

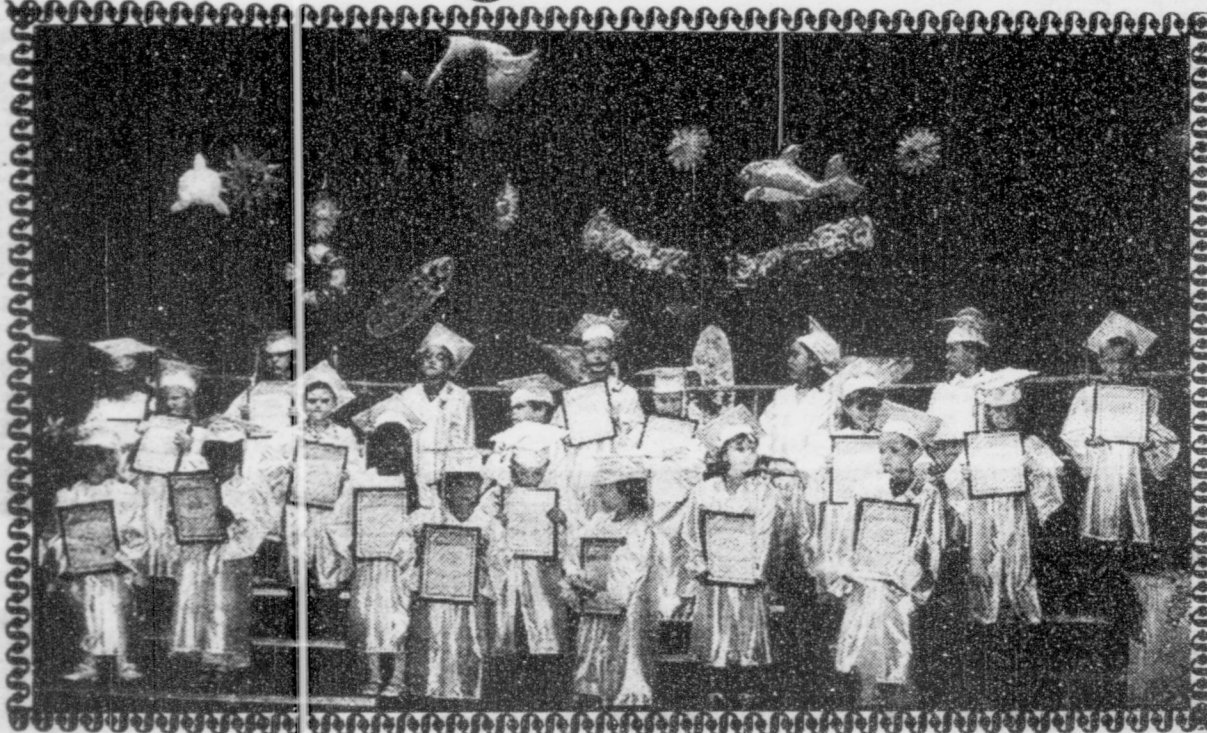
The McLean News



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Two Kindergarten Classes Graduate



The two 2004-2005 Kindergarten classes proudly hold their certificates of graduation as they stand on the Hawaiian decorated stage.

The kindergarten class of 2005 graduated last Friday morning at the high school auditorium.

Principal Dick Crockett began by welcoming everyone. The class theme for graduation was Hawaiian Rainbows and they sang the song "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." First grade teacher, Janet Glass accompanied them on piano.

The presentation of the class was given by teachers Shelli Long and Diana Watson.

Members of the class were Rance Blaylock, Hunter Burnett, Callie Crockett, Patrick Eldridge, Ashley Ferguson, Charles Graves, Trista Greenwood, Hailey Hutchison, Chelsie Jasper, Nolan McClellan, Shyann Price, Summer Price, Morgan Reynolds, Daniela Rodriguez, Joey Smith, Rachel Soto, Rosa Soto, Hadley Tidwell, Kearston Tolleson, Joshua Watson and Shiner Webb.

McLean Girl's Softball Team Improves With The Season

by Carla Isbell

The 9-12 year old softball team has played five games this year and we have won two out of five. The girls are basically new at softball. I have three returning softball players and one girl that has played baseball in Shamrock, all the others are just learning.

The team had a rough start, but now they are starting to get everything figured out and have been doing great. We beat Claude Blue 19-4 on May 9th and also Clarendon #3, 15-2 on May 16th. The girls have figured out how to hit a home run (we had five in one game) and they have learned to catch fly outs and how to steal bases. They have been doing a

great job.

This is my first year to be on the coaching end of things; it's a lot of work but at the same time, it's a lot of fun. I am really enjoying all the girls.

The line up consists of Ashly Russell - pitcher, Rudy Rodriguez - catcher, Ashley Medlock of Shamrock - first base, Saber Bohlar - second base, Jamie Hutchison - short stop, Tori Bybee - third base, Mariah Woolridge or Hayley Burnett - left field, Miranda McMordie or Jacie Ketcherside - center field and Sami Staton or Sierra Sanderson - right field. Tori Bybee and Saber Bohlar have both been pitching

some. Ashley Medlock also plays as catcher.

I have a lot of help with the coaching. The assistant coach is Janet Henderson of Shamrock and her son Ryan has been keeping the score book for the team. Billy Bybee has been a big help also by being the first base coach.

I am very proud of the girls and all their hard work.

Come join us and watch the girls play against the following teams:

Groom - here- 10:00 a.m. and Clarendon #3 - there - 7:00 p.m.

Ceremony To Recognize World War II Veterans

Memorial Day is May 30 2005. The ceremony for McLean will be held Monday, May 30 at the Hillcrest Cemetery in the circle at 10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will be to honor veterans attending the service and those that are deceased. There will be special recognition of World War II veterans.

Conald Cunningham is in charge of the program. Dr. West Lanham of Amarillo will be the guest speaker.

MCLEAN REMINDERS

SUMMER SCHOOL will be June 13 - 30. 9 - 11 a.m.

THE GIRL SCOUTS are looking for McLean volunteers. For more information call Denise Bertrand 1-800-687-8740.

LAST DAY OF School - May 27. School out at Noon.

MEMORIAL DAY - May 30, 2005

MEMORIAL Ceremony, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery.

8TH GRADE Graduation - May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

K-7th AWARDS Assembly - May 25.

HIGH SCHOOL Awards Assembly - May 23 at 1:15.

THE SUMMER hours for the school business office will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed for lunch and on Fridays. The office will be closed May 30 - June 6.

COWBOY CHURCH And the Arena of Life meet every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical Alanreed Church.

LOAVES AND FISHES is always looking for volunteers. Please call 779-3239.



Left Braxton Cooper bids all his Cubs Cash on the item Mr. Crockett and Mrs. Kristie Glass are auctioning at the 2nd - 3rd grade Cub Cash Auction.

Lion's Club Gives Sports Awards

During the June meeting of the local Lion's Club, members will be awarding two sports awards to McLean High school students.

According to Lion's Club President, Angie Ware the awards will be given to senior, Zane Richardson and sophomore, Brooke Seymour.

Study Club To Break For Summer

New officers were installed. President Nana Webb, Vice-President Pat Stubbs, Secretary/Reporter Betty Morgan, Treasurer Betty Taylor, and Historian

Ruth Trew.

Mickey Jackson, outgoing President thanked the officers that had served the last two years.

Those present were: Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Mary Lou Glass, Zelda McClellan, Mary Emma Woods, Lynn Reeves, Barbara Bode, Ruth Magee, Betty Morgan, Pat Stubbs, and Mickey Jackson.

The meeting was held at the Red River Steakhouse on May 19, 2005. The next meeting will be September 1st.

ROGERS

participated in the Wo-Man pageant, Miss McLean and the Harvest Coronation. She was voted most outgoing in 2003 and in 2004, she was voted most witty.

Leanna is a member of the Who's Who Among American High School Students. She enjoys reading, writing poetry or

stories, sleeping in late, taking walks, listening to music and being around her mother.

"My mother and father have had the most effect on me," say Leanna. "I don't know how, but because of these people I see things differently than most teenagers my age."

HILL

year. During her sophomore, junior and senior years, she was nominated for Who's Who Among American High

School students. This year she was chosen as Harvest Queen and most courteous by her classmates.

In February, she placed in the top six in the Miss McLean Beauty pageant. She also participated in the Miss Irish Rose pageant.

In ten years, she sees herself as a successful actress or model. She also hopes that in ten years, she'll be a wife and a mother.

She attended her elementary school years in McLean. She attended high school at Smyer I.S.D. during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She returned to McLean at the beginning of her senior year.

Allison attends First Baptist Church of McLean and is part of their youth choir. Some of the things she values most in her life are her family, church and country.

"After the tragedy of 9-11, I began to realize just how important our freedom is in this country," she says. "The attack on the twin towers made me realize that we could quickly lose our freedom and rights as citizens. Today, whenever I hear a patriotic song or see the flag blowing in the breeze, it makes me proud that I am an American. I am very proud of the fact that all of my granddad Frank's brothers except for one, participated in WWII. I am grateful to them and all of those who have ever served in the arm forces."

McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 26 - Mary Frazier, J.T. Haynes, Saber Bohlar
 May 27 - Jill Hefley, Grant Mann, Walter Handlin, Shelby Adams.
 May 28 - John Bible, Russ Bockman
 May 29 - Jack Grigsby, Josh Seymour, James Armbrister
 May 30 - Garrett Kennedy, Trent Cadra, Kristy Tidwell Glass, Shiloh Brown.
 June 1 - Ted Longino, Doug Seymour, Seth Childers, Casper and Jean Smith (A).

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main
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 Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
 Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

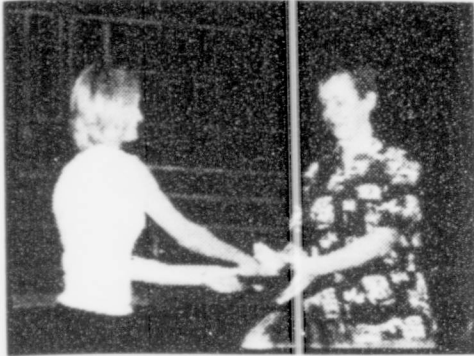
United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church 603 Commerce
 Pastor Lary Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 6:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean
 Ronnie Feguson, Pastor
 Saturday at 7:00 pm
 Historical Alanreed Baptist Church

Top Students Honored At Academic Awards Ceremony



Miss Gates awards Lucas Webb with the IPC award



Nick Jones receives his 94 & Above award from Principal Herring

Academic Awards

The MHS Academic Awards Ceremony was held at the high school auditorium on May 23, 2005.

Mr. Herring opened the ceremony by telling the students the importance of academics and what it could mean as far as scholarships go for college.

The following are a list of the awards given:

- Spanish I - Keith Raines
- Spanish II - Zane Richardson and Brooke Seymour
- Spanish III - Philip Jones and Ashley McClendon
- BCIS - Brooke Seymour
- Accounting - Nick Jones, Ashley McClendon and Amber Raines
- Computer Literacy - DaShae Tolleson and Trenton Darsey
- English I - Mark Smith
- English II - Tamara Loya
- English III - Manden Conklin
- AP English - Ashley McClendon
- Drama - Jessie Cox, Tamara Loya, Carrie Thompson
- Pre-Algebra - Patrick Seager, DaShae Tolleson
- Algebra I - Frank Saunders, Lucas Webb
- Algebra II - Manden Conklin
- Geometry - Brooke Seymour
- Pre-Cal - Ashley McClendon
- Overall Achievement - Jesse Parks
- Art - Philip Jones
- Ag I - Evan McMordie
- Advanced Ag - Mark Smith
- U.S. History - Brooke Seymour
- Government - Nick Jones
- Economics - Ashley McClendon
- 8th Health - DaShae Tolleson
- World Geography - Mark Smith
- English IV - Nick Jones
- 8th English - DaShae Tolleson
- Creative/Practical Writing - Daniel Lee
- Yearbook/Library - Connie Vega
- Independent Health - Philip Jones



Patrick Seager receives the Pre-Algebra award from his teacher, Mrs. Woodard.

- Chemistry - Ashley McClendon, Manden Conklin
- Biology - John Haynes, Brooke Seymour
- IPC - Lucas Webb, Mark Smith
- 8th Science - DaShae Tolleson
- Most Interested - Science - Suzanne Howard
- World History - Manden Conklin
- 8th History - DaShae Tolleson
- Creative/Practical Writing - Kristen Ellis
- 93 & Above - Carrie Thompson
- 94 & Above - Kevin Smith
- 95 & Above - Nick Jones, Patrick Seager
- 96 & Above - Zane Richardson, Jamie Sanderson
- DaShae Tolleson
- Amber Raines
- Philip Jones
- Antonio Montoya
- Brooke Seymour
- John Haynes
- Ashley McClendon
- Lucas Webb
- Manden Conklin
- Mark Smith
- Tamara Loya

everyone around them has made sacrifices for them to achieve where they are. Then she spoke to the junior class and had them move to the seniors seats. The same was done for the sophomores, freshman and

8th grade classes. This has become a tradition during the awards ceremony.

Right: Shaun Crawford presents Philip Jones with the Art award.



L-R: Life long buddies and cousins, Luke Garrison and Jaytin John are welcomed additions to the Dickey family.

Blessings From Above

The Dickey family has been blessed and are proud to announce the arrival of cousins Luke Garrison Dickey and Jaytin John Dickey.

Luke Garrison was born on February 4, 2005. He weighed 9 pounds and 16 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Proud parents are Brad and Melissa Dickey. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Dickey of McLean and Thomas and Judy Haggerton of Lovington, N.M.

Jaytin John Dickey was born on April 22, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. Proud parents are John and Hannah Dickey. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Dickey and Melissa Jones all of McLean.



As graduation draws near for the class of 2005, they pose in one of the last pictures to be taken as a group at the Junior-Senior Prom entitled, Celestial Nights.

Mrs. Riley spoke to the seniors about having a purpose in life and that



Antonio Montoya
WASH.



James Alexander
WASH.



Philip Jones
WASH.



Allison Hill



Blake Herring
WASH.



Eric Smith
WASH.



Jacque Piny
WASH.



Matt Jones
WASH.



Leann Rogers
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Jay James

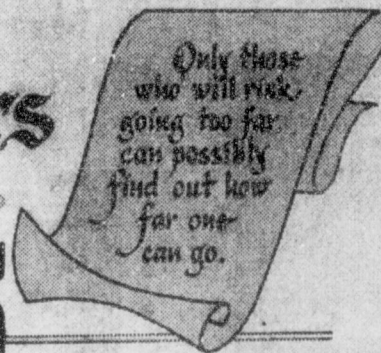


Lucas Seymour

McLean Seniors

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Amber Rappin



Crystal Raines



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Andy Ray Ritchie



Andy Ray Ritchie is the son of Connie Fricks. He plans to attend Clarendon College after graduating from McLean High School.

"I look forward to college and all the new people," stated Ritchie, "but I fear failing."

During his years at MHS Andy played tight-end and defensive linebacker for the Tigers. He earned first team All-District as linebacker.

Ritchie also played three years of basketball for the Tiger team. He served as forward and post. He earned honorable mention in All-District his Junior year.

Trinity Lifegroups

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Leanna Elizabeth Rogers



Leanna Elizabeth Rogers is the daughter of Bill and Crystal Henry. Before coming to McLean schools in 2000, she attended school in Big Spring, Midland and Lebanon.

She plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in either history or writing. "In ten years, I could be anywhere," she says. "I just won't worry about it yet, I am young and anything can happen."

Leanna attends the First Baptist Church in McLean.

She participated in basketball and Student council her freshman year. In 2003 - 2005, Leanna

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Anastacia's Imports

McLean Flowers & Gifts

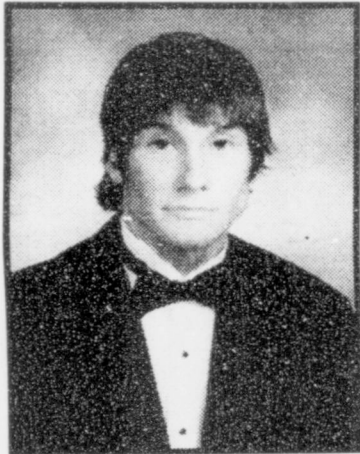
Zane Lee Richardson

Zane Lee Richardson enjoys playing basketball and golf. He also enjoys fishing and hanging out with his friends.

Zane is the son of Bobby and Missie Richardson. He works for his dad in the family business.

During his four years at McLean High School, Zane played every year for the McLean Tigers basketball team. He played point guard, wing and post positions. He earned offensive player of the year, defensive player of the year, and MVP. All four years he earned the All-

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Richardson's Towing - Love, Your Family

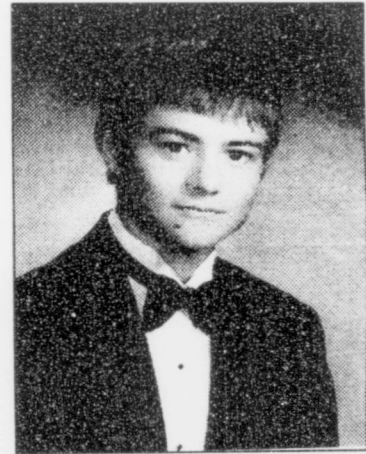
Lucas Ray Seymour

Lucas Ray Seymour is the son of Doug and Sally Seymour. He accredits his dad, Doug as being the greatest influence on his life. "He taught me to try to do right," stated Lucas.

Lucas has attended McLean schools his whole life. He says that living in a small town and going to a small school has prepared him for life versus going to a bigger school because he has worked for what he has.

Seymour's future plans include working as a welder. He states that he is excited about meeting new people after graduation. "I fear having too much fun," says Seymour.

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C & H Supply

Class of **2005**



Kirk's Auto Supply - Wade & Nelda Kirk

*The Senior Class
of
McLean High School
announces its
Commencement Exercises
Friday evening, May twenty-seventh
Two Thousand Five
eight o'clock
First Baptist Church*

*Baccalaureate
Sunday evening, May twenty-second
eight o'clock
First Baptist Church*

MCCLENDON

Program, the Vet Clinic and the public library.

Her freshman year, Ashley won Miss Congeniality in the Miss McLean Pageant and won MVP in track and cross country. She also went to Regionals in the two mile in both track and cross country.

During her sophomore year, she again won the MVP award in track and cross country. In her sophomore year, Ashley went to Area in the mile relay.

In her senior year, Ashley won the honor of Homecoming Queen, Miss MHS and second runner up in the Miss McLean pageant.

Ashley is a waitress at the Wagon Wheel Café and she also helps on a small ranch with the care and maintenance of the horses. In her spare time, she enjoys showing and riding horses, reading, drawing and painting.

Ashley says that the only thing in life that she fears is failure.

MONTOYA

American High School Students.

Antonio has participated in U.I.L. competition on the Science team and the Calculators team.

Antonio enjoys playing tennis. He is a member of Trinity Church and their Solid Rock Youth were he volunteers with the younger children.

JONES

represented the senior class as student council representative. He also served as assistant editor of the yearbook his senior year.

During his freshman, junior and senior years he was voted

by his classmates as most courteous. During his senior year he has been voted most witty and the most likely to succeed.

Jones has earned a place in the United States Achievement Academy for four years and Who's Who among American High School Students for four years. He has been a part of the National Honor Society for four years and the National Honor Roll for three years.

Philip competed in science and math at U.I.L. competition for two years. He enjoys playing video games, drawing, singing and the computer.

He also attended school in Arizona.

Philip has earned the Sybil B. Harrington scholarship worth \$3,500 per year, renewable each year if his grade point is 3.0 or above.

He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

ALEXANDER

coach."

James also played basketball three years as a wing. During those three years, he was awarded the offensive and defensive player of the year awards.

James ran four years of track for the Tigers were he won first in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash and the 400 meter relay.

While at MHS, James earned the math award and the 93 and above award. He participated in accounting at U.I.L.

James works for Terry Wells Construction.

RICHIE

Andy enjoys recording music. "In ten years I plan to be in a studio that I own," stated Ritchie, "there will be no telling where I'll put it."

RICHARDSON

All-district player of the year award.

Zane played one year on the Tiger football team as quarterback and up-back. He also played on the Tiger golf team all four years. During his senior year, he earned the position as Regional qualifier.

Richardson was voted most handsome his senior year and participated in current events at U.I.L. competition. He was a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and a member of the Solid Rock Youth Group.

Zane plans to attend Clarendon College after graduation. "In ten years I see myself graduated from college and having a great career," stated Richardson. "I also plan on starting a family at that time as well."

HANES

the MVP award.

He also played on the Tiger basketball team for four years as wing. He was awarded the most improved award his freshman year, the All-District award his junior year, and the 3-point shooting award and the free throw award his senior year. Tyler also played on the Tiger Tennis team for four years and earned the most improved award.

Tyler served on the yearbook on e year and was voted most popular by his classmates

one year. He participated in science for two years at U.I.L. competition.

Tyler is a member of the Solid Rock Youth Group and enjoys golf and basketball. He works for Woodgroup, Inc. and Farway Links Energy.

SEYMOUR

While attending MHS, Lucas played four years on the Tiger basketball team in the position of wing. He has earned the Fighting Tiger award. Lucas played on the golf team for two year, in which one year he earned the most improved award. He also played one year on the Tiger football team as quarterback.

Lucas attends Trinity Fellowship. He has served on the Student Council and in Future Farmers of America and high school roping, which he says is one of his hobbies.

Lucas works for the Gillispie Ranch.

PARKS

Beauty Pageant. She was voted as MHS runner-up her senior year.

While at Pampa, LaShonda participated in track and band.

LaShonda enjoys reading and spending time with friends and family.

After graduation, she plans to attend Clarendon College and major in nursing. "In ten years I plan to be married with a career," say Parks.

A. RAINES

participated in pep club and in U.I.L. accounting in which she received 9th place.

In 2005, she was voted most outgoing and most witty. In 2002-03, she received the Biology award. Amber has been a member of Who's Who

Among American High School Student and the National Honor Roll.

After graduation, Amber plans to attend Amarillo College and major in

Computer Information Systems with a minor in Photography. She has received the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship to Amarillo College.

C. RAINES

With the education that I have received here, I am more prepared for what the world has to give me." Crystal currently works cleaning houses and taking care of her son. "I look forward to watching my son grow up, but I fear not getting to watch my son grow up."

Crystals says that September 11th and the war in Iraq have change the way she thinks and acts. "It makes me think about the way I go about each day and it makes me appreciate what life and God have given me," says Crystal. "It also make me look at everyone in a different perspective and I enjoy every minute I spend with my family and friends."

N. JONES

student council for one year. He also participated in accounting and current events and issues at U.I.L.

He was voted most outgoing my his classmates and was in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years.

"My brothers influenced my life," says Nick. "They taught me a lot of the things I know and they set good examples."

Nick enjoys spending time with his daughter and sleeping. He plans to attend Clarendon College after

graduation. "I will be working as a football coach in a six-man school in ten years," stated Jones.




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Young At Heart

There were 21 members and guests present at the May 17 Young at Heart meeting. Guests included Marilyn Farnum and Carolyn Grimes who were visiting from Michigan.

Lynn Swanson with McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish thanked Rose Troy for being our Telephone Chairman, and making all the reminder phone calls.

A card was signed for Wilma Barker who is now in the Wheeler Care Center. Delores Bailey was welcomed back after her surgery. We had a song by Marilyn Farnum. Our next potluck luncheon meeting is Tuesday June 7.

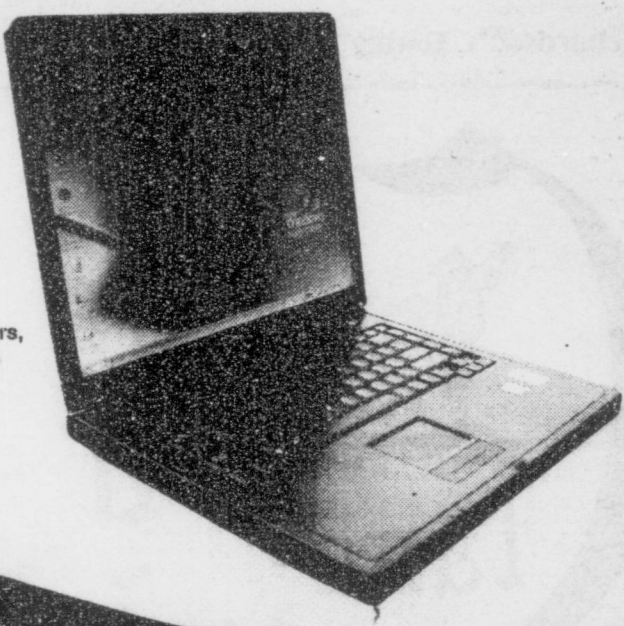


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- HEDLEY CISD
- HIGGINS ISD
- KELTON ISD
- LAKEVIEW ISD
- MCLEAN CISD
- MIAMI ISD
- SAMNORWOOD ISD
- SHAMROCK ISD
- WELLINGTON ISD
- WHEELER ISD

Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed. These records may be needed to assist in obtaining Social Security benefits, exemptions for college tests or other purposes. We will not destroy these records until July 15, 2005.

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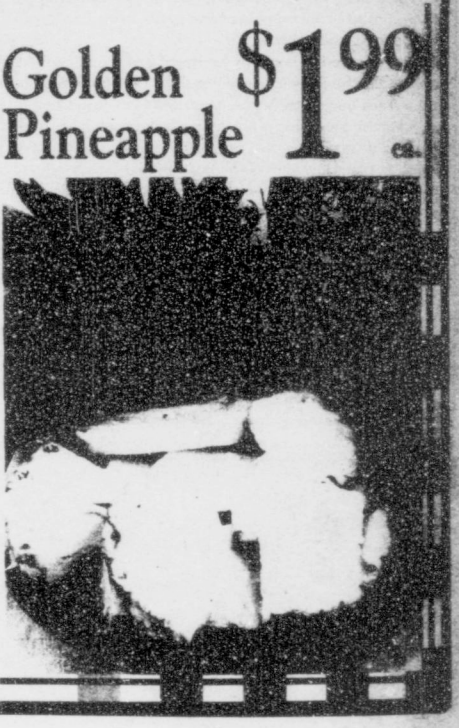
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Joshua Kelly



Brett Friemel



Trevor Friemel



Chas Leven



Kelton Weller



Blake Galyean



Ben Thompson



Trent Britten



Andrew Thompson

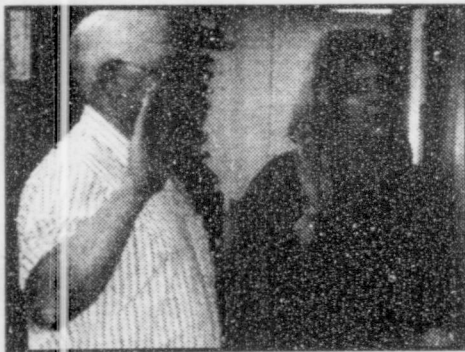
New Board Members Take The Oath Of Office

The Groom School Board of Trustees met last week in their regular monthly meeting. Attending were board members Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron

Kuehler, Tony Britten, Kathleen Barkley, and Curtis Downs. Absent was Rodney Bohr.

After the opening prayer lead by Superintendent Stevens, the meeting was called to order. Newly elected members Curtis Downs and Kathleen Barkley were administered the Oath of Office by Business Manager Tammy Case.

The first order of business was the election of officers. Clifton Britten will once again serve as President of the School Board. Ron Kuehler was elected Vice President and Tony Rocha will serve as secretary.



A motion was made and seconded to accept the canvassed results of the May 6, 2005 election.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the board an open records request from The Groom News concerning the recount.

Curtis Downs and Kathleen Barkley made statements to the Board as to happy they were to be

serving on the board and that they look forward to serve the community and students of Groom School.

The calendar for the 2005-2006 school year was approved.

TASB update 75 was approved as presented. It was mainly concerned with revisions in federal laws dealing with policies

See BOARD, pg. 2

Top Students To Be Recognized In Commencement Services

Groom Independent School District is pleased to announce Commencement Ceremonies for four seniors and nine eighth graders on Friday May 27.

The Class of 2005, while not the largest in Groom ISD history, has made a big impact on life at GHS. The Class began its trek down the pathway of education in fall of 1992. Kenneth Sweatt was the Superintendent, Judy Babcock was principal, Pam Hutsell was their teacher and Dennis Babcock was president of the school board. That was the same year that the

movie, "Leap Of Faith", was filmed here.

The 2005 graduates include Valedictorian Adam Britten with grade point average of 98.907, Salutatorian Chance Barkley with a GPA of 93.51, Jeff Rios and foreign exchange student, Freddy Roessner.

High School Graduation services will be held at 8:00 in the Groom High School Auditorium.

Eighth Grade students include a group of all boys. Top students are Josh Kelly and Brett Friemel. Other members of the class are Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel,

Blake Galyean, Chas Leven, Andrew Thompson, Ben Thompson, and Kelton Weller. When the group began their formal education in the fall of 1996 there were 11 students in their class (three were girls!) and

Pam Hutsell was their teacher. Ben Ingham was the Superintendent and Dennis Babcock was the president of the board.

Their promotion service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Groom School Auditorium.

Groom Community Calendar

GROOM'S T-BALL team will face off with The Panhandle Cardinals on May 30, there at 6:00. On June 2 they will play McLean, here at 7:00.

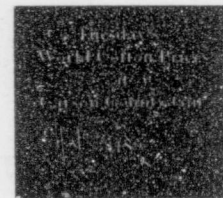
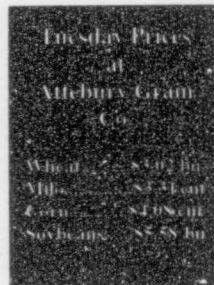
GROOM MINOR League will play the Panhandle Cubs on May 31 at 7:00, there. They will play White Deer Red Sox on June 3, here at 7:00.

GROOM ISD 8th grad: graduation will be at 6:00 p.m. on May 27.

GROOM SOFTBALL team will play McLean, there, tonight May 26 at 7:00. They will play Clarendon #3 on June 4, here at 7:00.

GROOM'S COACH pitch team will play the Panhandle Tigers, here at 7:00 on May 30. They will play the Panhandle Indians there at 7:00 on June 2.

THE CLASS of 2005 will hold Commencement Ceremonies at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27 in the Groom ISD Auditorium.



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May 26 - R.J. Kempf, Bryan C. Newton, Dale Stapp.

May 27 - Patti McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Prather (A).

May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stapp (A).

May 29 - Donna Burton, Julie Richardson, Tony &

Mari Treadwell (A), Jim & Donna Burton (A), Brice and Jeannie Ruthardt (A).

May 30 - Halle Barkley, Norma Jean Homer.

May 31 - Stanley Anthony, Sean Crowell, Pete Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Babcock (A).

June 1 - none

Dear Tina,
 Happy 49th
 Anniversary



Love,
 Me

Board

that have to do with children with disabilities and sexual harassment reporting procedures. The adjustments in the school

policies were made in order to clarify their meaning.

School board training at Canyon on May 18, 2005 was discussed.

The budget report for the previous month was discussed.

Aimee Fields was hired on a recommendation by Superintendent Stevens to fill the 1/2 day Special Education Teacher position at approximately \$14,000.

Superintendent Stevens discussed with the Board Early Child education options for next year.

He also discussed Summer School options for June 13-July 1, 2005.

With no further business the Board adjourned at 10:17.

Tentative School Calendar for 2005-2006

- Aug 10, 11, & 17: In-Service Days
- Aug 12: Work Day
- Sept 5: Labor Day
- Oct 10: Columbus Day
- Nov 23-25: Thanksgiving
- Dec. 21-30: Christmas
- Jan 2: Workday
- Jan 20: In Service
- Feb 27: Holiday
- March 13-17: Spring break
- April 13-16: Easter
- May 12: Snow Day
- May 26: Graduation
- May 27: Work Day

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change at any time. Texas legislature could change the whole calendar or changes can be made due to many other factors. Please keep that in mind when scheduling concerns are being made.

Ill or Recovering

Evelyn Schaffer is recovering from surgery in Pampa.

Pat Ashford is recovering from knee surgery and is a rehabilitation facility.

Katie Talley is recovering at home from shoulder surgery.

Be sure to watch next weeks paper for more end of school activities!

CARD OF THANKS


THANK YOU, very much for your support and vote in the recent school board election.

I will strive to contribute to the enhancement of the educational opportunities for the students, while preserving the District, and the lifeline of the community our school.



Curtis Downs

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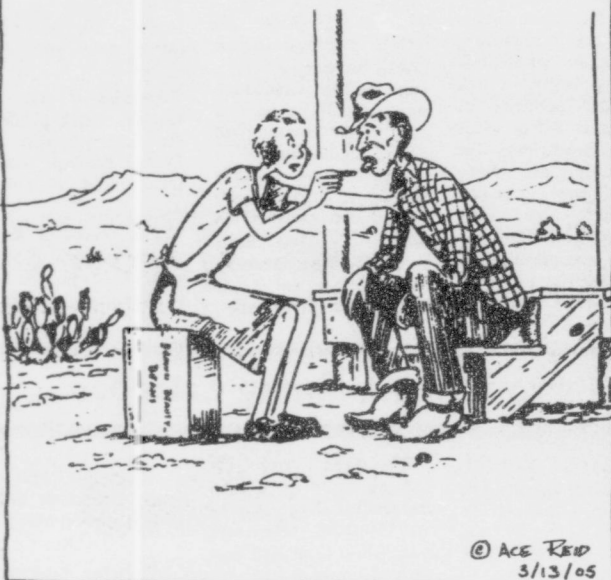


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Medieval Times At GHS



'Tis a fine mess Mason Miller has gotten himself into! The stocks look like a lot more fun when someone else is sitting in them. He thinks he will stick to cleaning erasers after school!



Maid Michaela Roskens and Christopher Robin Hood Sater prepare to "clash steel" as they demonstrate proper sword fighting etiquette.

Students Learn English & History With Hands On Experience



E.J. Merrell is ready for battle after building her shield which tell the others in battle who she is and what she stands for!

Jousting knights, the clanging of swords, and strains of the lute and harp filled the air at the grounds of ye ol' school last week as Sophomore English class got the chance to put some of the things they had studied into real time practice.

Students spent the afternoon sharing their knowledge with the rest of the students of Groom School as they held jousting tournaments, sword fights, bow and arrow contests, castle

building, and shield making booths. An Old English pub was set up with food, drink and music. Students who got a little out of hand were shown a small taste of Old English justice as they 'sat it out in the stocks.'

The class is just one of the "hands on" activities that helps bring the lesson learned in books to life that teachers at Groom School encourage each year. Mrs. Ande Ragsdale is the teacher and sponsor of the event.



This was a popular place for all the kids. Everyone wanted to see what they would look like if they were the King! This unidentified student poses.



Lady Brandi Bates pours a might mean brew as she sells root beer to the gentry and common folk alike in the pub.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED


Have you noticed the Groom Cemetery in the last three weeks? Doesn't it look nice! The Cemetery Association needs your donations to keep it looking good.. If everyone made a donation once a year it would go a long way to keeping it mowed and taken care of. Please send your donation to The Groom Cemetery Association, c/o Donnie Conrad, Box 177, Groom, TX 79039.

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

We spent the first few days of last week in District Court in Clarendon, which prevented me from sending in a report. This one covers the two-week period beginning on May 8th.

There were three Carson County cases heard in Donley County. The defendant's and outcomes were as follows: Jarrett Land, 24 years old from Amarillo plead guilty and was sentenced to 3 years in prison for Possession of Anhydrous; William Charles Lee, 22 years old from Borger pled guilty and was sentenced to 4 years in prison for Burglary; and Alfred Velazquez, 55 years old from Avondale Arizona pled guilty and was sentenced to 5 years in prison for Possession of Marijuana.

There were 15 persons arrested during the last two

weeks. The arrest break down as follows: DWI - 2, Possession of Marijuana - 4, Harboring a Runaway - 1, Possession of a Controlled Substance - 4, Public Intoxication - 2, Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle - 1, and outside warrants - 1. Currently we are housing 19 inmates in the county jail. Two are scheduled to be transported to prison this week.

Currently investigations are ongoing on a felony theft case that occurred in Fritch and a telephone harassment case that occurred in Skellytown. Our investigation into the death of Pamela Taylor from Webb Brag will be ongoing for the next several months.

We received a report of an attempted anhydrous theft in the south part of the

county last week. We were unable to catch the suspects, however the pickup has been located and we will be watching for it in the future. Please remember that any suspicious vehicle should be reported as quickly as possible.

WHAT'S UP FOR THE SUMMER?
The Groom News encourages you to send in your pictures and news of vacations, family visits, graduations, weddings, get-togethers, kids playing etc. etc. etc.!

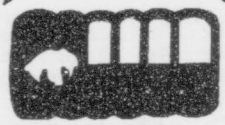
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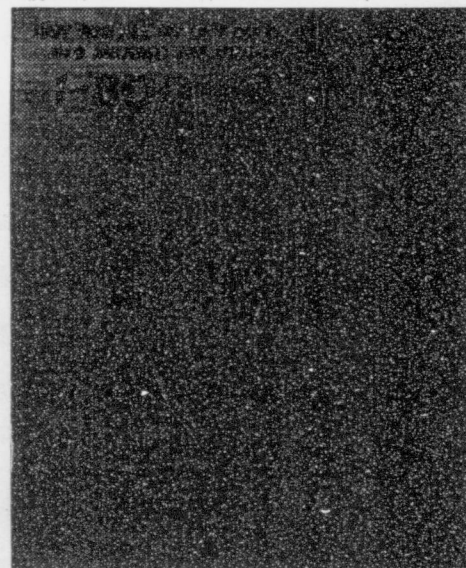
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(This is an increase of \$3 in the base rate for those NOT in the over 65 program and 20¢ per thousand thereafter)
This ordinance change will be effective with the June 1, 2005 billing

Class Of 2005



Ashley K. McClendon

McLean High School
Valedictorian

Ashley K. McClendon is graduating as Valedictorian of her class with a grade point average of 97.093. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and intends on majoring in Equestrian Science and Agricultural Communication. Ashley has been awarded the Oklahoma State University Out-of-State Tuition Waiver.

"As an adult, I look forward to becoming a successful equestrian and riding instructor," Ashley says. "I also hope to own my own riding and training facility and to start a family of my own."

Ashley is the daughter of Charlie and Deanna McClendon. She came to McLean schools in 1995 from California where she attended Canyon View Elementary.

During her high school career at McLean Ashley participated in FFA her freshman year and was a reporter her sophomore year. She was also in the National Honor Society, the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students and 4-H. Ashley has served her community as a volunteer for the Angel

Wagon Wheel Café

See MCCLENDON, pg.18

Jesus Antonio Montoya

Jesus Antonio Montoya will finish his high school career with a grade point average of 95.352 and the honor of being Salutatorian of his class.

Antonio, who is the son of Jesus and Martina Montoya, plans to attend Clarendon College after graduation. He has been awarded a scholarship in the area.

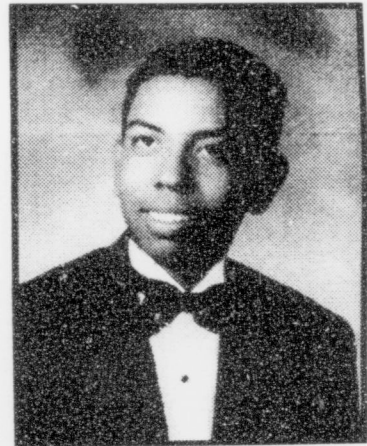
Antonio enjoys playing tennis and has been awarded the MVP award for all four years of high school. In 2005, Antonio placed second at the District meet in singles and was a Regional qualifier in singles.

He ran cross country for four years and became a three time Regional qualifier. He was also a member of the 2001 and 2002 District Champions team.

Antonio has been the president of the National Honor Society and the president of his senior class. He was voted Mr. MHS by his peers and served on the Student council. He is on the National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among

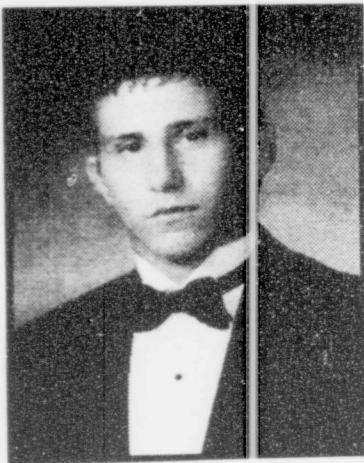
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McLean High School
Salutatorian



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James Robert Alexander, Jr.



James Robert Alexander, Jr. moved to McLean his freshman year from Olney, Texas. He is the son of Joyce and Jackie Kimbro and James Alexander.

James enjoys playing sports and he attends Trinity Church.

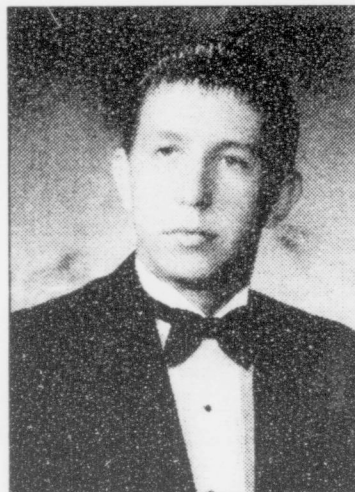
For four years, James played for the Tiger football team in the position of spread back. While on the team, he earned the offensive player award for two years and the MVP award for two years. He also earned a position on the All-District team.

"In ten years," stated Alexander, "I see myself being a successful football

See ALEXANDER, pg.18

Trinity Church

Matthew Tyler Hanes



Matthew Tyler Hanes has attend McLean schools for all 12 years. He is the son of Marshall and Tammy Hanes.

"My father has had the greatest influence on my life because he has always shown me trust and been honest with me," say Tyler. "He has also always supported me in everything I have done."

Tyler plans to attend Southwestern University on a golf scholarship. He intends to become a coach and teacher.

While at McLean High School, Tyler played for the Tiger golf team for four years. Three of those four years, Hanes was awarded

The Solid Rock Youth

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Allison Nicole Hill

Allison Nicole Hill is the 19 year old daughter of Billy and Gay Hill. Her hobbies include playing the piano, singing, acting and participating in beauty pageants.

She has received most outstanding student in Biology, certificates of excellence in English II, One Act Play and perfect attendance in all FCCLA activities. She was the historian for FCCLA her junior year.

She has participated in U.I.L. Spelling, where she placed second for two years and fourth for one year. She also placed first in Music Memory for one

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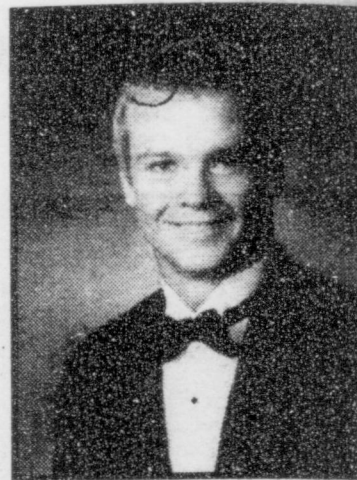
Nicholas S. Jones

Nicholas S. Jones has had a high school football career for four years. During that time, he played fullback, noseguard and defensive end. For two years he was awarded the best defensive player award. He also participated on the Tiger track team for four years and won first place at District in the sprint relay.

Nick played on the Tiger tennis team for two years and participated in Tiger basketball one year.

Nick, who is the son of Lewayne and Cindy Foshee, served in the

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The Sunshine Ministry of Trinity

Philip Maurice Jones



Philip Marice Jones plans to attend Amarillo College and major in Graphic Design after graduation. "In ten years I hope to be working for Nintendo of America in Redmond, WA as a graphic artist," says Philip.

Jones who is the son of Melissa Jones and the late John Jones has earned the 95 and above award for two years in high school. He has also earned the outstanding science student, the outstanding math student twice, and the outstanding English student.

He served as freshman class vice president and

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LaShonda Kay Parks



LaShonda Kay Parks came to McLean High School in 2003 from Pampe High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Debbie McDonald and Rodney Parks. "My mom is my greatest influence on my life because she's always been there for me and I have always been able to look up to her," say LaShonda.

Since attending school at McLean High, LaShonda was voted most courteous by her Junior classmates and has held the position of Junior class representative.

She won Miss Congeniality her senior year at the Miss McLean

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McLean Fire Department

Amber Lynn Raines

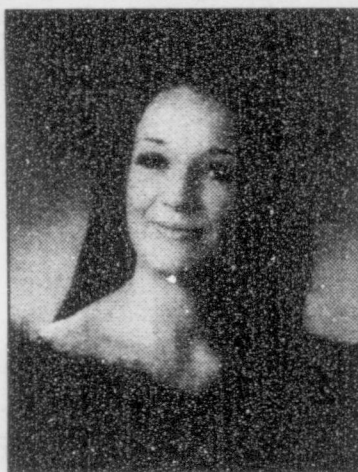
"My father has been the greatest influence on my life," stated Amber Lynn Raines. "No matter what has happened, he has always been there helping me in anyway possible." Amber is the daughter of John Raines.

Amber attended Borger independent School District until 2002 when she came to McLean.

While at Borger, Amber participated in one year of basketball, serving as forward.

After coming to McLean High School, Amber has participated in yearbook for two years where she has served as editor and staff member. She also

See A. RAINES, pg. 18



Red River Steakhouse

Crystal Leigh Raines

Crystal Leigh Raines is the daughter of John Robert Raines and Mary Ellen Raines.

Crystal enjoys talking on the phone, watching television and reading. She is a volunteer for the American red Cross - Gray County Chapter. She is a member of the Grace Fellowship Church of Borger.

Before moving to McLean, Crystal attend Borger High School. She has been a member of the pep club and was a representative for her junior class in the Harvest Coronation.

"I plan to get a job after school," says Crystal.

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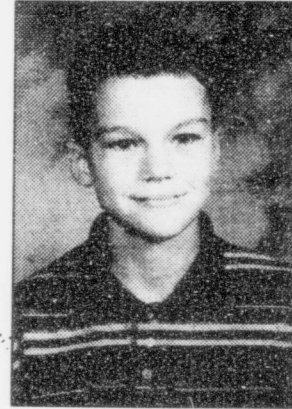


Valedictorian Adam Clifton Britten is looking forward to attending Texas Tech University next fall with plans of starting down the path to seek a Masters degree in Business Finance.

"As I get ready to take this next step in my life," he said, "I look forward to finding my own individuality. I know I have grown up in a sheltered community, but I don't regret any of it. I have always enjoyed the comfort and familiarity of this community, and I love being able to call it home., and as much as I look forward to beginning this new phase and exploring the rest of the world, I find that leaving the comfort of home can also be quite scary. I know that as I go off to college I will experience many new things and situations. It will be a whole new world to me, whereas if I had attended a larger school throughout my life, I may have already seen and experienced many of the events that are associated with college life."

Adam has experienced all that Groom ISD has had to offer over the years. He served his teammates as manager for 2 years. He was named to the Texas Six Man Coaches Association All-State Academic Team. He has played basketball for 4 years and was a guard. As a senior his leadership skills were recruited as he was named Captain. He earned the award for the highest free throw percentage as a senior and was named to the Academic All-State Team. He competed in track for 2 years and was an area qualifier in the 3200 meter run. He played tennis for 3 years in both doubles and singles. Brandon Jenkins

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SALUTATORIAN CHANCE KEITH BARKLEY



Salutarian Chance Keith Barkley is planning a future in the computer engineering or the mechanical engineering field.

"I see myself in ten years, doing research and development for a big technology company and living with my family in a bigger city where there are plenty of jobs in my field of work."

He is already planning to attend Texas Tech University in the fall to begin his studies in this field. Chance has earned scholarship from Senator Grady Hazelwood.

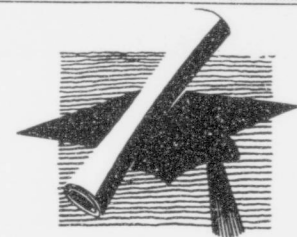
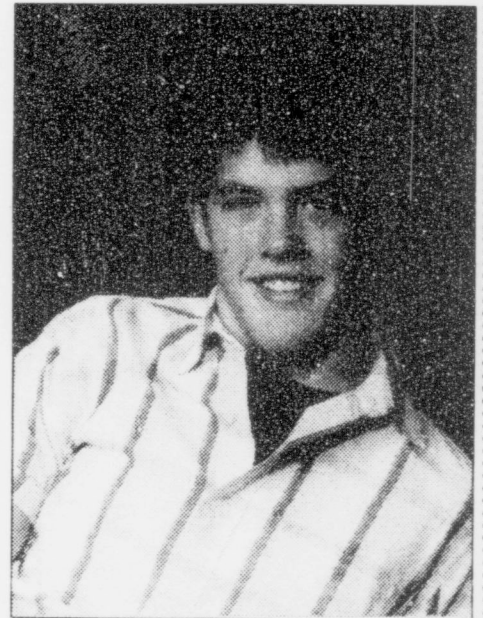
Obstacles are "just something you have to get over" according to Chance. Learning to live and cope with, not one but two life altering illness have made Chance more resilient.

"Overcoming epilepsy and my recent heart problem have really impacted my life," he stated, " Not only have they made me a stronger person, they have helped me realize that I can overcome obstacles such as these. Even though I missed out on some things because of them, it all worked out in the end."

Chance is a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and a member of the Catholic Youth & Choir. He was named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been a lifelong member of 4-H, competing on the state level in Houston this year exhibiting livestock. The son of Keith and Kathleen Barkley, Chance finds time in his busy schedule to do volunteer work like Coaching Little League and participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Chance's medical problems have not kept this young man down. He competed in all manner of sports that Groom ISD has offered which earned him the honor of being named the Fighting Tiger for 2005 and Fighting Heart Award.

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FRIEDERIKE ROESSNER



Friederike Roessner is Groom's German foreign exchange student. Her host family is Kenneth and Melany Martin. She attended school at the Helene Weigel Gymnasium in Germany before coming to the US at the beginning of the year. She will go to New York in June and then back to Germany where she will be completing the last two years of school before attending College. She is thinking that she might like to attend a university in the United States.

"To come to the US was the best decision I could have made and it has changed me quite a bit," said Freddy. "Since the day I came here I've for sure become much more outgoing and self-confident, like many of my friends could probably tell you as well. I have learned many new things and become a lot more independent. My tolerance also grew. I am more open-minded towards other people's opinions and way of thinking and living. Another thing is that I appreciate my family and friends back in Germany more than before. I actually did miss them quite much. I hope that all those new experiences will help me when I leave to live on my own and have to get along in a new environment. I hope it will make it easier for me to find friends and make the right decisions for my future."

Freddy attends the Catholic Church with her host family. She enjoys reading, drawing, writing and of course, hanging out with her friends. She has had a wide variety of outside interests including ballet for 3 years, dancing club for 2 years, choir for 3 years and gymnastics for 2 years.

During her time in Groom, she became a pivotal



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JEFFREY PAUL RIOS



Jeffrey Paul Rios is the son of Jose Rios and Donna and Gary Pitts. He attended Merrit School in Erick, Oklahoma, Panhandle ISD and Southlawn in Amarillo before coming to Groom in 1999. Jeff is planning to attend Amarillo College in the fall to pursue a career as a Pharmaceutical Technician and later as a Pharmacist.

Jeff has been active in many aspects of life at GHS. He is an athlete competing in 3 different areas: Football, Basketball and Track.

In football, he played for 4 years, serving the team as an end. He was a valued member of the basketball team for 1 year and competed in track for 3 years. Shot put and discus were his favorite events.

Jeff, like most of the students at Groom High School has enjoyed diversity in the activities he has participated in. He was a member of the musical department for 1 year. He served as Secretary and Treasurer as a member of the student council for two years. He competed in UIL Science for 4 years. He was presented the President's Education Award of Education Achievement.

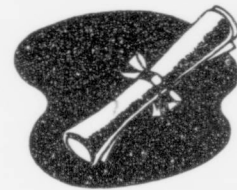
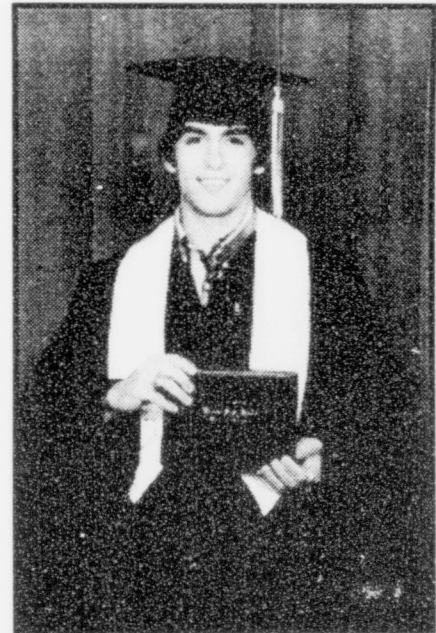
The person who has had the greatest influence on his life was his grandfather, Al Reed.

"He started with nothing and built a great business. All his life he has worked hard to ensure his family's well being. I really admire that," stated the graduate.

"I want to stay touch with my friends as we go our separate ways."

He was named Student Council Citizen of the Month for October.

Jeff enjoys driving and paint ball games when he has time to spare.

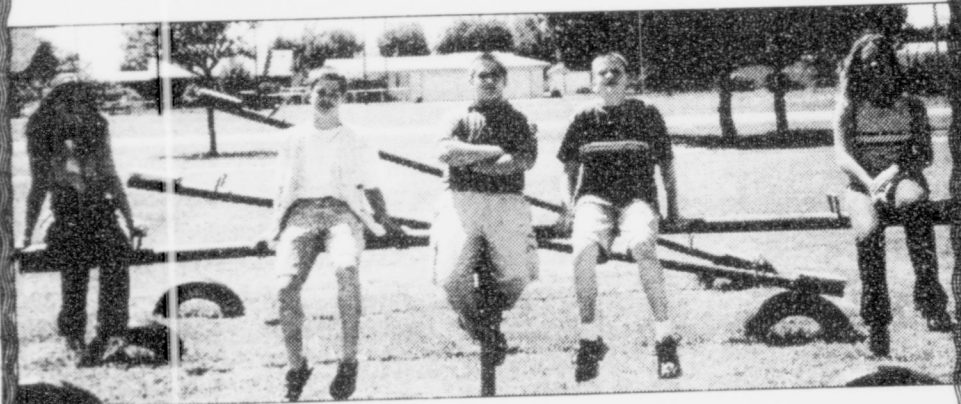


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He served in an important roll as manager of the football team for two years until his epilepsy was under control then he was a running back and corner back. His leadership skills were put to work as one of the Captains of the football team and he was honored to be named to the 2nd All-District team. At the 2005 Sports Banquet he was named Football MVP.

Chance played 4 years of basketball and was named All-District Honorable Mention. In track, he competed in the 200 meter relay, the 400 meter relay and the 2 mile run among other events. He was an Area Qualifier in the mentioned competitions. He also competed in tennis for 4 years. Doug Fields, Javier Caro and Blaine Britten have served as his doubles partners over the years and he played 1 year in the singles competition. He competed in golf for one year.

Chance's high school experiences have not been limited to sports. He was in the music program for one year. He has been on the Groom ISD Student council for 4 years, serving as president. He was selected as Student Council Citizen of the Month for September. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the local chapter's president. He was voted Homecoming King for two years in a row. He competed in UIL events of Science(4 years), and Computer Applications (2 years). He was a member of the One Act Play and earned honors as a member of the All-Star Cast at District and Zone Competition.

He was named an Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete and earned The President's Education Award for Educational Achievement. Chance Barkley was also named to the All AB Honor Roll for the year as well as the Perfect Attendance award. He was honored to receive the G Award for Academic Excellence in Science.

He works for R & B Ag Services and tinkers with his pick-up in his free time.

ROESSNER

member of the Girls Basketball team. She was a post. She competed in track in the Shot put, discus and the 800 meter

run. She placed 5th in District. She competed in tennis with Sharri Britten as her doubles partner and was named Most Valuable Player.

Freddy served on the Student Council and competed in several UIL events. In Ready Writing she placed 4th at District. She also competed in Mathematics and Literary Criticism. She was a member of One Act Play and was named to the All-Star Cast at Zone Competition. She was named the Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete. She was awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, the President's Award For Educational Excellence. Freddy earned a certificate

for Perfect Attendance and was named the Student Council Citizen of the Month for March. She earned 121.3 points on the Accelerated Reading Program and was on the All A Honor Roll for the year as well as earning a Perfect Attendance Award.

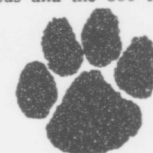
The person that Freddy admires the most and has had the most influence on her life is her mom.

"My parents are divorced, thus I live together with my mom and brother. She never remarried and raised the two of us all by herself. I think it is amazing, that she always found time for us and our numerous activities even if she had to work until four or five in the afternoon," she continued. "My grandmother helped by picking us up after school and driving us everywhere we needed to go, but she was still always there when we needed her. She is a strong character and I'm very proud of her for managing so much on her own. She always supported us and was interested in what we did. I'm glad to have had her as a role model and that she guided me through my life so far. I hope I can be as strong as she had been when it counts and give my children all the love she gave my brother and me."

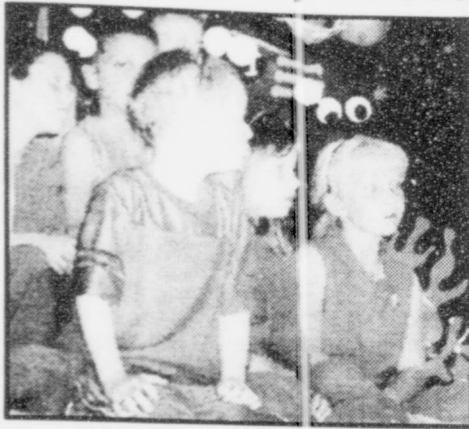
Freddy is looking forward to being independent.

"I look forward to making my own decisions," she said, "And I think I have made important steps towards independence. Who

knows what I will be doing in 10 years. I definitely hope that I am married and have at least one or two children. I know that I want to host a foreign exchange student someday. I have learned so many things since I came here last summer. I am very excited about the future."



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BRITTEN served as his partner this year. Adam was also on the golf team one year. Adam has been a member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Competing in academics comes naturally to this student with the highest GPA in the Class of 2005. He was commended for his performance on the TAKS Test in mathematics, social studies, writing and language arts by the State of Texas and the Texas Education Agency. He was awarded the Wendy's High School 'Seisman Award and the President's

Education Award for Educational Excellence. He was named to the All A Honor Roll. He was awarded "G" Awards for academic excellence in English Language Arts, Spanish, and Mathematics.

Adam is this year's President of the National Honor Society. He competed in the UIL competition in News Writing, Editorial Writing, and Spelling. He qualified for Regional in News Writing and place 6th.

Adam was a member of the cast of the One Act Play and was named to the All-Star Cast at District and Zone levels. He served in school

government as a member of the Student Council for 4 years and was Vice President. He was voted Student Council Citizen of

the Month for May, 2005. He also was elected Vice President and later President of his class. It is no surprise that he was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students"

Adam finds time to fuel his spiritual needs by serving The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church as an altar server, Lector and Member of the Choir. He has also served as President and Vice President of the Catholic Teen Youth Ministry. He has done volunteer work for the "Keep Groom Beautiful" program and the American Cancer Society by raising funds for research and participating in cancer walks.

Adam attributes his success so far in life to the love and guidance of his parents.

"Like almost every other graduate that is about to leave home and go off to college, my parents have had the biggest impact on my life," he said. "They have always been there for me whenever I needed them and have instilled in me the values and beliefs needed to become the young man I am today. I thank them so much."

Adam works at the swimming pool during the summer months for the last two years.

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