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Kindergarten Holds Graduation

Fourteen little pairs of feet walked across the auditorium stage on Thursday, May 20 to receive their Kindergarten graduation diplomas. Principal, Dick Crockett introduced teacher's aide, Myrtle Billingsley and teacher Evelyn Sanders. Mrs. Sanders thanked everyone who had been involved in this year. She then introduced each child; Jacob Azzazi, Ashley Byron, Tanner Cadra, Clay Crockett, Bradley Howard, Timothy Jeffries, Marissa Keelin, Nicole McClendon, Zachary Seymour, Anthony Shackleford, Sarah Shackleford, Stacie Smith, Samantha Staton and Katrina Thomas.

The students with a little help from music teacher Judith Watkins surprised Mrs. Billingsley and Mrs. Sanders with a song that thanked them for helping them to grow.

The top four students of the first grade class were honored with being ushers for the graduation ceremony. First graders were Caitlin Mantooth, Tucker Adams, Amber Staton and Caleb Crawford.

1999 Kingergarten (Class of 2012) Graduates

High School Holds Awards Assembly

The McLean High School Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday, May 19 in the school auditorium. The English awards were presented by Jacque Riley to Randi Riley in English I, Gabriel Vega in English II, Brodey Carter English III and Destiny Kirkland for English IV. Brodey Carter also received the Drama Award from Mrs. Riley.

The Spanish awards presented by Patty Hall were received by Sophie Kochmann for Spanish I and Pamela Greer and Gabriel Vega for Spanish II. Alicia Reynolds awarded Randi Riley with the Physical Science Award and Brian Fuller received the Chemistry Award. The Biology Award was presented to Will Frost.

Bill Layman presented the Ag Award to Jessi Fish. Vicki Smith presented Cesily Cadra with the Health Award. D.J. Basham received the Choir award presented by Judith Watkins.

Nancy Woodard presented her math student Shannon Graybeal with the Algebra I Award and Most Improved went to Austin Williams. Pamela Greer received the Algebra II Award and Brodey Carter earned the Most Improved Award. Jimmy Hannon awarded Nikki

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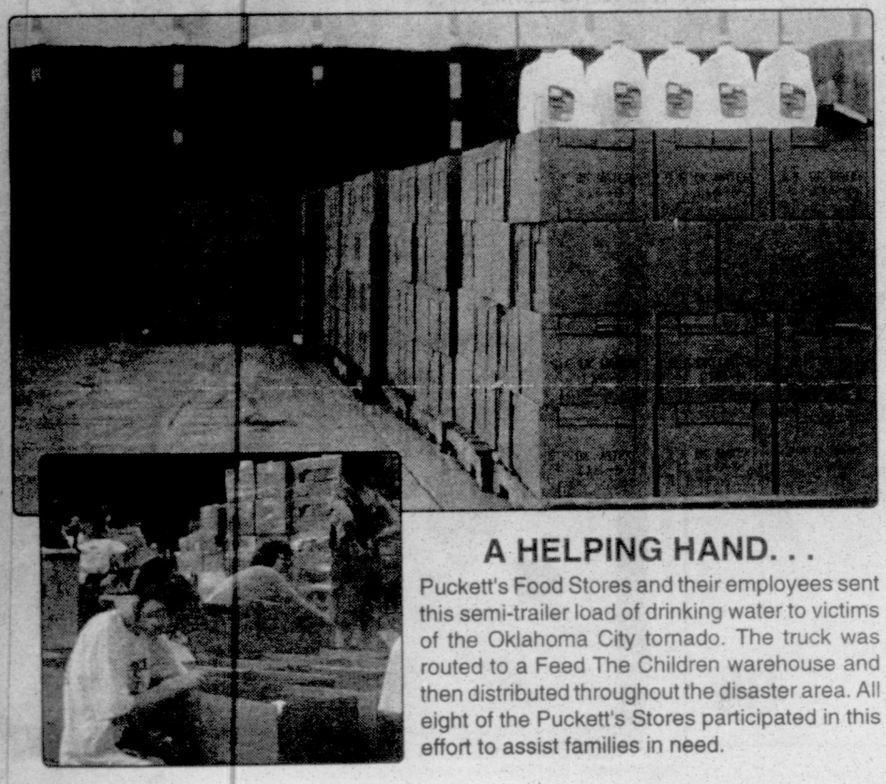

A HELPING HAND. . .

Puckett's Food Stores and their employees sent this semi-trailer load of drinking water to victims of the Oklahoma City tornado. The truck was routed to a Feed The Children warehouse and then distributed throughout the disaster area. All eight of the Puckett's Stores participated in this effort to assist families in need.

Letter To The Editor

My name is Sophie Kochmann and I'm a German exchange student sponsored by PAX-Program of Academic Exchange.

I arrived last August, and have been staying with the Thomas family attending McLean High School. As the school year will soon be over I will return home to Germany. I'm writing to you to express my thanks to everyone here who helped to make my exchange so great. First a great thanks to my host parents, Bill, Tina and Katrina Thomas, who opened their home to me. They certainly gave me the chance to participate in their American lifestyle, this past year. After the first culture shock was over I learned really quick how to participate in a totally different life and to live with a totally different lifestyle. I will always be thankful to my host parents. At this time I also want to thank you my parents far away in Germany because they are the Sponsor for my year here.

Thanks too, to everyone here at McLean High School/Elementary School and all of my teachers and friends who have helped me so much especially in the beginning and had a lot of patience with me.

Diana Vasquez my Community Coordinator arranged my placement here in McLean.

Families who would like to host a student next year should contact PAX.

Finally I'd like to thank the people of McLean, who welcomed me into the community, showed a great interest and curiosity about me and my country, and did certainly the best to make me feel at home - far away from home.

I hope other exchange students will have the same opportunity I have had. Thanks again to everybody who was involved in this exchange.

With thanks,
Sophie

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Golf Scramble Deemed Success

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes held their first annual golf scramble on May 22, 1999. The event was deemed a huge success with twenty teams participating on Saturday morning with a shotgun start.

There were the great golfers like Bubba Bailey to the first time players like Kim Cadra. Everyone had a lot of fun even the concession stand crew that soaked up the sun in between running for coke and water bottles.

The winners of the first flight were Arnold Galbraith and Paula Waters. Joe Riley and Bubba Bailey took second place and Zane and Bobby Richardson took third. Andy Glass and Daniel Harris earned first place in the second flight while Tyler and Marshall Hanes took second. Third place went to Johnny and David Haynes. In the third flight, Jessie and Joy Cooper earned first place, Terri Hall and Kathy Hembree earned second and Roy and Mary Richardson won third. Frankie Sparling and Aaron Rice won first place in the fourth flight, Lacey and Dale Steel won second, and Casey Cooper and Terrance Fite won third.

The F.C.A. would like to thank the following people and businesses for their time and donations: Joe Magee, Shamrock National Bank of Commerce, Holmes Sporting, T-Shirts and More, Bartlett's Lumber, Hefley Auction, Elizabeth's Gifts and More, Hair Gallery, Bode Insurance, Puckett's in McLean, Pritchards, Richardson Texaco, Country Corner, McLean Bank of Commerce, Cadra's Insurance Service, Kirk's Auto, Auto Zone, Wayne's Western Wear, B & B Turbine, Cliff Cook, Arnold, Joe Riley, Jr. Windom, Sam Haynes, Tarpley's, JdeK, Red River Steakhouse, The Hop, Sparling Auto, Simpson Insurance, C&H Supply, Mark Cadra, Mahnken Drug, Taylor, Cantrell's, Billy Bybee and the McLean Golf Association.

A special thank you to Marshall Hanes, Bobby Richardson and Carey Richardson.

The money raised will be used to send a youth to leadership camp at Hardin Simmons University.

Rita Crockett Receives U.S. Collegiate Award

Rita Crockett was recently notified that she is a winner of the United States Collegiate Award in Speech Communications. The U.S. Achievement Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American college students.

Rita attends West Texas A & M University. She was nominated by Dr. Trudy L. Hanson. She is the wife of Don Crockett and the daughter of Sonnie Lewis and the Late George Lewis of McLean.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 27 - Jill Hefley, Grant Mann, Richard Brown, Walter Handlin, Shelby Adams.

May 28 - John Bible, Russ Bockman.

May 29 - Jack Grigsby, Josh Seymour.

May 30 - Garrett Kennedy, Trent Cadra.

May 31 - Fern Woods, David Crockett, David Fuller, S.A. and Isabel Cousins (A).

June 1 - Ted Longino, Doug Seymour.

June 2 - Ginger Haynes.

Pioneer Study Club Finalizes Activities For The Year

The Pioneer Study Club closed out their club year on May 20, 1999. They met in the Church of Christ Annex. Roll call was answered by telling "What are your plans for the summer." President Lynn Reeves opened the meeting by passing out gifts to the outgoing officers to show her gratitude for the help they had given her throughout their tenure of office. A letter concerning the entrance of a float in the Rodeo Parade to be held June 18th at 10:00 a.m. was read and ideas discussed. It was announced that Nama Webb had her baby last Monday, a little girl.

Beverly Odom then passed presents to the outgoing officers from the club in thanks for their service to the club.

Wanda Lamb presented an interesting and thought provoking program from the writing of William Benet and then installed the officers for the coming two years. They are: President Beverly Odom, Vice-President Ruth Trew; Secretary-Reporter Mickey Jackson; Treasurer, Jerry Corbin; and Historian Zelda McClellan.

A sheet was passed around so members could fill out positions for program and hostess for next year.

The outgoing officers served as hostesses and served Pina Colada cake and pink lemonade punch to Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Beverly Odom, Ella Mae Reyna, Lynn Reeves, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, and one guest Becca Reyna.

Elementary-Jr. High Boosters Sponsor Trip To Wonderland

The McLean Elementary and Junior High Booster Club met on Tuesday, May 28th with a full agenda to discuss. It was voted on by those in attendance: Deanna McClendon, Dick Crockett, Principal, Don and Cynthia Hauck, Freda Holland, Tammy Hanes, and Joe Ray Riley that there will be no Innisbrook fundraiser next school year. Instead, it was decided that three small fundraisers be done. The first fundraiser will be sometime in September or October with the students selling See's Candy Bars. The next fundraiser will fall during basketball season in November or December with a raffle to be held. March will hold the third fundraiser with the students selling Biomat Gardening.

Prizes for the students to buy during shopping sprees will still be bought by the boosters. Shopping will be a little different next year with the children having two goals, one for each semester. To be able to shop each quarter, the students must meet at least 25% of their goal and maintain an 85% or above average on testing.

It was decided that the booster club would pay for a set of books for the library and the testing book that must be purchased separately.

The booster club paid for all accelerated readers who had met their goal to go to Wonderland Park on May 21. The club will also pay for the top two accelerated readers to go on a trip again soon. Kindergarten through third grade will make a return trip to Wonderland and fourth through eighth will go to a water-park in Altus, Oklahoma. The top two students are as follows for each class: Kindergarten, Nicole McClendon and Katrina Thomas; First Grade, Caitlin Mantooth and Amber Staton; Second Grade, Trenton Darsey and Jami Sanderson; Third Grade, Lucas Webb and Tyler McMinn; Fourth Grade, Brooke Seymour and Tamara Loya; Fifth Grade, Kevin Smith and Russell Anglin; Sixth Grade, Andria Keeling and Ashley McClendon; Seventh Grade, Sarai Sawyer and Robyn Weaver; and Eighth Grade, Amanda Hauck and Tami Marsh.

MEMORIAL DAY Service will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery, May 31, at 10:30 am in McLean.

Mom's Circle Enjoys EMS Visit

Mom's circle met on May 12th at the United Methodist Church. Doyle Lee, Robbie Sanderson, and Blake Crockett from McLean E.M.S. joined the group. They provided valuable information about McLean ambulance service and children's medical treatment.

The mothers enjoyed a meal of chicken casserole, corn casserole, salad and chocolate cake. Women attending were Shawn Bybee, Vonda Averett, Kendra Birchfield, Heidi Gamble, Diana Roosa, Cathy Payne, and Cindy Strange.

Judy Lee supervised the nursery. Children in the nursery were Mathew Roosa, Alex Payne, Daniel Gamble, Madison Birchfield, Torie and Andrew Bybee, Hayle Barnett, K.J. Averett and Bethany Strange.

McLean Reminders...

JR. HIGH Graduation will be May 27 at 7:00 pm in the United Methodist Church.

McLEAN Graduation exercises will be held on May 28.

Seitz Selected Cheerleader

Traci Seitz of McLean has been selected as a member of the 1999-2000 Clarendon College Cheerleading Squad.

Seitz is among eight individual chosen during try-outs on May 14-15 to serve as members of the squad. She will receive a $300 scholarship plus all book fees.

Members fo the 1999-2000 squad are: Aubrey Knoll, Blanco; Kadi Jo White, Spur; Brandi House, Channing; Katrina Stewart, Quitaque; Windi Early, Miami; Traci Seitz, McLean; Mandy Pigg, Quitaque; Holly Bradshaw, Chillicothe.

Eldridge Cemetery To Hold Service

A memorial service will be held at the Eldridge Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Memorial Day afternoon. James Martindale, pastor of the First Baptist Church will conduct the services. A role call of all persons known to be buried in the cemetery and the McClellan Creek Valley will be recognized.

The Eldridge Cemetery, located north of Alanreed on McClellan Creek, is the oldest cemetery in Gray County dating back to 1890. Under the sponsorship of the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum and the McClellan Creek neighbors, the cemetery has been restored. This is the first known memorial service to be conducted at the site.

The public is invited to attend the service. Take Highway 291 between Alanreed and Lefors to County Road X. Turn west one fourth miles to the cemetery site. Limited parking may require some walking and the site is not handicap accessible. For more information call Delbert Trew at (806)779-3164.

Open A Book! On With The Show!

Open a book, on with the show! The curtain is going up June 1 on another summer of fun at the public library. The Lovett Memorial Library, in conjunction with the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, will be encouraging children to learn more about the wonderful world of books by participating in the annual Summer Reading Club. The program will start June 1 and end, with a final party, June 30. Children will also have the opportunity to design a bookmark. There will be two winners, and the bookmarks will be placed in public libraries in the Texas Panhandle. To receive a Texas Reading Club certificate children are asked to read, or be read to, for 300 minutes. In addition to reading books, children may participate in free programs designed to be of interest to them. For more information please call Lovett Memorial Library. The phone number is 779-2851.

Awards

Hefley with the Algebra I medal and David Swafford with the Algebra II medal. Chris Hauck earned the Pre-Cal Award and Brian Fuller was presented with the Calculus Award. The Money Math Award was earned by Pamela Greer.

James Burch presented Josh Swafford and Deanna Van Brocklin with the Economics Award and Will Frost and Gabriel Vega earned the World Geography Award. Chris Hauck was presented the U.S. History Award by Susan Weaver. Pam Greer earned the World Geography Award and Bonnie Morgan received the Yearbook Award.

Kim Oldham presented all the officers for Business Professionals of America a certificate, they are as follows: Rebecca Hembree, President; Vanessa Glass, Vice-President; Frankie Sparling, Treasurer; Brandy Rich, Secretary; and Derek Studebaker, Parliamentarian; Bethany Rogers, Historian.

Dusty Rogers competed in Desktop Publishing and placed 6th making him a state alternate. Chris Hauck competed in Spreadsheet Applications and placed fifth as a state alternate. Mrs. Oldham presented the BCIS I Award to Melissa Foshee. Bonnie Morgan and Chris Hauck. The BCIS II Award went to Frankie Sparling.

The Business Support System Award went to Dusty Rodgers, and the Keyboarding Award was earned by Vanessa Glass with 93 wpm.

Scott Glass was presented a $19,000 scholarship by Staff Sergeant Grimes of the United States Army. Brodey Carter received an award from Sergeant Brown of the United States Marine Corps. J. Boyd Smith of the McLean Masonic Lodge #889 presented Bonnie Morgan with the Maribu B. Lamar Medal for the Best All-Around Girl and D.J. Basham with the Maribu B. Lamar Medal for the Best All-Around Boy.

Principal, Ed Bailey, presented the academic plaques and they were awarded as follows:

93 And Above

Joshua Swafford, Vanessa Glass, Christopher Hauck, Cesily Cadra.

94 And Above

Brodey Carter, Jessica Fleming, Lacey Steel, Will Frost.

95 And Above

Rachel Galley, Brian Fuller, Pamela Greer, Sophie Kochmann, Gabriel Vega, Nikki Hefley.

96 And Above

Randi Riley, Teddra Simmons.

97 And Above

Sara Hall.

More Reminders

REMEMBER TO get your parade entry forms in to the Chamber of Commerce.

THE ALANREED Cemetery Assoc. will meet June 1 at Hilltop Cafe in Alanreed at 7pm.

MINISTERIAL Alliance will have a meeting at the First Baptist Church, May 30 at 7:00 pm.

Scott Glass Receives Army Scholarship At Ceremony

Scott Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glass was presented a $19,000. continuing education scholarship from the Army College Fund and the Montgomery Bill. Sgt. Steven Grinie presented the scholarship at the High School Awards Ceremony on May 19. Scott will leave August 17 for Ft. Jackson, South Carolina where he will begin boot camp and advance training in the areas of airborne training and administrative fields. Scott also received the M award in Horse Judging and the Government academic medal.

Joetta Kirkland completed the Secretarial Science Program at Clarendon College, Pampa Center, on May 12, 1999. She had a GPA of 3.6 and was on the Dean's List at Clarendon College.

Reminder

THE CITY HALL and library will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Elementary Students Of The Week Named

McLean Elementary School announced the Students of the Week for the week of May 10 - May 14.

The following students were named: Kindergarten, Nicole McClendon. First Grade, Brian Shackelford. Second Grade, Jamie Sanderson. Third Grade, Zach Richardson. Fourth Grade, Brooke Seymour. Fifth Grade, Xenia Buckhaults. Sixth Grade, Terrence Fite. Seventh Grade, D.J. Graybeal. Eighth Grade, Amanda Hauck.

Unfortunately the photo did not turn out. The News staff offers our congratulations and our apologies.

Dinner Theater Entertains 80

Monday, May 17, 1999, the McLean High School Theater class held its annual Dinner Theater at the Devil's Rope Museum. The group entertained the crowd of approximately 80 people with a play about the dangers of drinking and driving and a hillbilly play, which was the highlight of the evening. Those participating in the plays were: Josh Swafford, Rachel Galley, Amanda Cline, Brodey Carter, Gina Gutierrez, Ike Hanes, Valerie Joiner, Brandy Rich, Lacey Steel and Annie Weaver. The evening was deemed a success by those in attendance.

Chamber Of Commerce To Host Rodeo

The Area Chamber of Commerce in McLean, the heart of old Route 66, is hosting the 89th annual rodeo festivities on June 18 and 19 and they want you to be a part!

On the morning of Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 there will be the traditional parade. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade with riding clubs, antique cars, floats, bikes, motorcycles, jeeps, dune buggies, or anything else that would be appropriate and suit the personality of you or your business.

There will be no entry fee and ribbons will be given and maybe a trophy or two.

For more information you may call the Chamber offices at 806-779-0000 or contact Terri Adams, the parade coordinator, at 806-779-2224. If no answer, please leave a message, all calls will be returned.

Amy Goossen & Anthony Palito Plan July Nuptials

Ezra Goossen of Dublin and Crystal Goossen of Brownwood wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amy Jo Goossen to Anthony Joseph Polito. Tony is the son of Larry and Lynn Swanson of McLean.

Amy is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education at West Texas A&M University. Tony, a Texas State Trooper, is stationed in Clarendon.

The wedding will take place July 10, 1999, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Weekly Bible Question
Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. Does it matter what we call ourselves religiously?

"Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:12,13). "...but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God," (Colossians 3:16).

Paul rebuked the Corinthian Christians for wearing the names of men. This practice was causing division ("For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you." (1 Corinthians 1-11). It is later said they were fleshly rather than spiritual, creating jealousy and strife over the allegiance to certain men, 1 Corinthians 3:1-4. It is Christ who died for mankind, not anyone else.

Even today, many wear and honor the names of men, systems and practices rather than the name of Christ. Remember, it is only by the name (authority) of Christ that we are saved. Acts 4:12. Isn't it sensible and proper to wear His Name only?

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. May the Lord bless you in the prayerful study of His Word. Request a free in-home Bible study or Bible Correspondence Course.

The Classified Section

CLASSIFIED RATES: 20¢ word with a minimum of $5.00. A "Card of Thanks" is $5.00 up to 25 words. Wedding stories are printed free up to 300 words, after 300 words the rate is 20¢ per word. There is no charge for pictures as space permits.

PAYMENT: Required at the time of placing the ad. Advertisers with an established account may be billed on 30 day accounts. An extra charge will be incurred if tear sheets are required.

ERRORS: Check your ad the first time it comes out. Errors or mistakes that are not corrected after the first printing are the responsibility of the advertiser.

The Groom-McLean News does not vouch for the legitimacy of any ad, job or money making opportunities. We suggest that you throughly check out any offer before making a commitment.

FOR SALE
Two year old Angus & Angusin Bulls.
Call Mark Meeks
806-375-2343.

HELP WANTED: Custodial position at Groom ISD. Contact Supt. John Wilson at 806-248-7557 or apply at 304 W. 3rd, Groom, Texas. E.O.E.

HELP WANTED: Outreach Health Services needs a provider in Groom for 23 hours per week. Please Call 1-800-800-0697 if interested. E.O.E.

BALLARD OIL CO., Claude, has all your propane, farm fuel and diesel. Home delivered and bottles filled. Call Ben 226-3231.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, lg basement. 2 car garage. By owner, 779-2757 or 779-2612, McLean.

FOR SALE: 1986 Cutlass Supreme, very clean & good. $3500.00. Odis Calcote 779-2084, McLean.

STORE OPENING: Kid Connection children's store opening in Panhandle in August. Seeking individuals to handcraft gifts, toys and accessories. For information call Tisha at 335-1041 or Brend at 335-1026.

COAST TO COAST located within Mahnken Drug & Radio Shack In Shamrock. Sofas; 5-piece bedroom suites as low as $599; Frigidaire & Crosley Appliances, Zenith TV.

Public Notice

This is a two year project.
Plans are required.
*** Local Let Maintenance Contract ***
County: Carson
Highway: IH0040
Length: 1.000 MI
Control Number: 6040-92-001
DBE/HUB Goal: 0.0%
Project Number: RMC - 604092001
Type: Mowing of Right of Way.
Time For Completion: 204 Working Days.
Guaranty: 8,000.00
Est. Cost: 260,192.00
Bids Received Until: 2:00 PM June 24, 1999
Bids Will Be Opened: 2:00 PM June 24, 1999
Mail or deliver bids to: Texas Department of Transportation
Amarillo District
5715 Canyon Dr
Amarillo, TX 79110-0000
(806)356-3283
Contact Person: Davis, Joyce
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, TX 79110
(806)356-3283
Limits From: Various Locations In Carson, Gray
Limits To: And Donley Counties (Groom Maint)

MOVING SALE
210 Wilkerson, Groom; Friday, May 28, 9 am to 5 pm; Saturday, May 29, 9 am to 5 pm. Items include kitchen appliances, furniture, console TV, stereo, VCR, large selection of tools, clothing and much more.

$1200.00 REWARD for the names of those stealing the solar panels from my water well just east of town, on May 21, 1999. The information will be kept confidential and will not be furnished to any law enforcement body for prosecution. The information is necessary that I might forgive them their trespasses in person.
Bill Reeves, 806-779-2797, McLean.

1990 PONTIAC 6000, 1986 Chev. S10 Pickup and 1977 Arrowglass 17 ft. Bass Boat. All in excellent condition. 806-663-4949 ask for Sharon; after 5:00 (806)248-7204.

HOUSE SETTLING? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563.

HOME REPAIRS, remodeling, and additions. 248-7235. Ask for Ernie.

!!!NOTICE!!!
Special Education Records -
Held by Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement, Shamrock, Texas.

Eastern Panhandle SSA is giving notice to destroy the Special Education records of students with disabilities (including Speech) who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education between June 1991 and May 1992. These records involve students who attended the following schools:

ALLISON ISD
CANADIAN ISD
FT. ELLIOTT CISD (Briscoe and Mobeetie)
HEDLEY CISD
HIGGINS ISD
KELTON ISD
LAKEVIEW ISD
McLEAN ISD
MIAMI ISD
SAMNORWOOD ISD
SHAMROCK ISD
WELLINGTON ISD
WHEELER ISD

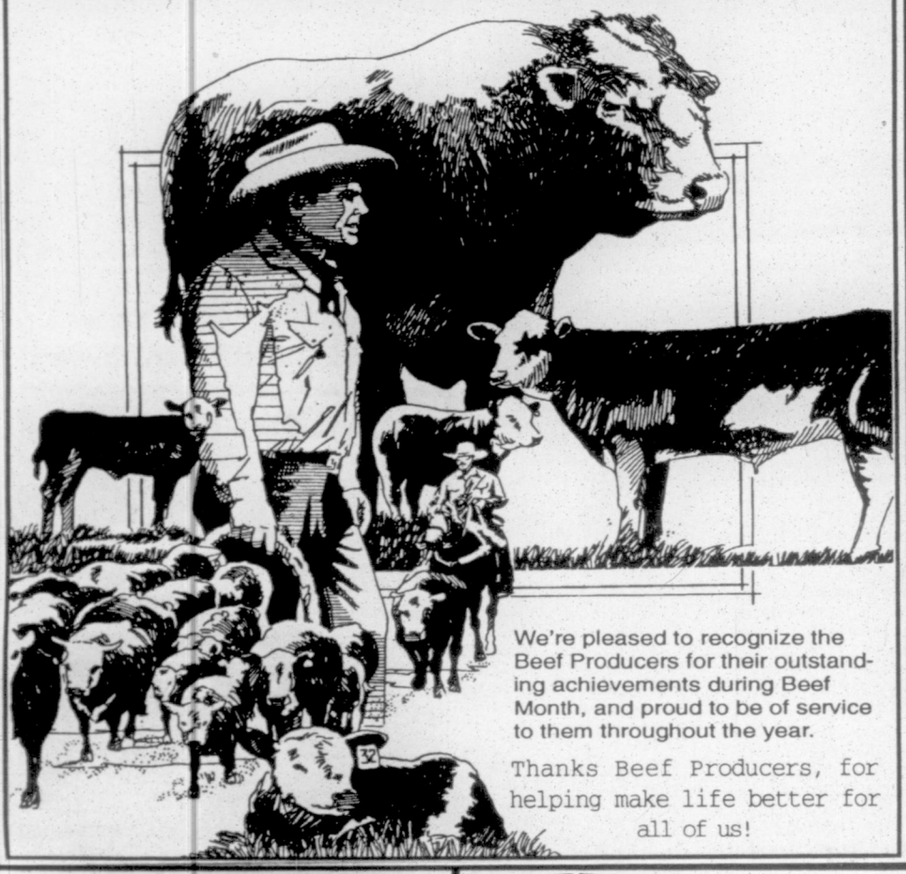
Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed. These records may be needed to assist in obtaining Social Security benefits, exemptions for college tests or other purposes. We will not destroy these records until July 15, 1999.
If you wish to have these records, please contact:
Joline Wilson, Director
Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement
517 South Wall
Shamrock, Texas 79079
(806) 256-2592

GARAGE SALE: 210 Shelton, Groom. Sat. 9:00-4:00, Nordic Track, Furniture, household items and clothes.

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage and cellar. Extra large lot. Call 665-5146, McLean, 918 N. Main.

MOVING SALE: Furniture, appliances, dishes, pots & pans. 918 N. Main, 9:30 to 4:30. Saturday, May 29, McLean.

MAY IS BEEF MONTH!



We're pleased to recognize the Beef Producers for their outstanding achievements during Beef Month, and proud to be of service to them throughout the year.

Thanks Beef Producers, for helping make life better for all of us!

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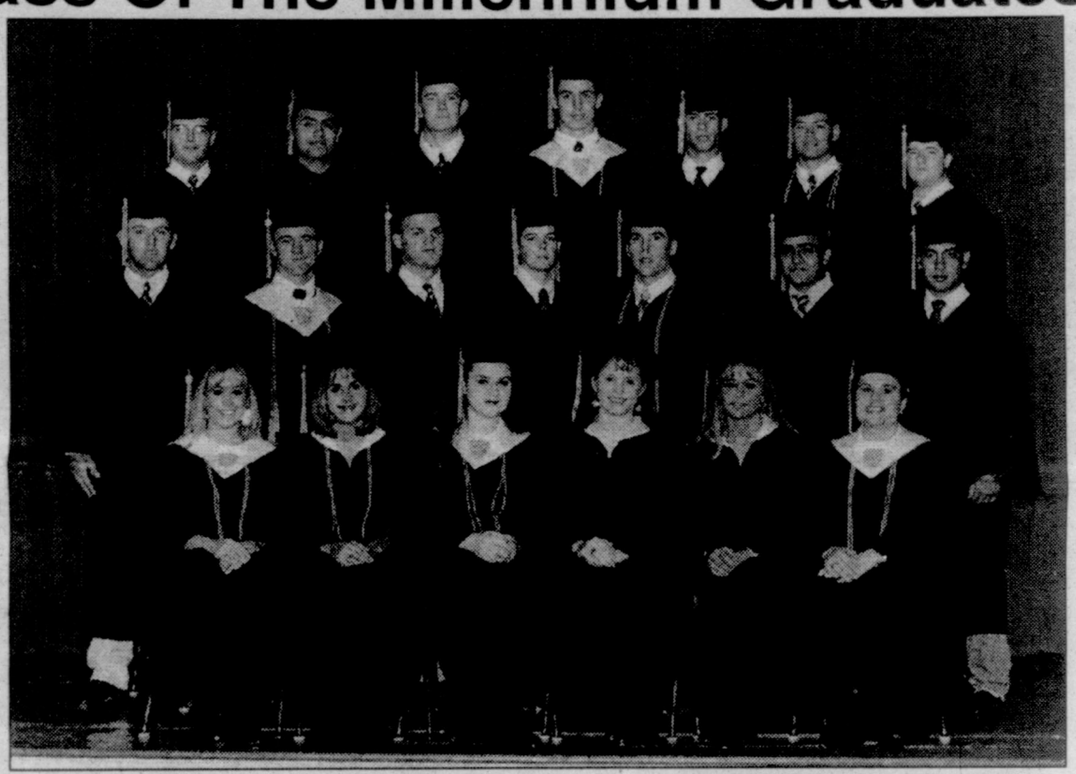
Last Class Of The Millennium Graduates



Twenty-one Groom High School students ended their course of study at GHS in commencement ceremonies Friday night. Students were recognized for their achievements and several scholarships were presented.

Sarah Hutsell was presented the Most Outstanding Student award. The honor is based on citizenship, service and scholarship.

Karen Conrad received the S.S. Scott Scholarship. This award is based on leadership, service and post secondary aspirations.

The Eldred James Scholarship was presented to Dara Whatley. This award is also based on leadership, service, service and post secondary aspirations.

The State National Bank award was earned by Josh Crooks. Citizenship, athletics, fidelity, post secondary aspirations, and scholarship were the requirements.

Dean Fields was named third high ranking student in the class. He

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Eighth Grade Class Holds Graduation Services

The 8th Grade Class held Commencement on Friday. Graduates are Staci Britten, Lauren Crowell, Brin Burgin, Jessica Bates, Amanda Conrad, Lainie Britten, Stephany Fraser, Jill Britten, Kira Broadway, Amanda Martin, & Penny McMahan. Cody Babcock, Richard Barkley, Anthony Ratterree, Brett Britten, Doug Fields, Lance Ollinger & Robert Newton.

COMMUNITY CALENDER

THE SWIMMING Pool in Groom opens June 1, 1:00-6:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

BASEBALL . . . . .

Monday, May 31 at Groom, T Ball, Big Field 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, June 1, Minors at Groom, Big Field 7:00 pm.

Thursday, June 3, Majors at Claude 8:00 pm.

Friday, June 4, Minors vs Claude at Claude 8:00 pm.

SEVERAL Businesses will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day. Some of them are: State National Bank, U.S. Post Office, City of Groom and Groom ISD offices. R&L Fuel will close early.

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program at the Groom Branch Library will begin June 1st and go through July 30th. There will be prizes for the Read O Card.

Story Hour will be June 8th, 9th and 10th at 10:00 a.m. There will be a special host at each story hour.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO.
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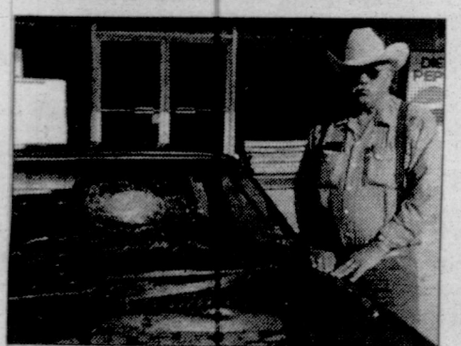


Hail damage? Hail, Yes! *Philip Hermesmyer of Jericho sports a badly broken windshield after a storm dumped large hail stones on his car. The Hermesmyers were not home when the storm hit, but when they arrived one and a half hours later, the hail stones were still as big as turkey eggs!*

Local Happenings

Ruth James, Yvonne Barkerm, and Kay Green of Amarillo visited with Skeet and Eileen Brown at the nursing home in Clarendon recently.

Attending graduation and celebrating Cody Britten's graduation were his brother and sister Andy and Annette Waxler.

Visiting the Brown family, in celebration of Kori's graduation, were Mamie Poole of Amarillo, Tracy and Heidi Brown and family of Lubbock and Lynita Brown also of Lubbock.

The group had a splendid time visiting with the local Brown's, Juanita and Fred, Larry, Karen and Skye, Lonny, Susan and Kade and the honoree Kori.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

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, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Treadwell (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton (A), Brice and Jeannie Ruthardt (A).

May 30 - Norma Jean Homer.

May 31 - Stanley Anthony, Sean Crowell, Pete Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Littlefield (A), Mr. and Mrs. K.W. Jackson (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Babcock (A).

June 1 - A.J. Newsom.

June 2 - Arnold Kuehler, Patrick Britten.

Remember your favorite Senior this Graduation with a student subscription to the Groom McLean News! It is like getting a letter from home every week for only $15.00! Call today! 248-7333 or 779-2141.

Thanks Groom!

The After Graduation Party Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in the spring raffle. A huge thanks also to the four businesses for donating the meals.

The winners were: Richard Weller - Applebee's; Marcia Conrad -Red River Steakhouse; Donna Barnett-Bar H Dude Ranch; R. J. Kemp - Abuelo's.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BARNEY! *Barney Davis celebrates the Big 8-0 with a group of friends at breakfast at the DQ. Pictured are Charleen Weller, LaVesta Barnett, Willie Barnett, Jo Ann Britten, Gloria Ledwig, Katie Talley, Birthday girl Barney Davis and special guest Mollie Stewart.*

Fields Graduates Summa Cum Laude At WTAMU

Staci Fields graduated Summa Cum Laude Saturday, May 15 from West Texas A & M University in Canyon. She had a GPA of 3.98. Staci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fields of Groom. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Science with a secondary Degree in composite Science Education. She is a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, Gamma Beta Pi Honor Society. She was also named in "Who's Who Among College and University Students." Staci plans to continue her education and get a Masters degree before beginning a teaching career.

Prather Receives Diploma

A student from Groom was among 664 students at South Plains College to receive diplomas during SPC's 41st commencement exercises.

Groom recipient of the Associate of Applied Science Degree is Jason Lynn Prather, Commercial Art.

He is the son of Rick and Sharon Prather of Groom.

Britten Graduates From Frank Phillips College

Joe Britten received an Associate of Arts Degree from Frank Phillips College in Borger on April 30, 1999. Joe graduated with a 3.5 GPA and was on the Dean's list. Joe, also, received the #1 Fan of the Year award at the Athletic Banquet which honors a student supporter of not only athletics, but of the entire college program. Joe plans to attend Texas Tech in Lubbock in the fall pursuing a degree in elementary education. Joe is the son of Cobb and Kay Britten.

Pool to Open June 1

Groom Swimming Pool will open on June 1st at 1:00 p.m. Swimmers may attend Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 to 6:00 pm for $1.00 per person.

Rules are as follows:

(1) All children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

(2) No food in pool area.

(3) No running.

(4) No diving in shallow end.

(5) Students must pass a brief swimming test before going to the deep end.

(6) All toys, rafts, balls etc. must be approved by the lifeguards.

(7) No children who wear floaties allowed in the deep end.

(8) Proper swimming attire is required.

(9) No rough housing, pushing people into the pool or dunking will be allowed.

(10) The lifeguards word is law! All rules are subject to interpretation or modification by the lifeguards.

For private parties contact Karen Reid at 248-7616.

Brandon Pool, Son of Larry Pool, Enlists In United States Army

Brandon C. Pool joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

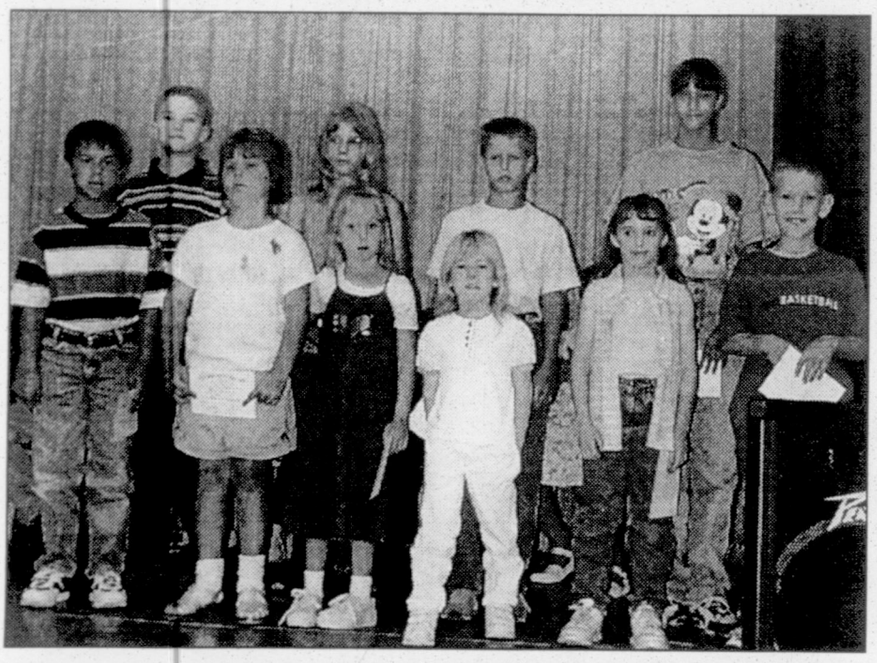
The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as $50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a $3,000 enlistment bonus.

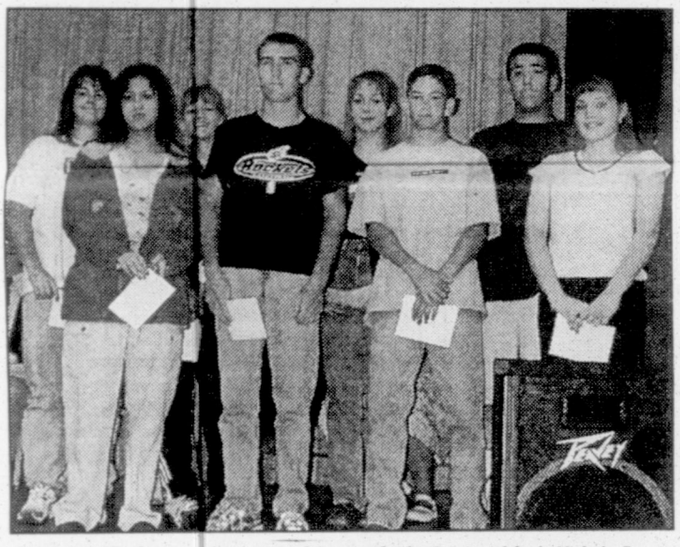
Pool reported for active duty on May 25, 1999.

He is the son of Kia Riemath of Highway Contract Route 2, Lorenzo, Texas, and Larry D. Pool of Groom, Texas.

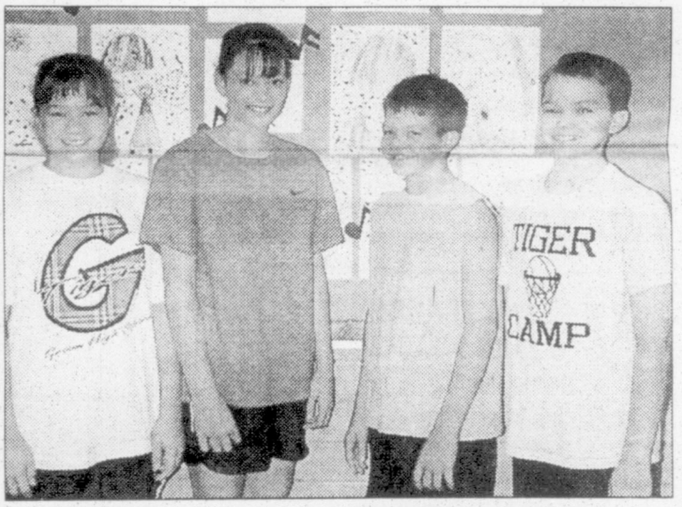
More Groom I.S.D. Awards Presented



Recieving Awards for Perfect Attendence were (back) Adam Britten, Sharri Britten, Bryan Newton, Sarah Broadway, (front) Anthony Luna, Ashley Murry, Tiffani Kling, Cecilia Unger, Brittany Weinheimer, and Trevor Friemel.



Receiving "Perfect Attendance Awards" were (back) Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Ross Brooks, Liz Vega, Dewayne Gray, Russell Conrad, and Amanda Martin.



More Award Winning Groom School Students: *Earning All A's and the President's Award in 6th Grade were Ashley Jackson, Magan Bivens, Chance Barkley, and Adam Britten.*

Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand, Sheriff

The Carson County Jail is currently holding eleven prisoners. We also have holds placed on ten prisoners in other jurisdictions.

There were three arrests last week:

James D. Anglin, 51, Public Intoxication; Scott Bell, 34, Felony Theft/Murder; Daniel Manning, Jr., 37, Felony Theft/Murder.

Our department was given information by the Craighead County Sheriff's Department in Jonesboro, Arkansas on Wednesday, May 19 that they were looking for two suspects who may be in the Skellytown area. Warrants had been issued for the suspects for Felony Theft and they were also wanted for questioning in the murder of a Caraway, Arkansas man. Both suspects were located in Skellytown and taken into custody. Officers involved in the investigation and capture were Chief Deputy Lovell Kennard, Sgt. Ray Davis, Deputy Fred Herrick, Deputy Gary Robertson, Texas Ranger Alvin Schmidt and Sheriff Loren Brand.

Physical evidence linking the men to the crime and the 1990 Hondo Accord belonging to the homicide victim were recovered in Skellytown. Officers from the Arkansas State Police and the Craighead County Sheriff's Department were in Carson County on Thursday, May 20 to recover the property and talk with the suspects.

On Friday, May 21 both subjects waived extradition and were taken back to Arkansas by authorities.

Ritter Qualifies For NCAA Track & Field

Justin Ritter, who attends Angelo State University, will be running in the NCAA Division II National Track and Field events in Emporia, Kansas. He qualified for the 4 x 400 (1600 meter relay) with a 3:10 time at North Texas State to be eligible. The meet will take place on Friday and Saturday May 28 and 29.

Don't Forget to Fly Your Flag On Monday, Memorial Day

More All-Sports Banquet Highlights

Jessica Stapp and Karen Conrad were named co-MVP's in tennis. Chris Ollinger was the honoree for the boys.

Josh Crooks and Daniel Treadwell share the MVP title in basketball. Carrie Davis and Jessica Stapp also will share the girls.

They emerge from the yawning swinging door in a cloud of spray deodorant, baby powder and steam. They embrace the elements whether it be the burning heat of the last days of summer, the freezing rain of November or the bitter winds of March. They endure the conditions of their game arena, from the "Sticker" stadiums of the Texas prairies to the claustrophobic gyms in nearby towns. They ride one kidney bruising mile after another on buses built to endure the highways but not for comfort the rider. They play with aches and pains that would put most of humanity in bed. Why?

For some it is simply the challenge of the game, for others...the cheers and comraderie of their team mates. For what ever reason these young athletes compete, allowing those who watch the opportunity to taste the sweetness of their victories and the bitterness of their defeats.

Graduation

was the recipient of the Billy R. Fields Scholarship and the Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship.

Daniel Treadwell received the Altar Society Scholarship from the Catholic Church.

Sarah Hutsell was the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Education Majors award; the Carr Scholarship from Angelo State University, the Harrington Scholarship from Amarillo College, and the Early Graduation Award from the State of Texas.

Kori Brown earned a San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship, and a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.

Jacey Richardson received a Rodeo Scholarship from Western Oklahoma State.

Cody Britten was the recipient of the Livestock Judging Scholarship from Frank Phillips College.

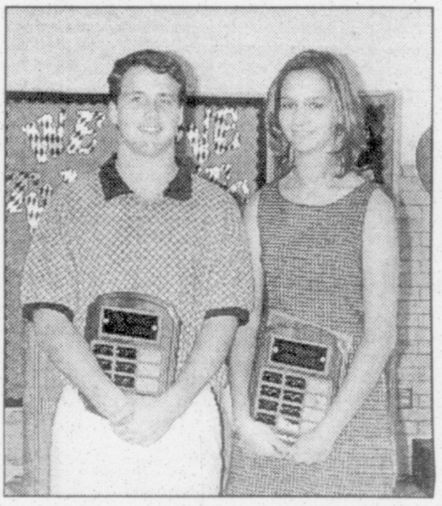
Wyatt Weinheimer accepted the Mesa Scholarship from West Texas A&M University, the Enda Graham Freshman Scholarship, and the Valedictorian Honor Graduate Scholarship.

Jessica Stapp received a Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship from Amarillo College, the Billy J. Burgin Scholarship and the Lion's Club Sweetheart Scholarship.

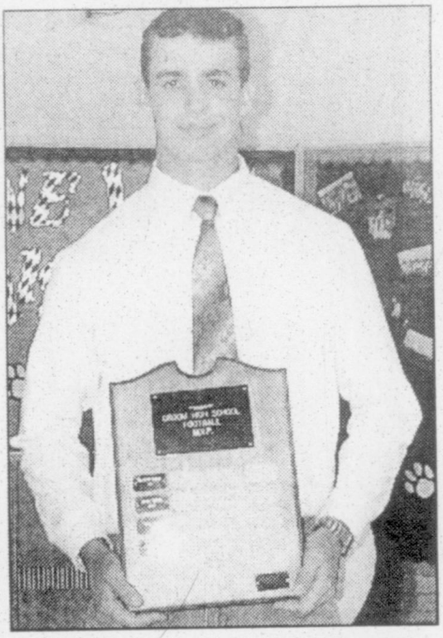
Caleb Pool was the recipient of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship for Angelo State University.

The following seniors earned a 90 or above average for all four years of high school and were recognized at the graduation ceremony: Cody Britten, Karen Conrad, Josh Crooks, Dean Fields, Sarah Hutsell, Jacey Richardson, Jessica Stapp, Wyatt Weinheimer, and Dara Whatley.

Carrie Sue Davis and Dusty Crump were named MVP for Track and Field.



Named Most Valuable Player for Golf were Evan Crowell and Frances Britten.



Wyatt Weinheimer was named MVP in Football.

Carson County Commissioners Court

The Carson County Commissioners Court met on May 24, 1999 with the members and officers present as follows: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners, Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The motion passed to pay all claims.

The receipt was acknowledged from J.M. Huber Corporation to bore four separate roads in Precinct #3 for gas pipelines.

Bids were opened for a used tractor to be operated in Precinct #2. Scott Tractor submitted a bid of $22,000.00 for a 5488 International. Hansford Implement submitted the bid of $17,500.00 for a 4640 John Deere. The Hansford Implement bid was accepted.

Three residents of the Webb and Bragg Subdivision met with the court to ask for assistance in creating an emergency right-of-way for access to their property. Patty Barnett, Curtis Stone and Annette Teeter pled their case to the court because of recent rains that have cut off roads to their property. The landowners presented the court with a letter stating that the county had removed rock and a culvert from a roadway that connected County Road D with County Road 309. The roadway is now plowed ground, according to residents. The court suggested the property owners get an easement from the current landowner. The county can not legally work on the roadway until a dedication is made.

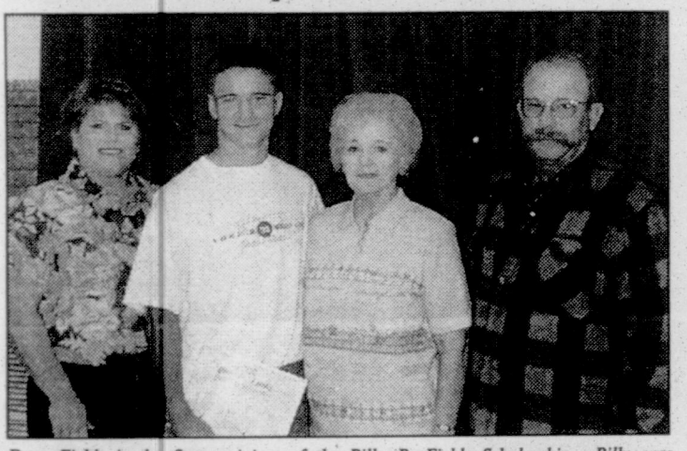
Judge Powers informed the court that an agreement with Kel-Tex Electrical Company has been reached to update electrical wiring in the courthouse at a cost of $5020.00. The money will come from capital improvements to increase electrical circuits in the building.

Safe-keeping cusip #912795BM2 for $100,000.00 from Groom State National Bank was released.

The court officially accepted the resignation of Ava Hale from the War Memorial Board. A successor will be appointed.

Monday is Memorial Day! Be sure to fly your flag!

Scholarships Awarded To Students



Dean Fields is the first recipient of the Billy R. Fields Scholarship. Billy was Dean's grandfather, which makes this an extra special award for him. He is pictured with his grandmother, Mrs. Billy Fields; his aunt and the daughter of Billy, Debbie Ollinger; and his father, the son of Billy, Barry Fields.

Several non-school awarded scholarships were presented at the Awards Assembly on Monday. The Billy J. Burgin Scholarship was established in memory of Billy Burgin who was a Groom graduate, long-time leading citizen and avid sports fan. Dondra Downs, daughter of Billy J. Burgin presented this award to Jessica Stapp.

Mr. John Wilson presented the Billy R. Fields Scholarship. This is the first year for this scholarship. Fields was also a lifelong resident, graduate, leading citizen, and sports fan. This scholarship is administered by the Amarillo Area Foundation. This year's recipient is Dean Fields.

Dean was also awarded the Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship, presented by Mark Thomas of the Claude Masonic Lodge. The Groom Lodge merged with the Claude Lodge in recent years, and annually gives this $200 award in Claude and Groom.

Jessica Stapp is all smiles as Dondra Downs, daughter of the late Bill J. Burgin presents her a scholarship in her father's name.

Mark Thomas of the Claude Masonic Lodge presented the Mirabeau Lamar Scholarship to Dean Fields.

Forrest Wharton "Pumpkin" McLaughlin, Sr. Services Held

Servicesfor Forrest Wharton "Punkin" McLaughlin Sr., age 74, of Morgan's Point Resort were held at Dossman Funeral Home with Rev. Elton Lawson officiating. Burial followed in the Moffat Cemetery.

Mr. McLaughlin died Sunday at his home.

He was born April 23, 1925 in Moffat to Paul Jones and Dena Lois (Wharton) McLaughlin. He graduaged from New Braunsfels High School in 1942 and served in the U.S Army during World War II. He was a business entrepreneur in trucking and retail business and retired in 1990. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. He married Laura Elizabeth Weller March 11, 1943 in New Braunfels and she preceded him in 1972. He married Mary Elizabeth Hill on July 6, 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth McLaughlin of Morgan's Point Resort, one son, Forrest Wharton McLaughlin, Jr. of Groom, Texas, two daughters, Darlynn Brown of Clayton, Alabama and Suzanne Geiselbrecht of Belton; one stepdaughter, Ann Giffith of Temple; one brother, Billy Dale McLaughlin of Ft. Worth; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Moffat Cemetery Association or to Vista Care Hospice.