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The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Prairie Flowers to the downtown area with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured are (left to right) Ann Pierce, Tammy Armbrister, Deana Sparks, Mindy Reeves, Ben Reeves and President Vonda Averett.



wnie Troop #126 members gather for a photo. Bottom row l to r: Marissa elin, Caitlin Mantooth, Nancy Castillo, Sami Staton, Suzanne Howard and Katy una. Top row l to r: Brownie Leader Amy Herring, Little Helper Bailey Herring, ah Shackelford, Tammy Syfrett, Jamie Sanderson, Amanda Loya, Amber Staton, ory Crawford and Jessica Skipper.

# Girl Scout Troop Sets Mark

The McLean/Alanreed wownie Troop #126 is to a great start! rrently registered are girls in grades 1, 2 1 3. The girls meet 1-2 times a month for an hour each time and do activities that they like or think they might be interested in. This year, girls want to go places in the surrounding area like Camp Mel Davis for an overnight campout Wonderland and to Park in Amarillo. Also during the year, the girls may go to different council scheduled programs where the girls can learn how to make pottery, learn how to cook on a vagabond stove and even spend the night at the Discovery Center in Amarillo. The Discovery Center trip is always a treat and something the

girls look forward to. They learn more about science, see a movie, have munchies, and spend the night with the munchies, rest of the girls. The council also offers other great educational and fun programs for the girls.

Registration is year long, Odom.

### Scent Of Candles. Fresh Flowers Sign Of New Store Opening In McLean

The scent of candles and fresh flowers filled the air as a new store, Prairie Flowers, opened for it's first day of business on October 11, 1999.

Ben and Mindy Reeves who moved here from San Jose, California, where they lived for 29 where they lived for 29 years, are the new owners of the shop. Benser up in McLean and is returning to his roots. Ben is a brother to Bill Reeves of McLean. Ben and Mindy have two children, a daughter that lives in Pasadena, Colifering and a con that lives in Pasadena, manager s discussed is finishing his last year at West Mount College in Santa Barbara, The flo

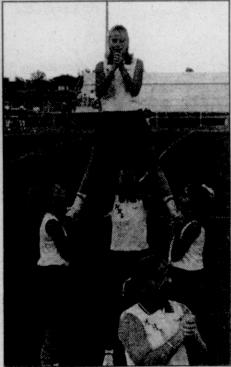
for the Reeves'. "We want to give the highest quality at the lowest price we can to help the price we can to help unpeople in McLean be able to shop in McLean," able to shop in McLean, able to sh

stated Deana. The shop will carry consignments, fresh and silk flowers, fudge, silver jewelry, candles and quilts.

Other plans for the shop include artists giving classes in the back to the community and having a Prairie Flower garden with native flowers as well as iris and roses. During the Christmas season, a live manager scene is being discussed with the help of local churches and volunteers.

California.

Deana Sparks will be opened Monday manage Prairie Flowers through Friday; 8 a.m. to The flower shop will 5 p.m.



so if you are interested, please contact Amy Herring or Beverly Simmons, Sara Hall, Cesily Cadra, Annie Weaver.

MCLEAN REMINDERS

JR. HIGH CUBS play Samnorwood, here, today at 5:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL meets tonight at

THE TIGERS will travel to Samnorwood Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

THE SCHOOL Board will meet October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken October 20.

NO SCHOOL on October 26 for Teacher In-Service.

HARVEST KING & Queen Coronation Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

HAUNTED Hospital October 30.

PIONEER STUDY Club meets today at 2:00 p.m. in the Library.

FAMILY Portraits, Oct. 30th. Call 779-2075 after 3:00 p.m. for more information.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet October 21 at 2 pm in the home of Mary Dwyer.

#### Tigers 45 Run Vernon **NS Friday**

The McLean Tigers sent Northside team home before the clock ran out of time on Friday night because of the 45 point rule. The Tigers defeated Northside with a score of 66-16 raising their record to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in district

Aaron Rice led the Tigers in rushing with 104 yards in eight carries Brett Montgomery had a 46 yard run for the team 46 yard run to another touchdown. Aaron Rice See Tigers, pg, 9

Prairie Flowers establishment had over 80 people for the grand opening. The rand opening. The vinners of the door rizes were Judy Lee, prizes fresh flower arrangement; Mason Reynolds, stuffed animal; and Julie Ferguson with a animal; and Ferguson wi Christmas plaque.

Cross Country

Annie Weaver medaled at 15th place out of over 80 participants Saturday at the Shamrock Cross Country meet

Annie has Annie has been participating in Cross Country all season. Her time for the Shamrock meet was 13.43. She will travel to Wellington on October 16.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries October 14

Terry.
October 15 - Monty
Long, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs.
Fuller (A).
October 16 - Rose
Hall, Morris Brown.
October 17 - Vivian

October 17 - Vivian
Grigsby.
October 18 - Muriel
Moore, Mr. and
Ruben Flores (A).
October 19 - Justin
Myers, Shawn Myers,
Billie Joe Skipper,
Deborah Thomas Beaty.
October 20 - Jessica
Dee Fish, Lindsy Dwyer.
October 21 - Walter
Evans, Lloyd Littlefield,
Tammy Hanes, Sue
Burrow.

McLean Briefs

The ladies of Assembly were enjoying lunch at the Red River Steak House to celebrate Paula Newton's birthday. Oh, Quinton and the kids were there too only at another table.

McLean School Menu October 18-22

Monday
Breakfast: Hot or cold
cereal, toast, fruit, juice,

Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ on bun,

French fries, vegi sticks, pickle spears, cake, milk. Wednesday Breakfast: French toast sticks, ham, fruit, juice,

Lunch: Pizza, corn cob, salad, fruited jello, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Breakfast pockets or toast and jelly,

fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Breakfast: rolls, toast & jelly, fruit,

juice, milk.

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese with ham, blackeyed peas, salad, Texas toast, pudding,

Forrest Lee Billingsley

Forrest Lee Billingsley f Enid, Oklahoma passed away October 5, 1999.

Mr. Billingsley born July 19, 1919.

He is survived by his wife Robbie of the home, son Forrest, Jr. of Enid and son Edgar Lee

Golf Championship

The following results to for the golf held golf championship h October 9, 1999.

Men's Championship Flight: Bob Martin 71, Casper Smith 75, Bobby Richardson, 76, Darrel

Longest Drive #3
Cathy Hembree, Longest
Drive #9 Cathy Hembree,
Closest to Pin #5 Terri Drive

Appreciation was expressed to Junior and Doris Windom for the Appreciation Skins game on Sunday 10, 1999.

Bailey Texas, one sister, Betty Hobbs of Shamrock and four brothers, Joe, Clarence and Lewis of McLean Penrose, Colorado. Also several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

of

Memphis,

Lee 79, Andy Glass 79,

Bob Glass 80.
First Flight: Buck Lee 86, Jesse Cooper Marshal Hanes 88.

Second Flight: Monty Joiner 94, Corey Don Richardson 94, Roy 96, Richardson 105, Casey Cooper 10 Cooper 115.

Longest driv Monty Joiner. drive drive #1 Richardson. Bobby pin #5 Darrel Lee.

Ladies Championship

Terri Hall 82, Cathy Richardson 91, 90. Cooper

The library got a new roof this week.

Mary Janice Cliett AndersonPassed Away July 23, 1999

Janice Cliett Anderson, home.

67, of Roswell, New Other survivors

Mexico, passed away July 23, 1999. No service was held. held. Her buried in were Cemetery, Hillcrest

McLean, Texas.

Janice was born July
7, 1932 in McLean, Texas to Austin E. and Dolly Mae Wise Stafford. Her parents preceded her in death.

she married Eugene Anderson September 26, 1994 in Roswell. He survives her at the family

Other survivors include brothers, Wayne Winters, Stafford Texas: Don Stafford of Chandler, Texas and Jack Stafford of Skellytown,

Janice was a Roswell resident since 1976 and had owned and operated Jewel Box Fashions for 25 years. Methodist. She was a

Arrangements were by LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Roswell, New Mexico.

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> With Love, Marye Thomas

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#### Thank You Card

As I try to find a way to say thank you for all of your prayers, food and phone calls, and at the same time try to figure out why this kind of thing happens to us when we least want it to, this verse comes to my mind. Consider it pure

brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops persever ance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, lacking anything. James 2-4.
Thank you

Thank you, Ike Hanes And Family

#### Tigers Wallop Vernon

scored with a 45 yard pass for Tiger teammate Chris Hauck. Frankie Sparling also added to the scoreboard with a 5



dents Of The Week October 4 Statems of the Week October 4 - October of Kindergarten Britnie Cooper, 1st Grade Sami Staton, 2nd Grade Jessi Skipper, 3rd Grade Tobey Focken, 4th Grade Trey Skipper, 5th Grade Erin Bailey, 6th Grade Justin Wehrenberg. 7th Grade Tyler Hanes, 8th Grade D.J. Graybeal

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five extra point kicks. "The coaching staff is proud of the way the kids played," stated Coach Blaze Herring. "Our big showdown will be Friday night against Samnorwood." Samnorwood and McLean

are the top two teams in district. The winner of the big match will have an edge for first place in district play.

The game 7:30 p.m. at Samnorwood on October 15. Come out, support the Tigers.

#### McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 779-2902 & 779-2221 Sunday School all ages 9:30am
Worship 10:45 am
Night & Youth Service 7:00 pm
Wed. Adult Bible Study &
Royal Rangers & Missionettes for Kids: 7:00 pm

4th & Clarendon **Church of Christ** 779-2548

Sunday Bible School 10 am Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm Wed Rible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st 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

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Pictured are Adam Johnston #21, son of Jack Johnston, He is a freshman and plays end, defensive and defensive line (right) Josh back. Seymour #4, son of Doug and Sally He is a Seymour. freshman and lays right and defensive back back.



Go Tigers!

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Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study
Club met Thursday,
October 7th in the Lovett
Memorial Library. Susie Thompson, hostess, served delicious refreshments of blueberry muffins, banana chocolate marble and mocha coffee.

Members present were:
Mary Dwyer, Margaret
Grogan, Mickey Jackson,
Wanda Lamb, Ruth Wanda Lamb, Ruth
Magee, Beverly Odom,
Mary Powell, Ella Mae
Reyna, Mindy Reeves,
Susie Thompson, Ruth
Trew, Nama Webb, and
Mary Emma Woods.
Guests present were Jack
Reyna, Pat Stubbs and
Shiner Webb.
Wanda Lamb, presented Odom

Wanda Lamb presented an uplifting book review on "Club Sandwich, Goes Great with Chicken Soup" by Jess Moody. "Club Sandwich" is a collection of best to you hungry for more!
Jess Moody is a
professional storyteller professional storyteller and public speaker. For many years he pastored Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, California.

Mrs. Lamb shared "Club excerpts from "Club Sandwich," "Mother's Last Date" with Burt
Reynolds, "Little Boy
Dreams" and "The Thou
Place." Place." Mrs. Lamb pointed out that in "The Thou Place" chapter, she was acquainted with the family and em from Hammon mentioned remembered them their time in Littlefield, Texas. We all need a "Thou Place." A "thou place or thing, is that which communicates memories, emotions or experiences that are stimulating or precious to you. What are your "Thou places?"

Pioneer Study Club meeting adjourned with this thought, the happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing are the same things.

Next meeting will be October 21st in the home of Mary Dwyer. Each member needs to bring an "early day trinket" for

#### "A Salute To The Ozark Jubilee'

The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company, a Floydada-based entertainment troupe, will make its fifth appearance at the Gem Theatre in Claude, Texas on Saturday, October 16th Claude, Texas on Saturday, October 16th and will take pride in presenting a new generation of performers from the Panhandle Area. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for the family oriented

variety show.
The theme for this 84th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the theatre in Claude is a "Tribute to the Ozark Jubilee," a Red Foley-produced, country-variety radio show based at one time Springfield, Missouri.

The Grays will offer a fun-filled, two-hour variety show - this time with a country music theme. All in all, this should be the greatest anniversary celebration to date at the Gem Theatre

#### Cancer Center Presents Support Group The Women's Center at

the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women in Touch" support group will meet on October 18, 1999 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The program in October will be presented by William Robinson, by MD.

#### McLean Alanreed Area Museum News By Dorthey McKee

For the month of September the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 165 visitors from 22 had 103 states and 4 foreign states and Switzerland, countries; Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Austria and Germany. It very nice to have It was group from Amarillo, the Saniorilo Sams Club Chapter around the 22nd of September.

Everyone missed a good time and learning more about the museum if you didn't attend the 30th annual celebration in September. Members from the Chamber of Commerce presented the museum with a very nice plaque of appreciation.
They were Terri Adams,
Rhonda Everett and

Diana Roosa. Music was provided by Jim Reyna thank and appreciate them.

Special guests were Mary Emma Woods and former Board members Fayette Ben W.A. Bentley, Zen-

Everyone had a great

#### Card Of Thanks

Bill and I would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts, cards, visits and prayers for him while he was in the hospital. He is home recuperating We are blessed to have such now. wonderful family and friends. Bill & Billie Kingston

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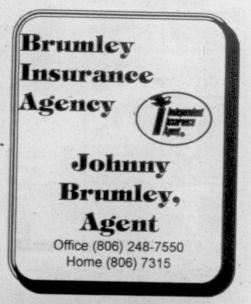
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# Hot Air Balloons Draw Hundreds To Cross Event

Several hundred area residents, and motorists from I-40 assembled Sunday evening just as the sun went down in the west to enjoy the sight of hot air balloons glowing at the Cross in Groom.

Groom.

The Christian Hot-Air
Balloon Glow was in
conjunction with Respect
Life Month. Earlier
Sunday afternoon, a walk,
started at Immaculate
Heart of Mary Church in
Groom and ended at the
Cross where a service
was held. Several

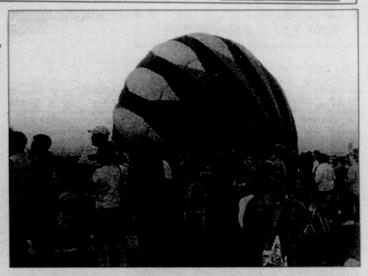
members of the Knights of Columbus accompanied dignitaries in the walk from the church and observed Benediction in the shadow of the Cross. Prayers were recited and songs were presented at the gathering. Speakers added to the overall Christian atmosphere.

The wonderful fall weather complimented the sight of four balloons raising up, slowly filling with air against the background of the 190-foot cross. Once standing, operators burned

the gas fire inside, creating a glow that complemented the setting sun on the horizon.

Monday morning around 9:00 a.m. five hot-air balloons including one of a massive figure of Christ lifted into the crisp morning air. It was an awesome sight to many who had never witnessed hot-air balloons at such a close range.

The event was a family oriented and for many a Christian event. Several hundred spectators enjoyed both the evening glow and the morning lift off.



The beautiful autumn weather set the festive mood of several hundred people as they waited for the giant hot air balloons to take flight over the Texas Plains. The spectacular colors along with a beautiful sunset made the evening unforgettable.

## **Tigers Defeat Follett Panthers**

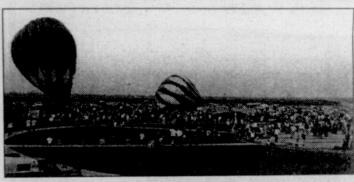


Chris Ollinger #35 helps the Tigers obtain victory against the Panthers.

The Groom Varsity team defeated the Follett Panthers 40-14 in last Friday's contest.

Groom's stats show that the Tigers had 16 first downs to the Panthers 8. The Tigers recorded 41 carries for 246 yards while Follett had 25 carries for -7 yards. In the passing game Groom had 10 passes with 3 completions for 63 yards while Follett had 34 passes, completing 15 for 213 yards, 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. Groom punted twice for an average of 27.50 yards.

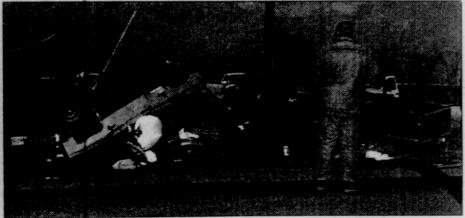
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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# Accident Claims Life Of White Deer Man



Emergency Response Teams from Groom, White Deer, and Skellytown answer a call for help at the scene of a deadly accident last week near White Deer. See the story on page 5.

IF YOU HAVE a local brief, contact the News Office, 248-7333.

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on Oct 22. This will include Senior pictures, football, cheerleader, and homecoming candidate pictures. Pre-Schoolers are also invited to have pictures made at 8:30 a.m. Re-takes will be on Nov. 10.

THE DISTRICT Marching Contest will be held on Sat., Oct. 16 in the Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. The Groom band will perform at 9:12 a.m. THERE WILL be an immunization clinic at the Groom School on October 14, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

THERE WILL be NO Jr. High Football game this week.

JV FOOTBALL at Ft. Elliott beginning 5:30 pm.

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Charlotte Whatley the Panhandle Emergency Medical Services meeting in Amarillo on October 5 and the PIC committee meeting the following day. These meetings were held at the AMS station

Robert Farley was visiting in Groom in Groom Robert is the friends Tuesday. Robert is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Farley, pioneer residents of Groom.

Stephany Fraser was an A Honor Roll member rather than A-B.

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## Local Happenings

Downs Receives
Award At Pantex
Dondra Downs was
recently the recipient of a General Manager's Achievement Award from Day Zimmerman Mason and Hanger Corporation at the Pantex Plant. She was recognized for her efforts in coordinating, arranging, and conducting official tours and VIP visits to the Pantex Plant. William Weinreich, eral Manager, General indicated in presenting the award to Dondra and Carolyn Bowman Amarillo, that that their endeavors only not entailed orchestrating the schedules for the visitors, but involved many after hours efforts to ensure the visit was successful. He went on to say, "We

have lots of visitors at Pantex and first impressions are lasting and important, and they are the best. The award was presented at the annual Employee Awards Banquet at the Amarillo Civic Center this last week.

Milton and Dorothy Thompson took Rip and Joy Snyder to the V.A. Hospital when Rip was having a check up on

Scholarship Recipients Announced

Wyatt Weinheimer of Groom was among sixty-one West Texas A&M University students who will receive Mesa Scholarships for Academic Excellence 1999-2000 year. Wyatt is a freshman

mathematics major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Weinheimer of

Groom.
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Mesa Established by Mesa provided by Mesa Limited Partnership, the were first scholarships were first awarded in 1987 and are given to reward and recognize freshmen and continuing undergraduate students who portray high academic standards.

"Recipients of the

Mesa Scholarships provide leadership for the University," Lila Vars, director of admissions, director of admissions, said. "The students are looked at heavily on what activities they are involved in."

#### More Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder spent Monday in Wellington and visited Marshal and Louise Peters and Bernice Lancaster who is in the Nursing Wellington

Groom School Menu October 18-22

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: milk. dip, Burritoes, graham crackers, peaches, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritoes, hash brown potatoes, mash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, applesauce, milk. Thursday Breakfast: Riscuits, gravy bacon

Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch:

Superintendent's Corner By John Wilson Monday morning we at the school were fortunate enough to take the students to the balloon festival at the cross. It was an exciting experience for all of us, and has already spawned a number of new lessons on buoyancy, wind, and temperature. Our temperature. Our teachers truly took advantage of the event to find "teachable moments." It was also gratifying, as always, to watch our students. They were polite, interested, and thoroughly enjoyable to

Such events point out again that we have a unique and effective School Groom. All citizens of Roast, potato wedges, cooked carrots, spinach, hot rolls, rice krispie treats, milk.

Friday Breakfast.
Friday Breakfast.
Donuts, cinnamon rolls,
juice, milk. Lunch:
Cheeseburgers, pork &
heans, French fries,
chin cookies, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Margaret Whatley celebrated her 64th birthday with her children and grandchildren.

Attending the party were Sheila Whatley and Carol King from Amarillo, Debbie and Ron Tigg from Amarillo, Sharlene Lewis and Charlotte and Darrel Whatley from Groom plus several grandchildren.

Groom are a part of the school community, and all should have a part in decision making cess. Through your process. school board each person has a voice, and they are always responsive to the needs of students and to the desires of the community.
With the important

bond election coming in November, it is important that everyone who is eligible register to vote. You may register at the courthouse in Panhandle, or by mail. Applications for registration are available at the school. Remember that this is your school, and you should have a voice in its future.

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By Ace Reid



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Visitors to the Cross brought their lawn chairs and blankets as they awaited the ascension of the hot air balloons. Local restaurants and convenience stores reported a sharp increase in business.

# Groom Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 14 - Katie Talley. October 15 Dawn Marie Conrad, Stanley Seth Ritter. October 16 - Thomas

J. Moraniec, Jr., Dakata

Blake Crump, Kimberly Ruthardt. Ann Britten.
October 17 - Jeffery

Fields, Carol Shuck, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barker October 18 - Judith Ruthardt,

October 19 - System or ell. Ronald Dale Harrell. Fields. Jerome Weinheimer.
October 20 - Travis

Jeannie

Ruthardt, Johnny and

Mary Brooks (A). October 21 - Frances Britten.
October 2

#### NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION **NOVEMBER 2, 1999**

To the registered voters of the County of Carson, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., November 2, 1999, for voting in the Constitutional Amendment Election of the State of Texas.

#### LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES

Precinct 101

- St. Mary's Hall

- Groom

Precincts 103,201,202,301

- Carson County Library - Antler Gym

- Panhandle

Precincts 102 & 401 Precinct 402

Precinct 302

- Skellytown School

- White Deer - Skellytown

- Leo Gaines' Home

- Fritch

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. beginning October 18, 1999 through October 29, 1999.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Sonya Millican

Early Voting Clerk

PO Box 487

Panhandle, Texas 79068

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 26, 1999

Issued this the 4 day of Octalur , 1999.

Lewis W. Powers

Carson County Judge

#### JV Team **Beats Follett**

By Coach Brad Rainer The Tigers J.V. team defeated Follett 34-13 to bring their season record to 4-0. A thunderstorm to 4-0. A thunderstorm passed through the area last Thursday and delayed the start of the game. Once it finally began, the Tigers themselves got off to a slow start. They spotted Follett the lead by a touchdown, but after the first quarter the Tigers got their offense clicking and began to move the ball and put some points on the board. The offense has putting up good eers all season, but been putting numbers all on this night it was the defense that played very well and enabled the Tigers to get the victory. Follett's spread offense is difficult to defend because they put a lot of pressure on you and make you work so hard to contain them. Everyone played well, but our rushers really put a on a lot of pressure and made them do something before they wanted to. The Tigers were led on Wyatt the evening by Wyatt Britten, who had 3 tackles, 1 sack, 2 rushes for 8 yards, and scored

on an extra point run Hugh Weinheimer had 8 tackles and caught an extra point pass. Trey Britten had 5 rushes for yards and

touchdown run of 2 yards. He also caught a pass for 8 yards, had 8 tackles and recovered a fumble and returned it 55 vards for another ouchdown. Luke Pavlovsky intercepted a pass and also completed an extra point pass. Doug Fields ran the ball 6 times for 61 yards and a touchdown. His T.D. was on a 38 yard run He also added 12 tackles. Lance Ollinger recorded 2 tackles, Brett Britten had 1 tackle, and Cody Babcock had a tackle for the Tiger defense. Cody Bivens ran the ball 13 times for 142 yards and 2 touchdowns. He scored on runs of 38 yards, and 44 yards. He yards, and 44 yards. He completed a pass for 8 yards, had 3 tackles, returned a punt 10 yards, returned a kickoff 14 yards and kicked an extra

point.
The Tigers will try to continue their winning ways this week when they travel to Fort Elliott on Thursday, October 14.



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Junior High Football

Report
By Coach Brad Rainer
The Cubs suffered their first loss of the season last week at the hands of Follett. This dropped their record to 4-1 on the year. They played extremely hard and gave their best effort, but the Panthers were a big and talented team. Even though they didn't win, the Cubs made progress from the week before. The kids made some Positive plays and gave Follett a good game. The Panthers came into the contest undefeated and had to play well to beat the Cubs. The game was back and forth

early on with both teams scoring quickly, but after Groom scored their second touchdown, Follett held the Cubs to only a late touchdown making the final score 56-20. the final score 56-20. The Cubs moved the ball well in the game but came up a little short scoring several times. For the from more times. Cubs, Clay Britten ran the ball 16 times for 140 yards and 2 touchdowns. His scoring runs were from 46 yards and 59 6 yards and 59 He also had 4 yards. He also had 4 pass completions, 11 tackles, 1 punt for 54 yards and an extra point completion. Cody pass completion. Cody Schaffer had 2 rushes for 4 yards, 1 pass completion for 10 yards,

3 pass receptions, and recovered a fumble on a kickoff return and ran it the last 35 yards for the touchdown. Owen Weinheimer ran the ball 1 time for 2 yards, had 2 receptions for 16 yards, and had 5 tackles.

Calvin Schaffer ran 1 time for 5 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 38 yards, and an extra point yards, and an extra point reception. Chance Barkley had 2 tackles, 4 kickoff returns for 55 yards, and an extra point run. This was a tough game for the Cubs, they had to play a big and physical team, but it will make them better in the future. future.



#### Game

Garrett Britten reached pay dirt three times with runs of 7 yards, 12 yards, and 34 yards. He added 6 tackles to the victory.

Evan Crowell received

evan Crowell received one pass for 21 yards and had a 74 yard interception return for a touchdown and an interception with a 3 yard return. He yard yard return. He contributed 15 tackles to the defensive effort.

Chris Ollinger earned a touchdown with a 1 yard run. He had 7 carries for 43 yards on the night. He added 8 tackles to the tally and had one punt averaging 23 yards. He sacked the Panther quarterback twice.

Wade Ritter put on a 48 yard run for the last touchdown of the game. He had 12 runs for 88 yards in the game and had one punt that yards in the game and had one punt that averaged 32 yards. He also caught two passes for 42 yards. He earned 2 tackles.

Dewayne Gray had three tackles and rushed 6 times for 18 yards.

Quarterback Grant Weinheimer passed 10 times completing 3 for

63 yards.

Helping out the Tigers
were Dusty Crump with 1 quarterback sack, 1 fumble recovery and 5 tackles, Clay Ritter added 7 tackles to the win, Josiah Scott had 2 tackles as did Russell Dustin Conrad and Babcock had 1 tackle.

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Pictured left to right are Alpha Mu Xi President, Tina Painter, presenting the Sorority's annual "People Helping Award" to Tony Treadwell, John Bohr and Corkey Hickey. The awards were presented to credit Tony and John for their work during last winters ice storm and electrical outage. Corkey Hickey was also acknowledged with working in the storm and for his work with the Summer Youth Program in Groom.

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# Cross Country Girls Hold Meet In Shamrock

Groom's Varsity and Junior Varsity girls ran in the Shamrock Cross Country meet with some very good times very good times according to Coach Chris Sumrall. He said, "The girls did a great job and the seven top girls will run in the district meet on October 25 at McLean. They should be in contention for the District title."

In the JV Division of the meet Amanda Conrad placed 3rd with a time of 14.42. She was of 14.42. She was followed by Jill Britten in 4th place with a time

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of 14.42, Penny McMahon had a time of 14.46 for 5th place and Amanda Martin's time of 16.15 was good for 22nd place. place. The

The Varsity girls placed 4th overall in the meet with Carrie Davis coming in 17th with a time of place 13.45, time of Crowell Lauren Crowell placed 21st with a time of 13.49, Nichole Barnett placed 31st and a time of 13.57, Stacie Britten ran a 14.06 for 31st place and Jessica Kepley placed 32nd with a time of 14.09. Lauren

# Man Killed In Crash Near White Deer

Brandon Kade Hefner, 26, of White Deer was pronounced dead at the scene last Thursday after accident occurred iles north of White or on Farm to Market and 293 and County

my Lynn Franklin
mhandle was driving
on County road 13
29 a.m. when he
to stop at a stop
at the intersection.
The state of the state of Hefner's
Chevrolet pickup

and caused the Chevrolet to roll, slamming it into according to Department of Public Safety authorities.

Lynn Stark, 45, of White Deer was a passenger in Hefner's vehicle. passenger in riemer's vehicle. He was medivaced to Northwest Texas Hospital in critical condition. Franklin was not seriously injured.

Rescue and volunteers responded from White Dand Groom.

and Joy Snyder Les and Dora and Skeet and

Alene Brown, who are in Clarendon Nursing Home, on Saturday.

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By Gary Robertson, Sheriff

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Arrests for the week include: Richard A. the week 36, traffic Hageman, violation of Joseph L. parole; Matthews, Joseph L. ws, 41, driving intoxicated, 3rd; while S. Sargent, Bonita Bonita 5. fictitious 52 fictitious vehicle registration; John vehicle registration; John H. Heidelberg, 26, driving while intoxicated, 1st; Justin D. Lee, 26, driving while intoxicated, 1st; Ronnie D. Connally, 1st; Ronnie D. Connally, 24. driving while 24. driving while 24. 24, driving while intoxicated 1st; Jason B. Boyett, 21, public intoxication; Matthew G. Maul, 28, criminal criminal

#### **Groom Volunteer** Ambulance Service Welcomes New Staff Members

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The Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service has experienced it's share of high lew months. The

service is happy to announce that they are determined to survive. Staffing has improved with a Texas Department of Health variance. The variance allows Groom Volunteer Firemen to drive the ambulance with a certified Emergency Medical Attendant in the back.

Groom EMS would like to announce our roster of Charlotte personnel: Charlotte
Whatley EMT-Paramedic,
Doug Kling EMTParamedic, Kerry Jenkins EMT-Intermediate, Brent Stephens Craig Intermediate Howard EMT-Basic, Howard EMT-Basic, Lewis Leven EMT-Basic, Sabrina Leven EMT-Basic, James Miller EMT-Basic, Sharla Miller ECA, Pete Ham EMT-Basic and Greg Lambert EMT-Basic. John Bohr, Donald Burgin and Scott Fields recently retested and have returned to the retested

Firemen assisting with staffing of the Groom Ambulance are: Buck Babcock, John Bohr, Ambulance
Babcock, John Bohr,
Donald Burgin, Scott
Fields, Corkey Hickey,
Kerlee, Rick

Prather, alond Ruthardt, Glenn Smith and Tony Treadwell. Jason Prather and Pam

Gilson are currently attending classes for certification as a EMT-Basic and continue to assist as firemen.

In case of emergency please call 911 to dispatch an ambulance.

#### 4-H Leaders Honored At Fall Forum

The Panhandle 4-H
Fall Forum was held
Saturday, September 11th
at the Amarillo College,
Business and Industry
Center. Over 125 4-H
Youth and and adult attended volunteers business meetings and workshops on Consumer workshops of Life Skills, Life Skills, Livestock Learning Labs, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Sportfishing and Soil Sciences Projects. Representing County Carson Belinda were Britten, Brooke Macie Britten, Britten, Cindy Britten Freeman and Kerri Smith.
Jody Bradford, Carson
County Extension
Agricultural Agent, also
attended.

The Highlight of the day was honoring 32 Distinguished 4-H Leaders in the Panhandle. These volunteers honored for their commitment and service to their local and county

to their local and county
4-H programs. Honored
from Carson County were
Fred and Donna Britten.
The Panhandle 4-H
program reaches nearly
20,000 youth each year.
For more information For more information about the 4-H and Youth Program pradford, County Extension Agents.

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More Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jericho Saturday evening. The visit was enjoyable. Hermesmeyer were at

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#### Area Obituaries

Kade Hefner

Kade Hefner, 26, died October 7, 1999 in White Services were at the First Deer. Sunday at the First Baptist Church at White Deer, with Don Stone, minister of the White Deer Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was at White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
He was born May 24,

He was born May 24, 1973 in Pampa. He was a 1991 graduate of White Deer High School, where he was active in 4-H and FFA. He attended South Plains Community Plains Community
College in Levelland for
one year. He enlisted in
the U.S. Army in 1992,
serving in the Meddac
Unit as a meat and food
inspector. He attended
Louisiana Unit as a meat and food inspector. He attended Northwestern Louisiana University while in the Army. He married Kimberly Davis on January 13, 1996 in Hudson, Texas. They returned to White Deer in 1996 from San Saba. He owned and operated Hefner Enterprises-Trucking Company. He was an auctioneer and a wife, Kimberly, of the home; his parents Bobby and Lynis Hefner of

White Deer; two brothers Keven Hefner of Pampa, and Kyle Hefner of White Deer; two nieces, Kolbie Hefner and Kassie Hefner, both of White Deer.

Memorials are requested for the Kade Hefner Scholarship Fund, c/o First Bank & Trust of White Deer, or the White Deer EMS.

Reba Keahey Gilliland Reba Keahey Gilliland, 96, of Pampa, died Tuesday, October 5, 96, of ran-Tuesday, October 1999. Graveside services From Cemetery Rev. were in Groom Cemetery at Groom with the Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

of Pampa.
Mrs. Gilliland was born March 14, 1903, in born March 14, 1903, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She married Doy Keahey on July 25, 1922, at Cheyenne, Oklahoma; he died December 8, 1951. She later married F Gilliland in 1954; Frank died October 6. work for among the first Texas Panhandle including in Groom, Groom,

Texas. She lived in Crawford, Oklahoma for 40 years, moving to Pampa in 1992. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nadine Black, in 1986;

and by a sister, Cora Collins.

Survivors include three sisters, Sylvia Pool of Watson, Oklahoma, Watson, Margaret Leech of Tacoma, Washington, and Juanita Leddy of California; two brothers, Claybirn Ross and Veril Ross, both of Fritch; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

family requests The far memorials Ambulance Service.

Funds Available

According to U.S. Representatives Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, and Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, Carson County farmers may soon receive \$4.3 million in Market Assistance Loss payments.

According to Thornberry, \$112.27 million will be available to the 13th congressional district, which includes district, which Carson County.

The payments were included in the emergency aid portion of the FY 2000 Agriculture Appropriations bill passed by the House of by the House Representatives last week.

"With American farmers facing another

year of financial crisis, these payments will be better cope with any cash instrumental in helping shortages they may ease some of their endure." ease some of their financial burdens,"
Combest said. "In addition this legislation allows farmers the option of receiving all of their FY 2000 payments beginning October 1, in the hopes that they can be reduced."
Thornberry explained that this was not an advance on the 2000 payments. "This is just an additional payment to help compensate for the very low market prices," he said.

#### Panhandle Teens Electrocuted

Two Panhandle High School students were seriously injured in an accident on a farm south of Panhandle on Sunday,

October 10.

Kirk Land and
Christopher Lloyd were moving irrigation pipes when a pipe came in contact with a 7,200 volt power line.

Both Land and Lloyd

were transported to by a Farman Wasnital and then transferred to

the University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock. Both suffered burns to their legs and were listed in stable were listed in stab condition Sunday night.

Medical personnel stated that the first 48 hours were critical to prevention of infection or pneumonia. Both boys will probably require skin grafts

Reports were received that both boys were in ward spirits. Visitation

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