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New Businesses Top Headlines for 1999

The computers have turned over a new millennium and lights are still on as the Y2K scare comes to an end. Now we welcome in a New Year and a new beginning for McLean. However, that doesn't mean we should forget the past. 1999 was a big year for McLean.

Five new businesses opened in the downtown area, making old buildings new again. The Chamber of Commerce also helped in the downtown area by using grant money from Southwestern Bell to replace windows and paint awnings. They also renovated the clinic of the old hospital for offices, which are now occupied by the Chamber of Commerce, the Sheriff's office, the Department of Public Safety and the Economic Development Corporation.

The Economic Development Corporation went through many changes. The corporation

is now on it's third set of board members, as the ones previously resigned after only a short time.

The Department of Public Safety welcomed two new troopers to the area. Jerome Ingle and Joe Hill brought families with them and were welcomed to the community.

Laughter came to town in February when area folks participated in a rare sight of donkey basketball. Then in April, the Power Team brought a message of hope while holding an assembly at the school.

Many residents experienced sadness and alarm in August when the body of a white female was discovered just outside of town by mowers. The woman has yet to be identified and the case is still open.

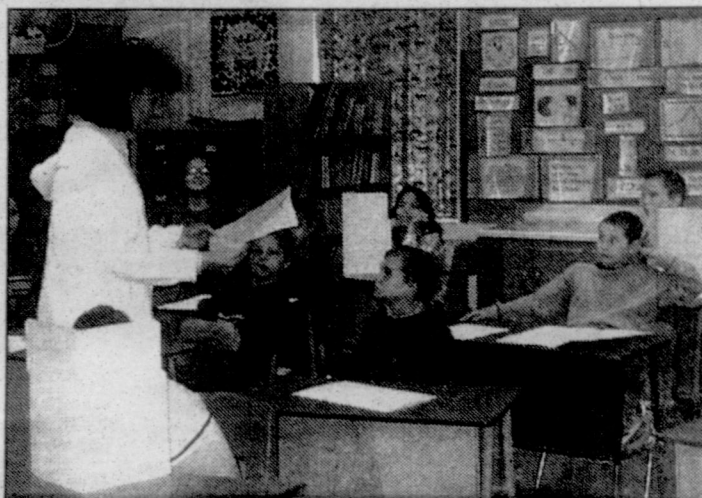
Celebrations were held in 1999 as the McLean/Alanreed Museum celebrated it's 30th anniversary and the Pioneer Study Club

delighted in a 70-year anniversary. McLean I.S.D. revealed as it received an Exemplary rating on the mandatory TAAS test taken by the students. The McLean students celebrated again in November when the McLean Tigers earned the honors of District and Bi-District Champions in football. McLean was also honored as part of Route 66 in People magazine.

May elections brought Charlie McClendon back to the mayor's seat. Kendra Birchfield and Ray Kirkland were elected to fill seats on the City Council. Kirkland later resigned and was replaced by Mary Dwyer.

Billie Ward and Don Dorsey were elected to the School Board. Both have served previously. February and December brought ice and snowstorms to the area, knocking out power and

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Mrs. Stalls teaches her fourth grade class the importance of newspapers.

Museum Plans Stew & Chili Supper

By Dorthey McKee
The McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 46 visitors for the month of December and last year in December, had 31 visitors. For the year of 1999, the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had a total of 1510 visitors from 16 different foreign countries that included Ireland, Northern

Ireland, England, Fiji Islands, Belgium, France, London and Austria.

In the middle of December, the museum had 16 students from Canada, they were 4th, 5th and 6th graders. They were an enjoyable group.

The McLean Area Museum wants to thank everyone for their support

for the museum for the year of 1999. Everyone is looking forward to a better year in 2000.

Don't forget February 3rd is the McLean Alanreed Area Museum Chili and Stew dinner at the Devil's Rope Museum. So, please, keep this in mind. We need all to come and support the museum.

CIB Makes Plans With Board To Fix Leaks

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 20, 1999. Board members present were Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, Billie Ward, Neal Odom, Bob Glass, Don Dorsey and John Holland. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Margaret Milam, Secretary, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal, Blaze Herring, High School Principal, Coach Paula Waters, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, Rose, Lacey and Shaley Steel, Mark and Kim Cadra, Robbie Sanderson, Amanda Cline, and Gordon Maddox.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Neal Odom, President.

Opening prayer was led by Mike Darsey.

Minutes of the regular meeting held November 16, 1999 were approved.

Visitor comments were from Lacey Steel and Amanda Cline to express their concern toward Paula Waters' coaching position. Both girls felt that Coach Waters was doing a good job and they did not want to lose her as their coach.

Gordon Maddox went through a quick rundown of the Audit Report for the year ending August 31, 1999. The audit was approved.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Cadra's went into the

Executive Session at 8:24 p.m., and left at approximately 9:03 p.m.

John Holland was called away from the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Coach Waters went

into the Executive Session at 9:12 p.m., she came out of the closed discussion at 10:10 p.m., upon which time Blaze Herring joined the Board in Executive Session. This session ended at 10:50 p.m. There was no voting to take place regarding Coach Waters; but a plan of action to be devised between Mr. Griffin, Blaze Herring, and Paula Waters to prevent problems from arising in the future, as a result of the evenings long discussion.

Return to Open Session came at 10:50 p.m.

Health Insurance was discussed briefly, with no action being necessary. McLean ISD will have a two-month run-out coverage with WTRCA. As of December 1, 1999, the school employees are covered by Unicare.

Student Insurance was also briefly discussed, but no action was taken.

Board Policy Update 62 was approved.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of June Close. Ms. Close is to be presented with a \$100.00 gift certificate at James Avery, from the McLean ISD and Board, for all the years of dedicated teaching and service.

The new gym was discussed, and CIB has come to the decision that the CMU blocks are the problem making the gym leak. CIB wants to try to seal the CMU blocks in an attempt to fix the

problems of leaking. No action was taken.

Mr. Griffin had a verbal proposal from Floyd Skipper to buy two old buses that were out of service. Mr. Skipper offered \$1000.00 for a 1988 Chevy, and a 1986 GMC. The board agreed to this proposal.

Financial Reports A, B

& C were approved.

The Board approved to pay the November bills as presented.

In other business the Board agreed to hire Renea Chambers, as an aide, on a temporary part-time basis, upon Mr. Crockett's recommendation. McLean ISD received federal funds for a Reading program that will allow to pay Mrs. Chambers salary. The Board also agreed to provide insurance coverage for Mrs. Chambers.

Reminder of the Board Training on January 10, 2000, from 6-9 p.m. in the Video Conference Room.

Don Dorsey and crew have completed the necessary repairs on the Alanreed gym. Mr. Griffin will be contacting Billy Bob Adams, in See School, pg. 9

McLean Reminders...

TOP OF TEXAS
Stock show is January 8.

THE JR. HIGH
basketball teams will travel to Groom at 6:00 p.m. on January 6.

HIGH SCHOOL
Basketball, Jan. 7 here against Samnorwood at 6:30 p.m.

THE CITY Council
will meet January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH plays
Hedley here at 6:00 p.m. on January 10.

HIGH SCHOOL plays
Lefors there at 6:30 p.m. on January 11.

THE GRAY County
4-H Show will be held on January 15.

Briefs

Kevin Smith competed in the District 4-H Food Show in December. He was recognized with a medal for intermediate, Breads and Cereals.

Happy New Year

Card Of Thanks

Thank you to the McLean Volunteer Ambulance Service for your help after my accident. Your kindness and caring is certainly appreciated.

Jeff Thomas

Food For Thought

In a small town, there ain't much to see; but what you hear makes up for it.

More Briefs

Bill and Katy Graham returned home Sunday from a sixteen day trip to visit their daughter Kathy and family at Friday Harbor, Washington. Highlights of the trip included the ferry ride to San Juan Island, the Redwood trees, San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, the wine country and missing all the snow. The weather was good for traveling.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

January 6 - Wayne Morris, W.C. Simpson, Zack Seymour.

January 7 - Christopher Myers, Ruth Boles, Deanna McClendon, Leroy Thompson.

January 8 - Jim Ridgway, Monica Shipman.

January 9 - Randy Kennedy, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel, Evan McMordie.

January 10 - Betty Hustead, Charles Weaver, Fern Boyd, Bailey Weaver.

January 11 - Sy Brown.

January 12 - Beula Hommell, Holly Hauck, Chris Sparling, Judy and Huey Green (A).

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548

Sunday Bible School 10 am
Worship 10:40 am & 8 pm
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
779-2175

Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 8 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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

McLean Breakfast And Lunch Menu

January 10 - 14

Monday
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burritos, chili, cheese, tator tots, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: BBQ on bun, potato salad, vegi sticks, pickle spears, cake, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: French toast sticks, ham, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Goulash, corn, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajita, peppers, onions, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, or toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Fish nuggets, tarter sauce, seasoned potatoes, cole slaw, pudding, milk.



Joshua Swafford Graduates From US Air Force Basic

Air Force Airman Joshua J. Swafford has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Swafford is the son of Claire J. and Robert E. McDowell of McLean, Texas.

He is a 1999 graduate of McLean High School.

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Menu's Posted Daily

Sunday	New
Lunch Special	Movies
Chicken Fried Steak	
Dessert	

C & H

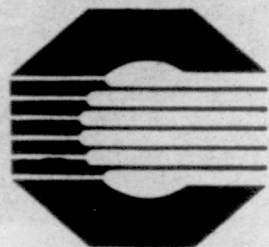
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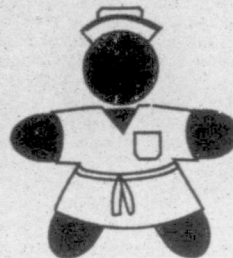
Family Healthcare Clinic Of McLean

211 N. Main Street (806) 779-2030

Dr. Laxman Bhatia is the Medical Director

New Clinic Hours:

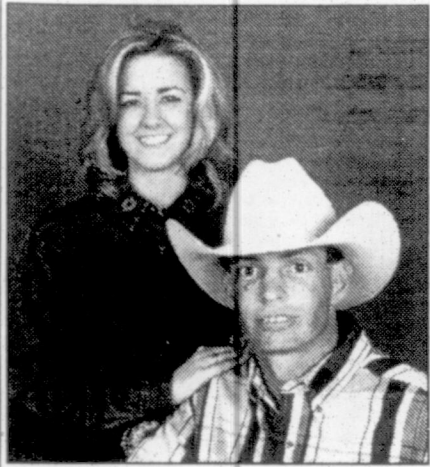
Jerry Wilson, P.A.
Mon.-Fri.
1:30 to 5:00 p.m.



Carol Carroll, L.V.N.
Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Happy New Year

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Hess - Ray To Wed

James Tanner Hess and Christi Rene Ray will be married January 15, 2000, at McLean United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect, who resides in Miles, Texas, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Ray, also of Miles. She recently received her masters degree in English from Angelo State University and is presently employed by West Texas Utilities in San Angelo.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. Jake Hess II of McLean and Mrs. Ida Wilson of Austin. He presently ranches in McLean.

After the Wedding the couple will reside in Miles. All family and friends of the couple are invited to attend the wedding celebration which will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

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School
order to continue working on an acquisition plan between McLean ISD and the Alanreed Community Association.
Adjournment came at 11:41 p.m.

It's A Girl!

Kendra and Kendalyn Richardson are excited to announce the arrival of their new baby sister, Saralyn Beth Richardson. Proud parents are Carey and Shatrel Richardson. The blessed event occurred on December 27, 1999 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Saralyn weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Roy and Mary Richardson of McLean and Roy and Rovena Brewer of Temple, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Myrtle Holloway and Venice Wright both of McLean.

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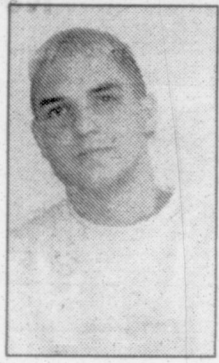


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Life Insurance Company

1999-2000 Tiger & Lady Tiger Basketball



Randy Floyd



Ricky Smith



Terrell Hembree



Bradley Sawyer

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Johnny & Mary Ann Carpenter
McLean Plumbing
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Agency
Red River Steak House
McLean Care Center
Windom's Auto Supply
Prairie Flowers
Mary Dwyer

Puckett's Grocery
Bank of Commerce
C & H Supply
Country Corner
Taylor's Food Mart
The McLean News

STATE OF TEXAS
1998-99 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

School Name: MCLEAN SCHOOL

District Name: MCLEAN ISD
School Number: 090903001
School Enrollment: 197
Grade Span: KG - 12

School Accountability Rating: EXEMPLARY
District Accountability Rating: EXEMPLARY

LEGEND		State Average	District Average	School Group (Median)	School (All Students)	African American	Hispanic	White	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Economically Disadvantaged
* Fewer than 5 students											
- No students											
? Outside reasonable range											
n/a Not available or not applicable											
TAAS Percent Passing (For all grades tested at this school)											
Reading	Spring 1999	88.5%	100.0%	92.2%	100.0%	*	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	83.3%	93.3%	88.5%	93.3%	*	*	92.7%	-	*	95.7%
Writing	Spring 1999	88.2%	100.0%	91.7%	100.0%	*	*	100.0%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	84.2%	94.3%	88.4%	94.3%	*	*	93.8%	-	*	100.0%
Mathematics	Spring 1999	85.7%	98.7%	90.8%	98.7%	*	100.0%	98.6%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	80.4%	88.4%	86.1%	88.4%	*	*	88.6%	-	*	88.4%
All Tests Taken	Spring 1999	78.3%	98.8%	85.1%	98.8%	*	100.0%	98.6%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	73.1%	85.9%	77.1%	85.9%	*	*	85.9%	-	*	87.5%
TAAS Percent Passing (8th Grade only)											
Science	Spring 1999	87.1%	100.0%	97.1%	100.0%	-	*	100.0%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	81.0%	83.8%	90.6%	83.8%	-	-	60.0%	-	*	*
Social Studies	Spring 1999	70.1%	100.0%	76.9%	100.0%	-	*	100.0%	-	-	100.0%
	Spring 1998	66.3%	54.5%	75.8%	54.5%	-	-	50.0%	-	*	*
TAAS/TASP Equivalency											
Class of 1998		45.0%	-	50.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class of 1997		41.2%	47.4%	50.0%	47.4%	-	-	50.0%	-	*	50.0%
End-of-Course Exam (% Taking)											
Biology	Grds 9-12 1999	24.2%	18.3%	23.8%	18.3%	-	*	17.9%	*	*	34.8%
	1998	23.9%	29.7%	22.9%	29.7%	-	*	31.9%	-	*	14.3%
Algebra I	Grds 7-12 1999	18.0%	8.1%	17.5%	8.1%	-	*	8.6%	*	*	8.3%
	1998	17.4%	14.2%	16.7%	14.2%	-	20.0%	14.1%	-	*	20.6%
English II	Grds 9-12 1999	21.4%	16.9%	21.2%	16.9%	-	*	16.4%	*	*	30.4%
	1998	18.9%	22.5%	24.2%	22.5%	-	*	22.4%	*	*	17.4%
Attendance Rate											
1997-98		95.3%	95.8%	96.4%	95.8%	*	96.9%	95.8%	*	*	96.5%
1996-97		95.2%	96.1%	96.4%	96.1%	*	96.6%	96.0%	-	*	96.1%
Dropout Rate											
1997-98		1.6%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	-	0.0%	1.9%	*	*	0.0%
1996-97		1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	*	0.0%

A more complete report on your school, the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report, is available from your school, from the Texas Education Agency, or on the WEB at www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis. Produced by the Division of Performance Reporting, Texas Education Agency Form 5.117

McLean Independent School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balances -
All Governmental Fund Types And Similar Trust Funds For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1999

DATA CONTROL CODES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTAL
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REV. FUND	500-599 DEBT SERV. FUND	600-699 CAPITAL PROJ. FUND	
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources:					
	\$ 30,943			8,515	39,458
	1,185,916	20,577			1,206,493
5700 Total Local and intermediate sources	1,216,859	20,577	0	8,515	1,245,951
5800 State program revenues	568,818	11,662			580,480
5900 Federal program revenues		94,158			94,158
5020 Total Revenues	1,785,677	126,397	0	8,515	1,920,589
EXPENDITURES:					
0010 Instruction and instructional-related services	1,051,658	58,823			1,110,481
0020 Instructional and school leadership	102,919				102,919
0030 Support services - student (pupil)	182,221	108,156			290,377
0040 Administrative support services	134,205				134,205
0050 Support services - nonstudent based	294,734				294,734
0070 Debt service			49,531		49,531
0080 Capital outlay				168,737	168,737
0090 Intergovernmental charges	24,704				24,704
6030 Total Expenditures	1,790,441	166,979	49,531	168,737	2,175,688
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (under) Expenditures	(4,764)	(40,582)	(49,531)	(160,222)	(255,099)
OTHER RESOURCES AND (USES):					
Other resources:					
7020 Transfers in		40,642	49,531	17,935	108,108
8030 Other (uses): Transfers out	(58,577)			(49,531)	(108,108)
Total Other Resources and (Uses)	(58,577)	40,642	49,531	(31,596)	0
1200 Excess (deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(63,341)	60	0	(191,818)	(255,099)
0100 FUND BALANCE - September 1 (Beginning)	433,448	918	0	362,609	796,975
1300 INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	2,641				2,641
3000 FUND BALANCE - August 31 (Ending)	372,748	978	0	170,791	544,517

The Classified Section

CLASSIFIED RATES: 20¢ word with a minimum of \$5.00. A "Card of Thanks" is \$5.00 up to 25 words. Wedding stories are printed free up to 300 words, after 300 words the rate is 20¢ per word. There is no charge for pictures as space permits.
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1999

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Clarendon College To Offer McLean Classes

Clarendon College is offering spring courses for McLean area residents during the Spring 2000 semester.

Computer Applications I and Medical Terminology are being offered via the Internet through web-based learning at Clarendon College.

Computer Applications I provides hands-on experience for students to acquire basic skills in the use of a computer and commonly used software. Medical Terminology is a study of medical vocabulary.

Clarendon College is also offering Human A&P II on Wednesday

evenings from 6-9, p.m.

General registration for spring classes is January 17-18 with classes beginning on January 18.

To enroll in classes, students must provide an official copy of a high school transcript or GED certificate, college transcripts and CC admission forms. Students must also provide ACT, SAT and TASP scores, if available.

To register for a course or for more information contact Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

FOR SALE: Weider home gym system. Contact Lynn Britten, 248-7512, Groom.

CHRISTMAS can come early. \$1,000.00 cash reward for the name of the person who cut my five-wire fence and loosed cattle to I-40, while stealing the solar panels from my water well east of McLean for the third time on the night of 11-20-99. Information will be kept confidential. Call 806-779-2797, McLean.

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Political Calendar

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

Republican Party

District Attorney
 100th Judicial District
 Stuart Messer

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Democrat Party

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SELECT GROUP SHURFINE Vegetable Blends	16 OZ. PKG.	99¢	SHUR SAVING SANDWICH Singles	16.8 OZ. PKGS.	79¢
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State Football Game, Groom Grocery, And Ice Storm Lead Top Stories For 1999

Top news stories for 1999 were as numerous and varied as the subscribers of *The Groom News*. Perhaps one of the most historic chronicle of events was the 1999 Tiger's rise to the State play offs. The Groom football team quietly came back from a season opening loss to Sanderson to climb the play-off ladder till it came down to just two teams, the Groom Tigers and the Gordon Longhorns. Groom had never come this far before. Area residents and former alumni rallied around the team as they met with Gordon at Sweetwater. After a valiant effort, Groom succumbed to Gordon, 34-54. While the outcome was not what fans had hoped for it was heartwarming to see how the community and former residents took so much pride in their hometown team.

Mother nature played a dirty trick on the Panhandle early in 1999.

On Thursday, January 28th Groom residents had to dust off their pioneer spirit for the next five days and learn to live without electricity after a major ice storm knocked down 144 power line poles. Cooking and keeping warm were priorities. By the third day keeping busy without the benefit of television, video games and computers began to take top billing. One of the biggest upsets was caused by many people missing the Super Bowl. Clean-up from the storm has lasted for months. Area trees will never be the same and many had to be completely removed.

Shortly after the ice storm, Groom residents had to learn to deal with another major hardship when the Groom Grocery Store closed its doors. This was especially difficult for the elderly residents who do not drive in the larger cities of Pampa and Amarillo.

But once again, Groom persevered and about six



Teachers, fans and students all caught play-off fever as the Groom Tigers prepared to head to Sweetwater for the play-off game with Groom. Pictured are Charles Burk, Kay Burk, Steve Hutsell, Kevin Noack, Jennifer Conrad and John Wilson.

months later, Sharlene Lewis re-opened the store. The building was

completely remodeled and fully stocked and has a

wonderful new staff to serve the needs of all Groom residents.

While there were many more stories that had a big impact on the Groom

area, these are the ones that have a memorable influence on almost all.

Who knows what the year 2000 will bring for

Groom. Good news or bad *The Groom News* is proud to still be here to bring you the story and the pictures that make up the moments of our lives.

Ettes Face Nazareth During Holiday Break

Groom girls played two very tough basketball matches over the holidays.

In the Groom vs Shamrock game team leaders were: Jodi Homen who was high point with 10. She also had 3 assists; Jessica Kepley had 8 points and 11 rebounds. She also contributed 2 assists, 4 steals and 2 blocks to the game; Candace Bohr added 8 points as well as providing 5 steals, 7 rebounds and 2 assists.

Amanda Conrad was second high scorer with 9 points, 2 defensive rebounds, 2 blocks and 3 steals.

Krisanne Davis added 5 points, 2 assists and 2 steals. Skye Brown scored 2 points and Staci Britten added 2 rebounds. The final score in this close match was the Groom Tigerettes 42 and

Shamrock 45.

Groom girls also battled one of the top teams in the state on New Year's Eve. Groom lost to Nazareth, 82-37.

Candace Bohr led the team in scoring, rebounds and steals. She earned 17 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals. She also added 4 blocked shots and 1 assist to her credit.

Krisanne Davis, also a team leader, contributed 10 points and 3 assists.

Carrie Sue Davis added 6 points.

Jessica Kepley had 5 rebounds, 3 blocked shots and 1 steal.

Nichole Barnett added 2 points, 2 rebounds and 1 blocked shot to Groom's good.

Jodi Homen scored 2 points and earned a defensive rebound.

Amanda Conrad grabbed a steal for the Ettes.

Tiger's Basketball Off & Running After Late Start

By Coach Brad Rainer

The Tigers traveled to Shamrock for their first game of the year. The kids played well considering the limited amount of time they had worked out for basketball. It will take awhile for them to get back to handling the ball. They did some really good things and made some very athletic plays. The game was close throughout the contest with Shamrock claiming a 60-50 victory. There are eight players in the varsity and they all play a major role in what it is we want to do as a team. Dewayne Gray scored 4 points, had 2 assists, 1 blocked shot and 2 steals. Dusty Crump scored 6 points. Dustin Babcock scored

12 points on 6 of 10 shooting, pulled down 7 rebounds, had an assist, and a steal. Garrett Britten scored 4 points, had 5 rebounds and led

the team with 6 assists. Russell Conrad scored 2 points and had an assist. Chris Ollinger scored 5 points, had 6 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, and led the team with 4 steals. Grant Weinheimer scored 4 points, had 2 rebounds, and an assist. Clay Ritter led the team in scoring with 13 points on 6 of 9 shooting, had 6 rebounds, 1 assist and a blocked shot.

In the score by quarters Groom scored 10 points 13 points 10 points and 17 points for their total of 50 points. Shamrock scored 14, 14, 13 and 19 points for a total of 60 points.

The Tigers took the floor during the Christmas break for a ballgame at Booker. The Tigers are still trying to get on track after the late start to their season. They couldn't quite find their shooting touch at Booker but continue to work hard to get their legs under them. They

have one more week to prepare for their district opener. The Tigers were led at Booker by Russell Conrad, who had 7 points. Also, Garrett Britten had 5 points, 3

steals and 1 assist. Clay Ritter had 4 points, 3 rebounds, and a steal. Dusty Crump scored 4 points and had 2 rebounds. Grant

See Boys, pg. 4

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BEGINNING JAN. 10 through April 7 school at Groom will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. and buses will run. TAAS tutorials will be held from 3:00 - 3:25 for students required to attend. Questions should

be directed to the principal's office.

GROOM HIGH School basketball teams will play here on Jan. 7 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

THE JUNIOR Varsity will compete in a tournament at Samnorwood on Jan. 8.

ALPHA MU XI will meet on Jan. 13 at the home of Carole Fields at 7:30 p.m. New members are asked to arrive at 7:00 p.m.

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Local Happenings

Lucille Merrick spent Christmas with her daughter Caroline Mays and family at Fritch.

Kay and Cobb Britten, Joe and Francis traveled to South Dakota for a holiday visit with her family.

Theresa Wills spend Christmas and New Years visiting in the home of her daughter, Arlene and Carl Irlbeck in Plainview.

Larry Lamberson, former Groom resident, son of Ernest and Shirley

Lamberson, has announced his candidacy for election as a Randall County Commissioner.

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell and Glynda Eschle and Jason of Lubbock were supper guests in the home of Bob and Louise Mulkey at Panhandle Christmas Eve and attended a candlelight service at the First United Methodist Church. Others present were Matthew and Melissa Mulkey of Weatherford and Jeremy Mulkey.

Christmas Day visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home were Bob and Louise Mulkey and Jeremy, Steven and Sara-

Allyson Hightower, Robert and Whitney of Panhandle, Glynda Eschle and Jason of Lubbock, Jim and Beverly Ingram, Charles and Betty Hood of Amarillo, Glynn and Kim Ingram, Melyssa, Stephanie and Holly of Rowlett, Matthew and Melissa Mulkey of Weatherford, Lauralee Ingram of Lewisville and Kemp Ingram of Hong Kong, China.

On Sunday, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell and Jason Eschle of Lubbock visited in Amarillo in the home of Jim and Beverly Ingram and had lunch at the China Star. Others present were Lauralee Ingram of Lewisville, James Arnold of Dallas and Kemp Ingram of Hong Kong, China.

Eric Lush and Hallie Snyder of Austin spent Monday with PaPa Rip and Nanny Joy Snyder.

Rip and Joy Snyder attended funeral services in Clarendon on Tuesday for James Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Veazy of Amarillo spent Thursday with Rip and Joy Snyder. Dorothy is a niece of Joy and Rip. They had supper at the Dairy Queen.

Card Of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to everyone for their cards, prayers, and wishes of restored health during my recent illness and stay in the hospital. I seem to be on the mend and am looking forward to getting out and about.
 Arnie Kuehler

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Rip and Joy Snyder spent Christmas with Jerry and Carolyn Snyder and family in Amarillo.

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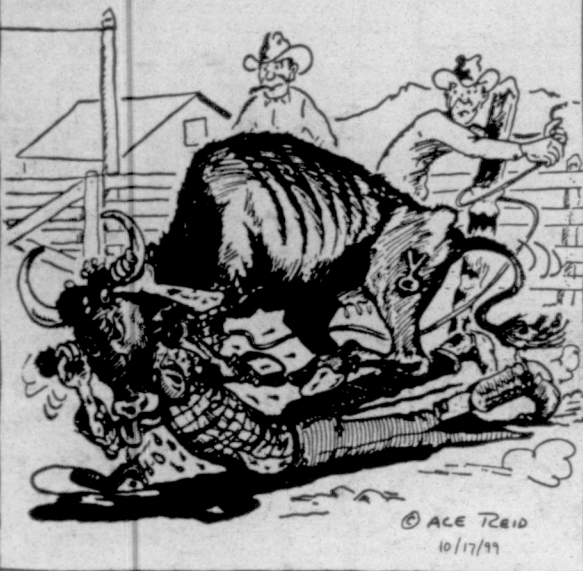
Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

January 6 - Ronald Kuehler.
 January 7 -
 January 8 - Shannon D'Laine Fields.
 January 9 -
 January 10 - Mary Sue Lyles, R.F. (Bob) Pool, Jesse Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Snyder (A), Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Ashford, Sr. (A).
 January 11 -
 January 12 - Sara Elaine Britten, Jon Brandon Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown (A), Mr. and Mrs. Gary Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jess Baker (A).

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By Ace Reid

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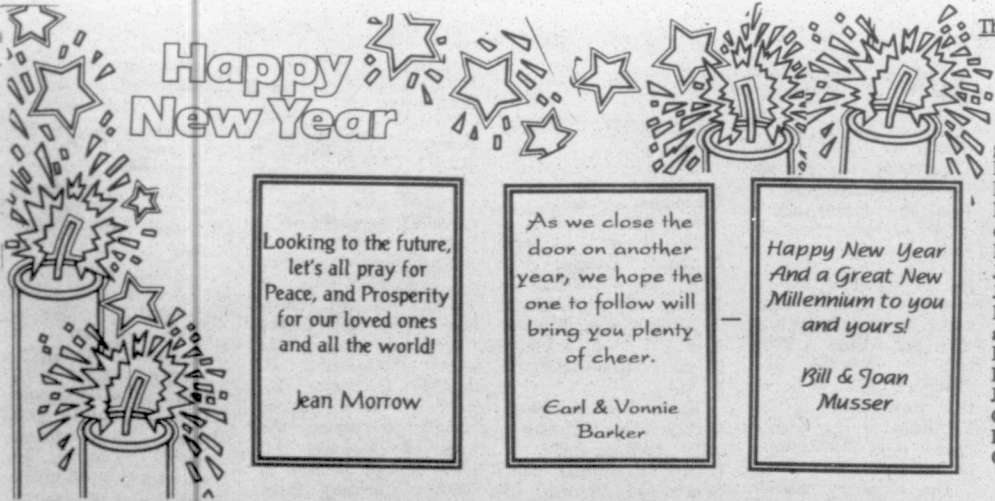


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Holiday Visitors

Christmas holiday guests in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer were Travis Homer and Brenda Appel of Amarillo, Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo and Justin of Lazbuddie, Keziah Richardson, Ryne and Marlee Ann, Brad Hoover and Janice Rucker of Pampa, and Jack Rutledge of Canadian, Joannie and Doug Kling, Tiffani and Cody of Groom.

Jean Homer and Tiffani and Cody.

The Ashford family Christmas was hosted by Patti and Forrest McLaughlin this year. Attending were Dan and Pat Ashford; Don and Mary Sue Lyles; Jerry, Pam, Nick, Tami and Cassie Ashford, all of Groom; Paul, Michelle, and Mikaelyn McLaughlin of Hobbs, New Mexico, Scott and KayLynn McLaughlin of Denver City; Aimee Lyles and Darcee Lyles of Canyon; and Julie Lyles of Amarillo.

Guests in the home of Doug and Joannie Kling on Christmas Day were Joan and Paul Kling and Travis Homer of Amarillo, Bill and Norma

Looking to the future, let's all pray for Peace, and Prosperity for our loved ones and all the world!

Jean Morrow

As we close the door on another year, we hope the one to follow will bring you plenty of cheer.

Carl & Vonnie Barker

Happy New Year And a Great New Millennium to you and yours!

Bill & Joan Musser

May the New Millennium bring the best of health, peace and prosperity to you and those you love!
Kenny & Linda Babcock

Wishing you a Happy & Peaceful New Year!

Kelvin, Debbie, Stephanie, Chris, & Lance Ollinger

May your New Year be filled to the brim with happiness and good fortune!

Rodney, Michelle Candace, Hali and Nicholas Bohr

Now that the year 2000 has arrived, lets set our sights on an exciting new year. May yours be filled with God's wondrous love.

Bertha Knight

It's a Brand New Millinnium filled with bright hopes and good things ahead. May yours be filled with good fortune, laughter and love...
Kenneth and Betty Black

We welcome the New Year by wishing all our friends a future filled with joy, happess, and good cheer.

Robert & Carolyn West

As we open the doot to a whole new century, let us appreciate the past and look forward to the future.
Happy New Year to all of you!

Katie Zalley

May the year 2000 Bring you Health & Wealth, Peace & Joy, Love & Contentment, to You and Yours.
Arnold & Doris Kuehler

I would like to wish my friends in Groom a Very Happy New Year!

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Basketball Teams Compete

Groom basketball teams have been very busy over the holidays.

In an effort to catch up, the statistics are listed as follows:

Junior Varsity Boys
 Groom 22 Shamrock: 58, High point Doug Fields 8, Hugh Weinheimer 7, Luke Pavlovsky 3, Wyatt Britten 2 and Trey Britten 2.

Groom 31 Booker 40: High point Hugh Weinheimer 9, Luke Pavlovsky 8, Doug Fields 4, Lance Ollinger 4, Trey Britten 2, Cody Babcock 2, Wyatt Britten 1, and Brett Britten 1.

Junior Varsity Girls
 Groom 42 Miami 15: High point Jessica Bates 11, Jill Britten 9, Lauren Crowell 8, Jessica McMahan 4, Amanda

Martin 4, Michele Stephens 4, and Laurissa Noack 2.

Groom 28 Shamrock 41. High point Jill Britten 9, Jessica Bates 6, Amanda Martin 4, Michele Stephens 4, Lauren Crowell 3, Brin Burgin 2.

Groom 36 - Nazareth 55. High point Lauren Crowell and Staci Britten 12, Jill Britten 6, Brin Burgin 4 and Laurissa Noack 2.

Varsity Girls
 Groom 58 Miami 26
 High point Krisanne Davis 17, Jessica Kepley 8, Staci Britten 8,

Candace Bohr 6, Amanda Conrad 6, Skye Brown 5, Nichole Barnett 5 and Brin Burgin 3.

Boys

Weinheimer had 3 points, 2 rebounds, and a steal. Chris Ollinger had 1 point, 6 rebounds, and 7 steals. Dustin Babcock had 1 point and 8

had 4 rebounds and a steal. Things will get better for the Tigers and they get rolling. They take on Wheeler and Shamrock this week in their final tune-up games for district. The district opener is at Samnorwood on January 11th.

The score by quarter had the Tigers scoring 3 points in the first quarter, 4 in the second, 8 in the third and 10 in the fourth for a final of 25 points. Booker came in with 11, 20, 17, and 12 for their final score of 60 points.

DISTRICT PLAY begins on Jan. 11 with Samnorwood here.

Clarendon College Offers Quick-TASP
 Clarendon College Clarendon Campus will offer the Quick-TASP January 13 and January 21 at 8:00 a.m. in room 102 of the Administration/Classroom Building.

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On The Ill Or Recovering List

Betty Black, Fred Brown, Arnie Kuehler, Ernest Weller, Mildred Miller.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Gary Robertson, Sheriff

There were ten persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of December 20 through December 26, 1999 and seven persons booked in during the week of December 27, 1999 through January 2, 2000. Currently there are sixteen persons incarcerated and eight additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. The holidays were

considered a success from law enforcement standards and we appreciate the responsible way that you the citizens of this county celebrated the new millennium. Have a very prosperous New Year.

Arrests for the week include:

Robert Crobett, 42, Driving While Intoxicated.

Ralph Stewart, 28, DPS Traffic Warrants.

Jeremy Ackors, 18, Burglary of a Habitation.

Clinton Howe, 19, Burglary of a Habitation.

Anthony Cavalier, 24, Driving While Intoxicated.

Harlen Zwitz, 52, Public Intoxication.

Martin Coronel, 26, DPS Traffic Warrants.

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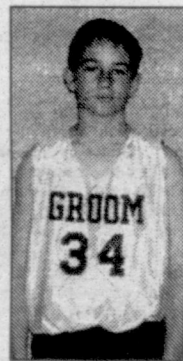
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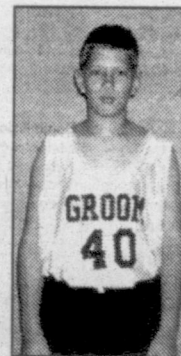
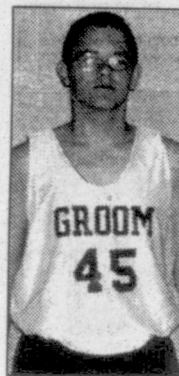
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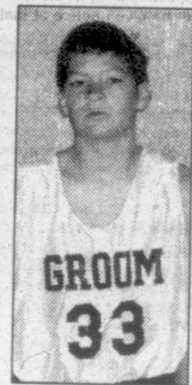
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Aimee Francis & Matt Fields Wed

Aimee Jo Francis and Matthew Keith Fields were married at 2:00 on Saturday, January 1, 2000 at the Rock Creek Church of Christ. John Francis, great uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Donna Francis of Silverton. She is the granddaughter of Denny and Johnnie Quisenberry of Lockney. She is the great-granddaughter of Booger and Garnie Taylor of South Plains

and E.A. and Veima Bonner of Lockney. Parents of the groom are Keith and Shirley Fields of Groom. He is the grandson of Edward and Juanita Vincent of Lefors and Shirley and the late Billy Fields of Groom.

Honor attendant for the bride was Matt Francis, brother of the bride, of Dumas. Jennifer Sava, of Canyon, was bridesmaid.

Best man was Barry Sanders of Canyon. Dave Davis, of Pampa, was groomsman.

Ushering guests were Matt Francis, brother of the bride, and Clint Babcock of Groom.

Stacy Fields, sister of the groom, sang church hymns as the parents and grandparents were seated. She played the processional and recessional. She also sang "From This Moment On" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride wore a candlelight brocade floor length gown. It was princess seamed with buttons down the back that ran the length of the dress and train. The headpiece was made of matching fabric with a fingertip length veil.

The church was decorated with tulle and greenery, accented with the bride's chosen color of burgundy.

A reception was held in the fellowship room of the church. A bride's table was decorated with white lace and burgundy candles. A tiered wedding cake with burgundy roses along with banana punch were served by Amanda Breeden of Shallowater and Maria Marlin of Lubbock. The groom's table was decorated in burgundy with candles and potpourri. Finger foods and coffee were served by Abby Lovell and Sarah Quisenberry, cousins of the bride.

The couple will reside in Groom.

Obituaries

Mary Pool
WHEELER - Mary Pool, 69, died Saturday, January 1, 2000.

Graveside services were Wednesday in Groom Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Ballard, pastor of Wheeler Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pool was born in Dallas. She lived in casa Grande, Arizona, where she was a nursing assistant for Casa Grande Regional Medical Center for several years. In 1994 she moved to Wheeler.

She married William G. Pool in 1948 at Wheeler. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991 and a son, William Dana Pool, in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Cathi Pool of Casa Grande; two sisters, Lenna Vick of Wheeler and Glenna Vick of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

James L. Britten
OKLAHOMA CITY - James L. Britten, 68, died Friday, December 31, 1999.

A wake was held Wednesday at Vondel L. Smith & Son Mortuary South. Requiem Mass was Thursday in the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Garden of Christus.

Mr. Britten was born in Groom, Texas, son of the late Michael John and Genevieve Bohr Britten, and graduated from Price College in 1951. He served with the National Guard for 12 years and was a heavy construction equipment salesman for 32 years.

For 15 years, he was a member of the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and was a member of The Men's Club.

He married Ann Estridge in 1951 at Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Britten was preceded in death by a son, James Michael Britten and a granddaughter, Laura Britten.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dr. R.S. Britten of Ohio, Neil Britten of Edmond, and Robert Britten of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Gina West Shapiro of Oklahoma City; a sister, Joan Sanders of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Frank Quick
Frank Quick, 73, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999.

Graveside services were Friday in Groom Cemetery with John Malki officiating.

Memorial services were in Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo with

the Rev. F.M. Byford of the church officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., Amarillo.

Mr. Quick was born in Elkhart, Indiana. He served in the Navy and was with the Secret Intelligence Service for 35 years. He was an architect.

Mr. Quick was a member of the Paramount Baptist Church and the Antique Car Club. He specialized in restoring Model Ts.

He married Maxine Black in 1953 at Portales, New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jack; a daughter, Judy; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund, 203 Broadway Ave., Groom, TX 79039; or City Church, 205 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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- Deaths**
- 1-4-99 Allen A. Helton
 - 1-16-99 Billy R. Fields
 - 1-24-99 Ivy A. Clark
 - 1-31-99 Tom E. Jones
 - 2-10-99 Charline M. Ward
 - 2-10-99 Cleta F. Dulaney
 - 2-25-99 William T. Sweett
 - 3-9-99 Ruby Latta
 - 3-10-99 Agnes M. Sestak
 - 3-19-99 Kimberly D. Newland
 - 3-27-99 Ben M. Rapstine
 - 3-24-99 Jackie Bichsel
 - 3-28-99 J. Vance Robinson
 - 4-5-99

- Walter B. Knorpp 4-6-99
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- Henry Bland 9-21-99
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- Mamie B. Clark 10-5-99
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- Kade Hefner 10-7-99
- Elmer Redd 10-19-99
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Carson County: Groom, Panhandle, White Deer. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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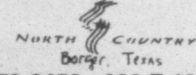
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