

## Class of 1999 Holds Commencement Services For 15 MHS Students




Eighth Grade Holds

## Graduation

The eighth grade class of 1999 graduated on May 27 and will be the first freshmen of the new century attending McLean High.
The commencement exercises were held at the United Methodist Church. Katrina Routon earned Valedictorian honors and Shaley Steel earned Salutatorian honors.
The sixth, seventh and eighth grade choir honored the graduates with a song.
Members of the eighth grade graduating class are Jeffery Lee, Trent Cadra, Drew Barker, Bron

See 8th grade, pg. 9

MCLEAN REMINDERS

FATHER'S DAY is June 20.

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

The City Council will meet in regular session on May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

LOAVES \& FISHES will have their annual picnic, June 8 in the park at noon.

DON'T FORGET the Summer Reading Program at the library.

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More Briefs...

Parkinson Wins State Competition In Discus Karen Parkinson

| Mrs. Zora Petty | $\begin{array}{l}\text { granddaughter of Mr. and } \\ \text { Mrs. Jake Bible and }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | Billingsley was in former student of McLean Priday, May 28, to decorate the gravesites of seven relatives buried in McLean's Hillcrest Cemetery. McLean, won first place McLean, won first place at state competition in

discus. She threw 129 feet and She threw 129 feet and 1 inch. Karen is a junior in Homer,

## Seniors

seniors in which parents had sent pictures of the had sent pictures of the
kids over the years. The Benediction was given by Scott Glass. Crissy Edwards Simpson received the scholarship. Destiny Kirkland received the PTA and the Carl Lee Henley scholarships. Bonnie Morgan also scholarship. Scott Glass received a $\$ 19,000$ scholarship from the Army college fund and a Army college fund and a
standing ovation from his standing ovation from his Classmates.
Galley,
Valedictorian, Galley, Valedictorian,
received the Madge Padge scholarship, the J. W. Meacham scholarship, and the

## Elementary, Jr. High Host <br> Awards <br> Ceremony

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Arkansas. She also won Ninth in state competition in shot put throwing 33 feet 2 inches. She carned M.V.P. in track.

## Saint Roost Celebration

The 121st Annual Saint Roost Celebration at Clarendon, will be on Saturday, July 3rd at the Donley County Courthouse Square.
The annual Arts, Crafts and Gift Fair is sponsored by the Donley County 4-H Club.
For more information contact Lori Leffew 806-874-2141.

National Honor Society scholarship. Rachel also received the award for received the award for graduate.
The graduates of 1999 from McLean High School are Donald Ray Basham, Jr., Mark Albert Bolton, Victoria Lynn Bradley, David Ray Burrow, Melissa Denise Foshee, Rachel Dawn Foshee, Rachel Dawn Galley, Howard Scott Glass, Rebecca D'Ann Glass, Rebecca Sue
Hembree, Gary Don Jones, Destiny Nicole Kirkland, Bonnie Elizabeth Morgan, Crissy D'Ann Edwards Simpson, Joshua Joseph Swafford, Ryan Stuart Swanson and Deanna Marie Van Brocklin. Class sponsors were Paula Waters, Nancy Woodard and Jacque Riley.


Flippin' Fanm State Champioss: Ashley Byron and Trenton Darsey competed in state competition in Lubbock and came home state champs. Ashley won $1 s t$ in Trampoline and Trenton won $1 s t$ in Trampoline and 3rd in Tumbling.
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Students in the Sixth through Eighth grade enjoyed watching the video of the trip to Altus, Oklahoma. Looks like an edge of the seat exciting video!

## Family Healthcare

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## New Clinic Hours:

The Clinic Will Be Closed On May 28 \& May 31

Jerry Wilson, P.A. Mon.-Fri. 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.


Carol Carroll, L.V.N. Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

All-Sports Banquet Names Most Valuable Players For McLean Teams In In 1999


Cesily Cadra, Frankie Sparling, Amanda Cline and Annie Weaver enjoy the meal at the recent McLean High School Sports Banquet.


Brian Fuller accepts his award at the Sports Banquet. Also pictured are Coach Herring and Coach Burch

## Seniors Tour Oklahoma City

Friday morning, May
13. 1999, found sixteen McLean High School seniors and three sponsors on their way to Oklahoma City for a one-day senior trip. Leaving at 5:30 A.M. these seniors and sponsors were in for a full day of educational fun in the city. At 9:15, Cowboy Hall of Fame. After seeing many interesting paintings and sculptures at the Hall of Fame, the group went to the Kirkpatrick Center. There they encountered some 1,500 elementary students, who were also visiting the Center. The next stop for the group was the Oklahoma City Zoo where they spent three hours in the heat of the day walking through the exhibits. There the group saw the new twin

## in April. After the trip

 traveled to the Penin Square Mall to shop, eat and visit for two hours. Supper was enjoyed at the Varsity Sports Grill before heading to Celebration Station for a couple hours of fun and games. The group headed back to McLean arriving tired but satisfied with the day's trip at 1:00 A.M. Friday morning. Those seniors and sponsors who enjoyed the class trip were: Donald Basham, Mark Bolton, David Burrow, Victoria Bradley, Crissy Edwards, Melissa Foshee, Rachel Galley, Scott Glass, Vanessa Glass, Rebecca Hembree Gary Jones, Destiny Kirkland, Bonnie Morgan, Josh Swafford, Ryan Swanson Swafford, Ryan
## Brockita, Comeh Faut- Waters, Mrs. Nancy Woodard and Mrs. Woodard and Mrs. Jacque Riley.

## 106 Visitors See

 Museum in MayBy Dorthey McKee
The McLean Alanreed Area Museum enjoyed having the Pioneer Study Club, the first part of the month. We had the third grade class and their teachers and sponsors from Miami, Texas.
During the month of May the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 106 visitors from different parts of the United States and twe from foreien countr, England and several from, England and several from Germany.
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Cross Cross Country: Brian Fuller, Most Valuable; Lacey Steel, Most
Improved; Annie Weaver Improved; Anni
Most Valuable.
Basketball: Lacey Steel, Free Throw Percent; Percent: Lacey Steel Percent; Goal Percent;
Field


Bethany Rodgers, Derek Studebaker and Chris Hauck smile for the camera at the Sports Banquet.

8th Grade
Bohlar, Robert Brass, Amanda Hauck, Sonny Northcutt, Tami Marsh, Shaley Steel, Jennifer Smith, Katrina Routon,

Rachel Galley, Rebounds;
Amanda Cline, Assists; Amanda Cline, Assists;
Vanessa Glass, Steals Randi Riley, Mos Improved; Rachel Galley, Offensive; Vanessa Glass, Defensive; Vanessa Glass, Most Valuable. Hanes Most Val Ik Fanes, Most Valuable; Frankie Sparling, Best Defense; Derek Studebaker, Most
Improved; Ike Hanes, Improved; Ike Hanes, Hembree, Mr. Hustle. Tennis: Randi Riley, Most Improved; Vanessa Glass, Most Valuable.

> Track: Randi Riley Most Improved; Vanesse Glass, Most Valuable Impriel Vega, Most Montgomery, Mos Valuable.
> Valuable.
> Golf: Sophie Kochmann, Most Improved; Valerie Joiner, Most Valuable; Brian Fuller, Most Valuable.
> Overall: Best Attitude,

Sportsmanship, Cesily Cadra. Football:
Sparling, Most
Valuable Sparling, Most Valuable
Player; Brian Fuller, Mr Player; Brian Fuller, Mr Most Improved; Ike Hanes, Best Back; Chris Hauck, Best Receiver; Chris Hauck, Bes DB/LB; Frankie Sparling Best Defensive Lineman.

Kirkland Named T Deans's List At CC Clarendon College's outstanding academic students have been named to the President's and Dean's lists. A total of 58 students achieved these honors
Joetta Dawn Kirklan of McLean has been named to the Dean's List. The Dean's Honor List is comprised of full-time students who maintained a 3.6 Grade Poin Average for the spring semester.

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## Obituaries

## McLean Care Center

Frances Lucile Walker Lantz

Frances Lucile Walker Lantz, 95, died May 24, 1999 at Lefors, Texas Graveside services were Wednesday May 26, 1999 at Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors with Rev. Lewis Ellis of the Baptist Church officiating, under the direction Lamb Funeral Home.
Mrs. Lantz was born in 1903 in Hominy, Oklahoma. Territory Oklahoma. She had lived in Lefors more than 50 years. She was a homemkaer. She married John Lee Lantz February 14, 1934 in Yellville, Arkansas. He preceded her in death September 23, 1973. She was a member of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Gray County Historical Society and Beta Chi Konclave of Iota, Mrs, Kappe Waspa lota. Member of the Was a member of
Survivors include two daughters, Norma Lee
Lantz of the home and Mary Jackson and husband J.C. of Elephant Butte, New Mexico.

Jim Hathaway
Jim Hathaway, 90, died Priday, May 21, 1999. with officiating. Arrangement were by Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

## Mr. Hathaway

born in Mobeetie was was a Navy veteran of World War II where he served with the SeeRees in the Pacific SeeBer - He Paific Theater. carrier for a rural 30 years for more than 30 He was involved in cfvic
affairs, including serving on the school board. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a life member of the Lions Club.
Survivors include son, Dwight Hathawny, of Quitman and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials be to

Sunday School with exercises following. the Friendship Class of They enjoyed bananas the Methodis, Church furnished by the Lion's began Sunday activities. Club. The volunteer for the residents. In the helper was Betty Lowe. afternoon church services Tuesday morning the with the Church of Christ residents attended the were attended by: Church of Christ social. Florence Drake, Helen In the afternoon they Simmons, Sue Cubine Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Maw Pat Seymour, Msrjorie Wednesday morming Turnage Dorothy Circle. The Morning Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, had refreshments and Polly Burnett Thelma Finson, Dovie Simmons Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Relia Ayers, Eula Morrow, Bassie McClemore, Bassie McClemore,
Glynda Martin Willie Wheeler, Ora Billingsley, Wheeler, Ora Billingsley, Truman Goodlett, Lillie Billingsley, Jessie Watson, Leta Gifford, Boots Phillips, Johnnie Mertel, Christine Shipley, Joe Fortin, M.L. Rowan and Mable Dickey.
Monday morning was barber shop for the men and nail care. In the afternoon the residents played bingo with

enjoyed discussion.
Thursday morning was beach ball kick and in the afternoon Betty Lowe volunteered to help with games of bingo.
Friday morning was nail care time. Later in the day were games of dominos.
Saturday was the garage sale at the Care Center. It was a great success thanks to the many donations and the hard work of the volunteers. Helping Saturday were Betty Lowe, Aussa Lancaster, Margie Fish, Mary Dwyer, Leta Mae Hess, Ruby Dorsey, and Evelyn Pennington.

## Weekdy Bible Question

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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, 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 7905 May the Lord bless you in the prayerful study of His Word. Request a free in-home Bible study or Bible Correspondence Course.

Chamber Holds Meeting To Discuss Rodeo
The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce met in a special meeting on May 24, 1999 to discuss rodeo issues. An array of items were discussed starting with the parade. Terri Adams presented all the information she had about the parade including judges, trophies and ribbons, the announcer, and the sound system for the street. All present were in favor of the current ideas. Those present were Vonda Averett, Diana Roosa,

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el I recently saw James Coburn, the old movie star, on TV's The O'Really Factor, he said the reason he had not been making any movies for the past 10 years was because he ostecarthritis and was next to being crippled. He tried all the usual prescribed antiinflammatory drugs etc. They all helped a little, however finally, he tried altemative medicine and glocosamine chondroitin and a new natural occurring medicine that I had never heard of MSM (Methylsulfonyimethane) in combination. It helped him more than anything he had ever taken, He also said that exercise (walking) at least 3 times a week was very important.
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A motion was made by Rhonda and seconded by Diana that Vonda Averett, president of the chamber be the parade marshall. All approved.
A motion was made by Vonda and seconded by Diana that the chamber purchase glow necklaces to sell at the rodeo. Trinity Baptist will also order from the same catalog with the chamber to defer the cost of shipping and handling.
Rhonda Graham will check on donations for candy for the parade and for the concession stand cokes.
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two to three weeks. wo to three weeks. deo posters will
finished at the printers May 27 and J. Boyd Smith has offered to distribute the poster around the panhandle.
The tornado grant was discussed and the first proposal was given for funds to improve businesses around town. Martin Graham gave a proposal for his business.
A motion was made by Diana Rooss to grant Graham the amount of front windows for his business. The motion was seconded by Averett and all approved. Rhonda Graham abstained from voting for personal reasons.
Other businesses in the srea will be contacted for restoration of the downtown area.
The meeting adjourned each volunteer is being at $8: 35$ p.m.
at $8: 35$ p.m.

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## Stolen Vehicle Chase Ends With A Bluff

On Saturday evening, distance, at speeds of up May 29, at around 11:15 p.m. My wife and I were just about asleep when she heard a noise outside our bedroom window. Opening the curtain she saw our conversion van driving off and cried out to me "Someone' is stealing our van." Barefoot, wearing van. Barefoot, weaning
only my jeans, with no shirt, I ran out the door jumping into our Honda while Diane called 9-11.

By this time the van Was out of sight as I drove west towards I-40 guessing that the their or thieves would leave McLean by way of the Interstate. Not knowing if they would head east towards Shamrock or west to Amarillo I prayed out loud asking God to direct me and help me get my vehicle back. In one piece, my prayers were answered in the next instant when I saw my van just entering the entrance to I-40 west. Armed only with the assurgnce that the good Lord was with me in my time of need I gunned my tired old Honda and soon fell in directly behind my van and the chase was on. Not knowing if the culprits were armed I began to doubt may docision to ay end draw as much safely possible, I began to flash my brights and honk my hom hoping the police would soon arrive. Unfortunately the thieves were also aware of me and tried to lose me on the thankfully deserted the thankfully deserted honk and flick my headlights directly behind my van I stayed at what I hoped was a safe
immediately called the police on her car phone. 1 was still parked in the middle of the road as the welcome help positioned themselves next to me with their headlights aimed at my van.
The suspects (it turned out there were two males) chose this moment males) chose this moment to get out of the van. Knowing they could not see me because of our bright headlights, I pointed my finger to mimic a hand gun and shouted "Stop right there, put your hands in the air and lay down on the and lay
Much to my surprise and amazement they did and arly I ordered exactly as I ordered them to and were still lying face down in the middle of the highway when the Amarillo police arrived to cart them off to jail. I never had to get our of my car during the crucial confrontation!
I got my van back without a scratch and more important, with no one hurt in the ordeal. I am truly thankful for God's grace and the couple who stopped to give me a hand.
I would also like to thank Frank Sparling for his prompt assistance to my family at such a late hour.
Signed Steven Dampier
779-2755, McLean. Texa

## It Pays To Advertise!

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Larry Swanson and Dan Fish continue work on the new gym after the grand opening. New steps and sidewalks will be in place soon.


City Council members Kendra Birchfield, Ray Kirkland, Bob Martin and Sam Haynes are shown cutting the ribbon at recent ceremonies at the new gymnasium.


Pictured cutting the ribbon at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the new gymnasium are Mike Darsey, Don Dorsey, Billie Ward, Neil Odom and Coach Paula Waters.

## School Holds Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on May 25 to present the new gymnasium facilities to the McLean public McLean School Board President, Neal Odom addressed the crowd and then gave present and then gave present and past school boar members a chance to do the same. He also asked some of the city council
members to speak. The ribbon was cut by all the present and past school present and past school a board members and a
second ribbon was cut by the city council.
An exhibition game was held between the McLean Feedyard Women and the Lady Tigers where things proceeded
to get a little rough in a good clean fun sort of way. The Tiger team
then played a second exhibition game against the C and H team where things were kept a little calmer.

The school board members worked the concession stand and raffled off a beanie baby and some jewelry which was won by their own Don Dorsey, who accepted with some embarrassment.


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The (bra If you enjoyed the
extra day off that extra day off that
Memorial Day gave, you Memorial Day gave, you
should thank a group of should thank a group of
southern women who lived more than 100 years ago.
Formally called "Decoration Day", Memorial Day was originally set aside as a day to pay tribute and decorate the graves of those soldiers who died in the Civil War. May 30th was selected by one of the ladies who was of French ancestry. In France, May 30 was known as the "Day of Ashes and they commemorated their dead patriots.
Many
Many graves were
unattended and unmarked, so the ladies decorated not only the south's graves but also the north's. Over the years "Decoration Day" became Memorial Day...a day to remember all who had given up their lives for their country.

In recent years, it has marked the beginning of summer and is a day set aside for outdoor recreation. While few actually decorate graves See Memorial, pg. 6

## Lots To Be Given Away By E.D.C.

Prospective owners of Martin Street in the City a new home or builders of Groom and have of new homes for sale agreed to give the lots have an opportunity to for new homes. begin three projects in Groom with a free building site.

The Groom Economic Development Council recently acquired three lots in the 600 block on

Clifton Britten, president of the organization, says the Council is taking this means to encourage the building of new homes in the city. "These choice
building sites would be an outright gift to anyone planning to erect a new home. All city conveniences and services are available, along with paved streets and a fine neighborhood.
Some restrictions would apply as to value See E.D.C., pg. 3


Nearly 40 Years In Education Ends For Baker


#### Abstract

Jesse Baker was the honoree at a retirement party luncheon last week. He is retiring after nearly 40 years as an educator

Baker began his career in education after a stint in the U.S. Army, by in the U.S. Army, by attending Texas Tech at Lubbock in 1957. "Teaching mathematics is my hobby!" he jokingly says, " Some people fish, some play golf....Iteach math!" Baker has taught school in several panhandle school districts including Hartley, Plainview Texline have six children. They his part-time instructors are Keith (now deceased); job at Clarendon College Donna Pyle of Pampa; teaching algebra, and Jackie Whitehead of spending more time with White Deer; Karen Story his family. of White Deer; Brian There was a special Baker of Groom; and mass at the school chapel Craig Baker of Amarillo. on Friday morning. They have seven Following the mass the grandsons Jo Ann tells of group, which included his one of their wife, two sons, three grandchildren, Taylor, daughters, three saying that he was going grandsons, teschers from to Grandma's and Mr. the school and friends, Baker's house when he Baker was presented a was a preschooler in St. plaque and some Vincent's. Bakers future plans include continuing with


 Stratford Lefors Grandview-Hopkins. He not only is a math instructor but has served as principal and superintendent. years ago St . Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Pampa.A Hartley native, Baker stated that what he will miss the most is the little kids who would always smile and call out "Good Morning Mr Baker!" when they would Baker! when they would see him.
Baker has had his own children and grandchildren in some classes and maybe even time or two in his principal's office. He and his wife Jo Ann

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## Local Happenings

Tiffani Homer is Mary Head was listed spending the week in on the Spring 1999 Lazbuddie with Aunt Scholastic Honor Roll at Mary Jo, Uncle Daniel Amarillo College with a Schacher and her cousins. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2.6 Grade Point Average. } \\ & \text { She is a Business }\end{aligned}$
$\qquad$ and Peggy Howerton Mary received a Don and have returned to Groom Fall/Spring scholarship. living in Miami for several years.
Lucille Merrick visited
in Fritch several days
this past week to attend
the graduation of her
granddaughter Stephanie
May from 8 th grade and
grandson Byron May
from high school.

## Sick List:

Margaret Crowell, Tom Britten, Bud Babcock, Kenneth Black, Amos Britten, Betty Hermresmeyer, Gloria Ledwick, Billie Bivens, R.B. Thornton, Bill Musser.

## Card Of Thanks

I am very thankful for friends very thankful for friends and neighbors who care. Thank you all for the wonderful cards, visits, food, telephone calls and most of all your prayers while I have been ill and hospitalized. It means so very much. Thanks and God Bless. Betty Hermesmeyer


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Koetting - Ward Nuptials Held


Koetting of Groom and attended the wedding, and Tye A. Ward of Amarillo, were married Smanuilloy were manned Saturday atternoon at Maid of honor was Immaculate. Heart of Bridal attendant was Mary Catholic Church in Melanie Groom. The Rev, in Neal Dee officiated. Dee officiated. Parhandle. Plower, of daughter of John the Janice Koetting Groom. She is granddaughter of the the Henry and Sybilla Koetting and Jim and Ruby Babcock.

Parents of the groom are Hal and Judy Ward of Vega. He is the grandson of Taylor Harle and Blanche Harle, both of Vega, both of whom
was Ramsye Thornton, niece of the bride, of Binger, Oklahoma. Ringbearer was Nolan Willingham, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo.
Best man was Raymond Ruthardt of Groom. Groom's attendant was Greg Garza of Amarillo.
Ushers were Brent Thornton, brother of the bride, of Spearman and


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Bruce Thomton, brother of the bride, of Abilene. Music was provided by Stanley Homer of Lubbock.
The wedding reception was held at the Groom Community Center. Reception attendants were Kay Case of Canyon, Holly Helzer of Roundrock, and Cristal Ward of Little Elm.
The bride graduated from Groom High School and is attending Amarillo College. She is employed by Lovelady, Christy and Associates of Amarillo.
The groom graduated from Vega High School and served with the U.S. Army in Desert Storm. He is employed by the He is employed by the
Clements Unit of Amarillo and is in the National Guard.
The couple will reside
in Groom.

Whatley Named To President's List


## E.D.C.

of the building, exterio finish and square finish, and square
footage, but the free footage, but the free building site would be the Council's gift to the owner of a new home in Groom.
First, a prospective home builder could qualify by supplying house plans and time lines for construction and could be the contractor on the residential project. Phillis Jackson, who is associated with a mortgage company in Amarillo, adds that this giff of a building site has many benefits. "The nitial saving in without having to spend funds up fiont frees funde poter the bees buildinger to begin bulding. of Also,
ownership of aite makes financing the balance of the project much easier."

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A second type of new home building of new occur burdia building contractor could building qualify for the free also qualify for the free lot and build homes to be sold later. The benefit of free building sites could be passed on to the consumer and eventual owners. Clear ownership of building sites would decrease the
investment during building and awaiting sale of the homes.
"Either way, whether Endividual receives the gift and build a the gift and builds a home, builds homes for later builds homes for later sale, the City of Groom would have three new homes, and our organization is dedicated to seeing Groom grow, said Britten.
According to Joyce Hutsell, secretary of the Council older existing homes in the sres of the homes in the area of the free building sites have tax values ranging from 47,000 to $\$ 100,000$, so the location would be one of consistent values for many years. In addition, sales of available properties in a two block range of the sites have reflected a lively market and sold quickly when any have come on the market
The Council
concurrently implementing mis project for the bullding of homes; combined with a plan to assist buyers to obtain existing homes "Th Development Council committed Council is commilled to Groom' we senomic well being and we see housing as the key to this effort," concludes Britten.
The Council, serving by appointment on the City Council, is composed of Britten, Jackson, and Hutsell, as well as Vice-President Kathleen Barkley Greg Lamb, Ernie Blount, and Sandra Britten
In other business, the Council, meeting on May 27 at the Community Center, voted to reserve $\$ 5,000$ to assist persons in buying existing homes in Groom. They also voted to advertise Groom in the Real Estate Book in Amarillo as well as on the internet. Absent from the meeting were Ernie Blount and Sandra Britten.

## Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the Neals in Palo Duro rest home in Claude Sunday evening They also visited Skee and Eileen Brown in Clarendon on Sunday.

## Thanks

The Drug Free/ Alchohol Free After Graduation Party Committee and GI IS Students would like to extend a special Thank You to the following people and businesses for
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We would also like to thank everyone who supported our raffle this spring. A huge thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time, food, work and ideas. Without everyone's generous help, our task of providing an entertaining evening for GH15 students would not be possible.


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## Announces 6 th

 Honor Roll A Honor RollFirst Grade: Hilary Acker, Evan Aderholt, Andi Hutto, Robert Ponce, Zachery Ponce, Kade Wilson.
Second Grade: Taylor Aderholt, Kathy Aler,
Jessica Baggerman,
Hannah Hopkins, Alex Hannah Hopkins, Alex
Hutto.
Third Grade: LaTeasa

## Wheat. Fourth Grade: Maggie

Hopkins. Grade: Abbi
Fifth
Aderholt, Chandon
Wilson.
Sixth Grade: Tiffany Edwards, Greg Steele. A-B Honor Roll Second Grade: Brodie Peters.
Third Grade: Ricky Davis, Taylor Smith.
Fourth Grade: Haley Acker, Sally Steele.
Fifth Grade: Bradley Smith.
Sixth Grade: Angela
Watson. Grade: Angela
Special Effort
First Grade: Robert Ponce, 100 Average in English.
Fourth Grade: Haley Acker, 100 Average in Science; Maggie Hopkins, 100 Average in Science, Sally Steeie, 100 Average

## Court is located.

in Science.
Fifth Grade: Ab
Aderholt, 100 Average
Science and Healt,
Bradley Smith, 100
Average in Science.
Sixth. Grade: Tiffany
Edwards, 100 Average
Social Sudies; Ango
Watson, 100 Average
Health.

Senate Approves
Court Changes

AUSTIN (MNS) The
Texas Senate approved
legisiation Tuesday to legisiation Tuesday to authorize the County attomey to prosecute felony cases. prosecute felony cases. The bill would remove the county from the jurisdiction of the 100 th District Attorney Randall C. Sims.

Sims serves Donley, Hall, Collingsworth, Childress and Carson counties. Carson County is located the greatest distance from Childress, where the 100th District

Carson officials requested the bill, contending it is
inconvenient for residents inconvenient for residents and law enforcement in their county to travel about 105 miles to Childress to work on felony cases.

Bill Homer hosted a birthday party for Norma birthday party for Norma
Jean Sunday. Those Jean Sunday. Those
attending were Travis attending were Travis
Homer and Trena Beckman of Amarillo, Joannie and Doug Kling and Cody, and Kenny and Linda Babcock of orom.

Rip and Joy Snyder worked the graves over in Alanreed on Saturday.

Obituary
Paul Dennis Longshore GOODWELL - Paul Dennis "Pete" Longshore, 63, died Thursday, May 27, 1999.
Memorial services were in the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Greg Keith of the Panhandle Centenary United Methodist Church officiating. Cremains will be buried at a later date. Arrangements were by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.
Mr. Longshore was born in Afton, Iowa. He traveled with a harvest crew.
Survivors include his parents, William and Alice of Goodwell; a brother, W.P. Longshore of Balko; and two sisters, Karen Case of Groom and Carol Altom of Goodwell.


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The undefeatd Groom Tiger Pee-Wee Basketball Team: Left to right: Brian Newton, James Reid, Chad Barkley, Kendell Weller, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Kade Brown, Joel Horn, T.J. Moraniec, Tommy Head and Coach Corky Hickey. (Nor pictured Head Coach Seth Ritter.)

## PeeWee Basketball Completes <br> Season Undefeated, 10-0

The Groom Tigers PeeWee baskethall teem blew awsy all team competition this season with They were led to victory
Baseball Season Swings Into Action
The 1999 baseball season is underway, with wo T-ball teams, a minor boys team, and a major boys team playing. In charge of all Groom programs is James Miller. are Tonda Torres, T-Ball 1. Ray Lynn King T Ball \#2; Gary Friemel Minor Gary Friemel Minor boys; and James Miller Major boys. Umpires so far have been Louis Leven, Jerry Britten, and Joe Homer.
The baseball field has been getting some much needed repairs. First off, Tim Case, Kenny Weller, and James Miller, have been levelling the field, re-working the bases, and mowing. The field is eally taking shape. Buddy Weller has been helping out with the mowing duites. Slim Finck replaced the light bulbs so we could have light! Mr. Burk and his Ag Classes are to be commended once again for their helping this community, they have built new steps for the dugouts, reworked the bleachers, and welded the ence so the balls would not escape anymore. Donny and Louis at the City have also done their share to help.
Sponsors for the teams this year are really appreciated also. They are DCD Dirtworks, Inc. Groom Community Clinic, Western Builders, and The Brass Lantern of Clarendon. These sponsors buy the shirts and caps for the teams.
The concession stand is being run this year by the Cub Scouts. They eagerly await your business when you come out to watch the games.
by their coaches, Seth player was presented with Ritter and Corky Hickey. a trophy for their 1999 The ten boys were season. The boys and rewarded for their success parents really appreciate by their coaches with these guys giving their sleep over and piza time to coach this team. party. At the party each


Groom Baseball Schedule

## Groom Maior Leaque

June 3: Claude
June 1:' Panhandle Re
June 10: Panhandle
8 PM (T)
8 PM (H)
14:- Clarendon
Groom Minor League:
June 1: Panhandle Braves
June 4: Claude \#1
7 PM (H)
June 11: Clarendon
7 PM (H)
June 18: White Deer 6 PM (T)
Tournament June 21 in White Deer
Groom T-Ball
Groom 1
June 7 Mon: McLean 1
June 14 Mon: Groom 2
June 19 Sat: White Deer 2 (T)
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { June } 26 \text { Sat: Groom } 2 & \text { (H) }\end{array}$
Groom T-Ball:
Groom 2
Panhandle 2 (H)
une 12 Mon:
June 14 Mon: Groom 1
Panhandle 3
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T-Ball Saturday Games 10:00 AM

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 accomplishment in redent graduation exercises.

"Is my tassel on the right side?"
Wyatt Weinheimer and Jamie Shuck ponder the eternal question.


Sarah Hutsell, Cesar and Gustavo Caro get everything adjusted as they prepare to walk down the aisle.


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Amanda Conrad (below), Jamie Shuck and Stephany Fraser ( right) look solemn for the occasion.


## Club Ends Year's Activities

By Nita Ramming Brush and Palette met May 10th for the last monthly luncheon before recessing for the summer One thing about this bunch is their sbility to guess what the others are bringing for lunch We bringing for lunch. We had five fruit-Jello type salads. They were al different and really good but it just shows we are all on the same wave link... except Charlene. She brought cucumbers in a sour cream dressing that was absolutely out of this world! Dorthy is the hostess this month the hostess this month and she had a broccoli-rice-chicken casserole, wo apple pies with Cool Whip and cookies. She even made two batches and left the pecans out of one for me. Now that is what I call a good thoughtful friend.
We all sort of times. Pat was sitting there trying to get up the courage to paint a rose. She is going to paint roses on a truck and is roses on to lear how to do trying to learn how to do them on a canvas with special brush strokes before she trckles that trunk job. She had a really pretty one painted and 10 and behold the
next time I looked she had blopped that rose off. I'm not sure how many times she redid that rose, but when she left she had plucked it off again At the rate she was Aoing that truck may just going that truck may just get caught up in Y2K. You learn all sorts of things about your buddies when you come to painting. One (and I promised I wouldn't tell her name, but she is real little) needed some gin to soak raisins in for her arthritis. Now being the person she is, she didn't want anyone to see her car parked at a liquor store so she parked at Radio Shack and walked across the parking lot to make her gin purchase. make her gin purchase. Whe told the guy she wanted the cheapest gin he had. Evelyn is the one that told us about that remedy, 'cept she throws the raisins away and drinks the gin... It works a lot better that way.

## Evelyn brought her

 completed tablecloth to show us. It was all done up and all the little done up and all the little holes she has been cutting and sewing up for looked beautiful! All ofher hard work really paid off. She told us she didn't have any unfinished projects at her house. Hope she doesn't ask me how many I have.

Shirley was working on Noah's Ark to paint on the nursery wall at the Baptist Church. That is going to be quite an undertaking but she has recruited painting buddies to help.
Charlene got her cabinet cleaned out where she keeps her stuff Seems she her stuff everywhere for looked everywhere for some wooden panels to do a project and found them right in the book with the instructions. That's one way to get your spring cleaning done. And, by the way, Buddy says he doesn't want to be an honorary member of our group. He says you have to work harder than ever before. harder guess he will have So... I guess he will have to be the ornery member and just keep unlocking the door for us who live afar.
I was really busy and didn't do much talking, just a lot of listening. Those gals began showing their age when they started talking when old times. talking about them were quite of rounders. were quite the sounders. They even told husband and his old girl
friend. I didn't realize how lucky I am to have him til they told me how she went around saying she went around saying she couldn't go with them because she had a date with RICK. Wmmmm hmmmmmm.. We elected officers for the next year. Shirley for president, Charlene for vice-president, Juandell for secretarytreasurer, and Nita for reporter. I tried to get someone else to take position but I didn't have any takers so you're any takers so you're year We whother alphabetically to decide who is hostess. Dorthy left for a while last year and came back just in time to get the privilege of being the hostess. Pat is first in the fall, then poor ole Dorthy has to do it again in October We told her if she would find her a man whose last her a man whose last name begins with $X$ $Y$ or $Z$ she wouldn' have to serve until last Guess we'll wait and see what happens.
This will be the last report for the summer. If any of you want to help me get some really juicy news about any of the members this summer, I could sure use it. We wish you all a good summer. Have fun, work hard and we'll see you in the fall!

## Memorial

past week are:
David Lee Jenkins, 46
of fallen soldiers any DWI 2nd Offense more, "Old Glory" still Brenda Winegart, 37, proudly waves on Theft by Check; Rinda Groom's Main Street, Gettles, 32, Theft over reminding us of the $\$ 500$ under $\$ 20,000$ original intent of this Kelly Ann Holland, 39, day.

Carson County Sheriff's Report
By Loren Brand, Sheriff
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