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## City Council Faces Tough Decision On Personnel

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Betty Taylor at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, Molly McDowell and George Shaw. Mindy Reeves was absent. City Employees present were City Secretary, Toni Bohlar, Chet and Sally Bohlar, Allen Mixon, and attorney, Patrick Phillips.

The Council then proceed to fill the Alderman position that was vacated by Teresa Simmons. Molly McDowell nominated Randy Stewart, Betty Taylor nominated LaVon Watson. George Shaw stated that he did not know Randy Stewart, Alderman McDowell asked Mr. Stewart to stand up. Alderman McDowell stated that Mr. Stewart had expressed an interest in serving on the City Council and that he was the first person who had not turned her down.

Alderman Taylor made a motion that nominations cease and that they appoint one of these two people, second by Alderman Shaw, with all voting in favor. Alderman Taylor nominated LaVon,

Watson. Alderman McDowell nominated Randy Stewart. George Shaw seconded Alderman Taylors nomination of LaVon Watson. Alderman McDowell's nomination failed due to lack of a second. Voting for LaVon Watson was Alderman Taylor and Alderman Shaw, voting against was Alderman McDowell. LaVon Watson was appointed to the City Council as Alderman.

Mayor Martin administered the oath of office to Alderman Watson.

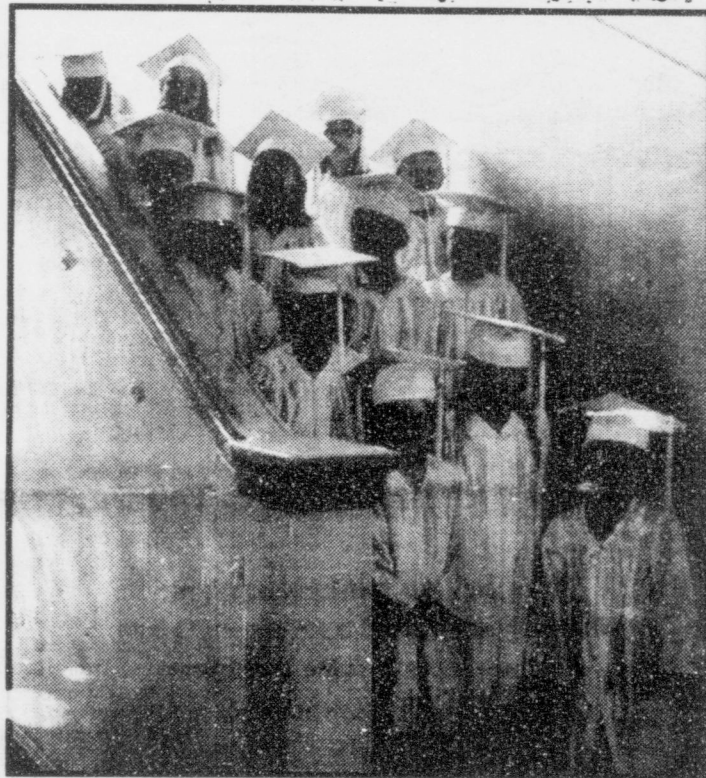
At this time the Mayor Martin called the meeting in to Executive Session for Disciplinary Action Against Chet Bohlar. The Mayor asked Chet if he wanted this in Open or Closed Session. Chet replied that he wanted it in Open Session. The Mayor read a letter that he had given to Chet Bohlar on behalf of the City:

*It is proposed to remove you from employment from the City of McLean for the following reasons: On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at an open meeting of the City Council at City Hall, McLean, Texas, you accused another employee of being removed from his previous employment for unauthorized use of City equipment. This accusation was made within seconds after*

*you had agreed to forgive and forget all previous problems between you and that employee. You should have known the accusation was not true, thus causing harm to the employees reputation. In addition, this action caused the members of the City Council doubt in your integrity which cannot be tolerated. These actions bring disrepute to City, City officials and other employees and are negatively affecting the daily operation of the City. It is my recommendation that your continued employment is not advantageous to the City and its governmental functions, therefore on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the City Council will meet in City Hall regarding your employment and ultimate disciplinary action. You will be allowed to discuss this matter with the Council in Closed or Open Session, thereafter the Council will deliberate in Closed Session, coming back to Open Session and hear and act on motions brought by the Council.*

The Mayor then told Chet that he could now address the charge and asked him to hold statements to the charge in discussion only and not the

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## Kindergarten Graduates

The McLean Kindergarten class of 2006 held their commencement on May 18 in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Crockett gave the welcome followed by two songs sang by the class. Those songs were "De Colores" and "Zip-a-dee-doo-

dah".

Mrs. Watson then gave a presentation of the graduates. Those graduating from kindergarten were Brooke Alley, Zachary Azzazi, Rance Blaylock, Whitney Davis, Trista Greenwood, Trenton Jasper, Chandler Laroe, Ryan McDonald, Ariel Michalenko,

Jack Reyna, Lauren Richardson, and Saralyn Richardson.

Gay Hill was the musical accompanist for the ceremony.

Afterwards family and friends were treated to a reception in the new gym.

## Library Receives Wildfire Magazine Donation

The Lovett Memorial Library received a donation of two *Wildfire* magazines from Bill and Ronia Anderson.

Librarian, Sally Bohlar and Secretary of the Library Advisory Board, Deanna McClendon received the donation from Mrs. Anderson.

The donation helped two fold by giving the library the magazines and funds raised from the purchase of the magazines will be dispersed among panhandle fire departments.



## Local Happenings

**SUMMER READING** program will begin at the library, contact Sally Bohlar for more information.

**MCLEAN ISD Business Office** will be open Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. til 5 p.m. for the summer.

**A COMMUNITY Awareness meeting** to enable citizens to take back the town from drugs and alcohol will be held on June 1 at 7 p.m. at the library.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Graduation will be held at 8 p.m. on May 26 at the First Baptist Church.

**8TH GRADE** Graduation is tonight at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

**GOLF SCRAMBLE** every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the McLean Golf Course.

**MEMORIAL DAY** May 29th.

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## Letter To The Editor

I would like to thank all the residents of McLean who attended the City Council meeting last Friday. It is important that people have input into the decisions made by the Mayor & Council. It would be great to have people at every meeting, not just those that have so much controversy attached to them. After all, every action taken by the Council affects every

citizen. As a second term alderman (appointed each term), I would welcome comments from concerned residents.

McLean has a lot of fine people and they should be aware of all the good things that are being done in the town and the things that are being considered to improve our town. Please get involved!

George Shaw

## From the Superintendent's Desk... Superintendent Jimmy Hannon Reports A Successful Year

It is hard to believe that the school year is already behind us. It seems like such a short time ago that we were all making preparations to begin school, whether it be planning lessons or getting our own kids ready for another year. Now we find ourselves wrapping things

up at school, anxiously awaiting summer vacation.

Over the course of the year the students of our school have achieved great things. All students have performed well in the classroom, improving our scores on the state accountability testing. A first for McLean High School, we had five students take the AP English exam upon completion of that course. Our students not only performed well in the classroom, they also represented the school well in extracurricular activities. Sports teams and FFA students should all be commended in their performance. These accomplishments would not be possible without a superior staff and great students.

I would like to end with a request. In the minds of the children a school year may seem like an eternity.

However, we as adults know that days pass like hours and years pass like months. Please spend some time with your child this summer, give them a hug or a pat on the back, and most of all let them know you care about them and their future. If we fail to do this simple task, the time will be gone before we know it.

Jimmy Hannon

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## McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 25 - Saber Bohlar.	May 29 - Jack Grigsby, Josh Seymour, James Armbrister.
May 27 - Jill Hefley, Grant Mann, Walter Handlin, Shelby Adams	May 30 - Garrett Kennedy, Trent Cadra, Kristi Glass, Shiloh Brown.
May 28 - John Bible, Russ Bockman.	



Seniors Connie Vega, Kevin Smith, Menden Comblin receive various awards at the Academic/Athletic Banquet.

*The Family of Steve Dampier  
would like to thank everyone for their  
prayers and also for the donations that  
have been given to the fund that is set up  
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*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.*  
--SYDNEY J. HARRIS--



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Senior



Lindsey Rusk  
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Carrie Thomson  
Senior



Manden Conklin  
Senior



Kevin Smith  
Senior



Marciyah Benefield  
Senior



Corinne Webb  
Senior

McLean

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## Manden Conklin

Manden Conklin will graduate from McLean High School with top honors, earning the Valedictorian title. He will receive the Valedictorian scholarship, a \$1000.00 scholarship from West Texas A&M University and a \$100 scholarship from Panhandle High Plains.

During his high school academic career he has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years where he served as Vice President in the 2005-06 school year, he is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, All-American Scholar, National Honor Roll Student and received National Merits in Science, English and Mathematics. He served as Student Council President for his junior and senior years. He participated in UIL in Science, History and Calculator. He was voted Most Likely to Succeed and Mr. MHS.

In sports, Manden participated in Tiger football for three years. During that time he was named to first team All-District in defense in 2004-05, second All-District in defense in 2005-06 and served as Senior football captain this year. He was



## Valedictorian

awarded by his coaches the MVP award, Offensive Player of the Year and the Rebound award all in '04-'05 in basketball. He played left wing, post and point guard. Manden participated in track for three years where he won a gold medal in High Jump, a gold medal in 400m Relay and a silver medal in Long Jump. He also played tennis with double partner Jayme Welch and golf for one year.

Manden's future plans include attending West Texas A&M University in the fall to become an Anesthesiologist.

He is the son of Gary and Donna Conklin and attends Trinity Fellowship.

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## Kevin Smith

During his high school years, Kevin participated in many sports. He played tight end for the McLean Tigers for four years. During that time he received the Fighting Tiger award. He played basketball for four years and track for two years where he won in the 3200m, the 1600m and the 400m events.

He participated in Future Farmers of America for five years, beginning in the eighth grade. During that time he served as President for two years and Vice-president for two years. He also participated in 4-H and served as President Kevin was voted Most Popular and Most Handsome his sophomore year; Most Popular his junior year and Most Popular and Most Handsome his senior year. He received four awards in Math; two awards in One-Act Play; and four awards in Science.

He enjoys listening to music, playing sports and working out.

When asked what he feared the most, he stated, "I fear having to drop out of college and having to work at a low paying job."



## Salutatorian



Kevin Smith is the son of Terry and Linda Smith. After graduation, Kevin plans to attend Frank Phillips College in Borger and to earn a degree in Agra-business. "I look forward to furthering my education and living the college lifestyle" stated Kevin. At graduation, Kevin will receive the Malouf and Iris Abraham Scholarship.

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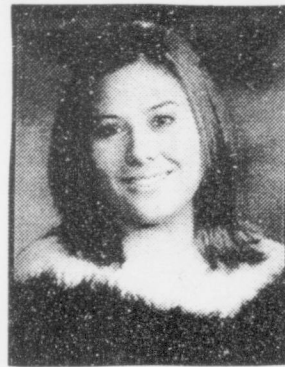
### Markeisha Menefield

During her sports career in high school she won many awards in the game she loves to play. Her freshman year she won the Fighting Tiger Award; during her sophomore year, she won the Offense Award and Honorable Mention; a Fighting Tiger Award, the Offense Award, MVP and All-District First Team her junior year; and All District first team and Second Alternate in All-Star State game her senior year.

In track, she won in the 400m relay and the 800m relay. Markeisha hopes that the sports experience she received during her high school years will help her in the future. "I will be moving to San Diego at the end of July and taking my basics through Clarendon College on line, then transfer to the University of San Diego where I will major in Physical Education."

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**McLean Home Health**



### Lindsey Ruiz

Lindsey currently works at the McLean Care Center where she is a Certified Nurses Aide. After graduation she plans to attend Clarendon College to get her Associates

Degree. While at McLean High School, Lindsey played basketball for three years as a wing and a post. She also participated in tennis, playing doubles with Brooke Seymour. She was earned Most Improved in the sport of tennis.

During her senior year, Lindsey was voted the 2006 Homecoming Queen.

She is the daughter of Linda and Keith Raines. During her spare time, she enjoys riding dirt bikes and attends the First Baptist Church in McLean.

"I look forward to getting out on my own to be able to make a stand for myself," says Lindsey Ruiz when asked about her future. "My fear is no being able to do it on my own and having to have some one hold my hand for the rest of my life."

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### Keith Raines

Keith attends the First Baptist Church of McLean. He enjoys spending time with his friends, his girlfriend, playing his video games and playing sports.

His high school years at McLean were spent playing four years of football, where he states that he has played every position but field goal kicker. He also played one year of track, tennis, and golf. He has been a member of the Future Farmers of America for two years and a member of the Student Council for one year. He was voted Most Witty his junior and senior years.

"I think my classmates will remember the fights between Carrie Thompson and myself," stated Raines.

Keith is the grandson of Butch and Betty Heathington. Before coming to McLean he attended

Spring Creek school and Borger Middle school. After high school he plans to join the United States Navy. He plans to use the Naval GI Bill worth \$46,000.00 to become a Nuclear Engineer.

**McLean Care Center**



### Connie Vega

I will not give up when I make a mistake, but instead I hope to try and learn from each one. I will be leaving my family and my hometown, but I hope to be fortunate enough to experience great moments. I have never been fond of the idea of parting from my family and from McLean. McLean has always been very supportive towards my family and I. I know for a fact that no matter where I go I will never find such a comfortable and dependable environment.

Another fear that Connie has is that she will no longer see her classmates on a daily basis. "Each one of us will take a different path," say Vega. "go places to become something greater. We have been a class of seven students and it seems that we have grown close to one another. Each one of us is special, unique and most of all different. Being different is probably the best because it opened our minds and taught us to accept each other and learn something new from each

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"Just like any typical teenager looks forward to adulthood as a challenge, but also as a sense of freedom, so do I," stated Connie Vega. "I will have to make my own decisions and will have to take responsibility for my own actions. Excuses will not be of any use, and I hope to make good decisions."

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### Carrie Thompson

Carrie is the daughter of Kelly and Kathy Raymond and Brian Thompson. In the past she has attended school in Shamrock and Weatherford. She enjoys drawing, shopping, hanging out with her best friend and going to Amarillo. She currently works for the Country Corner Texaco.

Her future plans are to become an English and Drama teacher. "I plan to attend Clarendon College where I will achieve an Associate degree. After graduating from there I plan to also attend West Texas A&M University where I will continue my major in English and a minor in Drama. I hope to graduate in time and earn a Masters in the same field to hopefully become a successful and very much remembered Literature and Drama High School teacher."

At graduation Carrie will receive the Miss Irish Rose \$200.00 scholarship and Clarendon College Financial Aid Office \$500.00 theater from Clarendon.

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**Country Corner**

"If my classmates remember anything about me I hope that it is about a good impression I had made upon them," stated Carrie. "I've tried over the last couple of years to avoid temptation and staying on the good side of things. I truly hope that this impression has had a positive effect"

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other stuff that had happened.

Chet asked the City Attorney if he could bring up things that were pertinent to the letter as long as he did not mention names. The City Attorney informed Chet that he represented the City and therefore could not advise Chet, but that as long as it maintains good order and addresses the issues before the Council, it was his understanding that Chet could address that to let the Council know his experience, his side of what's going on. Alderman McDowell then said "I would like the Council to hear what is being used as an accusation." Alderman McDowell then asked City Secretary, Toni Bohlar to play the portion of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that applied to the charge against Chet. The tape reads as follows:

Chet asked Bill "What about me taking this stuff to Jim Bob about you taking the equipment? Do you even admit taking the equipment to use for personal reasons?" Bill said, "Yeah, I took the equipment, I've never denied it." Teresa asked Bill, "When Chet took it to Jim Bob, what was the action that Jim Bob brought to you on that issue, did Jim Bob take action or talk to you about not taking the generator again or was that brought to you by Jim Bob?" Bill said, "He brought it up to me and I'll admit it, we don't get any perks in this job as it is.

Every town I've ever worked in, if you wanted to do something at the shop it was no big deal, it was kind of given to you, nothing abused, nothing was ever tore up. Nothing big was ever used. Chet asked Bill "the generator wasn't torn up?" Bill replied "No, it wasn't torn up." Chet asked, "Why is it all cracked now, you took it to San Antonio and it came back all cracked." Bill said, "that crack was on there before it ever left and you know it." Chet said "I was the one who unboxed it." Chet said, "working on things at the shop is different, taking it to San Antonio or wherever you're pig show or rodeo was - that's against state law, have you not lost your job for this once before?" Bill replied "No, I haven't..... I have?" Chet said "Throckmorton." Bill said "I did?" Chet said, "for using city equipment, you didn't?" Bill said "I didn't." Chet said "Okay." Chet said, "that's what Steve and them told the Council." Bill said, "Oh, he did." Chet said "yes". Teresa asked "Steve who?" Chet replied "Bowlin, and you told me the same story, that's why ya'll had to leave Throckmorton for using city equipment for a Counselor's, or City Official's job, but the only thing that I was trying to get out of this whole thing was to stop having the equipment used, every time I went for something it was gone, the drill's always gone and it's

against state law, why should we do it. If we have equipment here, we should be able to use it." Bill said "there was never a piece of equipment that was gone during any working day."

Alderman McDowell then said "I want to know when asking questions of another person has become an accusation. I was under the impression that in the United States of America we have the right to ask questions. Ya'll are trying to turn that into an accusation just because there is a question."

The Mayor acknowledged Chet at this time. Chet said "as you heard, I did ask that, I didn't come out and accuse him of it, I asked him and he said no and I said okay, you heard that. We're not going into that, like you said, that has nothing to do with it except for that one little spot right there. That's why you are firing me is that right there.

In the past of the City, this is by here say from the people who used to work here, we've had all kinds of things happen here at the City. We've had employees get into fist fights, we've had them total vehicles, we've had them steal things, fail drug tests, I can go on & on. Those people were never fired, they warned them and they went on with their job,

most of them were here a long time before they retired or quit. I asked a question in an open meeting and I don't get a warning or nothing? You're just firing me. Your letter says because it's hurting the reputation of another employee, the Council and the City. I'm not no lawyer, there's a lot of people in here a lot smarter than I am, but uh, when I reported this a long time ago, I've had my.... first thing, ya'll sent me to counselors, I never understood why, ya'll asked me to, so I did it. That Counselor came back and said that he didn't know what was going on, he didn't understand, it was beyond his scope. So ya'll sent me to a second Counselor. I think the only ones that went to the Counselor was me and the Director of Utilities, I don't know, but when we got the results back from that, you wouldn't let me hear them. But, I talked to him later and he said that he had nothing to say bad about me, he said he thought I was telling the truth, he said he didn't know really why I was there. After that, the thing was dropped for about 3 months. It was never brought up again. Then all of a sudden Friday, and all we were there to do, well, ya'll were there to do, was to pick up replacement for the Utilities Director. Then all of this got brought back up. You know, you're talking about reputation, that hasn't helped my reputation throughout this town very well, my names on everything, sending me to Counselors like there was something wrong with me and all I did was tell on a co-worker for doing something wrong. He admitted it in the meeting and that he had been doing it for a long time and he

still works here and that's against the law and he's still working here and is probably going to keep working here, but now I'm being fired for asking a question in open meeting, I don't understand it. I know I have not done anything other than that, have I? Is there something in my record that shows that I've done a bad job?

You've (looking at the Mayor) always told me that I'm a good worker. Have you not? Is there something? The Mayor said "You're presenting your case, I'm listening, we'll take this all into consideration when we deliberate, I'm serious about that, say what you want to." Chet said "I've done all I could, I've worked as hard as I can for this City, as far as I know, I've never been brought up on any problems that I've been doing...till now. It kind of, I don't think it's fair that I don't get a slap on the wrist or something, instead of just being fired. That's my point, I just don't think it's fair.

The Mayor said "At this time, we'll go into Executive Session." The City Attorney then advised the Mayor that because Chet requested an Open Meeting, the entire meeting had to be held in Open Meeting. The Mayor then said "okay, then we can discuss any action that we want taken or just make a motion, whichever you want to do."

Alderman Watson said "I'd like to ask a question about something, that Friday, I was here at the meeting and Bill apologized for anything he might have done and am I not remembering right, but wasn't it Chet that brought up the equipment again? and that's how it got brought back up isn't that right?" The Mayor said "Bill apologized to Chet and he accepted his apology and then" Alderman Watson said "then brought up the generator again." Chet said "I believe Teresa asked for that." Alderman McDowell said "Just a minute, Chet asked Bill what started this, when Teresa's the one that wanted to bring it up, Chet just asked Bill what started this, then, Bill gave some answers." Alderman McDowell reading from her copy of the minutes said "Teresa asked Chet Bohlar if he'd accepted his apology, Chet said yes. Then Betty asked Chet "But you don't like to work with him or work together like you should be." Chet said "there hasn't been anything that needed working on together lately, but we're about to start work on a fire plug. Chet then asked Bill "what started this?" Bill replied that he didn't know. Bill then stated that he had offered a dozen times to sit down with Chet and work it out." Alderman McDowell then asked Chet "Is that true

Chet?" Chet replied "yes ma'am, I guess so." Alderman McDowell then went back to reading from the minutes "Chet said, "what about me taking this stuff to Jim Bob?" and that's when Bill admitted that he took the equipment." Alderman Watson said "He just said that or what prompted it?" Alderman McDowell said "Bill said "yeah, I took the equipment, I've never denied it." Teresa then asked Bill "when Chet took it to Jim Bob, what was the action that Jim Bob brought to you on that issue? Did Jim Bob take action or talk to you about not taking the generator again or was that brought to you by Jim Bob?" Bill said "He brought it up to me and I'll admit it, we don't get any perks in this job as it is, every town I've ever worked in, if you wanted to do something at the shop, it was no big deal, it was kind of given to you, nothing abused, nothing was ever tore up, nothing big was ever used. Chet then asked Bill "the generator wasn't torn up?" Bill said "No, it wasn't torn up." Chet asked "why is it all cracked? You took it to San Antonio and it came back cracked." The Mayor said "we heard all that on tape." Alderman McDowell said "I know we heard it on tape." Chet then said "like

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you said, we're kind of getting off the subject again now. Why we're here, is to see why I'm being fired, that's why," Alderman Watson said "Well, we need some background first though about the same issue and who won't drop it, is the thing I'm concerned about, because it keeps being brought up. I've only been to two meetings and I bet I've heard the word generator 10 times. Has Bill said that he will not use it again?" Alderman McDowell said "it doesn't matter, he broke a state law, are you condoning breaking state laws?"

Alderman Watson replied "No, I'm not condoning that Molly." The City Attorney interjected at this point that the Council needed to be very careful and just discuss the employment issues dealing with Chet and not go beyond that point. That if they wanted to discuss other employees or employment issues that would need to be done at another meeting.

The City Attorney then said that his understanding was that "an issue being brought up as to what the circumstances were why Chet asked a question and was that an accusation and where did the accusation come from, and what that was motivated by and what it was based on, that issue and then the more continuing issue, of whether you Chet can work with the remaining City staff and whether that will be a

continuing issue as a matter of cohesion." Chet said, "Like I said, we've never brung this up again over at the shop. This has never been, our Utility Director and the other two workers that I work with, this has not been brought up for three months until Friday, we were doing fine." The Mayor asked for any other discussion.

Alderman Shaw asked "Chet, if I may, when you say everything was normal and you were doing fine, did you have communication with Bill, did you have communication with Jim Bob? The documents that I have read, in investigating this thing, and I hope I did it thoroughly said that you go to the shop early and you left before everybody else got there. You had no communications with the co-workers or Jim Bob." Chet said "every morning, well, since the meeting where we were supposed to have a meeting every morning at 8:00, we were all there, even Allen, you know Allen gets out early on the trash truck, he was there, he'd come by and stop. We were all there at 8:00, we'd wait for Jim Bob to get there. Jim Bob would come in, and yes, we'd discuss a few little things, not a lot, I'm not much of a talker anyway, but anyway, Jim Bob would come in, I wouldn't say much, because they were all talking about things I don't know anything about, ambulance calls, fire calls,

stuff like that. I don't know anything about that, so I never even got in a conversation with them about that. But they would discuss that a long time and then, if any, words to be said about work, which there were only like one or two days we did speak about work that we talked about it. Like I said there was only two in the last two weeks I can think of that we did actually talk about the work and then either Allen or Bill would leave and then we'd all just leave. We have not worked together, none of us, because we haven't had any projects, we've got lots of large projects we've got to get done, but we haven't started any, fire plugs, landfill you know lots of stuff that we'll have to work together, but we haven't started yet. Bill's been going his way, doing whatever he does, I've been doing my thing, Allen's been doing his, garbage. We just don't see each other, we all come in at different times." Alderman Shaw said "Okay, Thank you."

The Mayor asked for any other questions and asked "are ya'll ready to make a decision in what you want to do?" Alderman Shaw asked "What are the options?" The Mayor replied "Anything from removal to nothing."

Alderman Taylor said "I make a motion that at the end of this day, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, that Chet Bohlar be terminated as an employee of the City of McLean, with two weeks severance pay, and any acquired leave." The Mayor

said, "I have a motion that Chet be removed, is there a second to that?" Alderman Watson said "Second". The Mayor said "We've got a motion made and seconded, any comments? If not, we'll take a vote. All those in favor of removing Chet, raise their right hand - voting for was Alderman Taylor and Alderman Watson. All those not in favor raise their right hand - voting against was Alderman Shaw and Alderman McDowell."

Randy Stewart said "Mr. Attorney can we speak also, this is our town?" The Mayor replied "there's nothing in the agenda that indicates that we'll accept any other conversation." The Mayor then asked the City Attorney "Do you care if they speak, we're really at a session here where it's too late." The Attorney then explained that due to the rules governing the open meetings act that because there was nothing on the agenda for public comments that the public could not ask questions or participate in the meeting without it being on the agenda.

There were many comments from the public indicating their displeasure about not being able to speak and voice their opinions about the action being taken.

The Attorney then asked "Mr. Mayor did we have a final vote on the motion or not?" The Mayor then said "We had a vote - two for, two against removal, am I correct on that? We have a tie. So, as the law requires, I break the

tie. So, I've got to make a decision, do I go with two or do I go with the other two, that's just as simple as can be and unfortunately, in this case, I'm going to go with the two who voted to remove him."

Motion by Alderman Taylor, second by Alderman Shaw, with all voting in favor, to adjourn at 1:43 p.m.

After the meeting, the McLean News asked Chet Bohlar of his comments concerning his firing as of last Friday, May 19, 2006. Chet said, "It is not fair of being outright fired and not first getting slapped on the wrists."

"I have been with the city four years and my family and I have lived in McLean all of our lives and I get fired over asking a question in open session. I asked the other employee who I will not mention his name, if he had ever been fired in another town and the other employee answered "no" to the

question," Bohlar added.

But Bohlar wanted the people of the meeting and other who came out to support him that "I am proud of them and I thank you."

Asked what he would be doing now and Bohlar simply answered "looking for a job."

**McLEAN-ALANREED AREA MUSEUM BY DORTHEY MCKEE-**

McLean-Alanreed Museum had 26 visitors for the month of March. In April, there were 82 visitors from 12 different states. Of those visitors, 44 were from Texas. The museum also had visitors from France, Germany and Russia.

One visitor to the museum was a gentleman from Plano, Texas. His father was in the McLean Prisoner of War Camp during World War II.

**Thompson**

During her high school years, Carrie won the title of Miss McLean. She went on to participate in the Miss Irish Rose pageant where she placed third. She played basketball one year as a guard, golf for three

years, where she placed first and second in district and was a two year regional qualifier; she served on the Student Council for three years and served as President her freshman year. She was also a cheerleader and in drama for four years. She was voted Most Witty and All-American cheerleader, and won Best Actress and the drama award her sophomore year. During her junior year, she was on the Homecoming Court, All-American cheerleader, won the drama award and was on the All-Star cast. During her senior year she was voted Miss MHS. All

—American cheerleader, All-Star cast and the drama award.

Carrie is in Who's Who Among American High School Athletes, USAA Cheerleading, USAA English and the Daughters of the American Revolution earning the Good Citizen award.

"As I step off of the ledge of graduation and into a sudden puddle of responsibility, I can only think my fear would be of the initial leaving," stated Thompson when asked of her next step into the future. "I have many desires and goals I wish to accomplish but leaving my family and kissing goodbye their immediate attention is going to be frightening. After all, I am 18 years old and though I may not be ready, I am finally prepared to begin the rest of my life."

**Menefield**

She goes on to say that in 10 years she hopes to have a family and to be doing the one thing she loves and that is coaching.

While at MHS, Markeisha served on the Student Council as a class representative, in the pep

club for one year and in cheerleading. She is a member of the Who's Who Among American Athletes, All Merit in cheerleading, and she has an All Merit in Leadership. She was voted Most Popular, an All-American, and received a leadership award in Student Council. She has participated in One-Act Play for four years where she was 2004 Zone Winner.

**Vega**

other. We have all shared innumerable great and everlasting moments and I am thankful for them all. We have become a family and McLean has become my home. Leaving is a huge challenge and fear to me and I hope to be able to overcome it all."

During her high school career, Connie participated in one year of choir and served on the student council for two years. She has been the secretary of her class and the editor of the McLean High School yearbook for two years. She is also listed in the Who's Who Among American High School students.

Connie is the daughter of Patrocino and Carmen Vega.

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Kelly Raymond 779-2175  
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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County Judge.....  
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**Lewis Powers**  
Democratic Candidates  
**Jackie West**

County Treasurer  
Republican Candidate  
**Denise Salzbrenner**  
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**Dea Schroeder**

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## Commencement Exercises To Be Held



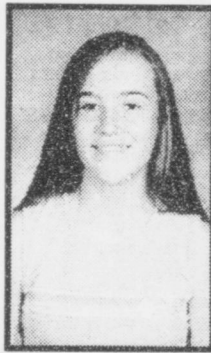
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Korri Britten

### Seniors & Eighth Graders Look Forward To Their Next Step In Their Education While Looking Back At Their Accomplishments

Six seniors and fourteen eighth graders will participate in graduation ceremonies on Friday night at Groom School Auditorium.

The Class of 2010 will end their careers as students of Groom Elementary and Jr. High

School as they prepare for the next step in the academic education. Services will be held for the Eighth Grade Class at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Members of the class include Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Tyler Case, Billy Corley, Ashley

Evans, Virginia Froese, Rachael Hopkins, Alannah King, Shane King, Tiffani Kling, Ashley Murray, Jes Roskens, Stacy Schick, and Eric Torres. A short reception will be held in the library after the graduation exercises.

The Class of 2006 will hold its commencement

services at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2006. Addresses will be given by Valedictorian Kyra Stevens and Salutatorian Sharri Britten.

Other members of the class include Javier Caro, Brandon Jenkins, Frank Leven, and Jan Ratterree.

### School Board Swears In Members And Elects Officers

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly meeting on May 16 at 8:00pm in its usual place in the school administration offices with the following members in attendance: Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten, Kathleen Barkley, Curtis Downs, and Rodney Bohr. Mr. Stevens was also in attendance. No guests

were present for the meeting.

After a prayer by Mr. Downs, the meeting was called to order at 8:01pm.

Tammy Case administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Rocha and Mr. T. Britten as unopposed Board Members in the election of May 13.

The motion by Mr. Kuehler to elect Mr. C. Britten as Board President by acclamation was passed.

Mr. Downs made a motion to elect Mr. Kuehler as Board Vice President, which was also passed. Mr. Kuehler's motion to elect Mr. Rocha as Board Secretary was passed as well.

The motion by Mr. Kuehler, seconded by Mr. T. Britten, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read was also passed.

In Open Forum, Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board the School Safety

and Security Audit training that was mandated by the state.

Mr. Stevens discussed some of the changes that would occur in the school for security. Mr. Stevens also discussed the condition of our current buses, as well as the call to TASB about the recent hail on the roof of the school.

In Regular Action, Mr. Stevens reviewed the current budget with the

See School Board, pg. 2

### Community Calendar

**DON'T FORGET** to get your ad in for the Groom City-Wide Garage Sale. Deadline is Tuesday.

**MEMORIAL DAY** will be celebrated on Monday May 29. Most government offices, banks and VA outpatient clinics will be closed.

**GROOM HIGH** School graduation services will be on May 26 at 8:00 p.m. Eighth Grade graduation will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the library.

**THE AFTER GRADUATION** Party will be held at the Bar H Dude Ranch.

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### It's A Girl

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John and Amber Holland would like to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Cadance Ruby. She was born May 11<sup>th</sup> and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Cadance is welcomed home by her big brother, Ridge. Grandparents are Linda and Dwain Weller of Gruver and Lewis and Rita Ann Holland of Plainview.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy and Ernest Weller of Groom, Erma Dean McKee of Pampa, Bill McKee of McLean, and extra special great-uncle Rayford Marchman of Pampa.



#### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank all those who sent flowers, food, cards, and prayers for our family.

- The family of Lucille Vaughn

#### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Bertha Knight would like to give a "Special Thank You" to everyone for their love and support. Your kind words, visits, and calls were priceless. The prayers, flowers and beautiful cards were a blessing.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to all the people who brought food to the church and to all who served the wonderful lunch. We were all blessed to be a part of such a caring community.

Thanks again for allowing God to minister love to us through all of you. Bertha is going to be missed.

With sincere appreciation,  
 Her Family

**DON'T FORGET** to get your ad in for the Groom City-Wide Garage Sale. Deadline is Tuesday.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

board. Also, Mr. Stevens and the Board had an extensive discussion about the Groom ISD parental notification policy. Mr. Stevens discussed how there was no set policy for parental notification except in some academic cases. After much discussion by the Board, the Board took no action to create or change a policy. The Board decided to allow the staff and faculty to handle this action on a case by case basis. Mr. Stevens also discussed the 05-06 TAKS scores with the Board.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Stevens discussed the Senior Day agenda and School Board Training in Canyon with the Board.

Mr. Stevens also discussed the possibility of teacher vacancies in the next year. Mr. Stevens also discussed the applications that have been received for the Jr. High coach and teacher position with the board.

The motion made by Mr. Downs was seconded by Mr. Bohr, and the meeting adjourned at 10:17pm.

### Birthday & Anniversaries

May 25 - Shariene Lewis.  
 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, Dale Kuchler.  
 May 31 - Stanley Anthony, Sean Crowell, Pete Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Babcock (A).

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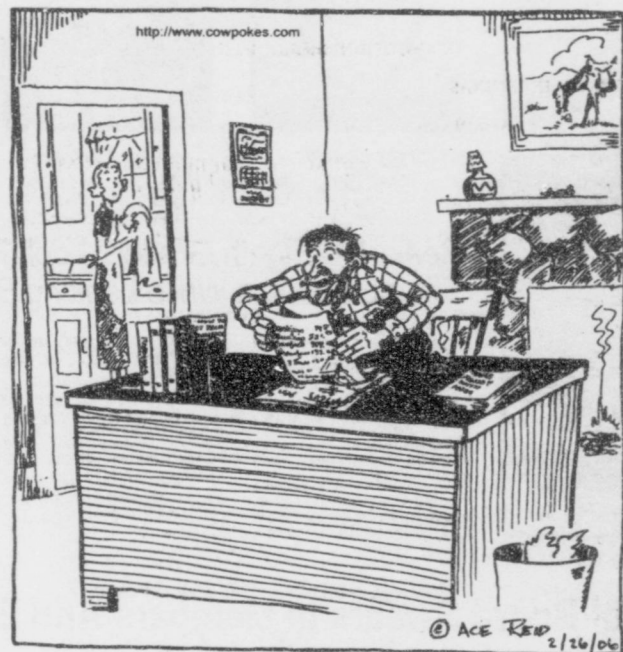


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## Red-Hatters Meet

The Groovin' Mad Hatters of Groom had a pajama party Tuesday night, May 16. The party was hosted by Juanita Brown and Dondra Downs at the Downs' residence.

There were oohs and aahs at the ladies' nighttime apparel as each group arrived. Of course red and purple was the predominant choice of colors.

A "chick flick" was shown while the ladies snacked on goodies. The evening was topped off

with everyone enjoying "frosted cokes." The ladies then left to go home and off to dreamland.

As a reminder - red hats and some purple clothing should be worn to the meetings. If you are under 50, you should wear a pink hat.

Those attending were Dorothy McMullen, Rose England, Shirley Fields,

Karen Case, April Olive, Pat Ashford, Charlotte Duke, Mary Sue Lyles, and Juandel Ritter, as well as the hostesses.

## Don't Forget Groom's City Wide Garage Sale Deadline!

Don't forget to turn in your classified ad for the Groom City Wide Garage Sale to be held on June 3, by next Tuesday morning. We need to have at least 10 garage sales to make the event worth the trouble to promote. Cost for the ad is \$5.00 paid in

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## Lowe - Weller To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lowe Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Bryn J'Kae Lowe, to Aaron Dwain Weller. Aaron is the son of Linda and Dwain Weller. Bryn is a 2003 graduate of Gruver High School and is attending WTAMU, pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing. Aaron

is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2005 graduate from WTAMU with a Bachelors in Agriculture Business. The couple will be married at the United Methodist Church in Gruver on June 2, 2006 at 7:00pm with a reception and dance following at the O'Laughlin Center.



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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CARSON

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CARSON County in the following cases on the 3rd day of May, 2006, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CARSON County, in the City of PANHANDLE, Texas, the following described property located in CARSON County, to-wit:

Case No. 9528 GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VS CHAVIEZ GUADALUPE & CONNIE DELAPAZ

All of Lot Number Four (4), Block Number Two (2), Power Subdivision, a portion of Block Number Twelve (12), Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

Case No. 9488 CARSON COUNTY VS TITSWORTH ALBERT D ESTATE

TRACT 1: All of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), in Block Number Sixty-Six (66), Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), in Block Number Sixty-Six (66) of the Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

**ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE.**

Levied on the 15th day of May, 2006 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CITY OF PADUCAH, PADUCAH ISD AND/OR CED #12 FOR PADUCAH ISD AND CATTLE COUNTY.

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# The Class of 2006



The Class of 2006 as they began their academic career. back: Bryan Newton, Neal Anthony, Brandon Jenkins, Jessica Cagle, Frank Leven; middle: Pam Hutsell, Jan Ratterree, Katy Britten, Sharri Britten, Malorie Homen, Francis Payton; front: Ellen Leven, Alyssa Watson.

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VALEDICTORIAN

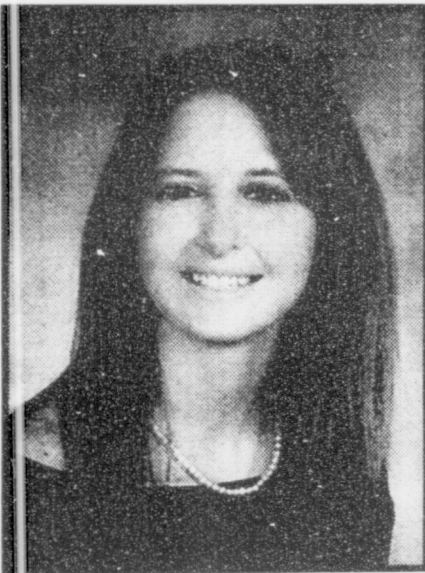
*Kyra Leigh Stevens*

Valedictorian Kyra Leigh Stevens has a bright future ahead. She is planning a career in Speech Pathology and will attend South Plains College in the fall. She has earned a Lion's Club Scholarship, The H & H Credit Union Scholarship and two South Plains Scholarships.

She is the daughter of Terry and Laura Stevens. She attended West Texas School and Hedley ISD before coming to Groom. She is a member of the Groom First Baptist Church. She works at Panfork Church Camp. Kyra was the Lions Club Sweetheart, named to Who's Who in American High Schools, was a Miss Irish Rose contestant and named to the top 10 contestants. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in District in the Lions Club Sweetheart Contest.

Kyra has been a leader all through school. She played 4 years of basketball and was a post. She served as a captain for 3 years and was awarded honors for

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SALUTATORIAN

*Sharri Renee Britten*

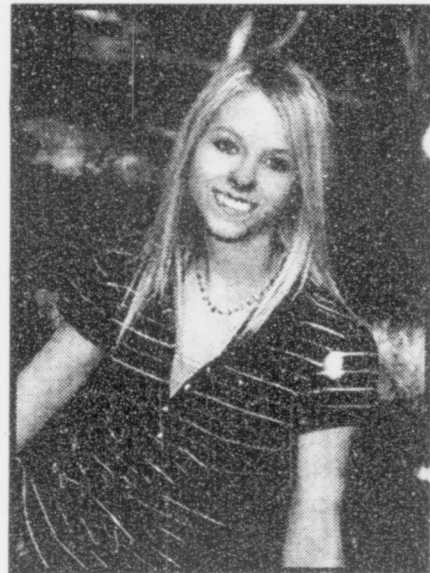
Salutarian Sharri Renee Britten has always held herself to high standards in her personal life as well as academically. A life-long resident of Groom, she is the daughter of Tony and Wamyth Britten.

Sharri Britten has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and served as vice-president. She was a valued member of the Student Council, holding the office of Secretary-Treasurer. In 2004-2005, Sharri was the editor for the yearbook. She competed in UIL events of Literary Criticism, Spelling and One-Act Play.

Sharri's leadership abilities were not limited to academics. She was a cheerleader for all 4 years of high school and was head cheerleader for 2 years. She was elected Homecoming Queen by her school mates as a senior.

Sharri was an important member of the Tigerette basketball team for 3 years. She competed in Track for 3 years, competing in the

See Sharri, pg. 8



*Stop A Shop Texaco*

### Javier Caro

In ten years, Javier Caro sees himself coaching football or basketball in a small town like Groom, if everything goes as he has planned.

The son of Javier and Nancy Caro, Javier plans to attend South Plains Junior College in Levelland, pursuing general studies.

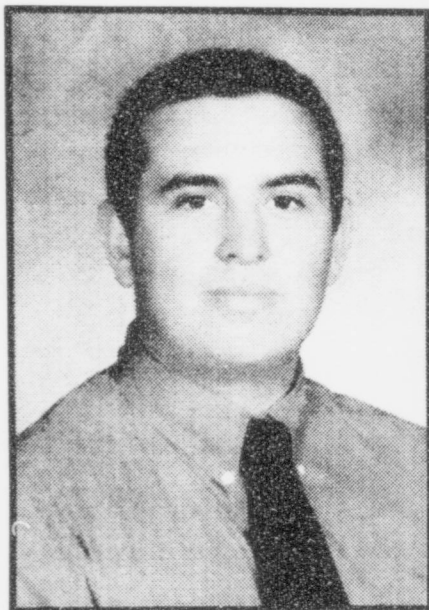
Javier has been active in all aspects of life at Groom High School. He has been a leader in sports. He played 4 years of football and was a center. He played basketball for 4 years as a post. He competed in track and field

competitions of the discus and the shot put. In tennis he was the Groom Invitational Champion.

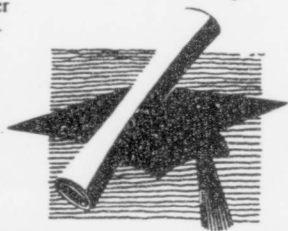
Javier jokingly stated that his classmates will probably remember him for his talking and arguing.

He is also known for his leadership off the field of competition participating in 4-H, serving his classmates as Class President and being elected as Homecoming King.

In his spare time, Javier works for Attebury Grain.



### Attebury Grain



### Brandon Scot Jenkins

Brandon Scot Jenkins is the son of Jeff and Kerry Jenkins. He has attended Groom School all of his life. He feels he is ready to get out on his own and attend Amarillo college thanks to the all he has learned from his parents.

"My mom and dad have had the greatest influence on my life," he said, "They have always been there for me when I needed them the most. They have fed and clothed me and guided me. I am looking forward to going off on my own, living in my own house and being able to do whatever I want, whenever I want."

Brandon is a member of the First Baptist Church of Groom. He has competed in UIL events including Science for 1 year and Current Events for 2 years. His team earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> in District Competition and he placed 6<sup>th</sup> as an individual. He also excelled in the One Act Play competition and was named All-Star Honorable Mention at the District competition.

He enjoys singing and acting and lists those activities as hobbies as well as camping and hanging out with his friends.



Brandon enjoyed a full career in athletics. He played 4 years in football as a wide receiver and defensive end. He played 2 years of basketball in the post and wing positions. In track, Brandon competed for 4 years. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in District with his

team in the Mile Relay. In the Miami Meet, he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 3200 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot. In tennis, he paired up with Chad Barkley for the last 3 years and earned 4<sup>th</sup> a district. He also played singles tennis for 4 years.

### West Texas Gas

### Franklin Lewis Leven

Franklin Lewis Leven has spent most of academic life in Groom School. He attended Highland Park Elementary for a few years in 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade.

His mom, Rose Leven, has had the greatest influence on his life. "She taught me what is important in life," he said, "and to spend my life doing what is right instead of wrong. She taught me how to live life to its fullest. Needless to say I haven't exactly practiced what I've learned but I will soon after graduation."

Frank plans to attend Frank Phillips College in Borger after graduation and earn an associate degree in welding. He hopes that in 10 years he will be operating a successful business, living in a nice home with a few nice cars, and a couple of 4-wheelers and dirt bikes!

Frank is a member of the First Baptist Church of Groom. He has been a member of the Baptist Youth and participated in Boy Scouts.

He played football for 1



year serving as a Defensive and Offensive Tight end and was on special team. He competed in UIL Listening Skills in junior high.

Frank works at the

Conway Restaurant. In his spare time he is an avid knife collector and enjoys cooking, welding, and building.

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### Janath Leann Ratterree

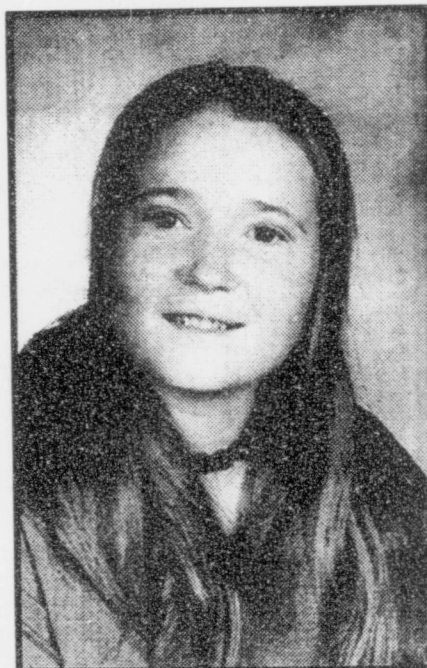
Janath Leann Ratterree's experiences working at St. Ann's Nursing Home have inspired her to seek a career in the medical profession. She has earned a Pampa Regional Medical Center Scholarship and plans to attend Amarillo College to get her CNA and then her LVN degrees.

She attributes her success to the influence that her mother Joann Ratterree and her father Bill Ratterree have had on her.

"My mom has always had demanding jobs and she gets it done. My dad is the same. He's always worked really hard to provide for us. They have always made it through tough times. I hope I can do as well as they have," she commented.

Jan is a member of the First Baptist Church of Groom. She played 2 years of basketball as a wing. She was in music for 1 year and served on the Yearbook Staff as business manager. She was on the homecoming court as a junior.

Jan enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to



the lake and camping in her spare time.

She thinks that her friends will remember her personality because she

always tells it like it is. She feels that this is the reason that she was voted

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### Rt. 66 Steakhouse

# Seniors 2006



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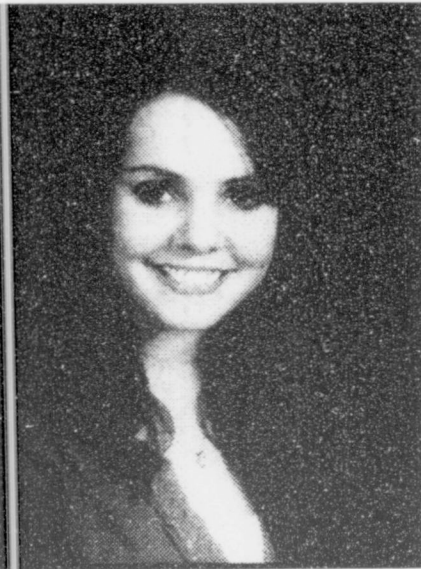


*The Senior Class Of  
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## *Katy Leann Britten*

Katy Leann Britten is the daughter of Howard and Jan Britten. She attended school at Groom ISD until the spring of 2004, when she was accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. This unique opportunity has really expanded the horizons of the Groom native.



"Because of the jump (into college) TAMS gave me the ability to now have my master's degree by the time I'm 22, I hope to accomplish a lot in the decade following my high school graduation. In 10 years, I can see myself teaching math at either a public high school or a junior college, perhaps even a university. I would like to have my writing career going, with more poetry and maybe even a novel published. I also hope to have visited several foreign countries, be married and have started a family and live in a nice, quiet neighborhood."

Katy plans to attend Texas A & M University, majoring in mathematics, with a minors in Creative Writing and French.

She has been the recipient of several scholarships from A & M.

They are the President's Endowed scholarship (\$3000/year); Presidents Scholars Program (\$2,000/year); a Texas Aggi Grant (\$1,000/year) and a SFA Housing scholarship (\$1,000).

She was very active in academia in both Groom and at TAMS. In Groom

she was a member of Yearbook staff for 2 years serving as photographer and editor. She was a cheerleader and was a student council representative for 1 year. Katy played 2 years of basketball as a guard and shared the Fighting Heart Award with her

See Katy, pg. 8

*Shop At Shop Texaco*

DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## *Daniel Clark Thompson*

Daniel Clark Thompson is graduating from Danville High School in Danville, Kentucky. The former Groom ISD student is the son of J'Lynna Thompson and Slim Finck of Groom and Danny and Deb Thompson of Danville, Kentucky. He is planning to attend the Bluegrass Technical School with an eye towards becoming a biomedical engineer. He attends the Gethsemane Baptist Church.

Daniel played 3 years of football and was a lineman for the Danville Admirals. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 3 years.

He participated in choir for 2 years. Daniel was a member of the VICA/Skiis USA for 2 years. He was a State Competitor for the Opening and Closing Teams. For Daniel's senior project he chose to volunteer for the local Humane Society.

Fishing, hunting and 4 wheeling fill his time when he is not at school or working at the Pizza Hut.



He is looking forward to going to college and being on his own, although he stated that he does fear losing his safety net, and making important

decisions on his own. He hopes that 10 years down the road, he will be married to his longtime girl friend, Tiffany, and starting his own family.

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**SHARRI RENEE BRITTEN**

100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash. Sharri played tennis for 3 years. She partnered with Freddy Roessner in 2005 and Ben Thompson in 2006. They placed 4<sup>th</sup> in District. She was named "Fighting Tigerette" at the recent annual Athletic Banquet.

Sharri earned the Lion's Club Sweetheart Scholarship. She participated in the Miss Irish Rose Pageant and has participated in the American Cancer Society Cancer Walk for the last 3 years.

She plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in Business.

"My big sister, Kari, has had the greatest influence on my life," she said when asked who had inspired her. "She, being the oldest of us all, has really set a good example for my sisters and me to follow. I have learned so much from her, for she has taught me many valuable things. I am very lucky to have a sister like her."

Sharri's favorite activities include cooking

and helping her dad on the family farm. She hopes that in 10 years she will be married and have a family of her own. She hopes to live in a small town and own and operate her own bakery.

**KYRA LEIGH STEVENS**

having the highest free-throw percentage. She was named honorable mention on the All-District All-Star 1st. She competed in track

and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Shot put and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Discus.

"My classmates will probably remember me as being loud and talkative, and not often in trouble," she said.

She competed in FFA for 2 years before coming to Groom and was 8<sup>th</sup> in State in Plant Identification. She also was a member of Business Professional of America for 2 years and was 10<sup>th</sup> in State. Kyra was a Regional qualifier for 2 years of the 3 that she competed in the UIL Prose contest. She earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in State in Current Events for 2 years.

She was a member of One Act Play for 4 years and was an Area qualifier. She was named to various Honorable Mention All-Star Cast awards.

Kyra is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president and secretary for 3 years. She was a member of the Student Council, representing her class for 2 years. She was vice president of her class for the last 3 years and served 2 years as the editor of the Yearbook.

**KATY LEANN BRITTEN** teammates. She ran one year of track competing in the 800 meter run and threw the shotput. She played tennis for 2 years, and was the Girls' MVP her sophomore year.

In Groom, Katy was in also in music for 2 years. She was active in UIL competition. She placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Regionals in Headline Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> at Regionals in Feature Writing, and 6<sup>th</sup> at Regionals in News Writing. She served as an elementary school volunteer tutor and was named Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Katy was very active in life at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. She was a TAMS Ambassador for 2 years, serving as the Vice President of Student Affairs her senior year. She was also the President and Founder of the Inkwell Writing Club and a member of the Academy Players. She earned the lead role in their production of "Sleeping Beauty" was one of Gaston's girls in the "Beauty and the Beast" musical and was cast for the "School House Rocks" Musical. She also was involved in the following clubs: H.O.P.E., J.E.T.S. and the Academy Elite Dance Team.

Katy was named to the UNT President's List and Dean's List, was a TAMS Research Scholarship Recipient and was voted Prom Duchess her senior year.

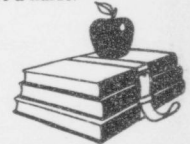
"I think my classmates will remember my persistence, motivation, compassion, and creativity the most. Several of my friends at TAMS always told me that I was too much of an overachiever, but that I always took the time for them, whether they just wanted to hang

out or needed to talk," she said. "Also, when my classmates remember me, they would probably associated me with the massive amounts of pictures I took of us at TAMS, which I eventually put to music and made into a DVD as everyone's graduation gift."

Katy attends the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom and the Denton Bible Church in Denton.

**JANATH LEANN RATTERREE**

"Miss Congeniality." Jan hopes that 10 years from now she will be living somewhere like Idaho and be a nurse.



**Hall County Auction Holds Grand Opening**

Three years ago, Kelly Forkner and his wife, Colleen, came to visit Texas on vacation. Kelly was born in Memphis in 1953. They were visiting his Aunt Beulah in Memphis and Colleen said, "I love this little town. I could live here."

A year later, they came back and started looking at the possibility of bringing a business to Memphis. Kelly's cousin, Jack Martin, was very encouraging. To make a long story short, they moved from Florida to Memphis and opened up Hall County Auction and Rip's Grill and Gameroom. They also brought their son, Rodney, otherwise known as "Rip," and his family. Rip manages the grill and gameroom located inside the auction house.

The grill opened in March and is doing very well. Their 1/3 pound Black Angus burger is their specialty. Homemade

desserts also top the list. Daily hot lunch specials such as meatloaf or lasagna rotate through the week. The gameroom has 5 pool tables, foosball, video games, and a jukebox. It has a great atmosphere to relax, play some games, and grab a bit to eat. Rip's Grill also features catfish on Friday nights.

Hall County Auction is the largest auction house in the state of Texas. They have 36,000 sq. ft. of space. The Grand Opening Auction for the Hall County Auction is May 27<sup>th</sup>

at 10:30am. You can visit their website at [www.hallcountyauction.com](http://www.hallcountyauction.com), or stop by and eat at Rip's Grill and Gameroom prior to Saturday. The grill is open Monday-Saturday. Rip's stays open until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Give them a call at (806) 259-3210 for additional information or to register for the auction.

**Services Held For Mildred "Mitch" Kuehler of Panhandle**

Mildred "Mitch" Kuehler, 84, of Panhandle, died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle.

Funeral mass was held on Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Panhandle, with Father Mieczyslaw

Przeplora officiating. Burial was in Panhandle Cemetery.


Mrs. Kuehler was born

on Nov. 17, 1921 in Henrietta, OK, to Rober M. & Myrtle Chastain. She later moved to Panhandle and graduated from Panhandle High School where she was head cheerleader and Miss PHS. She then attended Texas Tech. "Mitch" loved sports. She was a homemaker, a past officer Panhandle Country Club Ladies Golf Association Jovileers in Groom and a member of the Athenaeum Club. She married C.J. "Goobe" Kuehler in 1943 in Panhandle.

Survivors include one daughter, Kim Weller of Panhandle; eight grandchildren, one great granddaughter and one great grandson.


She was preceded in death by her husband C.J. Kuehler, a daughter Kathy Youree, a sister and a brother.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle.



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**After Graduation Party Go-ers To Attend Bar-H Dude Ranch**



This is a lock in event. Freshman-Senior arrival time is 10:50 p.m. We will board bus and leave for Bar-H Dude Ranch. Once a student or guest arrives and signs in they will not be permitted to leave until the scheduled departure time of 2:00 a.m. Exceptions will be allowed ONLY IF A PARENT PERSONALLY PICKS UP THE STUDENT OR GUEST AND SIGNS THEM OUT.

Each student may invite one guest. Your cost for your guest will be \$7.50. The guest must be high school age. (currently enrolled high school student)

Any GHS student leaving early will not be eligible for any prizes or gifts. (Parent must sign student our prior to leaving party early).

Sign-up sheets are posted in the hall at school. Please sign-up for your and your guest if you plan to attend this year's party so that we can make sure we have gifts and food for everyone attending. Only GHS students will receive prizes or gifts.

**Menu: Barbeque beef, Sausage, Slaw, Beans & Cobbler**



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