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McLean Tigers End Season With First Win Over Groom In 10 Years

The McLean Tigers beat the Groom Tigers Thursday evening, 60-40 in Groom ending a ten year streak of losses to the neighboring team. The last time McLean was victorious was in 1992, under the direction of Coach Miller and team leader Christian Looney.

The game started out in what looked like an even match in the first quarter but late in the second quarter McLean pulled away giving McLean the lead when James Alexander ran the ball for a T.D. Josh Seymour kicked the extra point making the score 19-16.

The combination of Josh Seymour to James Alexander scored with a good extra point which brought a score of 28-16. James Alexander recovered an on-side kick and Brou Bohlar caught a beautiful pass but there was no more scoring in the first half of the game.

McLean came back in the second half ready to play ball with McLean scoring three more T.D.'s in the third quarter bringing the

score to 40-22 McLean.

In the fourth quarter McLean scored three more times and Groom scored three times with a final score of McLean 60, Groom 40.

All our men played well and seemed to have corrected some of the problems that have been plaguing them through out the season. Bron Bohlar caught several good passes and had a T.D. called back. Trent Cadra played well scoring a T.D. in the fourth quarter. The defense held Grooms offense and played with intensity.

The best improvement was the extra points kicked. The missed extra points were the difference between a win or loss in several games this year.

Coach Smith said he was proud of his team. "They played their hearts out this year." He said the breaks didn't go their way but they were always on the verge of a win. "They've come a long way since last year and I'm proud for the Seniors to go out on a win."



McLean's offense was a force to be reckoned with as the Groom Tigers had difficulty stopping McLean from scoring

McLean Reminder

THE SENIORS will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner on Tuesday, November 19, at noon at the Senior Center. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and enjoy good fellowship.

THE PTA has rescheduled their monthly meeting to Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please plan on attending.

MCLEAN JUNIOR High travels to Groom on Monday, November 18. Game time is 6:00.

Boy Scouts Complete Aviation Merit Badge

McLean Boy Scouts Troop 425, and Canadian Boy Scouts Troop 271 completed their Aviation Merit Badge, Saturday November 9th at the Hemphill County Airport in Canadian.

Scouts participating in the merit badge from McLean were Stephen Ingle, Evan McMordie, Trey Skipper, & Lucas Webb. Scouts participating in the merit badge from Canadian were Jackson Bilbrey, Matthew Gill, & Timothy Moreno.

Gary Bilbrey scoutmaster from Canadian, John H. McMordie of McLean, and L.H. Webb

scoutmaster from McLean also participated.

Trey Webb owner of Flap-Air Helicopter Service of Canadian taught the merit badge. Trey is a professional helicopter pilot, & instructor, with his A&P and inspection certification.

The day got off to a great start when each scout was given a ride in Trey's helicopter, the scouts later learned about many different types of aircrafts and their uses, what enables them to fly, and what causes them not to fly. They learned the different levels a pilot can achieve and the many job opportunities there are in aviation. They also



performed preflight inspections on a helicopter, and an airplane, toured the airport facilities, and learned about runways, how they are

numbered, and how they are determined active.

Les Hall a commercial pilot, instructor, Eagle Scout, and Methodist

preacher landed his plane during the merit badge course, and was given a pop-quiz by the scouts about

See Boy Scouts, pg. 8

McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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).

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.
—Mark Twain

FAMILY READING night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

Chazlotte's
will be hosting a
Christmas Open House
November 21 & 22, 9:30 to 7:00
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Week of November 18- November 22
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Wednesday: Nutri-grain cereal bars, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Thursday: Pop Tarts, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk

LUNCH:

Monday: Corn dogs, baked beans, smiley fries, veggie sticks, fruit and milk

Tuesday: Pizza pockets, fritos, veggie sticks, pickle spears, rice krispie treats and milk

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk

Thursday: Taco salad, meat and cheese, refried beans, salad, cinnamon crisp and milk

Friday: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions, french fries, cake and milk

Ninety Guests Attend Annual Circle Of Friends Event

Ninety guests enjoyed the 9th Annual McLean Circle of Friends fundraiser for the Harrington Cancer Center on October 28, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steakhouse. Smoked prime rib with all the trimmings was served as over \$3,300 was raised through membership dues and the "Homespun" auction.

Items for the auction, conducted by James & Charlotte Hefley, ranged from a case of Red Mud Barbecue sauce selling for \$20 a bottle to a handmade knife made from an old file, which went for \$100. Lane and Susi Thompson donated the barbecue sauce and Lane made the knife from an old file. Holiday decorations were hot items too. Christmas shoppers were able to buy things such as a rope bowl, a Route 66 Barbie, a RV trailer birdhouse and paintings by Colleen Mertel and the late Dr. Fabian. Barbed wire crafts were also popular.

Pecan and apple pies, lemon, coconut and angel food cakes, peanut brittle, popcorn balls, chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies and brownies were

all costly items. Homemade jelly, apple butter and smoked ribs sold out in record time.

The most pleased buyers seemed to be the ones who bought warm, cuddly afghans, as the night was cold, foggy and rainy. Missy Van Brocklin, curled up in her red snowflake crocheted blanket made by Mary Emma Woods, left the fun event with a big smile. Mike Darsey seems to be missing a file and a rope.

Circle of Friends is able to provide various financial services to cancer patients through fundraisers such as this across the Panhandle. Funds are dispersed through Debbie Powell, a social worker at the Harrington Cancer Center. She can be reached at 800-274-4673 to apply for funds. Circle of Friends has received incredible support from McLean as several residents have benefited from the generous donations of local residents.

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Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
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Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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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
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

BOY SCOUTS

his aircraft, and aviation in general, Les passed the impromptu quiz with flying colors.

The scouts finished off a great day when they were treated to a hot dog lunch courtesy the Canadian

chapter of the VFW. The scouts and leaders would like to thank all who helped make this a memorable day.

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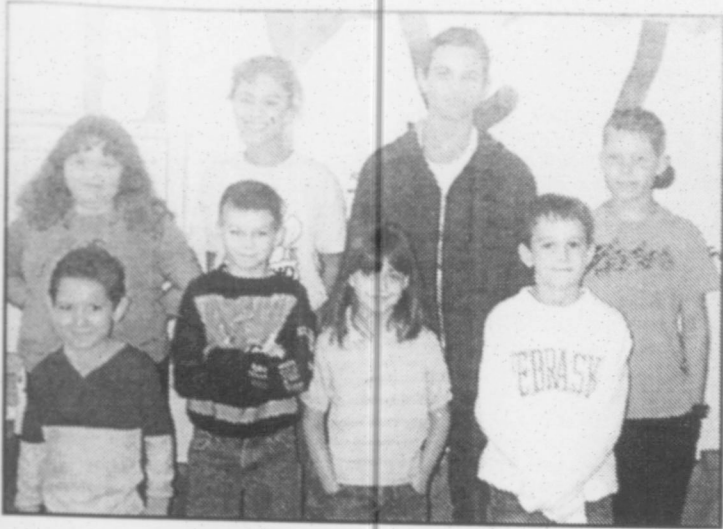
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Students of the Week November 4 - November 8: Kindergarten-Gage Martinez; 1st Grade-Jordan McLain; 2nd Grade-Kendra Richardson; 3rd Grade-K J Averitt; 4th Grade-Bradley Howard; 5th Grade-Stephen Williamson; 6th Grade-Arely Vega; 7th Grade-Trey Skipper.

Museum To Close For Winter On Dec. 15

Feels like wintertime is here and we are thinking of implementing winter hours at the museum. We will close the museum on December 15 and open again the first of March... weather permitting.

October was a good month visitor wise. We had 427 visitors from thirty-four

states and ten foreign countries. Fifty-six of our visitors were from overseas.

On Friday, October 11, our volunteers had a group of Germans riding down Old Route 66 and having a wonder time. A bus tour from Oklahoma going to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival stopped and

shopped with us.

Thanks to Molly, we have a large supply of bubble wrap salvaged from the new chairs at the Methodist Church. We can put the wrap to good use.

Our copy machine became incapacitated on October 29. We are waiting for a new imaging unit. Since April 26, 2001, we have made 17,658 copies. No wonder it became ill!! We give out lots of copies of information on barb wire and Old Route 66. I wonder how much is read and how much is tossed. We expect by the time this is printed, Delbert will have the new unit in and we will be up and running again.

We have a new line of Texas candies. They come in sixteen flavors, including rattlesnake and armadillo. We expect a cold November with few visitors. Come by and keep us company.

MCLEAN TIGERS play host to Ft. Elliott Friday, November 15. Tip off is 6:30. The Tigers are home again on Tuesday when they take on Pampa Academy. Game time is at 6:00 p.m.

Medication Help Available

If you are a Senior Citizen on Medicare without any drug coverage, there may be help for you in purchasing your prescription medications. Several drug

companies are offering discount rates for low income Seniors. If your income is less than \$18,000 a year for singles or \$24,000 for couples, you may qualify. If you are interested in more information contact Dean Williamson, Pastor of the Assembly of God in McLean or Loaves and fishes at 779-3239. There are volunteers who will help you with the paper work and walk you through the program.



Mrs. Walkins leads the elementary in a patriotic salute to veterans. See story on page 10

McLean Honors Veterans And Current Military

McLean remembered our Veterans by placing flags around town. The grade school presented a wonderful program and many of our veterans attended. We are reaching a time when we are losing our WWII Veterans and a new group of Veterans are representing our military. Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars are rapidly becoming our oldest representatives. Recently the VA building was sold and the group that meets just keeps getting smaller and smaller, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't remember the men and women who risked their lives many giving their lives up for our freedoms. In this time of a new kind of war we have a new set of heroes stepping up to protect our way of life.

McLean has several who are serving in our Armed Services. I was not able to find out information on all of them, I was able to get information on a few.

Josh Acuna, is serving in the Marine Corps. He departed on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf on September 23, while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based out of Camp Lejeune, NC. His unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. His unit is equipped for either quick

missions or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Scott Glass is in Fort Drum, New York. He is in the Army and was chosen to go to Leadership Training School. He graduated November 12. He will be leaving soon for field maneuvers and will finish his four year enlistment in August.

Bill Corley is in the Army Reserves and arrived in Cuba, June 23. He was activated in April and put on active duty on May 5. He is in Guantanamo Bay with the 2nd/142nd Infantry. He patrols the border between Cuba and the American Base. He is part of the Quick

Reaction Force (QRF) which assists with guarding the prison there. It is hoped that Bill will be back in the US in December.

R. T. Payne is awaiting orders to go to the Gulf. He is one of the first soldiers off of the vehicles that transport troops into battle zones.

Besides these men we have eleven other men and women serving in our military. They are, D.J. Basham, Josh and Jesse Swafford, Nathaniel Roberts, Dan Seaney, Amelia Huddleson, Britten Shipman, Jamie Barker, Diana Vega, Austin Walker and Kevin McCarty.



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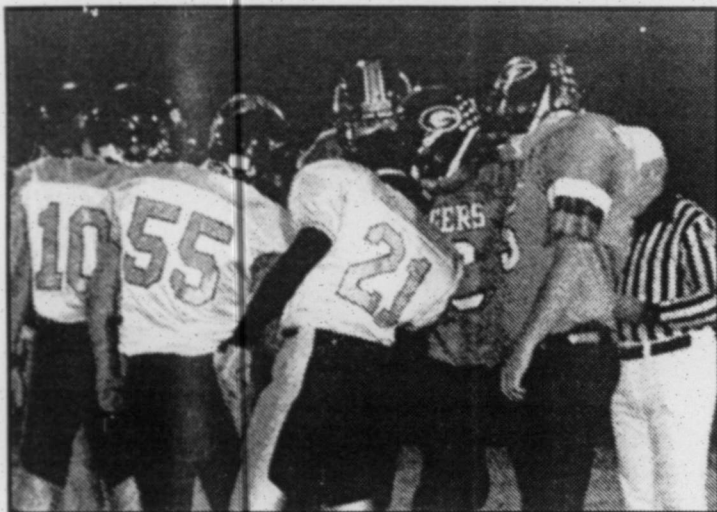
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Choir Presents Patriotic Program Honoring Vets

Mrs. Watkins 3rd and 4th Grade Choir and 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Choir presented a Patriotic Program honoring the Veterans of McLean.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Choir presented "America, My Home" by Teresa Jennings, "You're a Grand Old Flag" by George Cohan and "I Love My Country" by Teresa Jennings.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Choirs presented "American Tears," "You Are Our Heroes" and "A Song of

Peace" by Teresa Jennings. Lacey Wallis and Zach Richardson sang solos in "American Tears" and Jamie Sanderson sang a solo in "A Song of Peace."

The combined Choirs performed "I Pledge Allegiance" arranged by New Spring Publishing and "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin.

McLean's Boy Scouts Lucas Webb and Trey Skipper presented the flag and Evan McMordie lead

the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Patriotic Readers were Stephanie Henson, Kristen Odóm, Tammy Syfrett, Zach Richardson, and Jamie Sanderson.

McLean's Veterans were seated in the front rows, the program was intended to honor those who have served in our country's military.

When work is pleasure,
life is a joy! When work
is a duty, life is slavery.
—Maxim Gorky

McLean Drama Club Performs One Act Play

The McLean High Drama Class performed a one act play for the Junior High and High School on Friday, November 1, during Red Ribbon week. The play entitled Only 17 was performed on a dark stage with a single spot light on the lead character played by Ben Reyna as he mourns his own death caused by reckless driving while drinking. The spotlight would switch to the rest of the cast as they shared their thoughts and feelings about what happened. The feelings varied from guilt to sorrow to expectations of the inevitability of what took place.

The play held a powerful message to the young people about the dangers of drinking and driving and of reckless driving. The cast did a fine job and the audience was noticeably shaken by the performance. Ben Reyna played Cory Martin, the young man killed in the accident while speeding around a slower going car. Matt Gutierrez played Cory's friend Ray,

who was not surprised by the accident but saddened. Reo Dennis played Heath, Cory's brother who comes upon the accident scene as they are removing his brother's body from the accident. Philip Jones played Heath's friend Robert who is with Heath when they come upon the accident. Emily Bolin played Cory's mother, a woman not sure if her example was what it should have been and feeling guilt over letting her son take the car against her better

judgment. Sean Bauer played another of Cory's friends who was not surprised by the accident.

Danielle Dampier played Cory's girl friend; she knew Cory was in danger but didn't say anything because she was afraid of losing him as a boy friend. Sonny Northcutt was the announcer and the soloist at Cory's funeral and Bron Bohlar was an announcer and the eulogist. Jackie Riley was the director of the play and is the drama teacher.

2002-2003 MCLEAN VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
11/12/02	Follett	T	6:30
11/15/02	Ft. Elliott	H	6:30
11/19/02	Pampa Academy	H	6:00
11/21 & 11/23	Lefors Tourney	T	TBA
11/26/02	Pampa Academy	T	6:00
12/3/02	Miami	H	6:30
12/5 & 12/7	Miami Tourney	T	TBA
12/10	Lefors	H	6:30
12/12 & 12/14	Ft. Elliott Tourney	T	TBA
12/17	Miami	T	6:30
1/3/03	Valley	H	6:30
1/7/03	Samnorwood	H	6:30
1/10/03	Silverton	T	6:30
1/14/03	Hedley	H	6:30
1/17/03	Groom	T	6:30
1/21/03	Valley	T	6:30
1/24/03	Samnorwood	T	6:30
1/28/03	Silverton	H	6:30
1/31/03	Hedley	T	6:30
2/4/03	Groom	H	6:30



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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
11/11/02	Hedley	H	6:00
11/18/02	Groom	T	6:00
11/25/02	Ft. Elliott	H	6:00
12/2/02	Samnorwood	T	6:00
12/9/02	Miami	H	6:00
12/16/02	Valley	H	6:00
1/6/03	Hedley	T	6:00
1/11/03	McLean Tourney	H	TBA
1/13/03	Groom	H	6:00
1/20/03	Miami	T	6:00
1/27/03	Samnorwood	H	6:00
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Carson County Republicans Make Big Gains In Recent Statewide Elections

Texas Republicans made historic gains in the 2002 Election that was held last Tuesday. Carson County turned in record numbers for a non-presidential election. Of the 4,768 registered voters in Carson County, 46% went to the

polls. Voters in Carson County turned out for the election that allowed appointed Governor Rick Perry to stay in the Governor's Mansion. Statewide, the Republicans gained two Congressional seats, three state Senate seats, one

District Court seat, and 15 house seats. This is the first time the Republicans have held a majority in the State House since 1872.

In county contested races, Republican Kevin Howell beat Democrat Grady Milton with a total

of 359 votes to Milton's 213. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Randy Elliott won out over Democrat Marcy Ruth with 437 votes to 243 for Ruth.

The individual districts voted as follows within Carson County:

U.S. Senator

John Cornyn
Ron Kirk
Scott Lantier Jameson
Roy H. Williams

County	Groom
1558	148
551	51
18	0
4	1

Justice, Supreme Court Place 1

Mike Schneider
Linda Yanez
Quannah Parker

County	Groom
1501	136
488	35
70	4

Justice Supreme Court Place 2

Deja Walnwright
Jim Parsons
Brad Rockwell

County	Groom
1454	121
584	51
13	0

Justice, Supreme Court Place 3 Unexpired Term

Wallace B. Jefferson
William E. Moody

County	Groom
1382	106
688	65

Justice Supreme Court, Place 4 Unexpired Term

Steven Wayne Smith
Margaret Mirabal

County	Groom
1408	110
818	60

Justice Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1

Tom Price
John W. Bull
Stephan Kinsella
Robert C. (Rob) Owen

County	Groom
1482	131
516	36
22	1
18	0

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2

Paul Womack
Pat Montgomery

County	Groom
1433	127
580	37

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3

Cathy Cochran
J.R. Molina
Ollie Ruth Jefferson

County	Groom
1529	136
487	32
14	1

Member State Board of Education, District 15

Bob Craig
David Schaeffer
Brent A. Russenberger

County	Groom
1259	122
599	48
38	4

State Senator, District 28

Robert Duncan
Jon Ensor

County	Groom
1822	142
81	6

State Representative District 87

David Swinford
Jesse Quackenbush

County	Groom
1470	143
863	55

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District

Phil Johnson
Floyd Holder

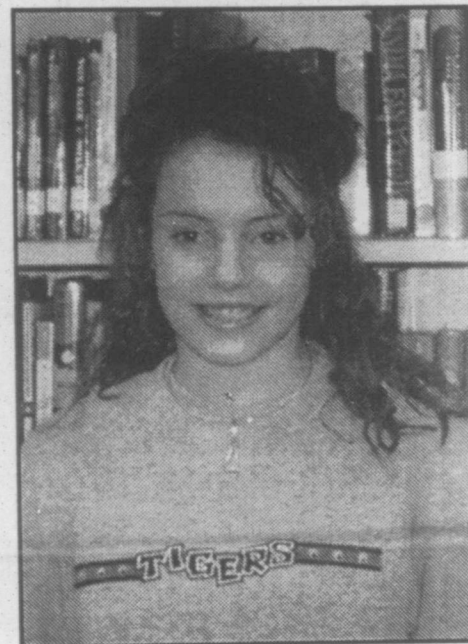
County	Groom
1425	129
543	37

County Judge

Lewis Powers

County	Groom
1741	177

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Katy Britten Wins 2nd Place In State Fiction Contest

Katy Britten, freshman daughter of Hop and Jan Britten was recently notified that she won 2nd place in a state-wide fiction writing contest sponsored by The Texas Book Festival in association with the University Interscholastic League and the Texas Council of Teachers of English. Britten entered the contest last year as an eighth grader. The theme

for the piece was "Growing Up in Texas."

The contest was judge by authors Barbara Burnett Smith (Skeletons in Purple Sage), Edward Swift (Miss Spellbinder's Point of View), and Janice Woods Windle (True Women and Will's War), featured authors at the Texas Book Festival held November 16 and 17 at the state capital

See Katy, pg. 4



GROOM JUNIOR
High plays McLean on November 18 here at 6 p.m.



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Bazaar will be held November 24 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TIGERETTES KICKED off their season in Vega on Tuesday. Their next game is Friday in White Deer in 6:30. The boys also play in White Deer on Friday following the girl's game.

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1782	181
352	20

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Rick Perry
Tony Sanchez
Jeff Dabell
Rahul Mahajan

County	Groom
1562	149
514	39
82	10
	0

Lieutenant Governor

David Dewhurst
John Sharp
Mark David Gessner
Nathalie Paravictini

County	Groom
1321	102
781	93
34	2
7	0

Attorney General

Greg Abbott
Kirk Watson
Jon Roland
David Keith Cobb

County	Groom
1522	157
523	31
27	1
18	21

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Carole Keeton Rylander
Mary Adna
Bowie Lbarra
Ruben L. Reyes

County	Groom
1725	174
378	24
17	0
14	2

Commissioner of The General Land Office

Jerry Patterson
David Bernsen
Barbara A. Hernandez
Michael B. Melneray

County	Groom
1278	99
683	77
48	5
10	1

Commissioner of Agriculture

Susan Combs
Tom Ramsay
Vincent J. May
Jane Woodward Eloeff

County	Groom
1561	150
517	44
14	0
7	0

Railroad Commissioner

Michael L. Williams
Sherry Boyles
Nazirite R. Flores Perez
Charles L. Mauch

County	Groom
1389	111
648	68
17	2
13	1

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

Tom Phillips
Richard G. Baker
Eugene J. Flynn

County	Groom
1495	
542	
33	

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It's A Boy!

John Keaton Ruthardt was born November 9, 2002 to Ken and Missy Ruthardt of Hampton, VA. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his three year old "Big Sister" Taylor, who calls him "Honey."

Keaton is the thirteenth grandchild of Louis and Judy Ruthardt of Groom and the second grandchild of John and Carol Petterson of Kill Devil, North Carolina.

It's A Boy!

Ethan Cole was welcomed to the Babcock family on October 2, 2002 at 3:08 p.m. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 3/4" long.

Proud dad and mom are Clint and Kim Babcock. Happy grandparents are Bill and Annis Stavenhagen of Clarendon, Texas and Kenny and Linda Babcock of Groom. Great grandparent is Johnnie Stout also of Clarendon.

Dara Whatley was recently recognized at a ceremony at the Rawls College of Business on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Dara was awarded a certificate of merit for academic excellence for being placed on the honor roll each semester and summer.

Charlotte Whatley accompanied Dara to a reception to recognize her as an honor designee on November 1, 2002.

Dara has also been officially selected to the 2002 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges at Texas Tech University.

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Dara was escorted by her brother C.J. Whatley of Roswell, New Mexico to the Who's Who Recognition Reception on Sunday, November 3 at the Market Alumni Center on the campus of Texas Tech.

Congratulations Dara on a job well done!

SICK LIST
 Ray Pool, Roman Friemel

Card of Thanks

As football season comes to a close, I wanted to offer a big thank you to several members of our community who helped make this football season a success.

First of all, a big thanks to the staff and administration at Groom ISD. The support and kind words were much appreciated. The Groom High School cheerleaders and Stephanie Tucker, who spent many hours making sure that the halls were decorated and that weekly activities were fun for the entire student body. Thank you to Curtis Downs who did an outstanding job filming our games. Thanks to Kelvin Ollinger, Donny Conrad and Tony Treadwell who worked as our chain gang and looked very sharp in their nice red vest. Thank you to Steve Hutsell and Shirley Fields who took care of duties in the press box. Thanks go to the Groom Ambulance Service who did a fine job in keeping our hearts calm in time of need. Thank you Chance Barkley and Mike Portugal who served as our managers and helped out enormously. Thanks Trevor Friemel and

Ben Thompson who were our ball boys this year. Thank you Jim Burton who did a fine job taking care of our athletic facilities, to Cindy Babcock who helped paint the field for home games, to Debbie Ollinger who spent many hours spreading school spirit, and to Marcia Conrad and Nila Burgin and the rest of the booster club who continue to support Groom Athletics. Thanks also go to Seth Ritter and Corky Hickey for doing the stats. A big thank you to the parents of all our players. Thank you for your trust to work with some of your most prized possessions. You have done a fine job with these boys, and I know that they have a fine future in front of them.

Again, thank you to everyone in the community who came together to make this season run smoothly.

Sincerely,
 Coach Toby Tucker

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McLaughlin Writes Letter To The Editor

Dear Friends,

I was invited to the High School Thursday evening because the President of the School Board wished to address the concerns that I had in my letter to the editor last week. Cliff Britten, Mr. Noack and Denny Babcock were waiting for me when I arrived. I must say that I had few misconceptions about the meeting but had hoped it would be an open exchange of ideas and alternatives to the property tax that I had not been in favor of. I quickly realized the agenda was to include a line-by-line critique of my letter. I felt comfortable in meeting the challenges of anything they might offer about my letter in spite of the three to one tag team before me. It seemed that they were attempting to find ways to discredit my statements and they attempted to admonish me for my letter's criticism.

As is my nature, I offered my handshake to each. I strive to maintain a humble attitude and hope that my ego does not negatively affect how I treat people or how I make decisions. Denny, Cliff and Mr. Noack made their purpose clear from the start and began their critique by challenging my letter's statement that they were ill prepared to discuss budget issues at the property tax meeting. I asked them if they had prepared to discuss budget issues. Their answer was no.

In my estimation that

means they were ill prepared and the time we spent discussing that issue was wasted time. I was next challenged by Mr. Babcock that my letter included severe accusations and that my comments at last weeks board meeting was voted on included allegations of misappropriation of funds and that I must substantiate the claims. I advised him that I was not obliged to substantiate anything to him.

He did admit that he was working on hearsay and was not at that meeting which in my estimation was the most important of this year for a board member to attend. I made no such allegations at that meeting and remember that Cliff Britten thanked me for my comments when I had finished speaking. It was almost as if Cliff had not heard Denny's admonishment to me because he next said that he only had one person get out of line at that meeting and that he should have cut that person off earlier than he did. The next discussion turned to my letter's inflammatory remarks about getting horribly inadequate and reluctantly provided budget data in the past. After my veracity was questioned, I was advised that anyone has a right to free access to any budget and spending information at the school so I requested the past three years' ending budget, as well as a list of expenditures

since the beginning of the year. I was told that this would be provided to me when the books are returned from the auditor. It seemed important to them that I was the only one that had experienced problems from the school and when

asked, I provided them a name of another citizen who is currently experiencing the same problem. They admitted they knew about his requests. How many examples does this school board need? I told the group that if they educated the community with budget information supporting their decisions that it would lessen the division in the community. I was immediately informed that except for a very few like me who wanted budget information, most just wanted to be told what to do next. I guess he was talking about those that were in favor of the tax. If Denny had been at the tax meeting, he might have seen how many were interested. I was next admonished for my criticisms by Cliff Britten and was told that they were disappointed that I would write a letter that would divide the whole community.

I did express that I was sorry that they felt that way but it seems to me that most of the community was divided at the end of their board meeting when they ignored overwhelming requests to not impose the property tax.

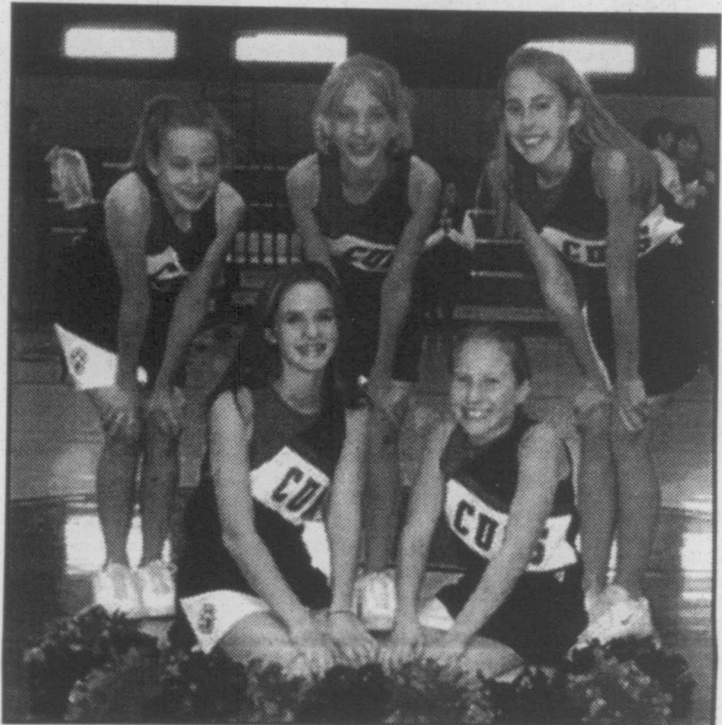
I expected that my letter to the editor would spark conversation but it was only intended to express my observations of the meeting, past experience in dealing with the school and a couple of recommendations about consolidating work and eliminating athletics. You might wonder why I would sit through their abuse as I did.

I can assure you it was

not a pleasant experience for them either. I stayed because I wanted something positive to come from the meetings and to discuss their positions on my recommendations to combine administrative work and the administration of athletics. I can tell you that the discussion did not go into great detail but I can safely say that those who were present are convinced

that combining the work is not reasonable and they expressed a belief that if athletics are cut out then we will lose the High School. I am not convinced of that. I know the board feels frustrated with my criticism but the community needs to remain engaged in these issues. I have asked them for a leadership that will educate the community better about this budget

crisis but any good leader must be listening to those that follow. Most people, unless they have some interest, refuse to blindly follow. When you speak out, do not let anyone make you feel intimidated. I have had worse experiences in a principal's office, its just been a few decades... Forrest McLaughlin



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Groom Tigers Close 2002 Football Season With Loss To McLean

The Groom Tigers ended their 2002 football campaign with a 60-40 loss to the McLean Tigers last Thursday in Groom.

"Anyone that was at the game could just see that our boys fought as hard as they could until the very end."

Groom jumped out to an early 16-0 lead behind the legs of Doug Fields who finished with 265 yards and two touchdowns on the

night. Other Tigers who scored on the night were Brett Britten who scored on a one-yard touchdown run. Cody Babcock chipped in with a 55-yard touchdown reception from Doug Fields. Kelby Noack scored twice. Once on a 67-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the other on a 35-yard pass from Doug Fields.

"I am really proud of our Seniors," said Coach

Tucker. "They went out and battled their guts out all season long. They had to face lot of adversity and always were able to band as a unit and fight through whatever was thrown at them"

Groom ends the season with a 2-8 record.

**GO
TIGERS**

Junior High Ends Season With Win

Groom Cubs ended their 2002 season with a resounding win against McLean 20-0. This was the fourth consecutive win for the boys. They have shown steady improvement throughout the year.

Blaine Britten scored Groom's first touchdown on the night on a four yard run.

Thane Barkley sprinted 30 yards to score a touchdown.

Blaine Britten carried the pigskin 40 yards for the final touchdown. He also scored two extra points during the course of the

game.

"I was very proud of the boys," said Coach Jym Dennis. "Their defense was outstanding this week. They have really come a long way in their passing game, too," he continued.

The Cubs will be losing four starting players to high school next year. "We have some sixth and seventh grade players who will have no trouble stepping up," said Dennis. "They have steadily improved throughout the year. This has been a very good season, and I have greatly enjoyed working with this group of boys."

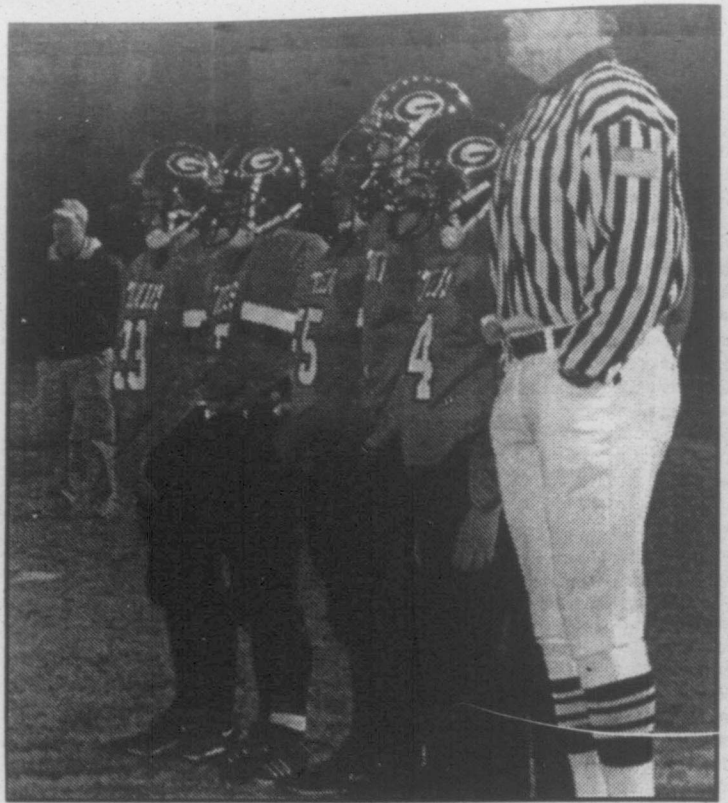
KATY

in Austin.

Entries were judged in three divisions grades 7-8, grades 9-10 and grades 11-12. Use of dialog, character development, setting, plot, conflict and resolution were all judging points. Only three entries per school were allowed.

Katy won a \$100 gift card for her second place story. Mrs. Shirley Fields was her teacher and sponsor. No other student in the Texas panhandle area placed in any category.

Congratulations to Katy Britten on this tremendous honor!



Groom Tiger teammates look on while their captains meet in the middle of the field for the coin toss.



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Carson County Sheriff's Deputies Make Arrests

A tip from a citizen who became suspicious of a man he had assisted on the interstate led Sheriff Gary Robertson to a stolen vehicle the man had been driving. The man admitted to being in possession of the vehicle and said he had borrowed the vehicle from another man in Arizona. He further said he was aware the vehicle was stolen but needed a way to get back home to Oklahoma. It looks like he will be late getting home.

Officers assisted with a landing zone on Hwy 60 west of Lec switch and aided a second ambulance get through traffic en route to the hospital in Amarillo. Both patients had received burns after an explosion at a residence in Pampa. One of the patients had to be flown to the burn center in Lubbock for treatment.

Deputy Drew Brassfield arrested a man after a routine traffic stop on I-40 after it was learned the man had outstanding warrants out of Oklahoma and several other jurisdictions.

Fire crews from White Deer, Groom and Panhandle were called to fight a grass fire south of White Deer. The fire was a control burn that had gotten out of hand.

A one-car rollover sent one of three occupants to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries after the car rolled over when a tire blew out.

DPS troopers arrested two people after they were found to be carrying 85 lbs. of marijuana. Both were booked into the Carson County Jail.

Sheriff's deputies assisted the Panhandle Police Department with a man at a residence in Panhandle when a man who has been diagnosed as being a paranoid schizophrenic and had not been taking his medication which caused him to be violent. It was agreed he would take his medication

and was allowed to remain at his residence without any further actions.

A domestic in Groom ended peacefully and no arrests had to be made.

Should you be the victim of abuse or know of anyone who is having difficulties with spousal abuse or child abuse, call our office. We can provide the names of agencies of places where you can get help. We do not need your name if you are calling in behalf of someone else.

Groom EMS responded to a call at a residence on FM Road 2880 when a family member found another family member lying on the floor and appeared to be confused as to his whereabouts. The man was transported to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Deputy Drew Brassfield answered a call in Skellytown of two runaways who ended up in Pampa. Through the persistence of Deputy Brassfield and the assistance of the Gray County Sheriff's Department, the two runaways were located and taken to the Sheriff's office in Gray County where they were met by the grandparents and the juvenile authorities.

Another call in Skellytown sent an ambulance to a residence for a person who had taken ill. The person was transported to the hospital in Pampa for treatment.

The White Deer City Marshal arrested a woman in White Deer for DWI and booked her into the Carson County Jail.

There are presently nine persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail.

That's all for this week, please be safe and have a great week and remember, "A fight is the first thought of a savage and the last thought of a gentleman."

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS HOLD MEETING

Christian Mothers met at the home of Kay Britten on Monday, November 11, at 7 p.m. A delicious meal was served by hostesses Laura Kuehler and Carla Koetting.

The annual Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, November 24. A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Craft booths will be open from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Christian Mothers will also sponsor a bake sale during this time. Raffle tickets are on sale for a nativity set and an overnight stay at the Ambassador Hotel with an evening meal at the Outback Steakhouse. Members are asked to bring craft items and baked goods. Circle chairmen will be calling members. Please be ready with a yes!

The following events have been scheduled:

- General church cleaning on Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m. All members are asked to help.
- Penitential Service for adults and children will be held on Wednesday, December 11.
- Father Hector Madrigal will speak December 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Sunday on cultural differences.
- The children's Christmas program will be December 18 at 7 p.m.
- Church decorating for Christmas will take place during the month of December. The meeting adjourned in prayer.

GROOM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Week of November 18-22

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk

Friday: Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk

LUNCH:

Monday: Fajitas, lettuce and tomato, peaches and milk

Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, pineapple, Texas toast and milk

Wednesday: Corn dogs, tater tots, applesauce, pickle spears and milk

Thursday: Stew, fruit cocktail, crackers, corn bread and milk

Friday: Barbecue on a bun, french fries, pears, pickle spears and milk

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Kenneth Ware	494	
Justice of the Peace, Precinct Number 1		
Bill Hinson	218	172
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2		
Phyllis Tyler	967	

Junior High Kicks Off Basketball Season

Groom Junior High kicked off their basketball season Monday, November 11 with their opening match against Lefors. Groom brought home a pair of wins with the girls winning 63-9 and the boys winning 32-21.

In the girls game, Kirsten Fraser lead the scoring with 18 points. Kecia Howard added another 16 points to the scoreboard. Karla Howard earned 14, Whitney Evenson 11, Amanda

Chaney 2, and Michaela Roskens, 2. Other members of the team are Berklee Ruthardt, Brandie Bates and Ellen Leven.

In the boys game, Chad Barkley was high point with 10. Blaine Britten added 9. Thane Barkley gained 6 for the Cubs as did Kendall Weller. Trevor Friemel scored one point. Other members of the team are Kelton Weller, Cade Brown, Brett Friemel and Tyler Frascr.

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—Anna Pavlova

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell were in Groom visiting and running errands on Tuesday.



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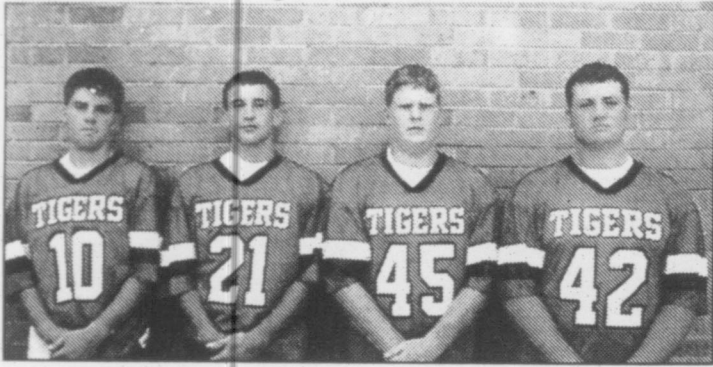
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Seniors End High School Football Career



The 2002 Groom High School Football Seniors Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, Cody Babcock and Brett Britten

The Groom High School football program said goodbye to four outstanding seniors with the end of the season last week. These players have done an outstanding job of providing leadership for the Tigers this year and will be missed in the season to come.

Doug Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fields, led the team in yards gained this year. He rushed for 1209 yards, received for 54 yards, passed for 284 yards and had 439 yard on kickoff returns for a grand

total of 1986 yards and 12 touchdowns. Defensively, he tallied 83 unassisted tackles.

Brett Britten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Britten and Laura Moran, also had a great year. He rushed for 70 yards, received for 61 yards and had 43 yards on kickoff returns for a total of 290 yards. He scored one touchdown. Brett had 46 unassisted tackles and also had an interception on the defense.

Cody Babcock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Babcock. He gained 63 yards, had a touchdown and completely 20 unassisted tackles.

Lance Ollinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Ollinger. He received for 17 yards, passed for six yards and gained 190 yards punting. Defensively, he had 14 tackles for the year.


"It has been a real pleasure working with this group of boys," said Coach Toby Tucker. "They will be sorely missed next year."



Doug Fields carries the ball for a touchdown during the final home game of the season against the McLean Tigers.



Captains Cody Babcock and Lance Ollinger listen to instructions from the referee and meet their McLean counterparts before the game



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NAP covers crops damaged by severe weather that result in a loss of 50 percent or greater. Losses are generally determined by percentage of loss compared to the producer's actual yield history. Lost production eligible for payment is paid at 55 percent of crop value.

"Producers interested in obtaining crop insurance on perennial pastures should visit their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to complete an application for their 2003 acres," said Winegeart. "Producers with acreage in multiple counties should be aware that carrying capacities for pasture acres covered under NAP may vary by state and by county, so they need to check with their local FSA offices for details," he added.


The December 1, 2002 deadline to purchase NAP coverage also applies to persons who have an existing policy and want to

renew their coverage for 2003.

For detailed NAP information and applicant eligibility criteria, contact

the Carson County office at 806-537-3533 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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