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Reminder

CITY WIDE Garage Sale on Saturday, May 25.

MEMORIAL DAY Observance Centennial Celebration at the Hillcrest Cemetery on May 27, 2002 at 10:30 a.m.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
May 23 - Effie Lou Everett, Jimmy and Tammye Armbrister (A).
May 24 - Bob Hardin, Erin Martin, Don White.
May 25 - Earnest Foshee.
May 26 - Mary Frazier, Mike Story, J.T. Haynes, Billy Williams, Saber Bohlar.
May 27 - Jill Hefley, Grant Mann, Walter Handlin, Shelby Adams, Walter Staton III, Clyde Brown, Burwyn and Roylann Archer (A).
May 28 - John Bible, Russ Bockman.
May 29 - Jack Grigsby, Josh Seymour, James Armbrister.

CRAFTERS are needed to participate in the June 15 Centennial Celebration. For more information contact Mindy Reeves.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The month of May is a busy one for our school children. Here is a small calendar of some of the events coming up.
May 23-Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 a.m. at the High School.
May 24-Wonderland Park tip for AR.
May 26-Bacillar at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
May 27-No school.
May 28-Semester test.
May 29-2nd Grades Presentation of Books at 2:45 p.m.
May 30-8th Grades Graduation 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church.
May 31-High School Graduation at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Project Graduation Party.

Commencement To Be Held For Seniors, 8th Graders & Kindergarten

The McLean High School class of 2002 is preparing for graduation on Friday, May 31 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in McLean. This year there will be ten graduates. Randi Jo Riley is class Valedictorian, and runner up for Miss MHS. Nikki Jo Hefley is Salutatorian and was voted Most Beautiful and Miss MHS. Nikki is also class secretary. Chase Barnes is class president and was voted Most Handsome, Most Popular, Most Likely to Succeed and Mr. MHS. Bethany Rogers is class vice president and was voted Most Popular. Chris Reyna is class treasurer and voted Most Witty. Candice Barnes is a Student Council Representative and Chris Sparling is also a Student Council Representative.

Sarah Holland was voted most Courteous. The class is rounded out with Jacob Eddleman who is very creative enjoying the arts and Laura Thomason who is hard working and works at the Care Center.

Thacker Haynes will be bringing this years Baccalaureate Address on Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church and Project Graduation will be hosting an all night party following graduation.

The Kindergarten will hold their commencement exercises at 9:00 a.m. on May 23. Ten students will receive their diplomas.

The 8th Grade will graduation will be held on May 30th at 7:00 at the Methodist Church. Thirteen students will be completing their course of study.



Kindergarten Class of 2002- (Front) Shelby Adams, Hayley Burnett, Jordan McLain, Ethan Smith, Trae Hannon, and instructor Mrs. Sanders, (Back) Ian McMordie, Tristian Davis, Jacie Ketcherside, Oscar Rodriguez, Braxton Cooper. Not pictured was Jon Walker.



Eighth Graders of 2002- (Front) Keith Raines, Krista Smith, Thomas Glazener, Troy Jeffries, Zach Sanderson, (Back) Nicholas Odom, Manden Conklin, Connie Vega, Lindsey Ruiz, Kevin Smith, and instructor Mr. Simpson. Not pictured are Joshua Pendleton, Clinton Todd, Savannah Williamson.

City Tables Vehicle Use Policy, Discusses Drill Tests

The City Council of McLean met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2002, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, and Jim McDonald.
 Others present were Steve Bowlin, Toni Bohlar, Mindy Reeves, and Ruth Magee.
 Landfill Item-Steve Bowlin informed the council that a lot of junk had been hauled to the landfill during the clean-up week, but other than that no other activity had been done there.
 City Water Item-Steve had been in contact with

John Voller and Mr. Voller had been in contact with the company that would be doing the test drills sometime next week. Bob Martin asked about the progress being made on the outstanding violations that were received by T.N.R.C.C. on their last inspection. Steve explained that well meters had been ordered approximately three weeks ago and we were waiting for them to come in so that they could be installed. We were also waiting for a draft of a drought contingency plan to come in so that we can get that implemented. Steve would also be contacting T.N.R.C.C. this week to follow up on these things.
 Sewer Plant Item-The engineers are in the

process of doing a study of that issue and they will reply to the T.N.R.C.C. before the deadline.

City Vehicle Use Policy-Steve Bowlin presented the council with a proposed policy. After some discussion it was decided to table this issue until next month so that Steve could amend this policy to read that no unauthorized riders should be in the vehicle.

Employee Health Insurance-Toni Bohlar explained that the rates had gone up considerably and that there was an option with this company to go with a higher deductible and a higher co-pay if the council chose to do so. The council decided to stay with the insurance as is. See City, pg. 10

Oldtimers To Register At Museum

Registration forms will be available at the main street McLean/Alanreed Area Museum from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all current and former long-time area residents. To be eligible for the free catered meal each registrant will receive an official ribbon marker.

If you are accompanying a registrant but are not an old timer you may purchase a meal ticket at the time of registry.

The newly-reddecorated museum features several seating areas for visiting as well as tables and chairs on the sidewalk.

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Centennial Historical Notes

Construction started on the McLean POW Camp Sept. 9, 1942. The camp prepared to receive prisoners on July 19, 1943. The first prisoners arrived on July 26, and by Sept. 19, the camp held over 3,000 of Rommel's German "Afrika Korps" from North Africa. The camp closed July 1, 1945.

Support & attend Centennial activities

OLD TIMERS

outside for comfort during the parade. The Senior Citizens Center three doors south will be open to the visitors. All three gathering places have air-conditioning.

Recognition plaques will be given at the noon luncheon for oldest resident, milage traveled, longest married couple, and other awards chosen by the museum committee. We urge all citizens to come to the gathering to see old friends, be videoed with friends and family, and see the exciting new exhibits on the POW Camp, The Alfred Rowe/Titanic display, and the many enlarged photographs of early-day McLean and Alanreed. A special table will be set up at each museum featuring new local information books and authors will be available for autographs.

We especially urge all visitors to bring their family genealogy, family stories, and early-day photographs to add to the extensive museum files on local and former residents. Watch for other information about this part of the Centennial Celebration.



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Summer Help-Steve asked the council's permission to hire at least one more person this summer to help do the mowing, trimming, etc. The council agreed to his request.

Ruth Magee-Mrs. Magee came before the council to explain that the Alanreed-McLean Historical Museum had plans to put murals around the top of the inside of the building and they would like the City to consider having one painted depicting McLean in its earlier years. The council thought it was a good idea and voted to have the mural done.

A motion was passed to pay all bills.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cash Carpenter Graduates



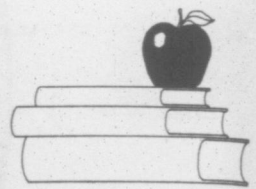
Cynthia Glass and Candi Carpenter Henry traveled to New Orleans on May 17 to attend Cash Carpenter's Graduation from the University of New

Orleans with his Masters Degree in Fine Arts (Drama and Communication) with Directing as his specialty. Cash did his thesis directing a play written by Rebecca Basham titled, "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Will Make You Free). The play won its district competition moving on to regionals where the pay did not advance, but Cash won "Best Director." The prize for winning was a trip to Washington, D.C. to the Kennedy Center to direct and attend numerous workshops.

At the Fine Arts Award Banquet on May 10, 2002, Cash and the play swept the honors

receiving Best Play, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Designer and Best Lighting.

Cindy, Candy and Cash toured the New Orleans sights taking in the French Quarter, French Market, Plantation Alley and a swamp tour.



Study Club Ends Year

The Pioneer Study Club met for the last meeting of the season, at the Red River Steak House on May 16, 2002.

The meeting was brought to order by Ruth Trew.

Nama Webb presented a rose to Ruth Trew in appreciation for her faithful service as president of the club.

Ruth Trew presented gifts to the Study Club officers.

There was some discussion of a meeting

place for the first meeting in September.

Those enjoying a meal at Red River Steak House were: Mary Dwyer, Ticie Taylor, Mindy Reeves, Ruth Trew, Lynn Reeves, Jerry Corbin, Mickey Jackson, Zeld McClellan, Mary Emma Woods, Mary Lou Glass, Barbara Bodie, Wanda Lamb, Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Ella Mae Reyna, Beverly Odom, Nama Webb, and Pat Stubbs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage Bill Reeves to continue his meddling and reporting on local politics.

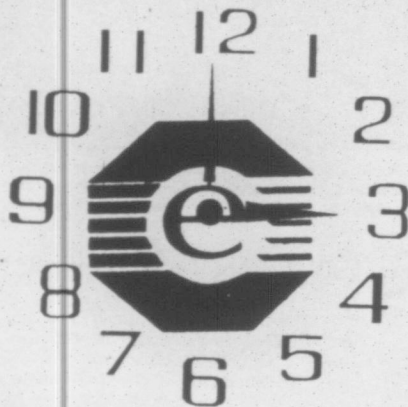
Mr. Reeves spoke of credentials in his letter in the May 16 edition of the McLean News. I have noticed that in politics at any level, credentials and common sense are checked at the door. For instance, how could a school board or city council have a meeting that lasts only one or two hours? There is more to being an elected official than being a yes person, voting to pay all bills, hiding in executive session a few minutes, adjourning, and going home.

People like you, Mr. Reeves aren't welcome at these meetings. If this were China, you would be in jail.

Brad Dalton

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Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
Sunday Evening 7:00
Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15


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

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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McLean

2002 Seniors

Where I was born
and where and how I have lived
is unimportant.
It is what I have done with
where I have been
that should be of interest.
-- GEORGE ORSON

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Nikki Hefley Wins \$1500 Agriculture Scholarship



The Senior Class
of
McLean High School
announces its
Commencement Exercises
Friday evening, May thirty-first
Two Thousand Two
at eight o'clock
First Baptist Church
Baccalaureate
Sunday evening, May twenty-sixth
at eight o'clock
First Baptist Church



Nikki Hefley of McLean, Texas, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the fourth annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program. Hefley is one of one hundred high school seniors from across the United States that received this award due in part to their outstanding commitment to the field of agriculture. Hefley is expected to attend Texas Tech

University (TX) in the fall. The Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program was open to high school seniors from all 50 states and was offered by Monsanto in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. This year's award recipients were chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders. "Providing scholarships to help students with farming backgrounds prepare for careers in agriculture will help ensure the future of U.S. agriculture as a growth industry," said Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. "Most young people who grow up on farms already hold a deep commitment to agriculture, and these scholarships will provide them an added boost so they can ultimately give something back to their agricultural heritage."

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Randi Jo Riley

McLean High School
Validictorian
Class of 2002

Randi Jo Riley has a bright future ahead as she plans to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University to major in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation. Her life in McLean has prepared her to meet this challenge. She is the daughter of Jo and Jacque Riley and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Randi attributes much of her success to her parents. "My parents have truly been a great influence through my life. They supported me in everything I participated in and we made it through the tough times together. I'm very grateful for all they have done for me and wish the very best for the next year."

Randi had played basketball for 4 years as a forward. She was named Best Offensive Player and Most Outstanding Female Athlete as a junior. She was co-captain her junior and senior year and was named Honorable Mention All-District. In track, Randi ran on the mile relay team and qualified for Area.

She excelled at tennis, in which she played in the singles competition. She was named MVP a sophomore, and junior. She qualified for the Regional Meet as a senior.

Randi was active as a leader in McLean High School. She was a member of the choir for 2 years. She was a member of the Student Council for 4 years, serving as secretary as a sophomore and junior and president as a senior. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years. She was secretary as a junior and

See Randi, pg. 14

Taylor Mart

Nikki Jo Hefley is planning to attend Texas Tech University to major in Animal Science. She had earned The Gerald Tate Memorial Scholarship of \$100 and the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship of \$1500. She is the daughter of James and Charlotte Hefley and is a lifelong student of McLean ISD. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of McLean.

Active in sports, Nikki had played 4 years of basketball as a point guard. She was named Most Improved Player in 2000, Best Defensive Player in 2000, and MVP in 2001. She was named to the All-District Team in 2001, Honorable Mention All-District in 2002 and was a member of the Academic All-State Team in 2002. In track, she competed in the 1600 meter relay and advanced to the Area Meet. She competed in golf for 4 years and was District Runner Up in 2000 and 2001. She was District Champion in 2002 and advanced to Regionals all three years.

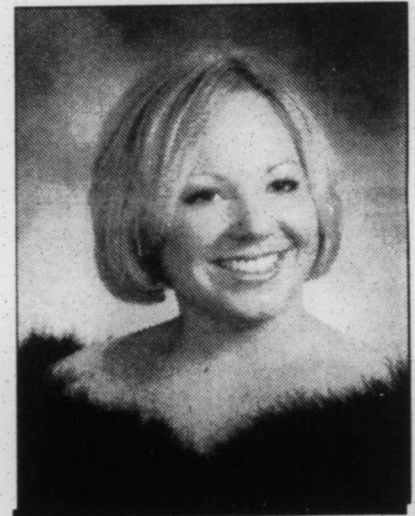
Nikki has served her fellow students as a member of the Student Council for 4 years. She was treasurer as a junior and vice president as a senior. She was a member of FFA for 3 years. She held the office of treasurer as a junior and served as reporter as a senior. She was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" all 4 years and an All-American Scholar 4 years as well as being named to the National Honor Roll.

She was crowned Homecoming Queen in 2001 and Miss MHS in 2002. She

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Nikki Jo Hefley

McLean High School
Salutatorian
Class of 2002



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Candice Leshay Barnes



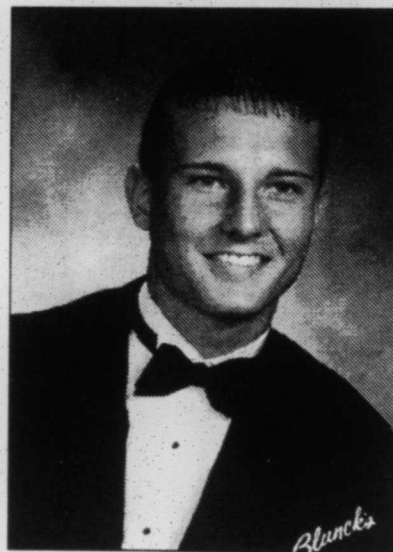
Candice Leshay Barnes is a member of the First Baptist Church of McLean and is the daughter of Robbie Barnes. Candice moved to McLean at the end of her sophomore year. She plans to attend Clarendon College for a year, then Amarillo College. She would like to teach art.

She is a member of the Student Council. Candice served on the yearbook staff for a year and a half. Before coming to McLean she was a member of the Art Club in Carthage.



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Chase Christopher Barnes



Chase Christopher Barnes is the son of Robbie Barnes. He attended school in Carthage until the end of his sophomore years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in McLean.

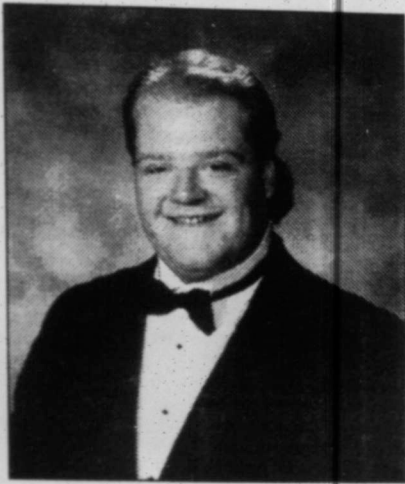
Chase plans to attend Lee College in Baytown, Texas for 2 years and then transfer to Southwestern or WTA&M University to get a degree in Pharmacy.

He has been very active in student life at MHS. He was voted Mr. MHS, Most Popular, Most Handsome, Most Likely To Succeed and was the President of his senior class. He was a member of the Student Council for 2 years. Chase was named DAR Good Citizen. He was also named

See Chase, pg. 14

McLean Home Health

Jacob E. Eddleman



Jacob L. Eddleman is the son of Linda Ruiz. He plans to attend Clarendon College, majoring in Computer Technology. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

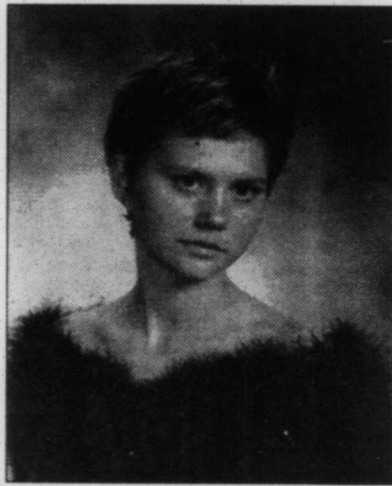
He played basketball for 2 years as a post. Jacob also played 2 years of track. He was a member of the golf team for 3 years and earned 3rd place.

Jacob is very artistic and enjoys playing his guitar and drawing cartoons. He has a great sense of humor.

"The most influential person in my life has been my grandmother. She had helped me through difficult times and tried to guide me in the right direction," stated Jacob.

Puckett's Grocery

Sarah Holland



Sarah Michele Holland is the daughter of John and Freda Holland and plans to attend Clarendon College this fall.

Two people have made a special difference on Sarah's development.

"There are two people who have had huge influence on my life," she commented. "First there is Richard Balke. He was the director at Children's Rehabilitation Center in Amarillo where I went for therapy from the time I was one year old until he died earlier this year. Mr. Balke taught me to fall, to walk, and to never give up. He always told me that I was special because God doesn't make junk. He

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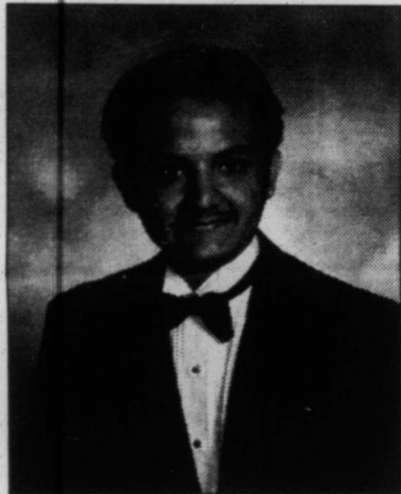
Christopher Peter Reyna

When things get tough for Christopher Peter Reyna he just thinks about his philosophy. "Life is a garden, Dig It!" Which means to him that when things are tough just get through and keep on. He came to McLean from Johnson Jr. High in 1998. He is the son of Jim and Ella Mae Reyna. His future plans include joining the Air Force.

Chris was active in sports before coming to McLean. He played soccer, competed on the wrestling team and was a member of the swim team in his former home of Cheyenne Wyoming.

Chris served his class as vice president as a

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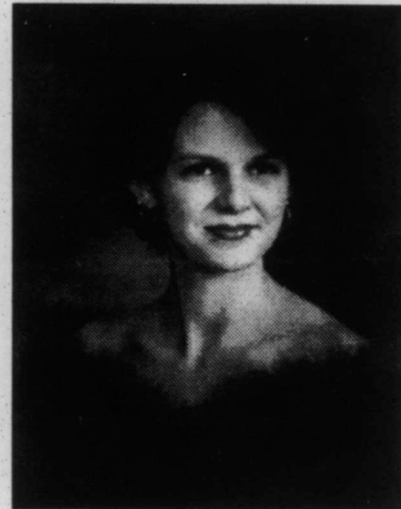
Bethany Crystal Rogers

Bethany Crystal Rogers is the daughter of Kenneth and Wanda Fournier. She transferred to McLean in 1998. Her future plans are to attend Clarendon College where she will seek a degree in Office Technology. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of McLean. She competed in tennis for 1 year.

Bethany served as a member of the Yearbook staff for 2 years. She was elected as vice president of the senior class. She served on the Student Council for 1 year. She was crowned Harvest Queen her senior year. She was also voted Most Popular as a senior.

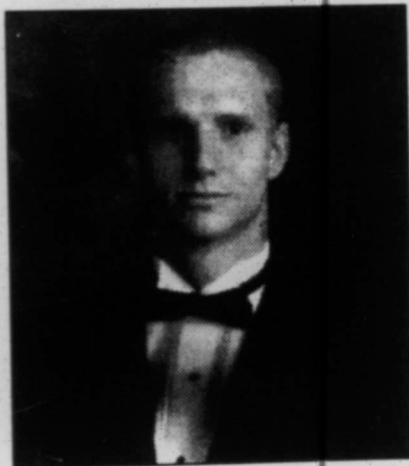
Bethany competed in UIL for 3 years. She placed

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Chris Sparling



Christopher Lee Sparling hopes that when his friends and classmates look back on their days at McLean High School he hopes that they will remember that him as a good friend that always tried his hardest to make things right.

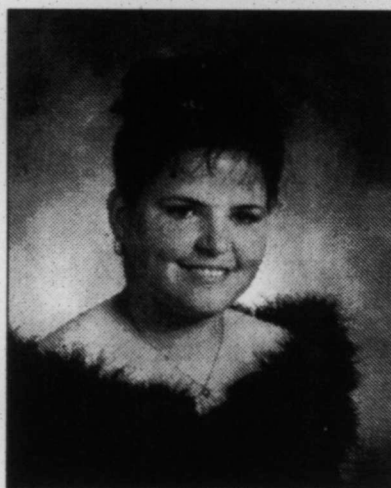
He is the son of Frank and Rhonda Sparling and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and Judgement House. Chris plans to attend Clarendon College in the fall.

Chris has been active in sports at MHS. He competed 4 years in football, serving his team as a quarterback, safety, kicker and linebacker. He was named Most Valuable

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McLean Feedyard

Laura Frances Thomason



Laura Frances Thomason is the daughter of Butch and Betty Heathington. She came to McLean from Borger High School in 2000. She is a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Laura plans to attend Frank Phillips College to become a LVN. She competed in UIL Science for 1 year.

"The person who has had the most influence on my life is my Granny and PaPa," she said. "They have taught me never to give up on anyone."

She played two years of tennis. She was a member of FFA for two years, Pep Club 2 years, the school newspaper for 1 year and a member of the Yearbook

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McLean Nursing Center

Christopher R.
sophomore. He was also treasurer of his senior class. He was also in UIL drama. Chris was voted "Most Witty" and is a member of the Church of Christ.

Two people have had a great influence on his life. They are a contrast in personalities themselves. The are Jim Morrison and his dad.

"Most people talk bad about Jim Morrison, but if you can see through all the craziness you can see his unique look on life! But my dad has been the greatest inspiration in my life. He has taught me humility, honesty and modesty. He keeps going no matter the obstacle even when times got hard.

Chris said that he hoped his class mates would remember him as one who thought for himself. He enjoys reading, writing, hackey sack, and sleeping when he is not busy at school.

Chase
to "Who's Who Among American High School Students". When he has time off from school he works at the Darsey Ranch in Alanreed.

Bethany
1st in Literary Criticism twice and 1st as a member of the Literary Criticism Team.

When she is not busy with school and her home life she works at the Country Corner Texaco.

Christopher S.
Player and Most Improved Punter.

In basketball, Chris played the point guard, post and wing positions. He was awarded MVP, MIP and the Six Man Award for his efforts.

In track, Chris ran the 800 meter run and the 400 meter relay, qualifying for the Area meet in both events.

Chris was a member of FFA for 1 year, and served on the Student Council as a class representative for 2 years. In 2001, he was runner up in the Mr. MHS contest. When he is not enjoying spending time playing basketball and football with his friends he works for Gerald Johnston.

"The most influential person in my life would have to be my mom," he commented. "She has been there through the good and bad times."

Sarah
always encouraged me and my family and helped me believe in myself. I miss him a lot. Then, there is Myrtle Billingsley. she was a good teacher and has been one of the best friend I have ever had. Mrs. B helped me learn to laugh at hard times and she has always kept my secrets. I love her!"

Sarah was voted Most Courteous in 2002 and was awarded the "M" Award in Writing. When she has spare time she enjoys drawing,

swimming and watching movies.

Her motto is the one she learned from her mentor, Mr. Balke.

"I know I'm special cause god doesn't make junk. It has really been helpful to think about when I have been down spiritually, physically and emotionally through my life. Knowing that God loves me just the way I am is a great thing."

Laura
staff for 2 years. She was named an All American Scholar and was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Her philosophy gets her through difficult times. "Follow your dreams even though there may be a storm cloud, the sun will shine on you. I look to the future."

Randi
president as a senior. As a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 4 years, she served as vice president as a freshman and sophomore and was president as a junior and senior. Randi was 1st runner up in the Miss McLean contest as a senior. She was a homecoming queen nominee as a sophomore and a senior and received the All-American Cheerleader Award.

In Academics, she

competed in UIL Literary Criticism for 2 years and was a Regional qualifier as a junior. She was named to the All Star Cast as a junior and senior in One Act Play.

Randi was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and was an All-American Scholar. She works as a lifeguard at Panfork Church Camp during the summer.

Nikki
was also voted Most Beautiful. When she is not busy in school she enjoys basketball, golf and riding horses.

Editorial

By Ella Mae Reyna
To the McLean School Board Members:

Because of the financial situation of the McLean Schools, we must make some drastic cuts. The School Board is getting ready to make some tough financial decisions. Before you make those decisions, I would like you to consider some things.

I was told that the method that the School Board obtains its information is through the Superintendent and that he obtains his information from the two principals who in turn get information from the teachers. While those sources are valuable, other sources should be considered, too.

I spend a lot of time at the schools. I see how things go from day to day. Since I am not a teacher or administrator, I believe I can add a unique perspective to the situation. I see a group of very hard-working and caring individuals who regardless of the difficult situations do as good a job as anyone could ask. Each one goes above and beyond the call of duty from the custodial staff up to the principals. Almost every staff member helps in more than one area. The elementary school secretary works in the cafeteria and acts as a nurse when needed. The custodians drive busses

and pulls cafeteria duty. The teachers often move from class to class helping one another so that the children who need special help receive

it and so that they can have a music class. The librarian works in the cafeteria, teaches computers and opens the library every Monday night so that the children will be successful in reading. The principal goes from class to class making sure everything is operating smoothly and that everyone has what they need. He carefully watches who is coming in and out of the building and also teaches classes to free up teachers to do all the little extra things that need to be done.

Last year, we had several teachers leave the elementary that were not replaced. This year, we have two more leaving who will not be replaced. The teachers are shuffled around to fill the gaps and we will lose the Reading Recovery Program. This program has helped so many children in the past.

The High School, like the Grade School is overworked and understaffed. It has gotten to the point that almost the only elective left is helping as a student aid. The teachers in the High School are dedicated to their students and give them an excellent education. We have a very low drop-out rate. I believe that this is due to an aware staff that stays on top of things and are there for the kids. Principal Herring is a great asset to the school. He does everything he can to help the students succeed. I personally know of several students who would not have graduated if it hadn't been for him.

Like Mr. Crockett, he is known to go to the students' homes when they miss class to make sure that they don't drop-out. Both men have helped students who have faced personal tragedy and depression. Their dedication is

unquestionable. The High School needs Blaz Herring and the Grade School needs Dick Crockett. Both men have helped my family many times.

I believe a good example of the teachers' dedication to their students was exhibited by Misty Hannon when she visited the homes of each of her students when one was killed.

There is a reason that McLean ISD has had an exemplary school for the past three years and we score so high on the TAAS tests. It is the staff.

I am asking you in the little bit of time we have left in this school year to visit the schools every day. Spend a lot of time there. Watch the children. See how they are taught. After all, they are what this is all about. Next year, spend more time at the schools, volunteer to help with the reading, help in the cafeteria, visit each class. Some of you I have never seen at a PTA meeting, but every teacher is there for every meeting, even when they live out of town. When you make your decisions in which areas to cut, make the best decision...an informed one.

Suggestions: 1) Stop financing student trips except for gas and transportation. The students can hold fundraisers. 2) Turn the air conditioners on to 80 degrees and the heaters to 70 degrees. 3) Fix the computers and sell the surplus ones since they are not used and some are not in working condition. 4) Use the assets we have and make do with what we have. 5) Have an open town meeting where the whole community can brainstorm. Someone in the community may have an idea that you haven't thought of. 5) Use volunteers from the community to help assist where we are lacking in the Reading Recovery Program.

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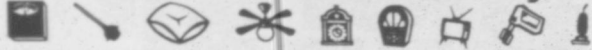
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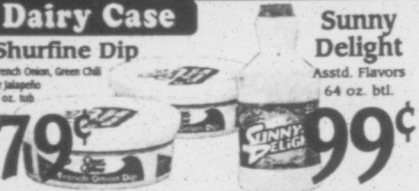
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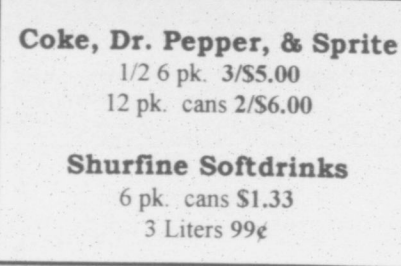


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EMS Week: May 19-25, 2002

GROOM MAJOR
League will play Claude Rangers at 8:00 p.m. in Claude on May 23. They will play Claude Rockets on May 27 at Groom at 6:00 p.m.

WATCH NEXT
week's paper for highlights of the Athletic Banquet and the Awards Assembly.

GRADUATION will be held at 6:00 p.m. for Eighth Graders and at 8:00 p.m. for the Seniors.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 23 - Charles A. Britten, Ray C. Britten, Courtney Head, Christy Painter, Julie McGee.

May 24 - Jayden Lambert, Dale Brooks, Elizabeth Vega.

May 25 - Sharlene Lewis.

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

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

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

May 29 - Essie Cooper-Knowles, Donna Burton, Julie Richardson, Tony & Mari Treadwell (A), Jim & Donna Burton (A), Brice and Jeannie Ruthardt (A).

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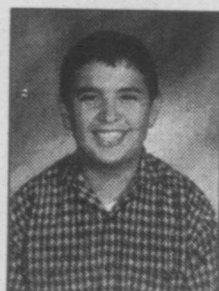


Sharri Britten

Graduation Services To Be Held Friday



Frank Leven



Javier Caro



Daniel Thompson



Malorie Homen



Gailynn Drewery

Thirteen seniors and ten eighth graders will graduate during commencement services Friday night.

The Eighth Grade services are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Top students will be announced during the service. Members of the Eighth Grade Class of 2002 are: Katy

Britten, Sharri Britten, Javier Caro, Gailynn Drewery, Malorie Homen, Brandon Jenkins, Frank Levin, Kelby Noack, Jan Ratteree, and Daniel

Thompson. Services for the Senior Class of 2002 are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Garrett Britten was named Valedictorian with a GPA of 99.920. Candace Bohr was named

Salutatorian with a GPA of 97.128. Of the 13 students, 11 will graduate with honors. Graduating

on Friday are Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Cody Bivens, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Karri Britten, Trey Britten, Wyatt Britten, Dennis Cockrell, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Clay Ritter, and Hugh Weinheimer.



Class of 2002 as Kindergartners- (Front) Staci Martinez, Karri Britten, Melissa Drannon, Nichole Barnett, Krisanne Davis, Kayla James, (second row) Hugh Weinheimer, Ross Brooks, Cassie Ashford, Jennifer Robertson, Garrett Britten, Brant McElroy, (back) Mrs. Hutsell, Cody Bivens, Anthony Ratteree, Luke Pavlovsky, Wyatt Britten, Trey Britten, and Mrs. Payton.

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Local Happenings

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BRITTEN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

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Board Hires Toby Tucker For Girls Basketball & Special Ed Teacher

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in special session on May 16, 2002 in the Groom School Auditorium.

The following members were present: Clifton Britten, Tony Britten, Tim Case, Mike Friemel and Ron Kuehler. Superintendent Kevin Noack was also in attendance. Guests present were Curtis Downs, Donna Burton, Ellis Stapp, and Stephanie and Toby Tucker.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

Cliff Britten dispensed with the minutes of the previous meeting.

The board went into closed session as per 551.074 at 8:05 p.m. The board came out of the closed session at 8:43 p.m.

Tony Britten moved and Ron Kuehler seconded to offer Toby Tucker a one year probationary contract for Special Ed and girls coaching, at a salary of \$33,160.00 plus housing. The decision was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned.

Great America Clean Up Ends In Success

Mother nature provided a good day Saturday, May 11 for 47 hard working and dedicated volunteers. The day was filled with numerous activities from washing windows, painting, mowing, trimming, flower planting and picking up litter.

This particular event was in accordance with the "Great American Clean-Up" in and around Groom. The hard work of each person most definitely had its impact.

Groom is and continues to be the cleanest town in Texas! The volunteers were treated to lunch at the Dairy Queen by our three year sponsor, The State National Bank. Also sponsoring the clean-up with drinks were the Stop N Shop and the

Dairy Queen, both of which have been generous over the past three years.

At the end of the day a drawing for prizes was held. Amy Williams (Brown) coordinated the prizes that were donated by many Amarillo businesses and the Groom News. A total of 25 prizes were given out.

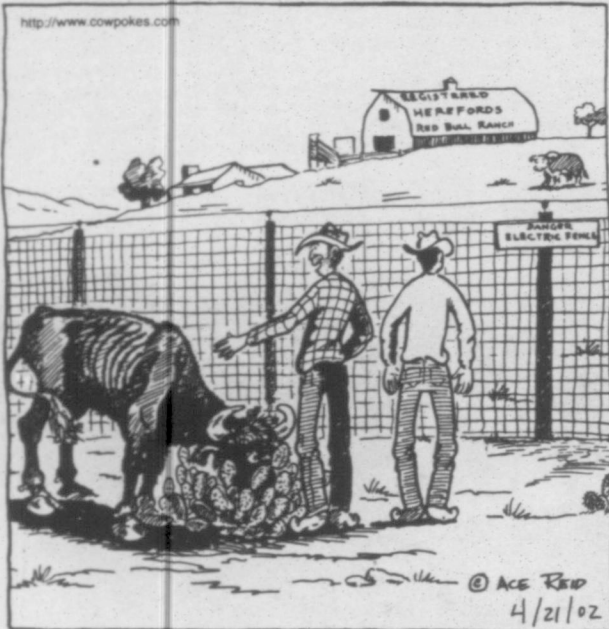
A job well done goes out to the following volunteers: Buddy and Charlene Weller, Bill Homer, Tiffani Kling, Barbara Homer, Tonda, Eric, and Jacob Torres, Hop, Jan, and Katy Britten, Kenny, Christy, Kelton, and Kendall Weller, Chris, Robin, Rileigh, and Trenton Welch, Kathleen, Chance, and Thane Barkley,

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Representing Groom at Monsignor Kevin Hand's 50th Celebration into the priesthood was Art Britten, Bill and Georgann Hinson, Bill and Norma Jean Homer, Phil Miller, Pam Ashford, Melvin Wills, Robert and Alice Kuehler, and Ray and Alice Britten among the few. Father Dee was also in attendance.

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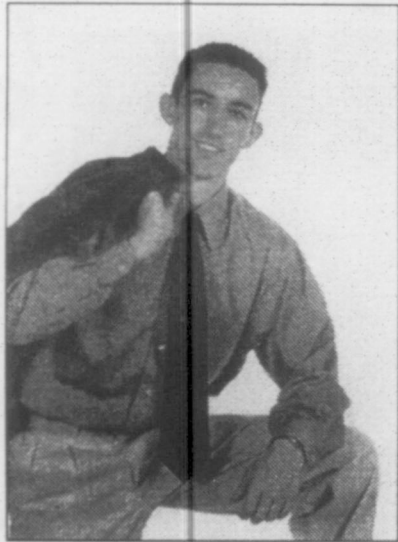
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Garrett Arthur Britten

"Enter through the narrow gate,
for wide is the gate and broad is
the road that leads to destruction,
and many enter through it."

Matthew 7:13

*Garrett Britten,
2002 Valedictorian*

Garrett Arthur Britten is the son of Clifton and Susan Britten and is the Class of 2002's Valedictorian with a grade point average 99.90.

Garrett is a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, majoring in Computer Science. He is the recipient of the Army ROTC Scholarship at Notre Dame and the Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Pampa Chapter. He is the recipient of the Principal's Leadership Award and a Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee. Garrett was named a UIL Scholar and earned the President's Education Award.

Garrett was named "Good Citizen of the Month for March by the Student Council. He

also served as president of that organization as a senior. He was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Garrett was named Homecoming King in 2001.

Competing in UIL, Garrett placed 3rd at State in News Writing after winning the Regional Meet. He also was a Regional Qualifier in Ready Writing for 3 years and Editorial Writing for 2 years. He earned "G" Awards in Dual Credit English IV, Spanish III, Economics, PreCalculus and Physics.

Garrett was a member of and played the alto sax.

Excelling in Sports, he played football, basketball and ran track all four years of high school. In football, he was a running back and a safety. He was named All-District Safety and Running Back. He was named to Academic All-State. He was named MVP for Football

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Groom Flying Service

Candace has been active in many aspects of life at GHS. She excelled in sports competing in basketball, track and tennis. In basketball, she was a post and forward. She was named to the All-District Team all four years. She was also named to the All-Region team for 2 years, the All-State team for 1 year. She was named District MVP and was named Academic All-District 4 years and Academic All-State for 2 years. She was named GHS MVP in 2001 and 2002.

Competing in track, Candace has competed in high jump, the 400 meter run, 800 meter relay, pole vault and the 1600 meter relay. She qualified for Regional in the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay in 2000. In 2001, she qualified for Regional in the 400 meter relay, the 800 meter relay, the 1600 meter relay, and the high jump. In 2002, she qualified for the 400 meter relay, the 800 meter relay, the 1600 meter relay, the high jump and the pole vault. She was an Area champ in the pole vault in 2002. She was named Fighting Tigerette in 2001 and 2002.

Candace has been a leader in citizenship and other parts of her high school career. She served on the Student Council for 2 years as a class representative. She was named Citizen of the Month for February. She was also selected as DAR Good Citizen for 2002.

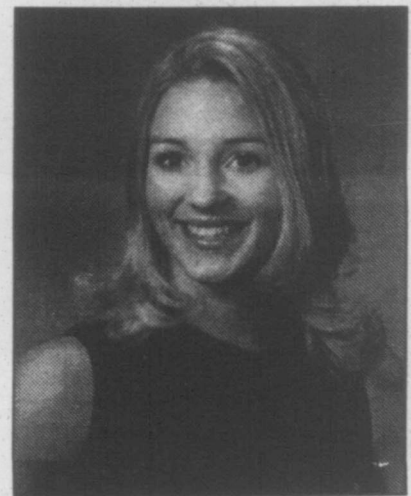
Candace is a member of The National Honor Society and served as secretary. She is also vice president of the senior class.

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Candace Dawn Bohr

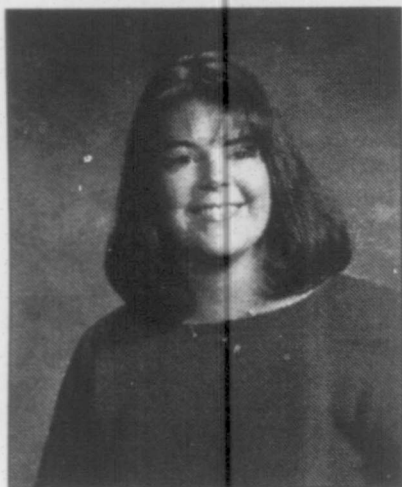


*Candace Bohr
2002 Salutatorian*



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Cassandra Dee Ashford



Cassandra Dee Ashford is the daughter of Jerry and Pam Ashford. She is an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where she has been a member of the Church Choir for 12 years and attended CCD classes for 11 years.

"I would have to say that my parents has had the greatest impact on my life," she commented. "For the past 18 years they have supported me in everything I have participated in. They have continually pushed me to be the best I can be and to try to excel at whatever activity I take part in. For all of this, I wish to say thank you to them and to also say...I love you both."

Cassie has a very bright future ahead. She plans to attend Amarillo College in the

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Mom, Dad, Nick, Tami & K'Leigh

Staci Nichole Barnett



Staci Nichole Barnett is the daughter of Donna Barnett of Groom and Jackie Barnett of Fort Worth. She plans to attend West Texas A & M University to become a Pharmacist. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

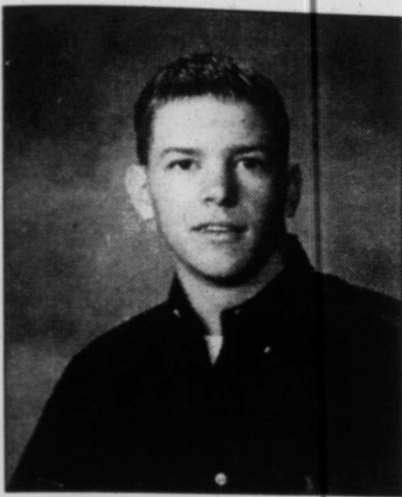
Nichole has been very active in many aspects of life at GHS. She has played basketball for 4 years and was a guard. She was named to the All-District Team for 2 years and the Academic All-State Team for 2 years. She was awarded the Fighting Heart Award in 2002.

She excelled in track and was a Regional Qualifier all 4 years of competition. She qualified in the 800 meter run, the mile relay and the 800 meter relay. She competed in

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Circle B Meat Company

Cody Ryan Bivens



Cody Ryan Bivens began his association with Groom School as a kindergartner. He plans to attend Frank Phillips college on a Livestock Judging Scholarship. FFA and agriculture have been an important part of this well-rounded young man's life. As a member of FFA he has served the Chapter as treasurer and a two year term as president. He did extremely well exhibiting his projects at some of the major shows in Texas. Cody placed 7th with a Chester Pig in 2000. In 2001 he exhibited a 12 place Chiannina Steer at the Houston Livestock show and in 2002 a 10th place Chiannina steer. He was awarded "G" awards for Agribusiness Management and Personal Skill Development.

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Jiggs & Janie Britten

Karri Elizabeth Britten



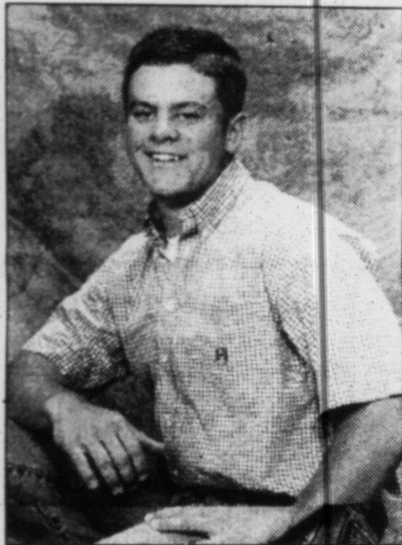
"My parents are simply the best parents that anyone could ever ask for," stated Karri Elizabeth Britten. "I am so blessed to be their daughter. They have impacted my life in so many ways. I respect them for the honest hard-working lives they lead, and for always being kind people. They have taught me to always be true to myself and to have strong, respectable beliefs. I can only hope that I will be as good of a person as the both of them."

A recipient of the Billy R. Fields Scholarship, Karri is planning to attend West Texas A & M University majoring in Elementary Education. She was the recipient of the President's Education Award and was named the Citizen of the Month for September 2001.

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Stop N Shop & Britten Truck Sales

Trey Daniel Britten



With future plans to attend Oklahoma Panhandle State University to seek a degree in agribusiness, Trey Daniel Britten has a bright future. He has been a member of FFA for 3 years and served as Sentinel.

"When my classmates look back, I hope they will remember me as a guy that liked to have some responsible fun and would do anything he could for them," commented Trey when asked what he hoped to be remembered for.

He is the son of Jigger and Sandra Britten and a member of the Immaculate Heart Of Mary Catholic Church.

Sports has been an important part of Trey's life at GHS. He played football for 4 years and was a nose guard and a full back. He was named to the All-State Team as a

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Jiggs & Janie Britten

Wyatt Anthony Britten

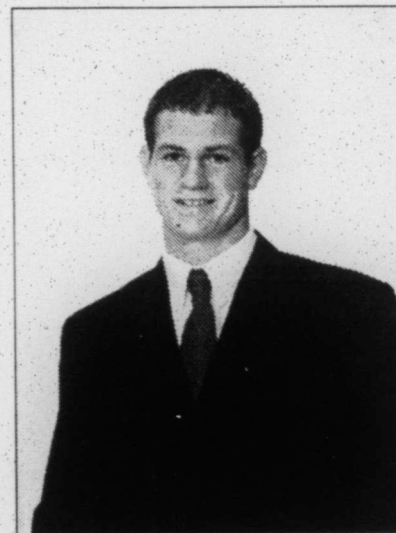
Wyatt Anthony Britten is a young man that knows what he wants in life. His philosophy is expressed best in a quote by Henry David Thoreau.

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

It is not surprising to find Wyatt has his future planned beginning with attending the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall. He was awarded a \$2,500 Dobson Pride Scholarship and an ROTC Dorm Scholarship for enrolling in the ROTC program.

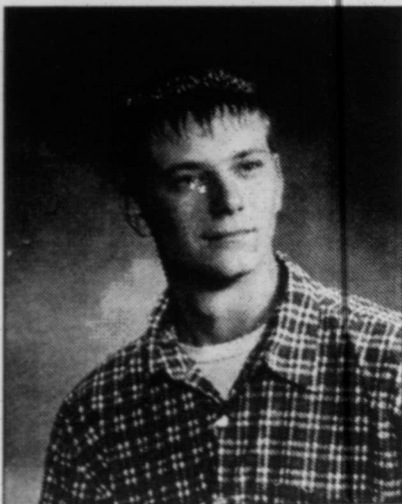
Wyatt has been very active in all aspects of High School

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Friemel Brothers

Dennis Bud Cockrell



Dennis Bud Cockrell is the son of Margaret and Robert Williams of Claude and Bud and Bobbie Cockrell of Conway. Dennis came to Groom in 1998 from Claude School.

Dennis' Future plans include attending Amarillo College to become a firefighter.

Dennis has been involved in FFA and Agriculture throughout high school. He was a member of FFA for 4 years and competed in the County Stock Show. He was active in band for a semester.

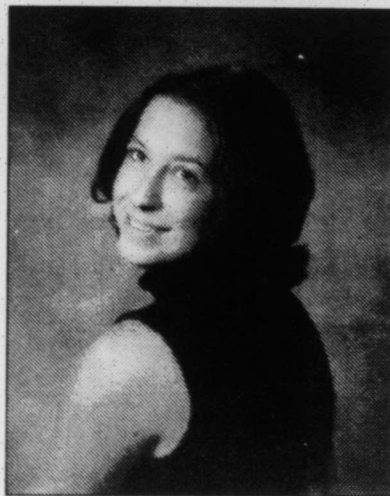
When Dennis is not busy at school he works at Robinson Grain Company Elevators in Conway.

"The person who has the greatest influence on my life," he said, "is my sister, Tammy."

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West Texas Gas Co.

Krisanne Davis



Krisanne Davis began and ended her grade school, jr. high and high school education right here at Groom ISD. She is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Davis.

Sports and academics have been top priorities in her life. She has played 4 years of basketball as a guard. She was named to the All-District team for 3 years running. She also earned honors as Academic All-District 3 years and Academic All-State 2 years. She was also named to the All-Tournament Team at Clarendon.

Competing in track 4 years, Krisanne continued her winning ways. She placed 1st in long jump at Regionals and qualified to compete in the State Track Meet at Austin. She placed 5th in that

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Groom D & H Grocery

William Lucas Pavlovsky



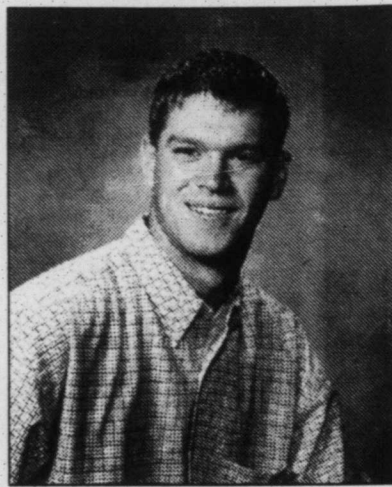
William Lucas Pavlovsky is the son of Bill and Toni Pavlovsky. He is planning to attend the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in Telecommunications and the Methodist Ministry.

"If a person is lucky, at some point in his life, he meets a very influential person. While my parents, family and friends have been a huge part in my life, Tom Moore has been the most influential person in my life thus far. Serving as the pastor of the Methodist Church for a few years, Tom touched my life with his amazing lessons," commented Luke. "He taught me how important things in life are, and he taught me to always keep trying, even if the situation at hand seemed unsurpassable. I will always

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Brumley Insurance

Clay Daniel Ritter



Clay Daniel Ritter came to Groom ISD from Grandview Hopkins in the 5th grade. He is the son of Sharon Jones Britten and Troy Ritter.

His greatest inspiration came for his late grandfather Donald Ritter.

"My grandfather, Donald Ritter, always knew what to do when problems arose," he said, "that is why he has had the most influence on my life."

Clay is unsure about his plans for the future, but right now he is helping work the family farm and finishing his course of study at Groom ISD and graduating with honors. He earned the Presidents Education Award and was named to the A Average Honor Roll.

Active in football,
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Short Grass Feed Co.

Hugh Stehling Weinheimer

The most influential people in Hugh Stehling Weinheimer's life are his parents, James and Janice Weinheimer.

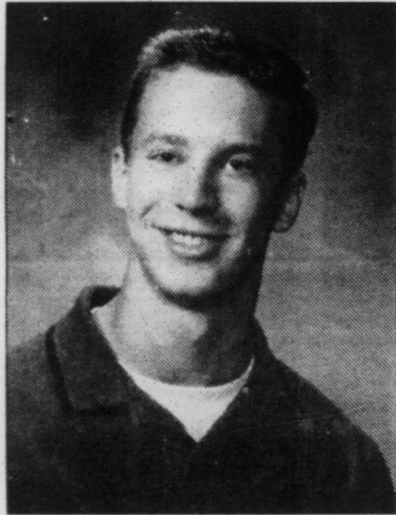
"They taught me right from wrong and showed me I can achieve almost anything if I work hard for it," he said.

"Do unto others as you'd have others do unto you," is my motto. It has helped me to treat others with respect and courtesy," he said.

Hugh plans to attend Amarillo College in the fall. He is a member of the Immaculate Heart Of Mary Catholic Church of Groom.

Hugh has played 4 years of football as an end and defensive end. He was named to the All-District team as an offensive end his junior and senior year and All-District

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Dear Wyatt,
Your dad & I are proud of you. Keep your focus on the things that are important and let the rest slide on by. God Bless you & keep you safe.
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Dennis

She is always making me try harder and she is helping me make my way to college."

Cody

Cody excelled in just about anything he decided to do, including sports. In played 4 years of football as a running back and safety. He was named to the All-District and the All-Region Team as a running back. He was named MVP as a senior.

He also played one year of basketball.

He competed in track and field events as well. He placed 1st in the long jump at the Groom meet in 2002. The sprint relay team that he was a member placed 1st at the Groom, Miami and Lefors meets. He placed 2nd in the pole vault in Groom and Lefors.

Cody played 3 years of tennis. With his doubles partner, Russell Conrad, he was 2nd in District in 2000 and 2002. He was named Co-MVP in 2000 and MVP in 2002.

Cody has excelled in academics as well. He received the President's Education Award. He competed in UIL informative speaking for 2 years. Cody served on the Student Council for 3 years. He was named Citizen of the Month for April 2002.

Cody is member of the Catholic Church. When he is not busy with school activities he works for Clay Farms in White Deer.

When asked who the most influential person in his life has been he stated that it was his dad.

"He has always helped me out no matter how busy he was at the time," he said.

Luke

remember his personal accounts and the lessons he taught me of how to succeed in life with God by my side. He has given me the key to the gate of life, now it is up to me to open the gate and walk the narrow path of life."

Luke is a member of the United Methodist Church. He is a youth leader and youth minister in the Methodist Youth Organization. He volunteers for Groom Clean Up projects and the Evaline Rivers projects.

He has been a member of the Student Council and served as Secretary-Treasurer. He was named Citizen of the month for October 2001. He also served as President of the National Honor Society.

He competed in UIL Editorial Writing, Headline Writing and Number Sense.

Luke was a Coca Cola Scholars Semi-finalist and was awarded the Billy J. Burgin Memorial Scholarship. He received the President's Education Award and the UIL Scholar Award.

Luke competed in sports all throughout high school. He played football for 4 years and basketball for 4 years. He was named Honorable Mention. He was named Football MVP in 2002.

Luke competed in track and was a Regional Qualifier and District Champion in the 3200 meter run. He qualified for Area in the 1600 meter run for 3 years and was an Area Qualifier in the 800 meter race.

Luke played in the Groom Band for 4 years and was a Section Leader. He was an All-Area Qualifier and held 2nd chair in Symphonic Band. He was awarded the "G" Award in 12th grade band.

A philosophy that has helped Luke get through some tough times and inspires him to maintain a steady course is "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears the beat of a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears however measured or far away..." Benjamin Franklin.

"Everyone in this world shares many similar characteristics," stated Luke, "but we are all unique. To succeed, be yourself and don't worry what others think. Do whatever you feel best for you and don't be afraid to color outside the lines. We all share a divergent likeness, alike in form, distinct in character."

Hugh

defensive end as a senior. In 2002 he was named MVP.

He also competed in basketball 2 years, track 1 year and tennis 2 years.

Hugh was a member of the Groom High School Band 1 year. He was a participant in FFA for 3 years.

He was awarded the President's Education Award and named to the All A Honor Roll.

Karri

She was named to the A Average Honor Roll. Karri receive the "G" Award in Government in 2002.

Karri has been a member of the Groom High School Band for 4 years. She served as vice president of the student council and was a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and served as projects manager.

Karri played 1 year of basketball and was a post.

She competed in UIL competitions in Science for 2 years and was 4th in District in Ready Writing.

Karri was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and was a Homecoming Queen Candidate as a senior.

Nichole

tennis for 4 years, playing doubles with Candace Bohr.

They placed 2nd at District and was a Regional Qualifier as sophomores. They were District team champions for 3 years.

Nichole was a member of the yearbook staff for 3 years. During that time she was the Business Manager and Co-Editor. She served on the Student Council for 1 year.

She competed in UIL Headline Writing and News Writing. She was named Lion's Club Sweetheart and competed in the Miss Irish Rose Pageant and was a member of the Homecoming Court in 2001. She is the recipient of the Lion's Club Scholarship this year.

Academically she was named a UIL Scholar, earned the President's Education Award and was awarded the "G" Award for Journalism III. She also earned the "G" Award in Chemistry last year.

The greatest influence in her life has come from her mom.

"My mom has had the greatest impact on my life because she is a single parent raising two children," she commented. "She has always provided us with what we need. She has always been there for me no matter what I needed. She has been an inspiration in my life and I will never forget the lessons about life she has taught me."

Krisanne

competition. She was 4th in Region in the triple jump competition and competed in the sprint and 800 meter relay team. Krisanne was named Track MVP in 2002. Krisanne also tried her hand at tennis and golf for 1 year.

She has been a member of the Student Council for 3 years and a member of the National Honor Society. She competed in UIL Spelling and served her school as a cheerleader during her sophomore year. She was the recipient of the Presidents Education Award and was named the May Student of the Month.

Krisanne is a member of the yearbook staff and won a 1st place award for her Student Life Spread and a 3rd place award for her Sports Feature. She was named to the A Average Honor Roll.

Krisanne plans to attend Amarillo College in the fall. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Groom. When she is not busy with school and sports, she works at the Dairy Queen.

She attributes much of her success in life to the inspiration her parents have given her.

"My parents have had the greatest influence on my life," she commented. "They have pushed me to do my best in everything I do, including sports, academics and life."

Clay R.

basketball and track, Clay has been very successful in sports. He played 4 years of football as a linebacker and end. He earned honors being named to the All-State Team as an End and Linebacker. He was named MVP in 2002.

He played 2 1/2 years of basketball and was a wing and a post. In track he excelled in the triple jump, high jump and the 400 meter dash.

He was a member of the Band for 2 years. Clay was named Citizen of the Month in December.

A philosophy that has helped Clay through some tough times as follows; "You Live and You Die," he said, "It makes me realize that in difficult times there is really not much a person can do about it, so sit back and the problem will present itself with a solution."

Cassie

fall. She was awarded the David and Mryt Wilder Scholarship of \$500.

Academics and sports have been important parts of Cassie's life at GHS. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She competed in UIL Spelling and received the UIL Scholar Award. She was a recipient of the President's Education Award. Cassie was named to the All A Honor Roll. She also participated in the Band for 1 year.

In sports, Cassie competed

in basketball and track. She played the post position for 4 years in basketball and was named Academic All-District and Academic All State. In track she competed in the shot put competition for 3 years.

When she is not busy with school and sports, Cassie works at the Dairy Queen.

Trey

Defensive Guard and to the Six Man Super Team. Trey was named MVP in 2002.

He also played basketball for 2 years and partnered with Doug Fields for 1 year in tennis.

He competed in Track for 4 years.

When he is not busy at school, he works for Kuehler Farms and Attebury Grain Co. Trey enjoys his work and spending time with his friends and family.

"My mother and father have had the greatest influence on my life. No matter what, they always made sure I was taken good care of and brought up right. They have given me every bit of helpful hints and advice they could think of. Although, sometimes I don't seem thankful, I am," stated Trey Britten.

Wyatt

life. He has excelled academically as well as in sports.

In football he played center and defensive end through out high school and junior high. He was named Honorable Mention All-district as a junior and All-District as a senior. He was Captain of the football team as a senior and was named MVP.

In track he competed in the 1600 meter relay team that placed 3rd at the Groom Relays. In the 3200 meter run he qualified for Area by placing 3rd at District. He was a 7th place winner at Area. Wyatt played singles tennis and placed 4th at district. He even tried his hand at golf.

He jokingly tells that he played basketball all four years and that his playing position was the bench. He does note that he was the recipient of the Best Warmer Award. Wyatt was presented the Fighting Heart Award in 2002.

Wyatt was in band for 3 years and served as a class representative. As a member of Future Farmers of America his served the members in several capacities during the 4 year membership. He was the reporter as a junior and vice president as a senior. He was awarded the Swine Production Award as a junior.

Wyatt served as vice president of the National Honor Society. He competed in UIL Informative Speaking and Persuasive Speaking and was a Regional qualifier in the two events. He was named a UIL Scholar and received the President's Education Award. He was named to the All A Honor Roll.

When Wyatt is not busy in school, he works for Britten Farms and Clay Farms.

Garrett and Fighting Tiger at the 2002 Athletic Banquet.

In basketball, he play as a guard earning honors as All-district and Academic All-State. In track he qualified for regional in 2001 in the mile

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relay team and the 400 meter run in 2002. Garrett also played gold for 2 years.

"At this point in my life I am faced with many difficult decisions, decisions that cannot be made by any one other than myself, but also decisions that require guidance. I must be careful and intelligent in those decisions I make because they will forever affect the person that I become," stated Garrett. "Life can at time be so difficult to understand and at the same time be clear-cut. For me, both have come and gone quite often, and without hindsight, I can already tell that my parents are, and always will be, the most valuable influences in my life."

"Not all people can say in today's world that they are from a loving and complete home. Divorce and other factors have wrecked so much havoc on the lifestyle of America that it hardly recognizable. A family begins and ends with the love of a husband and wife, and a home is built upon their foundation. Without a strong beginning then any family is sure to fail. I have been blessed

with such wonderful parents that never in my life will I have to deal with the pains of separation, or a broken home. It may be that I am luck or that I am loved, but in any case, to take this blessing for granted would be foolish. It is clear everyday that life is not always easy for those around me. My peers are not as fortunate as I - as many live with a single mother or an abusive father. My values in life most certainly reflect the home life I have grown to love and the expectations my parents have for me. If not for the constant push they supply, my life might not be headed in the direction it is today. I may not be writing this essay at all, and college might never have entered my mind. But as it is, it is my dream to succeed for myself, for my parents, and for my family as a whole. Their influence is my life thus far is unmatched, and as far as I can see, always will be."

"Important decisions will come and go and the result may or may not always be good. My family and all of those who care for me will support me in anything I chose to do because they believe in my abilities to

succeed. This special gift that I have been granted is the most valuable thing in my life today. Without it I truly believe that I could go nowhere, and without it I could never succeed."

Candace

She has been a member of the yearbook staff for 3 years. She was Junior Editor, Business Manager and Co-Editor. She placed 1st in Sports Spread, 1st in Class Section Spread and 1st in Theme Copy at the Individual Achievement UIL Yearbook Competition.

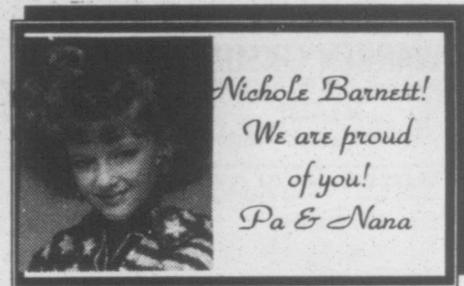
Candace was a member of band for 1 year and a member of the Senior Choir. She was named Homecoming Queen in 2002.

In UIL, Candace competed in Feature Writing and qualified and placed at Regional in 2001-2002. She also competed in Science. She was named a UIL Scholar, earned the President's Education Award, and was named to the All A Honor Roll. She earned the "G" award for Journalism III, and Chemistry.

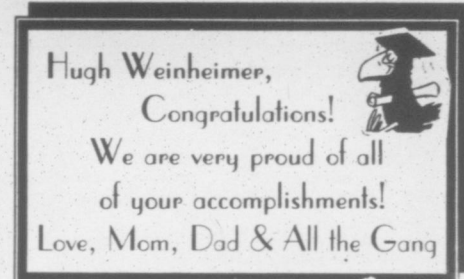
Candace attributes much of her success to the influence of her parents.

"My parents have had the most influence in my life. They have always been there for me and have instilled strong morals and values that will carry me through life. They have always pushed me to succeed and to strive for high goals. Their support and guidance will help me as I begin a new chapter in my life," she said.

Candace Dawn Bohr is the daughter of Rodney and Michele Bohr. The Salutatorian of the Class of 2002, with an average of 97.128, came to Groom from Amarillo in the 3rd grade. She plans to attend West Texas A & M University to seek a degree in Physical Therapy. She has received a scholarship from West Texas A & M University and The Mesa Petroleum Leadership Scholarship.




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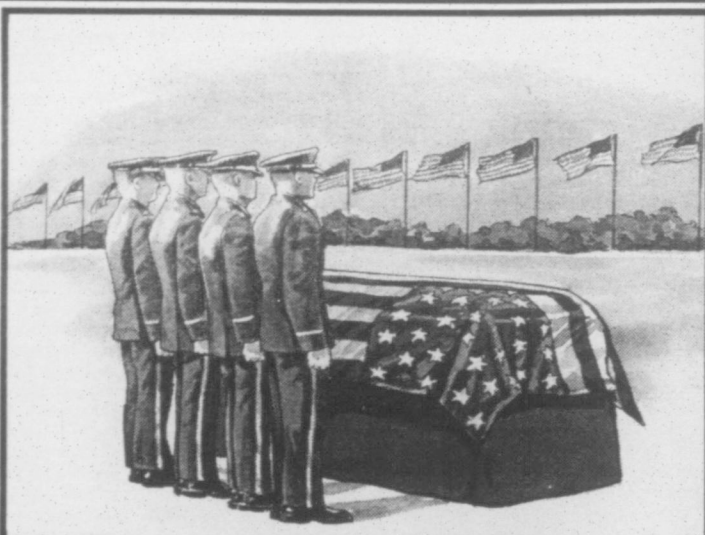
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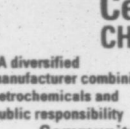


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Carson County Sheriff's Book 3 Into Jail This Week

There were three persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of May 13 through May 19, 2002. Currently there are 11 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional eight

prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but, are not necessarily convicted. Arrest made this week include: James Watlock, age 41

of Decatur, GA - Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb. but less than 50 lb. Bobby Woods, age 39 of Panhandle, TX - Delivery of a controlled substance, and marijuana to a minor.

Steven Payne, age 34 of Borger, TX - Possession/Transportation of Chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substance.

Area Obituaries Reported

The News was saddened to learn of deaths in two Groom families and one former resident this week. Due to graduation the full obituary information will not be published until next week. All the memorial services have

previously been held. The obituaries include: Karen Case's father, William Longshore of Goodwill, Oklahoma; Greg Lambert's father, Baxter Lambert of Canyon; former resident DeDe Craig Rea.