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## McLean City Council Approves Planning Group

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, February 11, 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. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, Ford Smith Jr., Jim McDonald, Gordon Sheplor and Charles McClendon. Others present: Fred Smith, Toni Bohler, Allen Mixon, Donnie and Mary Dabham, Jarrett Atkins, Pam Skipper, Ann Pierce.

Minutes of the January meetings were approved. All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Jarrett Atkinson from PRPC explained to the council the objectives of the Panhandle Water Planning Group, which is to design a 50 year water development plan for a 21 city region in this area and that the City of McLean's contribution to this plan was \$100,000. The council agreed to the contribution. Pam Skipper explained to the council her concerns

about the tiger that has been in town on several occasions and that is kept in a cage in the back of a pickup. The pickup is usually parked in close proximity to her residence. She informed the council that she had talked to several people concerning this matter, including the county, parks & wildlife and Warren Chisum's office. The council agreed that her concerns were justified and assured her that they would talk to the county and other agencies to see if they could somehow prevent the tiger from coming into the city limits.

The council agreed to the following resolution calling an election: "BE IT RESOLVED, that an election for full terms for Mayor and two (2) aldermen be called for the first Saturday in May, being May 1, 1999, with balloting at the Lovett Memorial Library in McLean, Texas, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that filing for said positions shall start February 15, 1999

and shall close March 17, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting shall commence on April 14, 1999 and end April 27, 1999, said early voting to be in the office of the City Secretary at the City Hall in McLean Texas and shall be supervised by the City Secretary.

The council appointed Bill Graham the city's election judge.

The retirement issue was tabled because, no new information had been received by meeting time.

The mayor called for executive session at 8:10 p.m. Alderman Gordon Sheplor left the meeting at this time due to a relative having an application in for the job. Discussion was held concerning a new city employee.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:25 P.M. No action was taken concerning executive session.

The Council voted to pay the current bills and the meeting was adjourned.



David Fuller and David Clemens try to score for their team during the recent Donkey Basketball game.

## Quilt Show Planned For March

The Devil's Rope Museum wishes to announce a "People's Choice Quilt Show" to be held March 1 through April 3 in the Western Heritage Community Room. The quilts may be viewed during regular museum hours (10 AM to 4 PM, Tuesday through Saturday and on Sunday from 1 PM - 4PM) No admission charge.

Quilted garments and wall hangings will also

be displayed along with all sizes of quilts (hand-quilted and machine-quilted, antique and modern). Quilts may be brought to the Museum from 1 PM to 4 PM on both the 27th and 28th of February. Prizes of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and a gift certificate for third place.

This will be the first quilt show held at the museum in several years, and organizers of the

show are hoping it will be as big a success, as the other two that have been held in the Community Room previously.

### McLean Reminders...

THE McLEAN Beauty Contest is Saturday night, February 20 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

SPRING BREAK is scheduled from March 8 to March 12.

THE CITY Council will hold a special meeting Fri., Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. to hire a city employee and discuss the city employee retirement plan.

DON'T FORGET! You can now sign up to run for a seat on the city council or the school board.

## School Board Approves FFA Funding For Stock Show Travel

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 1999. Board members present were Bob Glass, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, Don Dorsey, and T.D. Simmons. John Holland and Eugene Galley were absent from the meeting. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Ed Bailey, High School Principal, Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal, James Hefley, Keith, Job Supt. from CIB, and

Toni Bohler. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Neal Odom. Opening prayer was led by Bob Glass. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 1999 were approved.

There were no visitor comments.

Kathleen Miller from WTRCA was unavailable for this meeting: she was scheduled on the agenda to inform the Board of the latest development concerning McLean ISD health

insurance. James Hefley, Gray County Commissioner, Pct. 4, spoke to the Board expressing his views on the health insurance provided by WTRCA, since they are also providers for Gray County. No action will be taken until August.

Mr. Griffin recommended that the Board accept Mr. Layman's proposal for FFA members with a list of requirements that must be met in order for students to receive school funding for only one major stock show per school year. Funding

would cover reasonable lodging, and transportation; a set per diem rate of \$15, and the proposal would be renewed on a year-to-year basis depending on budget. Motion being made by T.D. Simmons, second by Bob Glass.

Keith from CIB discussed the progress being made on the gym construction, upon which all sub-contractors were expected to complete problem areas as noted in punch list within two weeks, before another walk-thru inspection could be scheduled. No action was necessary.

The school board election is to be held on Saturday, May 1, 1999. Two seats will be open, Don Dorsey and Eugene Galley.

A motion was made to elect a judge and clerks to work the school board election.

The Board will attend training to be held in the Video Conference Room at McLean High School on Monday, March 29, 1999, at 6:00 p.m.

Financial Reports A, B, and C. were approved and approval was granted to pay January bills as

See Board, pg. 12

## Services Held In McLean For Former Alanreed Resident

### Briefs

Gerald and Ann Gardner, formerly of

McLean and then Shamrock came by to visit J. Boyd Smith on February 15. They are moving to Lubbock.

PAMPA - Laura M. Studebaker, 83, died Monday, February 15, 1999.

Graveside services were Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Arrangements

were by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Studebaker was born in Gray County. She had been a Pampa resident for many years before moving to their ranch south of town in the early 1960s. She was a Baptist.

She married Glenn Studebaker in 1934 at Pampa.

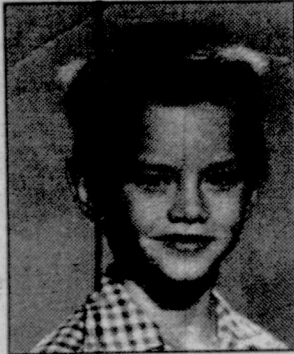
Survivors include her husband, a son, Harold Studebaker of McLean; three half brothers, Don Prater, Weldon Prater and

Gene Prater; a half sister, May Louise Prater; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church Building Fund of McLean, Texas.

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February 22-26

Monday Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Smoked sausage, pinto beans, Texas toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, French fries, Texas toast, gravy, salad, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancake, sausage on a stick, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, baked beans, onion rings, jello, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Hot/cold cereal, toast, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Macaroni & cheese with ham, green beans, salad, bread sticks, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, juice. Lunch: Chicken on bun, French fries, lettuce, tomato, cobbler, milk.

### McLean Birthday & Anniversaries Week Of February 18-24

February 18 - Ruth Ware, Moriah McCracken, Mark Simmons, Juliana Burnett.

February 19 - Tonue Brown, Ann Long, Thelma McCarty.

February 20 - John M. Haynes, Travis Fish.

February 21 - Jack Syfrett, Becky Simmons, Bob and Claire McDowell (A).

February 22 - Donnie Smith, Eula Willis.

February 23 - February 24 - Sally Worsham Bohlar, George Watson, Brick Fry, Maggie Ruth Johnston.

February 25 - Dekki Crockett.

February 26 - Charles Wynn, Thelma Stevens, Stella Lee, Nathaniel Roberts.

February 27 - Dianna Hallum, Lillie Mae Williams, Ruben Flores.  
February 28 - Mike Acuna.

### McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main  
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Night & Youth Services 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Adult Bible Study &  
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Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon  
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Wed. Bible Class 7:30

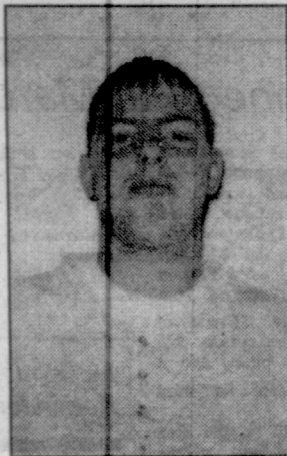
United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 779-2337  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

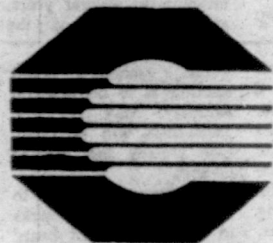
Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st  
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Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

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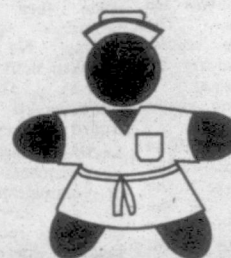
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**Students Of The Week**

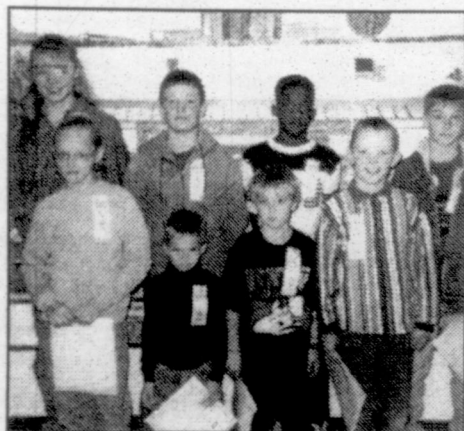
**Letter From The Editor**

We live in an American small town where everyone knows your name. Neighbors help each other in times of trials. I'm proud to live in McLean and be a part of a community that is so caring. Unfortunately, in a town so small everyone also knows everyone else's business or so we all think we do.

There has been some concern expressed that as editor for the McLean News that I do not write enough local briefs. I have a reason that is my view and not necessarily the view of The Groom/McLean News.

Briefs that I hear through the grapevine are gossip. I do not write a gossip paper and I feel that if the person or persons involved wanted their family business in the paper they would give me a call. So if at any time you would like a brief put in the paper about you or your family, please give me a call at 779-2141 or feel free to come by the office in the Bank Building, Suite #5.

I apologize if at anytime I have offended someone by leaving them out of the briefs when they wanted to be there.  
Editor, McLean News  
Terri Adams



**McLean Elementary Students of the Week February 8th-12th:** Kindergarten Bradley Howard, 1st Grade Lisa Ellis, 2nd Grade Cameron Taylor, 3rd Grade Lucas Webb, 4th Grade David Jeffries, 5th Grade Talitha Newton, 6th Grade Zane Richardson, 7th Grade Sarai Sawyer, 8th Grade Trent Cadra.

**Lady Tigers Defeat Lady Owls**

The McLean Lady Tigers placed second in district by defeating the Hedley Lady Owls in a district play-off game with a score of 60-48.

Rachel Galley had high score of the night with 25 points. Vanessa Glass had 17 points. Lacey Steel added 7, while Amanda Cline put in 5 points. Randi Riley earned 4 and Annie Weaver had 2.

The ladies traveled to Clarendon to play Claude district play. Game results will be in next weeks paper.

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**WEEKLY BIBLE QUESTION**

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Q. What Does The Bible Say About Baptism? (Part 2, It's Purpose Today))

A. Romans 6: 3-7 reads: "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin."

This passage teaches these things about baptism

1. We are baptized into the death of Jesus
2. We are buried with Jesus through baptism
3. As Jesus was raised, we also are able to walk in newness of life when we are baptized
4. We become united with Jesus through baptism
5. We will be united with Him in the likeness of His resurrection when we are baptized
6. Our old self is crucified with Him in baptism
7. Our body of sin is done away in baptism
8. We are no longer slaves to sin when we are baptized
9. We have died to sin when we are baptized and are, thus, free from it

Scriptural baptism is essential in God's plan of grace for mankind. Next week, we will consider more passages showing the necessity of baptism for people today.

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 103, McLean, TX 79057. You are warmly invited to worship with us: Sundays 10 AM (Bible Study), 10:50 AM (Worship), 6 PM (Worship) and Wednesdays 7 PM (Bible Study). You may request a free Bible study in your home at your convenience. May God bless you in the study of His Word.

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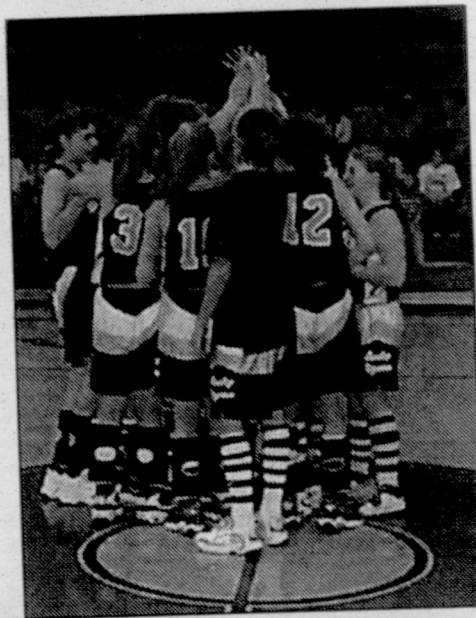
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## McLean Care Center

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon the residents attended church services with the Methodist Church.

Those attending were Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Phillis Bailey, Thelma Finson, Oleta Harris, Lillie Billingsley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley, Truman Goodlett, Dorothy Patterson, Polly Burnett, Dovie Simmons, Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Duella Beverly and Hadda Moore.

Monday morning was nail care for the residents. In the afternoon they played bingo. After bingo bananas were enjoyed.

They were furnished by the Lion's Club.

Tuesday morning was craft time and in the afternoon dominos were played. Some of the residents worked on their valentines. Each resident has a valentine sack for their valentines.

Wednesday morning was Wednesday morning circle. The discussion was about first sweethearts. Refreshments were served.

Thursday morning was Beach Ball kick. Later in the day bingo was played.

Friday morning was nail care time and later on residents enjoyed the singing of Gaye Hill.

Saturday afternoon was the Valentine Party and King and Queen coronation. The new King and Queen for 1999 are Pete and Willie Wheeler. This is voted on strictly by the residents only. Refreshments were served by auxiliary members and volunteers.

Next Saturday, February 20, at 2:30 pm will be the monthly birthday party.

## Mom's Circle Enjoys Sweet Savors Meeting

Paula Newton hosted Mom's Circle at her downtown shop, Sweet Savors, on Wednesday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. A tea party in a Valentine motif furnished a very relaxing surrounding for the frenzied Moms.

"Love" was the spotlight of the program presented by Paula. She explained how God helps one multiply love by even a simple smile. Paula enjoys reading children's stories and read one of her favorites about God's greatest commandment. Each Mom was given an opportunity to spend 25 cents to "buy" a mate by selecting qualities from a list. Some examples are quite intelligent - 6 cents; tactful and considerate 5 cents; attends church and is religious 4 cents; nicely dressed and groomed, well mannered, ambitious and hardworking; 3 cents each; the right height; 2 cents; wealthy 1 cent. Each participant was able to design a reasonably compatible mate for 25 cents.

Before lunch was served, each woman shared how she met her spouse. The menu included Mexican soup, hot rice casserole, fritos and hot sauce. Paula also served decorated sugar cookies and savory hot tea, flavored tea over shaved ice and flavored coffee.

The rejuvenated Moms attending in addition to Paula were Missie Richardson, Amy Herring, Cathy Payne and Alex, Cindy Strange, Ella Mae Reyna, Kristie Crockett and Callie, Kendra Birchfield and Beverly Odom. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 17, since Spring Break is the second week of March.

Anyone interested in attending Mom's Circle may call Kristie Crockett or Beverly Odom.

Judy Lee and Stella Lee tended the nursery at the Methodist Church for Bailey Herring, Bethany Strange, Rebecca Reyna, Cody Crockett, Madison Birchfield and Jack Odom.

## Feedyard Ladies Beat Celanese Team In Pampa

The McLean Feedyard ladies basketball team played the Celanese team on February 10. The ladies were victorious 46-43. Alicia Reynolds held top score with 16 points. Dee Ann Burkes scored 10. Sally Seymour and Julie Reynolds both scored 8 points. Shelia McFtridge and Carla Russell put in 2 each.

## Pioneer Study Club

On February 4, 1999 the Pioneer Study Club met in the home of Mary Emma Woods.

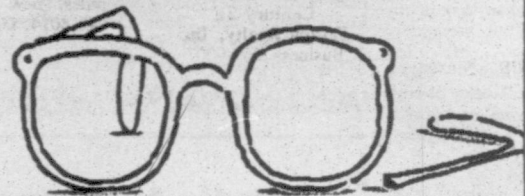
Mary Emma presented a very interesting program on favorite memories and favorite things. She began by stating that she had lived in all the decades of the 20th century except one; and then she proceeded to give examples of memories and things from each decade.

Jerry Corbin served cherry tarts, nuts, candy, coffee and punch from a

Valentine decorated table. Members present were Jerry Corbin, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Ruth Magee, Zelda McClellan, Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Nama Webb, Mary Emma Woods, Sherrie Martindale and Ella Mae Reyna.

Roll call was answered with a favorite memory or thing. The next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church.

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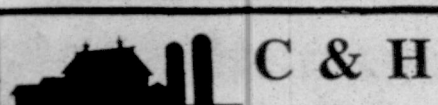
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- (1) Tract 1 (Morrison/Peacevale, Morrison, F. Morrison, Howell): 33,977 acre feet per year;
- (2) Tract 2 (Chisum): 2,554 acre feet per year;
- (3) Tract 3 (Abraham): 6,026 acre feet per year;
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respect, support and co-operation from fellow faculty members and the community if we're to have a strong school system and that means, too, a system in which desirable teachers care to teach."

Senior student Dara Whatley made an emotional plea.

"While the principals office is trying their best all the seniors have been hurt by not having Ms. Addy's guidance. I personally have missed

out on at least five scholarship opportunities because we cannot get the transcripts and the other stuff we need. Ms. Addy has always treated every student fairly. I am not very proud of being from Groom School. I made a choice to stay here for my senior year. I thought about finishing elsewhere... Ms. Addy advised me against it... The students of this school want and need her back."

The Board went into executive session, during which separate meetings took place with the Council for the school, and Ms. Addy and her Council.

When the board reconvened, Council for the school, Allen Rhodes, made a statement saying that the Board and Addy had come to an

agreement.

In the terms of that agreement Addy would continue in the employ of the school with her duties reinstated, until the end of the current school year. She will be paid the amount stated in her current employment contract which will include medical insurance through August, 1999. She resigned effective the last day of her written contract.

Addy will receive \$2,500. to use her best efforts to complete the required documentation to update student files, working with Principal Donnie Carroll, Superintendent, John Wilson and Susan Carr. This amount will be paid the last day of instruction.

Groom I.S.D. or a trustee will execute a letter confirming the time period of Addy's employment.

Groom I.S.D. will be released from all claims, causes of action, actions which she (Addy) now holds or possesses against GISD, it's trustees, administrators or agents. Addy does not release GISD from claims occurring under this agreement or after the date of this agreement.

The document was signed by Dennis Babcock, Groom ISD Board of Trustee

President and Debra K. Addy.

Approval of the agreement and Ms. Addy's resignation was unanimous.

"My first concern has always been for the students of this school," stated Addy in a statement to the Board. "The administration will have my co-operation in helping Groom ISD students have the support they need."

In a later interview, Superintendent John Wilson made this statement: "The past few months have obviously been a traumatic time for Groom ISD and it's patrons. In spite of distractions, I am convinced that the students of the district have continued to receive the quality instruction that this community has come to expect. I am also convinced that all parties involved sincerely wish to work toward making Groom School an even better educational experience for our children."

As a result of the agreement, no level III grievance hearing was required.

In other business: Mr. Wilson reported on progress regarding the Groom Retrofit project.

A revised report is due from Mr. Jim Brown of

Energy Systems Associates which will allow the board to let bids on the project for a second time. The board directed Mr. Wilson to pursue other options as well. The board will meet in special session in order to evaluate the revised report from Energy Systems Associates.

Mr. Wilson reported on the need to contract for nursing services in the current year.

A discussion was held concerning the number of credit cards in use by the District and what types of purchases or services or circumstances in which the cards were used. The Board unanimously passed a resolution to change the "authorized use" name from Ben Ingham to John Wilson.

Superintendent Wilson reminded the board of the upcoming election dates and sign-up dates.

In the Principals' report, Donnie Carrol reported on the new section 504 Plan for Groom ISD. The plan deals with students who do not meet resource criteria, but have special needs. This allows the school to do what is necessary to meet their needs.

A discussion was held regarding the need to approve "credit by

examination" test development or purchase a test for U.S. History and World studies. The credit by examination testing is sometimes required for students who move into the community during their high school years. Occasionally the schedule will not permit them to take a class they need to graduate. Before approval was unanimously given, President Babcock made it clear that this type of credit happens only on a case by case basis.

The financial report was presented by, then present, business manager, Joyce Hutsell. The budget was amended and the expenses were paid in an also unanimous decision.

**Board**

presented.

The Board went into executive session at 8:43 p.m. and returned to open session at 11:31 p.m. for voting purposes. It was voted to renew Superintendent, John Griffin's contract. Elementary Principal, Dick Crockett's contract was also renewed.

Motion was made by Don Dorsey, second by T. D. Simmons for non-renewal of High School Principal, Ed Bailey's contract, due to future

budget cuts, a reduction in workforce was necessary.

At this time no other business was discussed and adjournment came at 11:35 p.m..

**Obituaries**

**Velma "Toots" Henley**  
Velma "Toots" Henley, 78, died Friday, February 12, 1999.

Services were Sunday, February 14, at Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. James Martindale and the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Mrs. Henley was born in Fort Sumner, N.M., where she graduated from school. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. She had been a resident of McLean for 55 years.

She married "Buck" L. Henley in 1938 in Clovis, N.M. She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Lee Henley, in 1984, and by her husband in 1985.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Seaney of McLean; a sister, Thelma Clark of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be to the Carl Lee Henley Memorial and Scholarship Fund, Bank of Commerce, Box 29, McLean, TX 79057.

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Addy's Duties Reinstated, Resigns At Years End

## Teacher-Counselor, Groom I.S.D. School Board Dispute Settled

Groom School Board and teacher counselor Debbie Addy concluded their dispute during the regular session of the monthly School Board meeting, with both sides claiming victory.

The dispute began in October when Addy was stripped of her counselor duties and extra curricular duties as a result of an alleged breach in student confidentiality. At that time Addy was suspended for the duration of the first semester. A Level III Grievance Hearing was heard by the Board in open session at their regular December meeting. The Board recommended of now-resigned Superintendent

Ben Ingham.

Addy was notified in January by newly hired Superintendent John Wilson that suspension would stand through the new semester. Addy requested another public hearing.

Thirteen people attended the proceedings in addition to the full Board of Trustees which included Barry Fields, Dennis Babcock, Tony Treadwell, Tony Britten, Cliff Britten, Brad Rogers and Tim Case. Also in attendance were administrators John Wilson and Donnie Carroll, as well as Addy's attorney Sharon Carmon and the school's attorney Allen Rhodes. Board President Dennis

Babcock welcomed the crowd and invited those present to make comments about any subject during the open forum. Two of the group elected to speak.

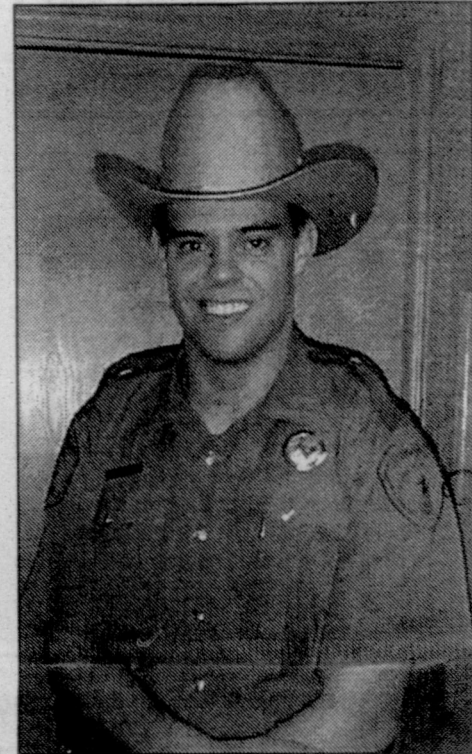
"...As a senior citizen, of the Groom School District (I), said Sybil Harrell, "have an interest, as do many others of my age, in the really sad situation of our school. Many of them were students here, others, like me had a spouse, children and grandchildren receive an education here. We Seniors are probably more knowledgeable of school affairs than a younger generation might expect. Never, in the 61

years I've been a resident of Groom have I known so many disappointments concerning our school.

Our children are hurting - a non-resident person has come in as a counselor - how can this stranger, this late in the school term be of help? There's not been time to know the pupil, gain their confidence or recognize how to best help. Another thing, routines we have accepted and found effective, and with the state's approval, regarding advanced studies are suddenly being challenged by rulings of another school district.

Our faculty must have

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## Welcome To New DPS Trooper & Wife

D.P.S. Trooper Gary Davis is pleased to announce his new partner, Bobby Jack Tyler II.

Trooper Tyler is a recent graduate of The Department of Public Safety Academy. He is formerly of Amarillo and a graduate of Tascosa High School. Tyler served in the U.S. Navy before becoming a DPS trooper. His wife, Amanda Christine, is a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She lacks one semester to become a school teacher. Her

See DPS, pg. 2

## Community Calendar

**BI-DISTRICT** Championship game, Ettes vs Paducah, Friday, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m. at Clarendon High School Gym.

**GROOM ISD** Spring Break will be on March 15-19.

**KID PRINT** at the Community Center on February 27.

**SCHOOL SNOW** Days scheduled for Feb. 15 and April 5 have been cancelled. Students will be attending school on these days.

**THE GROOM** Band will participate in a UIL Solo and Ensemble contest on Feb. 20.

**THE FIRST** Track Meet of the season will be on March 5 at Lefors.

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## Tigers, Ettes End Regular Season. Both Headed For Play-Offs

The Groom Tigers and Tigerettes ended their regular season last week as they faced off with McLean.

The Ettes won handily over the Lady Tigers 58-43.

Carrie Sue Davis was high point with 22. Sara

Britten added 9 and Karen Conrad 8. Jessica Stapp put in 6 points, Candace Bohr and Jessica Kopley each added 4 points. Jodi Homen had 3 and Krisanne Davis 2.

The Ettes face Paducah for Bi-District as the paper goes to press.

Groom's Tigers gained

the lead in the match-up against McLean's Tigers and were victorious by the score of 55-41.

Josh Evenson led the scoring with 20 points. Daniel Treadwell added another 8. Wyatt Weinheimer had 7 points, and Chris Ollinger 5.

Doug Fields, Dewayne

Gray and Clay Ritter each scored 4 points. Evan Crowell had 2 and Dusty Crump earned 1.

The Groom Tigers will face Paducah on February 23 at the Clarendon High School gym.

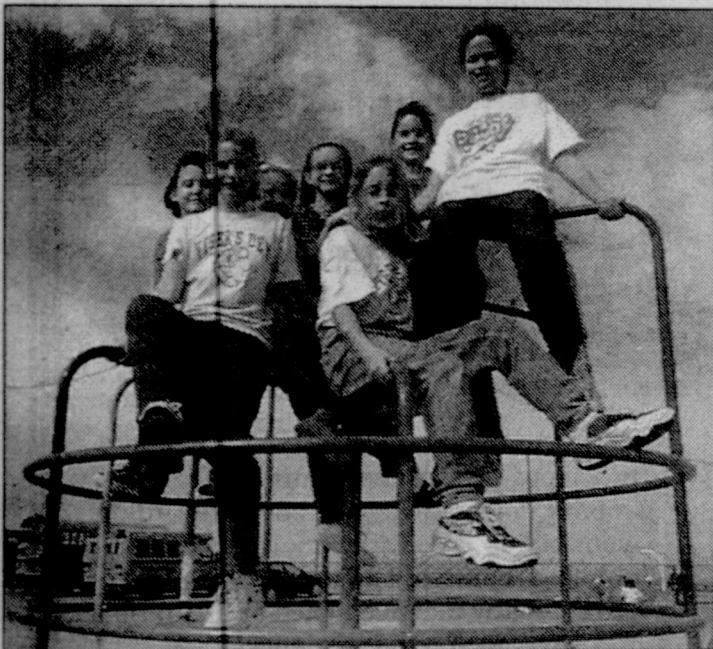
**Get Out & Support The Tigers**

**THE GROOM** Lion's Club will hold its annual buffet to raise funds to benefit the Summer Youth program, on March 7 at the Groom Community Center. Serving will begin at 11:30 and end at 1:30.

**THERE WILL BE** a warm-up game tonight for the Groom Tigers as they prepare for their Bi-District playoff. They will face Chillicothe at Memphis, 6:30 pm.

**THE NATIONAL** Honor Society will induct new members on March 25.

**TIGERS** will battle Paducah for the Bi-District title Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Clarendon High School Gym in Clarendon.



READY FOR SUMMER! These Groom I.S.D. students are taking advantage of one of the pretty days we have had of late.

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## Local Happenings

### Thank You Card

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May God bless you all.

Jan Britten and family

### Card Of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to all for the care and concern shown during my recent illness. The phone calls, flowers, cards, food and special visits were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Loretta Britten for encouraging me to go to the doctor. God Bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.  
 Irma Blackwell

### D.P.S.

major is special education. Amanda enjoys quilting in her spare time.

They have recently purchased the house formerly belonging to Earl Britten in the 200 block of Choctaw. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler are awaiting the birth of their first child.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

February 18 - Martin E. Hermesmeyer, D. Leon Schaffer, Loyd D. Littlefield, Sheridan Michelle Koetting, Jess Baker.

February 19 - Suzy Delight Pool, Michael Bradley Sustaire, Josh Evenson.

February 20 - Loretta Britten, Nicholas Todd Anthony, Chance Keith Barkley.

February 21 - Bronte Britten, Bart Britten, Dean Allen Fields, Victoria Paige Moranic.

February 22 - Mrs. M. B. Bolden, Chy Phillips.

February 23 - Gary Wayne Friemel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool (A).

February 24 - Louis Lee Barkley, Mrs. Kenneth Ray Burger, Robbie Harris, LaDonna Walker.

Ray and Gaynelle Pool and Bertha Knight attended the wedding of Mrs. Debbie Dillery and Mr. Claude Bagwell on Sunday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Claude, Texas.

Debbie was a former nurse for Bertha, when she was with the Columbia Home Care Nurses of Pampa.

In celebration of St. Valentine's Day, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell met Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo, and Louise and Bob Mulkey, of Panhandle, in Amarillo

for lunch at the China Star Sunday noon.

Donna Burton won the box of candy from Trinity & Co. We have it on good authority that it was delicious!

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## Mother of Groom Resident Passes Away in Amarillo



**Charline M. Ward**  
Charline M. Ward, 73, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

Services were in Vega United Methodist Church with Jim Watkins, minister, officiating.

Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2810 Virginia Circle.

Mrs. Ward was born in Vega and had lived

there until 1994. For 25 years, she worked for the Postal Service in Amarillo at night and in Vega during the day. In Vega, she also owned the Burger Barn and Hickory Inn. She was a member of the Vega United Methodist Church.

She married Ewell Ward in 1943, at Clovis, N.M. He died in 1971.

Survivors include three sons, Hal R. Ward of Vega, Dal K. Ward of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Tim Ward of Boys Ranch; a daughter, Jan Britten of Groom; a brother, Dick McNabb of Crockett; a sister, Nancy Johnson of Waukomis, Oklahoma; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Park Cemetery in Vega.

## Services Held For Former Jericho Resident

**Cleta Fern Dulaney**  
MIAMI - Cleta Fern Dulaney, 71, died Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

Graveside services were in Miami Cemetery with

the Rev. Wes Welborn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Miami, officiating. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dulaney was born in Jericho and attended schools in Groom and Clarendon. Her maiden name was Phillips. She attended college in

Amarillo and New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Dulaney worked for Cabot General Atlas and then as a secretary for the home demonstration agent for Gray County. With her husband, she farmed and ranches in Osage County, Oklahoma.

She married Harry

Dulaney in 1948 at Clovis, New Mexico.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Harriett Smiley of Pampa; a son, John Dulaney of Miami; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Abba Home Health Care.

### From The Carson County Appraisal District

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills in 1999 by taking advantage of homestead exemptions. Application forms are available at the Carson County Appraisal District.

Chief Appraiser Donita Davis informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to file a one-time application for homestead exemptions. These exemptions reduce the appraised value of the home. "You do not have to pay a fee to file for a homestead exemption," said Davis.

Property owners who have never received the general homestead exemption on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 1999, and those who became disabled during 1999, must apply this year to receive exemptions for 1999. Homeowners must apply for the general homestead, disabled, or any local option disabled or percentage homestead exemption before the deadlines in the appraisal district where the home is located.

Homeowners 65 years of age or older don't need to own their homes on January 1 to qualify for the over-65 homestead exemption. New state law provides that they may apply as soon as they turn 65, own the home, and live in the home as their principal residence to receive the over-65 homestead exemptions. Homeowners 65 or older have up to one year from the date they turned 65 to file for their homestead exemption for that tax year. New laws also allow that if the over-65 spouse dies before applying for the over-65 exemption, the surviving spouse age 55 or older may apply for the over-65 exemption for the deceased spouse. The same filing deadlines apply.

If homestead is located in a taxing unit that overlaps into two or more counties, the homeowner need only apply at one county appraisal district. The district will inform any other appraisal districts about the application. Homeowners must file signed, completed applications at the appraisal office by April 30.

A homeowner's principal residence and yard are considered the residence homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements (buildings), such as a swimming pool, greenhouse or other structure, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Davis said that a property must meet four tests set by law to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1 (homeowners 65 or older need not own the property on January 1 for the over-65 homestead exemptions only); the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption.

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets four tests. "A property owner can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business," Davis said. "The home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily, so long as he or she intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead exemption elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, all homeowners may receive a \$15,000 general homestead exemption and homeowners disabled or 65 or older receive an additional \$10,000 exemption.

The school tax exemption for those homeowners 65 or older provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes cannot increase above the tax amount in the first year the person qualified for that homestead for the over-65 exemption.

The ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When that happens, the new improvement is taxed at its current market value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

Senior citizens may transfer their tax ceilings to a new home. The homeowner transfers the percentage of school tax paid on the former home, based on the last year the homeowner qualified that home for the over-65 tax ceiling, to the new home. The new tax ceiling is calculated to have the over-65 homeowner pay the same percentage of tax paid as on the former home.

For example, if an over-65 homeowner currently has a school tax ceiling of \$100, but would pay \$400 without the tax ceiling, the percentage of tax paid is 25 percent. If the school taxes on the new home are \$1,000, the new tax ceiling would be \$250, or 25 percent of \$1,000. The homeowner may request a certificate from the appraisal district where the former home was located that gives information about the tax ceiling. The homeowner gives this information to the appraisal district where the new home is located.

If an elderly homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the school tax ceiling if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years of age when the older spouse died.

The ceiling does not apply to taxes levied by the county, city, or other taxing units. The over-65 homestead exemption will terminate when the home no longer qualifies during a tax year, either when the homeowner moves or dies and has no surviving spouse. Taxes will be prorated based on the number of days that elapsed after the home no longer qualified for the exemption to the end of the year.

Homeowners should notify the chief appraiser when they no longer qualify for the general, over-65 or disabled homestead exemptions.

A 50 percent penalty is added to delinquent home taxes if homeowners fail to notify the appraisal district and receive homestead exemptions to which they are not entitled.

Other types of taxing units - counties, cities, and special district - may offer different homestead exemptions. Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Any taxing unit's governing body may grant an additional optional exemption on the homesteads of disabled or elderly residents, or both.

If the over-65 homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the over-65 exemptions if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of the spouse's death and owns and lives in the home.

Taxing units may also offer a local-option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 1998, any taxing unit can exempt up to 30 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of

value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar amount of exemption for any home must equal at least \$5,000.

Taxing units in Carson County that grant the percentage homestead exemption are Panhandle I.S.D. and White Deer I.S.D.

For more information, homeowners may contact the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S. Main or at 537-3569, Panhandle, Texas.

### Veteran's Exemptions

"Veterans with a service-connected disability may reduce their property taxes in 1999 by filling out a simple exemption form at the Carson County Appraisal District office," Chief Appraiser Donita Davis said.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the size of the exemption. The exemption ranges from a \$5,000 to \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value. Davis explained who is eligible for the application:

- \* a disabled veteran;
- \* a surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as long as the spouse remains unmarried;
- \* a surviving minor child of a deceased disabled veteran, if the veteran's spouse does not survive the veteran and if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.
- \* a surviving spouse of a person killed while on active duty, whether the spouse has remarried or not at application time; and
- \* a surviving minor child of a person killed while on active duty, if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.

"Any eligible person who has not received this exemption must apply by April 30th," Davis said. "But, if you received the exemption in 1998, you do not have to reapply in 1999."

An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on January 1.

The applicant must be a Texas resident to qualify. The appraisal district may require proof of the disability, such as documentation from the Veterans Administration or the branch of the armed service in which the veteran served. Applicants may need proof of marriage, age or proof of a spouse's, or a parent's death.

Obtain an application form and more information about specific qualifications from Davis at the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S. Main or at 537-3569, Panhandle, Texas.

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## Easter Egg Hunt Planned For Mar. 28

Alpha Mu Xi met at Judy Eastmon's home on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. for a regular business meeting.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Groom City park on Sunday, March 28 at 3 p.m. If anyone has already started their spring cleaning and has found some used, matching halves - filler eggs, Alpha Mu Xi would gladly welcome donations.

After the meeting, Beverly Stephens gave an informative and entertaining demonstration on candle making. Beverly used beautiful bottles, candle oil, and fillers such as rose petals and pearl-like beads.

### Groom School Menu February 22-26

**Monday Breakfast:** Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, potato wedges, pickle spears, fresh orange slices, milk.

**Tuesday Breakfast:** Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Steak fingers, French fries, Texas toast, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Wednesday Breakfast:** Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, crackers, pears, milk.

**Thursday Breakfast:** Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce, graham crackers, milk.

**Friday Breakfast:** Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Stuffed baked potatoes w/shaved ham, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

### Memorials To The Groom Ambulance Department

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## Barnett Named 1999 Sorority Sweetheart

Alpha Mu Xi Sorority feted Donna Barnett the 1999 Sweetheart at their annual Sweetheart Banquet on February 6. Donna was presented a lovely tiara and beautiful roses amid colorful Valentine decorations. After a wonderful meal of steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, and homemade cheesecake those in attendance enjoyed a brisk game of Guesstures.

Donna, a member of the Sorority, was chosen recently as their Sweetheart. She has been a member of the group since 1997. She has been involved with the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Groom Day events, Thanksgiving dinner for the senior citizens and other Sorority activities.

Donna commented, "I think Sorority has been a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and to help do nice things for



people in our community."

Donna is the mother of two children, Blake, 17, a senior this year at Groom High School, and Nichole, 14, a freshman. She is the daughter of Bill and Linda Bohr, of Groom, who were special guests at the banquet.

In addition to Sorority activities, Donna enjoys reading and cross stitching when there is time between ball games and stock shows, and whatever else her children are involved in at the time.

## Carson Donald Welcomed To Ritter Family



Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ritter are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Carson Donald. Carson was born on January 27, 1999. He

weighed 7 pounds 6 3/4 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. He is welcomed home by his brother Hayden Blain.

The proud grandparents are Tony and Mary Treadwell, Sharon Jones and Troy Ritter, all of Groom.

Great-grandparents are Troy and Betty Treadwell, Janie Moraniec of San Antonio, Jim and Carolyn Moraniec of Groom, Juandell and the late Donald Ritter of Groom, and Bobby and Darlene Jones of Groom. Great-great-grandparents are Cleo Nix of Groom, Jessie Cruse of Claude and Simona Gomez of San Antonio.

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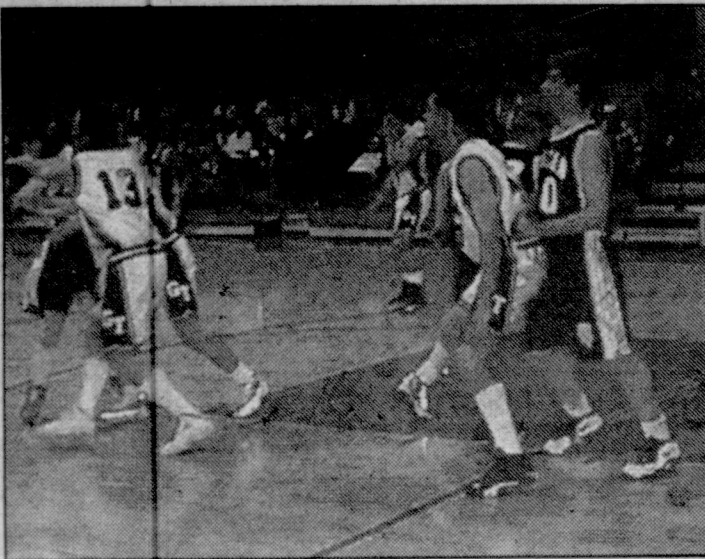
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## Knight Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday

I wish to thank the Baptist Church ladies, and everyone who helped with the special celebration of my 90th birthday and card shower. I especially want to thank Jana, Pastor Byron's wife, for the lovely decorations of the Fellowship Hall, with colored balloons and variegated bright confetti.

Just as Colby was helping Bertha blow out the candles on her 90th birthday cake, the lights went out. It didn't matter too much for Jana had placed a lit candle at each place. The "Ed Shares" nurses presented Bertha with a beautiful corsage. A good time was had by all.

## Texas Tech Lists Honorees For Fall

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

John Adam Stephens, a freshman Chem. Engr/Comp Science major, was named on the President's List. He is the son of Larry and Kay Stephens.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Trisha Lynn Treadwell is a junior Multidisciplinary Studies major, and was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Tony and Mari Treadwell.

## WTA&M Announces Honors Lists

Students earning President's List recognition for the fall semester included Stacy J. Fields from Groom. She is a senior Science Composite major.

She achieved a semester grade-point average of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class

load of 12 undergraduate hours to qualify.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named from Groom include Bart Britten, senior Chemistry major; Toby Burgin, sophomore Pre-Engineering; Christina Galvan, sophomore Graphic Design; Aimee Lyles, Post Bach Non-Grad. English major; Seth Ritter, senior Computer Science major; Jarret Weinheimer, sophomore Agribusiness major; and Sherrie Weinheimer, senior Reading major.

## Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at City of Groom office located at 203 Broadway in Groom, Texas.

Purpose: Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. has applied for a variance from the Texas Department of Health. This variance will allow Groom Volunteer Firemen to assist certified ambulance attendants with transportation.

Reason: Due to a shortage of certified EMS

personnel, staffing the ambulance has become a major concern for EMS personnel and the City of Groom. The variance will allow a Groom Volunteer Fireman to drive the ambulance and will free a certified Emergency Attendant to provide care. Two certified emergency medical attendants would no longer be required for the ambulance to operate.

Correction: Plans underway to correct this difficulty in staffing. Groom EMS currently has five Groom residents enrolled in classes to obtain required certifications. Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service feels this will be a temporary problem. Staff moving and job

obligations has created this temporary problem. Submitted by Charlotte Whitley, Groom EMS Director.

## Prather Nominated At South Plains College

Jason Prather from Groom was recently nominated as a homecoming candidate at South Plains College in Levelland.

He represented the Wesley Foundation along with Melinda Hill from Smyer.

Jason is the son of Rick and Sharon Prather of Groom.

The 1999 Homecoming King and Queen were Bobby Castillo from Levelland and Myra Castillo from Brownfield.



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