

# The McLean News



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## City Approves New Signs For McLean

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, December 9, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Bob Martin, Mary Dwyer, Sam Haynes, Kendra Birchfield, Jim McDonald and Charles McClendon.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Alan Preen, Donnie and Mary Basham, David Haynes, Marvin Conners and Pam Skipper.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

David Haynes asked the council to approve hiring Actuaries and Associates out of Amarillo to do the actuary for the Employees Retirement Plan for 1999, at the cost of approximately \$1200.00. The council approved the request.

Jim McDonald and Fred Smith had some cost estimates on getting new street signs. Gray County will be able to fix the City some new signs at an approximate

cost of \$5,000.00, if we ordered the signs made it would cost approximately \$15,000.00. The council voted to have Gray County make the new street signs.

Grant Works was tabled, their representative could not be here.

Pam Skipper came before the council to ask if the people dumping concrete into the creek by her house had the City's permission to do so and if so, why? Fred informed the council that the concrete had been put there to keep the creek from washing out, but that it had not worked. The council asked Fred to move the concrete around to allow the water to flow better through the creek.

Marvin Conners with the McLean EDC came before the council with several items. He informed them that Barbara Bode has resigned from the EDC. He asked the council to appoint David Haynes as a member of the McLean EDC board. The council voted to do so. He brought a list and cost of the equipment that Frank Sparling needs for his business. He also explained to the council that the EDC does have some guidelines that they go by and require before

they will consider giving money to a prospective business. The council asked for a copy of these guidelines at the next meeting in January. The equipment Frank Sparling needs for his business is: Tubemaster exhaust pipe bending machine, \$6495.00; 3" Die Package, \$595.00; Card Deck \$725.00; Wire

Welder \$299.00 for a total of \$8,114.00.

Marvin proposed to the council that the EDC give him half the money for the pipe bending machine and the full amount of the rest of the equipment. Mr. Sparling told the EDC that this equipment could generate one and possible two new jobs. The council asked Mr. Conners if this money would be a loan or a grant. Mr. Conners said that it would be a grant with the stipulation that Mr. Sparling has to stay in business for one year and if his business fails within that year, he is personally responsible for the money given. The council agreed to allow the EDC to give Mr. Sparling this money with the added stipulation that the EDC put a lien on this equipment when bought.

No one from the See City, pg. 10



## Girl Scouts Visit Camp

Girl Scout Troop #126 took an afternoon trip to Camp Mel Davis, near Lefors, on November 20, 1999. The trip was made to attend a program about learning to cook on a vagabond tin can stove.

Adult Girl Scout volunteers from Amarillo went to Camp Mel Davis to teach this program. First the girls were instructed on how to turn a tin can into a stove by

making cuts and vents in particular places on the can. Next the girls were informed of the many different ways to heat the tin can, by charcoal fire, wood fire, or a homemade candle called a buddy burner. The first experience was to make individual pizzas using tin pie plates. For dessert, pineapple upside down cake was on the menu. Everyone left

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## Tiger, Ladies Place Second In Tourney

The McLean Tigers and Lady Tigers placed second in the McLean basketball tournament this past weekend.

The Lady Tigers came out with two wins and two losses. The ladies lost against Elk City 16-53. Amanda Cline scored 8 points, Shaley Steel added 6 and Amanda Hauck had 2. In another game against Elk City the ladies were

defeated again with a score of 17-69. Amanda Cline scored 7, Shaley Steel had 4 and Cesily Cadra, Nikki Hefley and Annie Weaver all added 2 each.

The ladies came back to defeat Pampa Christian Academy with a score of 55-22. Amanda Cline held high score with 20, Lacey Steel followed

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## McLean Reminders...

THE SCHOOL Board will meet December 20th at 7:00 p.m.

THE LION'S CLUB and the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the lighting house contest to be judged Dec. 13-20.

CHRISTMAS BREAK for McLean ISD is Dec. 18 to Jan. 4.

SCHOOL WILL be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on December 17.

THE McLEAN News office will be closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 3.

THE HARRINGTON Cancer Center will have a mammogram van at the library on Dec. 30th. To make an appointment call 1-800-377-4673.

THE CITY Hall will be closed on the following days: Dec. 24, 27 & 31.

SANTA IS AT the bank today from 9 am to 3 pm.

GRADES 2-12 will perform their Christmas Musical tonight in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

THE H.S. Basketball teams play against Ft. Elliott, here, Dec. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

## Sammie Morris Announces Bid For Gray Co. Re-Election

Sammie Morris, incumbent tax assessor-collector of Gray County, has announced her bid for re-election on the Republican ticket in November 2000. Mrs. Morris ran in the 1994 November general election to complete a two-year unexpired term. In the 1996 general election, Mrs. Morris was elected for her first four-year term. She is now seeking her second full term in the tax assessor-collector's office.

A 55-year resident of Gray County, Mrs. Morris lived in Lefors and McLean before

moving to Pampa in 1956. She is a graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She is married to Bob Morris, who retired after 34 years with the Texas Department of Transportation. They are the parents of a son and granddaughter, Eddie and Ebby Morris, of Amarillo. Mrs. Morris and her family are members of the First Christian Church in Pampa.

"For the tax year of 1998, the Gray County Tax Office started

collecting for three more entities. The Gray County Tax Office collects all ad valorem taxes in Gray County. Consolidated collection has resulted in substantial savings to the entities and we are happy to be able to perform the service for them," said Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Morris has completed all the required courses and exams to become a Registered Tax Assessor-Collector. May 19th, 1997, Mrs. Morris, as a Registered Texas Assessor-Collector in the

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Christmas Greeting  
Call The McLean News  
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## BRIEFS

Coach Jerry Miller, former head coach of the McLean Tigers attended the 6-man state championship game Saturday night in Sweetwater. He said he was for Groom to win.

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### McLean Birthday & Anniversaries

December 16 - Clint Herndon.

December 17 - Dorothea Bybee, Wanda Hill.

December 18 - Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

December 19 - Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

December 20 - Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb, Lukas Seymour.

December 21 - Jana Davis.

December 22 - Glendora Rice, Sherry Martindale, Laura Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stillwell (A).

#### Thought For The Day

Living the past is a dull and lonely business; looking back strains the neck muscles and causes you to bump into people not going your way. (Feber)

### Girl Scouts

with a full tummy and a brand new skill to teach someone else.

Cooking on a tin can stove is not only fun to try for something different, but it can be used in emergencies when the normal means of cooking are not available. Are you Y2K ready?

Girls who participated were Amber Staton, Sami Staton, Tammy Syfrett and Emory Crawford. Adults that also participated were Amanda Crawford and Amy Herring. Everyone had a great time being at Camp

Mel Davis learning this fun way of cooking.

Girl Scouts offers many programs such as this for girls of different ages. It is never too late in the year to join.

Girl Scouts. Where girls grow strong.



*Students Of The Week Dec 6 - Dec. 10: Kindergarten Rena Smith, 1st Grade Staci Smith, 2nd Grade Mike Krueger, 3rd Grade Nicholas Johnson, 4th Grade Tyler McMinn, 5th Grade Amanda Fricks, 6th Grade Coty McMinn, 7th Grade Antonio Montoya, 8th Grade Chase Jarvis.*



Don't  
forget  
your letters  
to Santa.

### Morris

State of Texas, was awarded her certificate of professional achievement by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners. She is a member of the Pampa Kiwanis Club,

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Texas Association of Assessing Officers, The Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas and the Board of Tax Professional Examiners. Mrs. Morris also serves as a director on the Gray County Appraisal District Board.

The staff of the tax office, including the ad valorem tax department and motor vehicle department, are to be commended on being responsive to the needs of the citizens of Gray County. Mrs. Morris feels the office is very lucky to have a qualified staff interested in serving the public.

"I really enjoy working with the people of Gray County and I promise to work in the spirit of cooperation with all citizens of our county. I have really appreciated the people's support and I am again asking for their support in the primary and general election for 2000," said Mrs. Morris.

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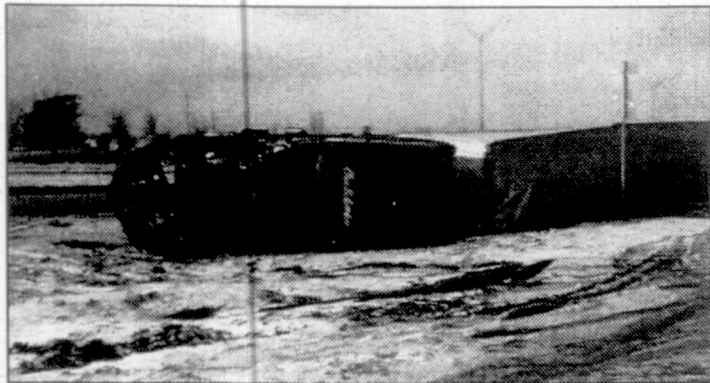
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## Snow Storm Causes Roll-Over



The one vehicle rollover was a mess but no one was injured in the accident.

The sun may be shining but highways can still be slick as one truck driver learned last Thursday. The recent

snow and ice storm left black ice on I-40, causing a semi-truck to spin around and turn over near exit 142. The driver of the truck was not injured, however the contents of his truck

were thrown all over the ditch and access road when the accident caused the trailer doors to open. Two entrances to the service road were closed as a crew cleaned up the scattered contents.

## Songs of Christmas Heard In City Area

Songs of Christmas could be heard around town on Monday night when about thirty people from Trinity Baptist Church went on hayrides.

The residents from the nursing home were treated with the spirit of Christmas when the hayriders, ranging from age 3 to 60, entered the building singing. Residents that could not come to the front were entertained with carolers in their rooms.

After two hours of caroling, everyone was treated to a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

*GET A JUMP on the holiday season... pick out your holiday greeting today!*



Trinity Baptists serenade residents on a hayride.

## Tourney

Derek Studebaker both added 2.

The Tigers defeated Memphis with a score of 55-26. Brett Montgomery earned 17, close behind with 19, Shaley Steel added 6 and Jessi Fish and Annie Weaver both added 2 each.

In the next game the ladies won with a score of 49-43. Amanda Cline again held high score and put in 21 points. Lacey Steel added 10, Randi Riley and Shaley Steel both earned 6 while Nikki Hefley and Amanda Hauck added 2 each. Jessi Fish and Cesily Cadra added one point each.

The Tigers also had a two and two record during the tournament. The guys defeated Panhandle with a score of 48-35. Brett Montgomery held high score with 15, Chris Hauck followed with 10, Terrell Hembree added 8, Brian Fuller earned 5, Frankie Sparling had 6, and Chris Hauck and

Bradley Sawyer had 11, Derek Studebaker and Frankie Sparling both added 8 each, Chris Hauck had 4 and Drew Barker had one.

The Tigers then defeated Clarendon with a score of 67-61. Brett Montgomery earned high score with 27 points. Terrell Hembree scored 13, Chris Hauck had 8, Frankie Sparling and Aaron Rice each added 6, Bradley Sawyer had 5, Brian Fuller made 2 and Derek Studebaker had one. In final action McLean was defeated by Elk City with a score of 53-32. Terrell Hembree held high score with 9 points. Brett Montgomery followed with 8, Bradley Sawyer earned 6, Chris Hauck had 5 and Brian Fuller and Frankie Sparling earned two each. Brett Montgomery was named All-Tournament. "The tournament went off great," stated Coach Blaze Herring. "We had a good tournament and the Tigers and Lady Tigers played well."

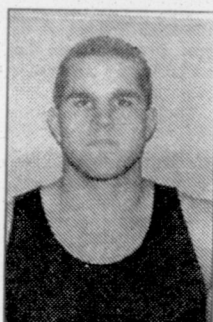
# 1999-2000 Tiger & Lady Tiger Basketball



Brett Montgomery



Jessi Fish



Brian Fuller



Lacey Steel

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**City**  
 Chamber of Commerce could be present at the meeting, however, they sent a letter to the council asking permission to keep the Halloween decorations up in the hospital building until next year for the Haunted Hospital, with the stipulation that if the council needs to show it to a perspective buyer or renter or any other reason that it will be taken down immediately. The council agreed to their request with the added stipulation that there be no flammable material left in the building.

Fred Smith informed the council that the City had their landfill inspection and there were 4 violations found. Austin doesn't have a copy of our updated financial assurance, a monitoring well has not been put into place as of

yet, the cover on the landfill pits didn't look like they were being covered daily and a portion of the site had not received final cover and the soil did not fit the required specifications. Fred told the council that he will be meeting with OJD engineers in Wellington next week to have them look at the violations, because they were the ones that told the City that they could cover the pits with our native soil instead of the clay that is generally used to cover. The council also told him to talk with OJD about possibly appealing that particular violation in Austin. Fred recommended to the council that the landfill be closed. He said because of the ever changing and increasingly new rules and requirements that are coming out concerning the landfills now that the

cost of keeping the landfill will keep increasing yearly. The council said that was not an option at this time. They told him to meet with OJD next week, after he meets with them, we will set up a special meeting and Fred is to get the cost of drilling a monitoring well and the cost of getting the clay needed for cover.

No action was taken on West Texas Gas because there had been no contact with their representative.

Toni Bohlar explained to the council that the note from the bank on the tract hoe has a balloon payment that is due December 1999. The current balance due is \$12,573.16. She asked the council if they wanted to pay the note off or refinance. The council voted to pay the note off out of the equipment fund.

Toni Bohlar also explained to the council that the local Employee Retirement Checking Fund was low again and needed some money transferred from the Water Sewer and Gas fund to cover the monthly retirement checks paid from this account. The council voted to transfer \$5000.00 from Water Sewer and Gas to the Employee Retirement Checking Fund.

The council voted to give the full time employees a \$100.00 and part time employees a \$50.00 Christmas bonus which is a budgeted expense.

The Mayor brought up the fact that during the weekend storm that he had trouble reaching anyone on-call with the City. The council decided that there would only be one number used for the after-hours on-call number and to post it on the window here at the City Hall for people who might need to use it.

The council voted to pay the current bills.

The Mayor called for executive session at 8:35 p.m. Discussion was held concerning personnel.

The meeting returned

to open session at 8:42 p.m.

No action was taken concerning executive session.

Fred informed the council that T.N.R.C.C. requires that a hinged flap valve be installed on the overhead water storage tank. He told them that he could probably make one that would meet their specifications.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**McLean Care Center News**

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon residents attended church with the Methodist Church. Those attending were Oleta Harris, Mary Audleman, Fern Boyd, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Boots Phillips, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Polly Burnett, Bill Anderson, Fern Patching, Thelma Finson, Mary Cordell, Johnnie Mertel, George Orrick, Dovie Simmons, Phyllis Bailey, Beryl Halbert, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Ruth Caudill, Hadda Moore, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Charles Weaver, Relia Ayers, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Willie Wheeler and Irene Pakan.

Monday activities included nail care time and bingo in the afternoon. The residents enjoyed the bananas furnished by the Lions Club after bingo.


Betty Lowe was our helper Tuesday while the photographer was here to take pictures. It was an all day affair.

Activities the rest of the week consisted of writing resident Christmas cards and doing Christmas sacks for the presents.

Saturday was the holiday dinner for the staff, family and residents. The kitchen staff did a great job as usual and with all the other foods brought in everyone had a wonderful meal.

Next Saturday, December 18 at 2:30, will be the resident Christmas party. Santa will be there to hand out presents and greet the residents. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.


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 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm  
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**Political Calendar**  
The Groom News is  
authorized to present the  
names of the following  
candidates for office, subject  
to the Elections to be held on  
Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has  
been paid by each candidate  
for listing in this column  
from now till the final  
election in November.

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100th Judicial District  
Stuart Messer  
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## Tigers Lose State Championship To Gordon

While the final score 34-54, was not what the team and fans hoped for, The Groom Tigers played an awesome game and have nothing to be sorry for in the State Championship game against the Gordon Longhorns.

"We knew their offense and outstanding quarterback would be the big focus of our strategy. We needed to mix up our types of rushes and keep them off their guard," stated Head Coach Larry Reid.

"Unfortunately, they always managed to adjust. We had a hard time defending their spread and keeping them from the big plays." Gordon scored the first touchdown on a 2 yard run in the opening period of play.

Groom came back on a 6 yard pass from Grant

Weinheimer to Evan Crowell to tie the match.

Gordon then scored twin touchdowns from 23 yards and 39 yards to run the score to 6-22.

Just before halftime Groom's quarterback, Grant Weinheimer passed 64 yards to Dustin Babcock for a touchdown. The kick was good by Dusty Crump and narrowed the gap in the score to 14-22.

Groom remained scoreless during the third quarter while Gordon slipped in two touchdowns, stretching their lead to 14-38.

Clay Ritter scored on a 39 yard pass from quarterback Weinheimer in the fourth quarter. The kick was good, also by Clay Ritter.

Gordon scored on a 17 yard run and a 3 yard pass during the fourth

quarter.

Groom would score twice more on a 29 yard pass from Wade Ritter to Clay Ritter, and again on an 19 yard pass to Dustin Babcock from Grant Weinheimer.

Groom earned 12 first downs while Gordon had 19. The Longhorns had 209 yards rushing on 32 carries while Groom gained 110 yards on 23 carries. The Tigers gained 244 yards passing and 5 touchdowns on 15

of 24 completions. Gordon completed 14 of 22 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns.

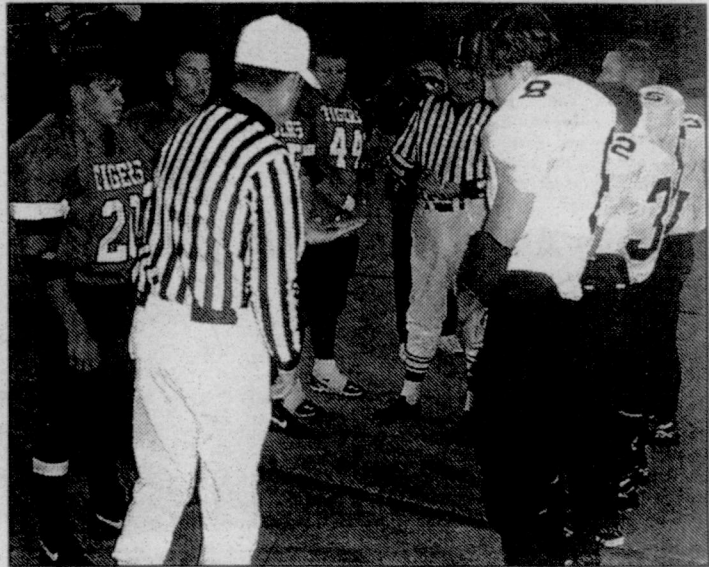
Groom's two punts averaged 35.50 yards and Gordon's two punts averaged 38.50 yards.

Games leader states are as follows:

### Rushing

Wade Ritter, 12 carries

See State, page 5



Captains from Groom (on the left) and Gordon's captains (on the right) met in the middle of the field for the toss of the coin as the referee shows the players, Wade Ritter, Evan Crowell, Chris Ollinger and Dusty Crump being introduced to Lyle Campbell of Gordon and Chance Kite.

## WDHS Student Representatives Here To Give Tigers Support



While the Groom Tigers may have not been able to claim the State Championship, they have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with. No one player proved to be a shining star like Gordon's Lyle Campbell but they epitomized what team sports is supposed to be about... teamwork.

Teamwork and good leadership took the Tigers to the play-offs. No one can fault them in their conduct and actions all throughout the season.

"Our boys have shown

poise all through the year," stated one fan, "they definitely showed a lot of class during the final game. I was very proud to know that these fine young men represented Groom and the Tigers."

Groom has received many compliments concerning the boys and the administrative and coaching staff, as well as encouragement from ex-students and other schools during the year and the final games.

"Almost everyday during the last weeks of

the play-off we would get a FAX from a former student or an area school," stated Head Coach Larry Reid. "It was very nice of them and the boys appreciated it a lot."

Several members of

White Deer High School came to Groom's final pep rally to offer their support. Students from Rule, Sanderson, Borden County and other areas have also been following

See Tigers, page 3

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THE GROOM NEWS** encourages you to turn in names of former residents and alumni who came to the championship game.

**THE BUSY Day** Luncheon will be held on December 18th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the home of Juanita Brown.

**THE CITY OF** Groom home decorating contest will be judged on December 18. Be sure to have your home ready for judging.

**ALPHA MU XI** will celebrate their Christmas party at the home of Charlotte Whatley on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Members are asked to please bring their 2 'special' ornaments.

**JUSTICE OF THE** Peace Bill Hinson and Commissioner Mike Britten will host an Open House on December 22nd, 9:00 - 1:00 at the J.P. Office.

**TOUR OF HOMES** & Progressive Dinner will be Thursday Dec. 16 from 6:30 to 8:30. See page 6 for information.

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Gordon beating the Groom Tigers at the State Championship game.

Nice: Buddy Weller fixing

Christmas decorations at the park and Catholic Church.

Bobby Tyler helping some travelers who had been in an accident retrieve their dog.

Sharlene Lewis sporting a snappy Santa Claus hat.

Tony Treadwell organizing travel arrangements for the big game.



Santa Saw...  
Naughty:

Cobb Britten fooling around with the sounds of "nature."

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Matthew Mulkey of Weatherford and his hunting companions Jimmy Vance and Randy Hunt, visited in the home of his grandparents, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell enroute to Panhandle to visit his parents Bob and Louise Mulkey and go pheasant hunting.

## Brooks Announces Birth Of New Granddaughter

Pa Pa Johnny and Granny Mary Brooks are proud to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Karson Faith Powers. She was born November 15, 1999 and weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is welcomed with open arms by her big brothers Lige and Brody, her parents Kevin and Jowannah and her grandparents Lewis and Tammie Kay Powers. Her great-grandparents are Bess Ruthardt and Paul and Blanche Powers.

## Local Happenings

Portia Thurmond of Amarillo visited Groom friends Tuesday afternoon, December 7.

### Card of Thanks

As we pause at this special time of year to count our blessings, we want to say a special heartfelt thank you to Groom's volunteer fire department. We appreciate the risk you take everytime you respond to an emergency.

Also we encourage everyone to keep our local volunteers and the families of the firefighters who recently lost their lives in their thoughts and prayers this Christmas.

Bettye & Jack West



## Open House

Tuesday, December 21  
 8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
 U.S. Postal Service  
 104 W First Street  
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## Bart Britten To Graduate

Bart Britten will graduate with honors on Friday, December 17, 1999, from West Texas A&M University with a degree in Chemistry and Biology.

While at West Texas he was a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Pre-Med Club and served as a Board Member at the Catholic Student Center. Bart is the son of Gary and Sharon Britten and the grandson of Jack and Willie Barnett and Bill and Dorothy Britten.



Bart Britten

Mark Metzger, former pastor of Groom United Methodist Church, was in attendance at the championship game.

Bobby and Shirley Husted, '56 graduate of Groom High School, now of Irving, Texas came to Sweetwater to watch the Tigers game.

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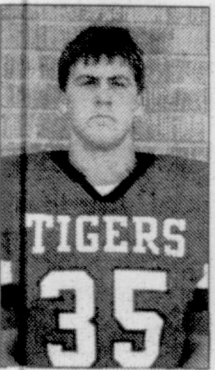
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# 1999 All-District Football Team Announced



The 1999 All-District Football team for District 1-A was announced this week.

Senior Wade Ritter was named first team offensive running back. Senior Evan Crowell was named first team offensive end.

In defense Senior Dusty Crump was appointed first team lineman along with Chris Ollinger, also a senior.

Evan Crowell was named 1st team defensive linebacker.

Also named to first team honors were the following:

**First Team Offense:**

Quarterback Josh Robertson, sophomore, Follett; Spreadback Curt Smith, senior, Ft. Elliott; Runningback Lucio Moreno, junior, Miami; Center Zack McDowell, sophomore, Miami; Ends Clint Montgomery, senior, Follett and Nathan Hefley, senior, Ft. Elliott. Kicker Trey Rogers, senior, Miami.

**First Team Defense:**

Defensive Line, Shad Dunn, junior, Follett; Jake Weiderstein, junior,

Higgins. Linebacker, Hunter Schilling, junior, Follett and Cole Smith, senior, Higgins.

Safeties Curt Smith, senior, Ft. Elliott; Cash Lewis, sophomore, Follett.

Punter Garrett Barton, senior, Higgins.

Second team honors for All-District Groom players included: Junior Grant Weinheimer, Quarterback, Sophomore Clay Ritter offensive end; Junior Dwayne Gray defensive line; and Sophomore Clay Ritter, defensive linebacker.

Other second team members are:

**2nd Team Offense:**

Spreadback Justin Cox, senior, Miami; Runningback Michael Steele, senior, Lefors; Roper Slavin senior, Higgins, and Trey Rogers, senior, Miami. Center Lidj Hunter, senior, Follett. Ends Clay Zyback, senior, Ft. Elliott; Jake Weiderstein, junior, Higgins, Waylon Presley, sophomore, Follett.

**2nd Team Defense:**

Defensive line Zack McDowell, sophomore,

Miami, C.J. Bryant, sophomore, Ft. Elliott, and Casey Anderson, junior, Follett. Linebacker, Nathan Hefley, senior, Ft. Elliott, Trey Rogers, senior, Miami and Caleb Barnes, sophomore, Lefors. Safeties, Michael Steele, senior, Lefors, and Waylon Presley, sophomore Follett.

Runningback and Safety Garrett Britten, End Dustin Babcock, Center Josiah Scott and Safety Wade Ritter were named honorable mention.

Congratulations to these outstanding athletes and all the Tigers on a fabulous season!

**Tigers**

The Tiger's progress and attended many of the games.

Groom should be very proud to have left this kind of impression with teams they have beaten. This is what real winners are made of... a sense of team, determination, poise, confidence and a lack of arrogance.

The Tiger's have proven they are a class act. That in itself is a real championship.

**Two Tigers Expected To Play In All-America Bowl July 29**

Joe Nash, president and co-founder of the Six-Man All-America Bowl explained during half-time of the Groom-Gordon football game Saturday night of the plans for next summer's 6-man football game. Nash of Ranger said that there would be 16 players from Texas who will be selected by their respective coaches for consideration to make the team. Each team will have 1-2 picks. Nash said, "I feel sure Groom will have two players to make the team." The game is set for Saturday, July 29, 2000 in Gordon, Texas. Justin Ritter played in the game in 1996.

**Alumni Attends State Game**

One interesting note to the Groom-Gordon state championship game was that most of the classes from the 1930's to now were represented. Bob Hale of Austin, class of 1952 wearing his GHS letter jacket, said this getting together was like the old homecomings.

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Several Alumni  
Travel To  
Sweetwater

Dr. Richard Hall and son Charlie of Eden, Texas was at the game Saturday night. Dr. Hall is a former Groom High School graduate.

Marilyn White from Wichita, Kansas attended the championship game especially to watch Dusty Crump play.

Jay Witt, son of Helen Witt of Groom, was in attendance at Sweetwater, to see his former Tiger team play.

Thomas Bridges and Jimmy Bridges saw the game on Saturday night.

Several former Groom residents were seen at the Groom-Gordon game on Saturday. Bobby Cornett says he saw Bill Crowell, Thomas Reed, Carey Reed, and John Mark Beilue.

Lottie Burk from Eden, Texas was in attendance at the big game on Saturday. She came over from Eden with Dr. Hall and returned to Groom with her son Charles Burk.

Lois and Bill Campbell, former teachers at Groom were seen enjoying the big game. They are from Abilene.

**Carson County Commissioners Meet**

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on December 13, 1999 with the following members present: Judge Lewis W. Powers, Commissioners, Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Judge Powers reported to the court that Frank Simms has been elected to the Carson County Appraisal District Board of Directors for another 2-year term. Simms will fill the position of representing Carson County, Panhandle Independent School District and the City of Panhandle.

Bids were opened from Bruckner's Trucking Company for a truck to be used in Precinct #1. Commissioner Britten made the motion to reject both bids and re-advertise. The motion

**Groom Basketball Teams Compete**

The Groom girls teams have been in action and in the shadow of the state championship race for the Groom Tigers.

The following are results for several games:

Groom Varsity Girls at the Miami Tournament:  
Groom 40 Trinity Fellowship 44. Scoring Krisanne 3, Nichole Barnett 2, Jodi Homen 6, Candace Bohr 15, Jessica Kepley 12; Groom 53 vs Borger 34. Scoring were Krisanne Davis 9 points, Nichole Barnett 2, Jodi Homen 5, Amanda Conrad 9, Jessica Kepley, 13, Candace Bohr 12, Staci Britten 1; Groom 51 vs White Deer 41. Scoring were Krisanne Davis 4, Jodi Homen 6, Amanda Conrad 6, Candace Bohr 16, Jessica Kepley 16, Staci Britten 3.

Groom Tigerettes 42 vs Wheeler 35. Krisanne Davis 8, Carrie Sue Davis 10, Jodi Homen 11, Amanda Conrad 5, Candace Bohr 6, Jessica Kepley 2.

Groom JV Tigerettes 40 vs Wheeler 28.

Brin Burgin 6, Jessica Bates 5, Jill Britten 5, Amanda Martin 2, S. Britten 12, Michele Stephens 4, Lauren Crowell 6.

Groom Junior High boys 29 vs Hedley 32. Clay Britten 23, Cody Schaffer 4, Daniel Valenzuela 2.

carried.

Sheriff Gary Robertson updated the court on personnel changes. Luther Burmam has been hired as jail administrator. Shelton Montgomery will begin his full time position as dispatcher/jailer January 1, 2000.

An allowance was granted for cell phone service for Burmam.

It was reported to the court that 79.51% of the county's taxes have been collected as of November 30, 1999.



Assistant Coach Brad Rainer straightened out the chain prior to the game.

**State**

for 43 yards; Chris Ollinger 3 for 39 yards; Garrett Britten, 5 for 16 yards; Dewayne Gray 2 for 7 yards; and Dusty Crump 1 for 5 yards.

**Passing**  
Grant Weinheimer 14 completions on 23 passes for 215 yards, four touchdowns, 2 interceptions; Wade Ritter 1 pass for 29 yards and one touchdown.

**Receiving**  
Dustin Babcock, 2 for 82 yards, two touchdowns; Clay Ritter, 3 for 78 yards, two touchdowns; Evan Crowell 3 for 26 yards, one touchdown; Chris

Ollinger, 2 for 23 yards; Wade Ritter 2 for 15 yards; Dewayne Gray 2 for 14 yards; and Garrett Britten 1 for 6 yards.

**Kickoff Returns**  
Garrett Britten 5 for 104 yards; Russell Conrad 3 for 40 yards.

**Punts**  
Chris Ollinger 2 for 35.50 average.

**Sacks**  
Chris Ollinger 3; Evan Crowell 2; Wade Ritter 1.

**Tackles**  
Evan Crowell 11; Chris Ollinger 9; Clay Ritter 8; Dewayne Gray 6; Wade Ritter 4; Dusty Crump 3; Garrett Britten 3; Josiah Scott 1.

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## Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

December 6, 1999

By Sheriff Gary Robertson  
There were three persons booked into Carson County Jail during the week of November 29 through December 5, 1999. Currently there are 11 persons incarcerated and nine additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Christmas season, unfortunately, brings out those who want to have gifts without paying for them, so please be safety and security minded at home and while shopping.

Arrests for the week include:

Joseph Nicholson, 17, Criminal Mischief; Jack R. Geffken, 52, Other Agency Warrant, Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ounces.  
Chad Richardo, 20, Other Agency Warrants.

December 13, 1999

There were 4 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 6 through December 12, 1999. Currently, we have 13 persons

incarcerated and 9 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

Baldomero Blanco, 35, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.  
Eugene R. Shauger, 61, Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd.  
Kimberly L. Dillard, 34, Public Intoxication.  
Dean G. Dillard, 34, Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd.

### Community Center Memorials for 1999

In Memory of Helen Wade:

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Johnny Brumley  
In Memory of Irma Blackwell:

Johnny Brumley  
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In Memory of Betty Hermesmeier:

Johnny Brumley  
Don Lyles  
Marilyn Thompson

### Words Of Wisdom

All who would win joy, must share it; happiness was born a twin. (Lord Byron)

## More Local Happenings

Joe Homer reported seeing Art Brown and Truman Bridges at the football game.

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell visited in the home of Bob and Louise Mulkey in Panhandle Sunday, took the Tour of Homes and attended the Panhandle Band Concert in which their great-grandchildren Robert and Whitney Hightower performed.

## Infamous Armstrong Co. Sheriff Resigns

Armstrong County Sheriff Carmella Jones has announced her resignation as Sheriff after seven years to take a job with the State in Austin. The Armstrong County Commissioners Court will be nominating the next sheriff from an immediate list of five. The County needs a

replacement as soon as possible. The Armstrong County Sheriff's position pays a salary of \$23,772 a year, plus a \$1500 uniform allowance.

## Youth To Attend District Competition

4-H members from the top 21 Texas Panhandle

counties braved bad weather conditions to gather at Valleyview Junior High School on December 4 to participate in the Panhandle District Food Show.

Cindy Britten of Carson County, Faith Elliott of Potter County and D'Ann Artho of Randall County along with the top scoring individual, senior division, Micah Karber of Ochiltree County will represent District I 4-H in the state food contests at College Station in June.

Among top scorers in the fruits and vegetables category was Brooke Britten of Groom and in the nutritious snacks category, winners included Macie Britten of Groom.

## On The Sick List

Pat Ashford  
Jana Williamson  
Virginia Alward

## Whatley Recieves Instructors Certification

Charlotte Whatley, daughter of James and Faye Standridge of Vernon and the late Gaynelle Gressett Deforest formerly of Claude, has recently received confirmation from the Texas Department of Health of certification as a TDH Instructor and TDH Examiner. This certification entitles Charlotte to teach Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate and Paramedic classes and serve as an examiner for Texas Department of Health skill requirements.

Charlotte is currently employed by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service of Borger and Pampa, Texas as a field Paramedic. She is also employed by Northwest Texas Hospital as a Communication Technician, where she performs radio communications with ambulances for medical



control. Charlotte is also the Director of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Charlotte Whatley is a certified paramedic and also holds certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pre-hospital Pediatric Provider Course and American Heart CPR Instructor.

Charlotte and husband Darrell have two children, Curtis James and Dara Whatley, all of Groom.

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