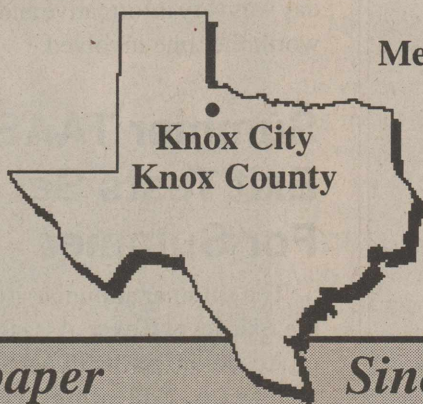


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1996 Graduation Edition ~ Section One, 8 Pages

Graduation Location Changed

The location for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1996 have been moved from the Greyhound Football Stadium to the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the school campus.

The change to the auditorium was made because the long range weather forecast for the end of the week includes both wind and a good chance of thunderstorms.

Starting time for ceremonies at the auditorium will still be at 7:00 p.m.



The 1996 Class Of Knox City High School

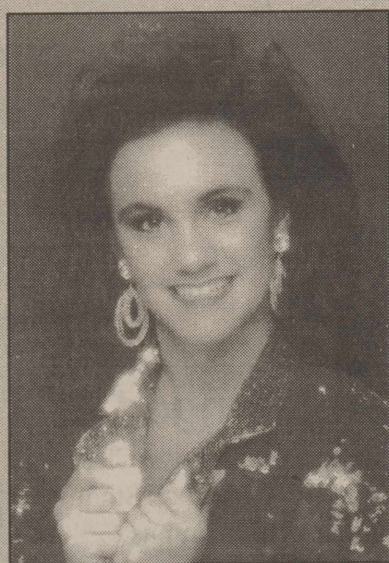
Front Row, Left To Right: Duane Toliver, Lance Dever, Adam Carver, Mike Valimont, Kristi Richardson, Sarah Vacek, Laurie Casillas. *Second Row, Left To Right:* Latarsha Birdow, Bradley Rios, Monty Averitt, Joseph Logsdon, Billy Contreras, Ivan Barretto. *Third Row, Left To Right:* David Dudensing, Al Rios, Mark Rocha, Tony Sosa, Buck Ivie. *Fourth Row, Left To Right:* Michael Casillas, Wes Grimsley, Clint Hacker, Chris Short, Louis Diaz. *Not present when photo was made:* Brian Rosencranz, Jeremy Eaton.

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In Memoriam
Laci Williams
1969 - 1996

Only the prayers and love of all our friends are helping us survive the devastating and tragic loss of our beloved precious Laci.

Thank you, one and all.

Eddie, Betty, Myrtle, Dede, Philip
and All Our Families

Summer TAAS Exit Tests Set

The summer administration of the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests will be conducted at 8:30 A.M. in the high school libraries of the Benjamin, Goree, and Munday high schools on the following dates:

July 16—Writing (TAAS only)

July 17—Mathematics

July 18—Reading

Students who were in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in the spring of 1996 are eligible to take any section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Out-of-school examinees and enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district must register. Students who were enrolled in Grade 12 in the spring of 1996 are considered enrolled students, not out-of-school examinees. All TEAMS examinees, whether enrolled or out of school, must register. Examinees may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office at the Benjamin, Goree, or Munday High School. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 P.M., June 14, 1996.

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Advanced English IV 'Shadows' Professionals

Monday, May 13, Mrs. Watson's Advanced Placement English IV class traveled to Abilene to "shadow" several professionals for the day. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Wills accompanied the group.

The purpose of the trip was to allow the students a peek at what their chosen professions would be like in the actual world outside the classroom. They had prepared a research paper on their subject and made a list of questions ahead of time.

At 7:30 a.m. Clint Hacker began his day by shadowing an orthopedic surgeon at Hendrick Medical Center. He watched three knee replacements and learned it would take twelve years to become this surgeon.

David Dudensing and Wes Grimsley also were shadowing at Hendrick Medical Center. Dressed in their "greens" they went with the anesthesiologist to observe cranial surgery. They found that his person could make more money in a larger city, but he cited several advantages of working in a smaller city.

Joseph Logsdon went to a Physician's Assistant who was in private practice. He observed several different problems that the PA handled, and learned that he must have lots of patience to work with the wide variety of people with their many problems.

Michael Casillas, Ivan Barretto, Sarah Vacek, Monte Averitt and Laurie Casillas went to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to observe the physical therapists. They learned that it takes twelve years of study also to become a PT. They spent the day learning about various techniques used to help the patients recover and about the equipment used.

Duane Toliver spent the day with Randy Allen, head coach at Cooper High School. He learned that Mr. Allen handled the budget, answered the phone (many times when his secretary was absent) and conducted a staff meeting.

Several of the students made some changes in the areas in which they thought they wanted to work. Duane liked being a trainer rather than being a coach, Clint dreaded

the thought of twelve more years of school, and Ivan wondered if he had enough patience to do physical therapy. All in all, the day was very informative and well worth the time involved.

Summer TAAS Exit Tests Set For Summer

The summer administration of the exit level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Texas Education Assessment of Minimum skills (TEAMS) tests will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. in the high school library of Knox City High School on the following dates:

July 16 - Writing (TAAS only)

July 17 - Mathematics

July 18 - Reading / English / Language Arts

Students who were in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grades in the spring of 1996 are eligible to take any section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Out-of-school students, enrolled who wish to test at a site other than their home district, and TEAMS examinees will be required to register for the summer assessment. Registration packets are available in the high school principal's office at Knox City High School. Completed registration forms must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 14, 1996.

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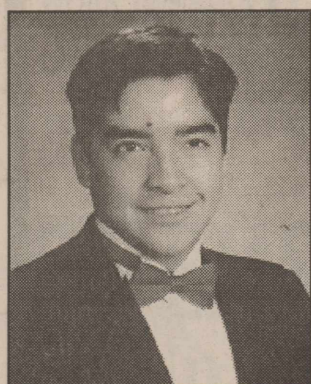


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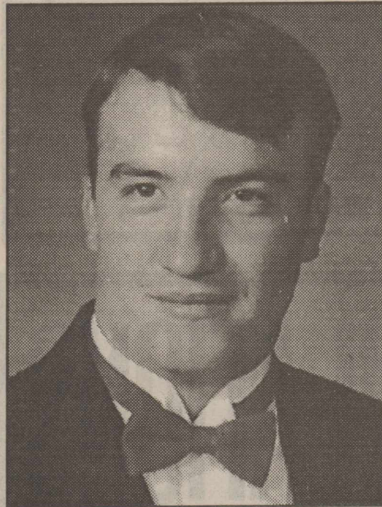
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Knox City High School - Class Of 1996

WES GRIMSLEY
Salutatorian

James R. Grimsley III, alias Wes Grimsley, was born on November 28, 1977, in the Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell. His parents Rusty and Jan Grimsley, took their newborn son back to their home in Seymour, Texas, where they resided for more than ten years. In the summer of 1988, he, his parents, his sister Kim, his brother Will, and his youngest brother Brandon, soon to arrive in December, moved to Knox City.

He arrived as the new kid in school, and soon made friends with many of the other children in the fifth grade class of 1988. Later on in junior high, Wes became the quarterback for the mighty O'Brien Bulldogs, who in eighth grade went undefeated against all competition. He also started on their basketball team that lost only one game in two years of competition. He also competed in track and UIL.

After graduation from junior high, Wes entered the new world of high school. Little did he know that in high school he would be involved in so many things and would receive as many honors and awards as he did. Some of the honors and awards include:

Football - Lettered 2, Academic All-District 2, All-District

Quarterback - 2 - 1 2nd team, 1 1st team

Basketball - Lettered 2, Academic All-District 2

Track - Lettered 2, Regional Qualifier 2

Band - Lettered 1

FFA - 3 years

FHA - 1 year

UIL - 4 years - Number Sense, Mathematics, Calculator, Accounting, Journalism, Science.

Top Student - Physical Science, Accounting, Advanced Word Processing, Economics, Pre-Cal

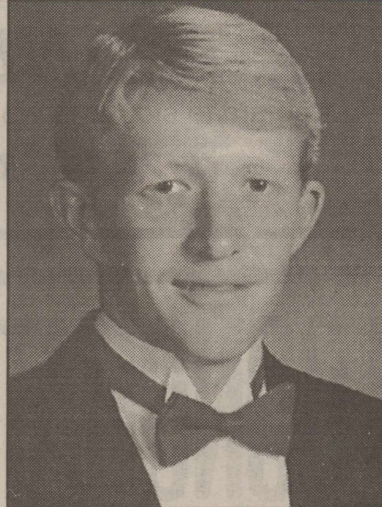
Top Student - Mirabeau B. Lamar Award

Best All Around Boy, Knox City High School

Fighting Heart Award

Now as his high school career is ending, he looks toward the future. He plans to enter Angelo State University in the fall of 1996. He will major in pre-med and study to be an anesthesiologist. He then hopes to be accepted into the Texas Tech Medical School so that he can pursue his career in anesthesiology.

There are many people that are responsible for the success of this young man. He would like to thank his parents, teachers, coaches, friends and relatives for their help and support that they have given him throughout his life.



CLINT HACKER
Valedictorian

On October 18, 1977, a big addition was added to the world. Clint Hacker, tipping the scales at ten pounds and eleven ounces, was born in Wichita Falls to his proud parents Clifford and Sherry Hacker. He was welcomed by two older brothers, Cliff and Cris. He has lived in Knox City his entire life.

During his years at Knox City High School, Clint has participated in a variety of activities. He was involved in football for four years, earning Academic All-District and All-District Receiver honors. Clint also participated in basketball for four years, which he really enjoyed. He earned Academic All-District honors in basketball also. He was also involved in band, literary events such as number sense, science and mathematics, and was vice-president of Beta Club his senior year. Clint was president of his Freshman and Sophomore classes and vice-president of his junior class. He was on the honor roll throughout high school and was the top student of many classes. Other activities that Clint took part in were FFA, FHA, Gifted and Talented, and tennis.

Clint enjoys hanging out with his friends and doing whatever they can think of. He also enjoys playing sports whenever he can and listening to a variety of music.

After graduation, Clint plans to attend Angelo State University and study Sports Medicine. He would like to attend Texas Tech medical school and specialize in orthopedic surgery.

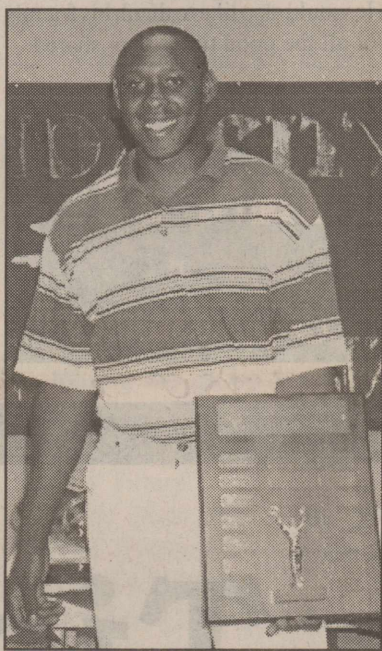
Clint would like to thank all his coaches for believing in him and for their helping advice. He would also like to thank his grandpa and his parents for all their support, help and encouragement through the years. Finally, he would like to thank all his friends for always being there when he needed them and for all the memories they had together. He thinks his friends are the greatest and it will be hard for him to leave them.



MOST ATHLETIC GIRL honors were presented to both (left to right) Kim Grimsley and Sara Dillon at the UIL Banquet last week. (NEWS Photo by Greta Waldrip)



GREYHOUND BASKETBALL HONORS were presented to the following 'Hounds at the UIL Banquet last week: (shown from left to right) Ivan Barretto for Most Improved, David Dudensing for Best Offensive Player, Lance Dever for Best Defensive Player, and Duane Toliver for Best Rebounds. (NEWS Photo by Greta Waldrip)



MOST ATHLETIC BOY honors went to Greyhound Senior Duane Toliver at the UIL Banquet last week.

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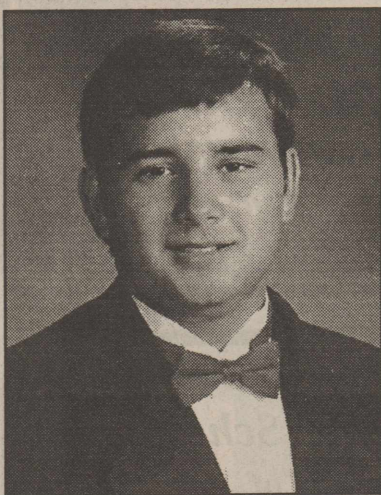
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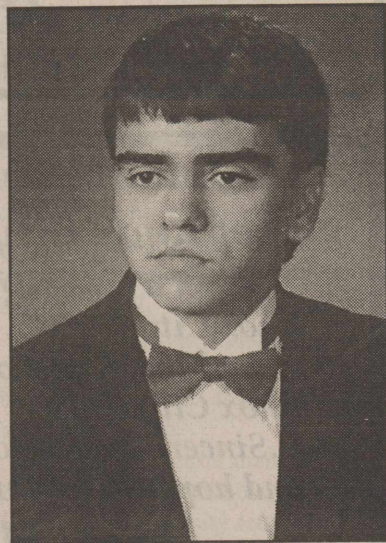


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Knox City High School - Class Of 1996**AL RIOS**

On March 9, 1977, Alfred and Teresa Rios had their second child, the best one of the two. Al has lived in Knox City all his life. He has been involved in different activities during his years at Knox City, including FFA for four years, band for a very short time, track for one year and football, the sport he enjoyed playing most of all. He played for three years. His junior year, he was honorable mention and his senior year he made all district.

He is the treasurer of his senior class. He really enjoys hunting, and just having a good time with his friends wherever it happens !!

**MONTY AVERITT**

On July 31, 1978, Monty Rex Averitt was born to his proud parents, Richard and Nellie. He was born and has lived in Knox City all of his life. Monty has an older brother, Ricky Averitt, and an older sister, Tanya Welch. Grandparents are Ruth and Gerald Averitt. Great-grandmother is Ada Mae Averitt.

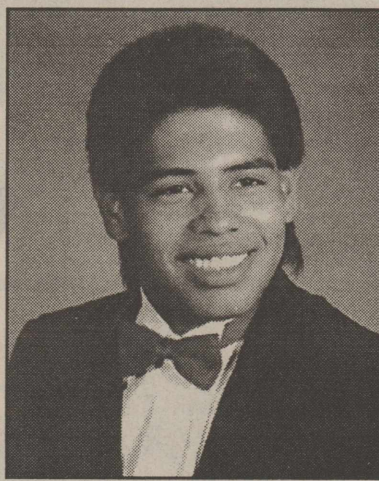
Monty has many hobbies and has been involved in many different events and activities. Throughout the course of his high school years he has been involved in many different events and activities. Throughout the course of his high school years he has been involved athletics, band, literary events, tennis, FFA, and competed in the Academic Decathlon. He has received awards his senior year as Band Beau and FHA Beau.

His favorite hobbies are going to the Pryanna and Upstairs club with his friends, playing his guitar, listening to music, cruising around with his friends, and watching horror and romance movies with girls. His favorite color is dark green and his favorite food is ribeye steak.

After graduation Monty will be attending EMT school in Wichita Falls for the summer. Then in the fall he will be attending VRJC for two years as a transfer in pre-med. After Vernon, he plans to attend Texas Tech University and hopefully attend medical school.

He would like to thank his mother and father for helping him through the hard and rough times. Monty would also like to thank his friends for always being there for him in the toughest situations. Last but cer-

tainly not least, he would like to thank all of his teachers for putting up with him.

**LOUIE DIAZ**

George Louis Diaz Jr. was born in Abilene, Texas, on October 20, 1977. He is the son of George and Zoyla Diaz. His brother Steven Diaz is twenty and his sister Gloria is nineteen. He has attended school here all twelve years. He began his freshman year in band. He then lettered on the Varsity Football his sophomore year. He became all-district utility back his senior year of football. His favorite foods are pizza and hot dogs. His favorite colors are black and blue. His future plans are to get married, go to the army to learn a good trade, and to then use that trade. He would like to thank his parents for being there for him and making him work hard in school and on the playing field. He would like to give a special thanks to his mom for all the stuff she had to go through with him, because he knew it was hard. He would like to thank Pat Risinger and Wayne Johnson for all the speeches that did a little good and made a lot of sense. He would like to thank Rob Wills for being a good listener and for being a good coach. He would also like to thank his friends for all the good times they shared.

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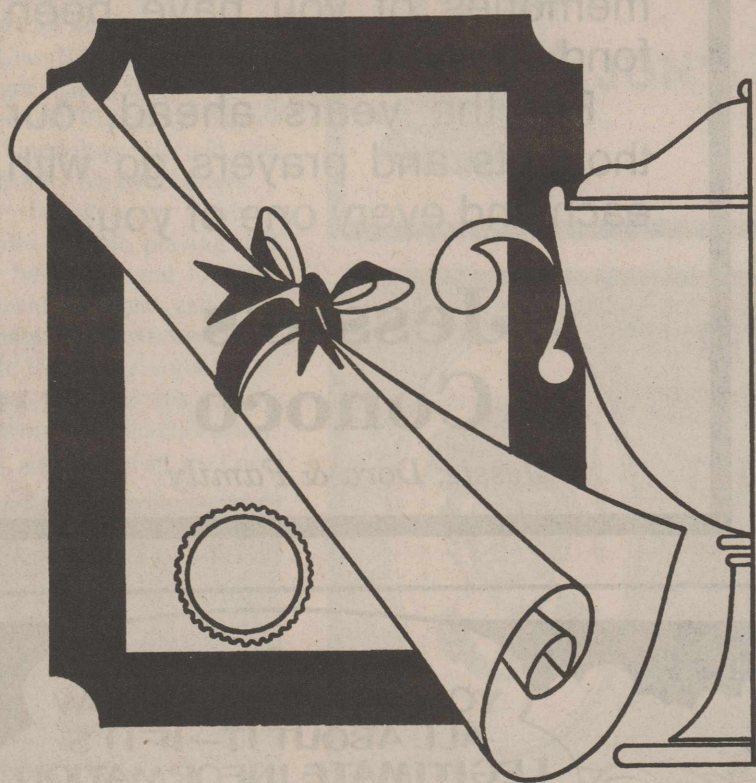
The Knox City Economic Development Corporation is sponsoring a city-wide beautification contest that is now in progress and running through June 17, 1996. Contestants must register with Kim Estrada at City Hall anytime during the contest by submitting before and after photographs of the property being improved. Projects must have been started after April 25, 1996 and completed before June 17, 1996.

All property must be located within the city limits of Knox City and all photographs must be received at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 1996.

Cash prizes will be awarded in both residential and commercial categories as follows:

Commercial	Residential
1st Place - \$1,000.00	1st Place - \$500.00
2nd Place - \$500.00	2nd Place - \$300.00
3rd Place - \$250.00	3rd Place - \$100.00

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Benjamin Team Captures First Place Honors At Young Cowboys Ranch Rodeo In Breckenridge

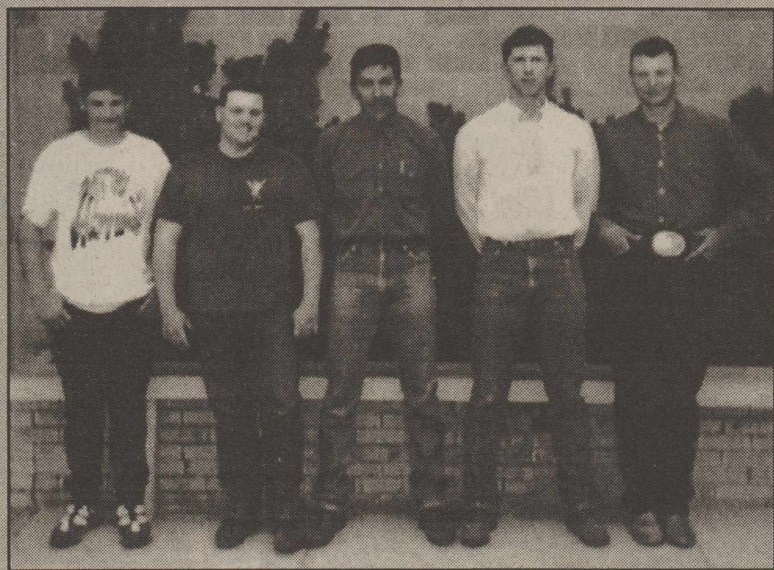
A "Young Cowboy" team from Benjamin recently competed in the Young Cowboys Ranch Rodeo in Breckenridge on Sunday, May 5, and outrode the competition with a first place win.

Comprised of Jacy Collins, Will Kujawa, Edward Estrada, Riley Carver and Tom Lyles, the Benjamin team took home prize buckles for their efforts.

Edward Estrada (shown in the center of photo at right) won Top Hand Award and received a pair of custom spurs.

There were 9 teams in the rodeo that was sponsored by the Stephens County Sheriff Posse.

The Benjamin team earned



a 1st in Penning, 2nd in Doctoring, 5th in Mugging, 2nd in Branding, 5th in Goat Loading, and 2nd in Wild Cow Milking.

Cassie Lyles got in on the Goat Scramble for kids 12 years and younger, and won \$5.00 for her efforts.

Look Who's Here

Alexis Noel Miller

Marian and Ronny Miller of Lefors are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Alexis Noel, born May 17 at 6:15 p.m. in a Pampa hospital.

She tipped the scales at seven pounds, thirteen ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Doris and Butch Duke of Levelland and Anna and Jerry Miller of McLean are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Polly Marion of Knox City, Clodell Duke of Benjamin, Bessie Miller of Guthrie and Maggie Joines of Kerrville.

Beta Chi Meets In Munday, Remembers Georgeen Meadors And Ethel Quade

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church in Munday. President Vida White opened the meeting with an invocation. Kathyeleen Bowen led the group in a memorial ceremony for Georgeen Meadors and Ethel Quade. Friends fondly remembered these two educators for their love of family and friends. Members of the Ethel Quade family in attendance were Melodee Christian, Sue Vanderworth, Becky Hill, and Geraldine Parker. The memorial ceremony was closed with a moment of silent prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary Betsy McManamon. President

Vida White conducted the business meeting before Kathyeleen Bowen installed new officers for the 1996-98 biennium. They are as follows: President-Maribeth Williams; 1st vice-president-Lillian Hicks; 2nd vice-president-Glenda Drinnon; recording secretary-Judith Burnett; corresponding secretary-Kathyeleen Bowen; parliamentarian-Vida White; and treasurer-Sherry Hacker. Vida White thanked Beta Chi members for the honor of serving as president. She presented the president's gavel, which was inscribed "Delta Kappa Gamma 1947" to Maribeth Williams.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses from Munday and Goree.

FFA News

By Amanda Baker

I would like to thank the parents and the school administration for all the support given to us during the challenging stock show year of 1995-1996. I would like to also thank the Lions Club, O'Brien Coop Gin, Air AG, and Charles and Faye Reed for sponsoring the 1995-1996 Local stock show. I would like to send out many thanks to everyone that helped and supported the Local and County stock shows. A special thanks goes to the Sales and Finance Committee for making the Local and County stock shows what they were. This year has kept the FFA students very busy. There were students who participated in the Fort Worth Stock show, San Antonio Stock show, Houston Stock show, and the San Angelo Stock show. There were students who participated in various judging teams in Stephenville. The following students exhibited pigs at the Fort Worth Stock show: Amanda Baker, Ryan Baker, Heath Turner, Edward Robertson, Jeffery Hernandez, Landon Weiershausen, Audra Dale, Latisssha Munsell, and Chris Bartley. Chris Bartley and Stefani Stephens exhibited a steer. The parents that assisted were Jimmy Baker, Adalie Weiershausen, Mr. Burkham, Terry and Kelly Bartley, B.J. Shortess, and Sue Stephens. The following people exhibited pigs at the San Antonio Stock show: Amanda Baker, Ryan Baker, Natalie Bloxham, Nathan Bloxham, Roni Morrow, Logan Morrow, Scott Munoz, Roman Munoz, Landon Weiershausen, Audra Dale, Heath Turner, and Chris Bartley. Chris Bartley and Stefani Stephens exhibited a steer. The parents that assisted were Mr. Burkham, Jimmy and Becky Baker, Dale and Pam Bloxham, Poncho and Lisa Morrow, Terry

and Kelly Bartley, B.J. Shortess, and Sue Stephens. The following students exhibited pigs at the Houston Stock show: Amanda Baker, Ryan Baker, Nathan Bloxham, Natalie Bloxham, Roni Morrow, Logan Morrow, Nathan Bowles, Latisssha Munsell, Edward Robertson, Audra Dale, Landon Weiershausen, and Chris Bartley. Chris Bartley and Stefani Stephens exhibited a steer. The parents that assisted were Mr. Burkham, Jimmy Baker, Jesse Robertson, Dale and Pam Bloxham, Poncho Morrow, Adalia and Tammie Weiershausen, Terry and Kelly Bartley, B.J. Shortess, and Sue Stephens. The following students exhibited pigs at the San Angelo Stock show: Amanda Baker, Ryan Baker, Nathan Bloxham, Natalie Bloxham, Latisssha Munsell, and Edward Robertson. The parents that assisted were Jesse Robertson, Beverly Munsell, Dale and Pam Bloxham. The following students participated on the Dairy Judging Team: Amanda Baker, Kristy Short, RJ Pederroza, and Scott Munoz. The Horse Judging Team consisted of Jeremy Eaton, Adam Carver, David Kyle Speck, and Nathan Bloxham. The Chicken Judging Team Included Adrian Serrano, Billy Contreras, Dewayne Ware, and Joey Posey. The Livestock Judging Team consisted of Stefani Stephens, Michael McGaughy, Nathan Bowles, Edward Robertson, and Kevin Walker. These teams competed in Stephenville. Mr. Dillon was the supervisor. The 1995-1996 year is almost gone! The seniors are real glad, while the rest of us are curiously waiting our turns. In our AG classes we have worked on many projects. We have redone several trailers in our classes. Learned to weld, use

a torch, wire lights, and many more exciting activities. We have learned to landscape, and grow watermelons and cantaloupes. I look forward to another challenging year that will enhance everyone to get involved in many activities that FFA has to offer. It is definitely a learning experience which allows you to meet a whole new world of people and accomplishments! HAPPY TRAILS PARTNERS!!!

ATTEND FUNERAL

Attending the funeral for Laci Williams in Lewisville last week were Myrtle and Betty Williams, Kay and Donald Johnson of Knox City and Phil, Dodie, Bryan, Tejay and Summer Williams of Collinsville, Oklahoma.

VISIT IN AUSTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke visited in Austin several days last week with their son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sandra Whitten. Joining the group from Lubbock was their daughter, Kelli Whitten and one of her friends, Christy Tillery.

While there, the group celebrated Mother's Day at the Z' Tejas Grill.

Monday, Greg took them to LBJ Lake for boating and fishing. Tuesday, they toured Wimberly and Gruene as well as the San Marcos Outlet Mall.

The Clarkes returned to Knox City Wednesday.

Andy Correll To Receive Eastern NM Degree

PORTALES - One student from Knox City is among 391 spring graduate candidates at Eastern New Mexico University with 19 students receiving associate degrees, 310 receiving bachelor's degrees and 62 receiving master's degrees.

Andrew J. Correll will receive a bachelor of science in physical education with honors.

He is the son of Brenda and Sonny Correll.

Students with a 3.25 to 3.59 GPA graduate with honors.

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A study presented at an Am. Heart Assoc. meeting found that the cholesterol lowering drug simvastatin can lower the risk of death by 30% among people who have had heart attacks or angina. Currently, about 1/4 of heart patients get cholesterol lowering drugs, but there has been some concern whether they actually do any good. Several heart specialists said the study is a landmark in cardiac medicine and that use of the drug could significantly reduce the need by bypass & angioplasty.

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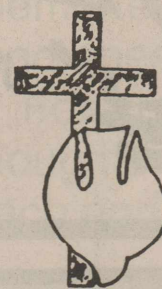
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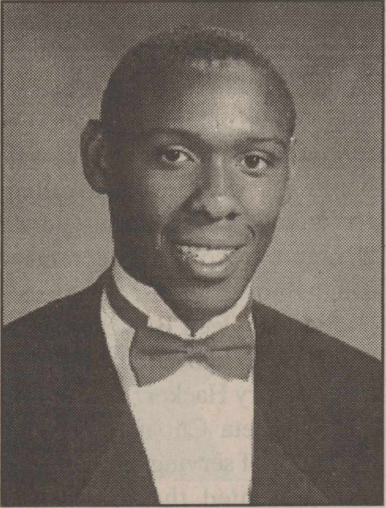
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Your accomplishments have been
many, may they serve as stepping
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successful future. We are proud of
each of you and wish you luck!!

These best wishes from Richard & Mary Shahan,
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Knox City High School - Class Of 1996



DUANE TOLIVER
Honor Graduate

On a rainy night in Florence, Arizona, on October 20, 1977, Larry and Vickie Toliver gave birth to a new baby boy. They named him Larry Duane Toliver. Duane has two older sisters. Their names are Patrina Renay Scott and Gwendolyn Denise Toliver. Duane spent the first nine years of his life living in Eloy, Arizona, where he has many of his aunts and uncles. At age ten, Duane moved to Munday, Texas and went to school there for a year and a half. Then he moved to Knox City and began his career there.

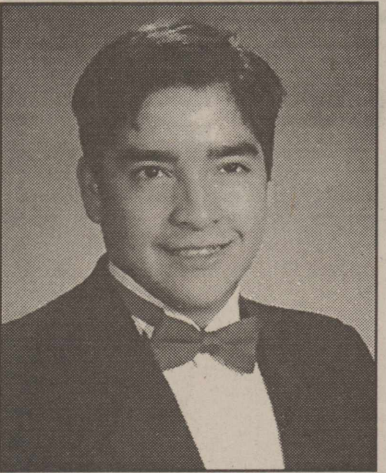
While in middle school in Knox City, Duane competed in the Little Dribblers program, played Little League baseball, and many other community events.

While in junior high, Duane competed in football, basketball, and track. He competed in the same sports while in high school. Some of the honors Duane has achieved in high school are:

- * Football - Co-Captain
- All-District three years
- All-Area two years
- All-State First Team
- * Basketball - Captain
- All-District four years
- All-Big Country
- All-Region three years
- * Track - District champion two years
- Regional qualifier two years
- State qualifier
- * FFA - Dairy Products Judging, third place in the Oil Belt District
- * Academics - Honor Roll
- * Who's Who Among American High School Students
- * National Science Merit Award
- * National Youth Leadership Award
- * Treasurer for Student Council
- * Senior Class Representative

Upon graduation, Duane will attend Texas Tech University. He will major in kinesiology. He will also play football for the Red Raiders.

Duane's favorite color is white. His hobbies include playing and watching basketball and football, "kickin' it with his friends and classmates", and going out of town. Duane would like to thank everyone who has helped him and his family throughout the years, his classmates, his family, and most of all, the Lord.



IVAN BARRETTO

On December 20, 1977, Ivan B.L. Barretto was born an only child to Joe and Shirley Barretto. He was born at 6:55 a.m. in Holland, Michigan. Three months after his birth, his mother took him to live with his aunt in

Houston for six months. After six months passed, he was reunited with his mother in Brooklyn, New York. There he attended kindergarten at the age of four. He lived there for nine years. In 1984, he and his family moved to Knox City where he spent four of the best years of his life. In 1988, Ivan was forced to move again because his mother got a better job offer in North Dakota, a place where it snowed up to four feet of snow each winter. There he was held back by his mother to be with kids his own age and he lived there for five long cold years. In 1992, he moved back to Knox City. There he found that most of his old friends changed, but quickly made friends that would be his friends for life.

Ivan participated in many activities during his high school career. He was a two year varsity letterman in basketball and football. He also was Academic All District for two years and a second team All District line-man his senior year. He was part of the first and second ever Texas Academic Decathlon team for Knox City where he earned six medals. He was a part of UIL calculator and One Act Play for four years. In Oct Act Play, he got All Star cast in Zone his junior year, All Star cast in zone his senior year, and a Best Actor in district his senior year. He was also a part of Beta Club, FFA, and tennis for one year.

Ivan's other activities include roller-blading and hanging out with his friends.

He would like to thank his friends who are always there if he needed them and to his parents who are the most caring people in the world.

Ivan plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall. He plans to major in pre-medicine and go to med school. He would like to wish the Class of '96 good luck in life and to stay true.



KRISTI RICHARDSON

On August 3, 1978, Kristi Michelle Richardson was born. She is the daughter of Flint and Christy, sister to Eric and Christopher. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Lois Richardson and Alfonso Del Hierro.

Throughout Kristi's high school years, she's been involved in band, FHA, cheerleading and one act play. She was voted junior class treasurer and senior class secretary and favorite. Kristi has also been involved in journalism classes in which she was editor of the school newspaper her junior year and co-editor of the annual her senior year. She would like to thank Mrs. Dillon for always making her worst days a lot brighter.

During both her junior and senior years, she was Miss Firelighter and was a football and band sweetheart nominee. Some of Kristi's favorite things to do are hanging out with friends, playing with her baby brother, and keeping in touch with Micheal. Kristi hopes to attend Vernon Regional Junior College in the fall.

She would like to thank her classmates for being so CRAZY and especially Sarah for just being there. To Dad, Christy and Eric "Thanks for ALL your love and support.."



SPECIAL GREYHOUND AWARDS were presented to the following boys at the UIL Banquet last Tuesday night: (listed from left to right) Brian Rosencranz, Joseph Logsdon, Clint Hacker, David Dudensing, Louis Diaz, Wes Grimsley, Ivan Barretto, Clint Lewis, and kneeling, Lance Dever and Duane Toliver. (NEWS Photo by Greta Waldrup)



SPECIAL HOUNDETTE AWARDS IN A VARIETY OF SPORTS were presented to the following girls at the UIL Banquet last Tuesday night: (listed left to right) Stefani Stephens, Anna Marie Waldrup, Sara Dillon, Melissa Barnard, Shavonne Magana, Tonya Parker, Diana Estrada, and Kim Grimsley. (NEWS Photo by Greta Waldrup)

A PERFECT GRADUATION GIFT...A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS

Area Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City ~ David White, Pastor

- * Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ * Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City ~ Jim Teeter, Pastor

- Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City ~ Pending New Pastor

- Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City ~ Dan Limitone, Pastor

- Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City ~ Father Kevin Fagan

- Sunday Morning Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday Evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland ~ Father Kevin Fagan

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin ~ John Gillispie, Pastor

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- Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin ~ Jim Teeter, Pastor

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie ~ Ross Anderson, Pastor

- Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222 ~ W.O. Smith, Pastor

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- Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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O'BRIEN NEWS

By Audie Johnston

HERE AND THERE

Shirley, Allyss and Jessica Hill of Bowie spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother Rose Marie Johnston and Jimmy Johnston of Conroe. Also spent the weekend and Rose Marie returned home with him for awhile to attend to some business.

Angelia of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her mom, Veeta Reid and attended church at O'Brien on Sunday.

Vivian Hendrix is spending a few days in Grandfield, Oklahoma, with her daughter, Pretrecia Kinzer and family and attending graduation for Pretrecia's twin boys.

Teresa Denson of Stamford visited her mother Clara Hanson and husband Troy on Saturday.

C.H., Linda, Reed and Beth Underwood spent Saturday night at their home in O'Brien and attended church at O'Brien Sunday morning. They attended Beth's bridal shower at O'Brien Baptist Sunday afternoon.

Saturday night, Troy and Clara Hanson, Bernice Rowan and I were in Anson and attended a musical at the Opera House there. We enjoyed some good music and especially an 87 year old man singing, dancing and

playing violin.

Alton and LaUna Hester were in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, last week to visit their daughter Cathy and family. While there, they attended one of their grandchildren's graduations.

Janoma Stephens took Beatrice Ellis to Lubbock Sunday to Methodist Hospital where she will be under doctor's care for a few days.

James and Jan Frost were in Fort Worth over the weekend to visit their daughter Erin who is employed there.

O'Brien Baptist Church members hosted the birthday party at the Brazos Valley Care Home on Monday afternoon. They all enjoyed cake and punch and visiting and listening to LaUna Hester play the piano (as she does real often). Jewel Darr and Joe Zambrano were the birthday guests. Folks, you don't know what you're missing by not being involved in the care home. (Remember, you could be there some day.) Everything was donated for the party and was really appreciated.

HONORED WITH RECEPTION
Johnny and Jo Lippard of Knox City were honored with a reception at the O'Brien Baptist Church on Saturday, May 11, 1996, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

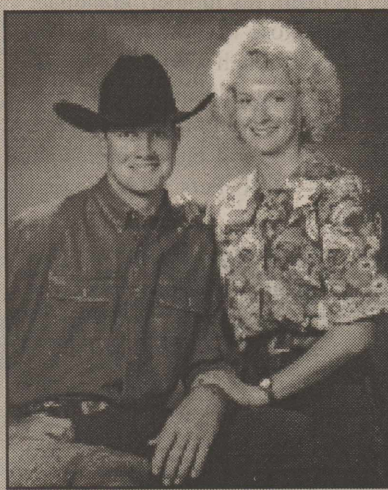
Hosts were their children, Nancy and Jim Ellis of Bethany, Oklahoma; Jonette and Bruce Tibbets of Rochester, Mark and Judy Lippard of Blanchard, Oklahoma, Sam and Bobbie Lippard and their grandchildren.

Johnny was born April 13, 1921, in Sudan. The former Bonnie Jo Vannoy was born in O'Brien on January 27, 1920. They were married in Yuma, Arizona, on May 12, 1946. During their marriage, they have lived in Texas, California, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

He is retired from the United States Marine Corp. and Kerr-McGee Corporation. She is a homemaker. They are members of O'Brien Baptist Church.

They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Guests attending from Knox City, O'Brien, Rochester, various other towns in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Mississippi.



Nicole Leigh Jurecek
Marty J. Bufkin

Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. Mikel Jurecek of Seymour would like announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nicole Leigh, to Marty J. Bufkin, son of Ms. Sue Walker of Seymour.

The couple will be married July 20, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Seymour.

Marty is also the grandson of the late Annette & Truett Hester of O'Brien and Lillie & J. T. Bufkin of Benjamin.

~ Paid Announcement ~

Homecoming Reunions

Classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966

The Classes of 1964 and 1965 have been invited to join the Class of 1966 in their 30th Class Reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Cornett at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1.

"All the 70's"

A reunion for "all the 70's" will be held Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the home of Susie and Jerry Ray.

All of those who graduated with the Ray's children, Don in 1973, Cliff in 1975, Judy in 1978 and Doug in 1979, and anyone a year before or a year after this "crew" is welcome to attend.

Class of 1986

The Senior Class of 1986 will be having a ten year reunion on May 31 at the Knox City Park beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Sand volleyball, horseshoes, swimming and lots of fun for all the kids is planned. There will be a buffet meal. Twenty dollars will be collected from each former class member to help pay for the cost of the meal and all festivities. Money left over will go toward a memorial for the school in memory of David Thompson.

Class members are asked to RSVP by May 28, 1996, for the meal. Contact Angie Grisham Dickson, 817-888-5271 home and 817-422-4505 work; Christi Clayton, 806-794-7337 - home; and Paula Carter - 817-658-5170 home.

Final Homecoming Meeting Thursday

Committees of "Homecoming '96" will meet Thursday, May 23, at 5:00 p.m. at Citizens Bank Board Room.

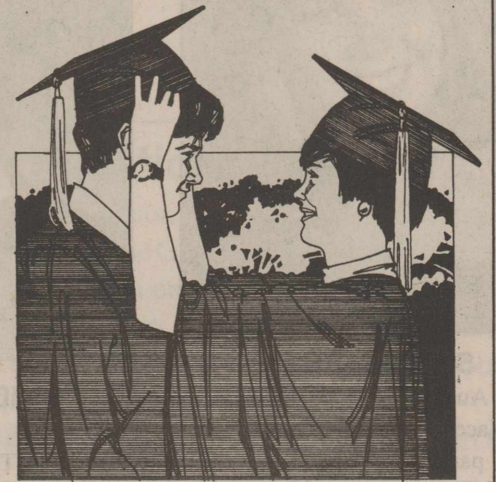
This is the final meeting before next weekend's event.

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May Is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month In Texas

(Austin) Governor George W. Bush proclaimed May 1996, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month! In his proclamation, Governor Bush stated that, "Motorcycling is a very popular form of transportation in Texas. Texas has 326,148 registered motorcycles, the second largest number in the nation. There are 655,988 Texans licensed to operate a motorcycle, with 21,406 new licenses issued in 1995. From 1990 through 1994, the number of motorcycle operators and passengers killed in crashes declined from 197 to 126, or 36 percent."

For more information about motorcycle operator training or motorist awareness, call Dave Thompson, Motorcycle Safety Instructor for the DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau at (817) 658-3142, or the DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau in Austin at (512) 424-2021 or toll free 1-800-292-5787.

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SAFE SITTER CLASSES TO START

Safe Sitter Classes for girls and boys age 11 to 13 will begin in June at Knox County Hospital. Registration for the program, sponsored by Knox County Hospital, is open until May 29, 1996.

The Safe Sitter program is a medically accurate instructional series that teaches young adolescents how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children.

The cost is \$30.00.

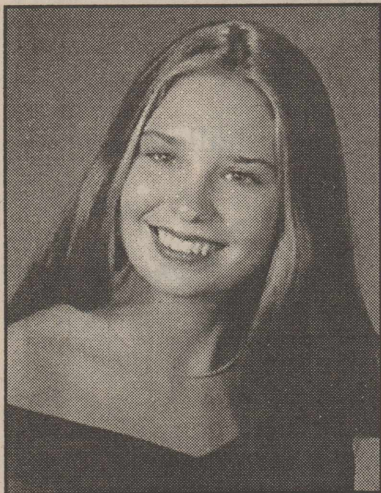
To register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter, call Gayle Hudson at 658-3535.

The goal of Safe Sitter is to reduce the number of accidental and preventable deaths among children being cared for by babysitters. Thousands of young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter to handle life threatening emergencies.

All medical information is taught by a certified professional. During the course, students get hand-on practice in basic lifesaving techniques so they are prepared to act in a crisis.

Safe Sitter participants also receive helpful tips to make them more confident caregivers. They learn safety and security precautions, such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door and when and how to call for help. They receive information on child development and age-appropriate activities. And they learn about the business aspects of babysitting.

To successfully complete the Safe Sitter program, the students have to pass a rigorous practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills necessary to handle an emergency.

Knox City High School - Class Of 1996**SARAH VACEK**

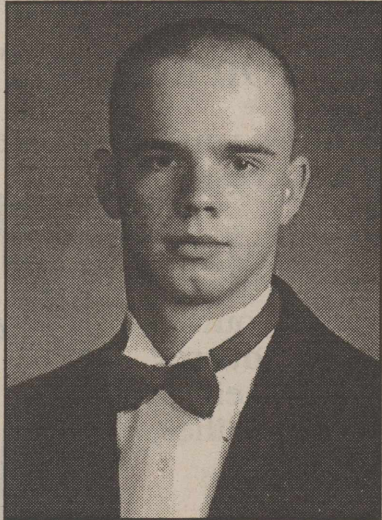
On August 12, 1978, Sarah Elizabeth Vacek was brought home by her proud parents, William and Janice Vacek. She was greeted by an older brother Will and later she greeted a younger sister Jennifer.

Sarah has been very active during her high school years. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and band all four years, UIL events an gold for the first two years, and cheerleading for three years. During her senior year, she was awarded with All-District in volleyball, Academic All-District and captain in both volleyball and basketball, and head cheerleading. During her other years she has been head cheerleader, Football Sweetheart, voted class president, and Academic All-District in volleyball and basketball. She is also an active member of the Catholic Church.

In her spare time, Sarah enjoys being with her friends, riding around, spending time with her sister, Jamming out to the radio, and finding out who her classmates really are. She likes to eat out and spend money. Her favorite food is chicken and she likes all kinds of music. Her favorite color is green, which is what she wants the color of her new car to be (hint, hint !). Her hobbies are reading books and watching cartoons and her biggest fear is that she will gain weight.

After graduation, Sarah plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College in Vernon. There she plans to get all her basics and transfer to Mid-western State University. She plans to major in Physical Therapy and minor in Sports Medicine. From there, she wants to get a nice job and settle down.

Sarah would like to thank her mom for all the support and constant care that was so greatly needed. She's just glad she never let her give up and that she never gave up on her. She would also like to thank her brother and sister for just being there. Last, but not least, she would like to thank her classmates and friends for all the great times together and helping her get through school. To her family and friends, she will miss them and she loves them all !

**DAVID DUDENSING**

David B. Dudensing was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, on November 23, 1977. His mother's name is Debbie Dudensing, his sister is Denise Latham, and his grandparents are Louise and Kenneth Burt. At age two he and his family moved from Cleveland to Oklahoma. At three they moved to Knox City, Texas, where his mother was originally from. When he was four years old, he started pre-kindergarten, and Mrs. Delgado was his teacher. This is when he met what would soon become his best friends throughout his life. At age five he started kindergarten with Mrs. Hacker as his homeroom teacher. When he made it to the first grade he had Mrs. Vacek as his homeroom teacher. This is where he got his first paddling at school, but most likely, not his last. He also started "Little Dribblers" in first grade with Mike Newton as his coach. He continued on through school at Knox City until the third grade. In the third grade he unwillingly had to move to Stamford, Texas, where he would have to start all over in making friends like the ones he left back "home". But the following year he and his family gladly moved back to Knox City, where all he and all his real friends would be starting the fourth grade at O'Brien. The fourth grade was when Duane Toliver moved from Munday. Nobody in David's class had never seen a fourth grader as big as Duane was. But they soon got to know him, and even

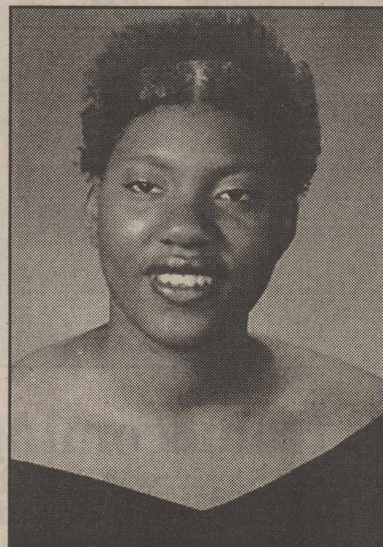
though he came from Munday he became good friends with everybody, and was well put to use on the "Little Dribblers" team that year. That year his "Little Dribblers" team went all the way to Nationals, but got beat out in the first two games.

Finally in the sixth grade the "Little Dribblers" team took second place in the National Tournament at Whiteface. They also added some new players to the team, Chris King and Wes Grimsley, who would undoubtedly become another one of his best friends. In the seventh and eighth grade he played athletics with Jimmy Chappell as his coach. In the seventh grade they went undefeated in basketball and had to cancel a great deal of their football games due to other teams not having enough players. In the eighth grade they lost one game in basketball and went undefeated in football. Both years the track team won the district track meet and would be triple crowned in all the sporting events.

David would soon be leaving O'Brien and starting all over as the little man again. Yes, David was now a "Fish" and starting high school. His freshman year, the football team didn't do so well; in fact, they didn't win a game all season. Also his freshman year he added a new friend, Ivan Barretto, who had recently lived in Knox City but moved to North Dakota. David's junior year he received the honor of being All-State defense Class 1A. The varsity basketball team he played on made it to the regional finals, but went home with second place. This year is David's senior year and so far the basketball team has again made it to regionals and David has qualified to go to the state track meet. He is on schedule to graduate on May 25 of this year and plans to continue his studies at Angelo State University. He is not sure what he wants to major in but he would either like to go into the coaching field or the medical field.

David would like to thank first and foremost his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for without Him nothing would be possible. Also he would

like to thank his mother, grandparents, and close friends who pushed him along through school. He would like to give a special thanks to Coach Risinger, who continually drove him to excellence and taught him high standards and beliefs. "Thank you, Coach!"

**LATARSHA BIRDOW**

Latarsha Rochelle Birdow was born on August 16, 1977, in Dallas. She is the daughter of Loive Mae Boyd and Terry Birdow.

During her high school years, she was involved with band 3.5 years, FHA 4 years; and FFA 4 years.

Her junior year she was nominated class favorite and was voted Student of the Year for English her senior year.

Her hobbies include play music, dancing, driving the car, talking on phone, and watching TV.

Latarsha would like to thank all of her teachers for helping her through school and God's Blessings.

After graduation she plans to move to Dallas and seek employment, while attending TCJC, majoring either in Child Care, Nurse Aid, or Home Health Care.



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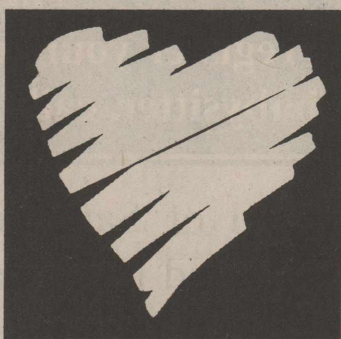
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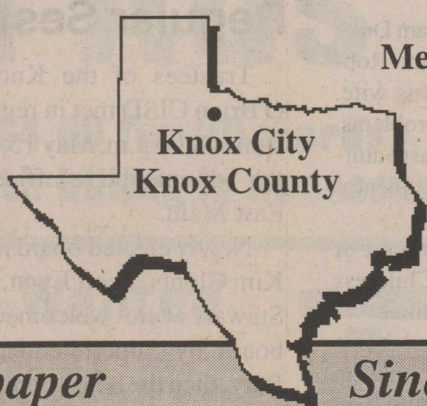
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Three New School Board Members Sworn In Last Wednesday Night



NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS took their oath of office and began their term of service to the community last Wednesday evening at the first regular scheduled board meeting since the trio won their seats in the May 4 election. Shown in the above photo taken at the board meeting are (left to right) Scott Lynn, Kim Clonts, and Bill Stewart. At the same meeting, Donnie Roberts was elected by the board to serve as its president. (NEWS Photo)

Farm Credit Reports First Quarter Results

AUSTIN — The Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and the 64 Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Associations in the Tenth Farm Credit District today reported combined net income of \$27.6 million for the first three months of 1996, compared with net income of \$19.6 million for the same period a year ago.

Contributing to the improved income for the first quarter were a \$3.7 million increase in total interest income, a \$3.4 million decrease in total interest expense and a \$3.0 million increase in gains on other property owned.

During the quarter there was an increase in loan loss provisions in response to low cattle prices, widespread drought conditions, and the possible adverse effects the recently passed Farm Bill may have on farm income.

Loan volume at March 31, 1996, was \$3.76 billion, down less than one percent from year-end 1995, but an increase of \$164 million from the same period a year ago. While production lending experienced a \$57.1 million decrease in volume in the first quarter due to seasonal payment patterns inherent in agricultural operating loans, mortgage lending posted a \$44.9 million increase from year end, its strongest quarterly increase in recent years.

During the first quarter, total high-risk loans declined by \$3.0 million and nonaccrual loans were reduced by \$5.3 million. However, accruing loans more than 90 days past due and formally restructured loans both increased, by \$1.4 and \$9 million, respectively, during the quarter, reflecting the negative effects on borrowers of record low cattle prices and drought conditions.

"While we are monitoring the cattle and drought conditions closely, the district is well positioned to weather these adversities," said bank CEO Arnold R. Henson. "We are strongly capitalized and have the ability to provide for potential loan losses. This isn't the first time agriculture has faced tough times, and it won't be the last. As we have in the past, we intend to do everything we can to help our borrowers through this period."

Nationwide, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$354 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1996, as compared with combined net income of \$294 million for the same period last year.

Winners Announced

Results from the nine holes of play in the four-person scramble held at the Knox City Country Club on May 16 were:

First place - 30-five under par: Weldon Skiles, Anne Underwood, John Gillespie, Paul Kropp.

Second place - 31-four under par: Estelle Skiles, Jeff Adkins, Sammy B. White, Esther Conn.

Third place - 32-three under par: Todd Austin, Jan Rolston, and Mary and Lynn Johnston.

Graduation Location Changed

The location for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1996 have been moved from the Greyhound Football Stadium to the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the school campus.

The change to the auditorium was made because the long range weather forecast for the end of the week includes both wind and a good chance of thunderstorms.

Starting time for ceremonies at the auditorium will still be at 7:00 p.m.

Thirty To Receive Diplomas From O'Brien Friday Night

Thirty O'Brien Mid-School students will receive diplomas during commencement exercises, Friday night, May 24, at seven o'clock in the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City campus.

Named as class valedictorian is Natalie Bloxham, whose grade point average for this year was 91.6. She is the daughter of Pam and Dale Bloxham.

Salutatorian is Myles Richardson with a year's average of 87.8. He is the son of Rosa and Sid Richardson.

Following the processional, Brandy Riggins will bring the invocation.

Myles Richardson will present the salutatorian's address followed by the valedictorian's address by Natalie Bloxham.

A group song will be presented prior to Brandon Gutierrez' introduction of David Gordon of the Region IX Education Service Center as guest speaker.

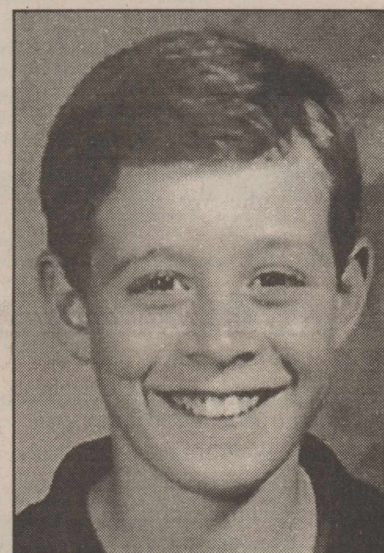
School superintendent Louis Baty, school board president Donnie Roberts and mid-school principal Robert Wills will present diplomas.

Stephanie Pedroza will give the benediction.

Mid-school graduates are Kristy Gail Acosta, Jeffery Hodges Acree, Brian Lynn Anderson, Michael Adam Baez, Natalie Paige Bloxham, Kevin Michael Casillas, Christopher Chaney, Anna Lauren Clonts, Crystal Ann Curd, Natalie Michelle Dempsey, Christopher Joe Garcia, Fernando Gomez, Kelli Tinelle Greenwood, Brandon Heath Gutierrez, Codie Lynn Huber, Mica Michelle Larned, Manuel Ledesma Jr., and Phillip Lee Lerma.



NATALIE BLOXHAM
... valedictorian



MYLES RICHARDSON
... salutatorian

Also, Veronica Blair Morrow, Serena Anne Parker, Stephanie Ann Pedroza, Christopher Myles Richardson, Brandy Leigh Riggins, Jessie Rios II, Richard Jules Rizan, Enrique Ruiz, Heather Michelle Stovall, Roland Vasquez, Christy Vela and Kevin Lakay Walton.

Ushers will be Sarah Rocha, Nefro Gonzales, Jennifer Vacek and Gilbert Trevino.

Texas Boating Safety Course To Be Offered In Knox City On June 3-4

Knox City will be the location for a Texas Boater Education Course that will be offered on Monday evening, June 3, and Tuesday evening, June 4. The 8 hour course will take place each night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Knox City Community Center.

Offered as a safety course for those engaged in all types of boating activities, the course is sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin and taught in this area by Jim Reid of Munday.

Emphasizing Texas boating laws and boater safety techniques, the course will award those who finish with a Boater Education Certificate issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

One added incentive for those considering the course is that course graduates may receive either a 10%, 20% or 30% discount on their boat insurance, depending on what company they have insurance with. In this day and age, that could be a substantial

savings on most boat insurance.

While an excellent course for all boat operators, including both fishermen and pleasure boaters, the course does offer one advantage for operators of personal watercraft, or jet ski's as they are called. In accordance with current Texas law, a person operating

a personal watercraft has to be at least age 13 or older. However, if a youth younger than 13 years of age completes the Boater Education Course and has been issued a completion certificate, he or she may legally operate a personal watercraft by themselves.

Those wanting to take the course should call in advance to the Knox County News office at 658-3142 and give their names to Dave Thompson. The course is expected to fill fast, as there has been a lot of interest expressed by local residents.

Boaters and personal watercraft operators should remember to mark the dates on their calendars, June 3 and 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. each evening.



BILL BAKER PRESENTED THE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP to senior Wes Grimsley at a school awards ceremony last week. (NEWS Photo)

'Splash Day' Will Be Saturday

The Knox City Swimming Pool is ready to open for the 1996 summer season and will officially do so by hosting a FREE 'Splash Day' from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.

Under the management of Kate Matties this year, the pool will be open each Tuesday thru Saturday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The pool will be closed every Monday.

Admission will be \$1.00 per person throughout the summer, with family and single person passes also available for purchase. An advertisement inside this edition of the NEWS details more information on the pass prices.

Private pool parties may be scheduled by calling Mrs. Matties at 658-5017.

Class of 1976 Planning 20th

The Knox City High School Class of 1976 will have its 20th reunion on Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 until 4:00 in conjunction with Homecoming '96.

The class will meet in the home of Jimmy Helms' parents, Ramona and John Helms.

Stephanie Williams Named To VRJC's Dean's List

Stephanie Williams, a freshman at Vernon Regional Junior College, has been named to the dean's list at the college. She posted a grade average of 3.73.

Stephanie is the daughter of Donna and Craig Williams and is a 1995 graduate of Knox City High School.

FROM COLORADO

Stan Hansen of Hotchkiss, Colorado, visited in Knox City Thursday of last week.

He brought a wrestling partner from England through Texas to see "this part of the country".

Benjamin Collects \$416.50 For American Cancer Society Drive

Benjamin residents collected a total of \$416.50 for the American Cancer Society, Knox County Unit. Collecting were chairperson Jessie Roberts and volunteers Imogene Young, Earlene Meinzer, Louise Hertel and Joetta

Cartwright.

A total of \$4541.64 was collected throughout the county to help combat cancer.

Valera Hertel, county chairperson, expressed appreciation to those who helped with this drive.

Local's Grandson Graduates From U.S. Army Basic Training

Private Bobby Kristopher "Kris" Reeves graduated from Basic Training with the 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, U.S. Army, at Fort Knox, Kentucky on April 26, 1996.

Kris successfully completed the 3 month OSUT training and will now be stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas.

Kris is a 1995 graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock.

He is the son of Cathy and Bobby Reeves of Lubbock. He is the grandson of Lea and Chock Reeves of Knox City, & Don and Jo Coffman of Goree, and the great-grandson of Pud Brockett of Munday and Ruth Coffman of Goree.

Kris's father, Bobby, was able to attend the graduation



Pvt. "Kris" Reeves
...graduates from Army Basic Training

ceremonies at Ft. Knox.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Wind and then more wind. That's the entire summation of our weather for the past several weeks - and hot, hot, hot ! ! Already been a 100 degrees and school's not even out.

Sorry I didn't have any news last week. Got scolded again for being lazy and not getting any in. Again, I'll try to do better.

News of our ill is encouraging. Bud Clower returned home Thursday after another trip to Houston. Tho tired, he's doing pretty well and doesn't have to go back for two months if all goes well.

Dub Cartwright still continues to recuperate satisfactorily after his heart surgery recently. He goes back to the doctor on Tuesday to see if he's still doing like the doctors think he should. And we hope he does get another good report.

Ruth Ressel had cataract surgery last Wednesday in Vernon. Reports are that she's doing well from it. Also, Bill Spikes had cataract surgery on Thursday in Wichita Falls. He, too is doing well. Will go back for a check on it this week.

Got a bit of good news on Debra Hudson Ebraheim. Remember she had surgery a few weeks ago? She's at her mom's in Killeen now and her recovery from surgery is going great. She plans to be here for homecoming.

My sister-in-law, Elizabeth Yeager, is quite ill in a Weatherford, Texas, hospital. I'd appreciate your prayers in her behalf as well as for these others.

AWARDS BANQUET

The annual awards banquet was held last Monday night. A meal of brisket, sausage and trimmings was served. Benny Grill, former coach and superintendent, now superintendent at Seymour was guest speaker.

Awards were presented to students in various fields. The academic awards ("A" award) went to Zeke Duke, Michelle Conner, Hardy Coffman, Julie Welch and Lacy Carver.

The Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award went to Edward Estrada.

The "Lady Stang" Award was presented to Tacy Condron.

Plaques were presented to each student who participated in any sport.

Also a "Wall of Fame" has been started and I'm not real sure how one becomes a member of it. Seems it's some of the athletes of the past who have made the state team or all-star team but I'm sure not gonna guarantee that's the way it is at all. Anyway several are in (or on) this Wall of Fame from several years past. And this year's inductees into it are Zeke Duke, Edward Estrada, Tacy Condron and Benny Grill. Don't have all the past students who are in it and if someone will provide me with the names, I'll sure see that they are mentioned.

The FFA Awards are as follows: Land Judging Team, 4th in district, Hardy Coffman, Jacy Collins, Lacy Carver, Zeke Duke;

Horse Judging team to state, Riley Carver, Edward Estrada, Willd Kujawa, Jason Patterson;

Greenhand awards went to Lacy Carver, Hardy Coffman, Clint Horne, Gina Bolanos, Tyler Collins, Kippy Northcutt and Jay Whitten.

Chapter Farmer Degrees went to Tom Lyles, Wade Pierce and Justin Horne.

Climaxing the evening was the

announcement of the 1996-97 cheerleaders. They are next year's freshmen, Lynn Moorhouse, Blaine Conner and Carmen Acevedo.

Thanks to Debra Moorhouse, school secretary, who helped me with this list of names. Congrats to all! **SENIORS HONORED**

On Thursday night, May 9, Bud Conner and I honored our '96 graduating seniors in my home with a pizza supper. Pizzas, salad and iced tea was the menu and they "built their own" banana splits for dessert. Seems they all enjoyed it and we had fun preparing for it. Seven of the eight graduates attended. Bonnie Bohannon was unable to be there due to a death in her family.

HERE 'N THERE

Mother's Day weekend guests of Charles and Joy Jones were their kids, David Jones, Jessica and Kayla of Runaway Bay and Sheila and Ishmael De Los Santos and family of Vernon.

Nora Duke spent a few days last week with her son and his wife, James and Carol Duke in Throckmorton. On Monday night, they attended a band concert at Barwise Junior High in Wichita Falls. Her great "grands" Elizabeth and Marilyn Morrison, daughters of Tom and Sherry Morrison, were in the concert.

Earlene Meinzer and Pat Benson attended the funeral of Lois Boone Jennings in Graham on Friday.

Former residents Claudene Davidson of Cypress and daughter Carol Davidson of Dallas visited Jonnie Williams on Sunday and attended the Methodist Church.

Dean Anderson of Kerrville is here for a few days visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Bill Spikes.

Kenneth and Jessie Roberts were in New Orleans on Saturday, May 11, for the graduation of their granddaughter, Jennifer Roberts, from Tulane University. They were met there by her parents, Bill and Sue of Woodbridge, Virginia. This past

weekend, the Roberts and Pam Duke were in Hereford to visit Mrs. Roberts' brother Art Stoy and his wife. Art is having some health problems.

Erin Koepf came home last Saturday for the summer. She's a student at HSU.

Bud Conner and I spent part of Mother's Day weekend in Childress with my girls and their families.

Betty Bohannon returned home last Tuesday after several days in Perryton. Betty's brother Billy died week before last after a long battle with cancer. His funeral was in Perryton with burial in Dumas. Belated sympathy is sent to Betty and her family.

Last Friday afternoon, Bud and I were in Throckmorton to help my aunt Edna Stout celebrate her 95th birthday. She's a resident of the care home there. Several relatives and friends joined us in helping her observe her special day.

Several Benjamin - ites made the trek to Truscott for the last Grandma's dinner til October. And grannies out did themselves this time as the food was extra good and lots of it. Attending from here that I saw were Bill and Pearl Ryder, Donnie and Jimmie Kay Ryder, Dickie Lloyd, Debbie, David, Michael, Sara and Vickie Clower and Bud and I.

Ricky Trepanier of Lubbock was a weekend guest of his parents, Joe and Julia.

Clay Hewitt On President's List

Clay Hewitt has been named to the president's list at South Plains College in Levelland for the spring semester posting a 4.00 grade average.

Clay is the son of Gwen and Mark Decker of Lubbock and David and Kim Hewitt of Albany, New York.

Clay recently moved to Dallas and plans to continue his studies in that area this fall.

CASH REWARD OFFERED

For information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole a Motorola Cellular Bag Phone from my Toyota Pickup on Friday, May 10. Also taken was a packet that contained the vehicle owners manual and insurance papers.

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School Board Trustees Meet In Regular Session

Trustees of the Knox City-O'Brien CISD met in regular session at 8:00 p.m. May 15, 1996, in the administrative office at 606 East Main.

Newly elected board members Kim Clonts, Scott Lynn, and Bill Stewart were welcomed to the board by Superintendent Louis Baty, then the board conducted its annual post-election reorganization by electing the following officers: President, Don Roberts; Vice-President, Dale Turner; and Secretary, Jerry Williams.

The board accepted the resignations of Nancy Cude, high school math teacher; Rob Wills, middle school principal and football coach; and Joany Wills, counselor.

Trustees voted to employ Dala Young as coach for the women's sports and English teacher for the 1996-97 school year. Ms. Young was born in Knox City, schooled at Rochester and Haskell, and has been employed at Merkel and Midland.

Several local board policies which had been drafted in previous meetings were adopted. These policies deal with student retention and promotion, student activities, community relations, and investments. Superintendent Baty read and reviewed a draft copy of local policy concerning vacations and leave time. This policy will be considered for adoption at a future meeting.

Jerry Williams was elected voting delegate and Dale Turner was elected alternate to the Texas Association of School Boards convention to be held in Houston September 27.

The next scheduled school board meeting will be June 17, 1996.

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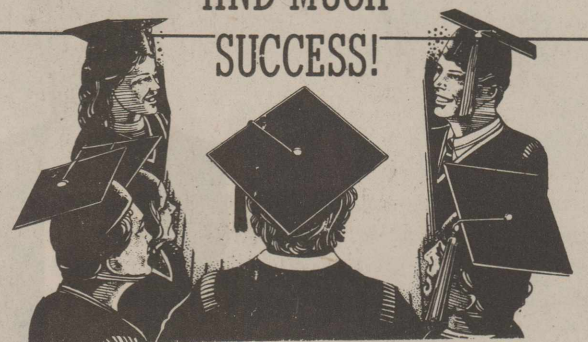
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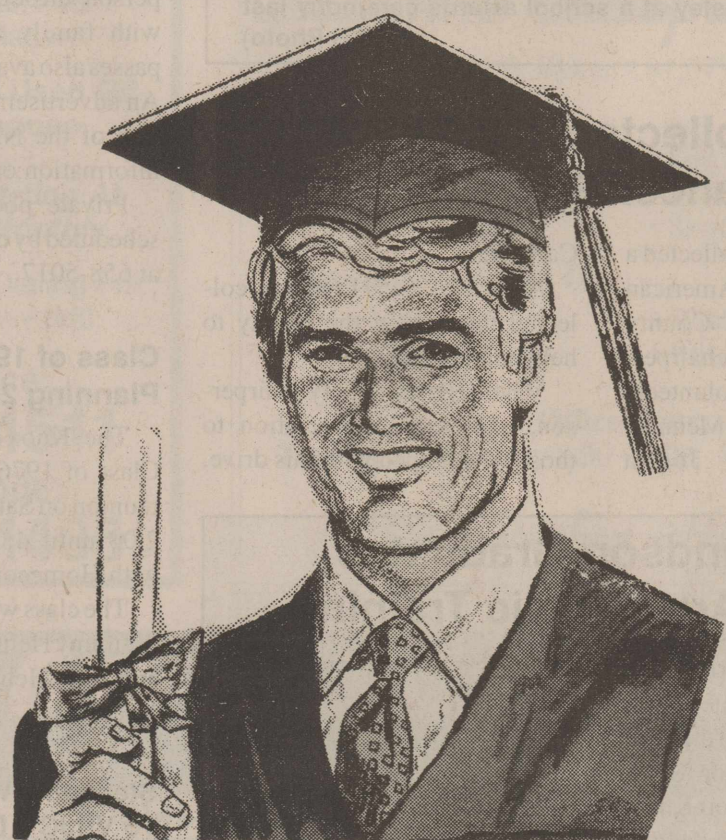


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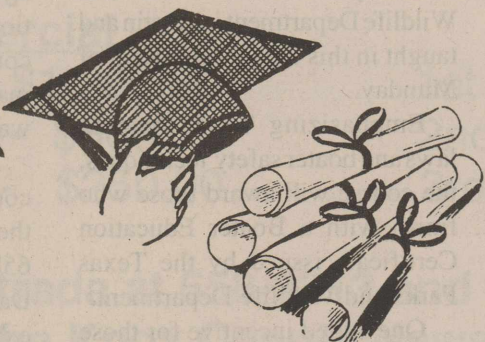
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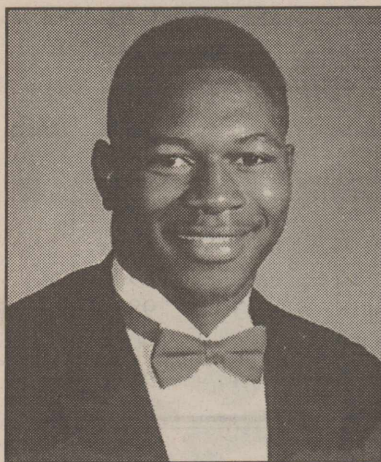
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LANCE DEVER

On September 16, 1977, in the Knox County Hospital a bouncing baby boy, Lancer O'Neal Dever was born, and brought home to meet his two year old sister, Terra Nicole. Lance is the son of Cleola Ware.

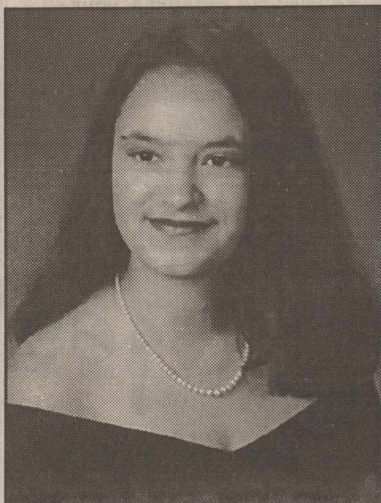
Throughout the years, Lance has been active in many extracurricular activities. During his freshman year, he participated in band and played the baritone. Football was an interesting sport for Lance during this year. Not only did he learn football plays, but he also learned discipline and leadership. In the later years of Lance's football career, he received numerous amounts of honors, such as All-District running back, All-District defensive end, All-Big Country running back, and Honorable Mention All-State running back.

After football, basketball rolled around. Basketball was Lance's favorite sport. During his freshman year, after Christmas, and after a lot of hard work he was placed on the varsity basketball team. In Lance's later years, he received numerous amounts of basketball honors as well. He was All-District twice, All-District MVP, All-Area first team, All-Regional first team, All-Big Country and third team All-State.

In his spare time, he likes spending time with his little cousins, his friends and his "BOYZ".

Lance would like to thank all of his teachers, family, coaches and friends.

And a special thanks to his great-grandmother, Cleola Ware; his uncle, Robert Spells; and his grandmother, Leola Eddington.



Laurie Jill Casillas

On June 18, 1978, Edmund Casillas Jr. received the best Father's Day present of all. Yolanda A. Casillas gave birth to a baby girl named Laurie Jill Casillas.

When Laurie went home, she was introduced to her older brothers, Edmund and Paul. They were excited to see their new little sister, but later the excitement faded away when the heard her cry. As Edmund, Paul and Laurie became older, the "three amigos" didn't mind spending time together. In Laurie's later years, she

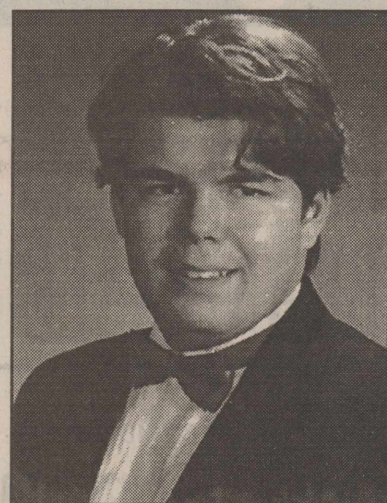
depended a lot on her brothers and parents. She often asked the advice of her mother and brothers. Her family has helped her through a lot of hard times.

During Laurie's high school career, she has participated in many activities. As a senior, Laurie received Band Sweetheart. Laurie has played the saxophone in the Knox City Greyhound Pride Band for four years and has been a line twirler for one year and a feature twirler for two years. Laurie has received an outstanding twirler award as a junior and has qualified for state twirling in 11th and 12th grade. She will attend the state twirling meet on May 27, 1996 in San Marcos. Laurie has also participated in One Act Play during her junior and senior years. Laurie has performed poetry interpretation each year and advanced as a sophomore to the Regional Literary Meet. As a senior she received fourth place in poetry interpretation at district. During her senior year, Laurie joined the Texas Academic Decathlon team. There, she received three medals: first place - Scholastic team, second - Mathematics, and third - Fire Arts. Laurie has also participated in news writing, editorial writing, FFA and FHA. She has also participated in Gifted and Talented all four years.

In her spare time, Laurie likes to listen to music, twirl, and spend time with her friends. Her favorite color is burgundy and her favorite movie is *Pulp Fiction*.

After high school, Laurie plans to attend Cisco Junior College and then transfer to Angelo State University. She will major in psychology and minor in education. She is undecided in a career choice, but she is interested in being a psychologist or a social worker.

Laurie would like to thank all her family and friends for all of their support. Laurie could not have made it without their help.



BUCK IVIE

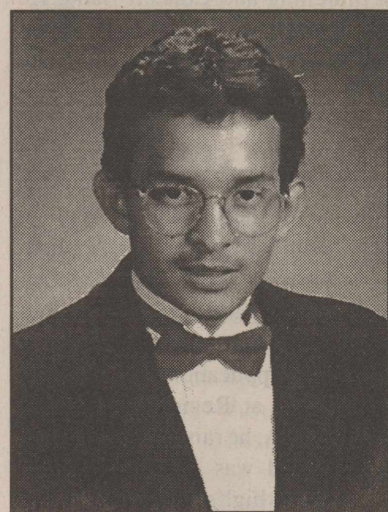
On February 8, 1978, Buck Allen Ivie came into this world kickin' and a screamin' to the proud parents of Pat Ivie and George Murray. He weighed eight pounds and twelve ounces. When he came home, he was not greeted by any brothers or sisters. He was the oldest. So he spent most of his early years being spoiled by his grandmother. His other got divorced when he was very young, but later married David Neal Ivie, who he is very grateful to for being there, though it may not seem like it sometimes. He inherited an older brother through his and they had a blast together. A few years later Buck and Jason got a little sister named Jenifer, and just to complete it, another brother was added in 1985: Joshua.

When Buck started school it was

in Knox City that it all started. He moved away in the fifth grade and moved to Burleson. After that, he moved around quite frequently, living in various places like Phoenix, Arizona; then back to Houston. He has lived in other towns in Texas as well but ended back up in Knox City for his final year.

In all his high school years, he participated in football, basketball, FFA and FHA. He has not made clear yet his definite plans as to what to do out of school. He has mentioned; however, a desire to be in the sports field somehow.

He would like to thank his grandparents, his mom and dad, and not of all his grandma Dois and his cousin Keith, who has been and will be a lifelong friend. "Thank you all for being there through good times and especially the bad!"

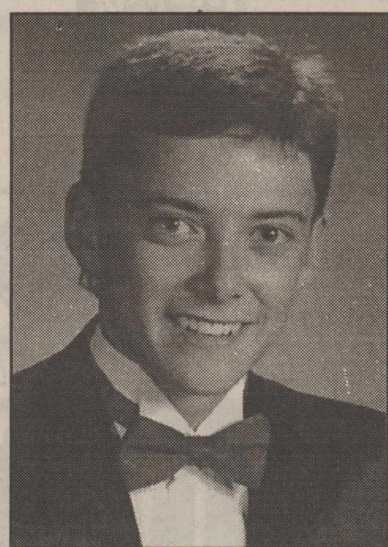


TONY SOSA

On November 1, 1977, a healthy baby boy named Tony Eric Sosa was born in Haskell County Hospital to the proud parents of Joe and Nora Sosa of Knox City. Tony was brought home to one brother, Danny, who was six at the time.

Tony has been a student at Knox City through most of his life. As Tony entered high school he participated in high school football his freshman year and band for two years. Tony enjoys his spare time with his family and wife and most of all his son Marcus. His hobbies include drawing and listening to music. Tony is very grateful to all the people who supported and helped him through the past few years. Most of all, he would like to say thank you to his parents for always being there and correcting him when he did wrong.

In closing, Tony would like to say that he is very proud to be in the graduating class of 1996 and hopes they all go far in life.



JEREMY EATON

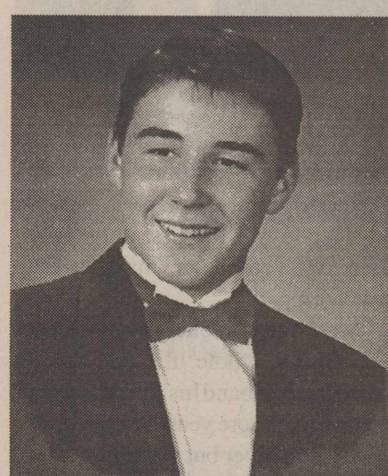
On January 24, 1978, Jeremy Chris Eaton was born to Jerry and Rhonda Eaton in Knox City. He weighed nine pounds, ten ounces. He was later

greeted by a sister and two brothers, Shawna, Christopher and Adam. He moved to Rochester where he attended most of his elementary school years. He then moved back to Knox City High fourth grade year.

Jeremy's favorite hobbies include hunting, fishing, basketball, riding horses and wild partying. His favorite color is midnight blue. Some of his favorite foods include steak and pizza. In the future plans to attend Ranger College for his first two years, then move on to Tarleton State University in Stephenville. After that, he would like to find a job in a forestry organization.

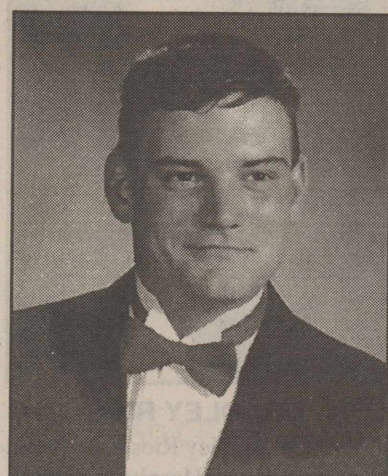
During high school, Jeremy has been heavily involved in FFA. He showed four hogs his junior year. He also has been on the judging teams for his last two years. He was vice president his senior year. He built three hop traps through school as projects.

Jeremy would like to thank his mom for all the love and support she has given him throughout the years. He would like to thank his dad for always being there for him. He would also like to thank all of his teachers for being there when he needed help. "Thanks, y'all don't know how much I appreciate it!!!"



CHRIS SHORT

Christopher Ray Short is the son of Gale and Owen Short. He has lived in Knox City for four years. He moved here from Tecumseh, Oklahoma, in 1992. He was recently married to Jennifer Rocha and they have a little boy named Nicholas Anthony. His hobbies are working on cars and drawing. His future plans are to go to the Army at a later date. His immediate work plans are to get a job.



MIKE VALIMONT

Mike Lance Valimont is the son of Norman and Sue Tolleson. His dad, Norman, is employed by Jerry's Plumbing. His mom, Sue, is employed by Benjamin ISD. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and having good times with his friends. After graduation, his future plans are to go to work.

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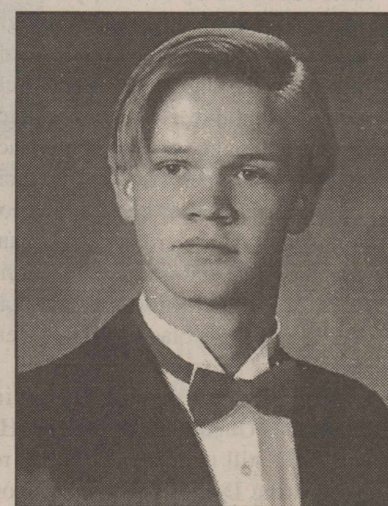
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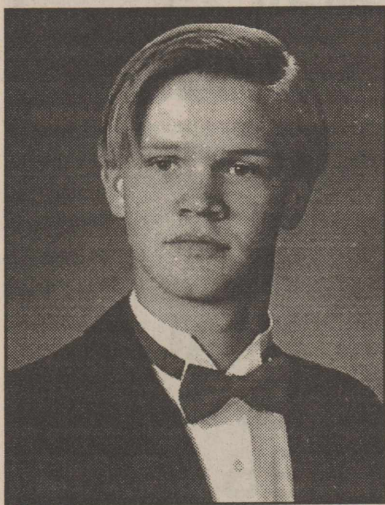


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JOSEPH LOGSDON
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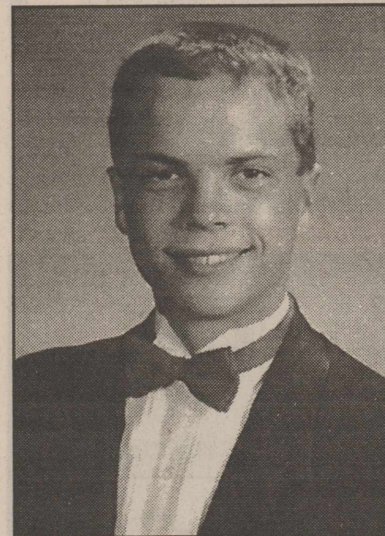
On July 24, 1978, Joseph Logsdon was handed to his mother for the first time. He was born in Knox City and was the son of Ivan Logsdon and Jean Beason. He was welcomed by his older sister Amy Lynn and was followed by Steven Randall the following year.

Joseph, also known as Joey by all his friends, has attended Knox City - O'Brien School for his entire formal education. During this fourteen year span that he received his education, he has become a very active member of the school and its extracurricular activities. While in high school he had the privilege of playing for the Greyhound's Varsity Football team for four years. He was proud to be the Defensive Team Captain two years. Joseph also enjoyed the experience of being in Wayne Johnson's basketball program.

Besides playing sports, Joseph has enjoyed being active in many UIL events. Joseph has excelled in Informative Speaking and Cross-Examination Debate. Joseph advanced all four years to Regionals in Informative Speaking and was overwhelmed when his partners and he advanced to State twice while in high school. As much as Joseph enjoyed advancing in UIL he enjoyed helping Knox City to edge out the Munday Moguls to give KC the honor of being the District UIL meet winner.

Joseph has been a member of many organizations and groups while attending high school. He was the treasurer of the Beta Club and President of the Student Council two years. Joseph would like to thank God and his Mother above all else. He also appreciated the guidance that his stepfather, Kenneth Beason, has had over his life. He would like to thank his girlfriend Diana for being there for him, and his friends and classmates for all the memories that they have shared.

He hopes that he will never be out of touch with these special people in his life. He knows that the lessons that he has learned from these people will help him at college. He plans to attend Angelo State University to become a Physician's Assistant.



ADAM CARVER

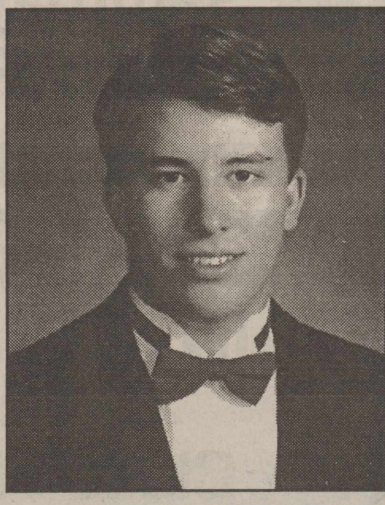
Adam Cyle Carver is the son of Cyle Carver and Linda Hudson.

During high school, he has been involved in band for one year, athletics for one year, and FFA for four years, which he held the offices of president, vice president and sentinel.

Adam says, "I like being around my friends and having good times", is what he enjoyed most about high school.

He plans to attend Clarendon Junior College in the fall.

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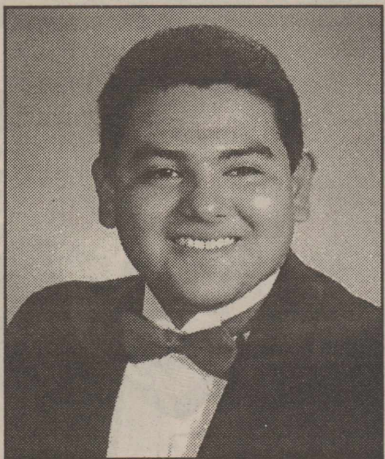
BRIAN ROSENCRAZ

On November 1, 1977, Brian Dale Rosencranz was born to his proud parents Roger and Rita Rosencranz. Brian was welcomed by his two brothers, Paul and Jeremy. He has lived in Knox City since fifth grade.

During Brian's high school years, he has participated in a wide range of activities. Some of these activities include varsity football for four years, junior varsity basketball for two years and varsity basketball for two years, gold and tennis for four years, UIL and One Act Play for four years. He has obtained many awards throughout his high school career in football, track, tennis, One Act Play and Academic Decathlon. He has participated in many clubs and organizations, such as FFA, FHA, and student council. His hobbies include basketball, football, tennis, skiing, four wheelers and motorcycles, and going out with his friends. His favorite food is fajitas, favorite color is black, and he listens to all kinds of music.

Brian plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. His major is still undecided. He has received the Dean's scholarship from Hardin-Simmons.

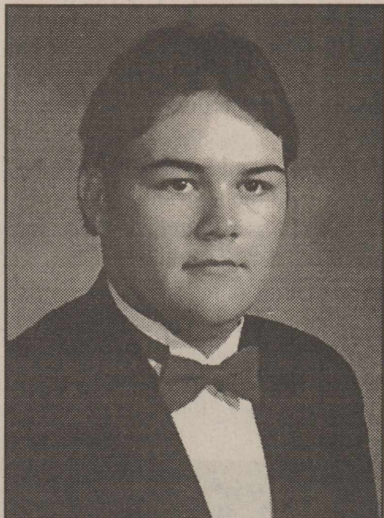
Brian would like to thank his parents for all the love and support they have given him. He would like to give a special thanks to his older brother Jeremy for always showing him the right way to go and helping him through high school. He would also like to give a special thanks to his classmates for all that they have been through, he wouldn't change them for any other class. He wishes the class of 1996 the best in all they do.



BILLY RAY CONTRERAS

On September 4, 1977, in the Knox County Hospital, Josie Garcia was proud to announce that she had a baby boy by the name of Billy Ray Contreras. Billy has a younger brother and a younger sister. Billy moved away in first grade and moved back

in fifth grade and has been here ever since. Entering high school as a freshman, he played football and band. He was in band all four years of high school. Billy is a big bad senior at Knox City High School and is having the time of his life with all of his friends. He enjoys spending time with his family, friends, cruizin' in his '57 Chevy, going to parties and chillin' at the house. After school, Billy plans to work. Billy would like to give thanks to God family and friends for being there for him when he needed them the most.

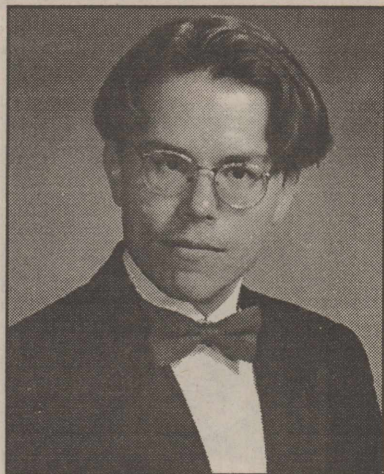


MARK ROCHA

On October 25, 1976, Mark Anthony Rocha was born at Wichita General Hospital to Tony and Lisa Rocha and was the first of two children. Six years later, his little Sara was born.

Mark has attended Knox City Schools his whole life, and in high school was in band his freshman year. In his sophomore year, he was elected as a class officer but spent only a half a year in band. Mark enjoys hanging around with his friends, listening to loud music, fishing, and, of course, working on cars. Mark is very grateful to his mom and dad because they made sure that he finished high school.

After graduation, Mark plans to work for two years and later attend TSTC in Sweetwater and learn Automotive Body Repair.



BRADLEY RIOS

Samuel Bradley Rios was born at the Knox County Hospital on June 9, 1978. His father is Sammy Rios and his two sisters are Stephanie Rios and Patricia Rios. Most of his family lives here in Knox City. Bradley attended Knox City Elementary School in which he was in trouble most of the time for disrupting class or not doing his work. In the third grade he moved to Marble Falls until the end of that year. He attended Marble Falls

Elementary where he took is first computer class and enjoyed every minute of it. Bradley also attended O'Brien Middle School where he improved his work ethics thanks to his fourth grade homeroom teacher, Mrs. Reid, who kept pushing him to excel in everything that he did. In his seventh grade year, his principal, Coach Haragan, persuaded him to participate in UIL. He tried out and made the Calculator Applications team, but because of an eye doctor's appointment, he was unable to participate in district competition. The teachers were MAD, and he never heard the end of it!! During his eighth grade year, he made the Calculator Applications team again. He was determined to show everyone "what's up." It turns out that he succeeded in doing just what he wanted because he won first place at district.

Bradley attended Knox City High School in which he was very active in band, UIL and FFA. He participated in Marching and Concert Band. He was first chair many times, elected First Lieutenant his junior year and nominated for Band Beau two consecutive years. He was also the 95-96 Drum Major for the Greyhound "Pride" Band. He participated in UIL Literary for the Calculator Applications team and Computer Applications. He won sixth place in Calculator Applications at District his sophomore year and won first place in Computer Applications at District and sixth place at Regional his senior year. In FFA, he raised rabbits, made a table and was elected treasurer. Through his high school years, he has enrolled in many computer classes. He has learned a great deal about computers thanks to his computer teacher, Mrs. Dillon.

Bradley's future plans are to attend Angelo State University and earn his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He plans to major in Computer Sciences and minor in Music. He plans to attend Graduate School at Texas Tech University and earn his Master's Degree. He would also like to earn a teaching certificate in case he wants to someday become a computer teacher. He would like to be a Computer Specialist who specializes in everything about computers. Bradley would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him through the years.

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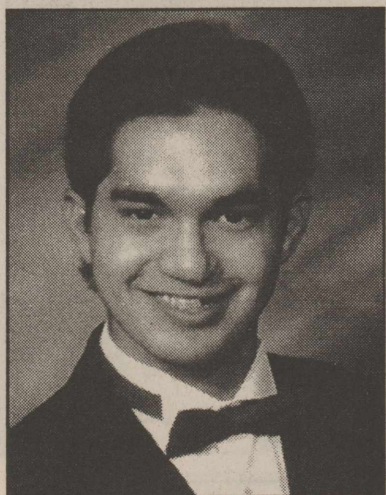
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Knox City High School - Class Of 1996**MICHAEL CASILLAS**

On October 11, 1977, the sky fell and the earth shook as Michael Casillas made his debut into this world. Michael was born in Knox City where he has lived all his life. Michael is the offspring of Gilbert and Diana Casillas. He has only two brothers, Gilbert Jr. (the oldest) and Justin (the youngest).

During his younger years, he was involved in a few events. He played "Lil dribbler's" basketball under coach Mike Newton for about four years. He also played "Little League" baseball for about four years. However, due to his involvement with FCHA (The Future Cotton Hoers of America) under the supervision of Gilbert Casillas Sr., Michael was unable to advance to Pony League.

In junior high, Michael became very interested in UIL because it made him feel, oh let's just say "special". Along with band, Michael became involved in junior high football, basketball and track. Due to mediocrity, Michael was never really recognized for anything special.

In 1992, Michael became a "Fish" but not a smelly one. That year many members of his once undefeated football team fell victim to the high school disease known as ineligibility. It was a tragedy. Since Michael was left to practice and not play, he soon lost his once bright flare for football. During his freshmen and sophomore years, Michael competed in band competitions as well as athletic and UIL. He received the Top Student in English award that year. He received the Who's Who Among American High School Student's award for his sopho-

more and junior years. By his junior year, Michael has dropped athletics and band like a bad habit, due to personal reasons. That year he became a member of Knox City's first Academic Decathlon team. He was a member for two years, acquiring a total of five medals. Michael did fairly decent in UIL his junior year, but did even better his senior year, when he finally made it to Regionals in Feature Writing. He tried his best, but unfortunately he did not advance to the State Meet. He received only one scholarship his senior year which was from the Lions Club for his essay about Diabetes.

In the very, very, near future, Michael will be attending the University of Texas in El Paso. (try saying that three times fast). God willing, Michael will become a physical therapist and make a lot of people happy and himself rich.

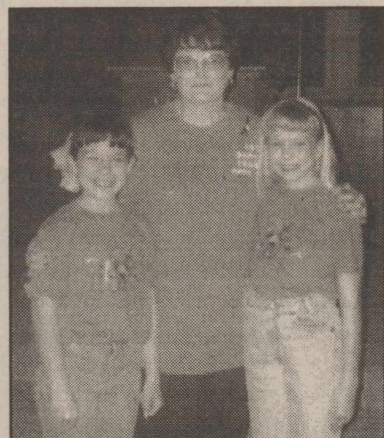
Other than school, Michael is involved in very little else except the church. He is a member of the CCD class and will soon make his Confirmation in June.

Michael's favorite song is either anything from Michael Jackson. His favorite performer is, of course, Michael Jackson. His favorite movie is the Crow, or any movie powerful enough to make him cry. His favorite philosopher is Socrates. His favorite colors are brown, yellow and blue. Michael's hobbies include drumming (not just a hobby but a way of life), writing poetry and drumming. He also likes hanging out with friends, cruising down the street bassing to Barry Mantalo, and talking to those who are willing to listen on the phone. Every now and then he likes to go scuba diving in the Caymen Islands or climbing Mount Everest.

Michael has a long list of people to thank for helping him along the way, so hopefully he does not leave anyone out. He would like to thank his parents for putting up with him all his life. He would also like to thank his parents for having such great medical coverage. He would like to thank Gilbert for being a pretty good role model to follow. Michael would like to thank Justin for giving him the opportunity to warp a young mind. Words cannot give justice to his cousin Laurie, whom he owes his life, but Michael would just like to say "Thank you for always being there, Laurie, you will always be in my heart." He would also like to thank Rae Babe for helping him for many years, always giving him a

friend when he needed one. To his grandmothers Pauline Casillas and Dominga Ramirez, Michael loves you both very much; thanks for loving him back. He would like to thank every and anyone who has been a positive piece of his life. Special thanks to Mrs. Wills for all of her hard work and for listening; to the faculty of Knox City for their efforts; and to his employers, because without them Michael would be severely broke.

Michael's senior year is solely dedicated to the memory of his grandfathers, Edmund Casillas, and Eustacio Ramirez. He would just like to say that he misses you both very much and really wishes the two of you could be with him at graduation. Thanks for your love.

**STATE BIBLE DRILL WINNERS**

- Kimberly Hawkins, left, and Ashley Turner, at right, shown with teacher Beverly Munsell recently competed at the State Bible Drill in Abilene. Ashley scored "Perfect" on her drill with Kimberly scoring "Superior". Ashley is the daughter of Sherry and Dale Turner and Kimberly is the daughter of Marla and Don Hawkins. This is their second year to compete. (Courtesy Photo)



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Condron, who attends Benjamin High School, was nominated for this national award by Carolyn Koepf, an English teacher at the school.

He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

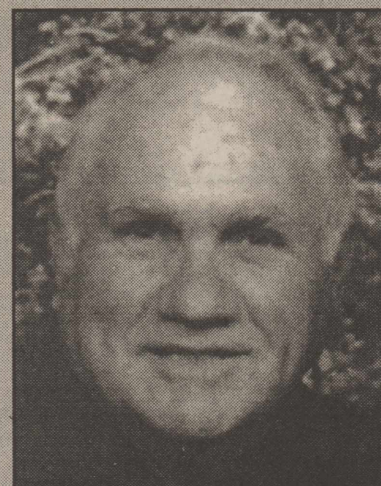
Bobby is the son of Marsha and Pete Condron. Grandparents are Melba Martin of Afton and Jackie Condron of Crowell.

A Special Thank You

It is a very difficult time when you lose someone that you cherish. But, joy comes during that time from the many acts of kindness shown through caring people. Thank you, each and every one, for the many acts of love you have shown to us during this time. Most especially, we thank you for your prayers, that have lifted us up and sustained us.

We will miss Daddy greatly, but his love and smile will be with us forever.

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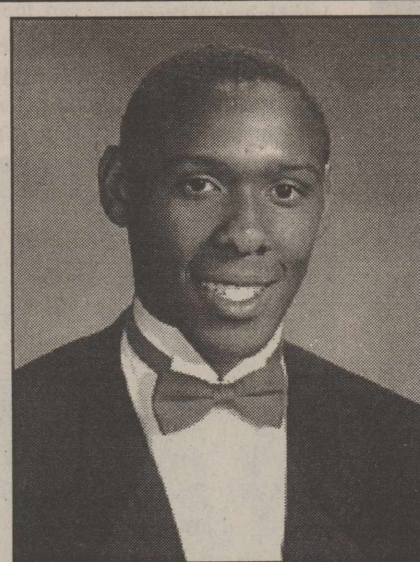
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congratulate

Duane Toliver

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COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Knox City
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named City of Knox City intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to be used for the following project:

Project Title or Name: Wastewater Improvements Acquisition

Contract Number: 714471 - Texas Community Development Program

Purpose or Nature of Project: To upgrade existing wastewater treatment facilities in Knox City.

Location of Project: Approximately 1/2 mile north of the intersection of FM Road 143 and State Highway 6

Estimate Cost of Project: \$275,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Knox City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91 - 190). The reason for such a decision was not to prepare such a statement based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by City of Knox City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF FINDING

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to date specified in the preceding sentence.

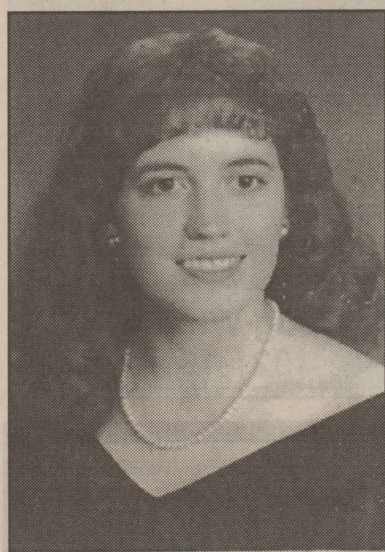
RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Knox City will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1994 under grant numbered 714471 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Knox City is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Tommie Reynolds, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Knox City may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the TDHCA.

Tommie Reynolds, Mayor
City of Knox City
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May 23, 1996

BENJAMIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996



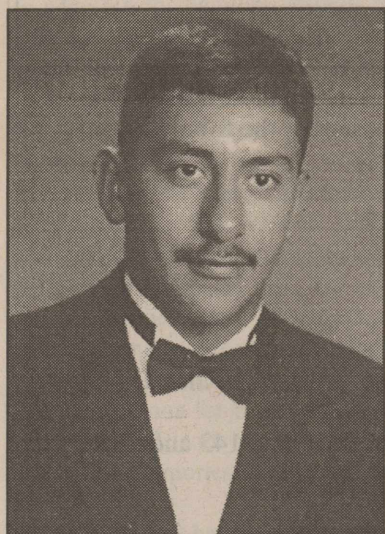
MICHELE CONNER

Michele Conner is the daughter of Steve Conner and Janet Reed.

Michele's activities in high school have been freshman class treasurer, sophomore class secretary, junior class treasurer - secretary, senior class reporter - secretary, FFA member - three years, FHA member - one year, annual staff - four years, school newspaper - one year, UIL - three years, basketball - four years, academic all-state 1995 and 96, first team all-district 1995 and 96, volleyball - two years, academic all-district 1995, first team all-district 1996, track - two years, tennis - three years, cheerleading - two years, senior class favorite, best all-around girl - 1996, Gifted and Talented - 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996; and valedictorian of senior class.

Being around friends and playing sports, especially volleyball, is what Michele has enjoyed most about high school.

She plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College and major in nursing. She then plans to transfer to Texas Tech University after her two years at VRJC.



EDWARD ESTRADA

Louis Edward Estrada is the son of Teresa and Demetrio Estrada.

Edward's activities have included:

Sports - Football, three years; Basketball, four years; track, three years; team captain, senior year; first team all-district offensive line, first team all-district defensive line, basketball district and bi-district runnerup, 6-man all-state alternate in football, Northside all tournament - MVP, Newcastle all tournament, first team all district basketball;

FFA - four years, went to state in horse judging, three years; second high individual in area horse judging contest, 15th high individual in 1993 state horse judging competition.

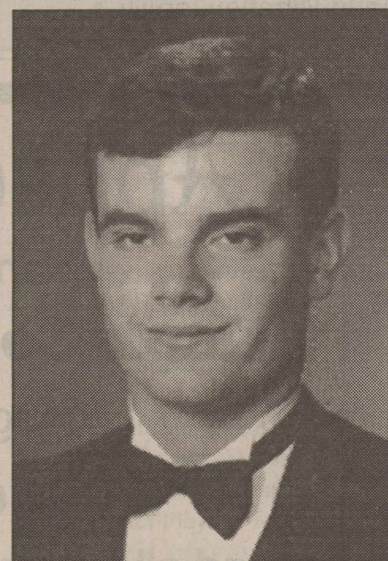
Class Officer - class president,

four years; student council president, senior year.

Recipient of the Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award

Sports and all the challenges have been what Edward has enjoyed most about high school.

He plans to attend Clarendon College in the fall of 1996, majoring in ranch and feedlot operations.



EZEKIEL DUKE

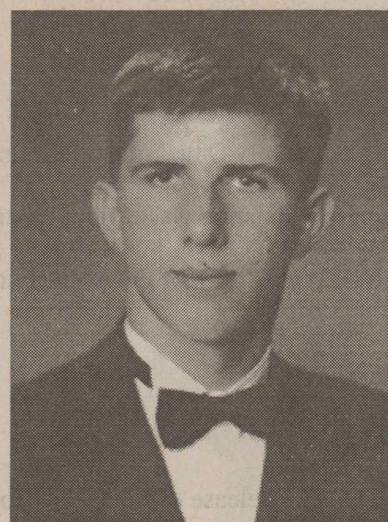
Ezekiel Duke is the son of Pamela and Dennis Duke.

His high school activities have been class vice-president, four years; Student Council representative, two years; FFA, four years; basketball, four years; football, three years; and track and tennis, two years.

His awards have been regional qualifier in UIL science, 1993-1994; Literary Criticism, 1994-1995, 1995-1996; recipient of Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award, 1993-1994; All-District, first team in football and basketball; Grand Champion Soil and Water Conservation Essay, 1993; Elected to participate in 1996 6-man All-Star football game, also academic all-state basketball, 1994-1995.

He has enjoyed competition the most in high school

He plans to attend Texas Tech University with the intent of being a pre-med major.



RILEY CARVER

Riley Carver is the son of Susan and Craig Carver.

Riley's activities have included: Sports - Football, freshman and senior years; Football team captain, senior, 1995; First team all-district center, 1995; second team all-district defensive end, 1995; State honorable mention defensive end, 1995; Six Man All-Star team, 1995; Basketball, freshman, sophomore, senior; Basketball honorable mention, 1995, 1996.

FFA - Top Greenhand, 1992-93;

Top Ag Student, Knox City High School, 1994; Area IV Tenth individual horse judging, 1993; competed on state team that accomplished Area IV second place horse judging, 1993; Area IV 15th individual horse judging, 1996; Area IV, second place team horse judging, 1996.

Student Council - Vice - President, ninth grade; Class Representative, tenth grade; Parliamentarian, twelfth grade.

Riley enjoyed being a part of the many team events that I was in and learning new things.

Riley plans to go to college and major in ranch and feedlot operations and equine science.



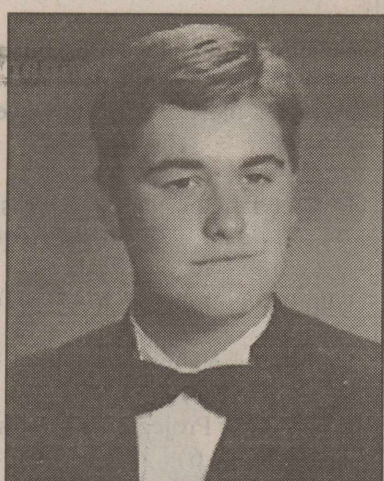
BONNIE BOHANNON

Bonnie Bohannon is the daughter of Betty and Roger Bohannon.

Her activities have been sports - two years, FFA - three years and FHA - three years.

Bonnie lists being with her friends as what she has enjoyed most about high school.

She plans to attend college to major in social work.



JASON PATTERSON

Jason Patterson is the son of Trenna and Kynn Patterson.

His activities have included 4-H, ten years, 1986-1996; FFA, four years, 1992-1996; Texas Junior Hereford Association, 1988-96, junior director 1992; American Junior Hereford Association, 1988-1996; Original Team Roping, three years, 1993-1996; and United States Team Roping, three years, 1993-1996.

Being with friends is what Jason has enjoyed most about high school.

He plans to attend Murray State College in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1996 with a major in veterinary technology.

Congratulations Seniors!



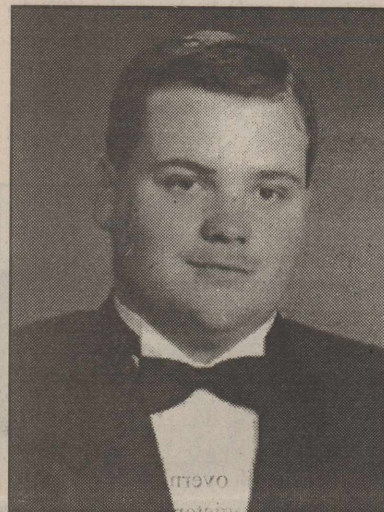
TACY CONDRON

Tacy Condrón is the daughter of Marsha and Darrel (Pete) Condrón.

Her activities have included freshman class secretary, sophomore class treasurer, senior class treasurer, FFA member four years, FHA one year, annual staff four years, school newspaper one year, basketball four years - honorable mention 1993, second team all-district 1994, first team all-district 1995, MVP 1996, all star selection; volleyball, two years, all-district MVP - 1996; track three years, regional qualifier 1993 and 1995; tennis two years, cheerleader two years, class favorite - freshman, sophomore and junior years, and Miss BHS 1996.

Playing basketball and volleyball and hanging out with all of her friends, especially with "my sister" Rachel is what Tacy has enjoyed most about high school.

Tacy plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College, majoring in elementary and physical education and then plans to transfer to Sul Ross.



WILLD KUJAWA

Willd Kujawa is the son of Carla and Allen Porter.

His activities include rodeo team, 1992 and 1993; football, 1995; Original Team Roping, 1995; and FFA, 1993 and 1995.

Changing to a smaller school atmosphere has been what Willd has enjoyed most about high school. He feels as though it has bettered his education.

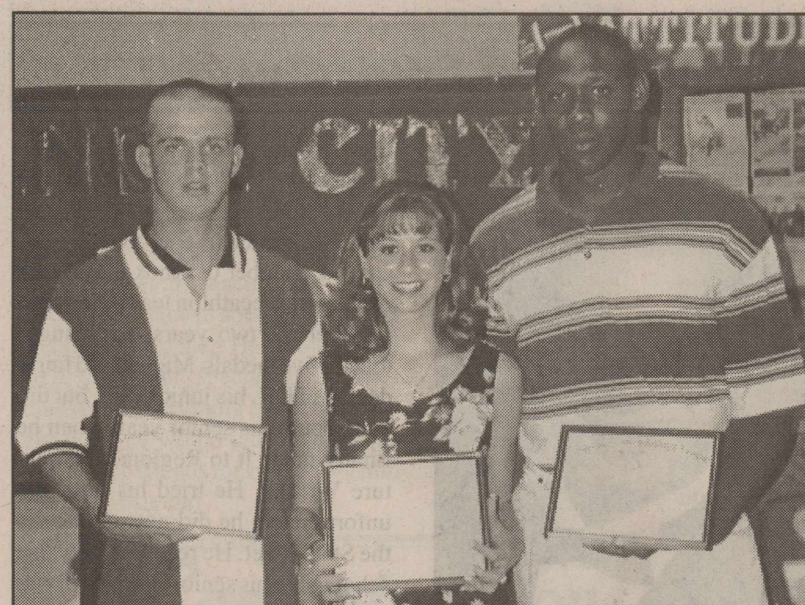
He plans to attend Clarendon College in the fall of 1996.

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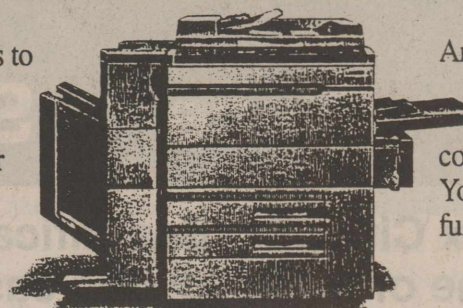
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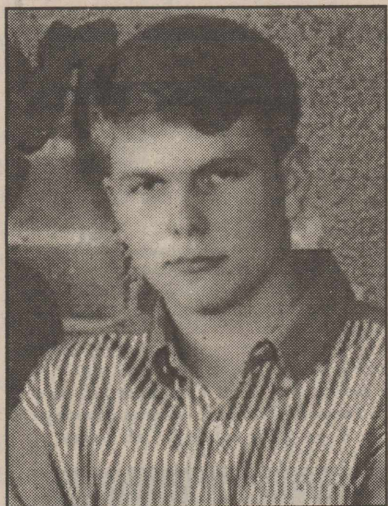
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The 1996 Guthrie High School graduation will be held on Friday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The guest speaker will be Steve Cochran from Aspermont. Serving as ushers will be the junior class, Charles King, Bradley Burkett, Tiffany McLaury, and Misty Fields. There will be a reception afterwards in the commons area. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Jay Preston Gholson
Guthrie H.S. Valedictorian
Class of 1996

Jay Preston Gholson, the eighteen-year-old son of James and June Gholson, is the 1996 Valedictorian of Guthrie High School with a G.P.A. of 95.1. Jay has been very active in FFA and 4-H. He participated in horse judging, FFA quiz and radio broadcasting, and livestock judging, qualifying for state in this event for the past two years. Jay has shown lambs and steers at many major stock shows. He is a member of the National Honor Society of which he is currently serving as president and was reporter his junior year. He is also president of the Student Council and the senior class. Jay is an active member of the Guthrie Baptist Church. His hobbies include team roping and riding broncs and has participated in ranch rodeo competitions.

Jay's plans are to attend Texas Tech University and receive a dual degree in agricultural economics and general business.



Seth James Walker
Guthrie H.S. Salutatorian
Class of 1996

Seth James Walker, the seventeen-year-old son of Tom and Becky Moorhouse, is the 1996 Salutatorian of Guthrie High School with a G.P.A. of 89.7. Seth has been very active in FFA, FHA,

and athletics. He was a member of 4-H for four years and a state qualifier in horse bowl. Seth was an FFA member for 4 years. He was a member of the parliamentary procedure team, the quiz team, and was in creed speaking and qualified for area in all three. He is a member of the Athletic Endorsement Service and a two-way starter on both quarter-final and semi-final football teams. He was selected as a 1993 second team All-district defensive back, 1994 first team All-district running back and defensive back, and was selected to play in the Six Man All-Star game in Lubbock this summer. Seth was also involved in track where he was a 1993 regional qualifier in the 400 meter dash, 1994 regional qualifier in the 1600 and 400 meter relays and

1995 district qualifier in the 1600 and 400 meter relays.

Seth is an active youth member of the Benjamin Methodist Church. His hobbies consist of writing poetry and playing the guitar. Seth plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in agriculture development while taking professional studies.



Dannielle Pettiet

Dannielle Christian Pettiet is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Patsy Davis and the wife of Shane Pettiet.

Dannielle has been very active in FHA, basketball, cross country, and track. She participated in the regional track meet her sophomore year running the mile relay. Dannielle plans to attend South Plains College in the spring and later transfer to Texas Tech University to receive a degree in Elementary Education.

Eight To Graduate From Guthrie Jr. High

The Guthrie Junior High School Eighth Grade Graduation will be held following an awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, in the Guthrie Auditorium.

Principal Harvey Wellman and Superintendent Keith Richardson will present the awards and diplomas. Music will be presented by Mary Ann King.

Honor graduates for this year's class are Misty McLaury, valedictorian; and Michele Clark, salutatorian.

Graduates are Ryan Antilley, Michele Clark, Amber Green, Laura Lambeth, Seth Lee, David Lowrance, Misty McLaury and Brandi Seago.

We would like to offer our congratulations to all the graduating seniors of 1996.

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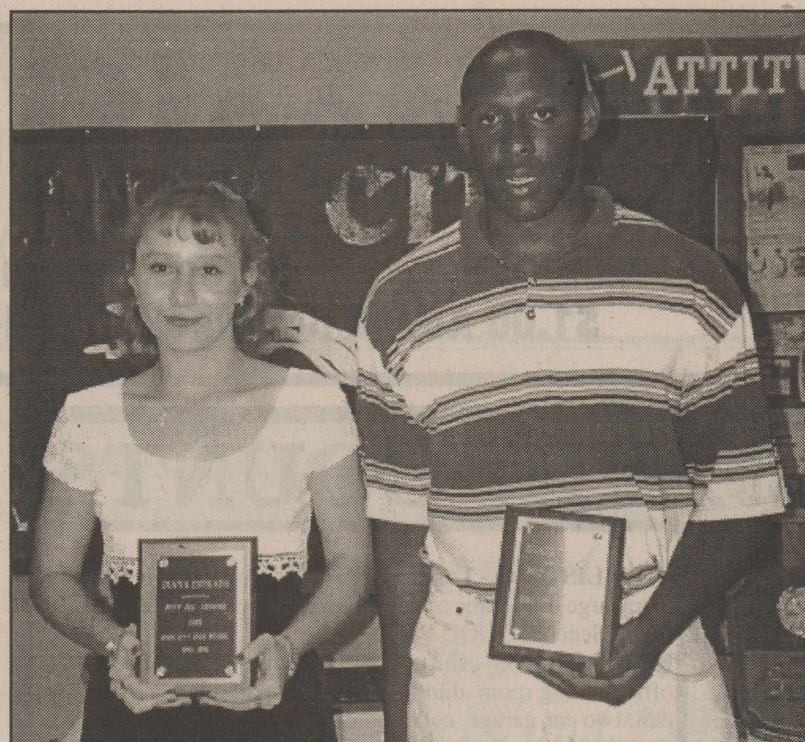
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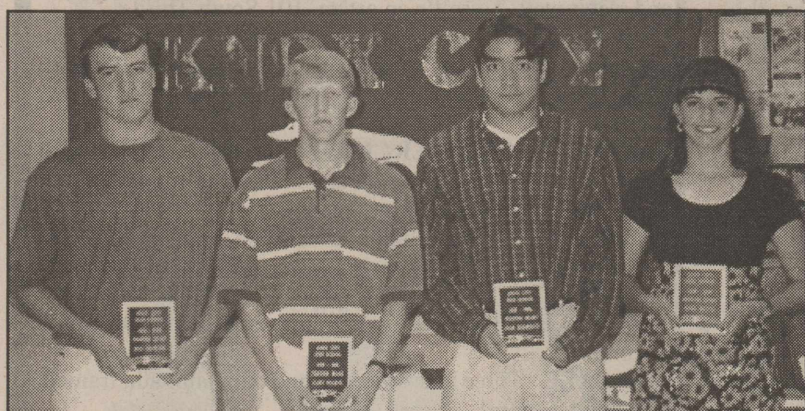
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THE FIGHTING HEART AWARD was presented to one Houndette and three Greyhounds following a three way tie between the 'Hounds. Shown here with their awards are (left to right) Wes Grimsley, Clint Hacker, Ivan Barretto and Sara Dillon. (NEWS Photo by Greta Waldrip)

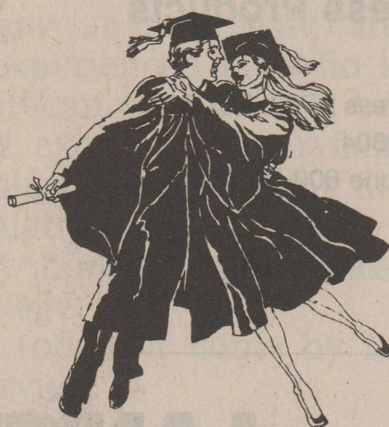
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