA would begin selling popcorn and pickles once a month and a Christmas shop where children can buy Christmas presents would be sponsored. For the "Angel Program" this year it was decided that the PTA would provide personal care products, and would like any donations of soap, tooth paste and toothbrushes,

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Tigers Battle To Triumph, 46-45, In Season Closer

The McLean Tigers overcame fierce cold and a competitive Higgins team to end the season with a 46-45 win. Temperatures were in the mid-40's but the Tigers were hot. The game was still a barn burner as the Coyotes also came to play. The Tiger offense and special teams scored consistently. The Coyotes made a last

minute rally but failed in their extra point attempt. Coach Smith said that his team now has "something to build on next year." He was understandably proud of his team. He also commented, "In a tight game, they proved that they wouldn't lie down. They kept fighting and got the win."

REMINDERS

SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting is November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

TIGERS High School Basketball Boys and Girls will play Ft. Elliott on Friday Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Ft. Elliott.

APPLICATIONS for the Angel Program are due on Nov. 30. Call or see Paula Wall at 779-8827 or 618 Rowe.

MCLEAN CARE Center is having their annual Bazaar, Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

THE MCLEAN NEWS will have an early deadline next week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Please turn in your news items by noon on Monday, Nov. 19. Don't forget to report all your holiday visitor and travels to us the following week!

FAMILY READING Night is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the School Library.

MCLEAN-Alanreed Museum is selling fresh pecans. For more information contact Dorthey at 779-2662.

YOU CAN adopt a McLean-Alanreed Angel for Christmas. Angels are available at the Bank of Commerce, The Hair Gallery, and McLean Plumbing.

SCHOOL WILL let out at the regular time on Tuesday, Nov. 20 but there will be no school on Wed, Thurs, and Friday, Nov. 21-23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CUBS JR. HIGH Basketball Boys and Girls will host Groom, here on Mon., Nov. 19 at 6:00 p.m.

PIONEER STUDY Club will be held at the home of Mary Dwyer on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 2:00.

PROJECT Graduation is hosting a Bazaar, Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9:00-5:00 at the old gym. If you would like to put up a booth contact Tammy Haynes at the Elementary School Office.

IF YOU STILL want to purchase Cub Scout popcorn, contact Beverly Odom at 779-2309.

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 22.

PROUD TO BE American-a Patriotic program performed by the 4,5, and 6 grade choirs and the high school girl's choir. This will be held Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. It is a patriotic salute to our veterans, country, and flag.

Lovett Memorial Library Has Long History

In June, 1941 Miss Catherine Patterson climbed the fight of steps to make her appeal to the McLean Lions Club to start a library. The Lions Club members agreed to offer their hall located upstairs next door to the Variety Store as the place to house a library.

The seed was planted for a city library! Ideas were discussed with civic-minded individuals, and offers of books and magazines began to flow. When to library was present to the fifth Tuesday Council of Churches, the laddies voted unanimously to sponsor the project of getting a library started. The council of Churches provided a small sum of money for bookcases, a vertical file cabinet and a magazine rack, which were built by donated labor according to library specification. Members helped solicit and collect donated books and magazines and the aid of Miss Patterson arranged these on the library shelves.

When the City of McLean voted to give \$10.00 a month to help

finance the new library, it automatically became a new sponsor; thus releasing the fifth Tuesday Council of Churches. As the steps up to the Lions Hall were not too inviting to many people, rooms were made available in the northeast corner of the City Hall for the library. The City Council appointed a Library Board to be the governing body.

On Aug. 9, 1940, a librarian, Mrs. Lady Bryant, was hired. The library was opened from Noon to 5:00 pm daily, except Sunday and legal holiday. Books were loaned free of charge, with no deposit required. Two books could be borrowed for one week at a time and the overdue fine of 2 cents per day as assessed for each book. This money was used to buy new books. After necessary expenditures were made to set the library in running order in its new location, a few new books were ordered and subscriptions placed for magazines.

From 1940 until 1957, McLean City Library

continued to occupy the rooms in City Hall. On Aug. 30, 1957 an Open House was held in a new building at 302 N. Main. This new home of the Library was to be call Lovett memorial Library in Honor of Henry and Fannie Lovett.

The Lovetts come into what is now Gray County before the end of the 19th century to establish a home. The sod covered half dug-out in which they lived was one of the first, if not the very first residence in this county. The experienced the difficulties and rigors of frontier conditions. Through thrift and toil they prospered and were loved as good neighbors and substantial citizens.

Because of their appreciation of Gray County, which had been so good to them, it was in their minds and hearts that the people of Gray County be blessed and benefited in they years to come. their fortune was left in trust for this purpose. At a meeting attended by a group of McLean citizens and the Lovett Estate Trustees, it

was decided a library building was the most useful way in McLean could benefit from the legacy left for the people of Gray County.

Once again the people of McLean began to contribute books to help fill library shelves. Memorial books, given in honor of friends and loved ones provide a lasting tribute. All types of books have been placed in the library in the same manner.

Mrs. Lady Bryant served as librarian until 1959, followed by Mrs. Erma Hester in 1963, Mrs. Lavern Carter in 1966, Mr. Guy Beasley in 1973 and Mrs. Martha Parker who took over on March 1, 1973.

In June of 1973, Lovett memorial Library met the requirements to become a member of the Texas Panhandle Library System. The response of the patrons to the new services offered by the System was gratifying. Through Interlibrary Loan, all the resources of public and academic libraries are available to our community. The

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Report To Be Presented At Meeting

The McLean ISD 2000-2001 Academic Excellence Indicator System District Report will be given at the regular board meeting on Monday, November 19, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. No later than two weeks after the board meeting, copies of the report will be available in each school office and the school libraries, as well as, the public library, for public inspection.

The McLean Staff is once again very proud of the students for earning an Accountability Rating of Exemplary. McLean students scored well above both the state and Region 16 averages at all levels and in all subject areas.

MCLEAN SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

Nov. 19-20
Mon Breakfast: Hot or Cold cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice & milk. Lunch: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, fritos, veggie sticks, chocolate cream pie & milk.
Tues. Breakfast - Donuts, toast, jelly, fruit juice & milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, fruit cocktail salad, milk.

Students will be out of school for the rest of the week for Thanksgiving.

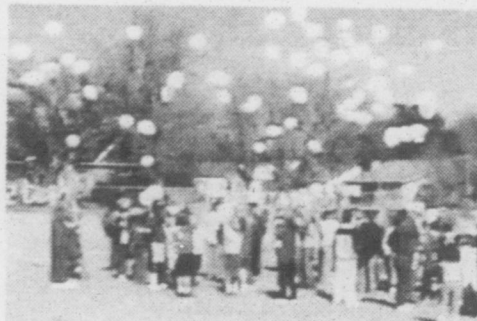
MORE VETERANS

Here are a few corrections and additions made to our veterans list published in last weeks paper in honor of Veteran's Day.

- WWII**
 Kenneth Goodman
 Bernard T. McClellan
VIETNAM
 Jack Syfrett
 Valdez Val Sharp
GULF WAR
 Andrew S. Jackson
 Carey Don Smith
 Bill Corley
 Jim Krueger
 Jack Syfrett

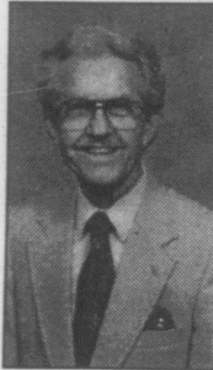
McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- November 15** - Becca Reyna, Mary Lee Boyd, Mary Dwyer, Dee Dee Floyd, Peggy Leeder.
November 16 - Kaylee Shank, Connie Dwyer, Bob Glass.
November 17 - Cas Dale Barker, Bobbi Stalls, John McMordie.
November 18 - Lynn Stilwell, Amanda Leigh Cline, Jimmy Williams, Joann Andrews.
November 19 - Essie Howard, Amanda Loya, Mary Lou Glass, Ray Dwyer, Waldean Cheatham, Jeremy Thomas, Eva Knutson.
November 20 - Valerie Joiner, Edith Bybee, Walter Staton, Nancy Skipper, Marvin Connors, Sammy & Judy Houdyshell (A).
November 21 - Destry



Red Ribbon week was capped off by releasing helium balloons with drug prevention messages by McLean Schools recently.

Services Held For Johnny Mertel



JOHNNIE MERTEL
 MCLEAN - Johnnie Frank Mertel, age 89 died on October 31, 2001. Services were held at the United Methodist Church at 2:00

p.m. on November 2, 2001. The Rev. Thacker Haynes and Brother Brian Quisenberry officiated.

Mr. Mertel was a retired merchant and cobbler. He had lived in the McLean area for 87 years. He was born to John Mertel and Julia Hanslecek Mertel on October 4, 1912 in Chicago, IL. He was a veteran of WWII, a mason, a longtime member of the Methodist Church in McLean, and had held many positions in the church through the years. He has served on both the Hud Housing Authority and Lefors Credit Union Board of Directors for 20 years and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was a Kl. 66 Hall of Fame member.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Mertel.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen of the home; two daughters and two son-in-laws, Teresa and Gary Phillips and Toni and Steve Lindsey; three sisters, Bessie Boston of College Station, TX, Julia Jones of Bastrop, TX, and Margarite Smith of San Antonio, TX; five grandchildren, John and Tarrah Phillips, Wendi Lindsey, Shane Lindsey, Stephanie Cathey, and Tiffany Childers; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to the United Methodist Church of McLean.

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McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
 779-2548
 Sunday Bible School 10 am
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm
 Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

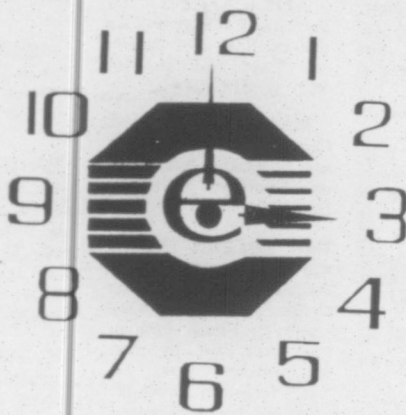
Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
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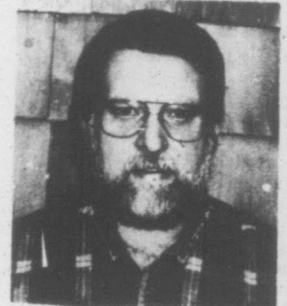
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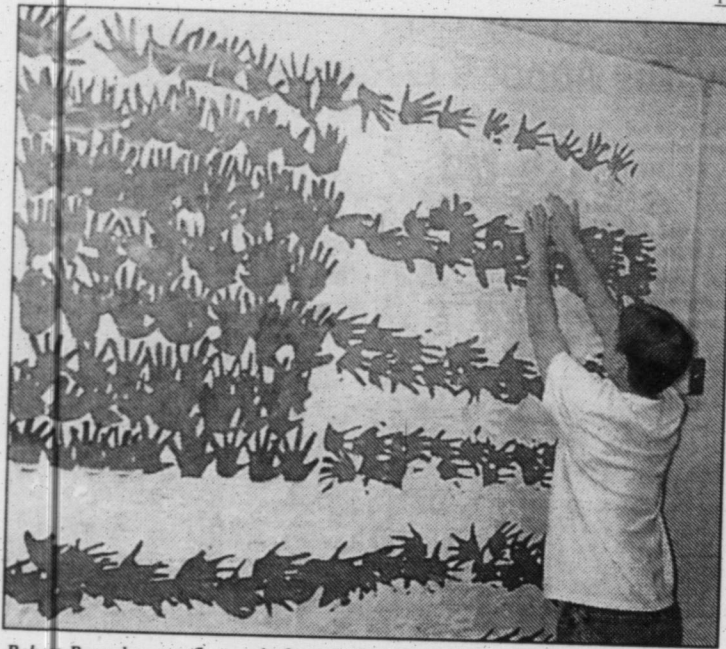
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Library Board Holds Meeting

The monthly Library Board meeting was held on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Members present were Ellen Malone, Susan Williamson, Sam Haynes and Jim Reyne. Concerning the Collection Development, the library will receive \$349.00 for adult books and \$951.00 for children's books. The settlement for Direct Aid is still pending. Librarian, Ellen Malone, is working on a \$5,000 grant for children's books. A mission statement is required for all grants. The mission statement for the McLean Library reads: The mission of McLean Lovett Memorial Library is to provide exceptional customer service, information in different formats to satisfy the needs of the community, and a friendly welcome environment for all ages.



Robert Brass hangs a flag made from the hand prints of the Kindergarten-3rd graders.



The High School Drama Club performed the Little Red Hen for this weeks PTA meeting. Pictured are (back) Jacob Eddleman, Ben Reyna, Rio Dennis, (front) Chris Reyna, and Nikki Hefley.

Remembering Our Military

Our lists of men and women in the military continues to grow. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you have a name you would like added to the lists, please give Ella Mae a call at the news office at 779-2141.

Those enlisted are:
 Joshua Swafford-Air Force, Altus AFB, but scheduled to go to Germany force, Saudi Arabia.
 Scott Glass-Army, scheduled to go to Kolsovo.
 R.L. Payne-Army, Fort Hood, TX.
 Sara Burr-Navy, Virginia.
 Chris Burr-Navy, Virginia.
 Rejelio Albarado-Navy, San Diego, CA. He is on the carrier Stennis.
 Bill Corley-Army National Guard Reserves, awaiting orders.
 Joshua Acuna-Marines, Camp Lejeune, SC.
 Mike Acuna-Marine Force, MCRD, VA.
 Nathaniel Roberts-Air Force, Shepherd AFB, Wichita Falls, TX.

PTA

deodorant and shampoo to be brought to the grade school. A gift certificate from the WestGate Mall will be raffled off to benefit the Accelerated Reader program. The tickets are \$1.00 each. The PTA voted in favor of having a plaque hung in the new gym in honor of the exemplary rating the school has received the last three years in a row with Mr. Crockett receiving the teacher door prize.



Steven Williamson read the poem "Texas" for the PTA at this weeks PTA meeting.

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Troy Jeffries

Teacher of the Week



Judith Watkins is this week's Teacher of the Week.

Week. Mrs. Watkins teaches 1st - 6th grade and High School music and teaches 7th grade Texas History and Reading. Mrs. Watkins has been teaching for 27 years with 9 of those years here in McLean. Mrs. Watkins is married to Jesse Watkins. He works for El Paso Natural Gas. They have 3 children, Jess, Melody and Jaylene and four grandchildren. Her hobbies are reading, collecting antiques and quilts.

Pioneer Study Club Learns About R O Ranch

The Pioneer Study Club met on November 1 at the home of Mary Powell. Ruth Trew called the meeting to order and asked members to answer roll call with a fact about Alfred Rowe or Rowe Ranch.

Minutes from the October 18 meeting were read and no old or new business was reported.

Because Gray County is celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2002, the Pioneer Study Club is having program topics on Gray County history. Babe Brown was in charge of the program and asked Delbert Trew, who has recently published a book on Alfred Rowe, called *The R O Brand* to give the program.

Selbert gave a very lively talk about Alfred Rowe. Mr. Rowe was a very interesting man, with not much known about him until recently. He came to the Texas panhandle in 1878 at the age of 25 from England. By 1895, he owned or controlled 200,000 acres. Trew explained how Mr. Rowe was able to accomplish this feat in such a short period of time. Delbert not only told some interesting facts about Mr. Rowe, he also explained Texas

panhandle history and how land was traded during Mr. Rowe's lifetime. Delbert discussed various myth and facts about Alfred Rowe. Based on his research, Alfred Rowe was a well respected, fair dealing, Christian man who lived a good life. In 1912, Alfred Rowe went to England to see his wife and children. He was headed back to the panhandle for cattle shipping and branding, with hopes of returning to England to be with his wife in time for the

arrival of a new baby. Alfred Rowe perished on the Titanic on April 14, 1912 at the age of 59. *The R O Brand*, by Delbert Trew is available at The Devil's Rope Museum and the McLean Alanreed Area Museum.

After Trew's talk, Babe Brown and Mary Powell served refreshments. Other members in attendance were: Betty Morgan, Mickey Jackson, Nama Webb, Pat Stubbs, Barbara Bode, Zelda McClellan, Ruth Magee, Mary Emma Woods, Ticie Taylor, Mary Dwyer, and Mary Lou Glass. The next meeting will be Nov. 15 in the home of Mary Dwyer with Betty Morgan in charge of the program.

"Angels of Love" Provides New Clothing For Local Children

Since 1993, generous McLean residents have given more than \$5000 each Christmas season to the Angels of Love program that provides new coats, shoes, and clothes for children in McLean. Workers in the project have already begun to gather information about children who need clothes, and donations are being accepted at the United Methodist Church.

The program began as a youth project at the United Methodist Church in 1993 under Tex and Dollie Buckhaults' leadership, but quickly grew to a program that gets support from residents throughout the city. For the past several years, youth groups from the Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church have gathered donations, shopped, wrapped, and delivered packages to 35 to 45 children each season.

"Adults from both churches help gather information about children in need," Thacker Haynes, minister at the Methodist Church said. "We stress confidentiality, so only a handful of people actually know the children who will receive gifts. Each season, Janet Glass helps distribute forms that families can complete, indicating the children's needs and sizes. It's a long and difficult process to gather all the information, correlate the sizes, purchase the clothes, wrap, and then deliver them."

Those who wish to help the children can also choose an Angel at McLean Bank of Commerce and other locations in town, and buy one item for a child. "We think it is important that the children receive new clothes, at least this once during the year," Haynes said. "We encourage people to donate used clothing to Restore or the Salvation

Army, so those items are available throughout the year. This year, the Masonic Lodge has put out boxes to identify families who might benefit from used clothing. However, the

Angel program emphasizes new clothes because it does something for a kid's spirit when he gets brand new shoes, jeans, a shirt, gloves, a hat, and a coat."

Merchants in Pampa (primarily Beall's) have generously supported the program by giving discounts on the items bought. "We try to wrap each item individually, so that the children have lots of things to open," Haynes said. "However, that sometimes means that we have to wrap 200 to 300 packages. Adults and youth from both churches spend an entire day wrapping packages. Anyone who would like to donate Christmas paper, tape, or scissors to the program is welcome to bring those items by the church office."

Several families have designated the Angel Program as the recipient of memorial gifts. "When Jewell Meacham, a long-time supporter of the Angel Program died, his family asked that memorials be sent to the Angel Program, and then when my grandfather John C. Haynes died, we asked that memorials go to the Angel Program," Haynes said. "Other families have done the same, creating a living memorial for a loved one."

The program has proved beneficial for both the recipients and the givers alike, Haynes said. "Every year the shopping day is an incredible experience for the teenagers who go to buy the clothes," he said. "Several have told me that this is the first time they discovered the true meaning of Christmas."

In the program's nine years, more than \$50,000 has gone to help the children of McLean. "Not one penny is spent on administrative costs," Haynes said. "Everything that is given goes to the children. Although 99 percent of the donations are dispersed at Christmas, a small fund is kept all year to pay for school supplies or to fill a need that a teacher identifies during the year for a child."

Anyone wishing to donate to the Angel Program can mail donations to: The Angel Program, United Methodist Church, PO Box 125, McLean, Texas 79057 or take donations by the church office.



Card of Thanks

Project Graduation would like to thank everyone for making their Brisket Dinner such a big success. Another is being planned.

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Boy Scout Camp - Out Fun, But Chilly!

By Travis Fish
On October 26, 2001, Stephen Ingle, Lucas Webb, Travis Fish and leader L.H. Webb camped at the Webb's Lake for their first Boy Scout Camp Out. The first thing we did was pitch our tents. Then we started a fire so that we could cook our meal. We cooked potatoes, carrots and hamburgers. After eating and talking for a while we went to bed. Talk about cold, the temperature dropped to 38 degrees that night. My sleeping bag felt so good the next morning

that I had a hard time wanting to get out of it. When I did crawl out, I threw my coat on and ran to the fire to warm up. L.H. and Lucas were already up and sitting in L.H.'s truck. They were nice and invited me in so I could get warm. We packed up everything and went for a hike in the sand hills. That was my favorite thing to do at camp. Then we went home. Thanks to L.H. for taking us camping!

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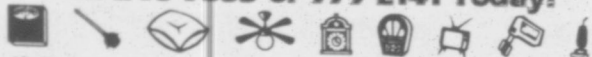
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PECANS FOR SALE: The McLean-Alanreed Museum has fresh pecans for sale for \$6.00 lb. They may be purchased at the bank, museum or Puckett's. Call 779-2662, Dorothy for more information.

GARAGE SALE: Mostly clothing from Pamp., small to large men's and women's sizes. Several coats in very good condition. Some misc. Saturday only from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 417 N. Cypress.

FOR SALE: Hideaway Sofa and a 16" Television. Call 248-7508, Rip Snyder.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Tigers end season as undefeated district champs for 4th consecutive year...

And One More Makes Four!

"And one more makes four!" has been the slogan and inspiration for the Tigers since they began the football season last August. Friday night, they completed their mission as they beat Happy 46-0. This ended their regular season and gave them an undefeated record.

"The team played with positive energy" stated Coach Larry Reid. "I was very pleased with their effort!"

Groom will face Miami at Lefors on Friday night for the Bi-District game. Groom played Miami in week three of the pre-district season.

"I think we will see a little different team this time around," stated Larry Reid. "They had some key players injured last time and we just cannot take anything for granted."

Miami is a very physical team. They have big players and will be well matched for Groom.

"We must forget what the score was last time we played," stated Coach Reid. "This is an elimination game and we must focus on the job ahead."

In last Friday's game, the Tigers earned 12 first downs to Happy's two. Groom gained 173 yards on 19 carries. The

Cowboys gained 44 yards on 19 carries.

Groom threw 12 times, completing six for two touchdowns and an interception. Happy connected on four of 12 passes for 29 yards and an interception. Their punts averaged 35 yards.

Groom fumbled and recovered once while Happy fumbled five times and recovered only twice.

In the opening quarter, Cody Bivens dominated the scoreboard with two touchdowns, first on a 26 yard run and a 17 yard run. He successfully kicked the P.A.T.'s, ending the first period of play 16-0.

Clay Britten scored a touchdown on a 16 yard run in the second quarter. Bivens made good the P.A.T.

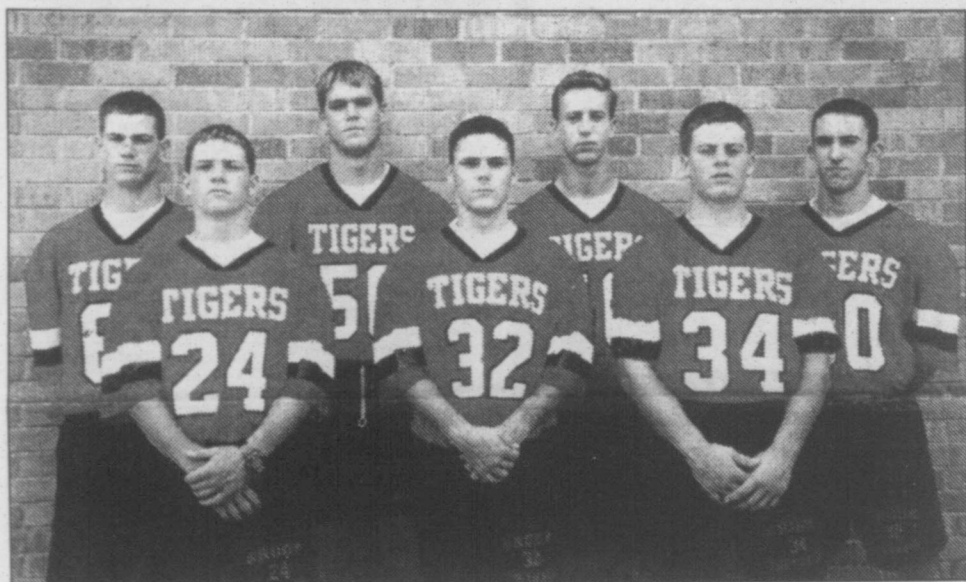
Clay Ritter scored the next two touchdowns both on passes from Clay Britten. The first was a very exciting 51 yard pass and the second a 15 yard pass. Bivens connected on the second P.A.T.

Trey Britten scored the final touchdown on a two yard run early in the third quarter.

Individual stats are as follows:

Garrett Britten lead the rushing gaining 86 yards on seven carries. He

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These Tigers have earned the bragging rights to say that they have won district every year they were in high school! They are (back) Wyatt Britten, Clay Ritter, Hugh Weinheimer, Garrett Britten, (front) Cody Bivens, Luke Pavlovsky, and Trey Britten.

Sorority Hosts Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Lunch



Alpha Mu Xi Sorority hosted their annual Senior Citizen's "Turkey and Dressing" Luncheon on Monday. Approximately 60 people were fed. This is just one of the many community service projects the Sorority does for the Groom area each year. They support these activities with fundraisers like their annual pecan sale.

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Community Calendar

ALPHA MU XI
pecans are in! Contact any sorority member to get yours just in time for the holidays!

A COLLEGE FINANCIAL Aid program will be held on Oct. 15 at the school. Contact the school for more details contact Julie at the school.

FLU SHOTS will be given, today, Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 at the school.

GROOM VARSITY
Girls will play Caprock, there, at 1:00 p.m. on Nov. 17th.

VARSITY GIRLS
will play Follett there on Nov. 20.

GROOM JUNIOR
High will play McLean, There, on Nov. 19 beginning at 6:00pm.

THE GROOM NEWS
will have an early deadline next week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Please turn in your news items by noon on Monday, Nov. 19. Don't forget to report all your holiday visitor and travels to us the following week!

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THANKSGIVING is on Thursday, November 22.

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Voters Approve Tax Increase In Last Week's Election

Groom voters went to the polls last week and approved the tax increase asked for by the Groom School District, in a 3 to 1 vote. 109 people voted for the measure, while only 25 were against it.

The measure does not actually increase taxes but really only maintains them at the rate that is comparable to last years

due to the increased valuation of oil and gas property.

If property values fall this year, the school will be looking for more ways to save money, because taxes cannot exceed the \$1.50 per \$100 valuation level.

Last year the School Board elected to cut the

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Local Happenings

Sybil Brown spent a couple of days last week in Amarillo helping her granddaughter who is recovering from hand surgery.

CARD OF THANKS

To our family and friends,

Words cannot begin to express the love and appreciation we feel for this community. The wonderful things you have done for us since Matt's accident are so greatly appreciated. We are thankful for those wonderful friends who came to the hospital and held us up and supported us. We are also thankful for all of those who have called and especially for all of those of you who continue to pray for Matt.

Thank you does not seem adequate for those friends and family who cut our milo for us, delivered our calves and stacked our hay. We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of help, both physical and spiritual.

We love you and are so grateful that we live in Groom, where neighbors like you are so wonderful.

With love and thanks,
 Keith, Shirley, Matt,
 Aimme & Stacy

T.C. and Shirley Sustaire recently returned from a camping trip to Lake Thunderbird in Norman, Oklahoma where they met some cousins for a nice visit.

Sue and Melvin Wills visited with their son and his family; Floyd, Lori and Logan Wills of Amarillo. Grandma Sue got in some serious rockin' time!

Mrs. Teresa Wills was recently visited by her grandson's wife and her two great-grandchildren; Jamie Irlbeck and children Carleigh and Carson of Plainview.

Whatley Resigns From Ambulance Service

Charlotte Whatley resigned as Director of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service effective Nov. 6, 2001. She has served in this position for the last 4 years.

During her time as director the Service has increased the number of paramedics to three, Doug Kling, Kerry Jenkins and herself; 1 intermediate, Brent Stephens; and 13 basics, John Bohr, Donald Burgin, Scott Fields, Craig Howard, Lewis Leven, Sabrina Leven, Rick Prather, Sharon Prather, Daniel Treadwell, Todd Gray, Dewayne Gray and Skye Brown. Mike Ford will soon be joining the service as he completes his certification.

Whatley also helped establish a billing system which has stabilized the services financial status. She has accepted a full-time position with Rural Metro, which will limit the time she has to volunteer for Groom. Whatley will still make ambulance runs when she is in town.

"I have enjoyed serving as Director of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service," she said.

Charlotte will be missed for her organizational skills as well as her skill as a paramedic and devotion to the Groom area residents.

More Local Happenings...

Glynn and Sybil Harrell attended the 75th Birthday Celebration of Route 66 Association at the Big Texan in Amarillo, Sunday afternoon.

Sue Williams of Houston visited Helen Witt Sunday. Sue is the daughter of the late Ruby Milton. She enjoyed looking at changes in Groom and reminiscing.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

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

November 16 -
 Stetson Ruthardt, Brittany
 Weinheimer.

November 17 - Norris
 Hoyt, Juanita Brown,
 Marguerite Burgin.

November 18 -
 Patrick Britten.

November 19 - Larry
 Brown, Carey Britten,
 Karla Ann Howard,
 Kecie Sue Howard, Mr.
 and Mrs. Harris Howard
 (A).

November 20 - James
 D. Robinson, Cody
 Wilson, Mr. and Mrs.
 Gary Friemel (A).

November 21 - Trey
 Landon Stephens, Gordon
 Schaffer, Karen Reid, Mr.
 and Mrs. Bryan Bichsel
 (A).

November 22 -
 Herman Leven, John
 Weinheimer.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

There were 7 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the

week of Oct. 29 through Nov. 4. There were 15 incarcerated in the county jail and an additional 18 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Dorothy Gutierrez, 60, of Amarillo: Driving while intoxicated - 1st offense.

Donald Hunt, 27, Canadian, Tx: Driving while intoxicated - 2nd offense.

Charles Kemp, 33, Panhandle: Traffic Warrants- DPS

Sherry Barnett, 50, Sayre, OK: Driving While Intoxicated - 2nd offense.

Perry White, 44, Sayre, Ok: Public Intoxication.

Ignocio Saldierna, 38, Pampa, Tx: Driving while intoxicated- 1st offense.

James Scaball, 37, Sara Sota, Fl - Public Intoxication.



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4 Veterans Honor Roll

When the Veteran's Honor Roll is printed, we always find some who have not been put on the list. The News is happy for you to call our attention to it as we want the list to be as complete as possible. If you know someone who should have been on the list but was not, please call us. These people have served with honor and we want to pay

tribute to them as well.

Civil War
Perry Skinner

World War II
George Benson Keeter

Korea
A. J. Newsom
Jack Barnett

Viet Nam
Danny Bob Babcock
Yvonne York



A Snow Princess and a Beautiful Witch? Sounds like good old fashioned fun! And that is exactly what this pair (Cady Wilson and Rachael Hopkins) were having.

Christian Mothers Hold Nov. Meeting

Christian mothers met at the home of Kay Britten on Monday, November 12, with hostesses Charlene Weller and Doris Britten.

Members gave individual thanks for the opening prayer.

The Holiday Bazaar will be on November 18, Sunday from 10:30 to 2:00. A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 to 1:30. Craft booths, bake sale and a raffle for a nativity set will also be featured. members if your chairman hasn't called you, please call them and ask what you can do to help.

The children's Christmas program will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 pm. Little Flower will be in charge of the

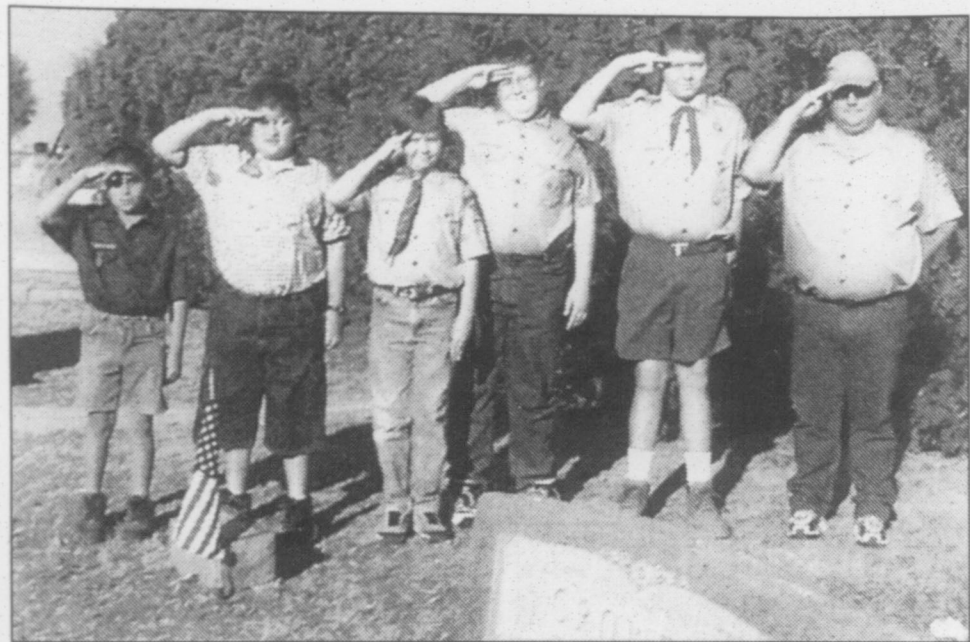
refreshments.

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 23 after the 8:30 am Mass. The general church cleaning will be held the week of Dec. 10-18. Consult your Christian Mother's handbook for assigned cleaning areas.

Reports were given by attendees of the Diocesan Women's Convention held in Canyon in October.

Christian Mothers has started a new program - Naomi-Ruth Program. It is a mentoring program to encourage the seasoned members to mentor the younger members. Please contact Kay Britten for more information.

The Project Solidarity is affiliated with the mission work in



BOY SCOUTS HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROS

Groom Boy Scouts with the help of their leaders and the friends of the Boy Scout placed flags on the graves of Veterans last week. It was discovered that Groom has a Civil War veteran buried in its cemetery, making this a special honor for them to do. Perry Skinner was Dutch Crowell's uncle. He fought for the North in the Civil War. Dutch does not remember much about him as he was a very small child, but that he was his mother's brother and thinks he may have been from Kansas.

The Boy Scouts have had a lot of help in this project. They would like to thank the Lion's Club for purchasing the flags, Bill Homer for making the holders, their leaders for their guidance and Buddy and Charlene Weller for being the official Boy Scout Grandpa and Grandma and helping them with so many worthwhile projects.

Honduras. Christian Mothers voted to sponsor a child in Honduras. Children's chewable vitamins are needed for the children in Honduras. Please give you vitamins to Kay Britten for distribution to this program in Honduras.

Christian Mothers will also, institute a College prayer package program which consists of members writing to the college students and offering prayers and encouragement. Please give you address of your college students to Kay Britten or Loretta Britten.

Our group voted to invite the Clarendon's Women's Catholic Group to be affiliated with us as a Circle. This will allow them to obtain information from the National, Diocesan & Deanery level.

Marla Britten reported on the atrium program for the pre-schoolers on Wednesday evenings. It has been a successful program and she has witnessed spiritual growth with the little ones.

The Progressive Dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 beginning at 5:30 pm, starting with Debbie Ollinger's home, then on to Jo Ann Britten's and finally enjoying desert at Melanie Britten's. Please bring a gift for the Christ Child Shower and a gift to exchange with members. The gift can be a gag gift or a precious treasure from you home.

The meeting closed with prayer and delicious sweets.



Witches, Tigers, Cheerleaders, The Grim Reaper and Sweet Dorothy were visitors on Halloween night. We can't identify all of them so....just guess who.

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TIGERS

also had three unassisted tackles to his credit.

Cody Bivens carried the ball seven times for 63 yards on two touchdowns. He passed once and received once for 13 yards. He gained 10 yards on a punt return.

Clay Britten rushed for 19 yards on three carries and a touchdown. He connected on six of 11 passes for 102 yards and two touchdowns. He had nine unassisted tackles.

Doug Fields rushed for three yards and had five unassisted tackles.

Trey Britten rushed for two yards and a touchdown. He earned three unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter gained 70 yards on three receptions and two touchdowns. He

also completed five unassisted tackles.

Wyatt Britten caught two for 19 yards.

Hugh Weinheimer completed three unassisted tackles. Owen Weinheimer and Luke Pavlovsky completed one each.

Again the Tigers will battle the Miami Warriors at Lefors Friday night, at 7:30 p.m. for the Bi-District Championship. Don't miss it!

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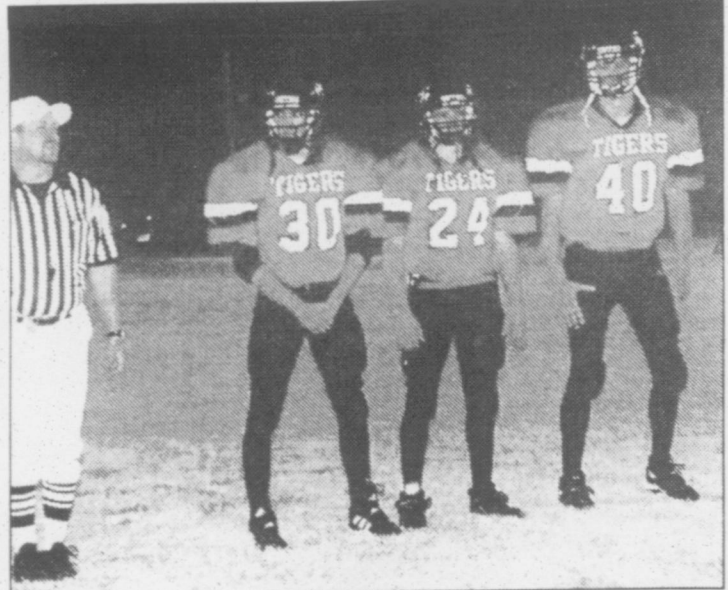
Band and Ag programs to half days in order to make the budget come close to balancing. No one knows what will happen to property values this year. When the

budgeting process begins in the coming year, the Board will have to re-evaluate their position.

The state of Texas is promising help by revamping the whole school finance program, however, no one knows just what kind of help they have in mind.

Until then, those interested in the Groom School District will just have to wait and see what happens and pray that the school does not have to do away with more programs which would further decrease the diversity offered to our students.

FLU SHOTS will be given, today, Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 at the school.



Garrett Britten, Hugh Weinheimer, and Cody Bivens are three of the team captains who have helped lead the Tigers to yet another District Championship. There are seven seniors and all take the field for the captain's meeting and the coin toss. Only 4 are allowed to meet with the other players so the three extras stay in the back ground.

Basketball Season Kicks Off

Groom Junior High cagers kicked off their season Monday night in an exciting match up against Miami.

The Cub-Ettes won handily over Miami 46-15. Kecia Howard lead the scoring with 18. Mallory Homen followed close behind with 16. Karla Howard contributed 6. Gail Drewery, Whitney Evenson, and Berklee Ruthardt each added 2 more points for the Ettes win.

In the boys action,

Groom fought a very valent battle but lost to Miami 18-29.

Kelby Noack was high point with 6. Thane Barkley and Blaine Britten each added another 4 each. James Reid and T.J. Moranic scored 2 points each for the Cubs.

There next game will be against McLean, there,

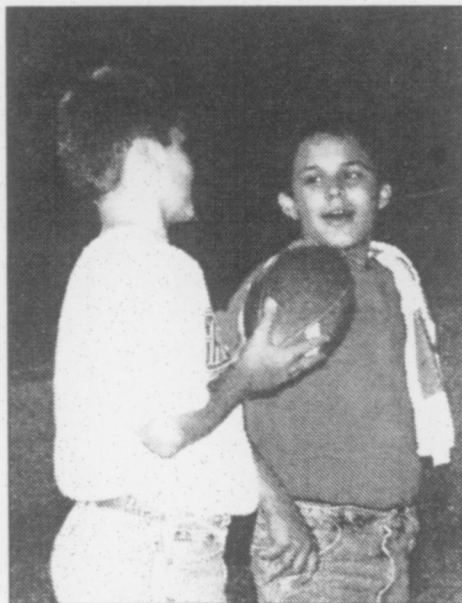
on Monday November 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Groom School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Mon. Breakfast: Cold Cereal, muffins, juice & milk; Lunch: Soft tacos, corn, shredded lettuce & tomatoes, milk & yogurt.

No lunch will be served on Tuesday as students participate in UIL. No school the rest of the week as students are out of school for Thanksgiving.

GROOM TIGERS 2001



The two hardest working Tigers of all. Waterboys Chad Barkley & Anthony Luna

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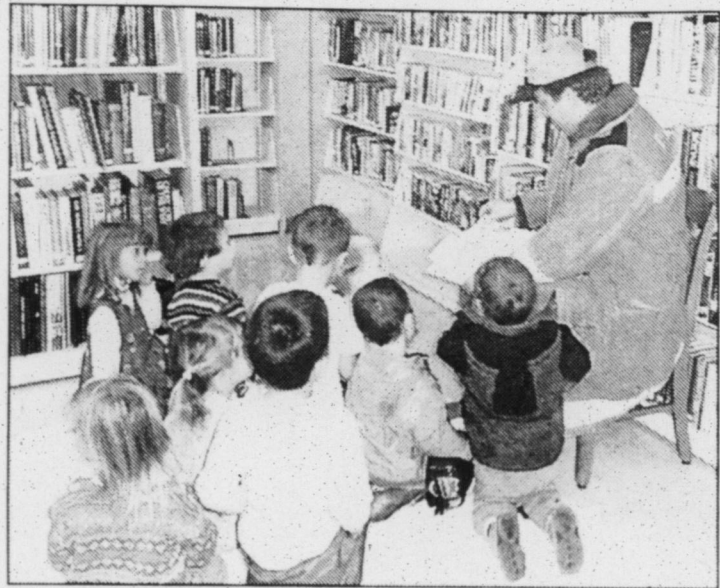
Tony the Fireman Visits Story Hour



The Groom Library Preschooler's Story Hour had a special visitor this week. Tony, the Fireman, Treadwell was a guest reader for the children. He shared his favorite children's book about a special fireman with the listeners.

Afterward, the children donned their own firemen's coats and helmets (made of paper bags and construction paper) and became special volunteer firemen recruits for the day, as Tony the Fireman, showed the group the fire trucks and special equipment that the men use to put out fires. Attend-ees also got some fire safety tips. It was a special day for the young readers as the books they read came alive to them.

Story Hour is held every Friday at 10:30 in the Groom Library.



Tony the Fireman, holds his young fan club captive with an exciting story about firemen and their jobs.

Aimee Lyles - James Bussard To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyles are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Ruth (Aimee) to James Glendon Bussard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bussard of Dumas, Texas.

Aimee graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas in December, 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at WT and presently serves as their General Advisor. She teaches English at Dumas High School.

The groom graduated from Lubbock Christian University in May, 2000

with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. He is a teacher and coach at Dumas Junior High School.

The wedding will be held on December 29, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Groom, Texas.

On Oct. 2, an '82 Econoline driven by Michael Bronson, 54, of Arizona, ran off the road after the driver fell asleep and hit a large Highway sign. He was cited for failure to drive in a single lane.

On Oct. 21, a '97 Chev Suburban driven by Catherine Blair, 34, of Shawnee Okla side swiped a '98 LeSabre driven by Betty Jo Cunningham of Gracemont, Ok. Blair was cited for failure to drive in a single lane.

On Oct. 25, Misty Forbes, 22, of Panhandle driving a 2000 Ford Focus struck Bettie Crouch of Canadian as he was passing her on a curve on US 60. Forbes failed to make the curve and crossed the center stripe. She was cited for failure to drive in a single lane.

On Oct 28, Trooper Davis arrested Justin Zacharias, a fugitive with seven outstanding warrants from South Dakota. The man was

speeding and gave Davis a false name. He was wanted for possession of a controlled substance and other crimes.

On Oct. 29, Dorothy Gutierrez of Amarillo driving a '97 Ford Tarus was speeding southbound on FM 683. She flew over the railroad track and through a stop sign, coming out on US 60 and striking a 1995 Tracer driven by Charles Bufford of Amarillo. Gutierrez was found to be intoxicated and was arrested. Bufford and a passenger Hunter Davidson of Amarillo were transported by ambulance to Amarillo for treatment.

On Nov. 1, Trooper Davis investigated a one car roll over on FM 2385. The driver

Yoshikazu Shimada of Japan was driving a '01 Trail Blazer when he over corrected and lost control. He was taken to NWTH in Amarillo for treatment. He was cited with unsafe speed.

More Local Happenings...

Kay, Cobb, and Frances Britten attended a reception honoring their son and brother, Joe, at Texas Tech. He was honored for being selected in Who's Who Among American College Students.

Allie Hoyt and Nita Hickey spent the day in Amarillo at the doctors office. It wasn't all boring, they got to eat out twice and visit Walmart.

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More Carson County Sheriff's Report

There were 13 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of November 5 through November 11, 2001. Currently there are 19 persons incarcerated in this jail and 18 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

James Scahall, age 37 of Sarasota, FL-Public

Intoxication.

Lynne Alexander, age 34 of Somerset, NJ-Public Intoxication.

Timothy Hill, age 48 of Pampa, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-3rd or more.

Vickie Hardy, age 30 of Panhandle, TX-Possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

Sidney Wisdom, age 37 of Lubbock, TX-

Possession of controlled substance greater than 400 grams.

Mark Byerws, age 42 of Panhandle, TX-Possession of controlled substance greater than 400 grams.

Wanda Pugh, age 28 of Amarillo, TX-Theft.

Cedric Dickerson, age 27 of Panhandle, TX-Driving While Intoxicated-1st.

Zachary Irving, age 17

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Burton Places 2nd In WTAMU Competition



April Burton placed 2nd in the 8th Annual West Texas A & M University Research Conference. The event is a culmination of 6 months of research in the area of Behavior and Social Sciences. Burton won a scholarship from the McNair Foundation last spring to do the project. Participants are required to submit a plan for the project, complete a research paper, conduct a study or project and then submit their findings. Each student is then required to make a

presentation to a committee of advisors.

Burton did her study on the effects of alcoholism and stress. She spent the summer testing rats, running them through mazes, and administering alcohol to them under a controlled environment. (In other words... she spent the summer getting rats drunk! Is this why I sent her to school?) Her advisor was Professor Richard Harland. There were approximately 56 participants.

Burton is a senior, majoring in Psychology and the daughter of Jim and Donna Burton and granddaughter of Allie & Norris Hoyt and Al Alward of Groom. Her "Star" rats just happened to be named after her grandfathers, Norris & Al!

She was also recently inducted in the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Student accepted into the organization must maintain a 3.5 average and be in the top 10% of their class.

Card of Thanks

We wish to say a grateful thanks to our neighbors, fiends and family for the caring and thoughtfulness shown to Bill and I after his accident. We have been moved and overwhelmed by so many offerings of help, prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food, gifts and so many beautiful cards. "Thank you" seems such an inadequate phrase to express our feelings, but it comes from our hearts. We are thankful for the ambulance crew, Scott, Rick, Sharon, Daniel and Craig, who not only cared for Bill in the ambulance, but for a good while in the busy emergency room. Last, but not least, thanks to our children and grandchildren: they have

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