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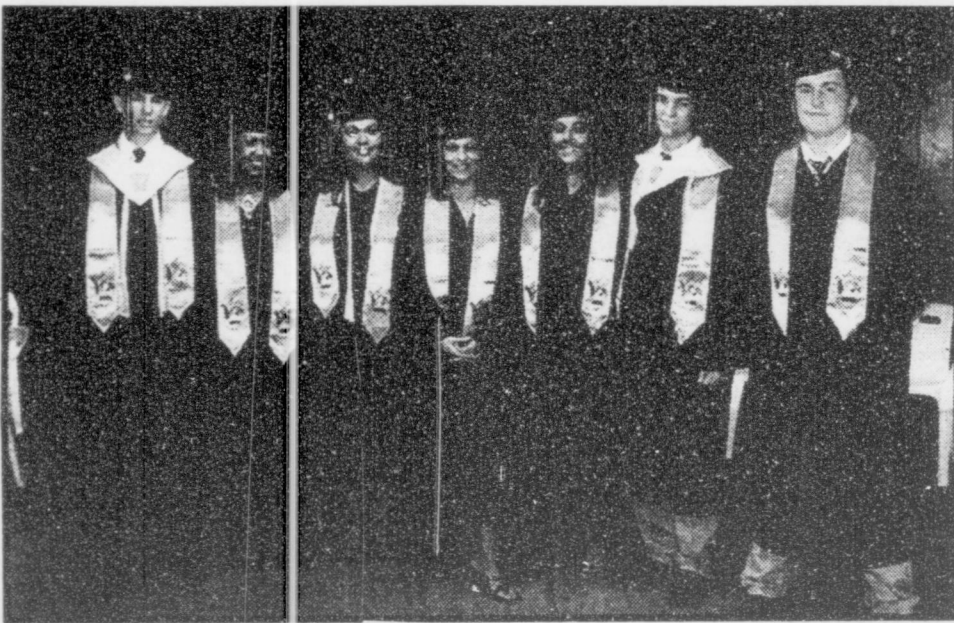


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Class of 2006 Honored At Commencement Exercises



Class of 2006

Seven seniors graced the stage at the First Baptist Church in McLean on Friday, May 26, 2006 to receive their high school diplomas. The 2006 Seniors were Manden Conklin, Kevin Smith, Connie Vega, Carrie Thompson, MarKeisha Menefield, Lindsey Ruiz, Keith Raines.

MarKeisha Menefield gave the invocation.

The Salutatorian address was given by Kevin Smith, who also was a member of the National Honor Society and he also received several scholarships.

Graduating at the top of his class was senior, Manden Conklin who gave the Valedictorian address to the gathered crowd. Conklin was also a member of the National Honor Society. He also received several awards and scholarships.

During the ceremony, a slide show of each senior

growing up through the years was shown. Then the school song "Tiger Line" was sung.

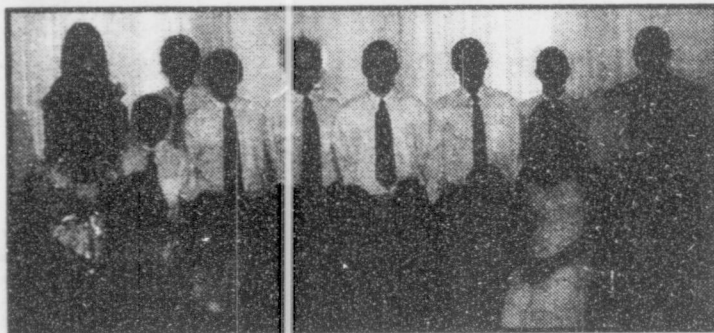
Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon then made a declaration of graduates.

Lindsay Ruiz gave the benediction.

The 2006 Seniors class colors were black and gold. They chose Small but Mighty as their class motto. The quote for the class was "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows," by Sydney J. Harris.

Juniors who served as ushers for the evening were John Haynes, Matthew Applewhite, Tamara Loya and Erin Bailey.

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the junior class presence.



Commencement Held For Sixteen 8th Graders

Sixteen eighth grade students graduated from McLean Jr. High on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:00PM in the United Methodist Church.

Ushers for the evening were Trent Cadra, Nicole McClendon, Tyler Lamb and Kelsy Ramirez. These

students had the highest grade point average in the seventh grade.

William Eldridge gave the welcome and opening prayer. Mr. Dick Crockett, elementary/junior high principal, introduced Sheri Haynes, the eighth grade class representative. Sheri thanked all the teachers her

class had had the past eight years with a special thank you to their current teacher, Mrs. Erin Shaw. She also thanked Mr. Crockett for his leadership and all the things he helped the eighth grade class do. Sheri told of her class's academic and

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Memorial Day Services Held In McLean



Dr. Wes Langham

A Memorial Day Celebration was held at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, before a large crowd, on May 29, 2006.

The ensemble of Bobbi Stalls, Evan McMordie, and Jerry McMennamy began the program playing Stars and Stripes Forever. McLean Girl Scouts placed Weathers of Standards that represented wars Americans died fighting in. Boy Scouts Troop 425 presented the Flag and led

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALAN REED COMMUNITY association general meeting will be held Saturday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alanreed Gym. There will be a pot-luck dinner.

SUMMER READING program will begin at the library June 19.

CITY COUNCIL will meet at 6p.m. on June 12 at the McLean City Hall.

A COMMUNITY awareness meeting to enable citizens to take back the town from drugs and alcohol will be held tonight at 7p.m. at the library. Everyone is invited.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. in the business office

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

MORE REMINDERS

MCLEAN I.S.D. business office will be open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for the summer

THE RED Hat "Attitudes" will meet at Red River Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m., June 6. Wear your red hat. (under 50-pink hat)

COMMUNITY BLOOD drive will be Thursday, June 8 from 3:30-6:30 in the Bank of Commerce hospitality room. You may call 1-877-574-8800 for an appointment.

FATHER'S DAY is June 18

WATCH FUTURE issues for end of year highlights.



Librarian To Replace Lost Cards Free

Free Library Card Week will be the week of June 5-9 according to Sally Bohlar, librarian. Usually a 50 cent replacement fee is charged for lost library cards. During this time period, however, lost library cards will be replaced free of charge. To replace your card, simply go by the library and fill out another application.

The software used to check out books is much more efficient if you have your library card, according to Sally. Now would be a good time to get a library card if you don't already have one. There will be lots of activities for adults as well as children during the summer reading program at the library.

service

the Pledge of Allegiance Bobby Richardson led the singing of the Star

Spangled Banner. The invocation was given by L.H. Webb, scout master

Sam A. Haynes welcomed everyone to the memorial service. Then, Peggy Baer remembered the McLean servicemen and women killed in action with a moving tribute.

"As I said last year when our country called, McLean sent her very best. I am honored to read the roll call of our own fallen heroes."

Peggy then read the names of the fallen with their loved ones answering for them.

Bill Reeves, a Navy veteran, recounted the sinking of the Cruiser Indianapolis by a Japanese submarine. He spoke of the heroism of the sailors who lost their lives and the miraculous recovery of those stranded in the ocean days after their ship was sunk. McLean's own Jack Bogan lost his life when the cruiser was sunk.

Patriotic songs were sung by Jordynn and Jolee Corea and Carey and Bobby Richardson.

The McLean Community Chorus led the audience in a patriotic sing along.

Dr. Wes Langham, a McLean graduate, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Langham gave a history of Memorial Day from the Civil War to the present. He spoke of the dedication servicemen and women made when they took the Oath of Office. Remembering the men from McLean that served during WWII, Dr. Langham speech was laced with stories about those who served.

After the Benediction by Dr. Langham, Linda Haynes, Johnnie Allison and Jacque Riley sang Taps. Donald Cunningham, program organizer, closed the program thanking all in attendance and the Hillcrest Association for another successful Memorial Celebration

Graduation athletic accomplishments. She said they would "continue to put forth the effort necessary to succeed in all that we do in the future."

Mr. Crockett then introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the McLean United Methodist Church. Rev Haynes congratulated the class on their achievements thus far. He went on to say that now was the time that they would transition to high school with greater challenges and opportunities. He told the graduates of a sign that hung above his granddad's desk. It said,

DO WHAT YOU ARE PAID TO DO AND THEN SOME. IT'S THE THEN SOME THAT WILL GET YOUR SALARY RAISED. He explained, "That if you do what is required of you, you will be OK from now on. But if you want to be successful, if you want to achieve more than average, you will put more effort than just enough to get by."

Superintendent Jimmy Hannon and Mr. Crockett presented diplomas to Tucker Adams, Nancy Castillo, William Eldridge, Lyndsey Ellis, Corey Graham, Glenn Green, Haylea Harper, Sheri Haynes, Hogan Ketcherside, Sierra McDonald, Alexis Menefield, Cody Morris, David Passmore, Jessica Skipper, Amber Staton and Tanner Wilhelm. School board members Terri Adams and Toni Bohlar congratulated each graduate. The graduates presented carnations to the "special" people in their lives.

Tucker Adams gave the closing prayer. Mrs. Gay Hill provided music for the graduates. A reception was held afterward for family and friends.

Desk & Derrick Club Tours Local Oil Field Sites

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa consisting of 20 members all associated with the Panhandle oil industry, toured local McLean area oil sites on a field tour. Delbert and Ruth Trew were tour hosts.

The first stop saw and heard about the famous Back #1 Gusher occurring in 1927 just east of the Nine Mile Corner. The second site included the area at County Line Road where the old Boom Town saloon and dance hall were once located. The third site visited the Ronnie Brown property where the huge power wheel is located that once pumped eighteen oil wells at one time with a single power source.

The fourth stop toured the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum where many oil and history exhibits are presented. The last stop visited the Red River Steakhouse for a delicious meal and club visitation. The field trip details and photos will be entered into competition with other Panhandle clubs.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 1 - Doug Seymour, Seth Childers, Casper and Jean Smith (A).
- June 2 - Zola Tate Ginger Haynes.
- June 3 - Jerry McCarty Bobby Orrick, Marj Chronister.
- June 4 -
- June 5 - Tanna Shipman, Nonnie Rodgers Darin Corley.
- June 6 - Neva Corley.
- June 7 -

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Tiger Cubs Visit Bank

The Tiger Cubs took advantage of not going to school on May 12. Instead, they went to the bank as part of a Tiger Cub Scout achievement.

Nona at the Bank of

Commerce showed the Scouts everything about the bank including the money and how they scan the checks.

The bank also gave the boys an extra treat

including popcorn, 2 new quarters and candy.

Tiger Cubs are Hadley Tidwell, Jack Reyna, Nolan McClellan, Charles Graves, Bradley Purdy, and Bradley's brother, Chance joined us.



Young At Heart Club Reviews Years Achievements

There were 24 members and guests present at the recent Young at Heart luncheon. The guest speakers were Terry Barnes and Sharyn Thompson from Golden Phoenix from Pampa. McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. Tammy Johnston was there. There are several people on the prayer list. The people of the Young at Heart are proud of their senior citizen's organization and the many things they have accomplished under the leadership of the present board. They would like for the public to know some of the things that have been accomplished.

#1 the back door of the building has been repaired and a new door installed

#2 the back room has been rewired.

#3 applied and received a grant from Harrington Foundation and had central heating /ac put in.

#4 new ceiling tiles have been purchased for the kitchen area. Volunteer members will soon put the ceiling tiles up.

#5 blinds were purchased for the front window.

#6 exit signs have been installed.

#7 water leaks have been fixed.

#8 new hot water heater purchased and a new kitchen stove purchased by

two board members.

They have sponsored: flu clinic, health fair, information clinic on medicare D prescription plan. They have two home health services who do blood pressure checks and other screenings. Accolade Home Health-1st Tuesday of the month, McLean

Home Health-3rd Tuesday of the month.

They have published a McLean mailing directory and also a community information directory for new residents. They have had speakers on many subjects for our senior citizens. The board of directors is to be commended for their many hours of service to the senior citizens.



Valedictorian
Manden Conklin



Salutatorian
Kevin Smith



Markeisha Menefield & Lindsey Ruiz



Jessie Parks proudly holds up his awards

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High School Athletes & Academics Honored

The McLean High School Athletic and Academic Awards Banquet was held on May 18th, 2006, at the Devil's Rope Museum. The following students were presented these awards:

Jesse Parks; Outstanding Ag honored by McLean Feed Yard; The Spanish II Award; McLean High Ag Award

Carrie Thompson; Theater honored by McLean Feed Yard; The Herkie and Bid and All America Cheer Leading Award; McLean High Theater

Trey Skipper; Most Improved Math honored by McLean Feed Yard; Outstanding Student Council Volunteer; McLean High Most Improved Math; Track Most Improved

Keisha Menefield- Spanish II honored by McLean Feed Yard; McLean High Health and Spanish II;

Basketball MVP; The Herkie and Bid and All America Cheer Leading Award

Manden Conklin- Bank of Commerce Economics; English IV AP; Pre Calculus;

Economics; Football MVP; Basketball Fighting Heart

Kevin Smith- Bank of Commerce Government; Pre Calculus; Outstanding Student Council Volunteer; McLean High Government; Principal Award Perfect Attendance

Mark Smith- Pioneer Study Club Government; Outstanding Student Council Volunteer; Geometry; Spanish I; Football Fighting Heart

Matt Applewhite- Pioneer Study Club Chemistry, Academic Chemistry

Tamara Loya- Pioneer Study Club Business I, Highest Average Business, Spanish I, Herkie and Bid Award in Cheerleading

Lacey Wallis - Geometry, Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Most Improved Basketball

Eria Bailey- Most Improved Math

Frank Saunders Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Principals Award for Perfect Attendance and Citizenship

Ashley Green Outstanding Student Council Volunteer

Tammy Syfrett Pioneer Study Club Practical Writing, Academic Practical Writing

DaShae Tolleson- Pioneer Study Club English I, Academic I, Algebra I, IPC, Geography, Practical Writing, Herkie, Bid and All American Cheerleader, Regional Qualifier Ready Writing, Fighting Heart Basketball

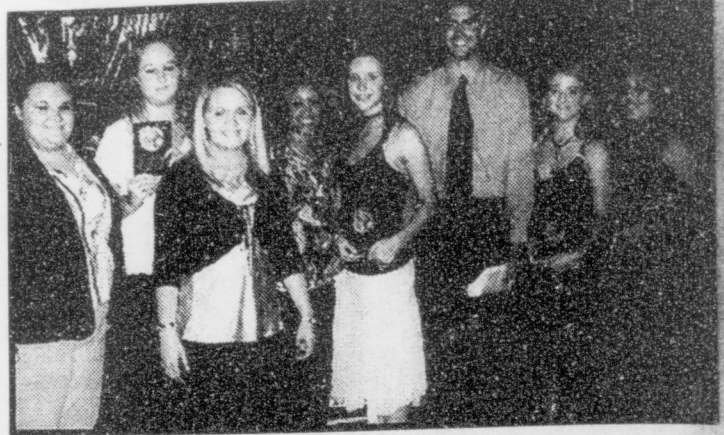
Jessica Mann- Pioneer Study Club English II, Academic English II, Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Spanish I and Tennis MVP

Brooke Seymour- Pioneer Study Club English III, Academic English III, Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Algebra II, Highest Average Business II, Outstanding Defense Basketball, Track MVP; Herkiel, Bid and All American Cheerleader

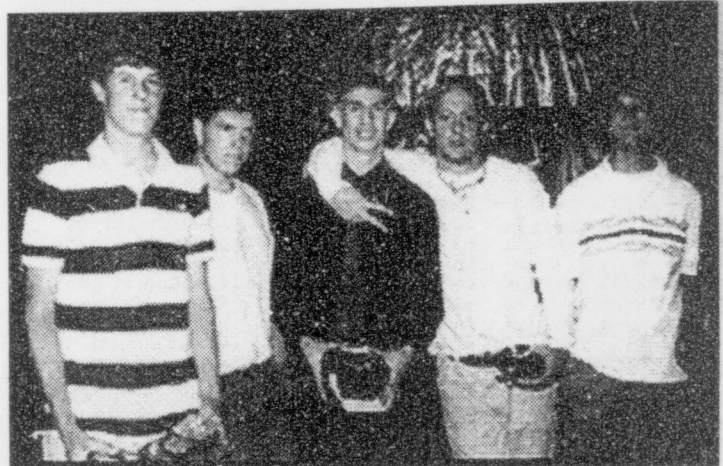
Lindsey Ruiz- Pioneer Study Club English IV, Anatomy, Academic English IV, Golf MVP, Herkie, Bid and All American Cheerleader

Lucas Webb- Pioneer Study Club United States History, Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Biology

Nathan Macias- Pioneer Study Club World History, Academic World History



Students proudly display their awards after the academic/athletic awards banquet



Anthony Ruiz Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Outstanding Defense

Tiffany Moon- Most Dependable Business I

Connie Vega- Outstanding Student Council Volunteer,

Yearbook, Most Dependable business II, Spanish III

Trent Darsey- Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Most Improved Golf

Logan Sparring Outstanding Student Council Volunteer

Logan Tate - Outstanding Student Council Volunteer

John Haynes Outstanding Student Council Volunteer, Theater, Basketball MVP, Tennis MVP

Seth Childers Outstanding Student Council Volunteer

Larry Lask Outstanding Student Council Volunteer

Zack Ricardson Football Most Improved, BB Most Improved, Golf MVP, Tennis MPV

Jaysne Welch Outstanding Offense Football, Track MVP

Rosalee Alexander Outstanding Offense Basketball

Jacob Tolleson Basketball Outstanding Offense

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

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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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Adult Bible Study Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2136
Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

Devil's Rope Museum Enjoys Foreign Visitors

DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM NEWS

By Davie Gipson

April was a rather slow month, but then it always is. Everyone is more interested in getting their income tax paid than in traveling. I feel sure the price of gasoline will cut into our attendance also.

We had 311 visitors from 31 states. Forty-eight of these visitors were from 10 foreign countries, including Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Norway, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. We expect several bus tours.

We had some of the members of the Early Ford V-8 Club from Panhandle. There are 25 members in their club, but they were not all able to make this tour.

We also had five members of the Serious Car Club of America. They were driving BMWs to Las Vegas for a rally of 50 or 60 cars.

We do appreciate the Student Council and Mrs. Woodard or cleaning for us once a month. They are all

good workers and are very dependable.

Our annual Barb Wire Show was once again a success. It is just like old home week when the collectors all get together. We recognized our

volunteers at the awards banquet on Saturday night. We are looking forward to more tours and buses in May.

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Class of 2006 Receives Honors



Class of 2006

Groom City Council Swears In Newly Elected Members



Tony Rocha watching the world go by while sitting on his front porch.

A large crowd of visitors at the Ernest & Dorothy Weller over the weekend.

Some naughty kids using and empty homes drive as a speedway for a dangerous game of follow the leader.

Lion Club Member putting the flags out on Monday morning.

Lots of activity at the State National Bank as a remodeling project is underway. Sure like seeing all the cars on Main Street!

A good crowd at the Jenkins home as they gathered to celebrate Brandon's graduation.

The Groom City Council met for the regular monthly meeting on Friday, May 19, at 7:30pm. Members present included Mayor Joe Homer; Aldermen Chris Welch, Kenneth Weller, and Ellis Stapp; and Aldermen-elect Matt Fields, Buck Babcock, and Joe Rae Richardson. Visitors at the meeting included City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles.

Mayor Homer, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Weller canvassed the votes of the May 13 election. Mr. Fields, Mr. Babcock, and Mr. Richardson were then sworn in by City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles.

Mayor Homer presented the outgoing City Aldermen Ellis Stapp and Don Case with plaques recognizing 10 years of service to the City of Groom as aldermen. Mr. Stapp thanked the Mayor and congratulated the new aldermen on their election. Mr. Case was not present.

The sealed bids for the surplus property at the Community Center were opened. Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Weller seconded

the motion to accept a bid of \$25 from Joe Rae Richardson for the surplus vent hood in the kitchen at the Community Center. The motion carried.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Weller seconded the motion to accept a bid of \$50 from Will Frost for the black stove at the Community Center. The motion carried.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Weller seconded the motion to pass a resolution to join the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities in protesting the rate increase that Xcel/Southwestern Public Service is going to request. The motion passed.

No action was taken on attending the Open Government Meeting training that will take place in Amarillo on June 9, 2006.

Mr. Weller moved and Mr. Richardson seconded the motion to table the agenda item dealing with the Ambulance Service because no one from the Ambulance Service was present to answer questions. The motion

carried.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Babcock seconded the motion to table the agenda item dealing with condemning property until a list of property is presented by the Fire Department. The motion passed.

Mr. Richardson moved and Mr. Weller seconded the motion to send a clean-up letter to Delbert Roys to mow the yard at 110 Martin Ave. The motion carried.

Mr. Weller moved and Mr. Welch seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 2006 meeting. The motion passed.

Mr. Weller moved and Mr. Fields seconded the motion to approve the financial statements and pay the bills, and the motion passed.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Weller seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:35pm.

This past Friday, May 26, the six Groom High School seniors walked across the stage at graduation.

Frank Leven led the invocation and welcomed everyone to the commencement ceremony. Javier Caro and Jan Ratterree presented the class gift, which will be a banner with the school song printed on it to be hung in the gym. Brandon Jenkins led the benediction.

However, they did not receive just their diplomas; the class received over \$26,500 in scholarships.

Salutatorian Sharri Britten was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from West Texas A&M University, a \$250 scholarship from the

Christian Mothers of Groom, \$883 from the Groom Lions Club, the \$700 Janetta Hudson Scholarship, the \$150 Eldred N. James Scholarship, and the \$500 Billy R. Fields Memorial Scholarship.

Javier Caro received \$663 from the Groom Lions Club, \$100 from the Christian Mothers of Groom, and a \$300 Jenkins Scholarship to Amarillo College. Javier was also the recipient of the Billy J. Burgin Scholarship.

Brandon Jenkins was awarded the Claude Masonic Lodge Scholarship for \$200.

Frank Leven received \$100 from the Panhandle Higher Education Authority.

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Groom EDC Grants Land And Home Buyers Assistance

The GEDC regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:00pm on May 18 by GEDC President Joe Rae

Richardson. Members present were Chris Welch, Jamie Bowen, Cecil Gwyn, Rick Prather, Lisa Roekens, and Mary Sue Lyles. Visitors attending this meeting included Kathleen Cheesman and Kenneth Weber.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Richardson seconded the motion to grant land assistance to Kathleen Cheesman. The property is located at 101 Choctaw Ave. The motion passed.

Mr. Bowen moved and

Mr. Prather seconded the motion to grant the Homebuyers Assistance in the amount of \$2500 to Kenneth Weber. The motion carried.

Mr. Richardson moved and Mr. Gwyn seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April meetings. The motion was approved.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Gwyn seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for April, and the motion carried.

Mr. Welch moved and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:46pm.

Community Calendar

FATHER'S DAY is Sunday, June 18.

SUMMERSCHOOL will start on June 12 and last through June 30. Students will receive an invitation to attend with their report card.

PARENTS, check your mailboxes. Groom ISD will be sending your child's report cards and any remaining lunch bills to you soon.

GROOM'S COACH Pitch team will play on June 12th.

MINOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT in Groom begins June 5. The Groom team's first game is at 8pm on June 6. Full concession stand available.

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CANYON, TX - Ten West Texas A&M University students have been selected to serve as President's Ambassadors for the 2006-2007 school year.

The President's Ambassadors represent WTAMU and the Office of the President by hosting guests of the University and attending special events.

Cody Bivens, a senior pre-physical therapy major, was one of the five President's Ambassadors who served during the

2005-2006 school year who will serve again next year. He and the other ambassadors were introduced during the All-University Honors Banquet on April 28.

Selection to the President's Ambassadors is open to all full-time WTAMU students who have completed a minimum of 45 hours or have graduate status when they apply. To remain eligible, students maintain full-time status along with a 2.5 grade point average for undergraduates or a 3.0 GPA for graduate students.

LOCAL HAPPENING

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN DEGREES

Amarillo College awarded degrees and certificates to 1,049 students at the 76th Commencement ceremonies recently at the Amarillo Civic Center Cal Farley Coliseum. Dr. Steven W. Jones, AC president, provided comments and introduction before the presentation of the John F. Mead Faculty Excellence award by Steven Dutton, faculty senate president, and Nichole Terry, student Government Association president. Receiving the award was Michael Kopenits, D.M.D., Biology assistant professor. Dr. Paul Matney, vice president and dean of instruction, presented the graduates.

Brittney Martin and Hugh Weinheimer graduated with Associate in Science degrees. Staci Treadwell graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree. These students attended Groom High School.

Amarillo College is a two-year community college.

PAINTING TO BE SOLD FOR DONATION

Startin' Early, a 24x20 painting by Kenneth Wyatt, will be sold for UMW Outreach. A donation of \$10 will get you a ticket in the drawing, which will be held on June 4, 2006. Tickets are available at Groom S&H Grocery. All proceeds will be given to the Nace Baggerman family.

MINOR LEAGUE TO HOLD TOURNAMENT

Groom's Minor League will host a tournament beginning on June 5th. A

full concession stand will be available, so everyone is invited to attend the games and have supper! There is no admission charge. Groom's first tournament game will be on June 6th at 8:00 p.m.

Games will be held on the following dates & times and will be subject to the tournament bracket:

- June 5th - 6 pm & 8 pm
 - June 6th - 6 pm & 8 pm
 - June 8th - 6 pm & 8 pm
 - June 9th - 6 pm & 8 pm
 - June 10th - 7 pm
 - June 12th - 7 pm
 - June 13th - 7 pm
- *Championship game

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Birthday & Anniversaries

June 1 -
 June 2 - Garett Rocha, Patrick Britten, Hayden Ritter.

June 3 - Trisha Treadwell Stephens, Donnie & Marcia Conrad (A), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fields (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Britten (A).

June 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Randal Patterson (A).

June 5 - Scott Fields, Janelle Sustaire, Michael Stephens, Lysie Pool,

Keiton Weller, Brett Britten.

June 6 - Cody, Musser, Bo Burgin, Jason Prather, Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Brown (A).

June 7 - Burl Painter, Dean Burger, Ralph Robinson, Bryan Crowell, Jim Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burger (A), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Homer (A), Kim and Joe Rae Richardson (A).

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GRADUATION

Jan Ratterree was given the S.S. Scott Scholarship Award for \$150. She was also the recipient of the Pampa Regional Medical Center Nursing Scholarship for over \$16,000.

Valedictorian Kyra Stevens received \$750 from South Plains College, \$883 from the Groom Lions Club, \$1000 from the H&H Credit Union, and \$150 from the State National Bank. Kyra was also awarded the Texas State Valedictorian Scholarship

to \$2500 and the Thelma Pool Memorial First Baptist Church Scholarship of \$250.

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Carson Co. Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting

On May 22, the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Carson County met. Lewis W Powers was the presiding County Judge, and the presiding commissioners present were Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

After the meeting was called to order, the pledge of allegiance and the invocation were spoken. Judge Powers then informed the Court and the Public that if they wish to speak on an agenda item, they may fill out a request form to do so and turn it in to Celeste Bichsel, the County Clerk.

Bichsel then read the minutes of the May 8 and May 15 meetings. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Commissioner Strawn seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham asked the Court to sign two more claims before considering payment. Commissioner Howell asked the Court not to approve the claim to Orkin Exterminators until he could speak to them about the charges. A hotel bill was submitted, but because of the way it was billed, the Auditor refused payment until it could be clarified. Commissioner Britten made a motion to pay all claims except for the Orkin statement, and after Commissioner Howell

seconded it, the motion passed.

No action was taken on the right-of-way and easements, indigent care, or roads, labor, and machinery.

Next, Judge Powers asked the Court to consider allowing and paying for Bob Russ to attend school to become a certified Jailer so that he can supervise and use jail trustees to assist with his maintenance and repair duties. Sheriff Terry informed the Court that the cost of schooling is \$135.00 plus mileage for 96 hours of training and it begins May 31, 2006 at Frank Phillips College. The Sheriff spoke in favor of the request, stating that Mr. Russ could also be used as a jailer. Commissioner Howell motioned to approve the request, and Commissioner Ware seconded it. The motion carried.

Sheriff Terry asked the court to allow him to hire Summer Cunningham for \$7.00 an hour for the summer months to assist in data entry. Commissioner Britten made a motion to allow the request and Commissioner Strawn seconded. The motion passed.

Sheriff Terry then asked the Court to allow him to transfer \$10,000.00 from his new car account to his

car maintenance account to pay for extra gas expense. Commissioner Ware made a motion to allow the line-item transfer, and Commissioner Strawn seconded it. The motion carried.

Judge Powers met with other local County Judges concerning the new Regional Response Plan developed by Governor Perry, which requires counties to file a copy of their assets with a local

designated Emergency Management Coordinator. Carson County will file with Walt Kelly, the Coordinator for Potter County. The plan is to publish each county's assets so that other counties may borrow those assets in case of an emergency, but the County owning those assets has the right to refuse such use. No action was made on this issue.

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Cause No. 9528 GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CHAVEZ GUADALUPE & CONNIE DELAPAZ

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

Cause No. 9488 CARSON COUNTY VS TITSWORTH ALBERT D ESTATE

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

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

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

Levied on the 15th day of May, 2006 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PANHANDLE GROUND WATER DISTRICT, CARSON COUNTY AND CITY OF GROOM.

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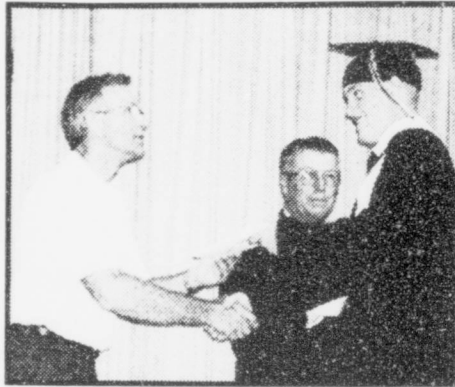
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GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS



Sharrn Britten hugs her dad, Tony, after receiving her diploma.



Brandon Jenkins shakes Cliff Britten's hand at graduation.



Frank Leven smiles as he leaves the stage, diploma in hand.

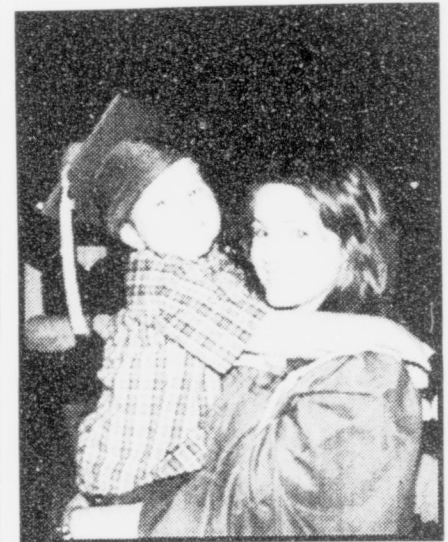


Jan Ratterree prepares to complete her high school career.



Kyra Stevens gives an emotional valedictorian address.

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7th Grade Escorts Maddie Weiberg and Miles Friemel.



8th Grade Girls. Back: Korri Britten, Stacy Schick, Ashley Murray, Rachel Hopkins; front: Alannah King, Tiffany Kling, Virginia Froese, Ashley Evans.



Top Student Ashley Murray receives a certificate and medal for having the highest GPA.

Commissioners



Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham presented the Court with her April report. The report was approved after Commissioner Strawn made a motion to acknowledge it and Commissioner Britten seconded it.

The Court passed a motion to meet again on Monday, June 12. The meeting adjourned.

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Tam Terry

Area law enforcement officers have been very busy this week.

On May 15, Harvey Gene Allen Jr, 50, and Tina Lynn Erberich, 45, both of Oilvale, California, were arrested on a felony charge for possession of cocaine more than one gram and less than four grams by Trooper Dennis Bressfield. Both Allen and Erberich were placed in jail on a \$10,000 bail each.

On May 17, Kimberly Dawn Crawford, 27, of Panhandle, Texas, was arrested on Gray County warrants by Sheriff Tam Terry. Crawford received a felony charge for possession of cocaine greater than 4 grams and less than 200 grams. Crawford was released on a \$20,000 bond on May 17.

On May 18, Misty Dawn Mann, 30, of Tyrone, Oklahoma, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts, one for a theft greater than \$20 and less than \$500 by check, and the other for failure to identify fugitive intent. Mann was arrested by Trooper Dennis Bressfield. She was released on a \$1004 bond

and a \$1500 bond on May 18.

On May 19, Justin Scott Schimpf, 22, of Panhandle, Texas, was arrested on outside warrants by Panhandle Officer Tanner Blackburn. He was released on a \$3000 bond on May 20.

Also on May 19, Colby Austin Millsap, 29, of Van Buren, Arkansas, was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith for two misdemeanor counts, one each for theft greater than \$500 but less than \$1500 and forgery. No bail was posted. He was released on May 20.

On May 19, Stephen Phillip Adams, 57, of Skellytown, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Dennis Bressfield on a felony charge for driving while intoxicated. No bail was posted. He was released on May 21.

On May 20, Cassidy Neal Welch, 22, of Fritch, Texas, was arrested by Sheriff Tam Terry on a misdemeanor charge for driving while intoxicated. No bail was posted.

On May 20, Derrell Steen Brumley, 42, of Skiato, Oklahoma, was arrested by Trooper Mike

Smith. His two misdemeanor charges were for public intoxication and the possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. No bail was posted. He was released on May 21.

Also on May 20, Larry Lynn Hendrix, 50, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by Officer Tanner Blackburn on a misdemeanor charge for possession of cocaine less than 28 grams. No bail was posted.

On May 20, Cody Andrew DeLeon, 19, of Borger, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Gary Davis on two misdemeanor charges. The charges consisted of driving while intoxicated and driving while his license was suspended/invalid. No bail was posted. He was released on May 20.

On May 21, Shawn Anthony Hermesmeyer, 36, of Borger, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Chris Ray on a misdemeanor charge for public intoxication.

On May 21, Mitchell Don Stapleton, 36, of Panhandle, Texas, was arrested by Officer Tanner Blackburn on a misdemeanor charge for driving while intoxicated.

Also on May 21, Pedro Carrasco Gerdez, 64, of Odessa, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith on a misdemeanor charge for driving while intoxicated. No bail was posted. He was released on May 21.

On May 21, Edmundo Ramos, 40, of Elkhart, Kansas, was arrested by

Trooper Mike Smith on a misdemeanor charge for public intoxication. He was released on a \$500 bond on May 21.

Those who were still incarcerated in the Carson County Jail are as follows: Harvey Gene Allen Jr, arrested 5/15/06.

Rosalio Rodriguez Barraza, arrested 2/23/06.

Larry Gene Caviness, arrested 1/29/06.

Jermyn Jerome Dunken, arrested 4/2/06.

Tina Lynn Erberich,

arrested 5/15/06.

Joshua David Gardiner, arrested 2/2/06.

Matthew Gillpatrick, arrested 2/15/06.

Larry Lynn Hendrix, arrested 5/20/06.

Shawn Anthony Hermesmeyer, arrested 5/21/06.

Jonathan Wallace Howell, arrested 5/22/06.

Marco Antonio Pantoja, arrested 4/24/06.

Javier Osornil Pena, arrested 4/1/06.

Justin Ray Reynolds, arrested 3/1/06.

Gene Wesley Rogers, arrested 5/21/05.

Gary Don Salazar, arrested 4/4/06.

Mitchell Don Stapleton, arrested 5/21/06.

Craig Thomas, arrested 1/16/06.

Brian Keith Trantham, arrested 3/8/06.

Mauel Jesus Velgara, arrested 1/12/06.

Timothy Shane Weaver, arrested 5/12/06.

Cassidy Neal Welch, arrested 5/20/06.

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