

# The McLean News



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## Board Discusses Employment Of Aide, Custodian, and Superintendent; Short Term Goals Set For District

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 19, 2001. Board members present were John Holland, Joe Riley, Billie Ward, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, and Mike Darsey. Others present were Interim Superintendent, Ron Gregory, Elem. Principal, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, Vonda Averett, Mindy Reeves, Brian Quisenberry, and Stacey Smart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Holland, President. Opening prayer was by Brian Quisenberry.

The minutes of both the special meeting on October 8, 2001 and the regular meeting minutes on October 15, 2001 were approved.

Mike Darsey was voted in by acclamation for Board Vice President.

At this time Mr. Crockett gave the results of the AEIS (Academic

Excellence Indicator System) Report, which is like a report card for the entire school. The TAAS scores are compared to other schools in the state, and McLean ISD did very well in this comparison. The Board was elated with this good news, and they would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work by each person involved. The TAAS tests are required by the state, and all the new textbooks have TAAS requirements for each subject.

Mr. Gregory commended Mrs. Watkins and the music students on the fantastic Patriotic program presented on November 15. He also made mention of the huge crowd that enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal served in the cafeteria on November 16.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:21 to discuss the aide position, custodian

position, superintendent position, and date for proposed student expulsion. The Board interviewed Stacey Smart and Vonda Averett for the aide position.

Return to open session came at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was passed to hire Vonda Averett for the aide position.

A motion was also passed to start taking applications and advertise for the custodian position.

A motion was passed to open up applications for the Interim Superintendent position, and to start interviewing for this position on December 6, or December 13.

A motion was passed for December 17, 2001, to be the student expulsion date.

A motion was also passed to approve TASB Legal Policy Update 66, which streamlines the laws in existence.

A motion was also passed to paint the back of the stage black as requested by Mrs. Riley.

This will be more attractive during performances on stage. Mrs. Riley will furnish the paint and labor for this task. Joe Riley abstained from voting.

The Team-Building-Team of Eight Board Training will be on January 7, 2001, at 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the Video Conference room.

Mr. Gregory discussed some short-term goals that he has for the remainder of his time here.

1. Determine the amount of funds available for November and December.
2. Evaluate 2001-02 Budget for a true account of estimated revenue and expenditures.
3. Verify that all Special Program money has been allocated as to program guidelines.
4. Eliminate all nonessential expenditure while supporting and maintaining the outstanding academic program as well as all student programs.
- 5.

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Pilgrims and Indians are still breaking bread together peacefully! See the story on page 9!

## REMINDERS

**TIGERS** Basketball will be in a tournament at Miami on November 29-Dec. 1 Times have not been announced. The Tigers play Miami on Dec. 4 in Miami at 6:30 p.m.

**PROJECT** Graduation Bazaar-Bake Sale is on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Old Gym from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**CUBS BASKETBALL** vs. Samnorwood is here at 6:00 p.m.

**ANGELS ARE** available at Bank of Commerce, Hair Gallery, and McLean Plumbing.

**VOLUNTEER'S** Christmas Party will be December 4th at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Davie at 779-2766 or 779-2225.

**TIGERS WILL** Play Miami at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4.

**MIAMI** Tournament will be on November 29, 30, and December 1.

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

**25TH ANNUAL** Cowboy Christmas Celebration at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon is on Dec. 7th, 8th, and 9th.

**DEVIL'S ROPE** Museum will close for the winter on Dec. 14. You might remember when doing your shopping, as they have several items suitable for gifts.

## Rangers To Investigate Misappropriated Funds

The investigation into John Griffin for misappropriation of school funds took a new turn this week when the Gray Co. Sheriffs office requested the case be turned over to Texas Ranger Gary Henderson for investigation. District Attorney Rick Roach turned the case over to Ranger Henderson for further investigation. He has also received many calls from McLean residents expressing their concern over the situation. John Griffin was suspended without pay in September of this year while accusations of breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation of

public funds are being investigated.

The McLean School Board voted to hire Lewis Meers, CPA to audit all heads of departments for the school district in August of 2001. The audit found \$5,941.71 in questionable expenditures from August 1, 1995 through August 15, 2001. Questionable expenditures were made using the districts Visa Credit card, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Best Buys, Office Max, and Office Depot charge accounts. Questionable travel expenses and cell phone charges were also

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## DPS Makes Drug Bust, 700 lbs. of Marijuana Confiscated Near McLean

Friday morning, November 23, DPS Trooper, Jason Henderson discovered 700 pounds of marijuana when he stopped a refrigerated produce truck for speeding on I-40 near the Gray and Wheeler Co. line.

The truck owned by Singh Trucking Co. of Jamaica, N.Y. was going 74 mph in a 70 mph zone. Trooper Henderson became suspicious when he talked to the driver and reviewed his trucks logs. The driver gave Trooper Henderson permission to conduct a search of the vehicle and upon searching, boxes of marijuana were found

hidden among the produce.

Ned Sheffield Jr., 54, of Bronx, N.Y., was arrested and taken to the Wheeler Co. Jail where he was charged with a second-degree felony for carrying over 50 pounds but under 2,000 pounds of marijuana. Justice of the Peace Brady Meadows set bail at \$20,000 and Mr. Sheffield was released on bond.

Trooper Henderson found 650 pounds of marijuana in a truck owned by the same trucking company last March. The trucking company is now under investigation.

### Students named To Who's Who

A total of 9 students from this area are included in the 35th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.

Who's Who, published by Education Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and education organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of

Who's Who students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

The 35th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, and annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Local students selected include: Emily Bolin, Will Frost, Tami Marsh, Randi Riley, Tedra Simmons, Dennis Reo, Jaclyn Grigsby, Sonny Northcutt, and Bethany Rogers.

### Thanksgiving Visitors

Guests in the home of Bill and Katy Graham were their children and grandchildren: Mary Minnick, James Gabel, Luke and Sarah Thrasher of Canyon; Everett and Gina Hurst, Emilee Kathryn and Ethan of Amarillo; Perry and Kim Graham, Jay and Holly of Canyon; and Mark and Kathy Henslee and Will of Friday Harbor Washington; and Rachel Henslee and Justin Brown of Ruidoso, N.M.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Crutcher and Ramos family wishes to say thank you to our family, friends, and neighbors so much for the flowers, cards, and prayers at the loss of our grandson and son Jarod Scott Ramos. He was killed in a car accident the 28th of Oct., 2001 and God only knows how much we miss him and love him. Thank you.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who visited me, those who sent cards and brought food. I appreciate your concern and offers of help and your many prayers during my recent back surgery.

Jan Smith

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say a special thank you to Roxie McMordie, Terri Adams, Vonda Averett, Ella Mae Reyna, Tammy Johnston, Joy Cooper, Kim McClellan, Sherry Watson, Diana Rosa, Sasha Fish, Dedra Davis, Tina Davis, Barbara Hill, and Joan Shields for giving me a wonderful and very appreciated baby shower.

Thank you,  
Tracie Cooper and Family

## Services Held For Area Residents

**George M. Orrick**  
McLean - George M. Orrick, 86, died Wednesday, November 21, 2001. Services were Saturday in the McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Orrick Family Cemetery.

Mr. Orrick was born July 29, 1915, at Shamrock. He married Doris Jean Word in 1939 at Shamrock. She died in 1992. He had been a McLean resident since 1945 and was a farmer and a rancher.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church serving on the administrative board and also held membership in the McLean Lions Club. He was a former member of the McLean School Board.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Orrick of McLean and Bill Orrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a daughter, Becky Nunez of Lubbock; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean, Tx 79057; to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Summer, Pampa, Tx 79065.

**PANSY MOUNCE**  
WHEELER - Pansy Mounce, 90, passed away on November 25, 2001 in Wheeler, Tx. Services were held at the First Baptist Church in McLean and Nov. 27 with Rev. A.S. Myers and Rev. Brian Quisenberry officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Mounce lived in the McLean area most of her life and was employed by the Lamb Funeral Home for 45 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hal Mounce in 1959, her son Clyde Mounce, a brother J.E. Langham and



### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

**November 29** - Versie Collie, Jeannie Adams, Thacker Haynes, Morgan Reynolds.

**November 30** - Cliffie Heasley, Pansy Mounce.

**December 1** - Robert McDonald, Shanna Dent, Anthony Shackelford.

**December 2** - R.C. Parker, Mason Reynolds.

**December 3** - Vicki Smith.

**December 4** - Inez Trostle, Buck Lee, David Burrow, Renee Conners.

**December 5** - Tammy Carter, Ryan Swanson, Marjorie Turnage, Amber Staton, Misty Keene, Craig Cunningham, Paula Wall.

3 sisters Carrie Sparks, Vivian Baker, and Bessie Thoz.

She is survived by 3 sons, Bill Mounce of El Paso, Tx, Claude Mounce of Bryan, TX and Jerry Mounce of Shamrock, Tx; 2 sisters Kathleen Johnson and Jewelton Reel, both of Stockton California; 2 brothers T.R. Langham & Wes Langham, both of Amarillo; 10 Grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

### CLARENCE L. PIERCE

McLean - Clarence L. Pierce, 64, of McLean passed away on November 23, 2001 in Amarillo. Services were held on Monday Nov. 26, 2001 at the First Assembly of God Church in McLean with Rev. Dean Williamson and Rev. Mark Hull officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Pierce was born at Cleo Springs, Oklahoma to Lyman and Ruby Davis Pierce on June 30, 1934. He had lived in McLean most of his life. Mr. Pierce married Ann

Turpen in 1978 in Clarendon, Tx.

Pierce was retired from Southwestern Bell. He had served the community of McLean for many years as a volunteer for the McLean Fire Department and the McLean EMS. He was

always ready to help a friend or neighbor with a project. He attended First assembly of God Church in McLean and dearly loved his children, grandchildren and family.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of the home; 4 children Tommy Boykin of Huttog, Ark., Chuck Pierce of amarillo, Robbie Sanderson of Mclean and Allen Turpen of Tulsa, Ok.; 1 sister, Virgie Hill of Oklahoma City, Ok, 3 brothers Melvin of Arlington, son of Oklahoma City and Paul of Eufala, Ok.; and 8 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the McLean EMS, the McLean Fire Department, The first Assembly of Davis Pierce on June 30, God Church or Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice P.O. Box 950. Amarillo, Tx 79105.

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**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

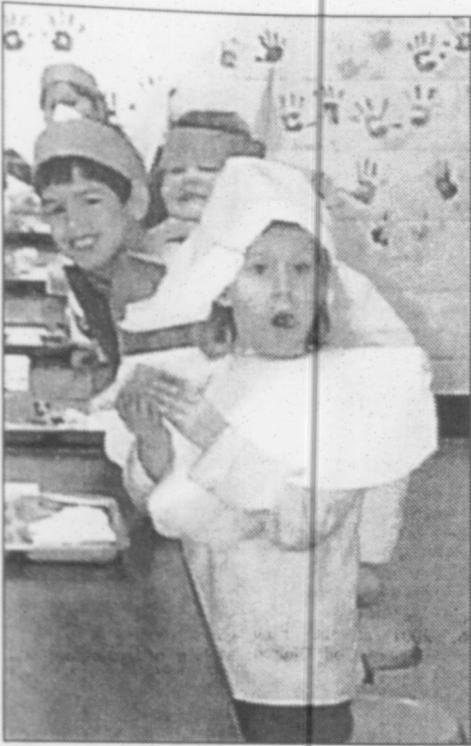
**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**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**  
Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins  
779-2456 or 779-2965  
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.  
Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.



### First Grade Celebrates Thanksgiving, Pilgrim Style

Mrs. Glass's First Grade Class made Pilgrim and Indian costumes and dressed for lunch on Tuesday. They each told what they were thankful for. They were thankful for: Miranda McMordie, family, Rachel Greenwood, God, Shiloh Brown, Mrs. Glass and rain.

Mrs. Pam, Rocco Rodriguez, family, Kaela Lee, pets, Cassandra Ingle, Pilgrims, Nathan Brantley, everyone, Jeremy Martin, everyone, Cody Azzari, Indians, Jacob Jones, Indians, Kendra Richardson, Mrs. Glass, Stormy Manns, horses, Justin West, God, and Sammi Sanderson, rain.



### Bank of Commerce Has New Employee

Becki McCarty McClendon has been added to the staff at the Bank of Commerce. Becki has been a resident of McLean since she was four years old and is a graduate of MHS. She graduated from Clarendon and Amarillo College. She worked as an LVN for McLean Home Health and the Care Center since 1995.

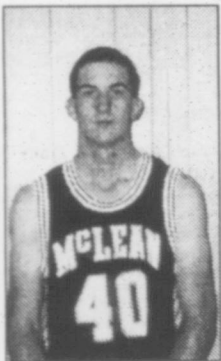
Becki is married to Mark McClendon and is the daughter of S.G. and Thelma McCarty. She

enjoys her computer, gardening, and loves houseplants. She enjoys going to her husband's brother's house and watching them sing 70's songs with karaoke on the weekends. Congratulations Becki.

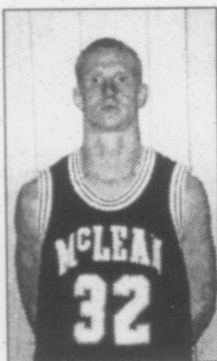
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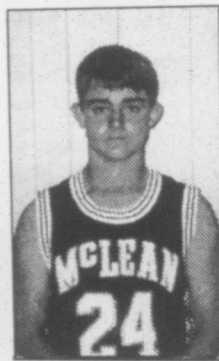
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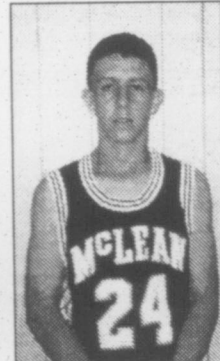
Adam Johnston



Chris Sparling



Josh Seymour



Tyler Haynes

**JR HIGH HOOPS**  
The Cubs lost to Ft. Elliot 40-16 on Monday, November 19. Zach Sanderson and Chisum Smith each scored 6 points and John Haynes 4.

The Junior High girls also lost to Ft. Elliot 36-22 that night. Erin Bailey and Lindsey Ruiz scored 6 points each. Tamara Loya and Brooke Seymour each scored 4 points and Autumn Dillman had 2 points.



Go Tigers!

### TIGERS WIN

The varsity basketball team put together an excellent game and came out victorious over Pampa Academy, Tuesday, November 20. Adam Johnston accounted for 33 of McLean's 75 points. He was followed by Chris Sparling, 18 points, Jay Wallis, 10, Zane Richardson, 6, Josh Seymour, 3, Dusty Moody, 3, and Tyler Hanes, 3.

The Lady Tigers lost to Pampa Academy 47-35 on the same evening.

Danielle Dampier scored 12 points and 11 rebounds. Randi Riley had 10 points, 9 rebounds, Nikki Hefley, 9 points with 3 assists, Shaley Steel, 2 points, and Sandi Sanderson had 2 points. Coach Andy Simpson said, "Everyone works extremely hard

during practice to improve and we are hustling during games. Some of the younger girls are improving which is making our team much more solid all around."

## Pioneer Study Club Meets

Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, November 15th in the home of Mary Dwyer. Those present were Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Mary Powell, Ruth Trew, Sherri Martindale, Babe Brown, Nama Webb, Beverly Odum, Betty Morgan, Mickey Jackson, Mary Dwyer and a guest Maybelle Nash.

Betty Morgan shared her "memorable" vacation to New York city during the week of September 8th. Betty and friend arrived in NYC on the 10th of September and stayed at a hotel 3 miles from the World Trade Center. On the 9th and 10th they attended the US Tennis Tournament and toured the Empire State Building. The New York Yankees basketball game on the 10th that they were supposed to see was postponed.

On Tuesday, Betty attended a seminar, at the hotel they were staying at, sponsored by Hunter college. The topic studied that

made, as well as auto expenses and gasoline purchases.

The School Board has contacted the Texas Education Agency in order to keep them informed and are trying hard to provide the investigation their cooperation. One source in the School Board said they were glad for Ranger Henderson's involvement, "The sooner this is taken care of the better."

morning was the Triangle Factory in the 1920's and that had an impact on workers' safety. During the seminar the World Trade Center was attacked. Betty was able to see The World Trade Center from an upper floor of a hotel.

Betty also was able to attend a couple of Broadway shows on Thursday and Friday of that week, go to Coney Island after subways reopened. Betty and her friend were able to leave on Saturday, returning home safe and sound. Next time she gets to do to New York, she plans on taking a laptop and cellular phone as they were unable to use phones for a day or so after the attack!

Delicious refreshments of carrot cake and strawberry cake, nuts, pineapple punch and coffee were served to members and guests. The next meeting will be a Christmas Party at Mickey Jackson's with the program by Lynn Reeves.

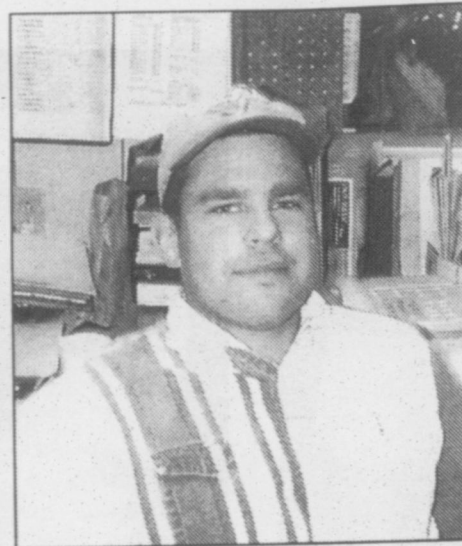
## School Board

Hire a qualified and effective Superintendent.

Funds will be available to operate through the end of this year, with a bank balance of \$457,720.00, as of 11-19-01. After the first of the year tax revenue will start to increase, which will insure operation for several months, and still allow the bank loan of \$100,000.00 to be repaid. Some of the funds have been over budgeted and others have been under budgeted, but the overall picture looks okay, but

## C & H Supply Has New Manager

David Fuller has been named the new store manager for C & H Supply Inc. David has been a McLean resident since 1987 and graduated from MHS in 1997. He graduated from Texas A&M in May, where he studied Animal Science. David spent three months on a mission trip to China with Baptist Student Missions this summer and enjoys farming, ranching, agriculture, hunting, and fishing. He is the son of Bill and Linda Fuller. Congratulations David.



## Care Center Residents Enjoy Bazaar

The annual Bazaar and Bake Sale was a success again, thanks to everyone who baked and/or bought our wares. All the monies go for use for the residents.

The afghan crocheted by Ruth Caudill was won by Judith Watkins and the piece quilt was won by George Watson. Congratulations.

Ruth Caudill, Bill Anderson, Pansy Mounce and Imogene Hinkle are in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We have one new resident from McLean whom most of you know, J. Boyd Smith came to live with us a couple of weeks ago.

The residents and staff of the McLean Care Center wish everyone a very Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BAKE SALE Benefiting Project Graduation

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Mr. Gregory will be able to tell more after taking a closer look next month. Specially funded money needs to be allocated properly before the DEC visit next year. MISD should not be frivolous with spending, and should not waste the taxpayers' money. It is the job of the Superintendent and the Board to safeguard this money and to spend it wisely, stated Mr. Gregory. Interviews will be set up to hire a qualified and effective Superintendent for the

district. Neal Odom agreed that Mr. Gregory was right on cue with these goals in mind.

A motion was passed to discuss and consider a credit card policy at the next meeting.

A motion was passed to approve Financial Reports A, B, and C.

A motion was also passed to approve to pay the October bills as presented, and the checks for those existing bills were signed.

Under other business it was decided that December 17, 2001, would be the next regular scheduled board meeting. The audit report by Brown, Graham and Company will be given during this meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Gregory for the progress reports of MISD.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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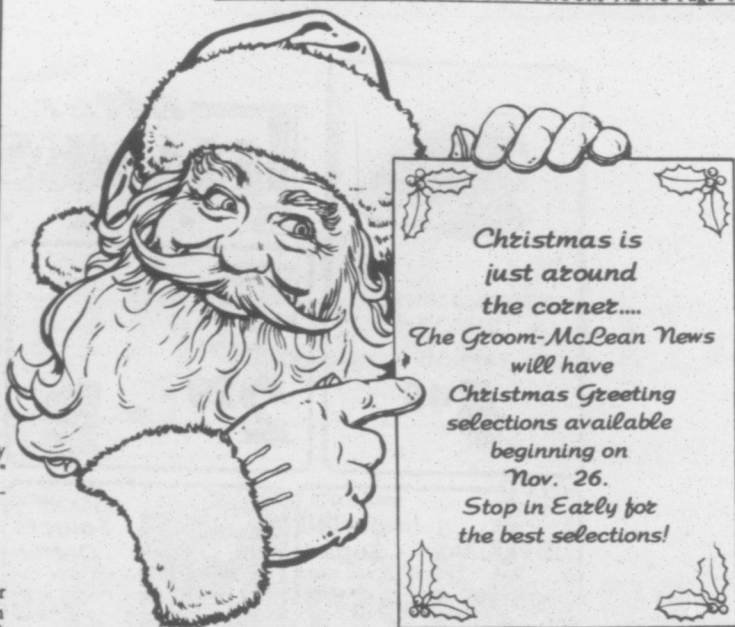
**FOR SALE:** Four bedroom brick home in Groom with enclosed porch with storm cellar and shop bldg. Immediate possession. Contact Bobby Jones at (806) 248-7027.

**HELP WANTED:** McLean ISD is now accepting applications for a custodian position. Applications are available in the business offices Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline for applications is December 6.

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Christmas is just around the corner...  
The Groom-McLean News will have Christmas Greeting selections available beginning on Nov. 26.  
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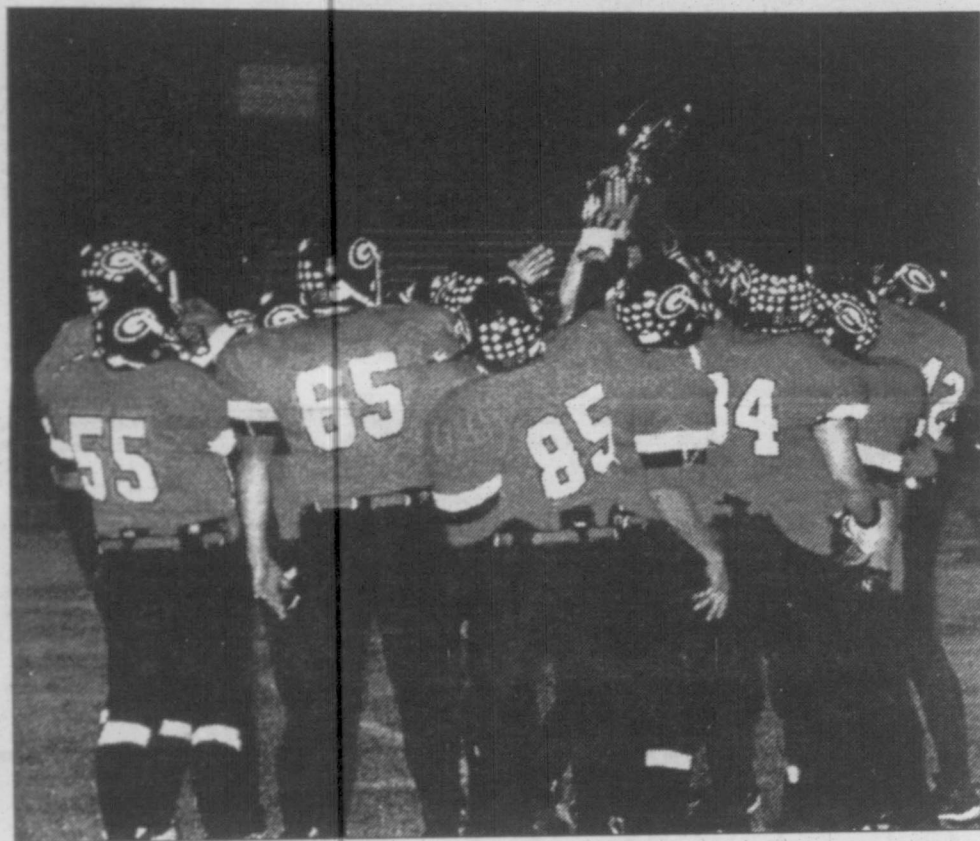
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Thursday, November 29, 2001

## Preparation Begins For Sanderson & Quarterfinals...

# Tigers Roar Past Patton Springs



The Groom Tigers roared on to the field at Valley on Friday night with determination in their eyes. The weather was cold and nasty but it did little to detour the team from their goal. The 45 mercy rule was invoked in the third period of play.

"The boys were fired up. We knew would have to be focused in order to contain their speed," said Coach Larry Reid.

The two touchdowns in the first quarter were ran in by Cody Bivens. He scored on a 20 yard run and a 3 yard run and made both PAT's kicks

good.

Hugh Weinheimer received a 8 yard pass from Clay Britten early in the 2nd quarter for a touchdown. Bivens again was on target with the post TD kick.

Clay Ritter ran for 20 yards to score and the kick was good by Cody Bivens.

Garrett Britten sprinted in a 17 yard touchdown to bring the score to 40-0, after a successful PAT.

Patton Springs was finally able to show off their speed in an 87 yard kick-off return by Michael Frost. The

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## Tiger's Enter Quarterfinal

The Groom Tigers will enter the Quarterfinal for the State of Texas 6 Man Football play-offs as they go up against Sanderson this Friday night at Seagraves.

"Sanderson has a very explosive offense," said Coach Larry Reid. "They are very precise at what they do. They can run and throw equally as well."

Sanderson goes into

the play-off game with a 11-0 record. They are expected to throw many different weapons at the Tigers, hoping to trip them up.

"We will need to be thoroughly prepared and have good focus going into this game," stated Reid.

A pep rally will be held at 11:30 on Friday. School will let out early.

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Santa Saw...

### NICE LIST

The crew at the Groom Grocery cheerfully back at work on Friday when most everyone else was still "vegged-out" on the couch in their p.j.'s.

Decorations going up around town. Praise be to the husbands who do this without complaint! The rest go on the naughty list!

Chris Homen being cheerful and pleasant, even though he forgot his lunch money on Monday.

### NAUGHTY LIST

Anyone who watched more than 3 ball games on Thursday on the tube.

## Bill Hinson To Seek Re-Election



I would like to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Carson County.

The past four years have seen numerous new laws that pertain to the Justice of the Peace Court, both in civil and criminal law. I have attended all available State Training, plus I have attended other area seminars pertaining to new and existing laws.

The City of Groom and the State Department of Transportation have been very helpful by participating in our community service program. They have provided supervised work

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## Community Calendar

**KENNY SHULTZ** and "Glenn" will entertain senior citizens at Chowline on Tuesday, Dec. 4th. Lunch is served at noon. The show will begin at 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Fee is charged for the meal. The show is free!

**METHODIST** Church will have their annual Christmas program on December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**THE TIGERS** will face off with Sanderson, Friday night at 7:30 in Seagraves for the first match of the quarterfinal in the State 6 Man Football Championship.

**A PEP RALLY** will be held on Friday at 11:30 am. Get out and support the Tigers! School will be released at 1:00 pm.

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## Local Happenings

Thanksgiving guest in the home of Bill & Norma Jean Homer were Travis & Brenda Homer of Amarillo; Joannie & Doug Kling, Tiffani and Cody of Groom; Mary Joe & Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi & Justin of Lazbuddie and Mark and Michelle Littlefield of Turkey.

Joe and Barbara Homer hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for their family. Attending were Jim and Rose Mary Eakin of Pampa; John & Doris Homer of Groom; Daryl Homer of Ft. Worth; Stan Homer of Dallas; Ruth & Don Williams of Amarillo; Katrina & Zane Homer of Amarillo; Al and Agnes Homer of Groom.

Luke Jones, grandson of Billy and Virginia Jones, is home on leave after serving a 7 month tour of duty in Bosnia. Jones is a member of the US Army Intelligence Corp. He is the son of Kerry and Kathy Dian Jones of Lubbock. He will be returning to Bosnia when his leave is up.

Gary, Marcia and Krisanne Davis hosted a large gathering for the Thanksgiving day holiday. Attending were Laurel, John T. and Jolee Ayers of Canyon; Betsey and Brooke Baughman of Canyon; John and Amy Krizan and children Kailee and Nicole of Amarillo; Stan Vickers and Don Vickers of Canyon; Charlotte Trostle of Lubbock; and Carrie Davis of Arlington and her roommate Erin England of Canada.

Pam, Steve and Sara Hustsell spent Thanksgiving in San Angelo with daughter, Mary.

Buddy and Charlene Weller hosted Thanksgiving at their home. Attending were LaVesta Barnett, Barney Davis, and Ricky Weller.

Kenny, Christy, Kendall, Kelton and Caitlynn Weller traveled to Louisiana for the holiday.

Visiting Irma Rutherford over Thanksgiving were Janette Rutherford of Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. Curt Rhynehart of Amarillo; J.R., Monica, Ayla, Kursty, Brenna, Stormy, Dakota and Montana Rhynehart all of Amarillo.

Enjoying a delicious lunch for Thanksgiving at the home of Randy and Janelle Sustaire were Brandy, Brad and Courtney Sustaire and T.C. and Shirley Sustaire.

Troy and Betty Treadwell enjoyed a long Thanksgiving weekend. They traveled to Duncan, Ok to visit their daughter and her family, Shelly and Mike Gray. Also visiting was granddaughter & family, Dianna and Cary Ross and children Sadie and McKala.

They then went to Weatherford, TX and visited their other daughter, Jennifer and her husband Tommy Dobbs and children Colton, Tanner and Tallie.

**Hinson**  
 stations for people in our precinct. I would like to thank them for their cooperation.

I strive to be fair and effective in dealing with all matters that come before this Court. I appreciated all the help and support that I have received, and I ask for your continuing support and your vote in the coming Democratic Primary.

Thank you,  
 Bill Hinson

Visitors in the home of Fred and Juanita Brown over the holiday weekend were Lonny, Susan, Kori and Kade Brown of Groom; Brad and Leslie Brown and their children Mollie, Jordon, Whitney and J.D.; Don Rainer and his friend Rita of Floydada; Larry, Karen and Skye Brown of Groom; and Mamie Poole of Amarillo.

Coach Chris Fisher traveled to Sudan for the holiday and visited his parents Mike and Patsy Fisher.

Gathering for Thanksgiving in the home of Al Alward were Jim and Donna Burton; Allie and Norris Hoyt; Jerry and Gerald Been of Moore Oklahoma; Terry and Brittnee Alward of Dumas; Melody and Hal Simpson and children Lauren, Kaytlynn and Britian of Amarillo and April Burton of Amarillo.

Lynell and Ben Peek of Clarksville, Texas and Shannon Peek of Amarillo spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Helen Witt. R.B. Thorton joined them for Thanksgiving dinner.

**AAAA**

Brody Brown was home on leave from the Air Force for Thanksgiving. He enjoyed a wonderful meal and visit with his parents, David and Lanna Brown, his sister, Amy and her husband, Chris Williams of Amarillo, and his grandfather Bill Brown of White Deer.

When his leave is up, he will be returning to Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Ill Or Recovering  
 Scott Shurley, Al & Agnes Homer, James Weinheimer, and Matt Fields.



### Look Who's New!

Jess and Andrea Boucher of Lubbock proudly announce the arrival of their son, Keaton Kenneth. He was born on November 16, 2001. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Two brothers welcome

him, Corbin age 5 years and Kaiden age 16 months. Paternal grandparents are George and Janis Boucher of Elko, Nevada and maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Frances Payton of Groom.

### It's a Boy!

Amy, Cari, and Blake Weinheimer anxiously welcomed home a new baby brother, Derek Nicholas was born Nov. 7, 2001. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

His proud parents are Nick and Renee Weinheimer. Grandparents are James and Janice Weinheimer of Groom and Ed and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth.

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There were five persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of November 19 through November 25, 2001. Currently there are 16 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Winter will soon be here, whether we want it or not so please winterize your vehicles and your mind set for the road.

Arrest made this week include:

Jennie Rankin, 19 of Amarillo, Traffic warrants (DPS).

Jose Mendez, 43 of

Los Angeles, CA; Possession of Controlled Substance more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams & possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Vincent Torres, 48 of Los Angeles, CA; Possession of Controlled Substance more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams & possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz. Brandon Stanhope, 23 of Amarillo, Burglary of Building, Donely Co & Traffic Warrants - Hemphill County.

Eric Estrada, 19 of Perryton, driving while license suspended.

## Troopers Make Interesting Stops - Everything From Hollywood To Drugs!

Trooper Tony Rocha was quietly working I-40 on November 19 when he made a traffic stop. As he approached the vehicle to explain to the driver what violation he committed, he recognized the driver. Trooper Rocha had a nice visit with the driver and his wife. Rocha explained to the driver that he would be issued a written warning. The driver was grateful and asked Trooper Rocha if there was anything that he could do or if would like a picture or an autograph. Trooper Rocha explained that the only autograph he needed was the one on the warning. The driver agreed to go to Groom and meet Trooper Rocha's wife because she would probably not believe who had been stopped. The driver agreed and followed Trooper Rocha to Stop and Shop.

There Sherry and Macee were introduced to Judge Reinhold and his wife Amy, who were on their way to Arkansas for the holiday. Mr. Reinhold is famous for "Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Beverly Hills Cop I, II, III, Ruthless People, The Santa Clause" just to name a few. Reinhold said that he was currently working on a sequel to "The Santa Clause" The Reinhold's were very pleasant and appreciated the warning. "Just goes to show we never know who we may meet

coming through Groom!" stated Trooper Rocha.

Our other DPS officers have been just as busy but have not stopped any movie stars lately. Below are just some of their activities:

On 11-11-01, Trooper Gary Davis and Trooper Nesbitt notices a car on the Four Sixes Ranch North of Panhandle. The found a subject in the car. A Joel Madrid of Perryton was arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage.

On 11-14-01, Trooper Davis stopped a westbound pickup on I-40 for speeding. The driver, Joquine Lopez of Mexico, had no drivers license. The INS care that he produced for identification was counterfeit. Lopez was arrested for speeding 75/65, no drivers license, and tampering with governmental record. The passenger had no ID on him and he was held on a Border Patrol Detainer. Both were placed in the Carson County Jail.

On 11-18-01, Trooper Nesbitt was called out early in the morning and was told that cattle were reported out on the interstate approximately between the 103 and 102 milepost. As Trooper Nesbitt was arriving on the scene he was advised that an accident had occurred with a vehicle hitting cattle. Trooper Nesbitt was approached at the scene by a truck driver advising him that they hit some cattle. Trooper Rocha was then called out for assistance.

Two accidents were worked involving 6 individuals. All were treated at the scene by Groom Fire and Rescue. The Carson County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Transportation were there also for traffic control and assistance. Troopers Nesbitt and Rocha would like to thank everyone who were on the scene for their assistance.

On 11-21-01, Troopers Gary Davis and Rusty Nesbitt stopped a Nissan SUV on I-40 for speeding. The driver, Jose Mendez and passenger Vincent Torres were both from Los Angeles CA. Trooper

Davis asked for consent to search the vehicle and found marijuana in the vehicle. Also found outside the vehicle was some marijuana and cocaine, that the suspects had tried to toss away. Both suspects were arrested and taken to Panhandle. At the courthouse, Trooper Tony Rocha conducted a canine search of the vehicle with the DPS dog, Storm. Additional packets of Marijuana were found.

Both Mendez and Torres were charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of a controlled substance - Cocaine.

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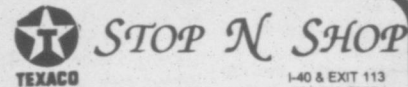
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### Tigers

Ranger's PAT failed and the score was 46-6.

Clay Britten scored a touchdown on a 35 yard run.

Clay Ritter had fans on their feet with a 67 yard interception return. The point after attempt was made by Cody Bivens.

Michael Frost of Patton Springs completed a 14 yard run to bring the score to 54-12, just before halftime.

Cody Bivens ended the game with a 44 yard touchdown with the final score 60-12.

Groom gained 15 first downs to Patton Springs 5. The Tigers earned 225 yards on 21 carries while The Rangers gained only 96 on 22 carries.

Groom threw for 113 yards, completing 6 of 9 attempts and a touchdown. The Tigers kicked one punt for 40 yards and had 2 fumbles but regained them both.

Patton Springs completed 1 of 4 passes for 31 yards and had 1 interception. They kicked 3 punts, averaging 24.33 yards. The Ranger had 4 fumbles and regained 2 of them.

Individual stats are as follows:

Cody Bivens had a stellar night leading the Tigers in rushing with 137 yards on 10 carries and 3 touchdowns. He kicked 6 successful PAT's. Defensively he completed 1 unassisted tackle.

Clay Britten rushed twice for 45 yards and a touchdown. He also passed for 91 yards, completing 5 of 8 and a touchdown. He gained 22 yards receiving and gained a recovery on a fumble. Clay also earned 2 unassisted tackles.

Garrett Britten rushed for 30 yards on 7 carries and a touchdown. He gained 22 yards passing and recovered a fumble. Garrett also completed 5 unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter gained 20 yards rushing and a touchdown. He gained 5 yards receiving, and scored a touchdown on a 67 interception. Ritter kicked a 40 yard punt and lead the Tigers along with Hugh Weinheimer in unassisted tackles with 6.

Hugh also sacked the quarterback along with his 6 tackles. He gained 86 yards on 4 receptions and a touchdown.

Doug Fields and Trey Britten each completed 3 unassisted tackles for Groom.

"I was very pleased with the team's attitude. They showed no real weakness in this game. And, of course, I was very pleased with the outcome!" stated a very proud Coach Larry Reid.

at 1:00 so that students can travel to the game. Everyone is encouraged to drive down and cheer the Tigers on to victory.

### Groom Birthdays

#### Anniversaries

November 28 - James Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Homer (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard (A).

November 29 - November 30 - Marcus Miller, Trent Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pavlovsky (A).

December 1 - Don Lyles, Dona Lambert, Kevin Kerlee, Derrin Scott Kerlee.

December 3 - Calvin Clay Schaffer, Darlene Jones, Jill Ann Britten, Lillian Wakefield, Forrest McLaughlin, Cheyann Ellen Wortham.

December 4 - R.A. Snyder, Martie Jo Phillips.

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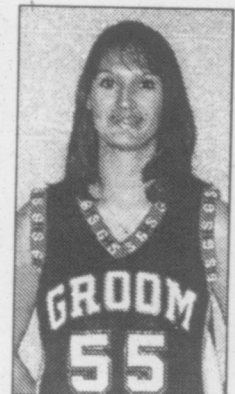
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Laurissa Noack  
Junior

#### SPOTLIGHT ON SUPER FANS

There is no greater Super Fan than a Grandparent! These folks, Jiggs and Janie Britten, Juandell and Jack Bivens, and Travis Trussell, have been longtime supporters of the Groom Tigers and Tigerettes. We thank them for their commitment to our athletes and school system.

# VEGA BOOSTER CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

## Funeral Services Held For Doris Mae Lovelace

Doris Mae Lovelace left this life to be with her Lord, November 21, 2001, at the age of 80 years. She was born November 2, 1921 in Hammon, Oklahoma to Claude and Fern Blount and attended Spring Creek, Lone Elm and Hammon schools. Doris married George Lovelace August 18, 1940 at Hammon and to this marriage four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren were added. Doris and George lived most of this life in the Texas panhandle and spent their retirement years in Mustang, Oklahoma. Grace Chapel of Mustang was their church home and they enjoyed wonderful friendships among their church family. In addition to church activities, Doris

spent much of her time involved in crafts and needle work. Doris was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her husband's parents Will and Eula Lovelace and one brother, Clyd Blount, Jr. She is survived by her children: Ann & Paul Lawson of Yukon; Jeannie and Charlie Wagner of Boy's Ranch, Texas; Susan and Ed McMilen of Edmond; and Davis and Joanie Lovelace of Mustang. She is also survived by sisters Neva Stewart of Amarillo, Illa Burrows of Oklahoma City, Ida Troxell of Oklahoma city and Inez Viles of Neosho, Missouri and brother Neal Blount of Neosho.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov 24 in Mustang, interment was on Nov. 25 at the Red Hill Cemetery in Hammon.

## Commissioners Approve Polling Location

The Carson County Commissioners met this week, November 26, 2001 with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth War, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting on November 13 were read and approved.

In their first order of business claims were presented for approval and payment was approved.

County Clerk Sonya Shieldknight petitioned the court for approval of changing the polling place for Precincts 401 and 102 in White Deer from

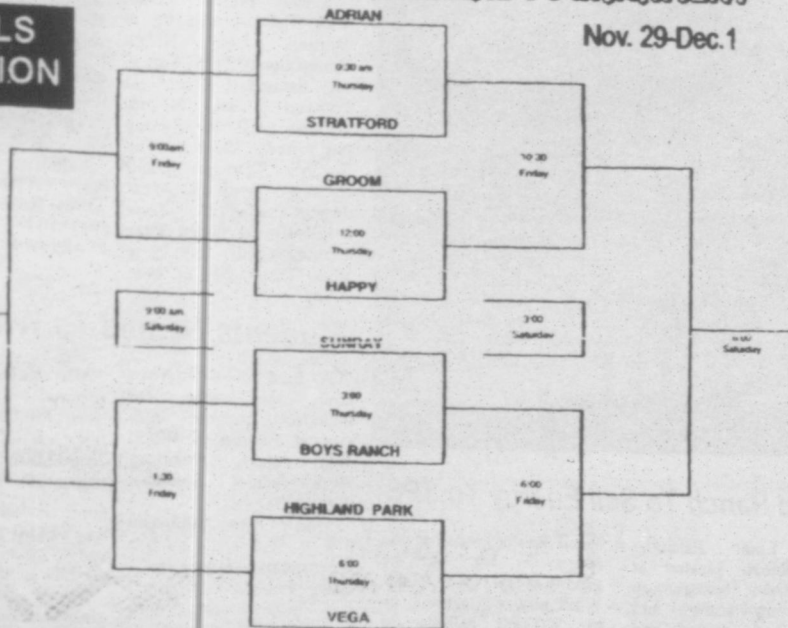
the school gym to the high school library. Commissioner Britten made the motion to allow the request pending authorization from the voting section of the civil Rights Division. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kelly Hill with Cornell and Company met with the Court to discuss the county's outside audit. Hill presented an analysis for each office and the general and road and bridge funds.

The court set December 21, 2001 as the date for the County Christmas Party. The Court adjourned until Dec. 10.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

## GIRLS DIVISION



## GROOM JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BEAT MCLEAN

The Groom Cubs met the McLean Cubs in a ferocious battle last week. Groom fought hard and bested McLean, 45-26. Chad Barkley, #25, and Kelby Noack #33 each scored 12 points to take the high point honors.

Thane Barkley, #23, added and addition 10

points. #35 Blaine Britten contributed 5. James Reid, #11, gained another 4. #13 T.J.

Moranic scored 2 points for Groom.

Other members of the team are #15 Kade Brown, #31 Anthony Luna, #41 Javier Caro, and #43 Daniel Thompson.

The Cubs will face Hedley, there, on Dec. 3.

## JR. ETTES BEAT MIAMI

Mallorie Homen lead the Junior High girls to victory over Miami Monday night scoring 15 points of Groom's 49 points. Miami managed on 21 points. Whitney Evenson and Kecia Howard each added 12 points to round off the top scoring honors.

Karla Howard added another 7, Berlee Rutherford 2, and Gailynn Drewery 1.

Also contributing to the win was Taylor Drewery, Amanda Chaney, Michaela Roskens, and Sharri Britten.

Varsity Ettes will play at Claude on Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

## JR. HIGH BOYS GO TO OVERTIME

Groom's Junior High Cubs were in a very evenly matched game Monday against Miami. The Cagers won the meet in overtime 39-35.

Thane Barkley took high point honors sinking baskets for 14 points. Chad Barkley contributed 12 points for the total score. Kelby Noack added another 9 points.

T.J. Moranic and Kade Brown each scored 2.

## Beat Sanderson! Go! Fight! Win!

The Ettes will compete in the Vernon Tournament on Dec. 6-8.

## THE GROOM TIGERETTES BEAT FOLLETT

The Groom Tigerettes beat Follett in a heart stopping game, 62-59.

Candace Bohr lead the scoring with 21 to take high point honors. Staci Britten added another 14. Amanda Conrad gained 12 points for the team. Nichole Barnett contributed 8, Krisanne Davis 4 and Lauren Crowell 3.

Other members of the team include Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Martin, Britteny Martin, Cassia Ashford and Larissa Noack.

The Tigerettes will compete in a tournament at Vega this weekend beginning on November 29. A bracket was not available at presstime for the event.

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## Elections Upcoming For Water District

White Deer - Four positions on the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's board of directors will be up for election in February. Director Elections for Precincts 2, 4, 6, & \* will be held February 2, 2002, in those precincts. Current office holders are Frank Simms, Precinct 2, Charles Bowers, Precinct 4, Jim Thompson, Precinct 6, and Danny Hardcastle, Precinct 8.

Precinct 2 encompasses the southeastern portion of Carson County and the northeastern portion of Armstrong County. Precinct 4 covers the southern portion of Gray County, a small portion of northern Donley County, and the southwest portion of Wheeler County. Precinct 6 is the remainder of Armstrong County, excluding the

southwest corner. Precinct 8 covers the major portion of Wheeler county.

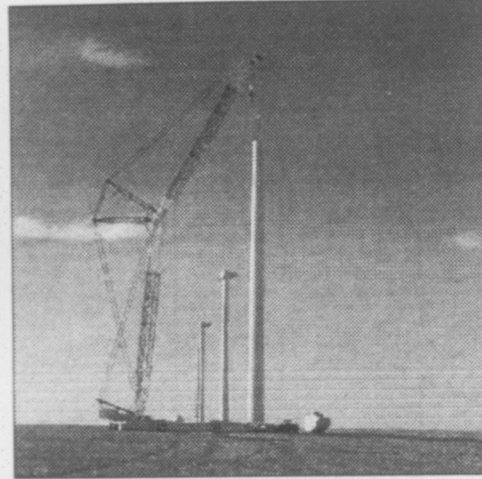
To be eligible to file for a board position, a person must be a registered voter in the precinct for which he or she files. Filing for the office of Director is open through December 19, 2001 at the Panhandle Groundwater District office, 201 W. 3rd St., White Deer.



## Britten Earns Masters

Connie Britten, daughter of Tom and Doris Britten of Groom, recently received a Master of Science degree in Organization Development from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. The two-year course of study featured a non-traditional classroom format in which students traveled to various places, including Mexico and China, to consult with businesses as part of their assignments. Graduation ceremonies were held at the campus of Pepperdine University in Malibu on August 4, 2001. Connie is a graduate of Groom High School and West Texas State University. She has been employed by EDS in Plano, Texas for 16 years.

Attending her graduation were her parents, sister Patty Britten from Austin and John Bremsteller from San Jose, California.



## Wind Ranch To Sell Energy To SPS

The Llano Estacado Wind Ranch located at White Deer, construction crews using trucks and cranes and savvy and muscle are raising tons upon tons of steel-column towers and wind turbine generators into the sky daily.

SPS and Cielo Wind Power officials held a press meeting on Monday, November 26, 2001 at the Wind Power offices. SPS official Bill Crenshaw and Steve Jones were present to answer questions on the Wind Power project.

Cielo Wind Power President Walker Hornaday conducted the press meeting. Texas Wind Power construction began with the first project in 1987 with the Seaholm Power Station/Electrical Ductbank Project.

Hornaday stated, "We have 120 employed at the site and have deadline expected in December to have all the wind power and turbines running. We did a test on two of the wind power turbines this past weekend, and everything went great."

The cost of the project is expected to be over 30 million dollars, and life expectancy of each wind power is 20 years stated Hornaday.

Currently there are 11 land owners involved with the project and nine sections of land. Wind turbines only occupy about five percent of the land used for a wind farm, allowing the bulk of the land to remain open for grazing, farming, and hunting as soon as the construction is completed.

According to Cielo

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Conventional sources of power such as coal and nuclear require exorbitant amounts of water to cool down their plants, creating useless water waste. Wind power does not need any water for operation, but only for periodic cleaning of the turbines. In addition, wind power does not produce toxic solvents that could leak into lakes and rivers surrounding the farm.

The turbine specifics: tower height is 226 feet tall, blade length is approximately 80 feet and will turn 3600 times per minute, rotor diameter is 184 ft 2 inches, swept area 8,070, turbine weight 208-258 tons, voltage 690 V. Blades are composed of glass fiber reinforced epoxy. Tower is a tubular structure.

There are currently three cranes in use which include a 600-ton crane and two 500-ton cranes. The foundations are six feet deep and about 40 inches across. Each foundation used rebar and 200 cubic yards of concrete. The foundations are designed to withstand 160 MPH winds.

## Author To Hold Book Signing

Local famed writer, Jodi Thomas will be at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2415 Soncy, on Saturday, Dec. 1st between 3 and 5 pm. Thomas will be signing her new book, *The Texan's Dream*, and chatting with readers during the event. Now nationally renowned after appearing on the New York Times list of best selling paperbacks and the USA Today's best seller's list, Thomas returns home to please the home town crowd.

*The Texan's Dream* is the 15th novel for Thomas. This week it appears on the New York Times list of best selling paperbacks at number twenty-two.

## Students Named To Who's Who

A total of 4 students from this area are included in the 35th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001*.

*Who's Who*, published by Education Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and education organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

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2001, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent

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Local students selected include: Marci Babcock, Lori Stephens, Garrett Britten, and Michele Stephens.

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