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Memorial Services Held At Cemetery

First Baptist Church gave a devotional in memory of all who have passed away at the Hillcrest Cemetery on May 29th. Friends and relatives gathered on the cloudless morning to share memories and pay their respects. Those that we were able to identify are pictured (Above) Herman Glenn, Bill Reeves, Johnny Mertel, Troy Corbin, Fred Cable, Jake Hess, George Watson and Tom Trostle. (Below) Pat Reeves, Tony Smitherman, Dan Taylor and Don Taylor.



Mann-Roach Face New Run-Off After Election Overturned By Judge

In a Miami courtroom, on June 1, a decision was handed down from Senior Judge John T. Forbis that ordered a new election in the 31st District Attorney Republican primary race between John Mann and Rick Roach. Mann filed an election contest on May 1. He was defeated by Roach by only six votes in the April 11 runoff.

Forbis made the decision after hearing testimony from witnesses for Gray, Roberts, Wheeler and Lipscomb counties. Testimony verified that there was only one ballot box placed in Lipscomb county and it was located in Darrouzett. Voters from Follett and Lipscomb would have had to drive

approximately 30 miles round trip to vote. Lipscomb county deputy clerk, Kimberly Blau testified that having only one polling place in the runoffs has been the policy for both parties for the past ten years. The law requires there be a voting place in every commissioners precinct.

Two voters from Wheeler county and six voters from Gray county cast illegal ballots by voting in the Democratic Primary and then voting in the Republican runoff. Addresses of three residents from Roberts county came into question when Mann's attorney questioned their true residency.

The new runoff election date has been set for June 27.



Jodie Thomas Killed In 2 Car Accident

Jodie Thomas, 73, of McLean was killed in a two vehicle accident in Idalou, Texas on Saturday, June 3, 2000. Jodie's daughter Debbie Beaty of Idalou said "Mother had just been to the beauty shop when she ended up going the wrong way on the highway and struck a pick up truck head on." Debbie says "We just moved mother down here on Sunday to a retirement center so that she could be closer to me."

Witnesses stated that Jodie's 1989 Oldsmobile was west bound in the east bound lane when it collided with a 1996 Dodge pickup. Idalou Police Chief Gilbert Rodriguez estimated that the two were traveling the correct speed limit of 55 mph when the accident occurred. Jodie is thought to have died almost instantly from the accident with head and chest injuries.

Rodriguez reported that CPR was being administered to Thomas by Dr. H.R. Capps when the Idalou Police Department arrived at the scene. He believed she was in full arrest at that time. She was airlifted the 10 miles to a Lubbock hospital and was pronounced dead at 2:10 p.m.

The Dodge was driven by John William Morton of Lubbock. He was transported by Idalou EMS to Covenant Medical Center where he was treated and released.

An autopsy was to be performed on her and See Thomas, pg. 11

Bar O Ranch Host U.S. Representative To McLean

United States Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) greeted each guest as they arrived at a fundraiser in his honor on June 1 at the Bar O Ranch just north of McLean.

Hosted by Neal and Beverly Odom, the chuck wagon catered fajita dinner took place at the locust grove picnic area south of their home at 6:30 p.m. Despite the steady drizzle and eventual downpour, sixty Thornberry supporters from McLean, Wheeler, Shamrock, Childress, Quail, Wellington, Clarendon, Lefors, Pampa and Amarillo braved the weather. They listened as Mac explained his stand on issues and

answered questions. The chuck wagon fly provided a refuge for close fellowship in the midst of hay bales and lanterns.

Additional host couples for the event included Charlie and Deanna McClendon, Bill and Lynn Reeves, L.H. and Nama Webb of McLean; Pat and Carol McDowell, Dusty and Joyce Oldham of Shamrock; Rod and Debra Weatherly, Richard and Anita Brown of Wheeler; and Pat and Val White of Wellington.

Lending a hand to help make the evening a success were Cesily, Trent and Tanner Cadra; Nicholas, Kristen, Zachary and Jack Odom; Bron Bohlar, Kendall Newton and Nikki Hefley.

Identification Still Being Sought

It was a hot sunny day in August, 1999 that a roadside mowing crew made a gruesome discovery just outside of McLean.

Near a fence row, the body of a woman was discovered. Nearly a year has gone by, and she has yet to be

See Body, pg. 9

REMINDER!

THE SENIOR Citizens will have a pot luck dinner on June 13 at 5:00 p.m. Come eat & play games.

CITY COUNCIL meets tonight at 7 pm.

McLEAN RODEO June 16 & 17.

THE JRCA will have a rodeo in McLean on June 24. Contact Billy Lehew (580)323-5613 for more information.

THE SCHOOL Board will meet on June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

McLean Honor Roll

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Fourth Grade: Travis Fish, Stephanie Henson, Kristin Odom, Mark Smith, Lucas Webb.

Fifth Grade: Erin Bailey, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour.

Sixth Grade: Russell Anglin, Talitha Newton, Kevin Smith, Justin Wehrenberg.

Seventh Grade: Ashley McClendon.

Eighth Grade: Danielle Dampier, Jennifer Greer, Kendall Newton, Traci Rigsby.

Ninth Grade: Katrina Routon, Shaley Steel.

Tenth Grade: Chase Barnes, Sara Hall, Nikki Hefley, Randi Riley, Teddra Simmons.

Eleventh Grade: Cesily Cadra, Steven Foshee, Will Frost, Nathaniel Roberts.

Twelfth Grade: Mandy Delgado, Jessica Fish, Brian Fuller, Pamela Greer, Chris Hauck.

80 & Above
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Fifth Grade: Seth Childers, Amanda Fricks, John Haynes, Charli Jarvis, Samantha Krueger, Jacob Tolleson.

Sixth Grade: Dustin Kirkland, Coty McMinn, Nicholas Odom.

Seventh Grade: Andrea Keelin, Jesus Montoya, Zane Richardson, Mitchell Steward.

Eighth Grade: Derek Best, Emily Bohlar, Reo Dennis, Jaclyn Grigsby, Chase Jarvis, Dustin Moody, Sarai Sawyer, Jamie Seitz, Delinda Simpson, Jay Wallis.

Ninth Grade: Drew Baker, Jeffery Lee, Tami Marsh, Josh Seymour, Jennifer Smith.

Tenth Grade: Candice Barnes, Jared Rice.

Eleventh Grade: Terrell Hembree, Julie Marsh, Brad Sawyer, Ricky Smith.

Twelfth Grade: Samantha Bolin, Brodey Carter, Amanda Cline, Ike Hanes, Valerie Joiner, Dustin Rogers, Lacey Steel, Derek Studebaker.

Services Held For Jodie Thomas

Services for Jodie Thomas, 73, of Idalou and formerly of McLean were Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Saturday, June 3, 2000 in Idalou.

She was born March 30, 1927, in Paducah, Texas to Everett Cornell and Roxie Velma Eason Cornell.

She graduated from Brock High School. On November 4, 1944, she and Dorman Willard Thomas were married in Tarrant County. He died February 17, 1988. She lived in White Deer and Wheeler before moving to McLean in 1978, where she lived for the past 22 years prior to her moving to Idalou in May 2000.

Mrs. Thomas was a substitute teacher, librarian, and the previous editor of the McLean News. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, McLean Meals on Wheels and First United Methodist Church of McLean.

Survivors include her mother, Velma Kinard of Lubbock; a son, Buddy Thomas of Spearman; three daughters, Sandy Clark of Pampa, Debbie Beaty of Idalou and Donna Payne of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Lions Club Eye Bank or Meals on Wheels, "Loaves and Fishes," McLean 79057.

Barker Earns Honors At West Point

The NCAA Colleague tournament was held in Tempe, Arizona on May 13th. Jamie Barker, granddaughter of Pat Barker is a member of the ladies tennis team for West Point United States Military Academy. She won the Most Valuable Doubles Player team award for the 1999-2000 year. Pat Barker and James' Dad Jim Barker attended the tournament. Pat also attended the graduation ceremonies at West Point, May 24-27. The events were parades,

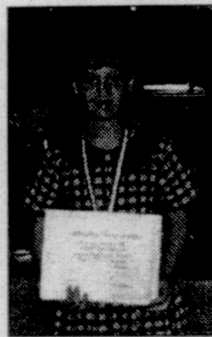
award ceremonies and the graduation itself. Jamie won the gold star award and the president's award, also an award for having the highest grade in her class in human factors engineering. She received a 4.0 grade point average. A banquet was held for the graduates families. Jamie is now a lieutenant in the Army. Her assignment is the adjutant general's office. After a vacation to Hawaii she will be on duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Jami Sanderson Earns "Outstanding Music Student" Award At Recital

Jami Sanderson, daughter of Bobby and Robbie Sanderson earned the "Outstanding Music Student" award out of nineteen students at a recent music recital in Groom.

Jami studies under the

direction of teacher, Jana Williamson. For her voice piece, Jamie chose the song, "I Love You Lord." Her piano pieces included "The Baby Dinosaur," "Our School Fair," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."



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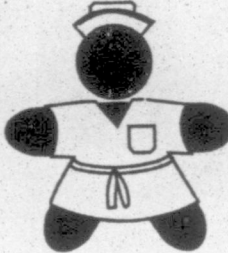

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Body

5'6" tall with a medium build. She walked with a limp on her right side and had a visible deformation of the right leg. Her right ankle and leg had been fused together by a surgical screw. Her bottom front teeth were missing and she may have had some stiffness in her right shoulder from an old fracture. It is also likely that she had given childbirth during her lifetime.

identified. Investigators of the homicide have not given up hope of identifying her. They recently released this computer generated image and artist's sketch of what the woman may have looked like.

She is described as a white female, 33-45 years of age. She was 5'3" to

A reward of up to \$1,000 has been offered by Crime Stoppers for information regarding this person or crime.

Crockett Ranch Takes Top Honors At Ranch Rodeo In Clarendon

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association held their Third Annual Ranch Rodeo this past weekend. The event was originally scheduled for the night of June 2 and 3, but due to the excessive (though appreciated) amounts of rainfall, Friday night's performance was moved to Sunday, June 4. The extra mud in the arena provided some great entertainment and produced some very muddy cowboys. Even though the conditions were adverse, the cowboys displayed some impressive skills they've honed through their everyday ranch lives.

The rodeo might have been held in Clarendon, but McLean definitely had a strong presence. The McLean Feedyard graciously sponsored all the prizes. The Crockett Ranch of McLean bested the field of 19 ranch teams to win top honors. Team members included Greg Stephenson of Amarillo, Brock Crockett, Jeffrey Burkes, Kenny Chambers and Will Shaw all of McLean. Each cowboy received a pair of trophy spurs made by Wade Brannon of Silvertown, Texas.

Events included Bronc Riding, Team Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking, Team Penning and Calf Branding. Points were given through fifth place in each event and winners were determined by their point totals.

Brock made a nice ride on his bronc and scored 65 points, just a few holes out of the points. The team of

Greg, Kenny and Brock drew a tough steer in the team doctoring and ended up with a disappointing no time. In the Wild Cow Milking Greg roped the cow with no problem and was kind enough to bring her back up to the arena so Kenny, Will and Jeffrey wouldn't have to run so far. Kenny and Will got her mugged and Jeffrey milked and ran. The clock stopped at 59.5, earning them 6th place by just one tenth of a second.

Things turned around at that point. The team penning cattle were young and hadn't been handled too much, making them difficult to pen even for these experienced ranch hands. The clock ran out before many teams could get their cattle penned, though some managed to pen one or two. With the help of Jeffrey and Will, Greg expertly peeled off three head and they slowly moved them up the arena. Luck has to go your way sometimes and it happened to be in this event for these cowboys. They guided the three steers into the pen with ease for a time of 1.26. They won the event and were the only team to get three steers penned.

Kenny is well known for his skill with a rope and he proved himself worthy of the praise in the calf branding. He walked his horse into the herd of cattle and quickly roped a calf around the neck. Kenny wanted to make it easy on his teammates, he drug the calf so close to the

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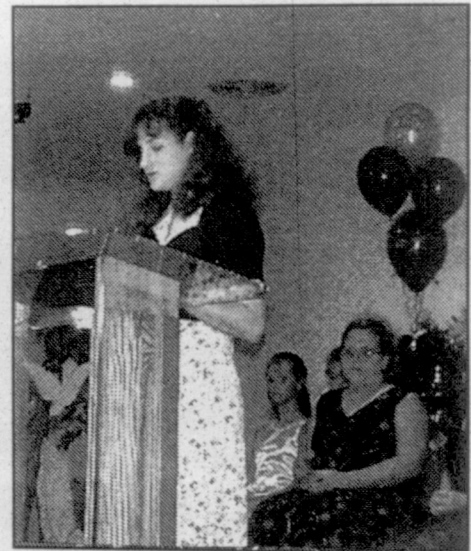
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branding bucket he actually ran over the judge! Jeffrey and Will flanked the calf for Brock to brand. The next calf went as smoothly and their time in the event was 1 minute 13 seconds. They won the event by a narrow one-second margin. So despite a slow start, the Crockett Ranch ended up winning two events. The participants in each event received monogrammed jackets. The team wishes to personally thank the McLean Feedyard for sponsoring all the prizes at the rodeo.

Other winners were 2nd Place, The Darrel Wines Ranch, they received Wade Brannon belt buckles; 3rd place, JA Cattle Company, they received Wade Brannon Headstall buckles; 4th place, High Card Ranch, they received saddle blankets; incidentally, the High Card Ranch was the only team to get a time in every event.

More winners included Bronc Riding, Chris Halseil with the High Card Ranch with a score of 74; Team Doctoring, Darrel Wines Ranch with a time of 32.30; Wild Cow Milking, JA Cattle Company with a time of 42.10.

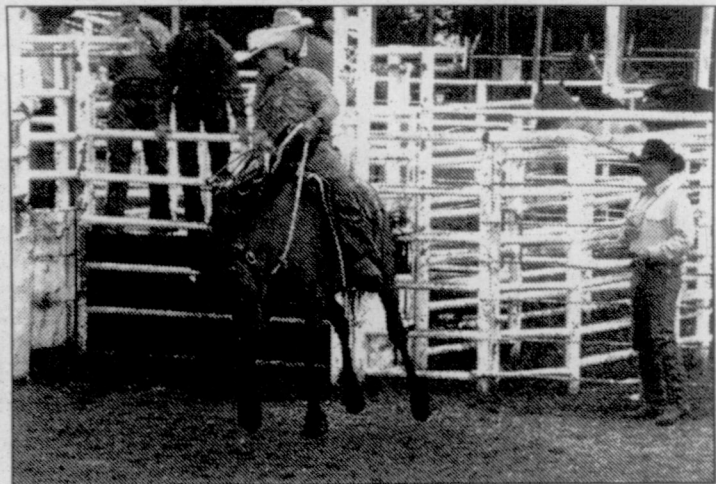
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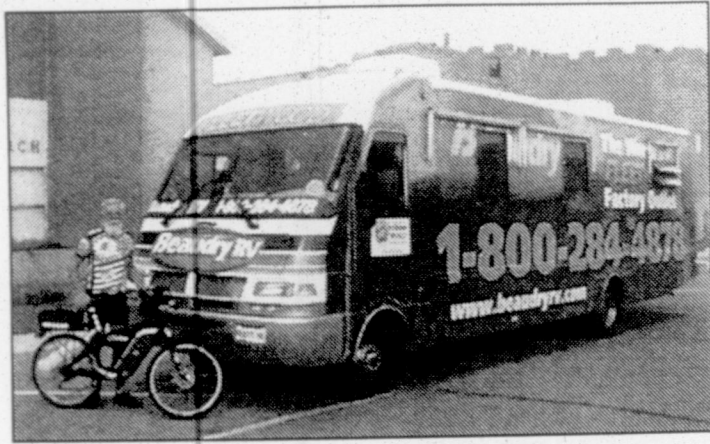


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Lacocca Bike Travels Route 66

A state-of-the-art E-bike, donated by Lee Lacocca, downtown Chicago at two o'clock in the morning on the last day of April. That is the time and date Kenn Kemper, weighing 237 pounds began his journey,

60 miles a day, six days a week, down Route 66.

Chaplain Kenn Kemper is a great-grandfather whose quest is to find true stories of people along Route 66. The stories will be written into a novel and movie based on a German family who travels up and down Route 66 through many generations. The true stories he is seeking will be events that happen and people this family meet on their journey.

Kemper's second quest is to teach people about Jesus. He has distributed 1000 New Testament Bibles and has had to order another case. He has also distributed that many of the most widely

viewed videos about Jesus every produced.

Kemper stopped in McLean last week, weighing 176 pounds. He gave a talk at the First Baptist Church. He spoke about a few of the

local folks and the stories they had shared with him. He also talked about stories he has already collected. Stories that have to do with such people as Gene Autry. He has been on the James Dobson radio show that goes to 1500-radio stations nation wide, just to mention one.

Kemper will end his journey in Santa Monica, California. The Lee Lacocca bike will be auctioned off. The money raised will go to a charity called Kids Across America.

If you have an interesting story to share, you can send it to U.S. Rt. 66.

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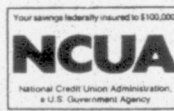


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Devil's Rope Museum

By Davie Gipson
In May there were 661 visitors from 38 states plus the District of Columbia. Of these 661 visitors, 101 were from 14 foreign countries.

The Community room was busy during the month of May. Jacquie Riley had very good attendance for her Drama Class Dinner Theater. The High School Sports Banquet was May 15 hosted by the Sports Booster Club. May 12, the Devil's Rope Museum hosted the spring meeting of the Northwest Texas Museum Association. There was a good turnout and the Red River Steak House catered lunch. Jerrie Hermesmeyer was honored with a birthday party May 20 and Maggie Ruth Johnston's

clan honored her with a two day party the 27th and 28th. About 110 of her descendants descended on her to wish her a very Happy Birthday.

The month finished with 40 people driving 20 antique and classic cars from California. That afternoon there were 36 people from Switzerland on

motorcycles. Everyone is looking forward to a busy month in June.



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Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

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Political Calendar
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Republican Party
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Stuart Messer

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31st Judicial District
Rick Roach

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Gary Robertson

Gray County
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McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
June 8 - Sam Houdyshell, Nora Milham.
June 9 - George Terry, Karen Brass Gordy.
June 10 - Rose Shank, Billy Corley, Chase Bohlar, Butch Lands, Shirley Armbrister, Dale Wall.
June 11 - Decie Mae Pool, Billy and Shawn Bybee (A).
June 12 - Lois Myers, Cary Don Smith, E.J. Windom, Jr., Ashley Comer.
June 13 - Margorie Jones.
June 14 - Ricky Kennedy, Cynthia Howard, Brandon Bradley.

Thomas completed Monday afternoon.
Jodie's children had moved their grandmother, Jodie's mother, Velma Kinard, 91, to Lubbock on April 15.
Jodie had worked for The McLean News approximately six years before retiring due to health reasons and to be better able to take care of her mother, Velma.
Jodie is preceded in death by her husband Dorman who died in February 1988. He was principal of McLean schools at the time of his unexpected death of a heart attack. He was a former White Deer High School Superintendent.

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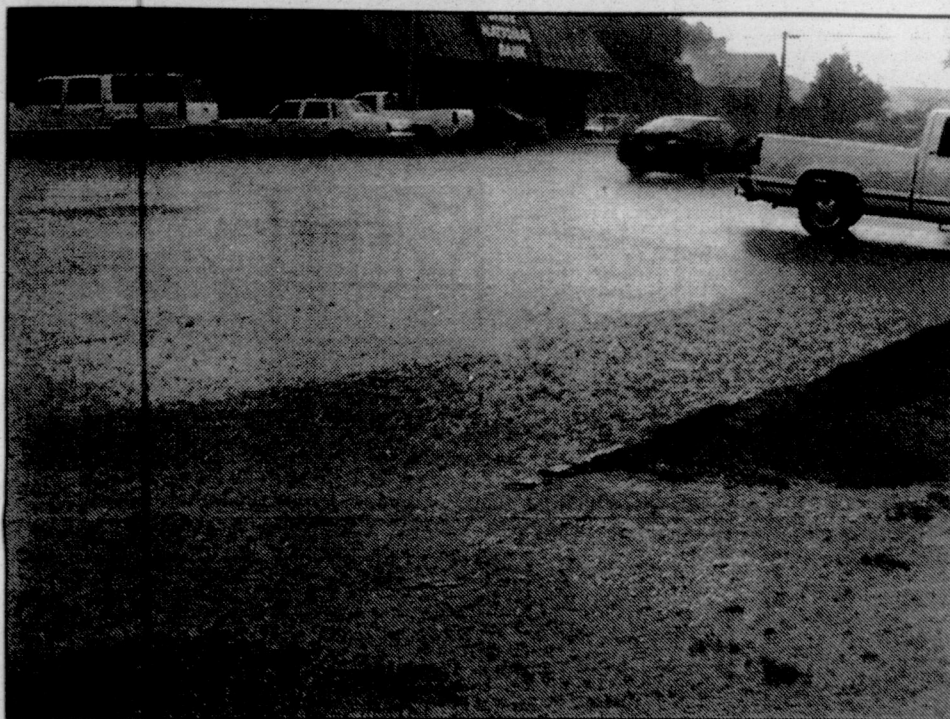
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Thursday, June 8, 2000

Skies Open Up Over Groom as Rain Amounts Reach Between 5 & 8 Inches



The bar ditches ran full, especially on main street. Getting to your car from local stores proved to be damp business. Several area streets looked more like rivers for a brief time on Thursday.

"And the rains came down and the floods came up..." goes a childhood Sunday School song. That was pretty much what happened last week when Groom and the whole area received

much needed rain. Friday, Groom proper received about 4" of rain after a thunder and lightning display brought about a prolonged down pour. Another inch was received overnight. It

left bar ditches, gutters and some streets deep in water.

"This rain was very much needed by area farmers," said Attebury Grain manager, Tony Treadwell. You could

call this a million dollar rain! While it is too late to help the wheat much it will help the fall crops a great deal."

More rain is expected for later in the week for the area.

Groom Ex-Student Directories Published

"It's here and it's awesome!" said the recent purchasers of the new Ex-Student Directory.

That's right, the new Ex-Student Directory is hot off the press and it is better than ever! The book contains names and addresses of all ex-students the committee could find, from 1921-2000, including students who did not graduate with their class due to the war, moving, etc.

"Looking through the pages is like a walk down memory lane," said one ex-student, "they have included so many wonderful pictures and

other tidbits it just makes a wonderful keepsake!"

Right now the book can be purchased from Doris Kuehler, Johnny Brumley, at the Grill or the State National Bank. Cost is only \$10, plus \$4 shipping and handling if you want it mailed to you. Proceeds go to pay for the publishing of the book.

All the work on the book, the typing, the gathering of names and addresses, the pictures and processing were donated.

Groom Economic Development Corporation

See Books, pg. 2

We Saw ...

Jessica Bates running errands for her grand dad Johnny Brumley.

Lewis Leven sprucing up the area around the water tower.

The roads blocked off near the school on 3rd, Collier, and on 2nd when the water was at flood level during recent rains.

Bill Musser visiting at the News Office and looking through their enormous box of pictures.

Karen Brown, Susan Brown and Carla Koetting heralding in the new Ex-Student Directories.

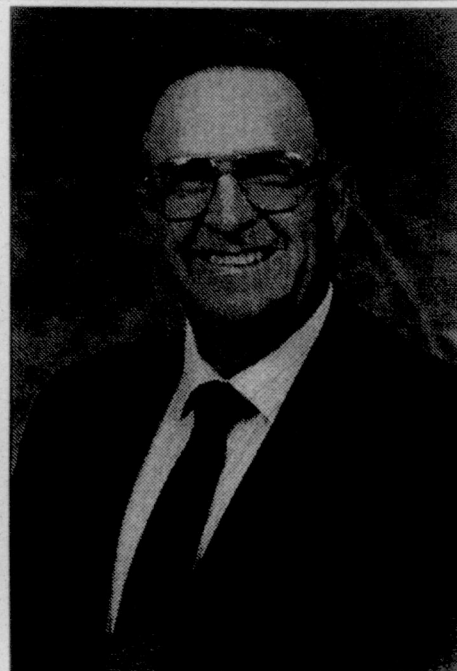
Kevin Noack nursing his tomato and pepper plants, during the hot weather prior to the rain.

Former resident Jay Lamb on an ambulance run to Baptist St. Anthony's.

Lots of folks attending the shower for Jeffrey Fields and bride-to-be Aimee Detton.

Sharolyn Kerlee out for an evening stroll with her two children.

Gary Davis moving a little slow after emergency surgery.



Greg Lamb Services Held Tuesday, June 6

Groom has lost one of her favorite sons with the death of former mayor Gregory Gene Lamb, 65, on Sunday, June 4, 2000.

Mr. Lamb was born in Jericho and graduated from Groom High School. In 1958, he received a degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

A past president of Groom Lions Club, not only did he serve as mayor, he served several terms as a city commissioner. He was a former member of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Groom Economic Development Council. He had been director and

president of the board of Groom Co-op and a member of Saddle Tramps and Phi Mu Alpha Music fraternity.

He served in the U.S. Navy.

A member of First Baptist Church in Groom, he served as deacon and music director.

He married Janetta Bruce in 1963 at Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Andrea Hooten of Little Rock, Ark.; a son, Jon Mark Beilue of Amarillo; two sisters, Laverne Roof of Phoenix and Virginia Trevathan of Durant, Okla.; three brothers. See Lamb, pg. 2

COMMUNITY CALENDER

THE GROOM NEWS office has numerous pictures that you have loaned us, please come get them.

ALPHA MU XI will meet this Friday on June 9 at the home of Barbara Homer at 7:30 pm. New members should arrive at 7:00 pm.

THE GROOM School Business Office will be open 8am to 4pm Mon. through Fri. during the month of June.

THE GROOM City Council will meet on June 13 at 8:00 p.m.

THE GROOM School Board will meet on June 13 at 8:00 p.m.

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Lamb

Muri Lamb of Leroy, Mich., Morris Lamb of Amarillo, and Stanley Lamb of Jericho; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys, of Oceanside, CA. Services were Tuesday, June 6, in First Baptist Church in Groom with the Revs. Byron Williamson and Bryan Richardson officiating. The family suggests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's and Life Enrichment Center; or First Baptist Church in Groom.

Local Happenings

Two Groom area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University. Those listed include Sarah Rebecca Hutsell, an Interdisciplinary Studies major, and Justin Ritter, a Computer Science major all from Groom. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

John Adam Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stephens was listed on the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the Spring 2000 semester. He is a junior majoring in Chemical Engr/Comp Science.

Joe and Barbara Homer recently returned from a trip to San Antonio where they were accompanied by their grandchildren Zach and Conner Homer of Dallas. While there they took in Sea World, the River Walk, the Zoo and the Alamo among other places.

Visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home Saturday were Louise and Bob Mulkey of Panhandle, Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Matthew Mulkey of Weatherford and Randy Brown of Fort Worth. Randy, a western song vocalist, had provided the entertainment the evening before at the annual Carson County Square House Museum auction and dinner.


Antonio (Tony) Rocha Jr., newly appointed D.P.S. trooper for the Groom area, with his wife and young son and daughter, moved to Groom from Childress this past weekend.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

June 8 - Mrs. Skeet Brown, Greg Lambert, David York, Jennifer and Ben Weinheimer (A).
 June 9 - Terry Eatmon, David Hinson, Bob Cornett, Bobby Howard, Ashley Murray.
 June 10 - Darrell Whatley, William Weinheimer, Chris Sumerall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinson, Jr. (A).
 June 11 - Mrs. Brent Stephens, Donna Bohr, Roxie Stapp, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Lewis (A).
 June 12 - Howell Lewis, Justin and Julie McGee (A).
 June 13 - Nicholas L. Kuehler, Megan Elizabeth Ruthardt.
 June 14 - Phylis Jackson, Eileen McConnell, Staci Kotara, Adela Kotara.

Marcia and Russell Conrad and Page Blackwell spent the Memorial weekend in Healdton, Oklahoma with Marie and Joey Reid and daughters, Logan and Rikki; Angie and Apollo Amphay also joined the family for a brief visit Sunday. The return trip home on Monday included lunch in Gainesville where Joe and Clona Blackney of Clarksville, Texas joined the group.

A surprise awaited Page when he returned home. His sister, Evelyn Payne of Grand Cane, LA. and two of her grandchildren, Bonnie and B T Rutledge of Henderson, Texas and Page's cousin and families, Gene and Betty Blackwell of Gold Beach, Or. their daughter, Chris and her three children, John, Halee, Baxley and Brandon of Denver, Co. had arrived, a day early. The families visited in Groom for several days.



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Visiting the Bill Musser home are Larry, Lisa, Jess, Becka, Michaela and Nate Raskens of Fort Worth (soon to be from Groom) and Robin, T. William and Rileigh Welch of Colleyville, Texas.

On The Sick List

Gary Davis
 Carson County Sheriff's Report
 There were three persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of May 29 through June 4, 2000. Currently there are 14 persons incarcerated and ten additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:
 Sharon D. Carswell (Lithonia, GA.), 37, Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ounces.
 Eudalio Baez (Fritch), 54, Assault Causing Bodily Injury (Domestic).
 Patrick A. Thompson (Pampa), 33, Assault on a Public Servant and Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd and Attempted Escape From Arrest and Criminal Mischief (Damage to property).

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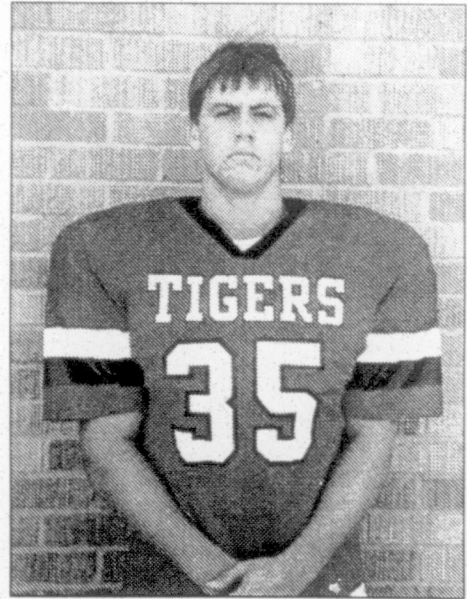
Kirsten Fraser Wins

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2001 on the Disney Channel. She plans on going to Orlando, Florida in July for another Model and Talent Search convention. In order to do this she has to earn her own money. Here she will be competing against the Top 35 pre-teen models in the U.S. There will be over 50 top agencies scouting at the search for models and actors.

You can see more about Kirsten at www.modelswest.com. Donations are accepted and appreciated at the State National Bank under Kirsten Fraser's name.

She is the granddaughter of R.J. and Honey Kempf and Cliff and Barbara Fraser of Groom.



Ollinger To Play In Greenbelt Bowl

Chris Ollinger has been selected to play in the 51st Greenbelt Bowl in Childress.

The high school All-Star game will feature the best football talent in West Texas with many participants still searching for college scholarships.

Ollinger will be playing for the north team which will be coached by Dave Dallas from Kansas Wesleyan. Chuck Lawrence of Navarro Junior College will coach the south

team. Claude will be sending two players Glen Stephenson and Ty Knox.

The Greenbelt Bowl also includes several off-field activities during the week. The queen's pageant will be held on Friday with the current Miss Texas Yancey Yarbrough as the mistress of ceremonies.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Childress Chamber of Commerce.

Grandview-Hopkins 6th Six Weeks Honor Roll

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Fifth Grade: Maggie Hopkins.

Sixth Grade: Abbi Aderholt.

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Second Grade: Hilary Acker, Evan Aderholt, Andi Hutto, Robert Ponce, Zachery Ponce.

Third Grade: Hannah Hopkins, Brodie Peters.

Fourth Grade: Ricky Davis, Taylor Smith, Johnny Ellen.

Fifth Grade: Haley Acker, Kenzie Clendennen, Shawn Johnson.

Sixth Grade: Chandon Wilson.

Special Effort:

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Ellison

Fifth Grade: Maggie

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Sandi Conrad Graduates

Sandi Conrad recently received her Associates Degree from Amarillo College in Science, General Studies. She is the daughter of Donnie and Marcia Conrad.

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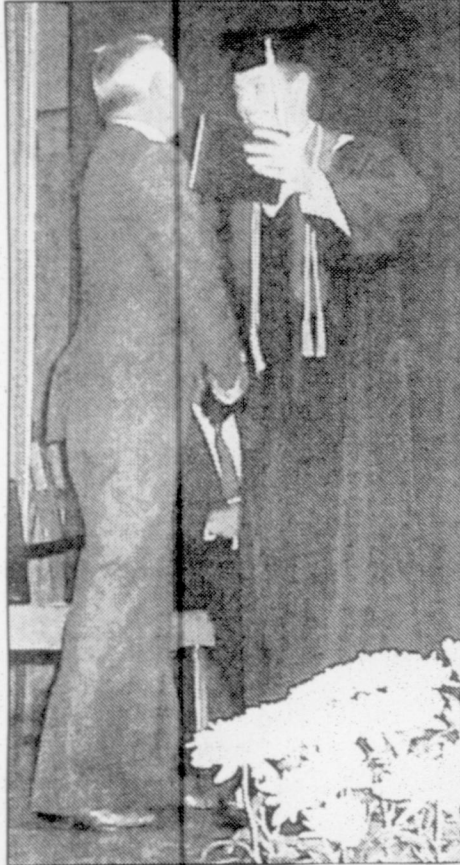
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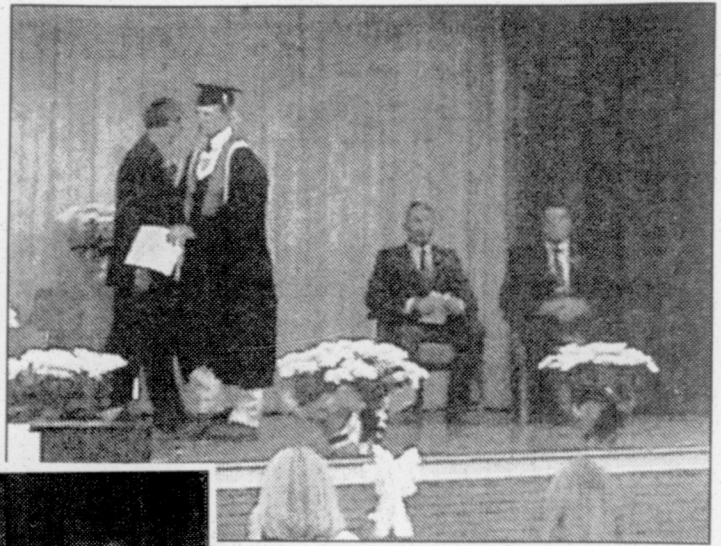
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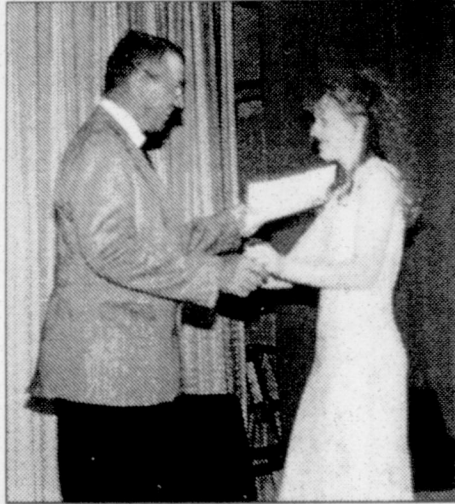
Dustin Babcock receives his diploma from his father, Board President, Denny Babcock.



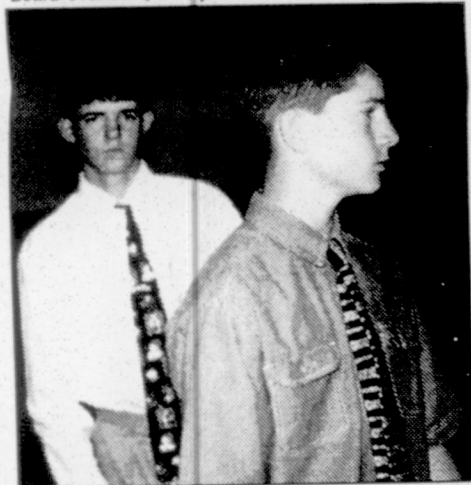
Kristi Barkley takes a deep breath before she starts down the aisle.



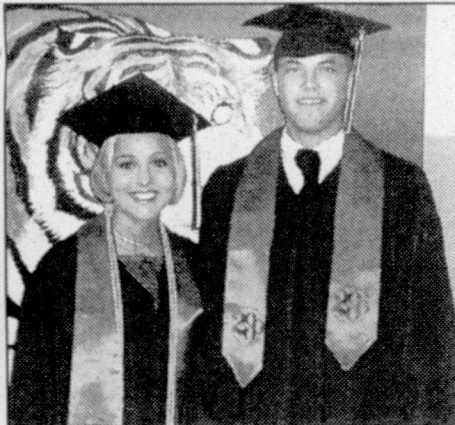
(Above) Honor student Josiah Scott wins a scholarship. (Left) 8th Grade grad, Lorri Britten receives her diploma from board member and dad, Tony Britten.



Evan Crowell is ready for this! (right) Joaenea Horn is all smiles.



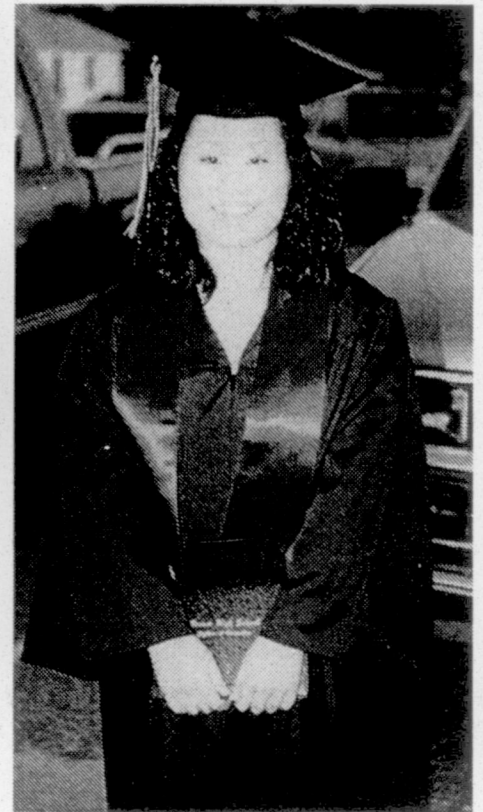
Calvin Schaffer and Bobby Ratteree take 8th Grade Graduation serious.



Groom School may be a lot quieter with the graduation of the lively Homen twins, Jodi and Justin.



Groom High School seniors play to a packed house. (Right) Yuka is very proud of her American diploma.





Angela Conrad Weds Apollo Amphay

Angela Conrad and Apollo Amphay were united in marriage Saturday, May 20, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Monsignor Raymond Crosier officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Donnie and Marcia Conrad. Grandparents of the bride are Louise Conrad and Page Blackwell.

Parents of the groom are Manivanh and Alex Nokeo Amphay. Grandmother of the groom is Khamxoa Amphay.

Maid of honor was Karen Conrad. Bridal attendants were Sandie Conrad, Amanda Conrad, Jennifer Lewis and Jennifer Beecher. Jessica Stapp registered guests.

Best man was Ray Tropez. Groomsmen were Rudy Gonzales, Rick Strong, John Amparano, and Russell Conrad.

Flower girl was Korina Otaka. Ring bearer was Kiensai Amphay.

Musicians for the ceremony included Leslie

Crowell, pianist and Evan Crowell, guitarist. Vocalists were Lauren Crowell and the bride, Angela, who sang "When You Say Nothing At All" prior to the ceremony. Additional music selections included "Music of My Heart," "The Parents' Prayer," "Friends," and "A Whole New World."

The wedding reception and dance was held at the American Legion Hall. Reception attendants were Marie Reid, Rebecca Vincent and April Burton.

The bride graduated from Groom High School and attends Amarillo College. She is employed as a photographer at Family Photo.

The groom is a graduate of Palo Duro High School and Texas State Technical College.

He is employed by Met Life, PCS.

Following a honeymoon to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will reside in Amarillo.



Thanks



The After Graduation Party was held May 26, 2000. The party began at 10:00 pm at the gym and the kids enjoyed volleyball. At 11:00 pm, buses took the kids to Amarillo Bowl where they bowled until 2:00 am. Pizza, chips, dips, brownies and soft drinks were served. Each student from Groom High School received a door prize. There were 56 students and 4 guests in attendance. I would like to thank Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Nila Burgin and Carole Fields for helping with the collecting of gifts from the merchants. Remember it is not too late to donate to the party. Anyone can contact me, Debbie Ollinger or put your deposit directly into the account of the After Graduation Party at the State National Bank in Groom. I would like to thank Randy Broome and Brenda Homen, Greg and Belinda Britten, Nila and Donald Burgin, Cindy and Gary Don Babcock, Kevin and Sharloyn Kerlee, Joe Homer, Marcia Conrad, and Kelvin Ollinger for taking the time to sponsor this party. A special thanks goes to the businesses and individuals listed below for their donations of money or gifts for the party.

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I would also like to thank everyone that baked a cake, bought a raffle ticket for a cake and also those that sold and bought tickets for the dinner for two. This is an important project every year and we could not do it without the support of the community.

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Graduates From Texas Tech University

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 2000 spring commencement exercises.

Graduating students included:

Melanie Friemel with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Management Info Systems, Finance. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. Melanie was also listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester, Management Info Systems. Her parents are Gary and Julie Friemel of Groom.

Stanley Homer with a Bachelor of Music degree, Music Performance. His parents are Joe and Barbara Homer of Groom.

Groom ISD Sixth 6 Week Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Fourth Grade: Chad Barkley, Matthew Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Thane Barkley, Karla Howard, Kecia Howard, James Reid.

Sixth Grade: Katy Britten, Malorie Homen, Carter Wilson.

Seventh Grade: Adam Britten.

Eighth Grade: Clay Britten, Joanea Horn, Carol Wilson.

Ninth Grade: Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

Tenth Grade: Garrett Britten, Candace Bohr.

Eleventh Grade: Brooke Britten, Michele Stephens, Marci Babcock, Claudia Neugebauer.

Twelfth Grade: Dustin Babcock, Evan Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Jodi Homen, Jessica Kepley, Josiah Scott, Lynsie Pool.

A-B Honor Roll
Fourth Grade: Thomas Head, Joe Luna, Whitney Evenson, Thomas Moraniec, Ashley Williamson.

Fifth Grade: Blaine Britten.

Sixth Grade: Sara Gibbard, Kelby Noack, Sharri Britten.

Seventh Grade: Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens.

Eighth Grade: Calvin Schaffer, Owen Weinheimer, Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Britteny Martin.

Ninth Grade: Cody Babcock, Staci Britten, Lainie Britten, Brett Britten, Stephany Fraser, Amanda Conrad, Brin Burgin.

Tenth Grade: Clay Ritter, Cody Bivens, William Pavlovsky, Krisanne Davis, Wyatt Britten, Staci Barnett, Karri Britten, Cassandra Ashford.

Eleventh Grade: Skye Brown, Macie Britten, Courtney Sustaie, Grant Weinheimer, Russell Conrad, Dwayne Gray, Brooke Britten.

Twelfth Grade: David Cockrell, Trisha Broadway, Dusty Crump, Wade Ritter, Kristi Barkley, Jessica Kepley, Carrie Davis, Lynsie Pool.

Travis Britten Graduates From Amarillo High With Honors



Travis Randal Britten received his diploma from Amarillo High School at graduation ceremonies held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at 2:00 P.M. Travis was ranked 48th out of 481 seniors at AHS, placing him in the top 10% of his class. Among the awards received during his Senior year include Academic Letter Award for having 90 or above average; English IV Departmental Award (selected by English department faculty for outstanding achievement, performance, and contributions); UIL Scholars (top 10% who participated in one or more UIL activities); President's Education Silver Award (average of 90 or above in all classes or scored 85% or higher on ACT or SAT tests); Academic Gold Medal awarded to all top 10%; Gold Honor Cord (overall average of 90 or above in all classes); and Perfect Attendance Award. Travis also attended the Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning (AACAL) where he received a Perfect Attendance Award and

Words Of Wisdom

The belief that youth is the happiest time of life is founded on a fallacy. The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts, and we grow happier as we grow older. (William Lyon Phelps)

was placed on the "A" Honor Roll upon completion of the Microsoft computer Operating Systems Course. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Ken Club (students with at least a 90 or above average who exhibits high qualities of scholastic service, leadership, character, and responsibility), "U" n "I" (students against drug and alcohol abuse). Travis played the tuba in the Golden Sandie Marching Band and was elected one of the elite 12 member leading crew who were responsible for all band equipment on all trips and football games. He played first chair baritone in the Sandie Concert Band that won first place at the Anaheim, California Heritage Festival. At the Band Banquet on May 26, 2000, Director Roger Edwards honored Travis with a plaque awarding him with the Most Improved Band Member out of over 250 who participated in band. Travis received the National Honor Society Scholarship and the Board of Regents Scholastic Excellence Scholarship from Amarillo College and the Residential Scholarship from West Texas A & M University. Travis is the son of Howard and Jan Britten and the grandson of Ray and Alice Britten and the late Ewell and Charline Ward.

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