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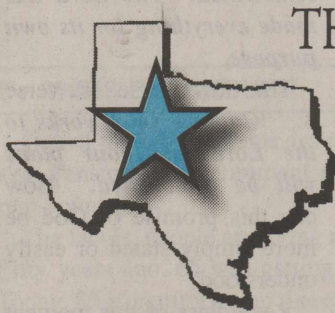


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County Commissioners Meet in Regular Session

On the 10th day of May, 2010, there was conducted a regular meeting on the Honorable commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, call the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Dan Godsey, and Johnny McCown were present.. Also attending were County attorney Meagan Suarez, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, and County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel. The court considered the following matters as posted and file for record in the office of the County Clerk May 5, 2010 and the addendum posted May 6, 2010.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Godsey made the motion seconded by commissioner McCown to approve the minutes of the

regular meeting held April 12, 2010 and Special Meetings held April 13th, and April 20th, 2010. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to accept the bid of \$500 made by Juan Davila for Parcel #5400, Block 55, Lot 9, Lee Addition, City of Munday, commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, all agreed.

After considering the issue concerning the Emergency Notification System Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve the contract with Global Connect Emergency Notification System; Commissioner McCown seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The Extension Activity Report, Aging Services Report, 911 Report, and Road and Bridge Report required no activity. Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to approve the financials, Budget and pay bills for April, 2010; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godsey, the motion passed 5 to 0.

After interviewing three of the Road Hand applicants, Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion (seconded by Commissioner McCown) to go into executive session to discuss the qualifications of each applicant, all agreed and the Court went into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Urbanczyk, seconded by Commissioner Godsey, all agreed to return to regular session at 3:37 p.m. The Court voted unanimously to hire Jacy Collins for the Road Hand position. Commissioner Godsey made the motion, Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, all agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to adjourn, which was then seconded by Commissioner Godsey, all agreed. The May meeting of the court was adjourned.



MJ Abila received a multitude of awards for his Athletic prowess during the 2009-2010 school year. In all, MJ was the recipient of the Knox City award in football, Knox City Baseball award, the Greyhound basketball award, K.C. award in tennis, and, ultimately, was the honoree in earning the prestigious Knox City Athlete of the Year Award.

Photo by Linda Abila



At the Benjamin awards banquet last week, the top honor that a Benjamin student can receive is the "Lady Stang Award" or the "Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award" (both awarded for all around excellence) was presented to Becky Baldwin and Dylan Benson. For more pictures and award recipients see page 5.

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The Days and time for each High school is as follows:

Benjamin H.S.- 6:00 pm,
May 28 Benjamin Memorial building
Knox City H.S.- 7:00 pm,
May 29th Baker Auditorium
Munday H.S.- May 28, 7:00

pm, Munday High School gym

Benjamin Jr. High- 7:00 pm, Thursday, 27th Benjamin Memorial Building

O'Brien Jr. High- 7:00 pm May 28th Baker Auditorium

Everyone is invited to attend the Knox City/ O'Brien CISD retirement reception celebrating the careers of Melody Rizan and Niki Collins. Friday, May 28th from

2:00 to 3:00 in the O'Brien Middle School cafeteria.

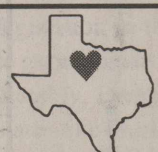
The Tongue River Ranch will be hosting a CAMP MEETING on May 29-30, 2010, featuring speaker, Cody Cochran. (Music will be provided by Jimmy Burson). Saturday supper is at 6, Service is at 7 pm; Sunday Breakfast is @ 7 am, Service @ 8am.- You are invited to come, bring your

bedroll and spend the night! Call 806-596-4641 for more information.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd week in June for Benjamin Homecoming festivities- We will be having a Ranch rodeo on June 11th and 12th, Roping and horse races Saturday morning, and a trade show on the 12th, and a whole lot more to do. Special guest on Saturday

night: Jason Allen Band will play for our listening pleasure. For a full agenda of activities, or to help with the Homecoming, call Janice at BJ's Country Store.

The Knox City/ O'Brien Homecoming will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday- June 4, 5, and 6. ALL EX-STUDENTS are encouraged to attend. A detailed schedule will be printed in next week's paper.



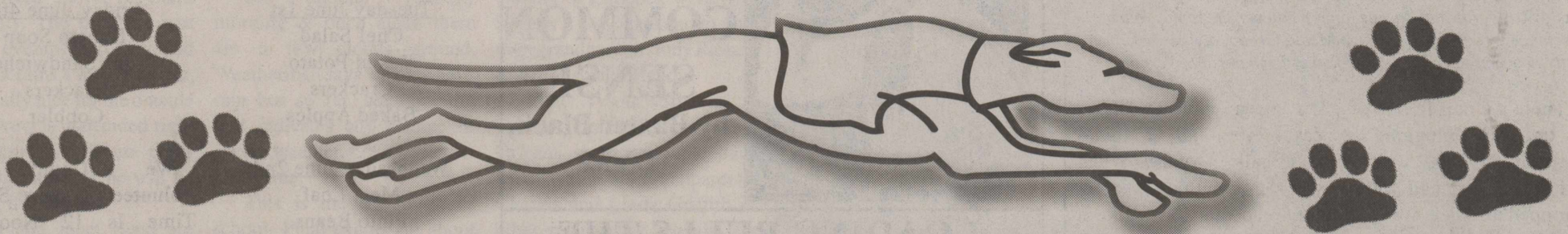
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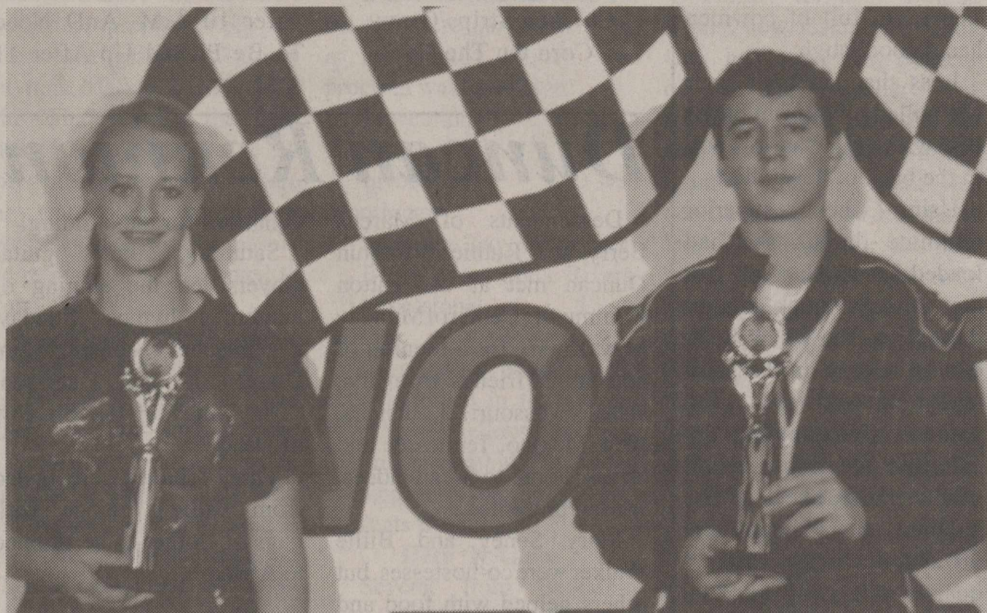
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Go Kart Winners

Drivers Take Their Mark At the Go Kart Races in Knox City



Leighton Pepper (car #98) and Dalyn Droke (Car#21d) stand with their trophies after completing the races on Saturday night - the point totals for their category in the Seymour Speedway Circuit will be available on the Seymourspeedway.com website. The next race in Know City at the Go Kart track will be July 10th.

Photo by Tamara Smart

By Tamara Smart

On Saturday about 7:00 pm, when the heat of the day started melting back and the startling intensity of the summer sun gave way to the first hints of evening, the Go Kart Track in Knox City was only beginning to heat up, as Go Karts raced around the track to prepare for the ensuing races before the day is out. This was the first race since the warmer weather set in, and a good way for the drivers to feel out their wheels on the hot dirt track.

Prior to the races that night, the point totals in the Seymour Speedway circuit (of which the Knox city track is a part) were as follows:

Young Guns

- 1. 8 Payton Sullivan 316
- 2. 5 Corey Mize 240
- 3. 4 Cassidy Mize 180
- 4. 00 Peyton Hammond 89
- 5. B00 Corban Cox 74

Black Plate Animal

- 1. 26 Charlie Hammond 360
- 2. K11 Kadee Witter 206
- 3. 5 Brayden Sullivan 103

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- 1. 74 Maddison Jones 343
- 2. 88 Collin Gann 120
- 3. 31 103
- 4. 20 Blake Andrus 90
- 5. 48 Damon Bell 80

Gold Plate Animal

- 1. 01 Ranger Donnel 358
- 2. 21 Sidney Tucker 285
- 3. 16 Evan Donnell 266
- 4. 45 Will Harper 262
- 5. 33 Wesley Engle 151

Stock Animal

- 1. 77 Jayce Hudson 342
- 2. 7 Brayden Winn 275
- 3. 15 Cade Holden 269
- 4. k11 Kassidi Witter 263
- 5. 74 Landon Haney 238
- 6. 17 Patrick Knight 104
- 7. 11 Grayson Robinson 77
- 8. 1x Dalton Gann 76

Modified

- 1. 98 Leighton Pepper 224
- 2. 21d Dalyn Droke 120
- 3. 88 Ashleigh Downs 117
- 4. 007 JR Vaughn 93
- 5. 20 Jennifer Overfield 20

Outlaw 125

- 1. 17 Patrick Knight 120

Stock Mower

- 1. 24 Justin Cook 223
- 2. 11 Bradley James 120

Modified Mower

- 1. 99 Bill Cook 120

The totals post Saturday night's races were unavailable at time of press.

After the races were complete on Saturday night, several drivers went home with trophies, some went home with damaged cars, spectators went home with full bellies from the concession stand, most likely debating over which race was best & who the most excellent drivers were, & everyone went home a winner.

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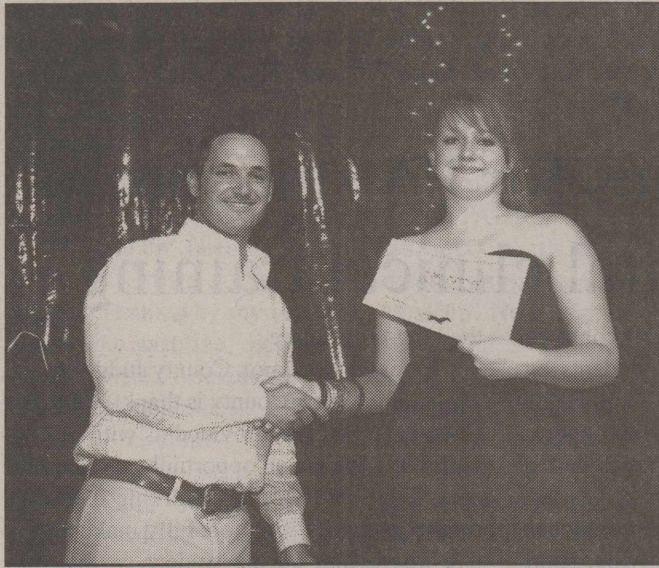
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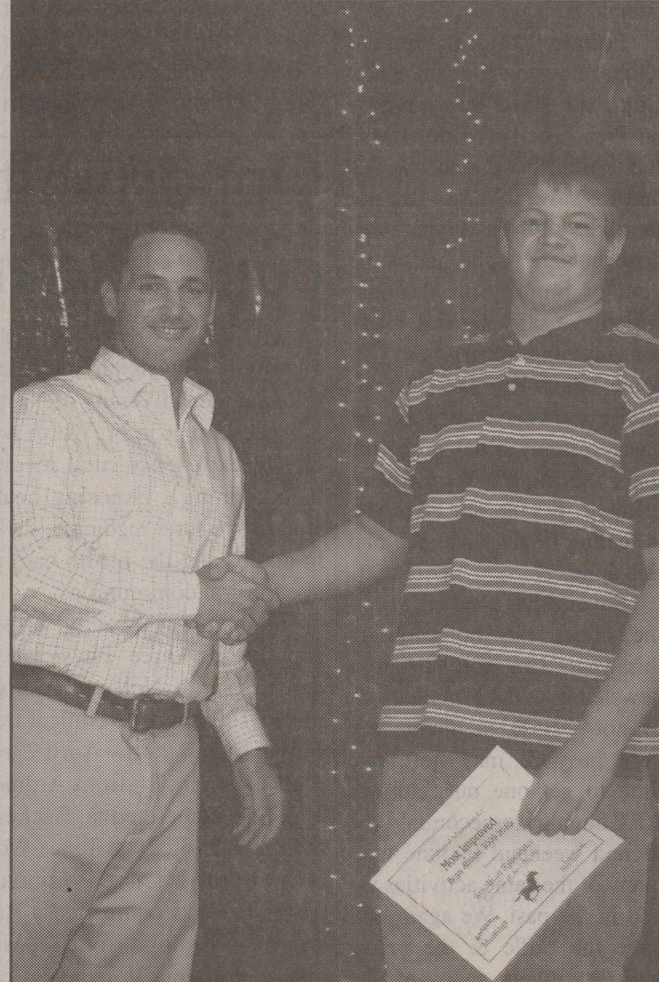


BENJAMIN SPORTS

2010 Benjamin Sports Banquet Awards



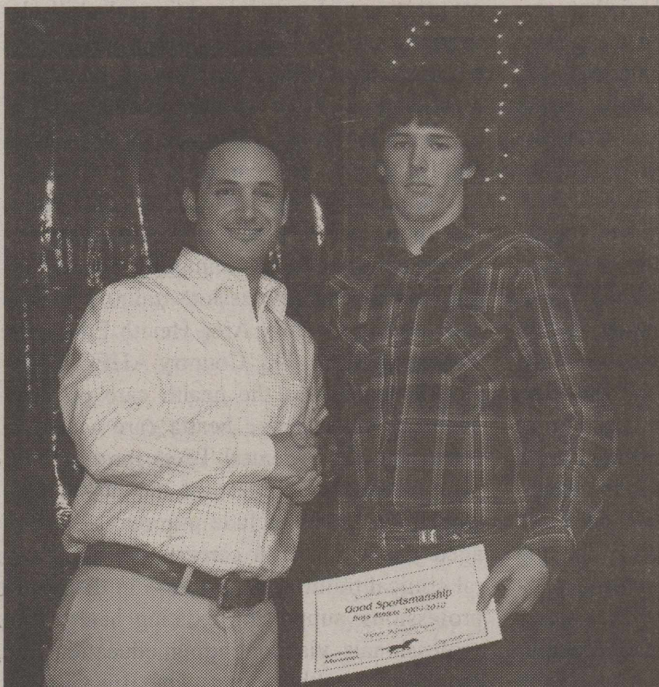
Most Improved Girls Athlete - Julia Rudowicz



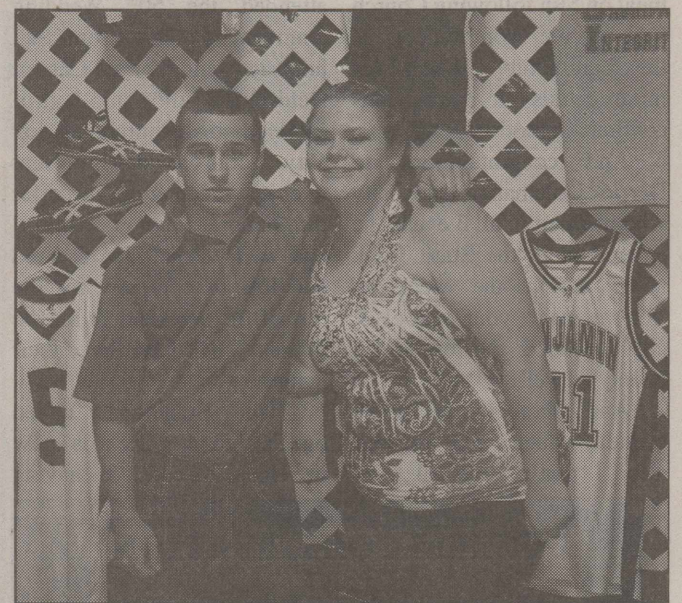
Most Improved Boys Athlete - Jonathan Rainwater



Girls Sportsmanship award - Jessica Vanderpol



Boys Sportsmanship award - Tyler Kinnibrugh



110% Award - Derrick Northrup & Shelby Russell

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Week of May 20th

There's been more rain and still more forecast. Folks seem to have mixed feelings about it- Some like it- some say we've had enough for a while! Well, we know one thing- will take what comes our way- And continue to be thankful we have not had an storms- Just wish it would stop long enough to get the lawn moved! Enough about that!!!

I extend sincere sympathy to the families of ed Pharr, Tommy Richardson & Mary Ann Boone today. All these friends passed away within the past few days. All lived in Knox City.

School News

It was prom night in Benjamin Sat. nite. Despite the rainy-like weather & mud everywhere, the Jrs. & Srs. Stepped out in their formal wear for the "event" of the year. The 3 Jr. students, their sponsor, Mrs. Spake, guests & some outside help had worked all week getting ready for the party that honors the Srs. and from all accounts, everyone

had a wonderful time.

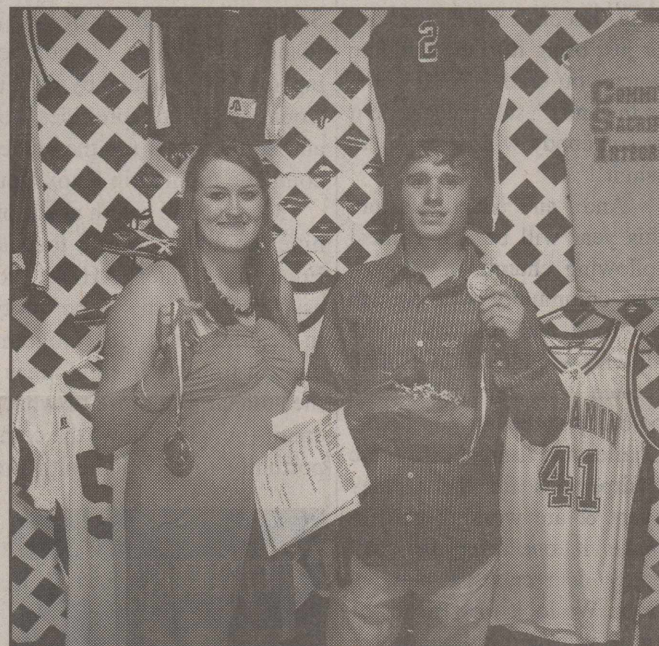
Baccalaureate for the Srs. Will be Sun. night at 8 pm. At the Baptist Church with reception following. Jr. High commencement is Thurs nite, at 8 pm at & High School graduates at 6 pm, May 28. Both commencement programs will be at the Memorial Building.

New Business To Open

Ronnie White & his family are in the process of moving their café to the building formerly occupied by Redford Ranch. They hope to be open for business soon. It will be good to have a place to grab a bite to eat without leaving town!!

Here N There

Lorene Powers returned home Sat. after a week's visit with family & friends in See BENJAMIN NEWS on page 6



Mirabeau B. Lamar Awards - Teri Miller & Dylan Benson

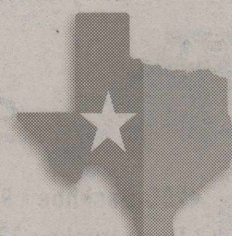
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Midland.
Charles & Linda Griffith were in Portland, Oregon last week and for the graduation of their grandson, Drew Tyson, from Lewis & Clark University. The program was Sunday evening and they said that tho it rains a lot in Oregon, it was really nice for the outside event. Drew is undecided right now about his future plans but for the summer he will be working in Portland.

Gary and Janet Reed are moving back to Benjamin. They have been living in Guthrie several months & they will continue to work there but decided to move back into their home here- probably a big part is due to the "grandkids"- Cobb, Jalyn, & Maddie Barrientez!!! The older they get, the more involved they become in all sorts of activities & I'm sure they want to be a part of their lives. Regardless of the reason, we're glad they have opted to come "home"

Regarding Homecoming

Plans continue to shape up for the 2nd weekend in June when what we hope will be a great time for all those ex students & ex residents who will return for a fun filled 3 days. I think I failed to mention when I wrote that the noon meal on Sun following Church will be free- compliments of the community. Watch for more details as preparations continue in motion.

And congratulations to Derrick Coleman of Knox City who metale in all 3 events he entered in at the State Track Meet during the weekend. You've made your school & city proud & the rest of the county as well.

And there were some Munday athletes who did well also. I don't have all their

names, but you now who you are & we are proud of you. Proof again that you don't have to be from a big school to do well!!!!

Week of May 27

It's another Monday morning & once again there are a few clouds around. Weatherman says we may have rain but so far, sees nothing that indicates any chance of severe weather. Let's hope that holds true.

This is the last week of school- Final exams are about all that's left & then it's time for a few week's off. I think about everyone is ready for a change of pace for a while.

Baccalaureate services for the Srs were last night (Sun) at the Baptist Church. The program was as follows:

- Processional- Linda Griffith
- Invocation- Will Moorhouse
- Message- Troy Culpepper
- Benediction- Eddie Rivera
- Recessional- Linda Griffith

A reception honoring the class followed in the Church of Christ fellowship hall. Commencement will be Friday evening at 6 p.m. at the Ex-Students Building

Here 'N There

Several from Benjamin attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary Party on Sat. honoring Jan and Fred Carver, Held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church in Knox City, a large crowd was present to enjoy punch & cake & offer the honorees congratulations and well wished- Jan & Fred had lots of company for the rest of the weekend & maybe by next week I can have their names.

Tish Bohannon called on Sat. to say Rex is now also in Hospice care & having

some pretty tough days. She expressed their appreciation for all the progress & concern for them & asked we continue our prayers.

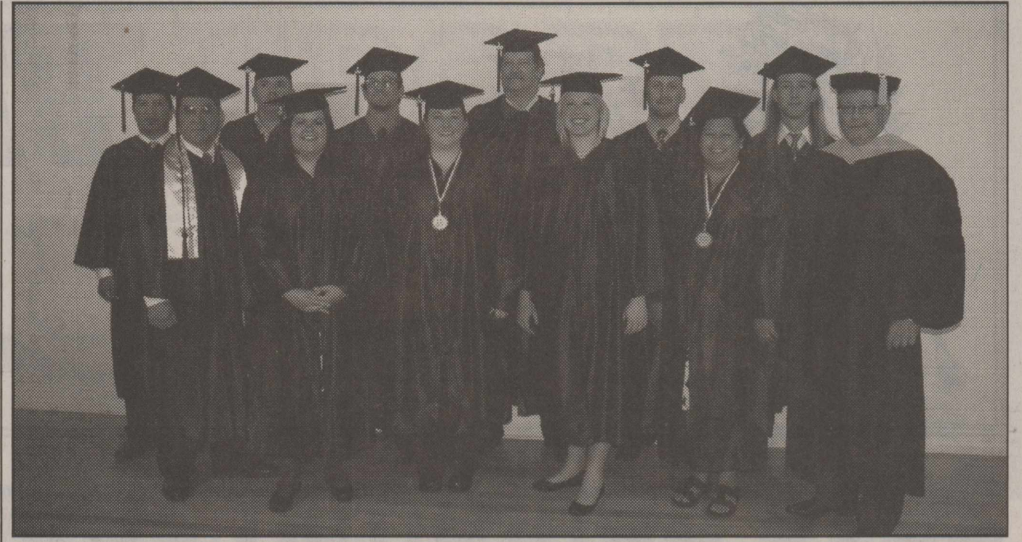
Cheyenne & Cayden Conner of Lubbock were here Mother's Day weekend to visit their grandmother, Judy Barnett & her husband, Randy.

Matt Tyson, Student at Tulane University in New Orleans spent a couple days here visiting his grandparents, Charles and Linda Griffith & other relatives & friends. He had come to Abilene for the wedding of a friend on Sat. night which the Griffith's also attended.

Former Resident, Jimmie Klutts, now residing in Knox City had some day surgery on Fri. The procedure was for terrible back pain she has had for several years- I'm not familiar with just what was done but know she had some kind of implant for the pain which she said she was ready for anything to try and get some relief. Her Drs. did not advise radical surgery as she has too many other problems that might make recovery difficult. So far, she says she is feeling better since she had this done.

Several have called to tell me about the homecoming this year. I'm not sure if a newsletter will be mailed out or not- Those in charge are very busy & may not have time to get one out. But we ARE having Homecoming- the second weekend in June with many of the same activities we had in the past. We again will have the raffle & the prizes will be given away at the business meeting. If anyone has anything to donate for the raffle, call me, Jan Carver or Jane Gideon & we'll pick it up or just bring it to the building when you come- We'll get it in the "mix", sell chances on it & somebody will be happy to win it!!

And an added feature this year will be a free meal following church on Sunday. The community will furnish the food and we will invite all who will attend the church service & stay for lunch before you depart for home. Charles and Linda Griffith are chairpersons for the Sunday event & are working hard to make it one everyone will enjoy & receive a blessing from. We look forward to the entire weekend & hope to see lots of friends there.



Eleven graduating Vernon College students received high honors for maintaining 4.0 grade point averages at Vernon College. Pictured with Dr. Dusty R. Johnston (far left) are (front L-R) Andres Fuentes, Laurie Pollan, Julie VanPelt, Meagan Hoover, Ester Alonzo Gomez (back L-R) Manuel Rodriguez, Gary Whitson, Rusty Park, Rex Belvin, Glen Schreiber and William Stallcup.

Opportunities for PA students to complete rural clinical training

MUNDAY - Kevin Finley, DO continues to provide Physician Assistant students enrolled at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth with an opportunity to experience rural medicine as part of their training. Exposing health professions students to rural medicine is a key component in addressing the health care provider shortage in rural communities.

Dr. Finley recently provided teaching support for three Physician Assistant students. Sarah Null and Carolyn Cox completed 160 hours of clinical training with Dr. Finley March 29th - April 23rd, 2010. Sarah Null is originally from Ardmore, Oklahoma and has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Texas Women's University. Carolyn Cox is originally from Katy, Texas and has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Texas A&M University. Glorianna Iloff began completing 160 of clinical training with Dr. Finley on April 26, 2010. Glorianna is originally from Fort Worth, Texas and has completed Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Piano and Spanish. In addition to the teaching support provided by Dr. Finley, the Knox County Hospital provides donated housing and some meals for the students while they complete training in Knox County.

Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas. Providing the opportunity for students in health professions programs to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit health professionals for

the long-term future.

Travis Floyd, Knox County Judge agrees, explaining "Knox County is thankful that Big Country AHEC has provided us with this opportunity. We get an opportunity to share the experiences of living and working in a small rural community, and hopefully make a positive impression on the student so that they might want to return. The student not only gains knowledge of working in a rural environment but also gains additional skills by working side by side with a physician. And of course the medical facility wins by having an additional person to assist in all aspects of the work involved. This is a great program and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Community based education experiences like these are the result of a partnership between communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living. The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and Presbyterian Medical Care Mission. For further information about the Big Country AHEC please contact Kelly Cheek at kcheek@bcahec.org or 325-672-0495.

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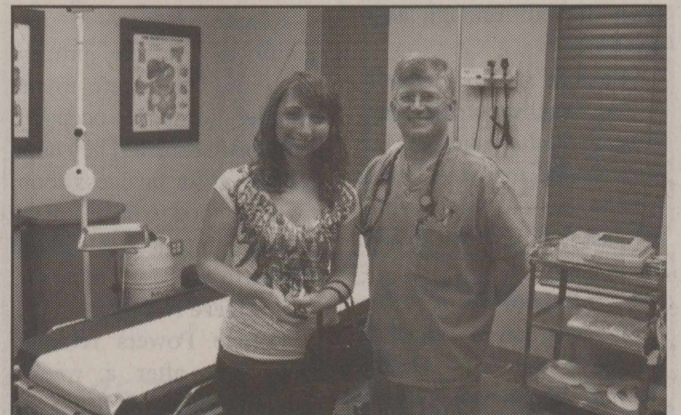
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The Paperboy

A time for serious people

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

One of the big problems around the world is the retirement age. Pensions and retirement packages are helping to bankrupt countries.

The fact is, people are living much longer than ever before. Fifty years ago, 65 was getting on up there and 70 was old. Today, 85 is getting on up there and 95 is old.

The bottom line is that some are going to have to bite the bullet and retire later. That's not a big deal for many Americans, but it sure seems to be in places like Europe.

France is considering raising their retirement age from 60 to 62 and Greece was paying huge salaries and benefits to some retiring at the ripe old age of 52. I don't know about you, but 52 seems to be very young to retire. In fact, many business people I know are in their prime and they are in their 50's, 60's and 70s.

I can understand why those accustomed to early retirement would be upset. They have been conditioned to expect it. But, it's obvious that the few need to sacrifice for the greater good of their respective country.

The mainstream media really needs to do their job. When Obama officials dare to criticize another state and stand against that state with a foreign country, they should be called out on it.

The White House has drug Arizona through the mud for weeks now only to admit that they hadn't read the bill. That is absurd.

There are two states - Louisiana and Arizona - which are very angry with Washington's "do nothing but gripe and blame others" policy.

Blaming British Petroleum for the oil spill is fine, but waiting on BP to help Louisiana is foolish.

Criticizing a state for trying to protect their border is ridiculous. If the government were following the laws on the books, Arizona would not have had to take matters in their own hands. When people are getting murdered because Uncle Sam is too busy with health care reform to provide security, what choices are the states left with?

In the past year, over 12,000 were murdered in Mexico. Are the border states the only ones worried about this? It seems so to me.

The first job of our government is to protect its CITIZENS. In this world, the citizens are given less consideration than illegal immigrants. Then again, this is the same group that wants to give the rights of a U.S. citizen to enemy combatants...

It's the job of the mainstream media to enlighten the public on these matters. But, it's hard to be an objective reporter when your head is in the sand. And when I say "in the sand," I really mean somewhere else.

What if every incumbent seeking re-election to U.S. Congress was voted out of office? Republicans, Democrats, Independents ... every single one of them.

These days, politicians sit around and blame the other side no matter the issue. What good does that do?

This planet is in terrible shape financially because the leaders we put in office care more about getting rich than they do about governing and doing the people's business. Where is the communication? Where is the leadership?

Both major political parties in this country are nothing more than a shell for special interests, giant corporations and unions. The representation we send to Washington is a joke. They seem to sell their souls shortly after they arrive and before long, it's no longer about the constituent at all, but how much they can get for their vote.

If our elected officials were really doing their jobs, they would read their own legislation. They would listen to their constituents and do their bidding.

It is our fault. We should be demanding better. I'm afraid that until we do, we'll be stuck in this awful rut because I'm sure not seeing much change I can believe in ... anywhere.

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Other Opinions

A Lamentation of Scott Brown

It took four months for Senator Scott Brown to be transformed by the Washington establishment, but it has finally happened. No longer the 41st vote against far-reaching government takeovers, yesterday Brown availed himself as the 60th vote in favor of the Dodd financial takeover bill. This came only a day after he had voted no on the very same legislation.

No significant revisions justified a "yes" vote on this legislation. It still institutionalizes "too big to fail", perpetuates unlimited bailouts and government takeovers, and establishes limitless powers for the bureaucracy to levy taxes on the American people and monitor their finances, all without any vote in Congress or any opportunity for judicial review of government seizures of private companies. And it still would not address the root government causes of the financial crisis, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Department of Housing

and Urban Development's Community Reinvestment Act regulations.

Sadly, Brown conditioned his support for the bill on so much less than ending bailouts or addressing root causes of the crisis. All he wanted were exemptions to the Volcker Rule's ban on proprietary trading for insurance companies and bank asset management in Massachusetts. According to The Hill, "Brown has expressed concerns that Massachusetts-based financial firms, such as MassMutual, could be adversely affected by a potential ban on proprietary trading." So, assurances in place from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid that the bill would be fixed, Brown switched his vote.

This is a sad day for Brown supporters, especially the tea parties that got behind his candidacy on the premise that he stood against Big Government. As a candidate, he even ran against a bank tax on the premise that it would simply be passed on to the American people via higher financial transac-

tion costs. Brown said at the time, "With all due respect, that money is going to be transferred down to the individuals through ATM fees, increased fees. I thought banks were supposed to lend. So now they're going to take the money that they would be lending to the small businesses in this state and the men and women who want to buy homes ... and there's less of a pool there."

Alas, the Dodd bill contains such a bank tax. Institutions with \$50 billion or greater in consolidated assets will be charged assessments to finance the so-called "orderly liquidation fund." There is no cap on those assessments, nor any limit on how much money can flow through the fund. Nor will the assessments require any vote in Congress.

That's taxation without representation — and Scott Brown of Massachusetts voted for it. Reverend Jonathan Mayhew, who coined the popular revolutionary slogan in a sermon in Boston, must be rolling over in his grave.

It gets worse. On April 18th, on

CBS' Face the Nation, Brown said that the bill "doesn't end the bailout mentality of the big banks are too big to fail concept." It still doesn't, and Scott Brown has now voted to perpetuate the concept of "too big to fail" by giving government unlimited bailout authority.

Just this past Wednesday, after he voted against cloture on the legislation, Brown issued a statement where he said, "the legislation contains loopholes that could leave the taxpayers on the hook for future bailouts of Wall Street." Then he voted for it anyway, without securing any protections for the American people against future bailouts or doing anything to unwind the current government credit lines to Fannie, Freddie, AIG, GM and Chrysler.

In fact, without any changes at all — Reid merely promised that his concerns regarding the Volcker Rule would be addressed — Brown switched his vote. For his own Massachusetts carve-out for insurance companies and banks in his

state — which reminds one of the ObamaCare "back room deals by an out of touch party leadership" he blasted in his victory speech — Brown betrayed the trust of the American people who had hoped that he might be a different sort of politician. One who puts principle over compromise.

Scott Brown had a chance to be different by standing firm against the government takeover of the nation's entire financial system. Instead, he has repudiated the principles of the tea party movement — which was founded in opposition to bailouts — that helped to propel him into office. A movement that can now only lament the tyranny that will surely rise from a bill that allows the government to monitor every financial transaction in the country, seize or bail out any company it wants in the interests of the "financial stability of the United States," and levy unlimited taxes to those ends. It didn't have to be this way.

Other Views

Congress vs. The Oil Industry

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

It's beyond question that the oil industry is down on its luck right now, and the black eye received from the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico is a shiner which will stay on its public face for quite awhile. And while radio host Stephanie Miller claimed the Gulf oil spill as proof that "God is a Democrat," the Democrats who sit among us mere mortals in Congress are taking direct aim at what they sneeringly call "Big Oil" with two particularly punitive measures.

With Democrats' first try at cap-and-trade (better known as Waxman-Markey) stalling in the Senate after a contentious House vote, last week Senators John Kerry and Joe Lieberman brought forth their version of energy legislation. Originally sponsorship crossed party lines when Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican, agreed to back the bill, but Graham withdrew his support when Senate leader Harry Reid decided to press for passage of immigration reform rather than this measure.

That's not to say Graham would be staunchly against the proposal. But the sticking point he sees is that, "problems created by the historic oil spill in the Gulf... have made it extremely difficult for transformational legislation in the area of energy and climate to garner bipartisan support at this time." Predictably, Democrats representing waterfront states like Florida, New Jersey, and Maryland are already coming out dead set against the additional oil exploration included in Kerry-

Lieberman, a tradeoff intended to get Republicans to support a bill which would levy taxes on greenhouse gas emissions and, as studies have concluded, be a net job loser.

Moreover, Kerry-Lieberman gives a rare nod to states' rights from the liberal side, allowing affected states more liberty to curtail or cease oil exploration off their shores. It's a complete turnaround in one month's time — only a few weeks ago the oil industry was cautiously optimistic about the Obama Administration allowing exploration in certain leaseholds to go ahead beginning in 2012. Needless to say, those ambitious plans are on hold after White House adviser David Axelrod warned, "no additional drilling has been authorized and none will until we find out what has happened (with the Deepwater Horizon)."

A second Congressional attack on the energy industry in the accident's aftermath comes from their bid to bolster a little-known federal fund called the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF). Created by Congress in 1986, the OSTLF lay dormant until 1990, when in the wake of the Exxon Valdez tanker accident a per barrel tax was levied on petroleum produced or imported into the United States. Currently oil companies pay eight cents per barrel toward this fund. In addition, there is a limitation on liability of \$75 million per incident for economic damages — companies already have to shoulder the actual cleanup costs.

But a new proposal would devastate

small- and mid-size oil companies, forcing them out of business by increasing the prospective liability to \$10 billion. Naturally, the OSTLF would be increased as well through the possible fourfold increase of the per-barrel tax to 32 cents, but the additional revenue may not necessarily go to the OSTLF — proceeds could be spent on other projects Congress deems worthy of funding.

These are just two of the more egregious examples of how Congress wants to punish Big Oil for the sin of having a tragic accident occur on an offshore platform. The federal government has done its part to assist British Petroleum in coping with the accident and its aftermath, so there's no need for Congress to exert another pound of flesh from an apologetic industry.

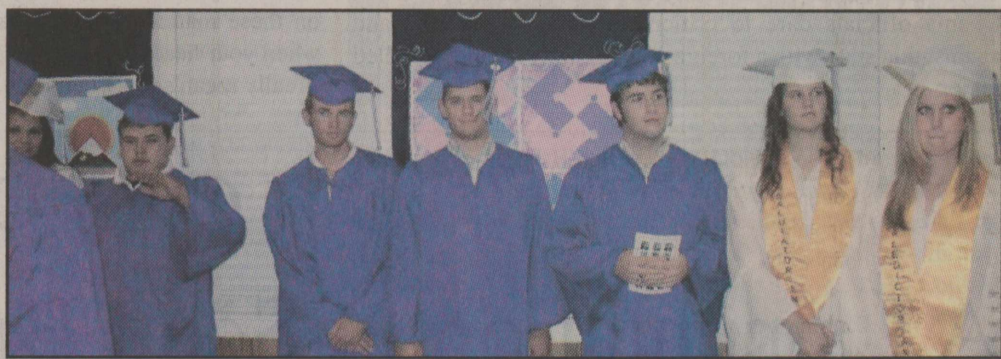




Senior week around Knox County

From Senior Dinners, Senior Luncheons, Awards Banquets, Baccalaureate exercises, the Senior class of 2010 has been celebrated over & over again by their proud communities. These are photos from different Class of 2010 Senior events around Knox County with seniors from all the schools.

Contributing Photographers: Donna Banks, Davenie Clark, Beverly Strickland, Mellisa Barker and Tamara Smart.



Just Jeff

Well sometimes in Knox City life runs a little slower than life in a big city. We have less traffic, less crime and a whole lot of friendly people who make up this great town.

Speaking of friendly people, rumor this week is that one of our local business owners is a 3rd cousin of President Obama. Bud Conner owner of Buds Cafe is a distant cousin to the president's mom. So make sure and go by and ask Bud about his famous cousin.

This is a hard week for a lot of moms and dads. It is the week that some of our students become adults (we hope). Graduation is here!!! Saturday night May 29,2010 so it would be nice to come out and support these young adults on this big, and last occasion for them as greyhounds.

Every year it seems I have a couple of kids leave that have left a special spot in my heart. This year is no exception. Two young men have been around my house since they moved to Knox City. Skyler and Bandy both moved here when they were in junior high. I have watched them grow from young teens to young men, I think the future is very bright for both of them. Skyler and Bandy both will leave KCHS with great memories and leave Mr. Tucker with a few more grey hairs.

MJ Abila, has been like my fat nephew since I first met him. MJ in my opinion is one of the best all around athlete's we have had in town. He was all-district in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He also was a regional tennis player and made all regions, 1st team in Football and Basketball. That boy gets all that athletic ability from his

mom Linda. If you have seen Mario golf you know what I am talking about.

MJ is going to play college baseball and I think he has a chance to be very successful. MJ I will miss you very much I have really enjoyed you eating my food, soaking up my cold air and just smiling all the time. These 3 boys I have had the pleasure of chasing after them playing summer baseball, 6 On 6 football, late night stories at the house, trips to Florida and California and many fourth of July's

I hate to see them go but life is always moving forward, and boy's its time to get on with your life. Make me proud and go get an education and make your mark on the world. MJ I don't mean teeth mark's. God Bless you and make the most of all of your opportunity's.

These are not the only seniors to be leaving the nest; we have a great graduation class. I wish them all the best, my only word of advice is to chase YOUR dreams, not your parents or anyone else's. When you stand together look at all your classmates on the stage, look real close, look in their eyes and soak it all in. Some of the same people you have went to school with since you were in pre-k with Mrs. Bowen will not be together again. Oh I know, you think I am exaggerating but I am dead serious. Life changes after Saturday night, everyone will go their own way. Some will chase their dreams and ambitions while others will do their best to survive. Be a dream chaser get the most out of this wonderful life.

This class has all kinds of great stories and I just touched

on three, which I am around the most. Clay Clark will graduate as valedictorian then head to UT in Austin; he is much smarter than his dad, Darren, who did not have the grades to be a Longhorn and had to settle at Texas A & M. Congrats Clay on the hard work.

Laura Vasquez will be the last of the class of 2010 to walk across the stage, Laura when you get your diploma you will close the chapter on another year of this great school. When you exit right look around and look at all the people and remember in a few years you will be watching little sister Kelsey and wondering where did those 4 years go? They go by very fast, so get the most out of it!!!

A very big congrats goes out to Taylor Chappell of Canadian Texas. Taylor a 17 year old and former Knox City resident has committed to play football for the University of Missouri. Taylor a 6'6" 270 lb. Offensive lineman chose the Tigers over, Texas Tech and UCLA. He is the son of Jimmy and Sandy Chappell both former coaches here.

I appreciate all the e-mails about last weeks' paper; remember if you want to complain about Obama just look up Danny Lewis.

A young boy asks his mom: why do brides wear white? She answers: because it shows they are pure and wholesome. The little boy then asks his dad: Why do brides wear white? Dad answers: All kitchen appliances come in white!

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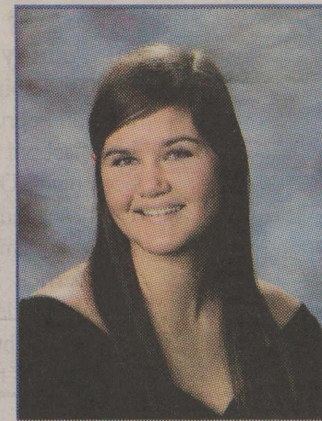
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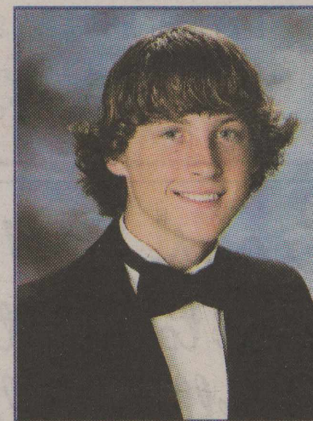


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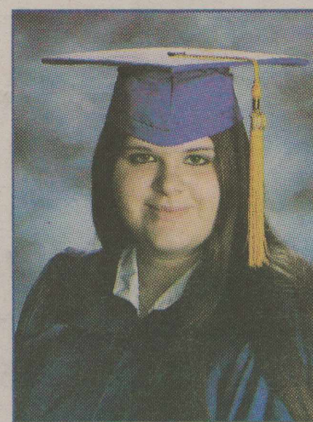


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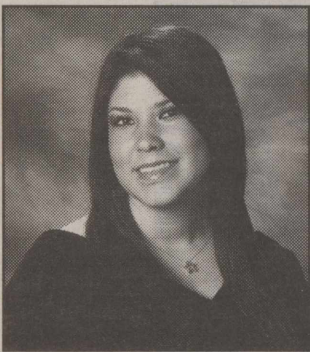
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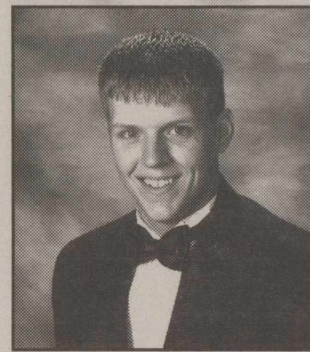
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 2010 Knox City Graduates 



Ashley Espinosa
Ashley Espinosa (Ash) was born on February 4, 1992. Her high school activities have been band, One Act Play, and U.I.L. academics. Her favorite high school memory is the time that Derrick, Holly, Isela, Tori and herself decided to secretly stay on the bus, and they discovered that the "driver" likes

to rock out to Miley Cyrus. After graduation, Ashley plans to work and then later go to Cisco or TSTC for their nursing program, and then later become a X-Ray Technician. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Dillon. She is an amazing person and awesome teacher. Ashley feels she will be lucky to become half the person she is.

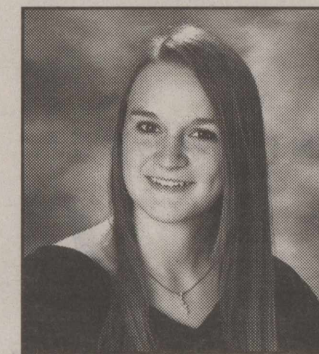


Bandy Moeller

Bandy Moeller was born June 4, 1991. His high school activities have been football where he received All-district honors for four years, basketball where he also received All-district honors for three years. He has participated in golf and was a regional qualifier for three years, F.F.A. for four years, UIL academics for four years, track for three years, and

baseball for two years. His favorite high school memory was the last football game against NewCastle. The overtime win was a great way to go out. His plans after graduation are to attend Western Texas College to pursue a degree in agricultural education. His favorite was his dad, because everything that he has done and accomplished I want to do also.

Brittany Baker – (BB) was born February 8. Her High School activities have been: volleyball, basketball, track, band, cheerleading and UIL academics. She does not have a particularly favorite memory because everything was fun. Her future plans are to attend McMurry University to pursue a degree in accounting and finance. Brittany's favorite coach was Coach Peters because she pushed her to do her best in all sports. One of Brittany's unique qualities is that she loves to clean.



Brittany Baker

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"I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 9:11

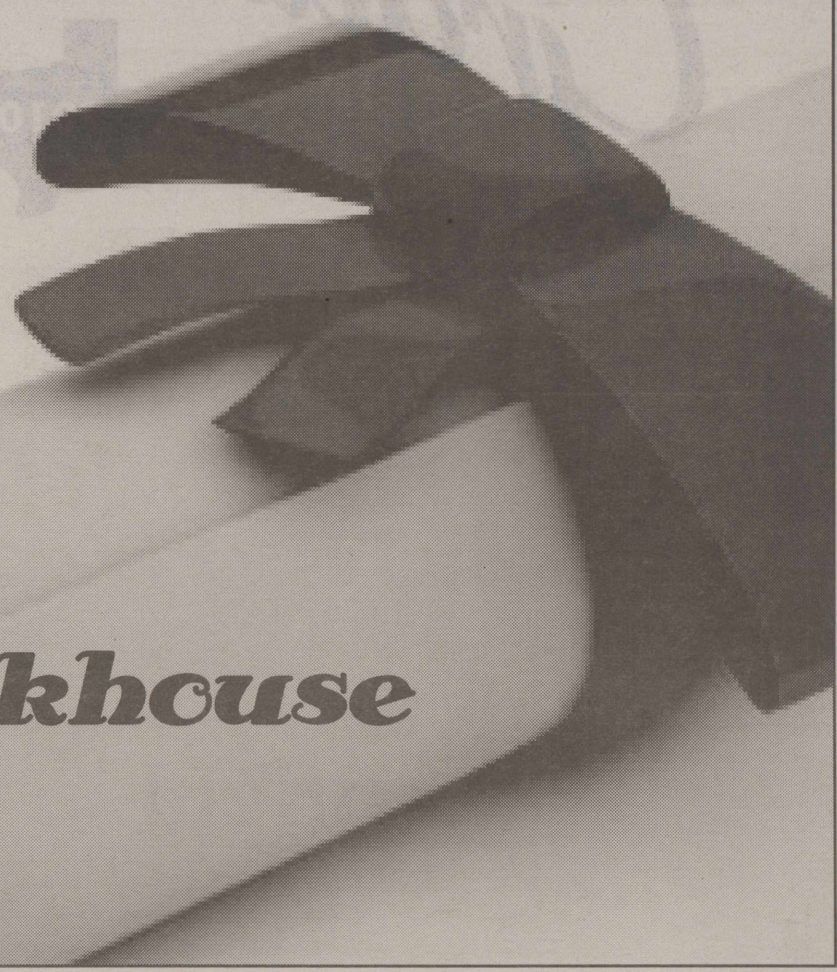
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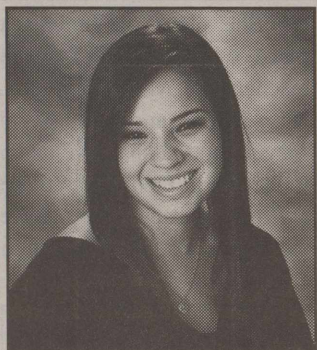
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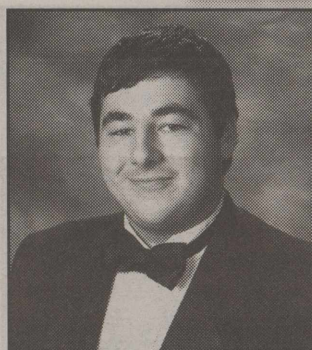




Brittney Gonzales

Brittney Janae Gonzales was born April 23, 1992. Her high school activities have been basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf for four years. She also

has run track, One Act Play, UIL academics, student council, F.F.A., and band. She was also involved in cheerleading and served as Head-Cheerleader. Her favorite memories are the ones that include spending time with her best friends. Brittney plans to attend Cisco College where she will play volleyball for the college. She then plans to attend Angelo State University to finish her degree in athletic training. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Moeller. He has always been one to push her to work harder and achieve her goals.



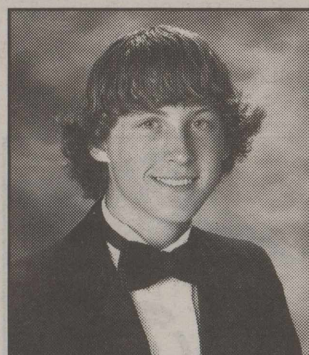
Caleb Schnable

Caleb Schnable (Kuh-Lobster) was born March 4, 1992. His high school activities include U.I.L. history and yearbook. He touts himself

as the biggest number one fan in the history of K.C.H.S. His favorite memory is the day of softball games his junior year, after community service, picking up trash along the highway, and then a school wide softball tournament. His favorite teachers are Coach Simmons and Coach Calzone, his sophomore year. They were simply awesome teachers.

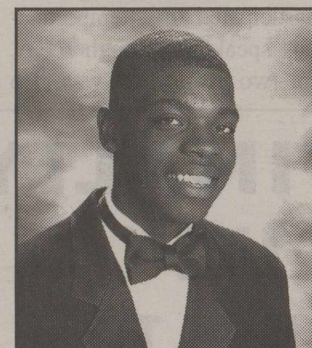
their families to New Braunfels and had a blast! They had fun at Schlitterbahn and just hanging out at their cabin by the lake. His future plans are to attend the University of Texas and become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Jones because she has helped him more than he could ever imagine. Clay says a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Jones.

stayed on the bus after everyone got off, and we were in the bus while Mr. Nelson drove the bus to the barn. It was funny. His future plans are to attend McMurry University pursuing a degree in computer economics. Derrick will also be running track for McMurry University. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Rodriguez because they're cool.



Clayton Clark

Clayton Michael Clark (Clay) was born April 6, 1992. His high school activities have included band, FFA, Debate, Athletics, One Act Play, student council, and National Honor Society. His favorite memory is a church youth trip attended by Clay, Eric, and Michelle. They went with



Derrick Coleman

Derrick Antonio Coleman (D'zeey) was born on October 17, 1991. His High School activities have included basketball, track, uil, and yearbook. Derrick is the defending state track champion in 400 Meter Dash. His favorite memory is when our senior class had a luncheon and a few of us

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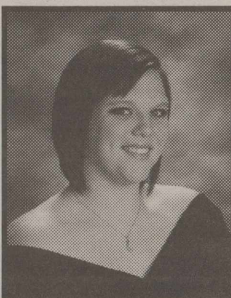
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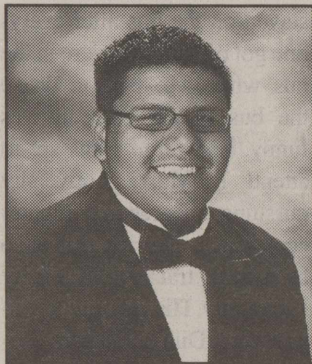
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Eric Casillas

Eric J. Casillas (Big E) was born July 25, 1992. His high school activities have in-

cluded Band for four years; they have been a sweepstakes band for three years, state alternator, and state qualifier. He was involved in One Act Play and various UIL academics. He participated in persuasive speaking, Lincoln-Douglas Debate for two years where he was a regional qualifier, and Cross-examination Debate where he was a state qualifier for one year. He also participated in extemporaneous speaking through F.F.A. for two years. Eric was also

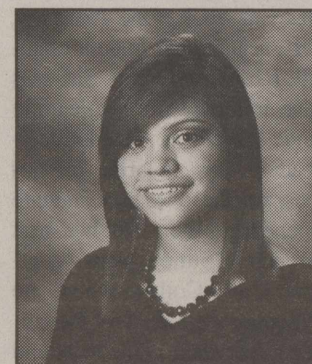
the Greyhound Mascot for one year. He is unable to choose a favorite memory, during high school he will never forget: Clay, Moles, Mina, Laura, Brittany, Taylor and Kaley, because they always made things fun. After graduation, Eric plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos, TX to pursue a degree in Health Administration. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Adkisson because he will never forget her.



Holly McCrary

Holly Jo McCrary (Hizzle) was born March 8. Her high school activities have included volleyball, basketball, and track. Her favorite high school memory is when Mrs. Adkisson's home economics classes have lunches. She plans to attend Vernon College to be an LVN and later become and RN. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Rodriguez because they are great.

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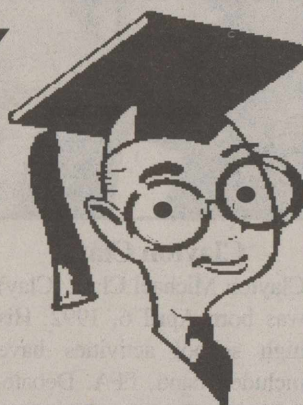
Isela Rodriguez was born on October 10, 1991. Her high school activities have included varsity track, volleyball, and U.I.L. accounting placing 9th. Her favorite high school memory was getting in trouble in Home Economics class. She dared someone to do something embarrassing and inappropriate. She got caught and we were both in trouble. I will always remember this... it's history now. LOL!!! After graduation Isela plans to find a full time job and concentrate on raising her beautiful daugh-

ter. She plans on finding a place of her own. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Dillon, and Mrs. Byers – even though she gave us so much work. Isela loves these teachers because they were the best throughout her high school years.

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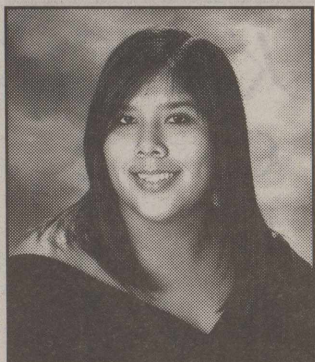
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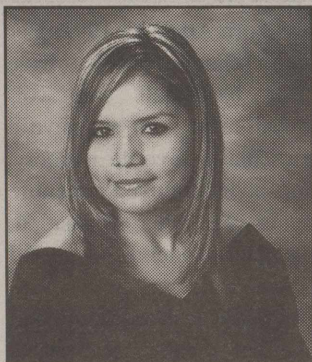
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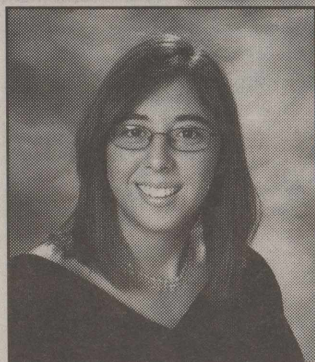
Laura Vasquez

Laura Vasquez (Kool-Aid) was born on April 18, 1992. Her high school activities have included: Volleyball, basketball, Track & Field, Golf, Tennis, Band and the One Act Play. Her favorite high school memory was going to the lake on Senior Skip Day. It was cold but we had a lot of fun. After Graduation, Laura plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland, and will be enrolled in nursing school. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Collins because he is a very good teacher and she likes science.



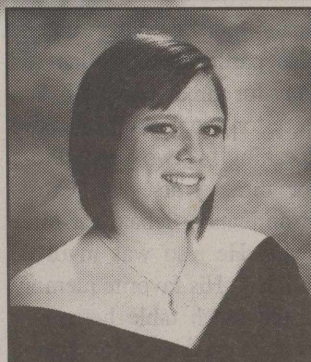
Maria Torres

Maria DJ Torres was born June 17, 1991. Her High School activities have included basketball and track. Her favorite high school memory was when Coach Steele took the senior class to T.S.T.C. in Sweetwater. Then they all ate at Allen's and actually got along. After graduation, Maria plans to work and save money for college. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Dillon.



Molly Espinosa

Molly Michelle Espinosa a.k.a. Moley Mitchell was born on June 24, 1992. Her activities have included volleyball, track, One Act Play and band. She was the State Ranked Drum Major for the Greyhound Pride band in 2009-2010. Her favorite memory was senior skip day at the lake, being thrown into the lake by Bandy and Skyler was funny, and the water was freezing. Her future plans include going to Cisco Junior College or South Plains College. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Adkisson because she was really nice and taught her a lot.



Elmina Banks

Elmina Lynn Banks was born February 3, 1992. Her activities have included One

Act Play where she received All-Star Cast, yearbook, volleyball, basketball, track, and student council. Her favorite high school memory was senior skip day at the lake. After graduation she plans to attend Angelo State University. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Jones, if Mina was to ever to become a teacher it would be because of her.

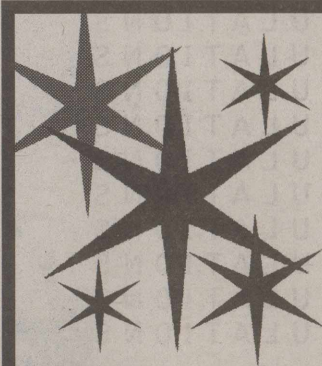
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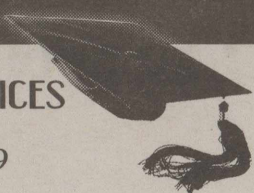
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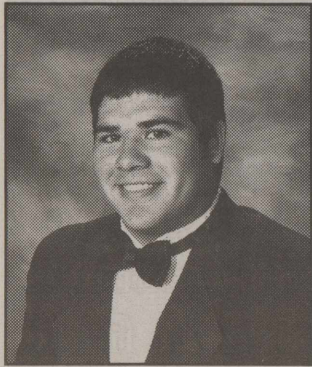
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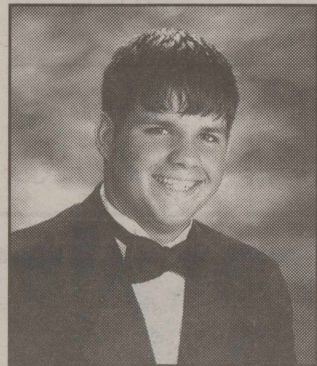
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Mario E. Abila III

Mario E. Abila III (MJ) was born May 21, 1992. He has participated in varsity athletics all four years including: football, basketball, baseball, golf, track and tennis. He has been active in band and F.F.A. His favorite high school memory would have to be his freshman year when he scored his first touchdown as a Knox City Greyhound. The amazing part was when he got home after the game he was watching the news and the next thing that came on was his touchdown

catch. His future plans are to attend Cisco Junior College for two years, to study criminal justice, and to eventually become a state trooper. His favorite teacher is Coach Howeth because he has been a mentor since junior high and has always been there for him.



Skyler Eades

Skyler Eades (Skizz) was born October 16, 1991. His high school activities have included Football for three years, baseball for two years, track for three years, tennis for two

years, golf for four years. He also participated in One Act Play for three years, UIL Science for two years, Persuasive speaking for two years, Prose for three years, and Cross-Examination debate for three years. He also was involved in F.F.A. His favorite memory is the lunch table his senior year, good friends, and good memories. His future plans are to attend Western Texas College for one year then transfer to Texas Tech or Tarleton State University. His plan is to pursue a major in education or law.

Best of luck in your future endeavors



Victoria Carrasco

Victoria Lynn Carrasco (Tori)

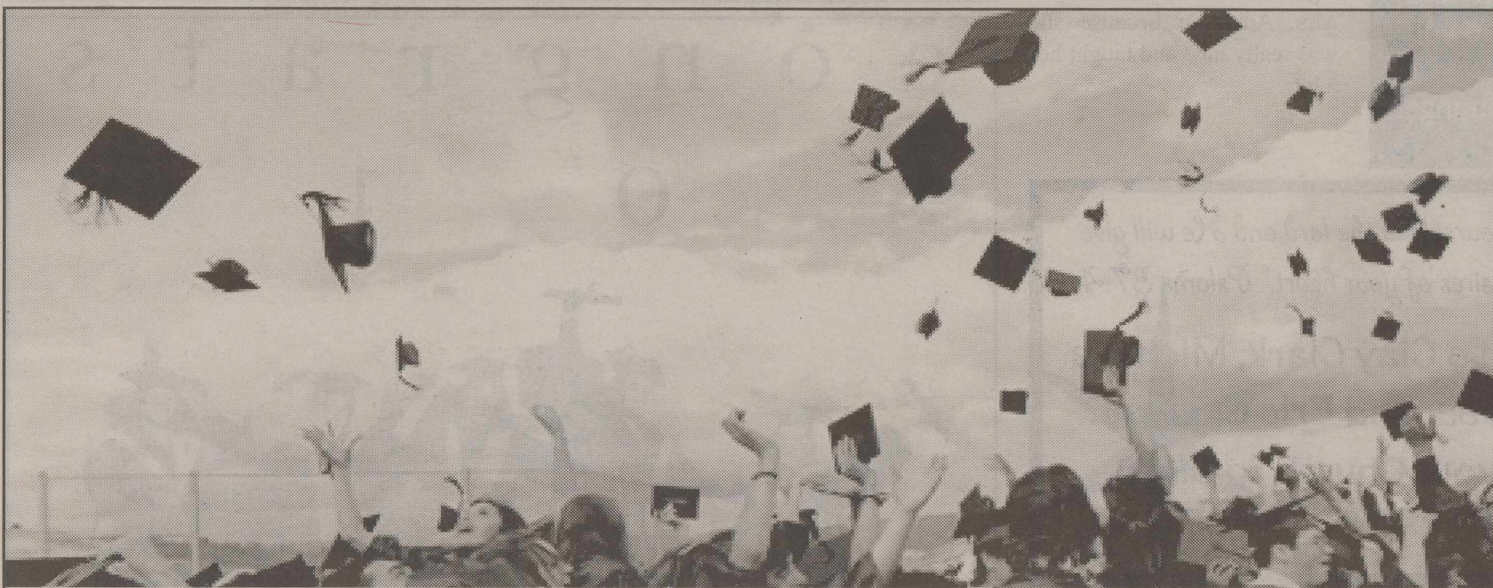
was born April 26, 1992. Her high school activities have been basketball and volleyball. She does not have a particularly favorite memory, but she has enjoyed her entire senior year. After Graduation, she plans to attend college and pursue a degree as a L.V.N. Tori plans to live strong, and live her dreams. She wants to thank all the teachers who have helped her through tough times.

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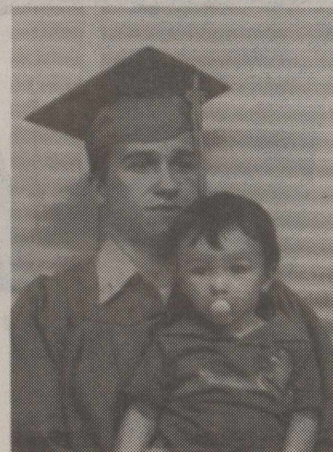
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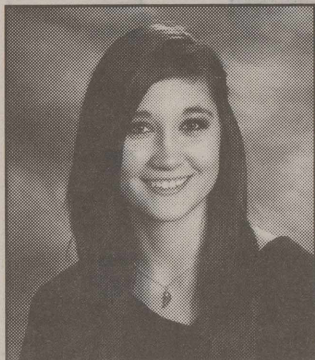
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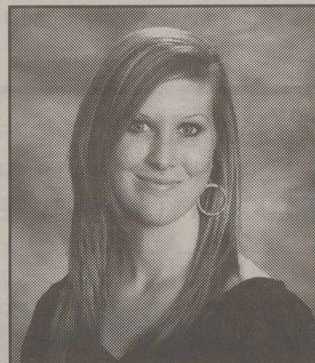
2010 Benjamin Graduates



Carrieann Neises

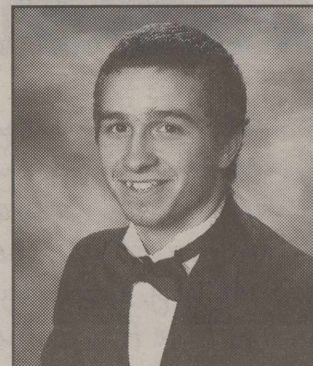
Ms. Carrieann, better known as Carrie, joined the Benjamin School population just in time for her senior year. In only a year, Carrie's strutting down the halls in 6 inch heels and ambitions for a career in the modeling world were hard to go unnoticed. Carrie's favorite memory at Benjamin High was during Fall Festival, when Carrie took the stage depict-

ing Miley Cyrus. Carrieann made as much an impression on Benjamin, as she takes the education she received there and goes into the world. Carrie plans on attending the Paul Mitchell Partner School in Carrollton Texas, where she will get her cosmetology license and become a color specialist.



Chloe Strickland

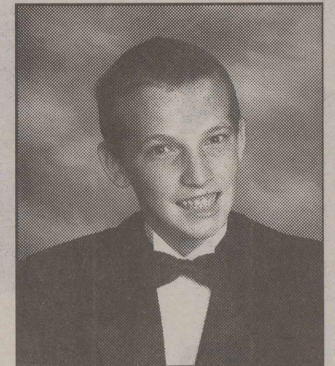
Benjamin High School will be releasing Chloe Marie Strickland into the world armed with an awesome education, her astounding social intellect, and athletic abilities honed during the Lady Mustang volleyball, basketball, cross country, & track seasons. Chloe intends on going to college, but is unsure of what her major will be. Chloe commends Mr. Johnson as her favorite Benjamin teacher because, "he taught us so much, more than just about Grammar; Mr. Johnson taught us necessary things about the world." Chloe's favorite high school memory is winning District titles in basketball and volleyball.



Derrick Northrup

Fondly remembering his evenings spent under the Friday night Lights of Benjamin Stadium, Derrick Northrup will most likely reflect on the twilight around the Benjamin Score Board pronouncing the 100 points he and his teammates had racked up over Harold (a first in Benjamin football history). Derrick Northrup

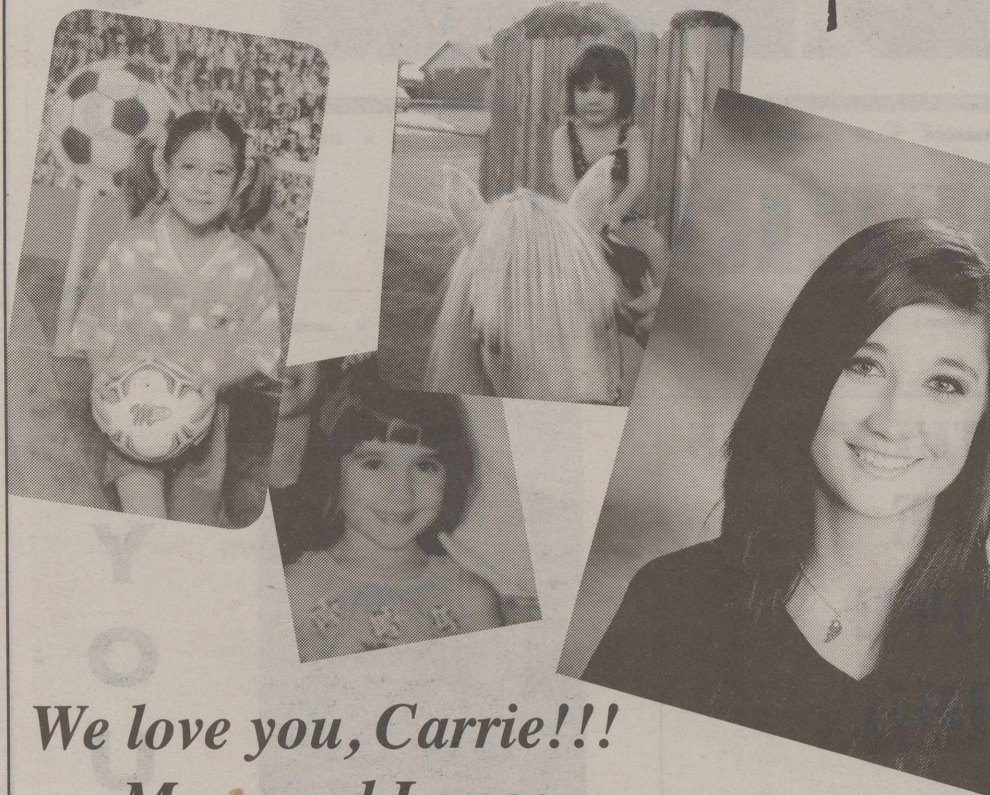
was not only present the last 4 years on the Mustang football field, he has been a Basketball player, a track team member, a golfer, a tennis player and a cross country runner while laden in Mustang colors and Pride. His Benjamin education, his competence in the athletic circuit, and his determination make Derrick's future goals of attending AIT for the U.S. Army, returning to college for Criminal justice upon his completion, then reclassify to military police and becoming a US Officer a achievable mission. Derrick says his favorite teacher while at Benjamin School was Mrs. Jones, "she was always there when she was teaching here, and then even after she went to Knox City."



David Baldwin

Best of luck in your future endeavors!

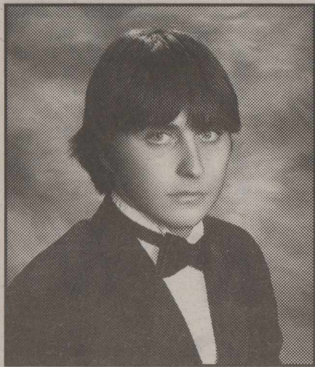
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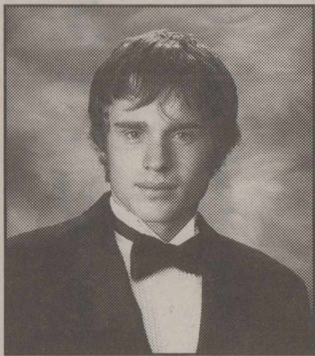
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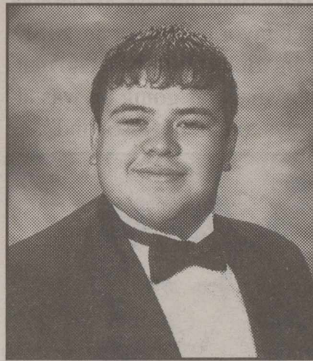
With a cunning nick-name like the "D-Man", Dusty Stevens ventures across that famous Benjamin Stage with the class of 2010. Not being able to recall one specific time, calling "his whole senior year" his favorite time in high school, Dusty intends to obtain the American Dream post high school: loving family, nice home and a good-paying job. Dusty played Football, Basketball and ran track for the Mustangs.



Karl Dylan Benson

After 4 years of wearing the Mustang's Purple and White football jersey, basketball uniform, track and cross country sweats, Dylan Benson will graduate from Benjamin HS with the 2010 senior class. Before Mr. Benson takes his

leave from Benjamin ISD, he notes that his favorite teacher has been: "Mrs. Grill because she's cool". K. Dylan Benson also notes his favorite high School memory as being the time that the Mustangs beat Harrold 100-54 in football. Dylan plans on attending Mid-western State University for Mechanical Engineering.

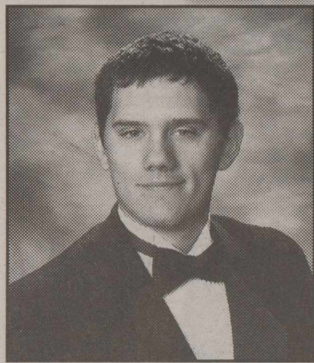


Jose Eduardo Rivera

After graduating on May 28th, Jose will look back on his career in Benjamin and his relationship with Mrs. Hernandez, who taught him English. Jose remembers fondly the night that Benjamin "45-ed" Guthrie his Junior year. Because he grew up in Guthrie, and after moving to Benjamin, helped the Mustangs break a 23-year winning streak against them. Football was not the only activity in which Jose participated, he also played Basketball, and ran cross country for the Mustangs. After graduation Jose intends to find a good job and start making money.

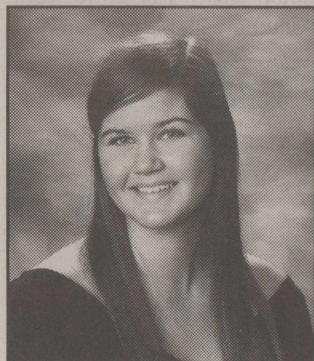
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Jacob Siemens

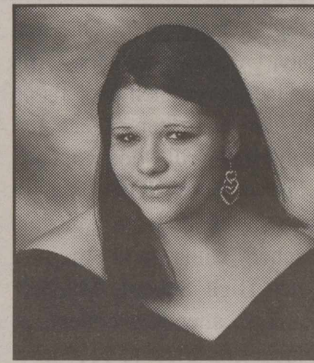
As a professed "Smart aleck", Jacob Siemens will take his leave from the Halls of Benjamin School, taking with him a life lesson for former teacher, Mrs. Spake, who "was never afraid to tell you her opinion." Jacob plans to continue his education, by going to college and getting a degree in Business. Jacob was a member of the Mustang Tennis, Golf, UIL Number Sense and Science teams.



Jessica Vanderpol

While most people know the long-eyelashes of Miss Jessica Vanderpol, in Benjamin and surrounding areas, soon, "Jessie" Vanderpol will be exiting Knox County to the South. Jessie will take the valuable teachings received from her education at BISD with her

to help guide her through her collegian journey at McMurry University in Abilene. Jessie's favorite high school memory was going with Raquel Acevedo to sell yearbook ads in Seymour. Jessica also recalls Mr. Johnson's impact on her high school career, as he "brought {Jessica and her colleagues} out of 'the cave'".

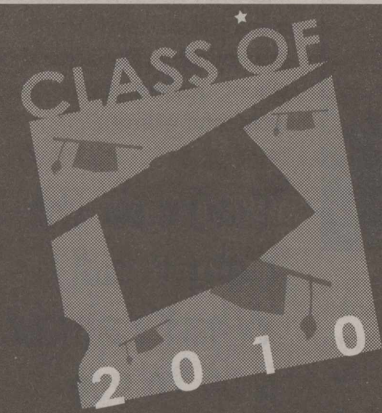


Rebecca Baldwin

"Mizz Beck" as she is known by her closest confidants, Rebecca Baldwin will be forev-

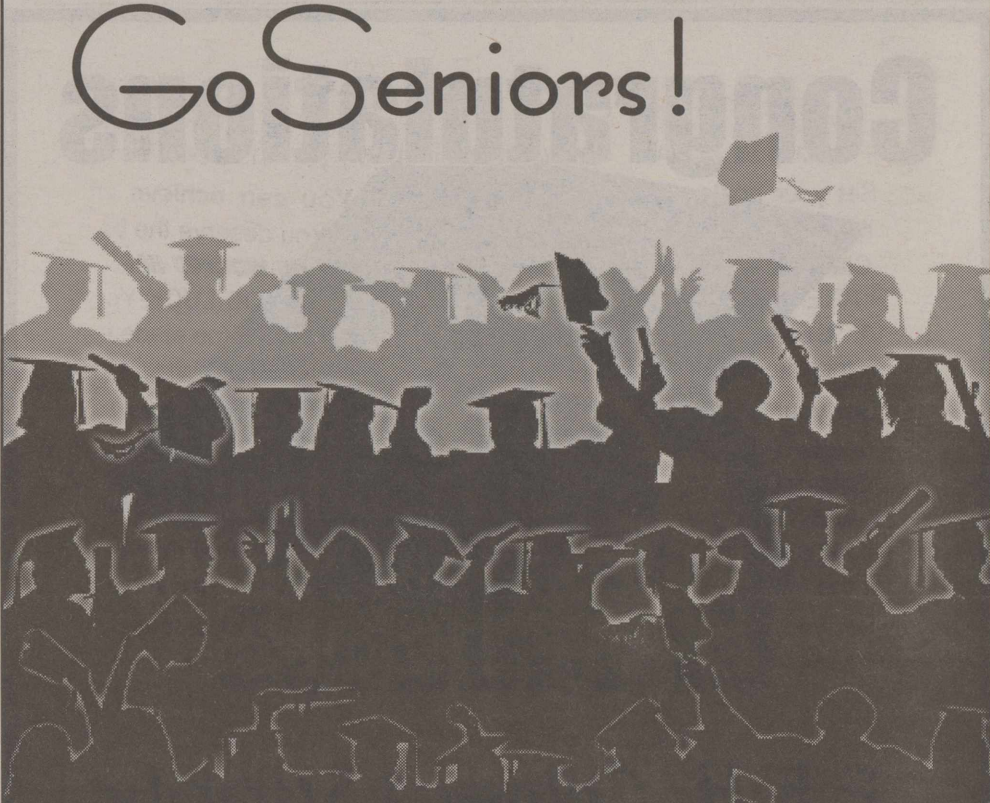
er remembered in Benjamin for her innate athletic ability. As a member of the Lady Mustang Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Tennis, & Cross Country Teams, Becky has left a high bar for Benjamin Athletics to uphold in the future years. Yet, Athletics haven't been Becky's only shining moments, as Rebecca also was a member of the One Act Play. Becky Baldwin will attend Cisco Junior college post graduation.

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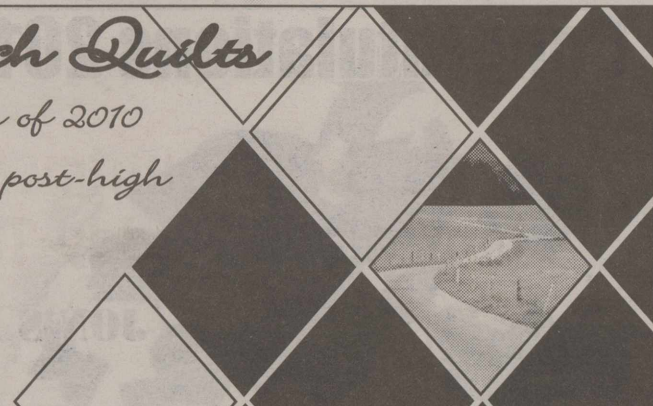
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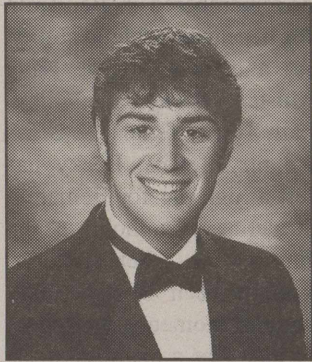


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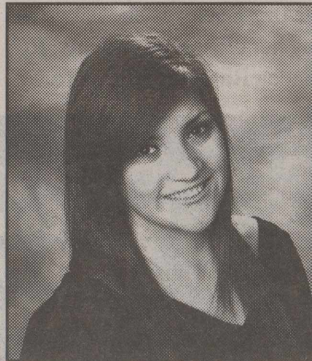




Mitchell Ham

Although he hasn't officially walked across the stage, Mitchell Ham looks forward to graduation to be his favorite High School memory. Graduation won't be Mitchell's first time on stage, or in front of a crowd, as he has spent most of his educational career at Benjamin in front of a crowd, as he has been a vital part of Benjamin's extra circular scene. Playing football, basketball, tennis, running track and golfing were only part of Mitchell's career while in high school. He also was an

integral character for One Act Play, UIL and 4H. Mrs. Grill has taught Mitchell a lot about life and character. He notes that Mrs. Grill "doesn't care what anybody thinks, she is who she is, & is an amazing teacher with good morals. After High School, Mitchell plans on attending college at San Angelo State to become a radiologist.

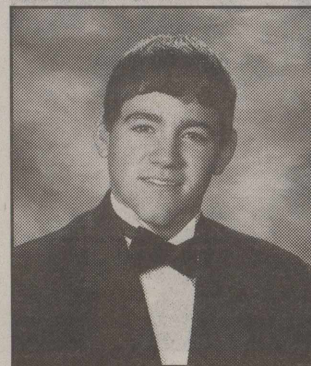


Raquel Acevedo

After walking across the commencement stage, with memories of being with her classmates and getting first place in Volleyball and basketball,

Miss Raquel Acevedo will be heading to Sweetwater, where she will then plan to go to Angelo state University. Raquel, or "Kallie Sue" as those who know her best call her, was a member of the 2008 and the 2009 District champion Volleyball team. She Played with Benjamin's champion basketball team, too, with a free throw that could beat any timer. While at BISD, Raquel was a participant in 4-H, Youth Tennis, track, Cross Country, and One Act Play. Raquel was mentored through her senior year by Mrs. Donham, about whom, Raquel calls a "very wonderful woman."

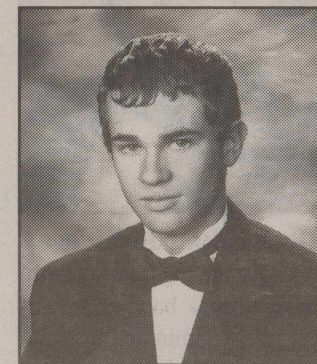
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Rocky Smith

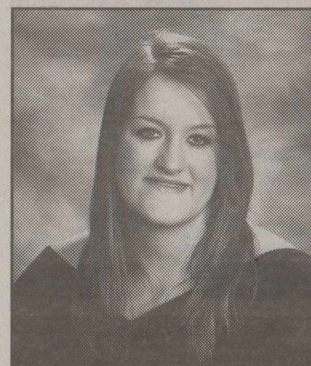
A self proclaimed "Jack of all Trades, Master of None", Rocky Smith Leaves his mark on Benjamin School, leaving his legacy n 4-H, FFA, and on the golf course. Rocky claims his favorite teachers while at Benjamin School were Mr Dickson because, "that cat is funny" and Mrs Jones, Because according to Rocky, "I would still be a freshman, if it weren't for her."After graduation, Dusty will go to work, welding with his brother.

tang District Champion Volleyball Team, the track team, cross country team, and noted district champion Basketball team, Teresa also represented the Purple and White on the academic side as a proud NHS member. After graduation, Terry plans to attend Vernon College to become a nurse. Terry will always remember her favorite teacher in BISD, Mrs. Belle Grill, who "no matter what was going on was always tough, but also kind".



Will Moorhouse

"Willard" or "Wild Will" (with his beautiful green eyes) is known around the halls of Benjamin School, will be graduating with the rest of the 2010 class. Will has participated in many years in 4H, FFA, & Academic UIL. These activities, along with his golf and track involvement will help Will as he embarks on his life's journey. His first stop after graduation will be at TSTC in Sweetwater to work on his degree toward Wind energy Technology. Will says his favorite High School memory is watching Mrs. Gloria sprint across the front yard of the school (while wearing high heels) chasing B-Ryan.



Teresa Miller

Teresa "Terry" Miller, who claims "her driving ability" is one of her qualities which makes her unique, will graduate from Benjamin school with the noted class of 2010. As an avid member of the Lady Mus-

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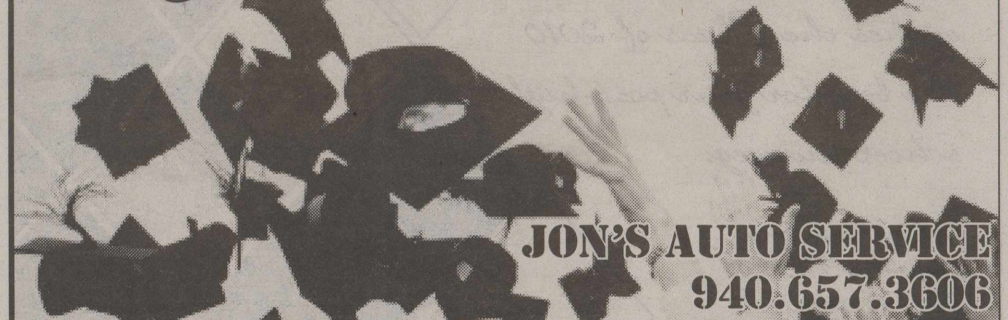
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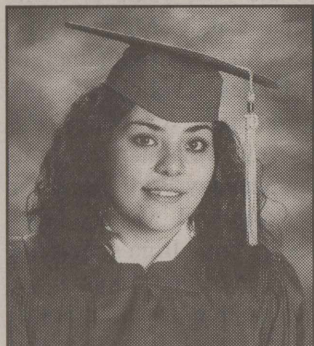
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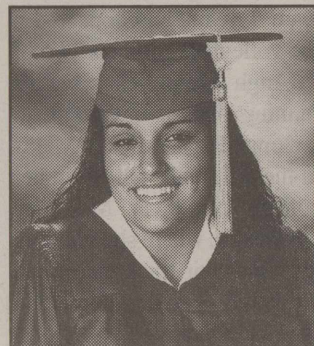
2010 Munday Graduates



Anali Torres

Even though not participating in cook-offs or meat eating events because of her vegetarian beliefs, Anali Torres didn't miss out on much during her high school years at Munday High. As an active member of the Munday High Marching band, CLIC, FCCLA and FFA, Anali Torres made a multitude of friends and memories that she will undoubtedly look back upon in future years with extreme fondness. Anali's favorite teacher at MHS was Coach Bowling who Anali says "was like a dad" and "helped her tremendously. After graduating, Anali intends on attending Cisco Jr. College.

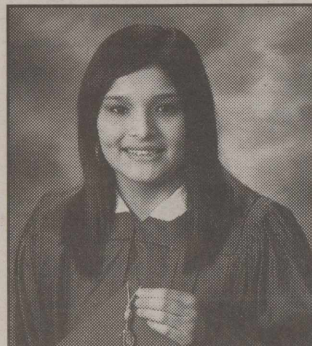
All that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder. ~Author Unknown



Ashley Hawkins

Assured by her intelligence and her ability to speak her mind, Ashley Hawkins will head toward Temple, Texas to get a major in Criminal Justice once she finished the commencement rituals from MHS. Ashley spent 4 years participating in the MHS band, played volleyball for 3 years, was a member of the track team for 4 years, and played tennis for 2 years in her high school career. She also spent 3 years as a member of CLIC and FCCLA. All four years of her high school career, Ashley represented her school and herself on Student Council and on UIL. Ashley's favorite teacher was Mrs. Tidwell because 'she is the sweetest little woman and always treats you like her baby!' Her favorite memory from high school is "laughing it up with all my friends and classmates.

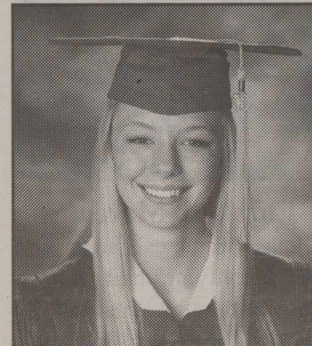
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Cassandra Lerma

Cassandra Lerma, or Cassie, as she is better known, joins the class of 2010 walking across the graduation stage. Cassie will be the last of this Lerma generation to do that, as she is the youngest of 5 girls in her family who have all proudly graduated from MHS. Cassie participated in FCCLA for two years during her high school time, one of those years serving as the President of the club. She also marched with the band for three years, 2 of which Cassie was a flag girl. Cassie holds Coach Bryan Bowling close to her heart in her MHS memories as he was a "good teacher" who specifically "helped her pass the TAKS". After graduation, Cassie plans to take online classes with Vernon College.

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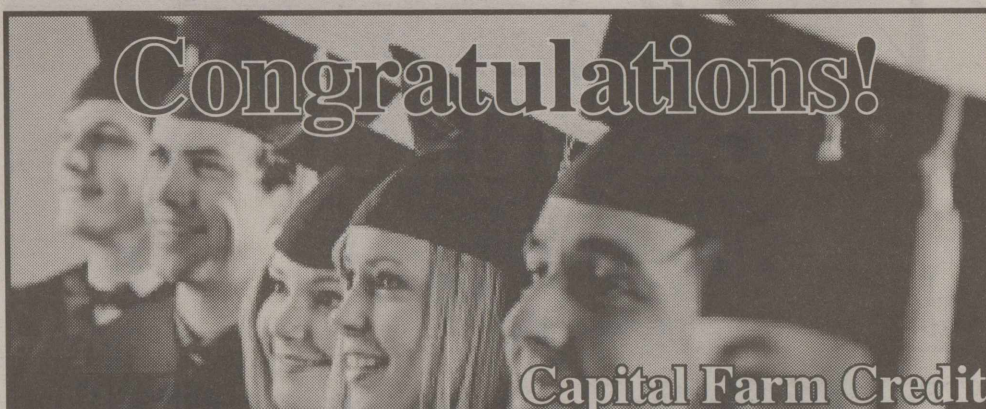


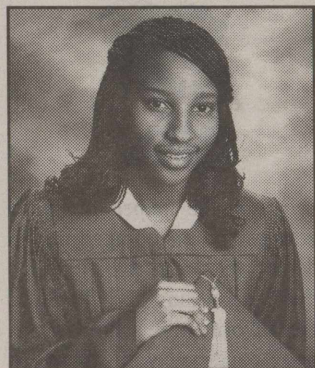
Charlene Kay Carney
With everyone encouraging this perceived over-achiever, Charlene (or "Charlie", as she is known by those close to her) joins the graduating class of 2010 in receiving her diploma on May 28th. Soon Charlie will be off to Cisco Junior College to begin her post- High School education. Her favorite teacher to date was Mr. Wilson

because: "he helped me with college and encouraged me to do my very best. He's like my dad," according to Charlene. Her favorite high school memories consisted with "hanging with her 'besties', Anali, Laticia and Mariela. Charlene spent 4 years in Marching Band, 3 years in FCCLA, a year in Student Council, a year in Science UIL, and a year in CLIC.

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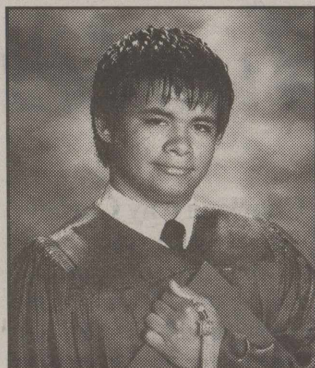
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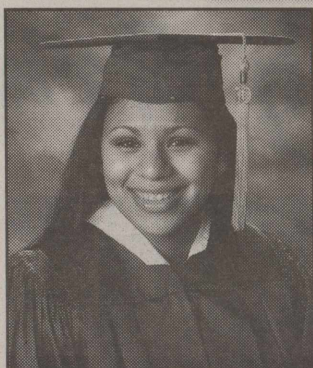
Constance Collier

After 4 years of high school classes, 3 years in band, and laughing through Mrs. Shahan's crazy antics in her teaching style, Constance Collier will join her classmates as she graduates with the class of 2010 on May 28th. After Constance marches across that graduation stage, she plans on attending Vernon college.



Dustin Offutt

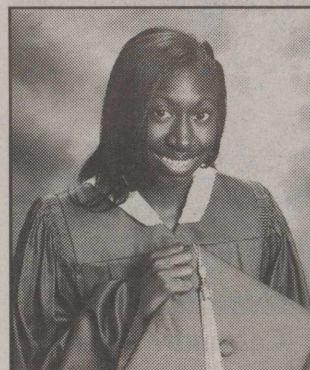
Known as Bubba by some, and as that "dude with the serious head of hair", Dustin Offutt in living his last days in the halls of Munday High. Soon, he will graduate, and take off to Sweetwater to go to college for automotives. During his high school years, Dustin played football for 4 years, basketball for 2 years, ran track for 2 years and played in the band for 2 years.



Elizabeth Marentes

"Beth" Marentes' laugh was her identifying trait as she passed through the hall of Munday HS the last few years. Her favorite memories from her High School days are of Senior Suppers and "chillin with Tanya Gray!" Elizabeth truly enjoyed the "crazy" teaching style of Mrs. Shahan. Elizabeth played volleyball at MHS for 3 years, was a member of the track team for 2 years and a basketball player & a cross country runner for a year while in high school. She also was the Junior class

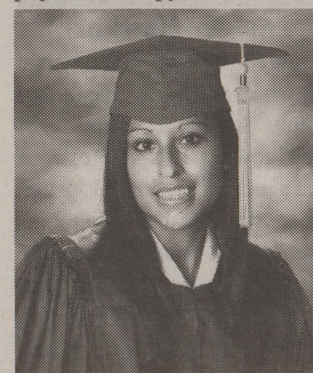
treasurer, spent one year as the Munday High mascot, marched with the band for 2 years and participated in FCCLA for a year. After graduating, Elizabeth intends to go to school to become a LVN.



Faith Hunter

Faith Hunter is a self-proclaimed natural comedian, saying that she "doesn't try to be funny, but [she] is to everyone else." As funny as she is, Faith was no joke during her 4 years at MHS, especially as a Mogulette Athlete. Faith had the very unique oppor-

tunity to qualify to go to the State Track Meet in Austin a multiple amount of times, her sophomore, junior and senior years. Faith also played on the Mogulette basketball team 4 years, and appeared n the volleyball court for two of her high school years. Faith's running days aren't going to be limited to her time at MHS- in the fall, faith will begin her college career at McMurry University, where she will join up with their track team, and ultimately get her degree in physical therapy.



Irma Dulce Mata

With a middle name meaning "sweet", it is only appropriate that Irma Mata was better known around the halls of MHS as "Candy". In the four years at MHS Irma "Candy" Mata enjoyed her time participating in Athletics (volleyball and Basketball) for two years; as well, Irma marched with the Munday Pride Band for 2 years and was a cheerleader too. Irma's favorite teacher is Mrs. Shahan for her unique teaching style. Apparently, Mrs. Shahan is always trying to demonstrate things in order to enhance her students' learning experiences. Including "running into a wall with a football helmet on". After graduation, Irma plans on attending Vernon College and becoming a nurse.

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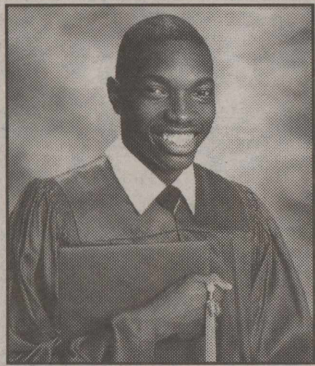


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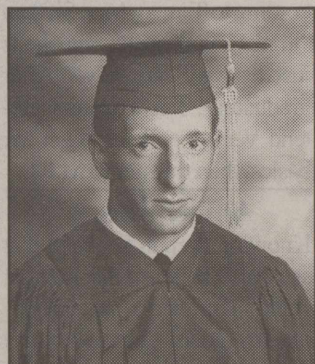
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Johnathan Collier

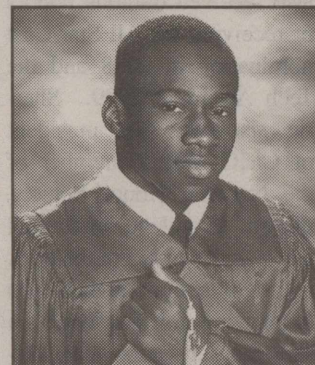
With an uncanny knack to bring a smile to the face of people around him, Johnathan Collier will undoubtedly be making his closest friends and family not just smile, but beam, as he make that life-changing pass across the stage to get his diploma. Johnathan has been a vital part of the Munday Mogul athletic Department for the last 4 years, as he played basketball, football and ran track throughout his whole high school life. Johnathan will always embrace the memory of his first touchdown while wearing the Mogul school colors. After high school, Johnathan plans to head to Ranger College, where he will play basketball.



Jonathan Birkenfeld

"Birk" as those who know

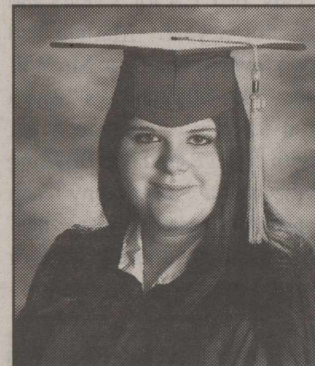
him know him best call him, served the Munday Mogals in a myriad of sports and extra-curricular activities during the time he was receiving his High School education. A football player for four years, Jonathan was the captain of the team his senior year. Jonathan ran track all four years of his high school career, 3 of those years, he was a Regional Qualifier for the Mogul team. Jonathan also played basketball and golfed. For two years, Jonathan was honored to become a member of the National Honor Society, was the Junior class President and participated in FFA events for a year. Jonathan's favorite high school memory is winning the 1-A State football championship, as well as winning district and area track all four years of his tenure at MHS. After graduating, Jonathan plans to attend Texas Tech University and get a degree in Sports Training & Pre-Physical Therapy.



Kenyin Thompson

Kenyin Thompson says he is short- in fact if he is not the shortest quarterback in Mogul history, he got to be close

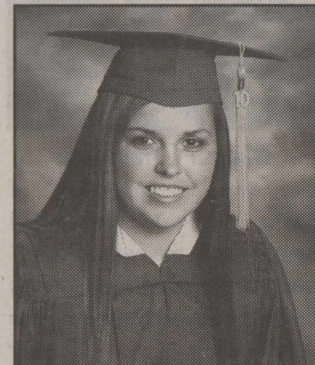
to being the shortest- yet his vertical challenge has not prevented Kenyin from being an amazing athlete nor an awesome student. With post-graduation plans of going to Tarleton State (with which Kenyin has already signed his letter of intent), playing football & ultimately getting a major in medicine. Kenyin's favorite teacher/mentor is not a Munday high staff, rather it is his brother, Dominique, because "Dominique helps [Kenyin] with everything & talks him through things". Kenyin played Mogul football for two years. He was also a member of the basketball team, the track team and UIL academics for two years as well.



Kimberly Myers

Every morning of her High school career, Kimberly says her favorite high school memory were all her daily wishes of "good morning" to Lauren. Assuredly, though, there are a lot more amazing memories for Kimberly (Kimmy) concerning her education thus far. As a member of FFA for 3 years, FCCLA for 2 years, UIL for 4 years, CLIC for 4 years, Band for 3 years, Color Guard for 3

years, National Honor Society for 2 years and Student Council for 3 years, Kimberly's claim that "she hates to talk" is questionable- Kim probably says more without using so many words than most. After graduating, Kimberly plans to go to Angelo State and major in Chemistry, then get her teaching certificate. She was inspired to be a teacher by her favorite teacher, Mrs. Shahan. Kimberly also serves the class of 2010 as the valedictorian.



Larami Stewart

Hearing a crowd shout "LuLu" or "Go Sister" is all to familiar for Larami Stewart, as she spent a couple of her High School years playing basketball and as a member of the Mogul track & Field team (both years, Larami was a regional qualifier in the Discus event). Yet, LuLu's passion is with the Rodeo. Recognizing that not many girls around the Munday area ride nor cut horses, Larami embraces this talent as one thing that makes her stand out in a crowd. Not only does Larami ride and cut horses, she has worked at it extensively through 4 years of participation in the Texas

High School rodeo, and 2 years in the Top 10 Cutting in the Ranch Cutting Horse Association. Larami also spent 3 years participating in FFA and 4 years in 4-H. Larami plans to go to South Plains College in Levelland after she graduates.



Laticia Renee Sanchez

Laticia has spent the last four years extremely busy with her high school activities. As a contributing component in the Munday HS band for four years, the FCCLA for four years (Laticia is currently the president of the FCCLA), UIL for four years, the Flag team for 2 years and CLIC for a year, Laticia has put as much back into Munday as she took from there. Laticia says that after she graduates she will always remember the friends she made. Her favorite teacher was Todd Wilson, specifically because of his effort to help her get in to Cisco Junior College. Laticia will attend Cisco Junior College, and intends to then transfer to McMurry.

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Lorinne Sepeda

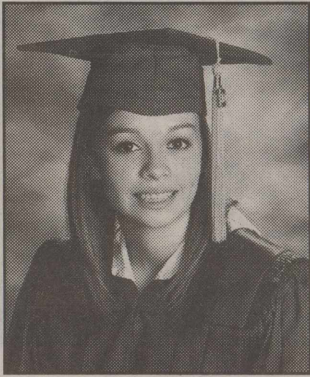
Lorinne ("Lori") Sepeda will always remember her sophomore year at MHS as she stood and cheered her Mogul football team through all the playoff games, and eventually at the State Championship Game. Yet, that is without a doubt not the only great memory Lori has from her time at Munday High. In all of the extra circular activities in which she participated, Lori is bound to have memories aplenty on which to reminisce. Lorinne marched with the Munday Pride Band for 3 years, spent a year in a cheerleading uniform, was a dynamic member of CLIC for 3 years, partook in FFA for 3 years, played Varsity Tennis for a year, worked on the yearbook and was a member of the Munday H.S. UIL academic team. Lorinne claims that her favorite teacher at MHS has been Coach Bowling because "during his lessons, he would incorporate life and make things fun & understandable". After HS, Lori hopes to go to a Jr. College to get a degree in business management, then transfer to a University and major in Clinical Psychology.

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Lauren Lampe

Born July 20th, 1991, Lauren Lampe has jam packed a lot of life into a few short years; especially experiencing as much during her high school years as Munday had to offer. Lauren, during her 4 years at Munday spent many Friday nights cheering her Moguls on to victory as a MHS cheerleader- the last two years serving the squad as captain. When she wasn't cheering the Moguls on, she was playing on the court; either on the volleyball team (3 years- earning the Academic All District

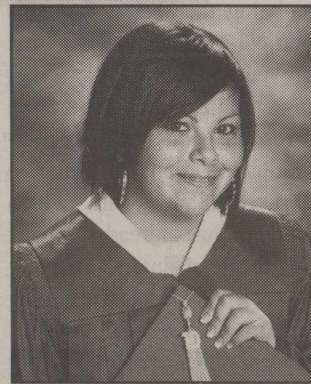
Award in 2009-2010), on the tennis court (2 years), golfing (2 years), or running cross country (1 year). When not exercising her body, Lauren spent her time exercising her brain and mental wellness. As an officer in Student Council for two years (treasurer in 08-09 and President in 09-10) and a member of the Academic UIL team for four years, Lauren spent much time helping improve her school during her tenure at MHS. She also participated in FFA for 2 years, FCCLA for a year and CLIC all four years. Lauren took part in the One Act Play competition all four years at MHS, through which she received the State Tech Award in '08 (which was the same year that they were a State runner up in the One Act Play competition), and Qualified for State in '09. While in high school, Lauren says her favorite teacher was Karen Longan "because she's a great teacher and a wonder-

ful role model. Though she doesn't realize it, she is always teaching and I love that about her. Lauren plans on attending Weatherford College in the Fall and majoring in Diagnostic sonography.



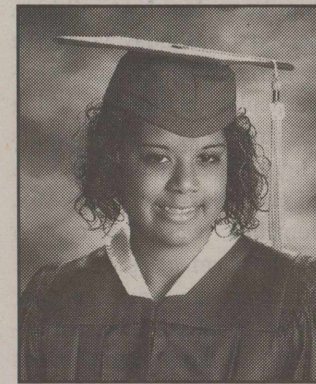
Maria Carranza

The ever changing look of Maria ("Coco") Carranza will be missed in the halls of MHS next year, as Maria graduates in only a few days then plans on attending college to get her major in nursing. Maria played volleyball for a year and spent 2 years in band.



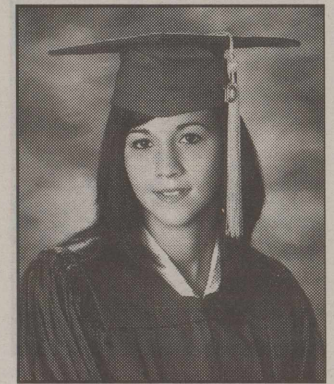
Mariela Martinez

"Cora" as more commonly called, Mariela will look back on the times she spent with her friends in high school for years to come. She had ample opportunity to spend time with those friends, seeing as she involved herself in Band for 4 years, FCCLA for 3 years and Ag for a year. Mariela had two favorite teachers: Mr. Wilson, who Mariela says "was a fun teacher" who helped her with college, and Mr. Bowling who was a "very happy teacher and whose classes were fun." Mariela plans to seek work or go to college post graduation.



Sherrie Williams

Now, as Sherrie Lynn Williams graduates from MHS, her admission to going into the teacher workroom during school and eating the food that Mrs. Dillard had made for the teachers, is just another funny high school memory for Sherrie and her teachers to laugh at in future years. When not eating the teacher's food, Sherrie spent a lot of time using her numerous talents to represent her school in extra curricular activities. Sherrie advanced to State in One Act Play for 3 years running, and also received dubious honors of receiving the All Star Cast nomination in 2008 and the Tech Award in 2009. Sherrie also was the president of CLIC, was a member of the National Honor Society, played Mogulette basketball and was a member of the track and field team at Munday too (qualifying for Regionals in shot put her senior year). After graduating, Sherrie plans on receiving her LVN & RN through Vernon College.



Tanya Gray

Admitting to "speaking her mind too often", Tanya Gray prepares for her post-High school journeys. Tanya, or Tan-Tan, as those close to her often call her, says that he favorite high school memory is "Beth's Burritos for breakfast every morning." Those burrito's fueled Tanya's energy level, as she was active with her school. Tanya played basketball & volleyball with the Mogulettes for 1 year, ran track & cross country for 2 years, marched with the band for a year and was honored to be a member of National Honor Society for a year, too. Tanya's favorite teacher at Munday HS was Mrs. Shahan, because (according to Tanya), Mrs. Shahan "thinks she is mean, and she is just a sweet old lady!" After graduating, Tanya plans to attend Vernon college to get her basics, then transfer to MSU.

Amber Massey

Knowing deep in her heart that she truly "believed that nothing could stop her from achieving my goals, even when she didn't show it", Amber Massey now finds herself prepared for post-high school life as MHS has given the tools she need to succeed. Because of encouragement from Mrs. Shahan & Mrs. Cucle, who showed Amber that they had a genuine care to see her finish school, Amber will strive forward to the next life step and attend Vernon college to become a dental assistant. Amber played basketball, ran cross-country & track her freshman and sophomore years at MHS.

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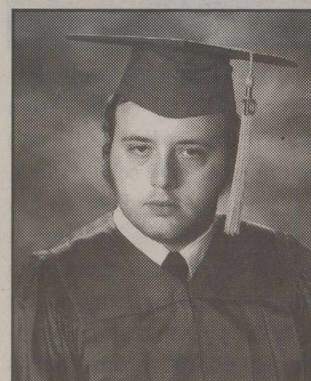


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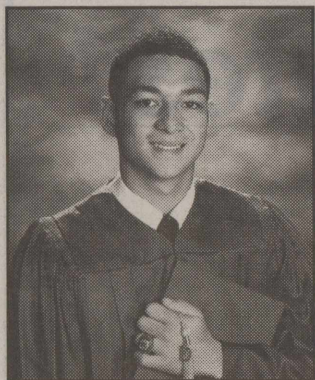


Michael Ramirez

Although claiming to be "very serious" Michael Ramirez refers to Mrs. Shahan as his favorite teacher because "she is very funny". While attending MHS, Michael participated in FFA and enjoyed being with friends. After graduation, Michael intends to go to TSTC for an education in automobiles.

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.
~Aristotle

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. ~Orrin Hatch



Tyrone Phillips

"T. Phill" or "Drake" spent the last four years as more than just a student at Munday High- Tyrone played football for the Moguls all four years of his high school career- including being a member of the State winning team. Tyrone also was a proud Mogul basketball player, track star, golfer and tennis player. Yet, not only an athlete, Tyrone also served his Moguls with his intellect as he spent 2 years in UIL academics, participated in One Act Play one year and partook in CLIC for a year too. After high school, Tyrone intends

to go to college where he wants to join wither the football or the basketball team. He wants to study Medicine. Tyrone says his favorite mentor throughout his life is his dad who "taught him how to be a man".

OTHER MUNDAY GRADUATES:

(no photos or bios available)

- Rodrick Davis
- Jermame Dockins
- Dana Dockins
- Christina Garcia Ibarra

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Off to college, or high school?

Graduation season is here! For family and friends of the graduate that means finding an appropriate gift. And what could be better than something that would help the new grad navigate the next four years like a 'pro' and save time, frustration, and money.

Head to the nearest bookstore and for almost the price of a greeting card -- or instead of a greeting card -- pick up *Been There, Should've Done That* -- 995 tips for making the most of college. This award winning best-seller is a compilation of advice from college students across the country who have been there and done that -- or didn't do it, but are more than willing to share their hard-earned tips and strategies for success.

"I got great grades and never missed a party, and here's how to do it ..." has far more impact coming from a fellow student than a boring lecture on time management from an instructor or adviser. Cora Weger, Director of Student Support Services at Illinois Eastern

Community College agrees, "Kids love it! We give the book to all our freshmen."

This 'straight from the horse's mouth' advice covers issues both in and out of the classroom.

So when an economics major says, "Instructors take it personally if you cut (class) a lot. Not having an attendance requirement doesn't mean they won't take it out on your grade," or a psychology major advises "Volunteer to answer questions you do know so you won't be called on for the ones you don't," or an education major relays, "I wish someone had told me how useless and expensive drinking is. It's taken me 3 semesters to raise my GPA," the freshman to be is more likely to listen - and benefit.

Eighth Grade Grads. For the 8th graders heading to high school on your gift list, pick up a few copies of *Count-down to College: 21 'TO DO' LISTS for HIGH SCHOOL*. This step-by-step guide begins the very first day of high school, and shows students -- and par-

ents -- what to do and when to do it.

"Too many people think preparations to apply for college begin in the junior year," says co-author Cheryl Rilly, "and that's a big and a costly mistake not only financially, but in terms of stress and frustration."

Looking for scholarships and scouting out dream colleges in freshman year? Yes. Knowing what a dream college requirements are helps you set up a four year study plan that, if left until junior year would be too late.

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There will be no missed deadlines or missed opportunities as the easy to follow timeline provides tips and strategies for such things as mapping out a four-year plan, taking SAT/ACT and AP's, choosing the right college, making summers count, and of course, financial planning for parents soon to be burdened with rising cost of college.

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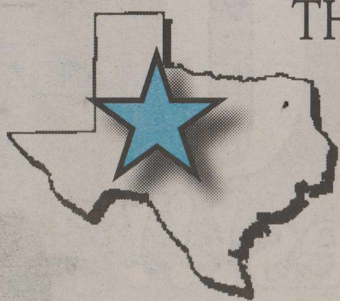
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