

# The McLean News



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## McLean Reminder

**THE MCLEAN PTA** will have their monthly meeting, Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Make plans to attend.

**THERE WILL** be a bake sale benefiting the McLean Care Center, Saturday, November 23, from 9-2:00 at Pucketts.

**SCHOOL WILL** be dismissed early two days this month. Friday, November 22, school will be dismissed at 12:15. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on Wednesday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. School will be out until Monday, December 2.

**MCLEAN BOYS** and girls make their way to Lefors November 21-23 to play in the Lefors Tournament.

**MCLEAN JUNIOR** High hosts Ft. Elliott on Monday, November 25. Game time is set for 6:00 p.m.

## Committee Approves Playground Expenses

The McLean EDC was called to order at 6:00 p.m., November 7, 2002, with the following members present: Mary Dwyer, La Von Watson, Laverne Back and Jim Reyna. Others present were: Archie Cooper, Wilma Barker, Martha Van Huss, Mindy Reeves and Mayor Martin.

The invocation was given by Jim Reyna. Minutes of the October 17 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$10,964.59 in General fund and \$2,883.52 remaining in "Clean Up" fund for a total of \$13,848.15

Old Business, 1. The consideration of buying AR books and disks was tabled upon motion by LaVon Watson. There was a question raised whether this

The citizens of McLean were treated to a hilarious night of entertainment on Saturday evening when Project Graduation sponsored the annual Wo-man Pageant.

The young men from McLean High School dressed as beauty queens and the young women dressed as male escorts.

The contestants were Mitch Steward as "Maybelle Louise Steward" escorted by Sandi Anderson as "Sandi Bob Crippler", Lucas Seymour as "Lucious Lucy Lamoire" escorted by Leann Rogers as "Josie Lee Wales McHouston", Kevin Smith as "Katrina Von Puffenstuf" escorted by Savannah Williamson as "Willie Von Stufenstuffer", Chase Jarvis as "Elly Jean Halloway" escorted by Lindsey Ruiz as "Joe Fez Black", Bron Bohlar as "Nikki Chacha Boiler" escorted by Jennifer Greer as "Tommy Blue AKA Husky Hank, Keith Raines as "Sexy Reigns" escorted by Lindsey Ruiz as "Joe Fez Black", Nick Jones

as "Winifred Winnie Fristoe" escorted by Ashley McClendon as "Ashtray Boobaloo", Reo Dennis as "Sharon Louleen Lofton" escorted by Leann Rogers as "Josie Lee Wales McHouston" and Tyler Hanes as "Iwana B. Good" escorted by Sandi Anderson as "Sandi Bob Crippler"

The winners for the evening were Lucas Seymour "Luciqus, Lucy Lamoire as Queen escorted by Leann Rogers "Josie Lee Wales McHouston". First runner up was Mitch Steward "Maybelle Louise Steward" escorted by Sandi Anderson as "Sandi Bob Crippler." Second runner up Reo Dennis "Sharon Louleen Lofton" escorted by Leann Rogers "Josie Lee Wales McHouston." Bron Bohlar "Nikki Chacha Boiler" took third runner up escorted by Jennifer Greer "Tommy Blue AKA Husky Hank" and Miss Congeniality went to Tyler Hanes "Iwana B. Good" escorted by Sandi Anderson "Sandi Bob Crippler"

would be a legitimate expenditure for the EDC. La Von volunteered to check into this further. 2. The Committee on Playground Improvement reported estimated costs as follows: \$26.85 for three nets, \$72.50 for one rim with net, \$229.75 for five belt swings, \$100.00 for swing chains, \$25.00 for shipping for a total of \$454.10. Laverne move the EDC allow an expenditure of \$500.00 for playground replacements and repairs. Seconded by Mary Dwyer. 3. The "Monument" Committee reported on a meeting with Chris Chambers, Landscape Engineer with the Highway Department in Amarillo, and other contacts during the past two weeks. A written report detailed some of the suggestions and costs. The

EDC will seek ideas from the public for the project via newspaper and flyers. President Reyna asked the committee to continue its work as this will be a long term project. 4. President Reyna provided written costs of banners and brackets. The matter of design and its cost would have to be worked out. No action was taken at this time.

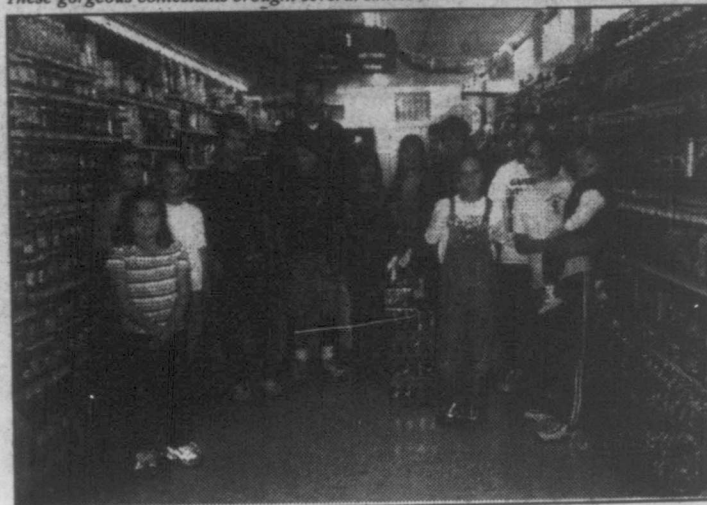
A further report will be given at next meeting. 5. President Reyna presented a cost list for flags, poles and mounts. Discussion concerning size of the flags to be flown on Railroad and First Streets ended without a decision being made as to whether a 16"x24" flag is large enough. The plan is for 40 flags, size to be determined by committee.

See EDC, pg. 9

## Project Graduation Holds Wo-Man Pageant



These gorgeous contestants brought several smiles to the audience.



## 4-H Club Practices Good Nutrition

The McLean 4-H and nutrition project group is busy preparing for the Gray County Food Show to be held on November 23. Pictured touring Pucketts Grocery Store are Kristin

Ellis, Zachary Odom, Caleb Crawford, Kevin Smith, Mark Smith, Manager Brandon Lewis, Tammy Syfrett, Emory Crawford, Nicholas Odom, Lyndsey Ellis, Lisa Ellis, Kristen Odom and special guest,

Dillon Ellis. Not pictured is Saber Bohlar, Daniel Conners, Neva Corley, Trey Skipper, Brooke Seymour, Nancy Castillo, Rudy Rodriguez, John Haynes and Sheri Haynes.

## McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 21 - Destry Magee, Terry Dickey.  
 November 22 - Dale Barker, Seth Brown, David Crockett, Robin Luna.  
 November 23 - Freda Holland, Evelyn Hunt, Ann Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Longino (A).  
 November 24 - Sophie Hutchinson, Velma Cornell Kinard, Robert Sanderson.

November 25 - Bill Hambricht, Terri Lee Adams, James and Shirley Armbrister.  
 November 26 - Tonia Webster, Evan Patterson.  
 November 27 - John Bentley, Brodey Carter, Kay Magee, Jess Coleman, Kortney Smith, Judith Watkins, Sheri Ann Haynes.

### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

A total of five students from this area are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 2002-2002*. *The National Dean's List*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

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McLean students include Will Frost, Amarillo College, Rachel Galley and Lori R. Hefley both from Texas Tech University.

## West Nile Virus Hits McLean

Horses vaccinated for West Nile Virus should receive a booster after six months according to the Texas Animal Health Association. They suggest if your hoses are traveling to an area where the winter stays warm enough to sustain mosquitoes through the winter you should have your horses vaccination booster as soon as possible. If your horses stay in this area you should have your horses vaccinated before spring and the weather warms up.

McLean had several cases of West Nile Virus. Local Veterinarian David Woods said he saw 15 cases and four horses died from the virus.

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 Nothing deflates so fast as a punctured reputation.  
 —Thomas Dewar  
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### MCLEAN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Week of November 25- November 27  
 Breakfast:

Monday: French toast sticks, ham, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Tuesday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast bars, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday and Friday: No School.

### LUNCH:

Monday: Frito pie w/chili and cheese, pinto beans, salad, peach cobbler and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, Texas toast and milk.

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Thursday and Friday: No School.



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 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

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

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

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
 Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
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## EDC

May Dwyer moved the EDC furnish funding for the flag project, whatever size is decided upon. Seconded by Laverne Back.

New Business; Archie Cooper and his committee from the senior Citizens Club in McLean presented a written application for funds from EDC to improve their facility in the amount of \$1,038.00. Their building is used in many instances by the public and is an important frontage on Main Street. Laverne Back moved that the EDC approve \$500.00 for materials for repair of overhang, paint and

chalk of front window, new window treatment, new front door and hardware from the Clean-Up fund, with the balance of their request for interior supplies to be considered later. Seconded by La Von Watson.

Open Floor; Mindy Reeves presented the idea of using "Burma Shave" signs as an entrance to McLean, and having a jingle contest to determine wordage. Laverne said the Route 66 Association had expressed their desire for this idea also, and that Route 66 would be willing to share costs 50-50

with the ED Contact with the Route 66 organization will be made before next meeting to determine if this is their official stand and what their estimated of cost would be.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. November 21. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live.

—Goethe

## Election Day Dinner Held

The Election Day Dinner was well received by local residents who enjoyed the fellowship as well as the food.

The Annual event is hosted by the United Methodist Church of McLean, and is traditionally held on the November general election day.



## Services Held For Ted Simmons

Ted Simmons, 72 died Monday, November 18, 2002 at his home in McLean, Texas. Services were held Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at the First Baptist Church of McLean, with Minister Jim Reyna, Pastor Brian Quisenberry, Reverend Thacker Haynes, Reverend Carl Cox, and James Martindale officiating. Masonic Rites were performed after the service.

Mr. Simmons was cremated under the supervision of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mr. Simmons was born to Claude and Lela Reeves Simmons on December 25, 1929 in Wheeler County and had lived in the McLean area all of his life. He was well known as a rancher, auto dealer and public servant. He had been a Gray County Commissioner as well as serving in many civic positions locally. Ted married Dorothy Sue Davis on March 12, 1949 in

McLean.

Mr. Simmons is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Sue Davis, two sons, Ted David Simmons and wife Teresa of McLean, and Mark Quade Simmons and wife Rebecca of McLean, one daughter, Susan Sebeth Parsley and husband Roy Don of Amarillo and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Shriners, American Cancer Society, and Khiva Children's Hospital.

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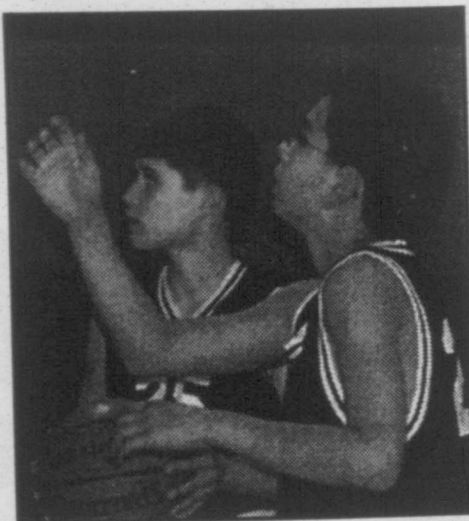
# Cubs Open the Season

On Monday, November 11, The McLean Cubs lost to Hedley, 34 - 22. The boys played very well. They played hard and never gave up. This was a super effort for the first game. Ronnie Alexander scored 9 points, Logan Sparling, 7; Zack Richardson, 4 and John Haynes, 2.

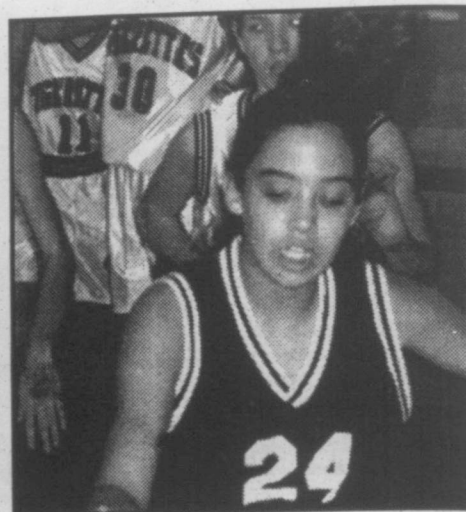
A week later, November 18, the Cubs dropped another game to Groom, 35-13. The team played great the first half. They had trouble in the second half

with their press. The game got very physical and that seemed to get them out of their rhythm. The Cubs were unable to get some of the outside shots to fall. The boys did a great job playing defense against a much larger opponent. Ronnie Alexander scored 7 points; Anthony Ruiz, 4; and Logan Sparling, 2.

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**The measure of a man is the way he bears up under misfortune.**  
—Plutarch  
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McLean Cubs look for the lay-up at Monday's game



This Lady Cub drives down the court followed by several Groom players



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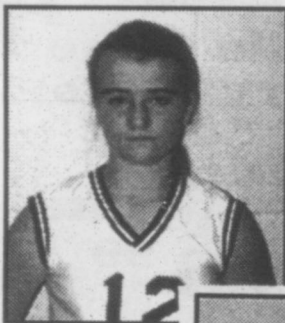


Students of the Week for November 11 - November 15: Kindergarten-Jasmine Montoya; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Kaleb Perkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Karla Lee; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Chase West; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Katy Acuna; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Mike Krueger; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Jake Calloway; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Logan Sparling

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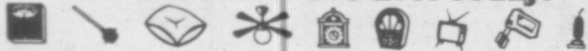
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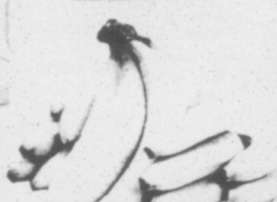
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# The Groom News

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Thursday, November 21, 2002

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## Community Calendar

**VARSITY BOYS** and girls travel to Lefors November 21-23 for the Lefors Tournament. Groom plays host to Wheeler Tuesday, November 26.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** Holiday Bazaar will be this Sunday, November 24. See the ad for more details.

**GROOM JUNIOR** High takes on Miami here on Monday, November 25. Tip-off is at 6 p.m.

**ATTENTION: THE Groom-McLean News** will have an early deadline next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please turn in all your news by noon on Monday, November 25.

**GROOM ELEMENTARY** travels to Valley for UIL on Monday, November 25.

**GROOM ISD** will dismiss on Tuesday, November 26 at 2 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will return to school on Monday, December 2 at the usual time.

**THERE WILL** be no Senior Citizen's lunch on Tuesday, November 26 so we may observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

**THE CITY** of Groom is once again sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest. The deadline to sign up is December 9. Ballots will be published in the Groom News. There will also be ballot boxes at the grocery store.

### Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$3.95  
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Corn.....\$4.60  
Soybeans..\$4.94  
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## Study Shows Groom Likely Site For Dairy

A small crowd gathered last week to hear what Mark Cummings of the Dairy Strategies, LLC had to say as they reported their findings to the Groom Economic Development Corporation. The GEDC had commissioned the group to do a feasibility study of area suitability of a dairy.

According to Mr. Cummings, the news was very good for Groom, Texas.

"We have found two especially good sites in the Groom area," he said. "In general the area is perfect for a dairy operation."

He stated that the Groom area has an excellent climate for livestock, abundant supplies of quality groundwater, high

quality forage production capability and expertise, highly suitable land with deep soils to locate, build and operate dairy facilities, a history of success through commitment to the community, and the vision to expand opportunities through responsible development of a dairy.

The type of dairy Mr. Cummings proposed is a 2,800 cow operation when it is in full production. He estimates that it would cost about \$6.1 million to develop and construct. It would employ about 35 people who would have an estimated annual salary of \$22,500 per year. He expects that the average annual revenues for the first 10 years would average \$5.3 million.

The facility would most likely begin with about 700 cows and double in size in its fourth year of operation, increasing to the target of 2,800 head by the seventh year.

The economic impact would be a real boom to the local economy bringing new jobs, new residents, new salaries and new students into the community. The additional revenue in taxable sales, agriculture related businesses and increased commerce would be a tremendous shot in the arm to local businesses and taxing entities.

Two type of dairy operations were discussed, free stall barn type and open lot type. The free stall barn type is the most

desirable, according to Cummings.

Two specific sites mentioned by Mr. Cummings were especially good for a dairy operation. That is the Rutherford Property east of the Lark Elevators and the Kotara Property, north of the Lark Elevator.

Both properties have good qualities that dairymen look for, according to Cummings.

"Both have good paved roads and easy access to Interstate 40. They have good access to water, three-phase electricity, and accessible to natural gas. Both sites have the correct kind of soil that would be needed

According to Mr. Cummings, the next step

would be to secure permits for either properties. This would need to be done by the land owners or a group of investors. During the permitting process, public hearings would be held to determine how well accepted a dairy operation would be in the Groom area.

The Groom Economic Development Corporation was encouraged by the information presented by Mr. Cummings.

"We have fulfilled our goal to find out if this area would be suitable for a dairy," stated member Kim Ritter. "It will now be up to land owners and investors to keep the ball rolling."

Also in attendance at the

See Dairy, pg. 2

## Groom School Board Rejects Bids On Surplus Real Estate

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on November 14 at 8 p.m. in the school administrative offices. The following members were present: Denny Babcock, Clifton Britten, Tony Britten, Tim Case and Tony Treadwell. Kevin Noack, Superintendent, was also present. Guests present were Curtis Downs, Donald Burgin and Ellis Stapp.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8 p.m. to discuss the 2001 AEIS Report for Groom ISD. Mr. Noack made a presentation of the data.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the October regular meeting and the special meetings held on October 23 and October 25.

During open forum, Donald Burgin made comments concerning opening the gym after hours. He and Ellis Stapp feel we should open the

gym for students after school hours. The board agreed to open the gym only when an adult is present to supervise the gym.

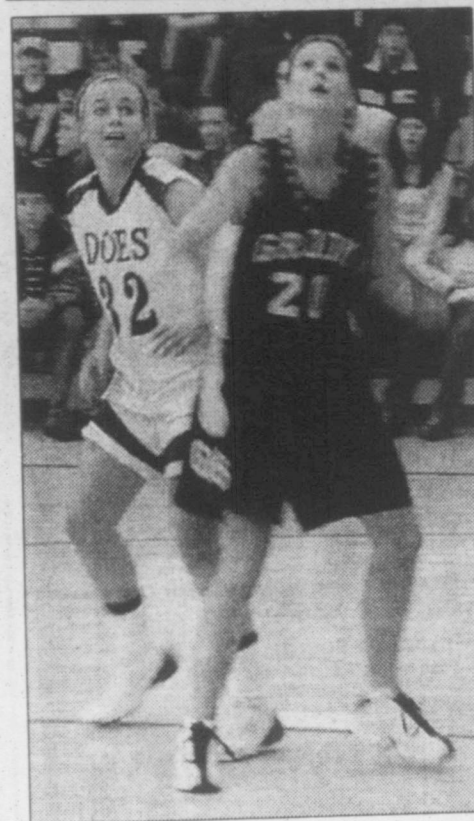
The Campus Improvement Plan was presented and approved. The IPM Plan was also presented. Jim Burton was approved as the IPM Coordinator.

Bids were opened on the school houses. One bid was received for \$2,111 on Parcel 2 House from Royce and Raymond Brown. The board voted to reject this bid.

Mr. Noack presented a budget analysis and a list of checks written for the board's perusal.

The board voted to reclassify line items to meet state requirements.

The board convened in closed session as per 551.074 to discuss personnel at 9:10 p.m. They reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m. The meeting was then adjourned.



Amanda Conrad waits for the ball in Groom's basketball match-up with White Deer on Friday night.

## Ettes Beat Vega 55-50

The Groom Tigarettes faced Vega in a very exciting game last week.

Staci Britten led the scoring with 21 points. Lauren Crowell added another 10. Amanda Conrad scored nine, Malorie Homen had eight, Brin Burgin added five and Amanda Martin chipped in two.

The final buzzer sounded with Groom winning 55-50.

The Ettes faced off against White Deer on Friday night losing by a squeaker in a very competitive game with the larger school. Staci Britten again led the team in points with 14. Malorie Homen and Lauren Crowell each scored eight points. Amanda Conrad added another five and Amanda Martin scored two. The final score was 37-42.

The boys opened their season with a very difficult match against White Deer.

"Turnovers and rebounding did us in," stated Coach Jym Dennis. "We have got to improve

See Basketball, pg. 4

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What creature can fly straight up like a helicopter? Hmmm...a hummingbird.

Two Groom residents collided at the intersection of FM 293 and FM 294 on Monday afternoon.

Robert Newton and Jerry Crowell were transported to Pampa for non life threatening injuries.

The accident is still under investigation.

## Local Happenings

On the Sick List:  
 Roman Friemel  
 Ray Pool  
 Jerry Crowell  
 Robert Newton

Several people from Groom attended the World Champion Ranch Rodeo and the Spur and Bit Show in Amarillo over the weekend. Among them were Bill Homer and Al Alward.

### GROOM SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

**BREAKFAST:**  
 Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk.

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

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: No School.

### LUNCH:

Monday: Charbroiled steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie and milk.

Tuesday: Sloppy joes, french fries, peaches, pickle spears and milk.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: No School.

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 If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.  
 —John Atkinson  
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### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

A total of five students from this area are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 2002-2002*. *The National Dean's List*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

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Local students selected include: Allison Eatmon, Amarillo College and Michele Stephens, Texas Tech University.

### Old Pictures Requested For County Schools

Johnny Brumley is currently writing a history of schools that were once in our area. He is chronicling Dawkins, Boydston, Lark, Bohr, Fairview, Riggins, Farley and Schaffer schools. Anyone who may have pictures of these school buildings and would like to share them is asked to call Johnny Brumley at 248-7550 or 248-7315. Mr. Brumley is only wanting to borrow any pictures. He is more than happy to return them.

### GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 21 - Trey Landon Stephens, Gordon Schaffer.

November 22 - Herman Leven, John Weinheimer.

November 24 - C.L. Wieberg, Kyler Blaine Barkley, Father Neal Dee, Mr. and Mrs. David Brusio (A).

November 25 - Christopher Ollinger, John Mark Baggerman.

November 26 - Mary Treadwell, Malorie Homen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payton (A).

November 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens (A).

### DAIRY

meeting was Brent Burgess, District Director from recently re-elected State Representative David Swinford's office. He stated that if Mr. Swinford could help in any way, his resources were at the Groom area's disposal.

Anyone interested in more information or how they can help is strongly encouraged to contact the Groom Economic Development Corporation for more information.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Bolden on their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 18. Their name was somehow lost off the Anniversary list. We wish them many more years of happiness.

### Macie Britten Awarded Scholarship

The College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University makes annual scholarship awards to qualified students. During the 2001-2002 school year, the college awarded scholarships to 535 students totaling \$430,700.

Macie Britten was recently awarded the C.R. Virginia Hutcheson Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. She is currently a freshman majoring in Human Development Family Studies.

Macie is the daughter of Mike and Marla Britten.

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## Commissioners' Court Convened

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met November 12, 2002. Members present were County Judge, Lewis W. Powers, Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Commissioner, Pr. #3 and Kevin Howell, Commissioner, Pr. #4.

Minutes of the October 28, 2002 meeting were read and approved. The court voted to pay all claims. Added to the list of bills were a payment to the Inn of the Hills for software, training and lodging at a cost of \$154.56 and a \$122.50 payment to Pav's in Groom for tires and supplies.

The court discussed repairs for the 4-H stock trailer. The court voted to seek the lowest bid for replacing the trailer's floor, wiring and paint and repair wheel bearings.

Sheriff Gary Robertson informed the court that he is seeking bids on a 2003 Impala, saying that his office is going to try a Chevrolet this time over the usual Crown Victoria. Robertson stated that the Impala could be purchased at a cheaper price.

Robertson also petitioned the court for a key pad to be placed in the courthouse elevator and a second panel in the jail, doing away with the old lock and key system.

The cost of the project should range from \$600 to \$800. The court voted to allow the acquisition and for the money to be taken from courthouse security funds.

Commissioner Howell told the court that Precinct #4 would be in the market for a used road grader. Howell will be starting the process for the purchase which will include a trade-in.

Representatives from the J. R. Farrar and Company met with the court to discuss their services offered to the county. Johnny Odell and Christy Brooks discussed equipment that could be made available for signs and other construction traffic controls.

Extension Agent Jody Bradford asked the court for approval to install a second guard light at the 4-H farm. The court agreed to allow the additional light and to include the payment in the current agreement with Excel Energy.

Judge Powers presented the court with a resolution from the Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation for support of the organization even though funding is being cut. The court voted to endorse the resolution.

The court tabled action on an agreement with the County Information Resource Agency (CIRA) to create a web page for

Carson County. It was not clear if the county would be charged for changes and additions.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper asked the court for permission to enter into a new agreement for an updated copy machine for that office. The court agreed to allow the request which will cost \$68.25 per month on a four year program. The contract will provide for service and toner. Cosper reported that 66.17% of the county's taxes have been collected as of October 31, 2002. That is up from 57.31% at the same time last year.

Commissioners gave approval to the clerk's office to create a part-time position for the month of December and pay the individual \$7 per hour in order to create a training period until the position becomes permanent January 1. The motion carried.

The 100<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office presented for approval a report on asset forfeitures. The motion carried to accept the account.

County Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham asked for the acceptance of a \$700,000 surety bond for First Bank and Trust of White Deer to secure county money. The court voted to allow this procedure.

Commissioners accepted a \$5000 donation to the Carson County Library from Ellorcne Anderson. The receipt had to be certified before any funds could be spend. The court voted to accept the contribution and amend the budget to allow disbursements.

James Rotramel was reappointed to the Carson County Appraisal District Board. The motion was made to refer Rotramel back to the board after his term expires December 31. The motion carried.

The court set a minimum bid of \$3000 for some property in Groom that will be put up for auction. The property description is lots 7-12, block 65 O.T. Groom, which is where the old DPS building was located.

The court voted to establish the acceptable bid. County Clerk Sonya Shieldknight canvassed the November 5 general election with the court. The motion carried to approve the process.

Court adjourned until November 25, 2002.

## McLean Drama Club Performs "Only 17"

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

The play held a powerful

message to the young people about the dangers of drinking and driving and of reckless driving. The cast did a fine job and the audience was noticeably shaken by the performance. Ben Reyna played Cory Martin, the young man killed in the accident while speeding around a slower going car. Matt Gutierrez played Cory's friend Ray, who was not surprised by the accident but saddened. Reo Dennis played Heath, Cory's brother who comes upon the accident scene as they are removing his brother's body from the accident. Philip Jones played Heath's friend Robert who is with Heath when they come upon the accident. Emily

Bolin played Cory's mother, a woman not sure if her example was what it should have been and feeling guilt over letting her son take the car against her better judgment. Sean Bauer played another of Cory's

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

## Groom Six Weeks Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll:

Fourth Grade: Jacob Torres and Michael Kelly.

Fifth Grade: Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Britney Evenson, Jes Roskens.

Sixth Grade: Brett Friemel and Joshua Kelly.

Seventh Grade: Chad Barkley and Michaela Roskens.

Eighth Grade: Karla Howard and Kecia Howard.

Ninth Grade: Katy Britten and Maloric Homen.

Tenth Grade: Adam Britten.

Eleventh Grade: Britteny Martin and Owen Weinheimer.

Twelfth Grade: Jill Britten, Staci Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin.

Jessica Bates, Laurissa Noack and Manuella Bogge.

A-B Honor Roll:

Fourth Grade: Tanner Britten, Myles Friemel, Cecilia Unger, Maddie Wieberg, Samantha Clendennen, Cassandra Graves.

Fifth Grade: Tyler Case, Christopher Chaney, Eric Torres, Ashley Murray,

Ricky Fehr, Shane King, Alannah King.

Sixth Grade: Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel, Andrew Thompson, Kelton Weller.

Seventh Grade: Whitney Evenson.

Eighth Grade: Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Brandi Bates, Jimmy Brewer.

Ninth Grade: Sharri Britten, Kelby Noack,

Gailynn Drewery.

Tenth Grade: Chance Barkley and Ashley Jackson.

Eleventh Grade: Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Bobby Ratterree, Calvin Schaffer.

Twelfth Grade: Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Stephany Fraser, Lance Ollinger, Cody Babcock and Mike Portugal.



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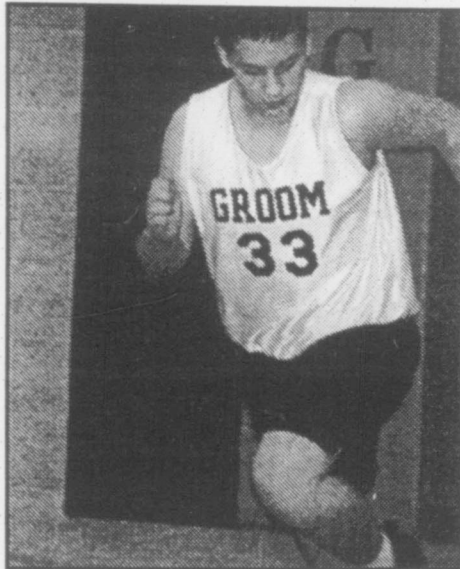
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Cody Babcock fights for a rebound in the Tigers' game in White Deer.



Kendall Weller makes his way down the basketball court



Brandi Bates takes on a defensive stance in Monday's basketball game. The Cub-Ettes beat McLean 50-10.

**BASKETBALL**

in these areas." Bobby Ratterree scored three points and Kelby Noack scored one. Other members of the team are Chance Barkley, Jeff Rios, Adam Britten, Cody Schaffer, Lance Ollinger, Brandon Jenkins, Javier Caro and Cody Babcock. The Tigers and Ettes will compete in a tournament over the weekend in Lefors.

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**Junior High Beats McLean With Double Win**

The Groom Junior High matched up with McLean on Monday night for two very exciting games of basketball. The Cub-Ettes won the game against the Lady Cubs 50-10. Whitney Evenson was high point with 18. Brandi Bates and Karla Howard each added eight points. Kecia Howard and Kirsten Fraser each scored four points. Ellen Leven, Berkleee Ruthardt, Amanda Chaney each scored two points a

piece. In the boys competition, the Cubs blasted past McLean 35-13. Leading the scoring was Thane Barkley with 14. Blaine Britten was second high point with 10. Kendall Weller added another eight points and Chad Barkley had three. Both girls and boys have a 2-0 record for the year. The Cubs will play Miami here next week. Game time is 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25.

**Good Luck!**  
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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

Groom has a most precious and prized possession to offer its children, a quality education in a safe, enriching environment. Last week a letter to the editor accused the people of Groom who feel like a high-performing school is worth its cost as being gripped by "self-interest." Today, I would like for the community to re-examine the issue based on facts, rather than focusing on any one person's "humble attitude," as the letter called it.

First of all, the Texas Education Agency, not some "self-serving" group in Groom, announced this year that only three other schools in the entire state offer an education comparable to the one that is given to the students of our community. If you want your child to receive an equal education, you must buy a house in the exclusive Highland Park area of Dallas. Or, if Highland Park is out of your budget, pack your belongings and head to Muenster or Carroll. Again, remember, this top ranking was made by TEA and based on measurable data, not town talk. Groom residents should be proud. All of our efforts—community wide—contributed to receiving the recent TEA acknowledgments.

I do have self-serving reasons for seeing this school remains open at all levels-four of them. None of those reasons include my or my husband's employment at Groom

School. Those reasons revolve around our children. Before moving to Groom, my children

attended an exemplary elementary near Fort Worth. My husband enjoyed a job with one lesson to prepare a day in a high-paying metropolitan school district. This past year I asked another teacher living in Groom why this person didn't apply for a job here. The answer: "I can't afford to work in Groom." The reality: With current teacher shortages, my husband and I could find employment at another Panhandle-area district, and probably increase our incomes. We know we could lower our workload. Commutes are no problem for us. In the Metroplex, Larry's drive time was over an hour each way. Our children's education matters more to us than our work load, our tax burden, or our income level.

I'm amazed at the quality of the staff and commitment of my colleagues, it's no wonder that other districts try to lure our teachers away. For example, Susi Thompson has been offered a job in a district that would make her life plenty easier and possibly her wallet fatter. Yet, she stays for the same self-serving reasons we do. She and Lane want to provide their children with the best education possible.

She isn't the only good teacher who makes sacrifices to work in Groom and keep quality education alive. Last year a superintendent of another Panhandle district told me he would love to recruit Steve Hutsell to join his technology staff. Other superintendents have noted the need for someone with Leslie Crowell's critical certification areas, which

include a foreign language. And no one has any doubts about the quality education our kindergarten- through second-grade team of Pam Hutsell, Marcia Davis and others offer our children. Excellence can be found from one end of the halls to the other. Every employee in the building makes sacrifices and carries a heavy load for one reason: We want Groom School to be the best it can be for our children and for yours. From our administration, to our teachers, to our maintenance, cafeteria and cleaning crews, Groom School seeks excellence on every level.

Now, let's look carefully at the administration of Groom School. It is excellent. Some have called Kevin Noack "an outsider." He might not argue with that label, but he sure will not let it detract from his mission: He intends to see that the Groom Independent School District is the best educational source it can be - for his children, as well as for mine and for yours. God often sends outsiders on missions of rescue to hard situations. Mr. Noack works harder than any administrator I've seen in my life. He does not consider any job too low or too high for him. If it needs to get done and it will benefit a student, he does it.

I encourage each and every community member to look at the numbers in

the budget; then come see how the money is spent. No other school district has school board members who do hard, free labor on school property, just to save money. No other district has a superintendent willing to mow a practice field or clean-out a refrigerator if it needs to be done - on top of his other state-mandated responsibilities. Last week's letter writer mentioned a trip to the principal's office. I also spent some time in Mr. Noack's office this week; my entire visit wasn't all pleasant either. But, every second of my meeting confirmed to me that the best interest of the children attending Groom School come first with Kevin Noack. Due to Groom's success under his leadership, many other districts want to lure him from here. I hope he isn't just passing through. I do know, though, that the people of Nineveh were grateful that Jonah passed through their town. I hope Groom now can be honest about whose interests truly are self serving. Do we want to be swayed by arguments from those whose children no longer need the services of Groom School just so their taxes don't increase for a period of time? Or, could we all take a minute to examine the facts and realize that a quality education is not something we want to sacrifice. In the life of a child, every year matters.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Roskens

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## GRANDVIEW - HOPKINS 2<sup>ND</sup> SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

All A Honor Roll  
First Grade: Bracie Harris and Ashton Standerfer.

Second Grade: Claire Hopkins.

Third Grade: Amber Harris, Celby Snapp, Hilary Zeditz.

Fifth Grade: Hilary Acker.

Sixth Grade: Jessica Baggerman and Hannah Hopkins.

A-B Honor Roll:

First Grade: Ela Earhart.

Second Grade: Alex Ragsdale and Alex Stevens.

Third Grade: Jazmine Rose and Chloe Zeditz.

Fifth Grade: Robert Ponce, Zachery Ponce and Cody Schiffman

## OBITUARY

Cheryl B. Quisenberry, 57, died Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

Rosary followed by Mass was held on Friday, November 15 in St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Independence, Kansas with Rev. Stephen Mahn Thapwa, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Potts Chapel.

Mrs. Quisenberry was born July 20, 1945 in Groom, Texas to the late Eugene and Monica Weinheimer. She married James P. Quisenberry on June 12, 2002, in Miami, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Duane Howard Schaub of Independence, Kansas, and Derek Troy Schaub and Aaron Eugene Schaub, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two brothers, Eugene Weinheimer of Columbia, Missouri and Jerome Weinheimer of Groom; five sisters, Carolyn Madison of Washington, Janice Cooper of Austin, Texas, Monica Roden of Pampa, Texas, Martha Samples of Groom and Diana Vandergriff of Chico, Texas; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Andrew's Catholic

Church; or the Independence AA and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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National Women's Health Information Center at [www.4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov).

Sure Fit, Inc. at [www.surefit.com](http://www.surefit.com).

Polaroid at [www.polaroid.com](http://www.polaroid.com).

EZ Assist Reacher at [www.arcoa.com](http://www.arcoa.com).

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Miller welding units at [MillerWelds.com](http://MillerWelds.com).

Zippo at [www.zippopolick.com](http://www.zippopolick.com).

The U.S. Army at <http://goarmy.com>.

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# Carson County Sheriff's Report

Two construction workers were escorted off the grounds of the Pantex plant after they were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia when they arrived for work at the plant site. The men are employed with a company in Amarillo. Both men have extensive criminal records and are affiliated with violent extremist gangs. Their names were given to the Amarillo Drug Task Force. Deputy Drew Brassfield issued citations to both men and escorted them off the plant premises.

Two women are in custody in Gray County after they went on a shopping spree in our county and in Gray County. They had passed stolen checks which they allegedly forged. Their shopping spree came to an end when they tried to pass a check at a store in Pampa. The clerk waiting on them turned out to be the person they had stolen the checks from. Both remain in jail in Gray

County and warrants in Carson County will also be issued.

A verbal domestic disturbance in Fritch between a parent and a 14-year old child only proves what Grandpa Davis always said, "Too many homes have garages and no wood sheds."

The Sheriff's Office assisted the Panhandle Police Department at the scene of a 911 call, which ended with the arrest of two men at the residence. One of the men was arrested for public intoxication and the other for evading arrest or detention. This was the second time officers have made an arrest at this particular residence with a child being subjected to the type of activities. Children's protective services will be notified.

The medi-vac helicopter was called to our county four times this week.

The first call was for a woman at the clinic in Panhandle when she had a severe reaction to an

immunization.

Another call was for a woman and her two small children after the station wagon they were in collided with a van occupied by two people on Hwy 60 and Hwy 207. The people in the van were not injured.

On Saturday night, November 16, a call of an elderly woman at the Love's Store in Conway had medi-vac responding when she was found to be unconscious sitting in her car.

On Sunday, November 17, yet another call for the medi-vac chopper sent a local person to the hospital who was having trouble breathing and chest pains.

### NUGGETS OF GOLD FOR THE WEEK:

"When you have a fight with your conscience and get licked, you win."

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Anyone can steer the ship when the sea is calm.  
—Publilius Syrus  
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# City Approves Bids For Seal Coating

The Groom City Council met in regular monthly business session with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Pro-Temp; Ellis Stapp, Alderman Forrest McLaughlin, Chris Welch, W. H. Ollinger. Joe Homer and Don Case were absent. Visitors included Dan Reeves of Brandt Engineers; Clint Cornett, E.D. Baker Construction, Steven Franks with Lewis Construction, Mary Sue Lyles.

The bids for the street seal coating project were opened and validated by Dan Reeves with Brandt Engineers. There were four bids received: E. D. Baker Co., Borger; G. W. James, Inc., Pampa; Lewis Construction Co., Dumas; and J. Lee Mulligan, Inc., Amarillo. The motion was made to accept the recommendation of the representative for Brandt Engineers and award the bid for seal coating the streets in the summer of 2003 to Lewis Construction Co. of Dumas, Texas. The motion passed.

The council accepted the resignation of Joyce Hutsell from the GEDC Board of Directors. Her term expires in September, 2003.

It was decided that the Christmas Decorating Contest prizes will be the same as last year. First prize is \$25, second prize is \$15 and third prize is \$10. The contest will be held during the month of December and will be

voted on by Groom residents. Anyone wishing to nominate a home for the contest will need to sign up by Monday, December 9. Ballots will be published in

the December 12 and December 19 issues of The Groom News. There will be ballot boxes at Groom S & H Grocery Store and at City Hall. The last day for voting will be Monday, December 23 and the winner will be announced in the January 2 issue of The Groom News.

The council voted to appoint Gary Friemel to the GEDC Board of Directors for the term that will expire in September, 2004 and that Travis Trussell be appointed to fill the unexpired GEDC Board of Directors term that will end in September, 2003.

A bid from Ingram's Carpet for \$4019.63 was accepted to replace the carpet in the Community Center Big Room. The council discussed asking the GEDC to help pay for the carpet since this project would fall within the guidelines for projects that they can fund. The Mayor will discuss this with the


GEDC at their next meeting.

The council reviewed the minutes of the October 8 meeting and approved them as written. They also voted to pay the bills and approve the financial report. The motion passed to amend the 2001-2002 budget for overruns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

### Check Out These Web Sites:

Fire Sense: A Smart Way to Prevent, Detect and Escape Home Fires at [www.thehartford.com/fire\\_sense](http://www.thehartford.com/fire_sense).  
Zinsser at [www.zinsser.com](http://www.zinsser.com).  
"Safety Clicks!" at [www.safetyclicks.com](http://www.safetyclicks.com).  
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