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## City Of McLean Survives Winter Blackout of 1999

Wind, rain, sleet, ice, hail, more rain and ice then finally snow covered the City of McLean and the surrounding area during the last days of January 1999. Small trees fell and tree limbs broke as the weight of the ice and the gusts of wind became too much to bear.

Many people lost electricity due to Old

Man Winter's wrath on the Texas Panhandle. Power lines snapped as huge poles fell like dominoes. Southwestern Public Service has had crews from all over Texas working to get it's customers power working again. Many of which, have had no water or heat because of the power outage.

Highways east and

west of McLean were closed over the weekend. Wreck after wreck occurred as overpasses and roadways became slick with black ice and snow. Motels in most towns were overflowing. Some travelers experienced ice and snow for the first time.

According to McLean's own "weatherman" Sam Haynes, the town

received 1 3/4 inch to 2 inches of rain, plus 1 inch of snow depending on your location. If the rain had been snow, McLean would have been covered in 21 1/2 inches of snow.

If you believe in the Farmer's Almanac, February and March are predicted to bring more of the same. So, if you used all your batteries on this storm, it might be time to stock up!

## School Board Meeting Canceled, Payment For New Gym Not Approved

The McLean School Board cancelled a special meeting on February 1. The meeting was supposed to be an approval and payment of the new gymnasium. However, after a walk through of the new facility, the school board declined the unfinished gym.

According to Superintendent John Griffin, the roof above the heater, near the vents leaks and also in the concession stand.

Neal Odom, President of the school board acknowledged the fact that the walls of the gym do have some moisture problems, yet the bleachers are sturdy

according to contractor standards.

CIB, the contractor company is presently working on the problems that the school board expressed concerns about. "CIB is definitely committed to getting the gym finished like we (the school board) want," stated Odom.

The gym will not be finished for regular season basketball play as originally planned. However, according to Odom it has been discussed that when the gym is finished, some type of exhibition game could be played by the high school boys and girls.

## Native Son To Be Inducted In The Sports Hall Of Fame

The Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame will induct four prominent sports figures from this area, one of which is a native of McLean.

Dr. Richard Back now of Fayetteville, Arkansas, will be inducted into the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 7, 1999, in Ordway

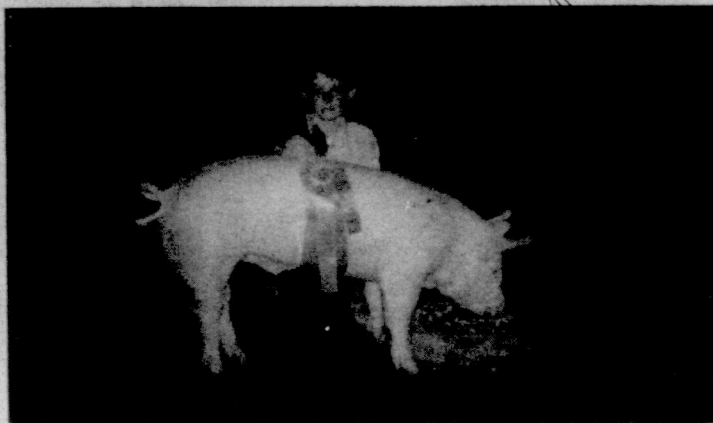
Auditorium at Amarillo College.

In high school, Back won the individual Class 1A state championship in golf and helped his team to a state championship. He then went to the University of Arkansas on a golf scholarship, the 116th member.

The public is invited to attend.



Jessica Fish earned top honors for herself and her lamb in the recent Top O' Texas home. See the story on page 10.



Joshua Seymour shows the Grand Champion York at the Show.

### Reminders...

THE CHAMBER will meet on Feb. 8 at 7:00. Elections will be held. Everyone welcome!

MOM'S CIRCLE will meet Feb. 10 at 11 am at Sweet Savors. Nursery will be provided at the Methodist Church.

THE CHAMBER of Commerce will meet on Feb. 8 at 7 pm in the new office. New officers will be elected. Everyone is welcome!

CITY COUNCIL meets on Feb. 11 at 7 pm in City Hall.

CANADIAN Singles meets the second Saturday of each month. Covered dish supper at 7 pm. Dance 8-11 pm. Call 806-323-9717 for information. All towns are welcome to come join the fun!

JR. HIGH Basketball tournament at Hedley Feb. 4-6.

DONKEY Basketball on Jan. 6 at 7 pm in the Old Gym.

HIGH SCHOOL will play Silverton here at 5 pm on Feb. 5 and Groom there at 5 pm on Feb. 9.

PIONEER Study Club will meet on Feb. 11 at Mary E. Wood's house, 2:00 pm.

## Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson  
We're Back!

Letter To The Editor.  
McLean Tiger Fans:

Given that you are entitled to your personal opinion regarding any and all matters. You are not, however, entitled to include me in your conceptions of any of these matters. Therefore I feel it necessary under these circumstances to make it known publicly that I think Mr. Blaz Herring is doing an excellent job in his sports curriculum as well as his academic responsibilities. I also think that he and his family are not only a tremendous asset to our school system; but a welcome refreshing addition of yet another deeply caring family.

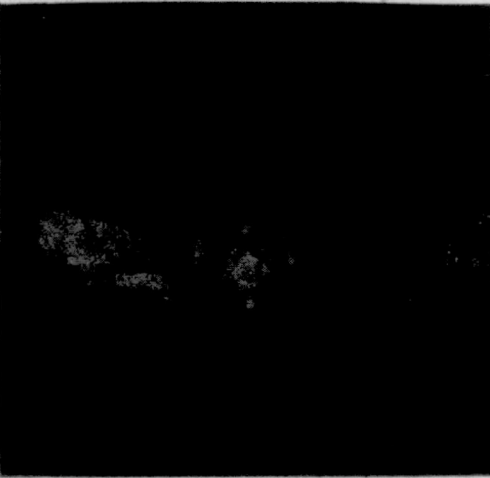
Concerned School and Community Fan,  
Don C. Dorsey

### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

February 4 - Teresa Eubank.  
February 5 - Monty Joiner, Lester Lee, Bill Fuller.  
February 6 - Vestal Bailey, Maybelle Nash.  
February 8 - Doris Guyton, Tom Trostle, Doris Stillwell, Vera Glenn, Lanesa Sutton, Tamme Pike.  
February 9 - Laura Reeser.

After being closed since December 19, we opened again on January 28 on winter hours. Due to the bad weather we were not open the rest of that week. We were open Wednesday for the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum Chili/Stew dinner and will continue to be open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM until March 2 when we will begin summer hours of 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 PM until 4:00

PM. We already have several events scheduled for the Heritage Room. We rent the room for birthday and anniversary parties, family and school reunions, school banquets and all sorts of meetings. Total visitors for 1998 were 4,291. All 50 states were represented except South Dakota. Six hundred nineteen of these visitors were from 36 foreign countries. Since opening in March 1991, we have had almost 60,000 visitors. We are looking forward to another good year in 1999.



Some of McLean's tree damage in the big '99 winter storm.

### 4-H District Food Show Winners Named

The top four winners from the District 4-H Food Show will advance to state competition at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Jessi Fish of McLean was one of the top scorers in the senior division. She will be among young people competing for \$1,000 college scholarships from Morrison Milling, the state food show sponsor.

### Trostle Recognized By Family Land Heritage

Robert Trostle, brother of Tom Trostle of McLean, was honored at the Texas Department of Agriculture's annual Family Land Heritage ceremony recently.

The 24th annual ceremony recognizes families who have owned and worked the same land for 100 years or more.

Tom was born on the Trostle TB ranch in 1914 and Robert was born in 1916. In 1919, the family moved into a house where Robert has lived ever since. Tom left the ranch in October 1942 for the service. "I just couldn't get away," joked Robert.

"The average age of a farmer or rancher in the state and country is 58 to 60," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "We have to have an economically viable future for the people who are 10, 25, 30, and 40."

Competitors selected and prepared a food item in one of four categories, participated in an interview with a panel of adult judges and submitted a record of leadership and community

service. Among winners in the junior division was Travis Fish. The 4-H food and nutrition project is the largest 4-H project in the Texas 4-H program.

### McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main  
779-2902 \* 779-2221

Sunday School all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Night & Youth Services 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Adult Bible Study &  
Wonderful wed. Night for Kids 7:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon  
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Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
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 St. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

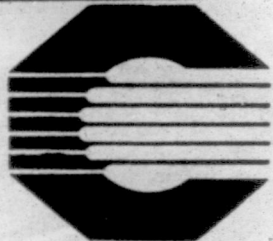
Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st  
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175  
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Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

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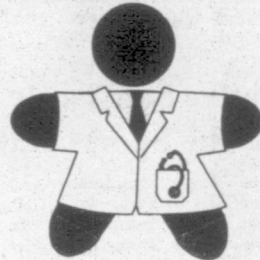
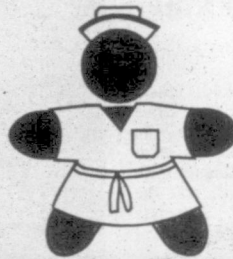
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# McLean Care Center News

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Sunday began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services with the Assembly of God Church. Those attending services Sunday were: M.L. Turner, Florence

Drake, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Phyllis Bailey, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Robert Lymburner, Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie

McClemore, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley, Helen Glass, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Thelma Finson. Monday morning was nail care time for the residents. In the afternoon was bingo and later exercise. The bananas furnished by the

Lion's Club were enjoyed as usual and Betty Lowe came to help out.

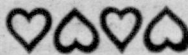
Tuesday morning was craft time. Before lunch several residents played a memory game. In the afternoon the residents did crafts again.

Wednesday morning was Wed. morning circle. Refreshments were served and there were discussions.

Friday morning nail care time came again and later in the day they played bingo.

There is still a very great need for volunteers. If anyone would like to give of their time, patience and love for the residents please contact

the activity director at the nursing home.



## McLean High School Teams Victorious 3 of 4 Basketball Games

McLean hosted Samnorwood on January 26. The Lady Tigers came out victorious 69-33. High scorers for the ladies was Vanessa Glass with 23 points. Lacey Steel earned 14 points and Rachel Galley also scored 14. Amanda Cline had 13, Cecily Cadra contributed 3 and Jessi Fish had 2.

The Tigers were defeated with a score of 27-49. Ike Hanes scored 13 points for the team. Brett Montgomery contributed 9, Derek Studebaker earned 4 and Randy Floyd had 1.

McLean traveled to Lefors on February 1 to play a rescheduled district game that had been

changed due to the bad weather.

The Lady Tigers once again defeated their opponents with ease, 49-17. Lacey Steel was high scorer for the night with 11 points, while Jessi Fish and Vanessa Glass both contributed 10 each. Rachel Galley earned 8 points, Randi Riley scored 4 and Annie Weaver had 4.

The Tigers also came out with a win. They beat the Pirates 55-41. Brett Montgomery led the Tigers with 17, Randy Floyd and Ike Hanes scored 10 points each. Terrell Hembree added another 5. Gary Jones put in 4, Gabriel Vega had 3, and Bradley Sawyer, Derek Studebaker and Brian Fuller all had 2 points each.

### WEEKLY BIBLE QUESTION

Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?

A. As we examine this question, please have your Bibles handy to read the various Scripture references.

John 14:15-17

He would be another "Helper" to stand in the place of the physical Jesus since Jesus would soon be ascended. The Holy Spirit's presence would be a spiritual one. He comes to the individual after one is baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, and Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.")

John 14:26

He would be a "helper" or "comforter." He would teach the Apostles all things. He would bring to the minds of the Apostles all that Jesus had taught them.

John 16:7-14

He would convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He does this through the Word which is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12). He would guide the Apostles in all truth. They preached and taught the whole world beginning at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost (Luke 24:44-49).

1 Corinthians 12:13

It is by the Spirit's authority and power that one is baptized into the church (body).

Romans 8:15-17

The Spirit testifies that Christians are God's children. The Spirit helps Christians with their weaknesses. The Spirit helps Christians with their prayers.

We pray that this brief study will serve as an introduction to your own personal study of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 133,

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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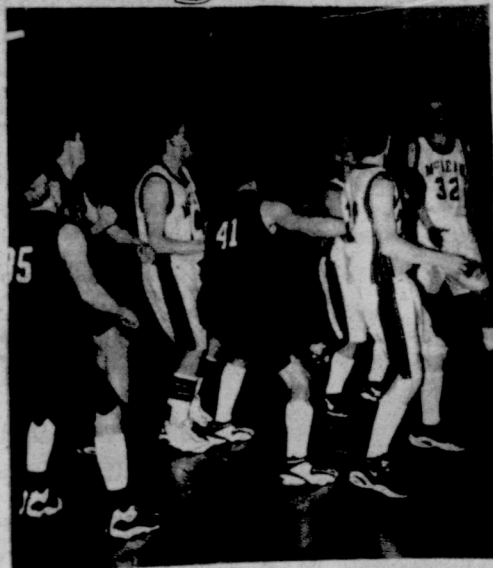
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All stacked up, the Tigers look for a good shot in the paint in a recent game against Groom.



Lacey Steel and Rachel Galley both try for the rebound. Galley has success while Steel distracts Groom.

## McLean PTA Holds Feb. Meeting

The McLean PTA met on February 2. President, Dawn Herndon called the meeting to

order at 6:00 p.m. Minutes from the last meeting were not available. Treasurer, Terri Adams read the amended budget and it was approved. She then passed around the Senior scholarship questionnaire and it was approved.

Sally Bohlar announced that the PTA would receive a \$500 grant to use for the Fine Arts Program this summer. Classes and curriculum have not been decided at this time.

Nama Webb discussed the EPA poster contest deemed "Nurture/Nature."

The PTA will provide poster board for any student who wishes to enter the contest. All participants will receive a certificate.

April 9 will be McLean's Wonderland night in Amarillo. The PTA will sell tickets at school. Part of the concession the night of April 9 also goes to the PTA.

Pam Skipper gave a presentation on the tiger that has been living in McLean. She asked for community support at the next city council meeting to have the tiger banded from the city.

She also expressed concern that the tiger stays only four blocks from the school.

A nominating committee was formed for officer elections in March.

The committee members are Dick Crockett, Lesa Greer, Janet Glass, Ginger Haynes, and Pam Skipper.

The next meeting is set for March 1. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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**Lambs:**  
Fine Wools: Jessica Fish, Breed Champion; Travis Fish 3rd place.  
Fine Wool Class: Jessica Fish Breed Champion; Travis Fish Reserve Breed Champion;

Bron Bohlar 5th place; Nicholas Odom 6th place.  
Light Weight Med. Wool: Nikki Hefley 7th place.

Med. Weight Med. Wool: Travis Fish 2nd place; Donald Basham 5th place; Travis Fish 6th.

Med. Heavy Weight Med. Wool: Jessica Fish 3rd place.  
Hvy. Weight Med.

Wool, Jessica Fish 3rd place.

**Southdowns:**  
Showmanship Jessica Fish 1st.

**Swine**  
Chester: Lucas Seymour 4th place.

Med. Heavy Weight Hampshire: Kevin Smith 6th place.

Med. Weight Cross: Brian Fuller 6th place.

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The Carson County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated which requires publication of this notice for at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of the scheduled bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Jackie West, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, February 22, 1999, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as is authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation

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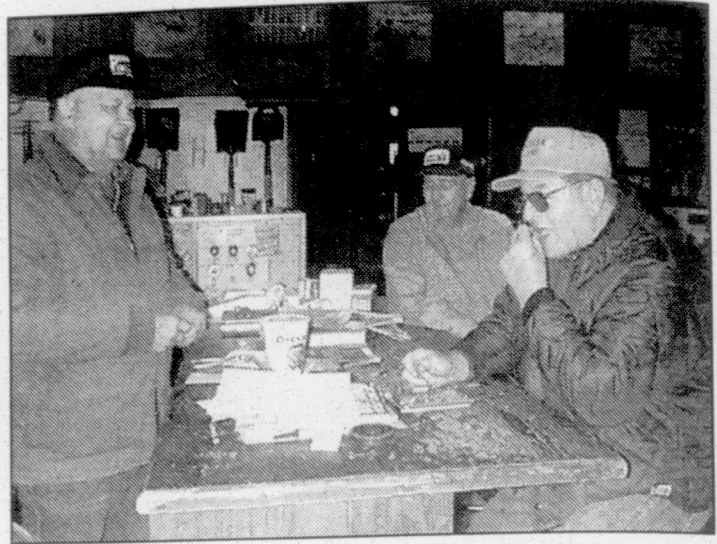
This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated which requires publication of this notice for at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of the scheduled bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Jackie West, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 1999, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as is authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

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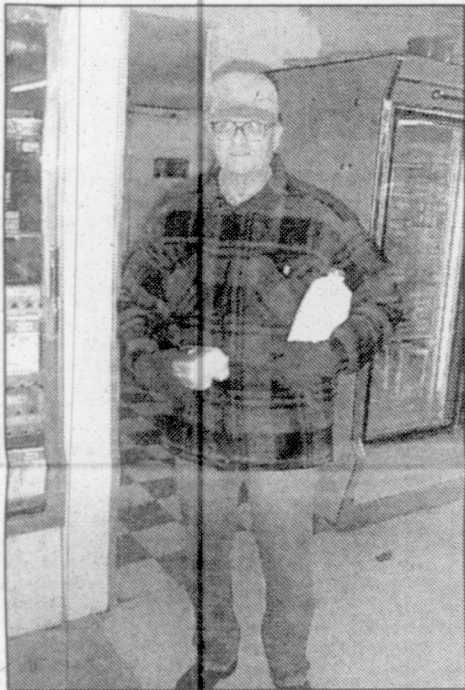
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(Left) Main streets tree received nature's haircut as most of its limbs were on the sidewalk after the big ice storm of '99.

(Right) Arnie Kuehler and Bill Hammers are some of John Koetting's best customers at the Groom Hardware.



Norris Hoyt stocks up on the basics before the storm hits, milk and eggs.



Pat Britten browses through the produce section while his wife Connie gets the real important stuff.



Betty Black gets gorgeous with a little help from Karen Brown.

Due to the power outage everything in our freezers and refrigerators has spoiled. We will re-open as soon as power is restored and we can get things cleaned up.

We will not have a sale ad this week but hope you will bare with us while we restock.

Please shop at home as much as possible!

Together we will get through these trying times.

**Groom Grocery**

**Basketball**

The girls have a 16-8 season record and are 5-0 for district play.

"The next two games are very important for us," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "Two wins would give us the district championship and assure us a play-off seat."

The Tigers had a great game against the Eagles. They gave Sannorwood their second whammy of the night, winning 74-32.

Dean Fields and Daniel Treadwell shared the high point honors with 12 each.

Josh Evenson scored 8. Dusty Crump scored 7. Dustin Babcock, Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, and Chris Ollinger all scored 6 points each. Caleb Pool and Wyatt Weinheimer scored 4 each and Evan Crowell scored 3.

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# The Groom News

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Thursday, February 4, 1999



## Ice Storm Damages Trees Around Groom; Makes For Very Slick Roads In Town and Interstate 40

Groom and the surrounding area have been in the dark, literally, since Thursday afternoon.

Local weather forecasters began predicting a major winter storm for the Panhandle and surrounding region last Tuesday evening. Freezing rain fell over night finding travel on Thursday morning requiring caution.

The temperature stayed above freezing most of the day. About 5:30 the electricity flickered and Groom began its first siege with darkness. Power was restored about 9:00 p.m.

Freezing rain continued to fall periodically through the night. Road conditions were not very bad but some slick overpasses caused school officials to delay classes by one hour. The precipitation continued through out the day and

the temperature steadily dropped. Road conditions began to deteriorate causing school to be released at noon. At about 3:00 p.m. Groom's electricity went out for about two hours. At 5:00 p.m. Groom was illuminated for about 45 glorious minutes before things went black again. That was Friday at 5:45 p.m.

Rain and sleet continued to fall causing numerous accidents along I-40. Reports of downed electrical lines began to pour in. I-40 soon was closed.

Power lines, tree limbs, phone lines, and cable lines all were suffering the effects of the ice. By Saturday morning it was obvious that the damage was devastating. Hardly a tree in town was untouched. Huge limbs buckled under the weight of the ice. Electric lines and poles

were down in and around the Groom area.

Residents realized that they were in for the duration and began making preparations. Groom Grocery operated in the dark, allowing residents to stock up on food and batteries. Tallies were made with a hand held calculator. Stop & Shop had a generator that was powerful enough to operate its cash register. They also stayed open most of Saturday and Sunday.

The Golden Spread Grill, having a gas grill, stayed open, giving travelers and locals who were unable to cook, a place to eat. While the menu was limited, it was hot and delicious.

was not freezing during the day. Had sub-zero temperatures accompanied the freezing rain may homes in Groom would have been in desperate straits.

Reports of 1" to 2" of rain and around 1 to 2" of snow were reported in Groom and the immediate area.

SPS officials reported that the Groom area was the hardest hit by the storm.

"About 144 poles are down," said Kenneth Vaughn, SPS representative. "We also have one stretch of lines down that measures 22 miles."

Water became a concern on Sunday afternoon when the water pressure dropped to a trickle. Mayor Joe Homer stated that they have the problem fixed and water should not be a problem.

Locally people geared up to keep their houses warm and their freezers cold. Groom was very lucky the temperature

Many local people were prepared by having generators to power up their heating systems and lights. One of the biggest upsets was that many people missed the Super Bowl. Homes that had generators and satellite dishes were very, very popular sites.

The tree limb situation will be one that residents

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### The Groom/McLean News Gets Help From White Deer After Power-outage Cripples Edition

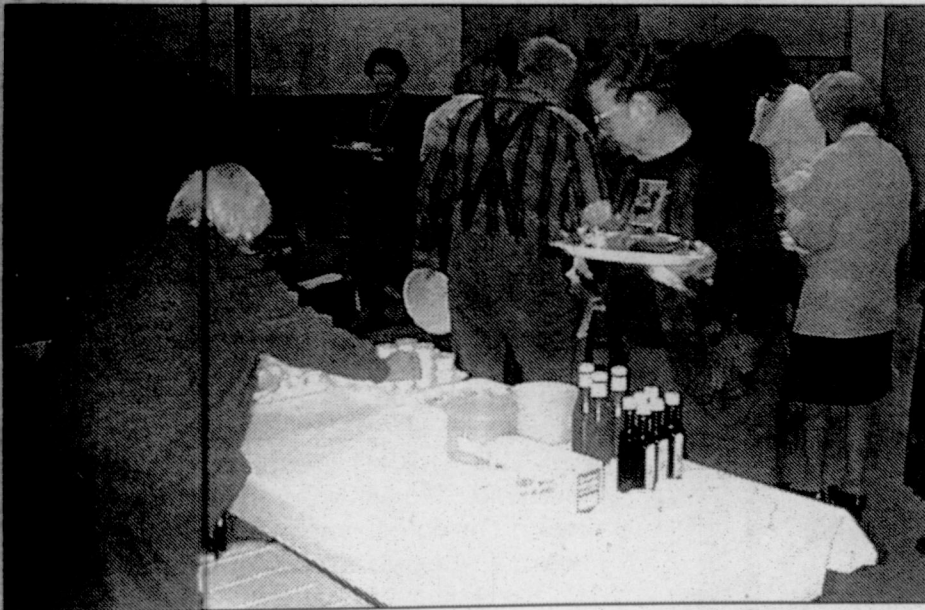
The power outage over the weekend caused many problems for Groom and area towns. White Deer was the only town keeping its electrical power.

The power outage on Monday morning caused The Groom News staff, McLean and Panhandle newspaper workers to scurry about to get to White Deer with their equipment in hand to publish the weeks paper. The Groom and McLean News staff would like to thank the White Deer crew for moving over so that Groom and McLean could stay on schedule and meet the Tuesday night deadline.

Southwestern Public Service gave no promise when power would be

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### State National Bank Holds Luncheon Catered By Red River Steakhouse



State National Bank's Board of Directors and employees enjoy their noon luncheon last Thursday at the Community Center.

### Community Calendar

THE GROOM City Council meeting will be held on February 10th.

THE GROOM School Board will meet on February 11.

INTERESTED in signing up to be on the Groom City Council or School Board? The first day to sign up is Feb. 15.

REMEMBER Valentine's Day is February 14th.

PLEASE NOTE in your phone book, the new phone number for R & L Fuel is 248-7586

GROOM VARSITY teams will play at Hedley on Friday night Feb. 5 at 6:30 pm and at home with McLean beginning at 4:00 pm on Tuesday night, Feb. 9.

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## Local Happenings

### Storm

will have to deal with in the days and weeks to come. Mayor Homer stated that he hoped some plan could be devised to dispense with them in the near future.

Groom residents were not alone in their misfortune. Panhandle, Claude, parts of the City of Pampa and rural areas of Pampa were also without power as of Monday morning.

There were school closings in Groom, Panhandle and Claude due to no electricity.

Power had not been restored as the paper went to press.

### Press

restored in the other towns.

With power lines down and tree limbs cracking and falling worse than most older-timers could remember, the newspapers had to get underway to make the Tuesday evening press deadline.

A falling line between White Deer and Groom struck and shattered the windshield and antenna of a Groom vehicle.

Computers of Panhandle had to be hauled to White Deer, with one employee coming to operate, while another staff employee

Students named to the Dean's Honor List maintain a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses and Reese Center campus..

manned the phone and office in Panhandle.

Two sets of computers from Groom were also brought to White Deer to get electrical power, and were set up in the dining-kitchen of the Joe and Jean Miller home.

News and advertising from McLean had to be faxed to the White Deer office.

Trees falling in Groom blocked the entrance to the News office and the staff had to work with the heat off in both Groom and Panhandle. All businesses shut-down or were affected in some way.

Looking back to 1971, the White Deer News office caught fire and was destroyed. That night the forms holding the hot-type were hauled to Groom, where then Editor-Publisher Max Wade, now retired, finished the type setting and printed The White Deer News on the Groom press.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

February 4 - Larry and Karen Reid (A), Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schaffer (A).

February 5 - Mrs. Robert West, Mrs. Alfred Homer, Mrs. Bill Hinson, Mike Friemel, Louis Leven, Jeanie Wakefield.

February 6 - John Adam Stephens.

February 7 - Rick Prather, Mitzi Moranic, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones (A).

February 8 - Heather Patterson Spiva, Mrs.

C.F. Hermesmyer, Dewey Cave, Bill & Jo Ann Musser (A).

February 9 - Jolee Burger, Connie McMahan.

February 10 - Mildred Burgin McWhirter.

### Card Of Thanks

Our sincerest thanks to Allie Hoyt for cooking our food during the power outage. Without you there would have been a whole lot of baloney sandwiches! We really appreciate it and all the other nice things you do!

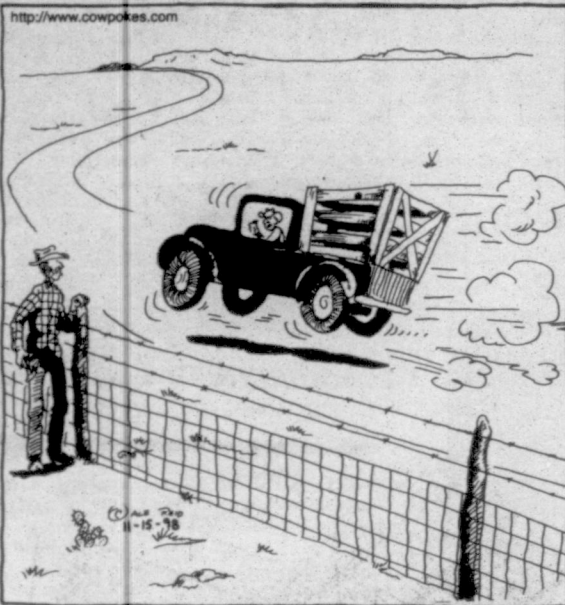
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## NOTICE on (9-1-1) Calls

Groom's Emergency Ambulance and Fire Department would like to remind all residents to please use the 9-1-1 emergency line. The old emergency line (248-7311) will now be answered by the Carson County Sheriff's Office. 9-1-1 calls will take priority over calls on the old number.

### COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Letter Editor

There Are Angels In Groom (From Claremore Progress)

[Editors Note: Article taken from The Claremore Progress Sunday edition, October 11, 1998. This was sent in to the News this week from Mark Hall, Memphis Texas who works at Wal-Mart in Pampa, Texas. He was unpacking a shipment when he noticed an

article on the newspaper packing that caught his eye. He wanted to be sure we had the article.]

Ruth Dirickson believes in angels.

Just take a look around her Claremore home. Likenesses of angels are everywhere. On walls and cabinets. On tabletops and shelves.

But Ruth had never met a real angel. Not until last week anyway.

That's when she came face to face with a real angel, a guardian angel, standing right in the shadow of a 190-foot cross.

Angels, and miracles, do happen.

So let's start at the beginning.

Ruth and her husband, Louis, were on a little outing, returning from Santa Fe, New Mexico. With them were another Claremore couple, Loy and Naomi Boyd.

The Dirickson van broke down just east of Amarillo, Texas, along Interstate 40. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Traffic, consisting mostly of 18-wheelers, roared past at a dizzying pace.

While the two men were contemplating the

complexities of the van's inner workings, lo and behold a pickup truck appeared behind them on the shoulder of the road.

A large and friendly man at the wheel offered his services. He volunteered to take the four stranded Sooners into the nearest town. That would be Groom, Texas, population 736, some 14 miles away.

The foursome crowded into the cab of the pickup and this Good Samaritan drove them into Groom to the local service station.

They were told that the only available tow truck was located a couple of blocks down the street. The pickup driver, whose name is Michael Snell, chauffeured the travelers to the next stop and waited while Louis arranged for a tow.

Then good Michael drove the group to the Groom motel, the Chalet Inn, and lingered while they checked in. Louis attempted, repeatedly, to pay Michael for his troubles, but to no avail.

According to Ruth, Michael's reply was: "My daddy always told me if I help somebody, it would return to me."

Satisfied that all was right, Michael left and continued his trek homeward toward Amarillo. Louis and the wrecker driver went to retrieve the van.

No parts for the vehicle were readily available, but the mechanic on duty at the service station told Louis that an employee, who lived in Amarillo, would pick up the needed items the next morning on his way in to work.

Sure enough, the next day, the employee and the part arrived, the van was repaired in a matter of minutes, and the four Claremore residents were on the road back home.

The bill? About \$60. Parts and labor, Louis said.

"I couldn't believe it," Ruth said. "You read all these stories about people getting ripped off. But everybody was so nice, so friendly, so helpful."

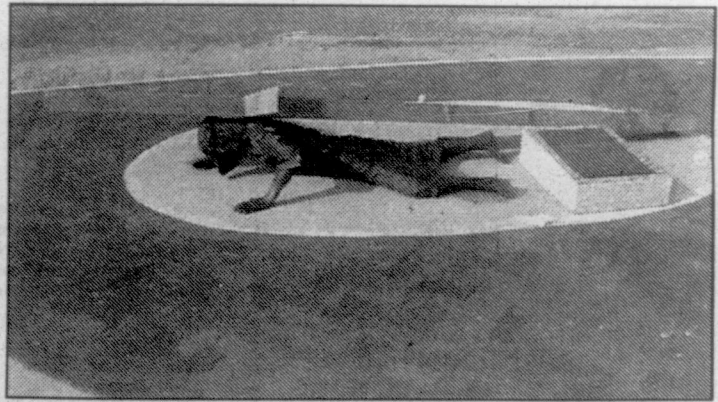
"I think my guardian angel was standing over us."

And she and Louis want everyone to know that they appreciate that guardian angel.

They wrote a letter to Michael Snell's employer in Amarillo and suggested that he should be very proud to have such a fine, upstanding individual in his charge.

"He went out of his way to help us," Ruth said. "I've been guilty of zipping down the highway, seeing someone stranded, and not stopping to help."

"It made me think



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For someone to stop, and take their time to help, after a hard day's work ... well, it's just wonderful."

"He didn't have to go to all that trouble. He was friendly and everybody in Groom was so nice and friendly. If you ever have to have car trouble, have it in Groom, Texas."

Aside from its neighborly ambience, Groom has become known in the last three years as the town on I-

40 where the giant cross stands sentinel-like on the plains.

In 1995, engineer Steve Thomas of Pampa, Texas, erected the 19-story steel cross along the roadside. It has become something of a landmark.

And certainly it has for Ruth and Louis Dirickson and their traveling companions.

"It had to be the cross," Ruth said of her good fortune. "And, as I said, I do believe in

angels. "We will definitely return the favor. Somehow."

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**"Tom" Jones Services Held Wed. In Pampa**

PAMPA - Thomas Ernest "Tom" Jones, 91, died Sunday, January 31, 1999.

Services were Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Donna & All,  
Know I'm late but haven't been well so I put everything on "hold" until I got myself together again. Feel better now.

Anyway a Happy New Year to all. I hope '99 will be good for everyone there. I miss all my friends there but I've got to stay here to be near my family and the two grand's that are the apples of my eye.

Take care - give my regards to all.

My heart aches each time an O'bit comes and I have known them so long, but we all must go at our time. I sit here and remember back many years and happiness.

Take care and God Bless.

Nadine Rogers  
Does the Groom News have any pictures of the Cross and ground around it. If so what will they cost me, I'd like some.

of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by the funeral home and with Masonic graveside rites by Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF & AM.

Mr. Jones was born in Butler, Oklahoma and came to Pampa in 1979 from Truth or Consequences, N.M. He was a longtime farmer in Donley County, and a former resident of Groom. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF & AM, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, Pampa Shrine Club and the Khiva Temple of Amarillo.

He married Lela B. Johnson in 1927. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1997 and by a son, Hershel Jones in 1938.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Jones of Groom and Billy T. Jones of Jericho; a brother, Calvin Jones of Rio Rancho, N.M.; five sisters, Paula Walker of Arcadia, Calif., Frances Davis of Grass Valley, Calif., Virginia Unruhe of Ojai, Calif., Mildred Fuhrman of Hereford, and Marjorie McCollough of Costa Mesa, Calif.; six grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.

**Groom Sweeps Samnorwood**

Groom basketball teams are coming down to the wire in the District Championship and play-off berth race. They brought home double wins from Samnorwood on Monday night.

40 win. Carrie Davis led the scoring with 19 points. Jessica Stapp added 12. Jessica Kopley put in 11 points, Sara Britten 10, Jodi Homen 10, Candace Bohr 3 and Kori Brown 1.

The Ettes zapped Samnorwood with a 73- See Basketball, pg. 12

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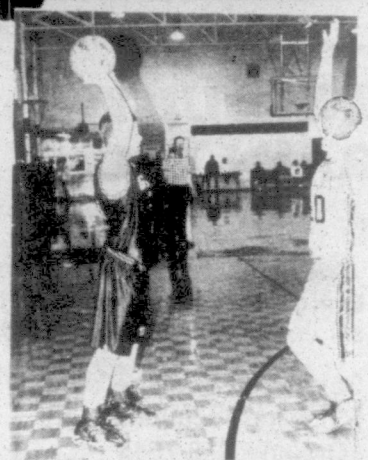
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**Groom Tigers & Tigerettes**



(Left) Jodi Homen and Jessica Stapp watch for the rebound as they prepare to score another "2" for Groom.

(Right) Josh Evenson looks for an open man as he in-bounds the ball.



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## Where were you when the lights went out? Groom Residents Asked.

The black-out of 1999 will go down in the annuals of Groom history. Some people will remember precisely where they were and what they were doing when this long siege began.

Sue Wills - I was checking the time and waiting for Melvin to come in from the field. It was exactly 3:18.

Bertha Knight - Blowing out the candles on my birthday cake celebrating my 90th birthday.

Al Alward - Stuck in

my electric chair.

Mary Brooks - Working at the bank trying to get closed out. No calculator.

Kathleen Barkley - Highlighting someone's hair! We had to finish it in front of the heater!

Joe Homer - Refereeing a basketball game.

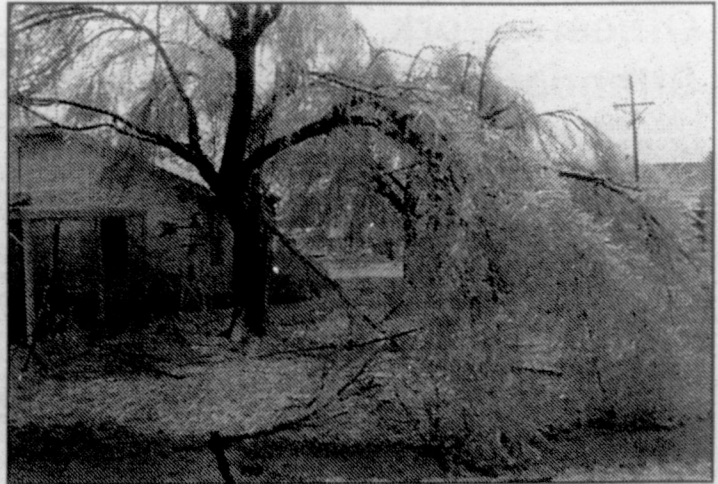
Mary Sue Lyles - Sitting in the semi-darkness answering phone calls of people wanting to know how long the lights would be off.

Doris Kuehler - Sitting at the table trying to make out checks.

Sybil Harrell - Sitting at the kitchen table trying to read and realizing that I couldn't see.

Sarah Hutsell - I was about half way through a movie that I had just rented . . . Sure would like to see the end of it one day!

Donna Burton - Where was I when the lights went out? In the dark. Me and Moses, of course.



## If You Ask Me...And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton  
If you ask me and nobody did... being in the dark has no salvageable traits. I tried to make a list of good things about being without electricity. There are absolutely none. Without that delicious hum of voltage flowing through copper, life is just too dreary. These are the things I have discovered.

(1) I do not look lovely in candle light. It increases the shadows under my eyes, deepens the lines around my mouth and generally ages me by about 25 years. I need the help of lots of "watts" to get my make-up on to cover the damage the years have done to my face. I need major "watts" to apply mascara and lipstick. Lately I look like a cross between a racoon and Bozo the Clown!

(2) If I sit quietly in the darkness I can actually hear my arteries hardening, and my joints creaking. Without the sound of a TV or a refrigerator or other major appliances in the background I can actually hear my teeth grind together and my jaw pop when I eat. The sound of my digestive system is so loud without something going on to muffle it that my cats will not stay with me in the same room.

(3) Being without power and TV will make you closer to your family? Hogwash! I have expressed my opinion on worldly things and family concerns. Ninety percent of my family is not speaking to me. The other ten percent are hard of hearing. We are passing

notes but they are getting so agitated that I'm having trouble reading their handwriting.

(4) You can spend quality time doing old fashioned things. Baloney! I do not want to cook in a fireplace, wash clothes by hand or sweep the carpet with a broom.

(5) You can rediscover your mate. Phooey! The only thing I have rediscovered is that without a TV, I have noticed he snores two octaves lower on the couch than he does when he is actually in bed.

I'm glad the pioneers came before me, not after! I'm a sissy! I admit it. I want my TV. I want my dishwasher! I want my hair dryer! I need "white" noise in my life. Living in harmony with nature is for tough

guys. I want to use my electric can opener to open my micro-waveable food, to eat in front of the TV, watching reruns of "Little House On The Prairie" and think how wonderfully simple life was back then.

I want to buy lottery tickets at the last minute and fill my car with gas. I want to mis-calculate my check book with a calculator and internet my way to electronic heaven!

By the way... Does anyone have any lamp oil??

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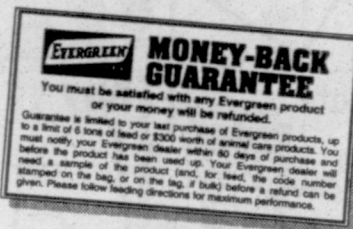
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## Officers Work Stranded Motorists

Bad weather, while a big inconvenience for many, can be a nightmare for law enforcement agencies as well as highway crews, not to mention the electric company!

Carson County Sheriff's Department spent most of Friday and Saturday dealing with stranded motorists, accidents, and loose cattle as well as downed power lines.

"We are all as tired of this as everyone else," stated Sheriff Loren Brand. "Luckily most accidents were relatively minor. We had quite a few vehicles slide off the

### Local Students Named To Dean's Honor List

Tamara Ashford and Kay Britten of Groom are among students who have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1998 semester at South Plains College.

"It is a privilege and honor to announce the names of those students who have worked hard to achieve and maintain excellent grade point averages," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "South Plains College is proud of them and we know their families are proud of them."

roads. We also have done a lot of pro-active work, like checking on residents who are sick or elderly, getting medicines and medical equipment transported to those who need it. We also have patrolled 24 hours a day during the black out. As far as we know no businesses or homes have been burglarized."

The Sheriff's department has been operating under a handicap as well. Their main radio tower is broken. The 245 foot tower is #5 on the repair list.

"We do have a back-up system," he stated, "but it's not like having the real thing."

Brand went on to say how pleased he was with the community response. "Most everyone has cooperated. Although everyone's patience is wearing a little thin, with everyone's help we will make it through just fine. We have had no serious medical problems, no serious accidents, or fires. We have a lot to be thankful for."

Groom's Texas Department of Transportation workers have been putting in almost as much overtime

as law enforcement officials. "We began clearing the roads and sanding as weather conditions deteriorated on Thursday," stated Groom's supervisor Randal Patterson. "We had crews working around the clock until 1:00 PM Sunday afternoon."

Black ice covered roads between Groom and Amarillo. The Department of Public Safety closed I-40 on Friday night due to the deteriorating conditions. Amarillo received more snow than freezing rain, and conditions were improved by Saturday afternoon.

### West Texas A&M Confers Degrees

Degrees were conferred on West Texas A&M University graduates at the December 17 commencement ceremonies.

The university awarded master's degrees to 63 graduates.

Among those receiving their masters degree were two Groom High School graduates. Nicholas Kuehler received his degree in Chemistry. He is the son of Robert and Alice Kuehler of Groom.

Aimee Lyles, daughter of Don and Mary Sue Lyles, received her degree in English.



### West Texas A&M Dean's List Honorees Named

Several Groom High School graduates recently were named to the 1998 fall semester Dean's List at West Texas A&M University.

The following were named: Bart Britten, senior chemistry major; Christina Galvan, sophomore graphic design major; Aimee Lyles, post-bachelor non-graduate, English; Seth Ritter, senior, computer science major; Jarret Weinheimer, sophomore, agribusiness major; and Sherrie Weinheimer, senior, reading major.

### 4-H District Food Show Winners Named

The top four scoring individuals in each food category in the District 4-H Food Show were recognized with medals.

Brooke Britten of Groom was one of the top scorers in the senior

main dish category.

Competitors selected and prepared a food item in one of four categories, participated in an interview with a panel of adult judges and submitted a record of leadership and community service.

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