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Wealth Equalization Election ApproachingMcLean I.S.D. In Voters Hands



The crowd at the school cafeteria listened intently as Mr. Hannon explained the election and the options that will be presented to the voters.

A small number of tax payers along with principals and board members gathered at the school cafeteria on Monday night to listen to Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon explain the wealth equalization election that will take place on October 11.

Mr. Hannon explained that McLean Independent School district has become a Chapter 41 school. "McLean will be a Chapter 41 District this year because the property value

for the tax year 2004, as certified by the State Comptroller's office and divided by the projected 2005-2006 Weighted Average Daily attendance, exceeds the \$305,000 equalization wealth level."

Mr. Hannon then went on to explain the five available options that the district could choose to reduce its wealth per resident student. He explained option one, which is to consolidate with another district. Option two was to detach



Jimmy Hannon, Superintendent at McLean I.S.D. gives detailed information to the small crowd that gathered at the McLean school cafeteria regarding the wealth equalization election that is approaching on October 11.

school property to another district. Option three is to purchase credits from the state. Option four is to

contract to educate nonresident students, or option five which is to consolidate tax bases with

another district.

"The board has opted to go with option three, but needs approval for both

options three and four for the future," stated Hannon. "Now the voters will

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The Ten Commandment Memorial Committee Meets To Discuss Issues

The committee for the Ten Commandment memorial met Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Bank of Commerce.

Those present were Archie Cooper, Jim Reyna, Kelly Raymond, and Nona Turpin.

Discussed was the amount of money raised to date and the amount of money that was still needed. "We have about one third of the money

needed to get the memorial put up," stated Reverend Cooper.

According to Cooper, Maggie Vines is still willing to deed part of her property to the churches of McLean to put up the monument. However, there are two other property owners who are willing to have the monument placed on their property.

Reverend Cooper brought brochures showing

how the monument would look after it is built. The brochure also contained the prices. These brochures were from Clarendon Monuments.

Anyone who is interested in donating to this project may do so at the Bank of Commerce or to any of the pastors of McLean. "We want to thank those who have donated so far," stated the committee.

LOCAL REMINDERS

NO SCHOOL - Monday, October 10.

THE TIGERS VS Miami, here, tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

THE CHAPTER 41 Wealth Equalization election is October 11 at the Lovett Memorial Library.

PICTURE DAY AT school is tomorrow, October 7.

OCTOBER 16 is National Boss Day.

THE CUBS TAKE on Miami, there at 5:00 p.m. tonight.

THE SCHOOL BOARD will met on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the school business office.

DONATIONS ARE being accepted by all local Girl Scout Troops. Please contact their leaders.

GATE FEES AT Football games are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. At JR. High games \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Everyone is required to pay with the exception of MISD faculty and Board Members.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Ends on October 30.

CITY COUNCIL meeting is October 10 at 6 p.m. at the City Hall.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 6 - Larue Hambright, Leta Mae Hess, Colleen Stewart, Vernon Stillwell, Bill Graham, Wayne & Laura Morris (A).

October 7 - Tress Hess, Toby Smith.

October 8 - Kisha Rigsby, Joe Bob Burroughs, Jessica Kemp, Bill and Linda Fuller (A).

October 9 - Frankie Worsham, Jessie Watson,

Ronald Vernon Kennedy, Tamara Loya, Dick Crockett, Joe Glass.

October 10 - Shatrel Richardson.

October 11 - Roger McCracken, Ann Brown, Dixie Burroughs, Amanda Crawford.

October 12 - Jay Dee Fish, Leland Myers, Betty Skipper, Jonathan Bailey, George Burrow, Stacy Phillips, Karen Hutchison.

School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

for the week of Oct. 10-14

BREAKFAST

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Pop-Tarts, Nutri Grain Bars, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Donuts, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Fish Nuggets,

Tarter Sauce, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Brownies, Milk

Wednesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ Sandwich, Crackers, Corn Bread, Fruit Milk

Thursday: Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, Salad, Refried Beans, Sopapillas, Milk

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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
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Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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They then made a bird feeder from an unsalted rice cake smeared with peanut butter and dunked in bird seed.

The Brownies are selling a variety of nuts October 1

through October 16. Contact Julie Ferguson at 779-2135 for more information. The profits will help to fund troop activities.

On Saturday, October 8, the girls will travel to Clarendon for Scout Day at Bar H Corn Maze.

Election

choose yes or no on each option." If a majority of voters cast yes on option three and option four, then each year that McLean ISD is considered a Chapter 41 District, these options will be used to equalize the wealth.

If a majority of voters cast no on options three and four then the Commissioner of Education will select options one, two or five. "It is obvious that this would be the end of McLean ISD as it now exists," said Hannon. "I encourage everyone to talk about what you have learned here tonight with your family, friends and co-workers," stated the Superintendent. "Encourage everyone to vote so that we can continue to give the students the best education that we possibly can."

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Tigers Lose Tough Game To Rival Team

Follett came looking for revenge on the Tigers this year after a tough loss last season to the Tigers on their own turf and a loss last week to the Samnorwood Eagles

The Tigers struggled in the first half with the Panthers leading 44 - 14.

In the second half, after a colossal down pour that cleared the stands, the Tigers made a tremendous comeback with three touchdowns in a row. Junior, Jayme Welch had a 46 yard run and another four yard run for touchdowns Tiger. Anthony Ruiz then caught a 21 yard pass from Quarterback, Zach



Richardson for another touchdown.

The Tigers out rushed the Panthers 212 yards to 192 yards, but it was the Follett passing game that led to their victory over the Tigers 58 - 36. Follett passed 303 yards versus the Tigers 143 yards.

The Tigers now stand 1 - 1 in district play. They

will take on the Miami Warriors tomorrow night at Duncan Field at 7:30 p.m.

Gate fees for all MHS football games are \$3.00 for adults and \$2 for students. The cost for MJH games is \$2 per adult and \$1 for students. Everyone

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Shelby Adams and Whitney Hambricht show their school spirit and support for the Cub and Tiger teams by having Tiger stripes on their arms and paw prints on their face. Art courtesy of Whitney's mom Niki.

McLean Cubs Suffer Loss Against Follett

The McLean Cubs took on the Follett Panthers last Thursday night in Follett.


The Cubs fought a hard battle, but suffered a loss in the end to the Panther with a score of 48 - 20.

Seventh grade Cub Clay Crockett made three touchdowns for the team


and added 18 points to the board.

Eighth grade Cub Blake Lee brought in one extra point for the Cubs and Cub, Dakota Greenwood brought in one extra point as well.


The Cubs will travel to Miami tonight to take on the Warriors at 5:00 p.m.




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McLean Cub Scouts Attend Fish Feast In Pampa At MK Brown Auditorium

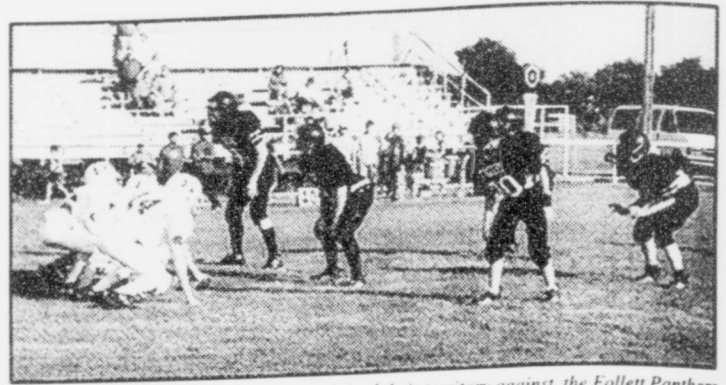


Members of the Cub Scout Pack that attended the Fish Feast at MK Brown in Pampa during camp where Cody Crockett, Stormy Manns, Bradley Purdy, Denim Bailey and Bradley's little brother, Chance.

Some of the local Cub Scout Troop #425 of McLean attended a Fish Feast in Pampa on September 24. The Feast was held at the MK Brown auditorium during a Boy Scout Camp

weekend. Attending the camp was Stormy Manns, Denim Bailey, Bradley Purdy, Cody Crockett and Chance Purdy. The leader of the troop in Gaylene Manns.

The Cub Scout troop also does local things around McLean. One recent service to the community was the flag raising ceremony at the Homecoming football game.



The McLean Cubs' defense lines up to defend their territory against the Follett Panthers last Thursday night in Follett. The Cubs suffered a loss of 48 - 20.

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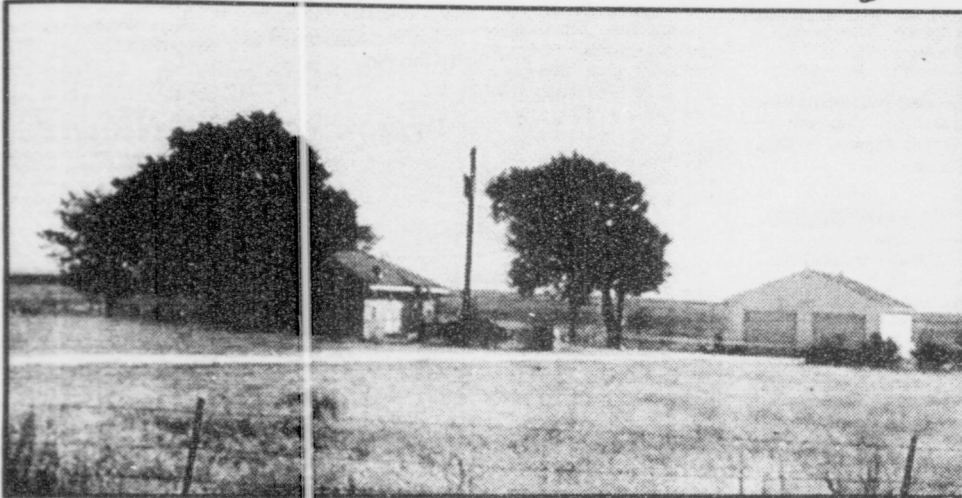
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Thursday, October 6, 2005

Texas Rangers Help In Investigation...

No Motive Found For Gray Co. Homicides



The Texas Rangerz investigators are working diligently to find out who is responsible for the loss of life at this home on Highway 70. The Conrad's were loved in this community and will be missed

Investigators Are Working Leads But Keeping Quiet To Secure The Cases Integrity

A lonesome wind ripples the out-of-place crime scene tape in front of the farm house that should be waking up to start a new day. Instead the world is a sadder place because death has visited the high plains.

Early in the morning hours of Friday, September 31, someone broke into the Conrad home, 13 miles south of

Pampa and took the lives of Brian Conrad 31, Michell Conrad 35, Zach Doan, 14 and Michell and Brian's unborn child.

According to investigators there are no suspects at this time. No motive is apparent, either. According to friends, the Conrads were very well liked and were looking forward to the birth of

their child. Zach was attending school in Pampa and was a freshman. Brian was a very upbeat person. When the weather was not cooperating with his farming ventures, he did not sit around and complain.

"They were just too nice of people to have something like this happen to them," said a

family friend, "they didn't have any enemies."

Investigators are keeping their cards close to their vest on this one. At this time nothing has been reported missing, and no suspects have been identified, but some are being carefully scrutinized. Investigators did say that they did not believe that this was a murder-suicide case.

See **MURDER**, pg. 5

Brian Conrad



PAMPA - Brian Conrad, 31, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Mr. Conrad was born May 2, 1974, in Abilene. He graduated from Cleburne High School in 1992 and attended Clarendon College, studying farm and ranch management. He later graduated from Oklahoma

See **BRIAN**, pg. 6

Michell Conrad



PAMPA - Michell Conrad, 35, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Mrs. Conrad was born Oct. 1, 1969, in Grand Prairie and was a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She worked for Gray County Farm Bureau for 10 years. She married Brian Conrad on Jan. 17, 2003. She was involved in

See **MICHELL**, pg. 6

Zach Doan



PAMPA - Zach Doan, 14, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Zach was born Aug. 20, 1991, in Pampa. He was a freshman student at Pampa High School, where he was involved in cross country, track and wrestling. He was also active in Pampa Optimist baseball and was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church. He loved to

See **ZACH**, pg. 6

Groom Ambulance Service Need A Few Good Volunteers

It has come a time for the people in Groom and their immediate area to come together to decide whether or not an ambulance service is needed here. The Groom ambulance service used to be a strong dedicated group of 14 people in 1996 to take this responsibility head on. Over the years, these people are either no longer here, gone during the day or are just not capable of getting off their daily duties to work the critical and very valuable service for the people in Groom or anybody in need that is passing through.

Currently the Groom Ambulance Service is

made up of six volunteers including, EBT, (Emergency Basic Technicians) of Sharon and Rick Prather, Dusty Babcock, and Lance Ollinger; EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians) Kerry Jenkins, Doug Kling, and Paramedic Charlotte Whatley. Inactive members are Daniel Treadwell, Dewayne Gray and Todd Gray.

Classes are needed to increase the ambulance service and one is hoped to be organized for November, on Monday and Tuesday nights in Claude. The EMT Class will include a minimum

of 140 clock hours of classroom, laboratory clinical on field instruction which shall include supervised experience in the emergency department and on the ambulance.

Now Groom must depend on White Deer, Claude and the surrounding area to assist people in need of care.

The job is an interesting and life fulfilling job helping others in a time of critical need. So the people of Groom are asking to please consider the responsibility and join the other folks in the class.

The basic EMT will

attend ongoing continuing education and refresher training courses totaling 72 hours every 4 years. Anyone interested, contact Rick Prather at 248-9005.

Groom Community Calendar

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ROUTE 66 Outdoor Entertainment Association Inc. will meet at 8:00 p.m. on October 10th at the Community Center. All are invited.

THE GROOM Cubs have an open night this Thursday but will play Silverton at Groom next Thursday, October 13th, at 5:00 p.m.

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Local Happenings

Linda Bohr said Bill and Leon Bohr's tractor had diesel stolen out of it sometime during the night of last Thursday, Sept 29. Mrs. Bohr said, 'There was diesel in the tractor on Thursday night but when they returned to the fields on Friday, the diesel was gone.

No Sheriff's report was ever given.

Hip Fann from Elisnore, MO. was a guest in the home of Burl Painter this past week. He was on his way to the Imperial Valley to deliver 3 horses.

Bud and Connie Fields recently attended the Helton Reunion in Waco, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincerest thank you to all who have remembered me in their prayers. Also, thank you for the food and kind deeds. You know who you are and I really appreciate it.

*In Christian Love,
Nelli Painter*

ON THE SICK LIST...

On the ill or recovering list this week are: Margaret Loner, Lonny Brown and Kirk Webb (former Groom Resident).

Melissa Fields of Missouri City, Texas, daughter of Bud and Connie Fields, left her home at 3:00 a.m. Friday morning, September 23. She spent six hours on the freeway and decided she would get off and go back to her home. She hadn't even gotten out of the Houston area. She finally did arrive back at her home around mid-day. She made it through the storm with no damage and not even losing electricity. She said the day after the city was very quiet. A few businesses were open.

Dean and Donna Burger, Bud and Connie Fields, and Taylor and Trenton Fields attended the Burger Reunion held in Cordell, Oklahoma, September 10th and 11th.



Card of Thanks

*Our sincerest thanks to all who have been such wonderful friends during our time of need. Thank you for the many cards, visits, calls, food and especially the prayers. Also thanks for checking on all of us and giving blood for Leigh Ann's surgery. God Bless You All,
Leigh Ann, Rachael & Curtis*

Phil and Ruthie Miller attended the Oklahoma-Kansas State football game last weekend in Norman, OK. An unusual double, vibrating, loud boom went off in the second quarter. It was shortly thereafter the announcers came across the intercom telling people a bomb had just been detonated. The 85,000 west side of the stadium had to be shut down because it was found to be a suicide. A student from Colorado Springs had blown himself up just outside the stadium. Leaving the game at the end, the body was wrapped in a body bag. It is not known whether he wanted to get into the stadium but there is strict law enforcement at the gates for people going into the stadium. Nobody else was hurt.

Haley McLaughlin Wins Glamour Shots Beauty Contest



Her photos will go on to compete in the regional contest in Oklahoma City. Her pictures will also be on display at the Glamor Shots Store in Amarillo.

The beautiful baby is the daughter of Renee and Paul McLaughlin of Panhandle. She is the granddaughter of Pattie and Forrest McLaughlin of Groom and Cindy and Frankie Ellis of Claude.

Great grandparents are Pat and Dan Ashford of Groom; Tilly Anglin of Clarendon and Dan Ellis of Claude.

Congrats to Haly and her proud parents.

Miss Haly McLaughlin won first place honors in the Glamor Shots Most Beautiful Baby Contest for the Amarillo-Lubbock Area in the 0 months to 1 year category.

Groom Resident Named To UNT Honor Roll

DENTON- Katy Leann Britten of Groom was named to the President's Honor Roll for spring semester 2005. She is the daughter of Hop and Jan Britten

To be named to the President's Honor Roll, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a perfect

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GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| October 6 - Tomi Pavlovsky, Dan Earl Steed. | Tony Britten, Cody Bivens. |
| October 7 - Eric Weinheimer | October 11 - William Lucas Pavlovsky, John Homer, Doug Kling. |
| October 8 - Jan Britten | October 12 - Margaret Whitley, Nathan Wieberg, Tamara Ashford. |
| October 9 - Donna Crump, Cobb Britten, Lance Ollinger. | |
| October 10 - Mrs. | |

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Respect For Life Rally & Procession Draws 750 People

The Annual Respect Life Procession and Rally were held this last weekend with approximately 400 people attending. The event was hosted by The Cross Ministries, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Groom and the Knights of Columbus, Pampa Chapter.

People from all across the panhandle flocked to Groom to witness the

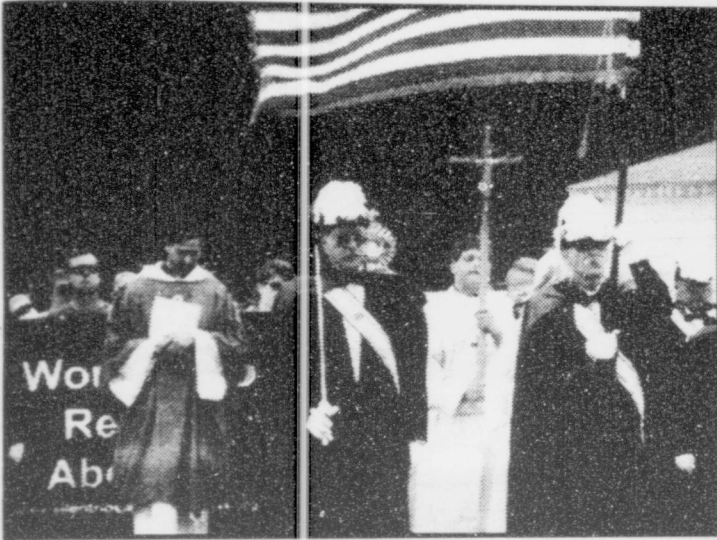
Mass and Processional led by Bishop Yanta. Young and old alike made the 1 1/2 walk to the Cross.

When they arrived they were greeted by more worshipers and then enjoyed fellowship with prayer, songs and devotional talks. The

landmark event is repeated each year during the first weekend in October.



The procession made it's way down third street in front of the school on their way to the Cross west of town.



The Pampa Chapter of the Knights of Columbus leave the procession.



Groom's CLA (Catholics In Action) were part of the annual procession.

Groom ISD Announces Honor Roll

1st Six Weeks
ALL A HONOR ROLL
4th Grade - McKenna Britten, Megan Ruthardt.
5th Grade - Kyler Barkley, Sara Kelly, Macee Rocha, Amy Weinheimer.
6th Grade - Rebekah Roskens.

7th Grade - Maddie Wieberg.
8th Grade - Ashley Murry.
9th Grade - Brett Friendel, Josh Kelly.
10th Grade - Chad Barkley, Michaels Roskens.

11th Grade - Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten
12th Grade - Kyra Stevens

AB HONOR ROLL
4th Grade - Brooklyn Kerlee, Vidal Ybarra.
5th Grade - Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Clinton Galyean, Caleb Reyna.
6th Grade - Suhani Bhakta, Hali Bohr, Neva Corley, Chris Homen.
7th Grade - Alejandra Betancourt, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Friendel, Michael Kelly, Haley Kuehler, Jacob Torres.
8th Grade - Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Virginia Proese, Alannah King, Jes Roskens.
9th Grade - Trent Britten, Blake Galyean, Ben Thompson, Kelton Weller.
10th Grade - Anthony Blackwell, Stephanie Henson.
11th Grade - Brandi Bates, Kacie Galyean.
12th Grade - Sharri Britten.

Groom Cross County Teams Compete

Out of about 100 runners at a recent meet, Groom Cross Country Junior High team finished 5th. Only 1 1-A school

finished ahead of Groom. Rachael Hopkins finished 23rd, Ashley Murray finished 37th, Korri Britten finished 38th, Maddie Wieberg

finished 39th and Haley Kuehler placed 40th. Michaels Roskens competed on the High School Level. She placed 38th in her division.

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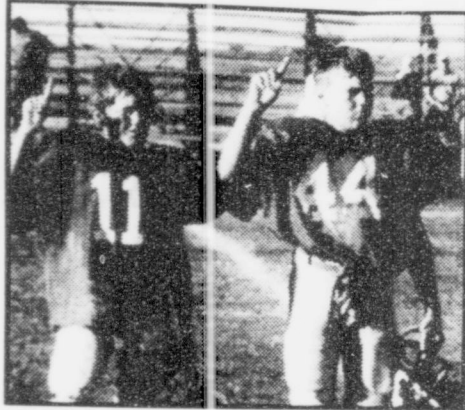
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Groom Tigers Battle Happy Cowboys, End Game Early



Cubs Rally, But Lose To Happy

The Groom Junior High Cubs have a lot of heart! That is not a secret. They proved it last week against Happy. While the score board showed a loss, the Cubs came back in the second half to pull within winning distance of the Cowboys.

They were down 26-7 when the halftime buzzer sounded. With a heroic effort the boys pulled together as a team and narrowed the gap to 33-25.

"They showed a very

strong team effort", stated Coach Matt Johnson. "It is obvious that the things we have been working on are getting through! They are showing enormous initiative and their skills are improving."

The boys tallied up 150 yards of offense, showing very good improvement. The Cubs will have an open week before coming back to play 3 more games, the next will be on Oct 13 against Silverton, here in Groom.

The Groom Tigers football game against the Happy Cowboys last Friday night, ended at half-time due to the 45 point rule. The Cowboys beat the Tigers 62-14, in a game which was never in doubt as Allan Irbeck of Happy scored four touchdowns and passed for three more to lead Happy to a District 2 Six Man win. Happy improved to 3-1 on the season and Groom falls to 2-3 and 0-2 in the district.

Groom's scoring came on a 26 yard pass from Thane Barkley to Kade Brown and a 10 yard run by Chad Barkley.

The Happy Cowboys had 360 total yards rushing compared to the Tigers 241 yards.

Groom had a pass completion on 24 attempts with one interception.

Groom will host Lazbuddie here Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Coach James of Lazbuddie feels more confident this season since the Longhorns were



Captain's Brandon Jenkins and Javier Caro met with Happy's captain's and referees

forced to forfeit the last 5 games in 2004. Coach James is in his second

season as head coach at Lazbuddie. The Longhorns have six

lettermen, five offensive and five defensive starters returning this year.

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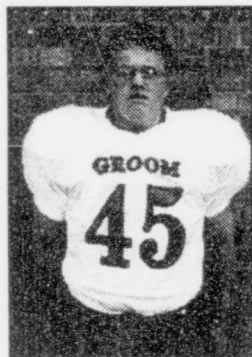
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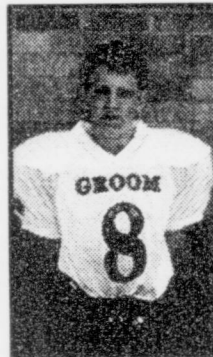
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Christian Mothers Plan Their Annual Bazaar and Dinner

The Christian Mothers' officers hosted the first meeting of the 2005-2006 year by providing the members a supper of Mexican pie-on, apple cobbler and ice cream.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Minutes were read from the previous meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Christian Mothers' members selecting a volunteer of the month. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

The Annual Bazaar will be held on November 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The St. Monica Circle will set up and decorate. The Little Flower Circle will

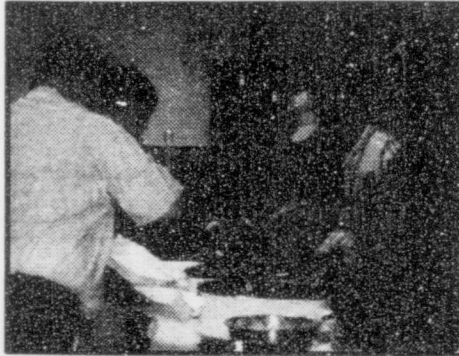
advertise, run the bake sale and clean up. Regina Coeli will prepare the meal and clean the kitchen.

Alice Kuehler presented the items for the silent auction at the DCCW convention. The convention will be held on

October 21st and 22nd. St. Mary's of Amarillo will host the convention. A request was made for delegates to attend. Joannie Kling and Lucille Britten have volunteered to go on Saturday.

An idea to create a Church Library was discussed. A request was made for people to donate items including books, video and audio for the library.

Groom Lion's Club Annual Meal A Big Success



The Groom Lion's Club had a good turn out for their Annual Scholarship Dinner. According to the members this year they had a few less diners, but the ones who attended were more generous than last year!



GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of October 10 - October 14.

BREAKFAST:

Monday: no school.

Tuesday: pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Friday: doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCHE:

Monday: no school.

Tuesday: chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pears, pickle spears & milk.

Wednesday: chicken fajitas, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches, sauteed onion, sauteed peppers & milk.

Thursday: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie & milk.

Friday: ham or cheese stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet & milk.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE GROOM Tigers play Lazbuddie at Groom, Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. They play Silverton at Silverton, Friday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m.

THE DISTRICT Cross Country Meet will be held on Oct. 24.

THERE WILL be no school at Groom ISD on October 10 in celebration of Columbus Day.

CUB SCOUTS Pack 429 of Groom is selling Popcorn until the 21st of October Contact Tim Hart at 248-0200.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS Ends on October 30.

MURDER

While the Texas Rangers are heading up the investigation with the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

"This crime is of the

utmost priority" said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne Public Information Officer for the Childers Department of Public Safety. "It is important that the public realize that every step is being taken to solve this case."

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4-H and Pampa Optimist Club and was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Turner, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Brenda Lamb of Skellytown; her father and stepmother, Gary and Sandra Sudderth of Farmersville; a brother, Mark Lamb and wife, MaryAnn, of Pampa; a sister, Melody Williams and husband, Ronny, of Plainview; a step-sister, Kristy Powell and husband, David, of White Deer; a stepbrother, Brian Sudderth of Farmersville; her stepmother, Carolyn Hall of Garland; and her grandparents, John and Loice Williams of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials be to the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065 or Gray County 4-H.

BRIAN

Panhandle State University with a degree in agriculture. After college, he moved to Pampa to operate the family farm and ranch. He married Michell Sudderth on Jan. 17, 2003. He had served as a director of Gray County Farm Bureau and was active in 4-H. He was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Raymond Maddox.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Sharon Conrad of Cleburne; a sister, Kimberly Conrad of Cleburne; his maternal grandmother, Bernice Maddox of Pampa; and his paternal grandparents, Victor and Mary Conrad of Clifton.

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The family suggests memorials be to Gray County 4-H or Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

hunt, play golf and show livestock. He received high awards in 4-H for air rifle competition.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Turner, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

ZACH

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Johnny and Jen Doan of Skellytown; his grandparents, Brenda Lamb of Skellytown, Max Doan and Garold and Linda Bromlow, all of Pampa, and Gary and Sandra Sudderth of Farmersville; and his step-grandparents, Mike and Sharon Conrad of Cleburne, Carolyn Hall of Garland and Dan Adams of Skellytown.

The family suggests memorials be to the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065 or Gray County 4-H.

Services Held For Billy Jack Babcock



Billy Jack Babcock, 58, of Amarillo died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005.

Services were Tuesday in Paramount Terrace Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Schroeder officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery in Groom.

Mr. Babcock was born and raised in Groom and

moved to Amarillo in 1957. He was a 1965 graduate of Amarillo High School. He married Candice Tolliver on June 25, 1988, in Dumas. He worked as an assistant manager for Amarillo Clutch for 27 years before going to work for AFLAC in 2004.

Bill loved being "PoPo" to Reaganne and Gracie Reed and many other children.

He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on Feb. 24, 1973, and was raised to Scottish Rite Mason and joined the Shrine on Nov. 19, 1973. He served as Potentate of Khiva Shrine Temple in 2000. He was a member of the Khiva Mule Skinners, Director's Staff, Artisan, Patrol and Cabri. He served

on the board of directors of the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Galveston. Bill was a charter member of the Coors Cowboy Club and served on the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo board of directors.

He was preceded in death by his father, H.M. "Jack" Babcock in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Robert Babcock; his mother, Pearl Babcock of Amarillo; a brother, Joe Babcock of Orcas Island, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to the Khiva Shrine Travel Fund or the Galveston Children's Burn Hospital, in care of Khiva Shrine Center, 305 E. Fifth Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

White Tail & Mule Deer Seminar

Make your plans to attend the Whitetail & Mule Deer Management Conference to be held Friday, October 14th and hosted by the Texas Deer Association & Mumme's, Inc. The conference starts at 9am in the Bairfield building at the Clarendon Jr. College in Clarendon, TX. Hear some of the top speakers in the deer industry discussing a variety of topics such as whitetail & mule deer nutrition, supplemental feeding programs, deer management permits available to landowners in Texas and how to apply for these permits, land economics in relation to hunting and high fences, food plot systems designed to maximize antler development, and other deer management topics. There will be numerous sponsors on hand at the event as well, such as John Deere, Stay-tite fence, Federal Land Bank,

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If there are any questions related to the event, please call Scott Hohensee @ 210-288-2956 or email at scott@mummesinc.com.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Tam Terry's Arrest and Booking Records listed nine incident reports this past week the Sheriff's Dept. worked. They include:

1. September 27, 2005, Anthony Dewayne Campbell, 27 years old of Amarillo was arrested on Highway 60, White Deer, County Road, CC for stolen vehicle and public intoxication and no drivers licence. He was arrested.

2. September 27, 2005, Sammie Borrow, 33 years old was arrested for unauthorized use of

vehicle and no drivers licence east of White Deer.

3. September 27, 2005, Mary Louise Floyd was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She bonded out and released.

4. Kelsee Lee McCann, 25 years old, no address listed, arrested by Panhandle Police Department warrant, case still under investigation. Remains in jail for forgery and according to Sheriff's Arrest and Booking detail page on \$10,000 bail bond.

5. September 29, 2005 Robert Jo Howard, 47 years old, transported to Panhandle from Tulsa Oklahoma. Howard' probation is being revoked on a assault on a public servant, \$80,000 bail, and prohibited substance in a correctional facility, \$100,000 bail

6. Deon lee Bell, 24 years old, Panhandle, Texas, 501 Franklin, domestic disturbance

subject attempted to stab officer with a knife. Bond set at \$100,000

7. Justin Eugene Darnell, 22 years old, of Canyon, Texas listed as unemployed, charged with theft by check, \$1500.00 bail. Wanted for Potter county warrant

8. Carlos Santos, 45 years old, Bellflower, California, wanted on bond forfeiture warrant, extradited from Los Angeles on Carson County Warrant. Transportation paid for by bonding company. Possession of Controlled substance.

9. Stacy Arron Dodson, 34 years old, Amarillo, union iron worker, wanted on Potter County Warrant, possession transport chemical with intent make controlled substance and forgery. At I-40 & Lark.

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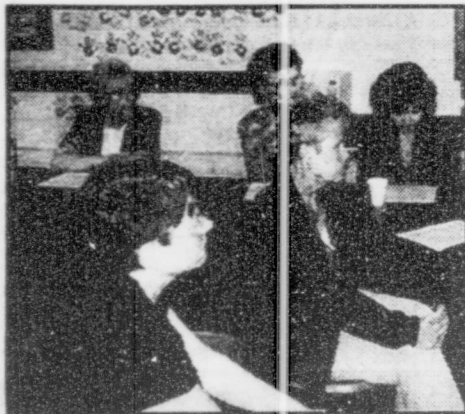


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Wealth Equalization Election ApproachingMcLean I.S.D. In Voters Hands



The crowd at the school cafeteria listened intently as Mr. Hannon explained the election and the options that will be presented to the voters.

A small number of tax payers along with principals and board members gathered at the school cafeteria on Monday night to listen to Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon explain the wealth equalization election that will take place on October 11.

Mr. Hannon explained that McLean Independent School district has become a Chapter 41 school. "McLean will be a Chapter 41 District this year because the property value

for the tax year 2004, as certified by the State Comptroller's office and divided by the projected 2005-2006 Weighted Average Daily attendance, exceeds the \$305,000 equalization wealth level."

Mr. Hannon then went on to explain the five available options that the district could choose to reduce its wealth per resident student. He explained option one, which is to consolidate with another district. Option two was to detach



Jimmy Hannon, Superintendent at McLean I.S.D. gives detailed information to the small crowd that gathered at the McLean school cafeteria regarding the wealth equalization election that is approaching on October 11.

school property to another district. Option three is to purchase credits from the state. Option four is to

contract to educate nonresident students, or option five which is to consolidate tax bases with

another district.

"The board has opted to go with option three, but needs approval for both

options three and four for the future," stated Hannon. "Now the voters will

See Election, pg. 8

The Ten Commandment Memorial Committee Meets To Discuss Issues

The committee for the Ten Commandment memorial met Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Bank of Commerce.

Those present were Archie Cooper, Jim Reyna, Kelly Raymond, and Nona Turpin.

Discussed was the amount of money raised to date and the amount of money that was still needed. "We have about one third of the money

needed to get the memorial put up," stated Reverend Cooper.

According to Cooper, Maggie Vines is still willing to deed part of her property to the churches of McLean to put up the monument. However, there are two other property owners who are willing to have the monument placed on their property.

Reverend Cooper brought brochures showing

how the monument would look after it is built. The brochure also contained the prices. These brochures were from Clarendon Monuments.

Anyone who is interested in donating to this project may do so at the Bank of Commerce or to any of the pastors of McLean. "We want to thank those who have donated so far," stated the committee.

LOCAL REMINDERS

NO SCHOOL - Monday, October 10.

THE TIGERS VS MIAMI, here, tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

THE CHAPTER 41 WEALTH EQUALIZATION election is October 11 at the Lovett Memorial Library.

PICTURE DAY AT school is tomorrow, October 7.

OCTOBER 16 is National Boss Day.

THE CUBS TAKE ON MIAMI, there at 5:00 p.m. tonight.

THE SCHOOL BOARD will meet on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the school business office.

DONATIONS ARE being accepted by all local Girl Scout Troops. Please contact their leaders.

GATE FEES AT Football games are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. At JR. High games \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Everyone is required to pay with the exception of MISD faculty and Board Members.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Ends on October 30.

CITY COUNCIL meeting is October 10 at 6 p.m. at the City Hall.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 6 - Larue Hambright, Leta Mae Hess, Colleen Stewart, Vernon Stillwell, Bill Graham, Wayne & Laura Morris (A).
October 7 - Tress Hess, Toby Smith.
October 8 - Kisha Rigsby, Joe Bob Burroughs, Jessica Kemp, Bill and Linda Fuller (A).
October 9 - Frank Worsham, Jessie Watson, Ronald Vernon Kennedy, Tamara Loya, Dick Crockett, Joe Glass.
October 10 - Shatrel Richardson.
October 11 - Roger McCracken, Ann Brown, Dixie Burroughs, Amanda Crawford.
October 12 - Jay Dee Fish, Leland Myers, Betty Skipper, Jonathan Bailey, George Burrow, Stacy Phillips, Karen Hutchison.

School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

for the week of Oct. 10-14

BREAKFAST

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Wednesday: Pop-Tarts, Nutri Grain Bars, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Donuts, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday: No School
 Tuesday: Fish Nuggets,

Tarter Sauce, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Brownies, Milk
 Wednesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ Sandwich, Crackers, Corn Bread, Fruit Milk
 Thursday: Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, Salad, Refried Beans, Sopapillas, Milk
 Friday: Sloppy Joes, Pickle Spears, Veggie Sticks, Fritos, Rice Krispie Treats, Milk

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 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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 Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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Girl Scouts Learn About Birds And Their Nests

Brownie Girl Scout Troops #25 and #128 met Thursday afternoon, September 28. After looking at a bird's nest and an ostrich egg, the girls learned some interesting facts about birds.

They then made a bird feeder from an unsalted rice cake smeared with peanut butter and dunked in bird seed.

The Brownies are selling a variety of nuts October 1

through October 16. Contact Julie Ferguson at 779-2135 for more information. The profits will help to fund troop activities.

On Saturday, October 8, the girls will travel to Clarendon for Scout Day at Bar H Corn Maze.

Election

choose yes or no on each option." If a majority of voters cast yes on option three and option four, then each year that McLean ISD is considered a Chapter 41 District, these options will be used to equalize the wealth.

If a majority of voters cast no on options three and four then the Commissioner of Education will select options one, two or five. "It is obvious that this would be the end of McLean ISD as it now exists," said Hannon. "I encourage everyone to talk about what you have learned here tonight with your family, friends and co-workers," stated the Superintendent. "Encourage everyone to vote so that we can continue to give the students the best education that we possibly can."

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Tigers Lose Tough Game To Rival Team

Follett came looking for revenge on the Tigers this year after a tough loss last season to the Tigers on their own turf and a loss last week to the Samnorwood Eagles.

The Tigers struggled in the first half with the Panthers leading 44 - 14.

In the second half, after a colossal down pour that cleared the stands, the Tigers made a tremendous comeback with three touchdowns in a row. Junior, Jayme Welch had a 46 yard run and another four yard run for touchdowns. Tiger, Anthony Ruiz then caught a 21 yard pass from Quarterback, Zach



Shelby Adams and Whitney Hambright show their school spirit and support for the Cub and Tiger teams by having Tiger stripes on their arms and paw prints on their face. Art courtesy of Whitney's mom Niki.

Richardson for another touchdown.

The Tigers out rushed the Panthers 212 yards to 192 yards, but it was the Follett passing game that led to their victory over the Tigers 58 - 36. Follett passed 303 yards versus the Tigers 143 yards.

The Tigers now stand 1 - 1 in district play. They

will take on the Miami Warriors tomorrow night at Duncan Field at 7:30 p.m.

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McLean Cubs Suffer Loss Against Follett

The McLean Cubs took on the Follett Panthers last Thursday night in Follett.

The Cubs fought a hard battle, but suffered a loss in the end to the Panther with a score of 48 - 20.

Seventh grade Cub Clay Crockett made three touchdown for the team

and added 18 points to the board.

Eighth grade Cub Blake Lee brought in one extra point for the Cubs and Cub, Dakota Greenwood brought in one extra point as well.

The Cubs will travel to Miami tonight to take on the Warriors at 5:00 p.m.

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Catch Cub Fever

McLean Cub Scouts Attend Fish Feast In Pampa At MK Brown Auditorium



Members of the Cub Scout Pack that attended the Fish Feast at MK Brown in Pampa during camp where Cody Crockett, Stormy Manns, Bradley Purdy, Denim Bailey and Bradley's little brother, Chance.

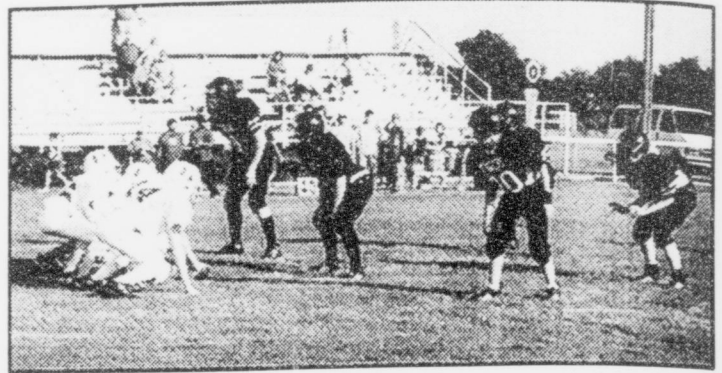
Some of the local Cub Scout Troop #425 of McLean attended a Fish Feast in Pampa on September 24. The Feast was held at the M.K. Brown auditorium during a Boy Scout Camp

weekend.

Attending the camp was Stormy Manns, Denim Bailey, Bradley Purdy, Cody Crockett and Chance Purdy. The leader of the troop in Gaylene Manns.

The Cub Scout troop also does local things around McLean. One

recent service to the community was the flag raising ceremony at the Homecoming football game.



The McLean Cubs' defense lines up to defend their territory against the Follett Panthers last Thursday night in Follett. The Cubs suffered a loss of 48 - 20.

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Texas Rangers Help In Investigation...

No Motive Found For Gray Co. Homicides

Brian Conrad



PAMPA - Brian Conrad, 31, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Mr. Conrad was born May 2, 1974, in Abilene. He graduated from Cleburne High School in 1992 and attended Clarendon College, studying farm and ranch management. He later graduated from Oklahoma

See BRIAN, pg. 6

Michell Conrad



PAMPA - Michell Conrad, 35, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Mrs. Conrad was born Oct. 1, 1969, in Grand Prairie and was a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She worked for Gray County Farm Bureau for 10 years. She married Brian Conrad on Jan. 17, 2003. She was involved in

See MICHELL, pg. 6

Zach Doan



PAMPA - Zach Doan, 14, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Zach was born Aug. 20, 1991, in Pampa. He was a freshman student at Pampa High School, where he was involved in cross country, track and wrestling. He was also active in Pampa Optimist baseball and was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church. He loved to

See ZACH, pg. 6



The Texas Rangers investigators are working diligently to find out who is responsible for the loss of life at this home on Highway 70. The Conrad's were loved in this community and will be missed

Investigators Are Working Leads But Keeping Quiet To Secure The Cases Integrity

A lonesome wind ripples the out-of-place crime scene tape in front of the farm house that should be waking up to start a new day. Instead the world is a sadder place because death has visited the high plains.

Early in the morning hours of Friday, September 31, someone broke into the Conrad home, 13 miles south of

Pampa and took the lives of Brian Conrad 31, Michell Conrad 35, Zach Doan, 14 and Michell and Brian's unborn child.

According to investigators there are no suspects at this time. No motive is apparent, either. According to friends, the Conrad's were very well liked and were looking forward to the birth of

their child. Zach was attending school in Pampa and was a freshman. Brian was a very upbeat person. When the weather was not cooperating with his farming ventures, he did not sit around and complain.

"They were just too nice of people to have something like this happen to them," said a

family friend, "they didn't have any enemies."

Investigators are keeping their cards close to their vest on this one. At this time nothing has been reported missing, and no suspects have been identified, but some are being carefully scrutinized. Investigators did say that they did not believe that this was a murder-micide case.

See Murder, pg. 5

Groom Ambulance Service Need A Few Good Volunteers

It has come a time for the people in Groom and their immediate area to come together to decide whether or not an ambulance service is needed here. The Groom ambulance service used to be a strong dedicated group of 14 people in 1996 to take this responsibility head on. Over the years, these people are either no longer here, gone during the day or are just not capable of getting off their daily duties to work the critical and very valuable service for the people in Groom or anybody in need that is passing through.

Currently the Groom Ambulance Service is

made up of six volunteers including, EBT, (Emergency Basic Technicians) of Sharon and Rick Prather, Dusty Babcock, and Lance Ollinger; EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians) Kerry Jenkins, Doug Kling, and Paramedic Charlotte Whatley. Inactive members are Daniel Treadwell, Dewayne Gray and Todd Gray.

Classes are needed to increase the ambulance service and one is hoped to be organized for November, on Monday and Tuesday nights in Claude. The EMT Class will include a minimum

of 140 clock hours of classroom, laboratory clinical on field instruction which shall include supervised experience in the emergency department and on the ambulance.

Now Groom must depend on White Deer, Claude and the surrounding area to assist people in need of care.

The job is an interesting and life fulfilling job helping others in a time of critical need. So the people of Groom are asking to please consider the responsibility and join the other folks in the class.

The basic EMT will

attend ongoing continuing education and refresher training courses totaling 72 hours every 4 years. Anyone interested, contact Rick Prather at 248-9005.

Groom Community Calendar

Tuesday
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ROUTE 66 Outdoor Entertainment Association Inc. will meet at 8:00 p.m. on October 10th at the Community Center. All are invited.

THE GROOM Cubs have an open night this Thursday but will play Silverton at Groom next Thursday, October 13th, at 5:00 p.m.

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Local Happenings

Linda Bohr said Bill and Leon Bohr's tractor had diesel stolen out of it sometime during the night of last Thursday, Sept. 29. Mrs. Bohr said, "There was diesel in the tractor on Thursday night but when they returned to the fields on Friday, the diesel was gone. No Sheriff's report was ever given."

Hip Fann from Elisnore, MO. was a guest in the home of Burl Painter this past week. He was on his way to the Imperial Valley to deliver 3 horses.

Bud and Connie Fields recently attended the Helton Reunion in Waco, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincerest thank you to all who have remembered me in their prayers. Also, thank you for the food and kind deeds. You know who you are and I really appreciate it.

*In Christian Love,
Nelli Painter*

ON THE SICK LIST...

On the ill or recovering list this week are: Margaret Loner, Lonny Brown and Kirk Webb (former Groom Resident).

Melissa Fields of Missouri City, Texas, daughter of Bud and Connie Fields, left her home at 3:00 a.m. Friday morning, September 23. She spent six hours on the freeway and decided she would get off and go back to her home. She hadn't even gotten out of the Houston area. She finally did arrive back at her home around mid-day. She made it through the storm with no damage and not even losing electricity. She said the day after the city was very quiet. A few businesses were open.

Dean and Donna Burger, Bud and Connie Fields, and Taylor and Trenton Fields attended the Burger Reunion held in Cordell, Oklahoma, September 10th and 11th.

Haley McLaughlin Wins Glamour Shots Beauty Contest



Miss Haly McLaughlin won first place honors in the Glamour Shots Most Beautiful Baby Contest for the Amarillo-Lubbock Area in the 0 months to 1 year category.

Her photos will go on to compete in the regional contest in Oklahoma City. Her pictures will also be on display at the Glamour Shots Store in Amarillo.

The beautiful baby is the daughter of Renee and Paul McLaughlin of Panhandle. She is the granddaughter of Pattie and Forrest McLaughlin of Groom and Cindy and Frankie Ellis of Claude.

Great grandparents are Pat and Dan Ashford of Groom; Tilly Anglin of Clarendon and Dan Ellis of Claude.

Congrats to Haly and her proud parents.

Groom Resident Named To UNT Honor Roll

DENTON- Katy Leann Britten of Groom was named to the President's Honor Roll for spring semester 2005. She is the daughter of Hop and Jan Britten

To be named to the President's Honor Roll, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a perfect

grade point average of 4.0.

The University of North Texas is the most comprehensive university in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, enrolling 32,000 students. UNT offers 93 Bachelor's and 49 doctoral degrees in the student centered research university.



Card of Thanks
Our sincerest thanks to all who have been such wonderful friends during our time of need. Thank you for the many cards, visits, calls, food and especially the prayers. Also thanks for checking on all of us and giving blood for Leigh Ann's surgery. God Bless You All, Leigh Ann, Rachael & Curtis

Phil and Ruthie Miller attended the Oklahoma-Kansas State football game last weekend in Norman, OK. An unusual double, vibrating, loud boom went off in the second quarter. It was shortly thereafter the announcers came across the intercom telling people a bomb had just been detonated. The 85,000 west side of the stadium had to be shut down because it was found to be a suicide. A student from Colorado Springs had blown himself up just outside the stadium. Leaving the game at the end, the body was wrapped in a body bag. It is not known whether he wanted to get into the stadium but there is strict law enforcement at the gates for people going into the stadium. Nobody else was hurt.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- October 6 - Toni Pavlovsky, Dan Earl Steed
- October 7 - Eric Weinheimer
- October 8 - Jan Britten
- October 9 - Donna Crump, Cobb Britten, Lance Ollinger.
- October 10 - Mrs. Tony Britten, Cody Bivens.
- October 11 - William Lucas Pavlovsky, John Homer, Doug Kling.
- October 12 - Margaret Whitley, Nathan Wieberg, Tamara Ashford.

The Groom Lions Club would like to thank the entire Groom community for its generous support of the Third Annual Scholarship Lunch and the Lions Club efforts.

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Respect For Life Rally & Procession Draws 750 People

The Annual Respect For Life Procession and Rally were held this last weekend with approximately 400 people attending. The event was hosted by The Cross Ministries, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Groom and the Knights of Columbus, Pampa Chapter.

People from all across the panhandle flocked to Groom to witness the

Mass and Processional led by Bishop Yanta. Young and old alike made the 1 1/2 mile walk to the Cross.

When they arrived they were greeted by more worshipers and then enjoyed fellowship with prayer, songs and devotional talks. The

landmark event is repeated each year during the first weekend in October.



The procession made it's way down third street in front of the school on their way to the Cross west of town.



The Pampa Chapter of the Knights of Columbus leave the procession.



Groom's CIA (Catholics In Action) were part of the annual procession.

Groom ISD Announces Honor Roll

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4th Grade - McKenna Britten, Megan Ruthardt.

5th Grade - Kyler Barkley, Sara Kelly, Macee Rocha, Amy Weinheimer.

6th Grade - Rebekah Roskens.

7th Grade - Maddie Wielerg.

8th Grade - Ashley Murray.

9th Grade - Brett Friemel, Josh Kelly.

10th Grade - Chad Barkley, Michaela Roskens.

11th Grade - Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten

12th Grade - Kyra Stevens

AB HONOR ROLL

4th Grade - Brooklyn Kerice, Vidal Ybarra.

5th Grade - Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Clinton Galycan, Caleb Reyna.

6th Grade - Suhani Bhakta, Hali Bohr, Neva Corley, Chris Homen.

7th Grade - Alejandra Betancourt, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Friemel, Michael Kelly, Haley Kuehler, Jacob Torres

8th Grade - Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Virginia Froese, Alannah King, Jes Roskens.

9th Grade - Trent Britten, Blake Galycan, Ben Thompson, Kelton Weller

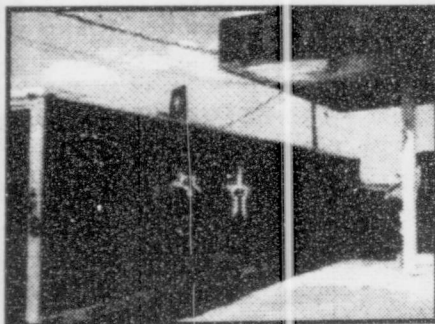
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11th Grade - Brandi Bates, Kacie Galycan

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Groom Tigers Battle Happy Cowboys, End Game Early



Cubs Rally, But Lose To Happy

The Groom Junior High Cubs have a lot of heart. That is not a secret. They proved it last week against Happy. While the score board showed a loss, the Cubs came back in the second half to pull with in winning distance of the Cowboys.

They were down 26-7 when the halftime buzzer sounded. With a heroic effort the boys pulled together as a team and narrowed the gap to 33-25.

"They showed a very

strong team effort", stated Coach Matt Johnson. "It is obvious that the things we have been working on are getting through! They are showing enormous initiative and their skills are improving."

The boys tallied up 150 yards of offense, showing very good improvement. The Cubs will have an open week before coming back to play 3 more games, the next will be on Oct 13 against Silverton, here in Groom.

The Groom Tigers football game against the Happy Cowboys last Friday night, ended at half-time due to the 45 point rule. The Cowboys beat the Tigers 62-14, in a game which was never in doubt as Allan Irbeck of Happy scored four touchdowns and passed for three more to lead Happy to a District 2 Six Man win. Happy improved to 3-1 on the season and Groom falls to 2-3 and 0-2 in the district.

Groom's scoring came on a 26 yard pass from Thane Barkley to Kade Brown and a 10 yard run by Chad Barkley.

The Happy Cowboys had 360 total yards rushing compared to the Tigers 241 yards.

Groom had a pass completion on 24 attempts with one interception.

Groom will host Lazbuddie here Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Coach James of Lazbuddie feels more confident this season since the Longhorns were



Captain's Brandon Jenkins and Javier Caro met with Happy's captain's and referees

forced to forfeit the last 5 games in 2004. Coach James is in his second

season as head coach at Lazbuddie. The Longhorns have six

lettermen, five offensive and five defensive starters returning this year.

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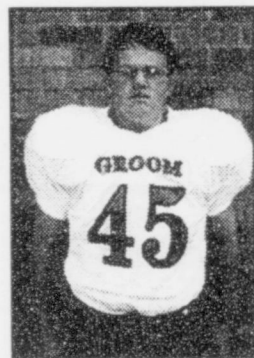
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Christian Mothers Plan Their Annual Bazaar and Dinner

The Christian Mothers' officers hosted the first meeting of the 2005-2006 year by providing the members a supper of Mexican pile-on, apple cobbler and ice cream.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Minutes were read from the previous meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Christian Mothers' members selecting a volunteer of the month. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

The Annual Bazaar will be held on November 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The St. Monica Circle will set up and decorate. The Little Flower Circle will

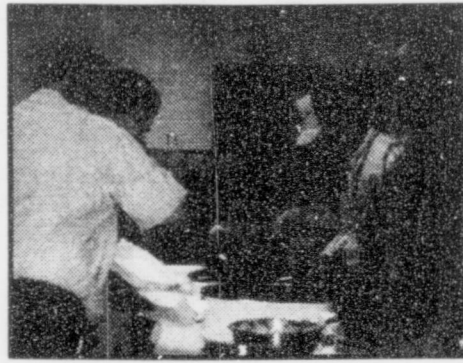
advertise, run the bake sale and clean up. Regina Coeli will prepare the meal and clean the kitchen.

Alice Kuehler presented the items for the silent auction at the DCCV convention. The convention will be held on

October 21st and 22nd. St. Mary's of Amarillo will host the convention. A request was made for delegates to attend. Joanne Kling and Lucille Britten have volunteered to go on Saturday.

An idea to create a Church Library was discussed. A request was made for people to donate items including books, video and audio for the library.

Groom Lion's Club Annual Meal A Big Success



The Groom Lion's Club had a good turn out for their Annual Scholarship Dinner. According to the members this year they had a few less diners, but the ones who attended were more generous than last year!



MURDER

While the Texas Rangers are heading up the investigation with the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

"This crime is of the

utmost priority" said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne Public Information Officer for the Childress Department of Public Safety. "It is important that the public realize that every step is being taken to solve this case."

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GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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BREAKFAST:
Monday: no school.
Tuesday: pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.
Wednesday: breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
Thursday: biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.
Friday: doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH:
Monday: no school.
Tuesday: chili cheese dogs, tator tets, pears, pickle spears & milk.
Wednesday: chicken fajitas, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches, sauteed onion, sauteed peppers & milk.
Thursday: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie & milk.
Friday: ham or cheese stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet & milk.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE GROOM Tigers play Lazbuddie at Groom, Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. They play Silverton at Silverton, Friday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS Pack 429 of Groom is selling Popcorn until the 21st of October Contact Tim Hart at 248-0200.

THE DISTRICT Cross Country Meet will be held on Oct. 24.

THERE WILL be no school at Groom ISD on October 10 in celebration of Columbus Day.

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MICHELL

4-H and Pampa Optimist Club and was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Turner, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Brenda Lamb of Skellytown; her father and stepmother, Gary and Sandra Sudderth of Farmersville; a brother, Mark Lamb and wife, MaryAnn, of Pampa; a sister, Melody Williams and husband, Ronny, of Plainview; a stepsister, Kristy Powell and husband, David, of White Deer; a stepbrother, Brian Sudderth of Farmersville; her stepmother, Carolyn Hall of Garland; and her grandparents, John and Loice Williams of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials be to the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065 or Gray County 4-H.

BRIAN

Panhandle State University with a degree in agriculture. After college, he moved to Pampa to operate the family farm and ranch. He married Michell Sudderth on Jan. 17, 2003. He had served as a director of Gray County Farm Bureau and was active in 4-H. He was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Raymond Maddox.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Sharon Conrad of Cleburne; a sister, Kimberly Conrad of Cleburne; his maternal grandmother, Bernice Maddox of Pampa; and his paternal grandparents, Victor and Mary Conrad of Clifton.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Turner, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be to Gray County 4-H or Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

hunt, play golf and show livestock. He received high awards in 4-H for air rifle competition.

Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Turner, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

ZACH

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Johnny and Jen Doan of Skellytown; his grandparents, Brenda Lamb of Skellytown, Max Doan and Garold and Linda Bromlow, all of Pampa, and Gary and Sandra Sudderth of Farmersville; and his step-grandparents, Mike and Sharon Conrad of Cleburne, Carolyn Hall of Garland and Dan Adams of Skellytown.

The family suggests memorials be to the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065 or Gray County 4-H.

Services Held For Billy Jack Babcock



Billy Jack Babcock, 58, of Amarillo died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005.

Services were Tuesday in Paramount Terrace Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Schroeder officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery in Groom.

Mr. Babcock was born and raised in Groom and

moved to Amarillo in 1957. He was a 1965 graduate of Amarillo High School. He married Candice Tolliver on June 25, 1988, in Dumas. He worked as an assistant manager for Amarillo Clutch for 27 years before going to work for AFLAC in 2004.

Bill loved being "PoPo" to Reaganne and Gracie Reed and many other children.

He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on Feb. 24, 1973, and was raised to Scottish Rite Mason and joined the Shrine on Nov. 19, 1973. He served as Potentate of Khiva Shrine Temple in 2000. He was a member of the Khiva Mule Skinners, Director's Staff, Artison, Patrol and Cabri. He served

on the board of directors of the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Galveston. Bill was a charter member of the Coors Cowboy Club and served on the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo board of directors.

He was preceded in death by his father, H.M. "Jack" Babcock in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Robert Babcock; his mother, Pearl Babcock of Amarillo; a brother, Joe Babcock of Orcas Island, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to the Khiva Shrine Travel Fund or the Galveston Children's Burn Hospital, in care of Khiva Shrine Center, 305 E. Fifth Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

White Tail & Mule Deer Seminar

Make your plans to attend the Whitetail & Mule Deer Management Conference to be held Friday, October 14th and hosted by the Texas Deer Association & Mumme's, Inc. The conference starts at 9am in the Bairfield building at the Clarendon Jr. College in Clarendon, TX. Hear some of the top speakers in the deer industry discussing a variety of topics such as whitetail & mule deer nutrition, supplemental feeding programs, deer management permits available to landowners in Texas and how to apply for these permits, land economics in relation to hunting and high fences, food plot systems designed to maximize antler development, and other deer management topics. There will be numerous sponsors on hand at the event as well, such as John Deere, Stay-tite fence, Federal Land Bank,

American Hunter Outdoor products, All Seasons Feeders, Tecomate, and Flap Air Helicopter Services. To RSVP for the event please call the TX Deer Association @ 210-767-8300. Mark your calendars today for Friday, October 14th.

If there are any questions related to the event, please call Scott Hohensee @ 210-288-2956 or email at scott@mummesinc.com.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Tam Terry's Arrest and Booking Records listed nine incident reports this past week the Sheriff's Dept. worked. They include:

1. September 27, 2005, Anthony Dewayne Campbell, 27 years old of Amarillo was arrested on Highway 60, White Deer, County Road, CC for stolen vehicle and public intoxication and no drivers licence. He was arrested.

2. September 27, 2005, Sammie Borrow, 33 years old was arrested for unauthorized use of

vehicle and no drivers licence east of White Deer.

3. September 27, 2005, Mary Louise Floyd was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She bonded out and released.

4. Kelsey Lee McCann, 25 years old, no address listed, arrested by Panhandle Police Department warrant, case still under investigation. Remains in jail for forgery and according to Sheriff's Arrest and Booking detail page on \$10,000 bail bond.

5. September 29, 2005 Robert Jo Howard, 47 years old, transported to Panhandle from Tulsa Oklahoma. Howard' probation is being revoked on a assault on a public servant, \$80,000 bail, and prohibited substance in a correctional facility, \$100,000 bail

6. Deon lee Bell, 24 years old, Panhandle, Texas, 501 Franklin, domestic disturbance


subject attempted to stab officer with a knife. Bond set at \$100,000

7. Justin Eugene Darnell, 22 years old, of Canyon, Texas listed as unemployed, charged with theft by check, \$1500.00 bail. Wanted for Potter county warrant

8. Carlos Santos, 45 years old, Bellflower, California, wanted on bond forfeiture warrant, extradited from Los Angeles on Carson County Warrant. Transportation paid for by bonding company. Possession of Controlled substance.

9. Stacy Arron Dodson, 34 years old, Amarillo, union iron worker, wanted on Potter County Warrant, possession transport chemical with intent make controlled substance and forgery. At I-40 & Lark.

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