

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 28, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 99th Year



The Merkel High baseball team is all smiles after downing Bowie 10-0 in Weatherford Monday. Team members are [from left] Stacey Newberry, assistant coach Luke Taylor, Brit Pursley, Michael Ybarra, Ramon Moreno, Tony Juarez, Corey Hines, Shayne Newberry, John Walsh, David Doan, Ted Seymore, Kenneth Jowers, Dusty Moore, Danny Santee, Mark Aldrete and coach Doug Handley. photo by Kathy Doan

## MHS commencement tomorrow

Commencement ceremonies for the Merkel High Class of 1987 will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the Merkel High Gym.

Angela Thomas will offer the invocation and Michael McCoy will present the senior class song. Abby Irvin will deliver the Salutatory Address and Shelly Brandon will deliver the president's address.

Larry Curry will present awards and scholarships and Kim Welding will deliver the valedictory address.

Bill Everett will present diplomas and Sheri Riney will

deliver the benediction.

Class officers include Shelly Brandon-President, Angela Thomas-Vice-President, Sheri Riney-Secretary and Shane Reagan-Treasurer.

Class Sponsors included Darlene Cummings, Karrie Docter, J. T. Naron, Pat Neff, Bobby Pierson, Billy Riley, Pam Rosenbaum and Skip Townsend.

The Class Roll for 1987 included: Kimberly Kay Welding, Abby Elaine Irvin, Rita Faye Adkins, Tracy Lee Bicknell, Michelle Lee Brandon, Doyle Dodson, Michael Dean Gandy, Randy

Lee Graham, Danny Lee Hogue, Deborah Jean Keller, Dusty Paul Moore, Allen Russell Morgan III, Stacey Carol Newberry.

Also, Deborah Ann Pack, David Charles Ray, Billy Ray Riley, Sheri LeAnn Riney, Thomas Daniel Santee II, DeAnn Ray Stevens, Douglas Wayne Taylor, Angela Kay Thomas, Craig William Thomson.

Fondale Melissa Watson, Donna Michelle Woodard, Justin Gene Amerine, Randy Trent Bentley, Chad Carlton Cavitt, Cynthia Ann Ann Cuellar, Irma Lyn Cuellar, Anna Lee DeLa Cruz, Kerry Lee

Deen, David Lynn Doan, James Andrew Fambrough, Amy Elizabeth Ferguson Page, Thomas Scott Guenther, Timothy Todd Harris, Henry Wayne Howk, Lance Corwin Jones, Kristen Leigh Kennedy, Jo Ann Mendez Aldrete, Linda Jean Gilmore, William Brinson Norton, Jr., Bridget Marie Pallarez, Brenton C. Pierce, Jessie Lee Ragsdale, Shane Reagan, Christopher Allen Reyna, Bryan Keith Robertson, Debra Gayle Shugart, Leota Rodena Wheeler, John Wesley Williams Jr., Marty Andrew Windham.

## Badgers bop Bowie 10-0;

## Face Fab ens Saturday

Danny Santee blasted a three run homer in the bottom of the first inning to lead the Merkel Badgers to a 10-0 six inning win over Bowie in Weatherford Monday.

The Badgers will face Fabens in Kermit Saturday at 1 p.m. in the area championship.

The Badgers, playing as the home team, lead 7-0 going in to the bottom of the 6th inning when they scored three times to end the game on the ten run rule.

Santee was the leading hitter on the day as he went 3-4 from the plate and knocked in five runs. Other Badgers knocking in runs were Ken Jowers, Brit Pursley, Ted Seymore, Tony Juarez and Shayne Newberry.

Badger baseball coach Doug Handley told **The Mail** Tuesday "It was by far the best game we

have played all year. We hit the ball well and played good defense, especially when they had runners on base."

Ramon Moreno went five innings for the win. Jowers came in and pitched the last inning.

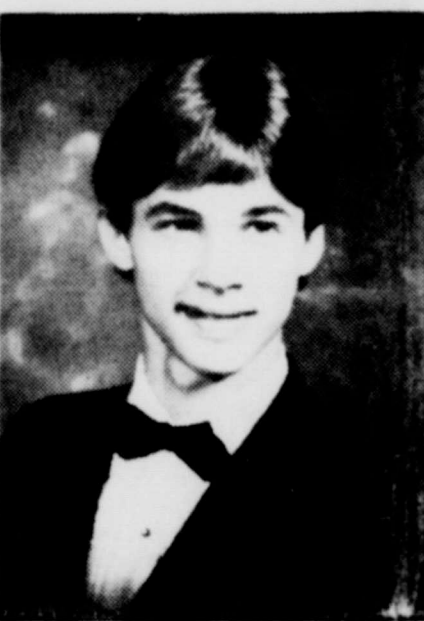
The Badgers will face Fabens and coach Handley said they are a team with good speed, small in size and have two pitchers who mostly throw junk (off speed, curves, sliders, knuckleballs). Fabens downed Brownfield to earn their way into the area championship game.

The Badgers will be leaving Saturday morning around 7 a.m. by chartered bus. The game will be played on the Kermit High School baseball field.

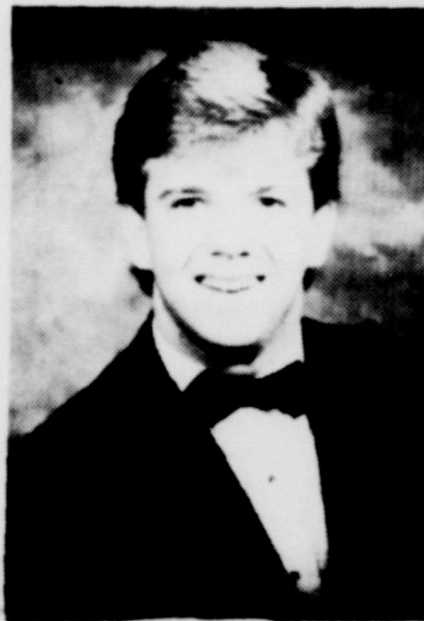
The Badgers held Bowie to only two hits in Monday's contest.

Trent High School will be holding its annual graduation ceremonies Friday at 8 p.m.

Commencement speaker will be Bill Fee of Trent.



Chris Evans Trent's Valedictorian



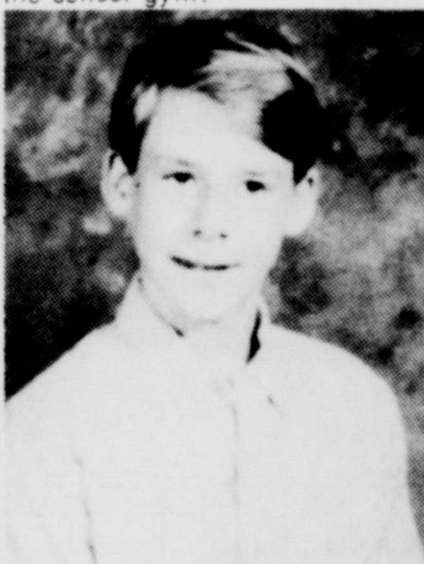
Sam Jones Trent's Salutatorian

Trent's 8th grade graduation is tonight

Trent's 8th grade graduation will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at the school gym.



Trent's 8th grade Valedictorian is Julie Clay, daughter of Mrs. Rose Simpson. She has a 95.12 grade average.



Trent's 8th grade Salutatorian is Travis Walker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Travis Walker of Trent. He holds a 94.86 grade average.

## Local tax values drop

The Taylor County Central Tax Authority has released the effective tax rates for 1987.

The effective tax rate is what amount of local tax would be necessary if local governments spent the same amount of money last year.

New effective rates are (actual 1986 tax is in parenthesis) City of Merkel .3050 (.2969), City of Trent .1979 (.1994), City of Tye .3273 (.3100), Merkel ISD 1.1561 (1.0700) Trent ISD 1.2137 (.9950).

The following are the total appraisals of taxable values locally. The amount shown is the total taxable value, before local deductions are subtracted. The actual gross taxable values will be released later in the summer by

the Appraisal District. 1987 net taxable values are City of Merkel \$39,097,832, City of Tye \$23,635,077 and City of Trent \$4,327,274.

For MMSD, taxable value is \$124,151,854, down \$47 million from the 1985 value. Trent ISD is down \$26 million from 1985 to \$56,113,317. The appraisal district's value on oil is based on a \$16.50 cent price for a barrel of crude oil. Last year at tax time, a barrel was valued at \$27. The district says the lower values, coupled with lower rates of new discoveries in the county, has caused a 50 per cent reduction in revenues from oil and gas taxes.

The district also said the county is suffering from lower real estate prices.

## Benefit for tornado victims set

A singing and musical benefit for the Saratoga tornado victims will be held at the Old Lions Club building Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

The benefit is being sponsored by the Country Kinfolk and the local LIFE organization.

All local musicians are welcomed. Donations of any items will be

delivered to Saratoga by volunteers from the LIFE organization. All cash donated will be handled by the Catholic Charities.

If you have any food, financial donations or furniture you would like to donate, call 928-3411 and a LIFE volunteer will pick it up. All proceeds from Saturday's musical and concession stand sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.



Kimberly Kay Welding is Valedictorian of the Merkel High School Class of 1987.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Welding of Rt. 4, Abilene. She has participated in UIL competitions in math and basketball. She is president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Spanish Club. She is also a member of the A-Team and has received national merit awards in Chemistry, Math and Spanish. She plans to attend McMurry College in the fall.



Abby Elaine Irvin is Salutatorian of the Merkel High School Class of 1987.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arden Porter and Wayne Irvin of Merkel. She has participated in basketball and UIL number sense, science and calculator competitions.

She has been president of her class for two years, a class favorite, a homecoming queen nominee, a cheerleader, a drill team captain, Miss MHS, Secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of the science club, on the student council and the A-Team.

She won a National Merit Award in Science and plans to attend either Angelo State University or McMurry College in the fall.

## MMS 8th graders graduate tonight

Merkel Middle School will hold its annual 8th grade graduation ceremonies tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Merkel High Gym.

Phoung Thao Tran, class valedictorian will deliver an address.

The class Salutatorian, Brandon Toombs will deliver a welcome address. The third ranking student, Daniel West will deliver the invocation and Renee Melendez, ranked fourth in the class, will deliver the benediction.

## FFA banquet draws 200, awards presented

More than 200 people attended the annual FFA Banquet last Thursday night at Heritage Hall. The group awarded many honors during the event.

### Proficiency Awards

Winning proficiency awards were Cassie Townsend- Public Speaking, Bryan Hayley- Nursery Operations, Ginger Neill- Soil & Water Conservation Management, John David Layher- Ag. Mechanics, Bryan Hayley- Floriculture, Russell Morgan- Sales & Services, Kody Hogan- Feed Grain Production, Billy Williams- Specialty Animal Production, Angela Boggs- Poultry Production, Lee Leverich, Placement in Ag. Production, David Ray- Cereal Grain Production, Melissa Harris- Sheep Production, Ted Seymore- Forage Production, Lynn Hays- Swine Production, Ted Seymore- Beef Production, Cassie Townsend- Diversified Livestock Production, Russell Morgan- Ag Coop Sales & Services, Lee Leverich- Coop Production.

The Star Greenhand was Steven Ross. The Star Chapter Farmer Degree was Lee Cain, Jimmy Collier, Jarrett Ely, Bennett Massey, Debbie Pack, Milly Sorrells, Amber Whisenhunt, Brad Cochran, Doug Clemmer, Kody Hogan, Connie McMillon, Lorena Pack, Donnie Todd and Kevin Wright.

Eighth grade students winning awards included Rex Schmidt- Shop, Coty Sutterfield- Swine Production, Buck Campbell-

Horse Production, Roy Herd Manahan- Sheep Production, Neil Newman- Soil & Water Management, Sean Leamon- Specialty Animal Production, Brandon Toombs- Scholastics.

The winner of the VAI Scholastics award was Angie Boggs, the VAI Scholastics winner was Millie Sorrells, the VAI Scholastics winner was Billy Ray Riley. The Coop Scholastics award went to Lee Leverich and the General Ag Mechanics Scholastic Award went to Steve Williams.

Receiving Greenhand awards were Gina Addington, Angie Boggs, David Dutton, Lynn Gregory, Danny Hogue, Ann Minor, Ginger Neill, Phillip Seymore, Jeff Steadman, Kevin Waller, Billy Williams, Keith Wilson, David Braddock, Sandra Black, Steven Brynum, James Glaze, Tim Hohertz, Jeremy Judge, Brad Neill, Steven Ross, Ed Silvia, Owen Tevebaugh, Tommy White, Judy Williams and Jerry Workman.

Receiving their Chapter Farmer Degree were Lee Cain, Jimmy Collier, Jarrett Ely, Bennett Massey, Debbie Pack, Milly Sorrells, Amber Whisenhunt, Brad Cochran, Doug Clemmer, Kody Hogan, Connie McMillon, Lorena Pack, Donnie Todd and Kevin Wright.

The Merkel FFA Chapter recently received its 11th straight superior rating and instructors are Billy Riley and J. T. Naron.

## Badger Booster Club holds all-sports banquet

The Merkel Badger Booster Club held its annual awards banquet Saturday night at the Merkel Church of Christ Family Center and Stacey Newberry stole the show as she was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in three sports.

Newberry took top honors in volleyball, basketball and track.

Also earning MVP honors were: Lynn Hays in boys basketball, Sean Miller in boys tennis, Diem Tran in girls tennis, Brit Pursley in boys track, Anissa Jones in girls golf, and Lance Jones in boys golf.

Earning football awards were: Robert McFadden- offensive lineman of the year, Chris Bierad- defensive lineman of the year, Ramon Moreno- offensive back of the year, Kenneth Jowers- defen-

sive lineman of the year, most conscientious were Dusty Moore and Justin Amerine.

Co-winners of the Gene Stuckey Memorial award were Dusty Moore and Justin Amerine for boys and Michelle Woodard and Sheri Riney for girls.

The Baseball offensive award went to Ramon Moreno and the defensive award went to David Doan. Boosters of the year were Barbara & Joe Gardner. The guest speaker for the event was Coach Keys of Abilene Christian University.

Merkel Athletic Director Dick Leopard told **The Mail** Tuesday "We'd really like to thank the Badger Booster Club for sponsoring the banquet. We also appreciate all they do for the kids throughout the year."

## Local governments collect bank taxes

Texas State Comptroller Bob Bullock said checks totaling \$55.5 million were sent in this year's first allocation of the state's franchise tax on banks to 2,069 local taxing jurisdictions.

The Legislature in 1984 brought banks under the state franchise tax for the first time and allocated money from the tax to cities, counties, school districts and other local taxing units where banks are located.

Banks are taxed at the same rate as other Texas corporations. Previously, bank stocks were subject to local property taxes. The Legislature exempted the stocks from property taxes, substituting the bank franchise tax. Collections are prorated among local taxing units based on their

tax rates. The next bank franchise tax allocation will be in August of this year.

The City of Merkel received \$1,935.81, compared to \$1,813.27 in 1986. That represents an increase of 6.75 per cent.

Merkel ISD received \$6,959.75, compared to \$6,174.36 the same period last year. That represents an increase of 12.72 per cent.

The City of Trent received \$175.57, compared to \$260.65 in the same period last year. That represents a 32.64 per cent decrease.

Trent ISD received \$867.79, compared to \$1,103.71 for the same period last year. That payment represents a 21.37 per cent decrease.

## Reception will honor Mr & Mrs Bill Everett

A reception will be held Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church here for Bill & Fredalyn Everett.

The reception will take place Sunday. The event will honor Bill

for his being superintendent here for the past seven years and Fredalyn has been a teacher at Tye Elementary, also for the past seven years.

Everyone is invited to attend.



## Seniors, baseball, Fun Day ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

There's quite a bit going on over the next few days and most of the activities are centered around graduation ceremonies at Merkel and Trent for both high school seniors and 8th grade students.

The seniors at Merkel High have had a year they won't forget.

They saw their best football team in at least nine seasons, performed well in the classroom, saw new programs started and saw more controversy within the district than some would care to think of. They also saw the resignations of a superintendent and their principal.

My suggestion to the Seniors of the Merkel High Class of 1987 is to put your memories in the proper perspective.

Remember the friends you made, the good times you shared and the things you have learned. We humans have an uncanny ability to remember only the things we want.

Best wishes to the Merkel and Trent Seniors. Go out into the world and make your communities proud of you.

The Merkel High Baseball team downed Bowie 10-0 in a six inning contest in Weatherford Monday night. They will now face Fabens Saturday and we all wish the Badgers the best of luck.

Food booths for the Chamber's annual Fun Day Celebration are filling up fast. If you have an idea of items that might sell well on a warm summer day in Merkel, you'd best call Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 and make your reservation. The Chamber does not allow duplications of food and drink items at Fun Day.

If your church group, sports league or school group is interested in turning a good profit based

on the cost of a booth, you'd best place that call soon.

Local recipes are coming in pretty well for the Chamber of Commerce's publication, which will be printed in time for Christmas gift giving. Forms are being printed periodically in **The Mail** or are available at our office, Hicks Auto, Hammond Insurance,

Fit N Firm, Independent American Savings or from the Chamber Office.

A reception will be held Sunday for Bill & Fredalyn Everett from 2 until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here.

Friends of the Everetts will no doubt want to attend that event.

## Garden Club elects officers

The Merkel Garden Club met May 21st at the home of Shirley McBride for a covered dish luncheon meeting. Jewel Criswell and Leota Sherrell were co-hostesses. Billie Hartley gave the invocation before the group enjoyed a meal of assorted casseroles, salads, and desserts.

During the business meeting, presided over by 1st vice-president Leota Sherrell, members approved a bid to install an underground watering system to the flower beds at Rose Hill Cemetery. The work should be completed by the end of June.

The meeting was then turned over to Mary Russom who conducted the installation ceremony of new officers. She was assisted by Georgia Allday. Officers installed for the new biennial term were Muri Thompson, president; Leota Sherrell, 1st vice-president; Alice King, 3rd vice president;

Peggy Black, 4th vice-president, Shirley McBride, secretary-treasurer and Olga Peachey, reporter.

As each officer was charged with her duties and responsibilities, she was presented a long-stemmed rose. Leota Patterson, newly elected 3rd vice-president, was unable to attend.

Members present included Joyce Ferguson, Wynette Barkley, Inez Detrick, Georgie Allday, Shirley McBride, Leota Sherrell, Alice King, Lenora Wilbourn, Muri Thompson, Mary Russom, Jewel Criswell, Olga Peachey, Billie Hartley and Peggy Black. Also attending was a guest, Olive May Burch of Tulsa.

The club will not meet again until Sept. 24th, but the city fication committee will continue work on the club's existing projects and the program committee will be planning and preparing the new yearbooks.

## Brady earns McMurry honor

Donny Brady has been named the "Most Outstanding Physics and Mathematics Student" at McMurry College in Abilene for 1986-87. Brady has also been inducted into the Texas Iota Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a Mathematics Honor Society.

Brady, a 1985 graduate of Merkel High School, plans to transfer to Texas A & M University where he will major in Radiological Health Engineering. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Brady of Merkel.



## Preceptor Eta Omega installs officers

Preceptor Eta Omega's Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi traveled to Gardski's for dinner May 19th. Afterwards, the members met at the home of Betty Lu Satterwhite.

Opal Garner was presented an award for Program of the Year. Other awards were presented to

Tye cemetery group will clean up Saturday

A clean-up day will be held at the Tye Cemetery Saturday at 8 a.m.

People attending are asked to bring tools to work with.

committee chairmen and members.

The highlight of the evening was the revealing of secret sisters and gifts.

The installation of officers were President- Blanche Hewitt, Vice-President- Mamie Steck, Extension Officer- Connie Ybarra,

Recording Secretary- Opal Garner, Corresponding Secretary- Val Patterson, Treasurer- Kathy Leverich.

Members attending were Jane Carson, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Opal Garner, Y Sadler, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton and Connie Ybarra.

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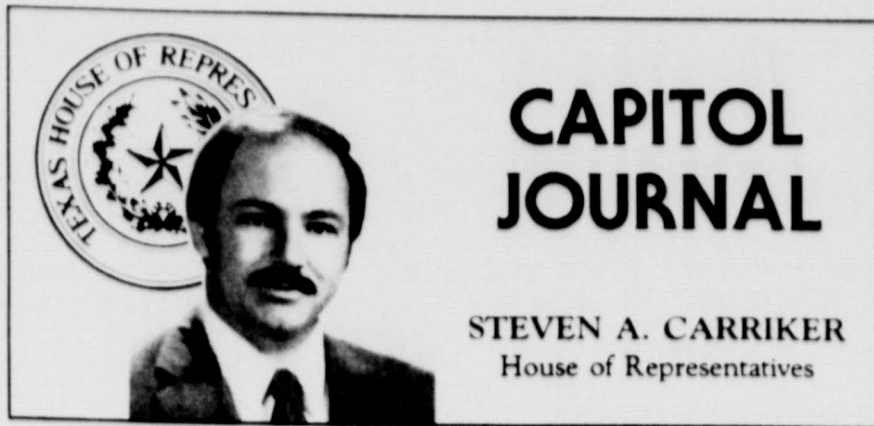
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House of Representatives

The budget wars continue at the Capitol. The House and Senate have passed spending bills which exceed Gov. Clements' announced bottom line and a conference committee of House and Senate members is now working to forge a compromise measure. The governor says he will approve no more than \$36.9 billion in spend-

ing; the Senate bill called for \$39.9 billion, and the House voted \$39.4 billion. The governor's recent back-and-forth position on additional taxes ended with a return to an absolute veto threat. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has proposed to cut \$876 million from the Senate plan in an effort to move the budget stalemate off dead center. House Speaker Gib Lewis proposed a deeper cut with a \$38.4 billion budget, the Lewis plan relied in part on the doomed state lottery option.

supported by the National Rifle Association and other pro-gun groups. But the author substituted a bill which would have required stiff fees and severe restrictions on use. By the time the House voted on the measure, the legislation looked like gun control instead of protection for law-abiding Texans. The final bill could have seriously threatened existing Texas laws protecting the right to bear arms, and would have certainly limited the sporting use of handguns. Also, the legislation was opposed by all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Special interests may have defeated any chance of tort reform this session by securing House passage of a version which is at odds with the delicately balanced Senate tort reform package. Tort reform deals with the complicated civil justice system, and reform is aimed at making liability insurance rates affordable again in Texas. The Senate has spent many months preparing its tort reform package, and the hastily created House plan may prove to be too different from the Senate legislation to be resolved by conference committees before the end of the regular legislative session. The Senate bill provides desperately needed protections for small local governments and small businesses. Gov. Clements has vowed to call another costly special session if the tort reform issue is not settled.

## Smallwood's services held

Rosebud Smallwood, 83, of Ovalo, died May 17th in California. Graveside services were held May 24th at Rose Hill Cemetery here with the Rev. Wayne Burkey of the First United Methodist Church of Tuscola officiating. Burial followed under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 9, 1903 in Potosi, she was the daughter of Nathan & Almeda Wood. She had lived in

Runnels County for 40 years where she was a rancher. She had raised Hereford cattle and took them to shows all over the United States and Canada. She was also active in the Lawn Senior Citizens Association.

She is survived by a daughter, Marie Williams of Temecula, Ca., a grandson Hugh of Ovalo, two granddaughters; Susan Karydes of California and Kate Larson of Austin, and six great-grandchildren.

## Sandusky's services held here

Elmer Lee Sandusky, 53, of Clyde, died May 24th in Clyde.

Graveside funeral services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery here with Dewey Lamb officiating. Burial followed under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born here Dec. 1, 1933, he was an accountant. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a daughter,

Janet Ballard of Merkel; his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Sandusky of Merkel, a brother J. D. Sandusky of Merkel and a sister Gwen Latimer, also of Merkel. He is also survived by a granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers were Bruce Groner, Jerry Putman, David Ledbetter, Bill Ivy, Dewey Sandusky and Jerry Frank Patterson.

## Local Senior Citizens set June activities

The following are activities scheduled at the Senior Citizens Building located at 122 Edwards May 31 a 5th Sunday Singing will be held from 2 until 4 p.m.

A June 1st singing will be held from 7 until 9 p.m.

A garage sale will be held June 4, 5 & 6th.

On June 8th, a game night will be held from 7 until 9 p.m.

On June 10th, a covered dish luncheon will be held. The doors will open at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at Noon.

Each 4th Thursday of the month a covered dish supper will be held with the doors open at 6:45 p.m.



Marlon D. White, a 1978 graduate of Merkel High School, received his MD degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine at Galveston May 23rd. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. Melvyn White of Tye. He received his B.S. in biology from Baylor University in 1982. He will pursue residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock.

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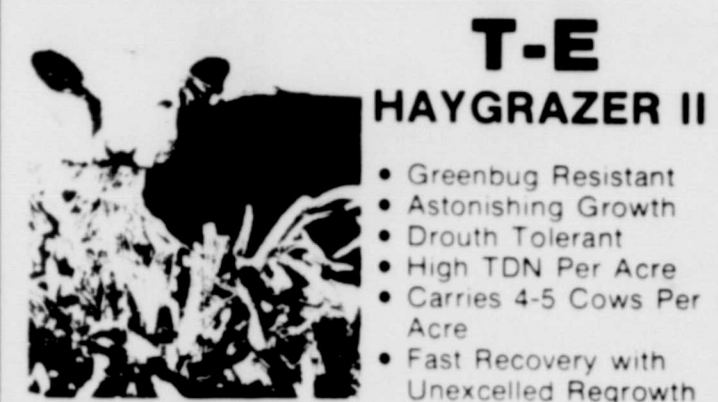
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Among the more ludicrous suggestions to address the fiscal crisis is a budget proposed this week by the so called "Conservative Coalition." Guard your pocketbooks, because this so-called no-tax plan would mean big increases in your local property taxes. For example, \$450 million in state contributions to the Teacher Retirement System would be forced on local school districts. Another \$433 million is "found" by repealing teacher pay

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: T. L. Walker, d/b/a Lenco Constructors Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation before the Honorable County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 1st day of April, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,314 on the docket of said court, and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A. Plaintiff vs. T. L. Walker d/b/a Lenco Constructors, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Defendant maintained a checking account with Plaintiff known as account no 038-5284 in the name of Lenco Constructors. By check no. 192, dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$699.75 from that account. By check no. 197 dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$2,660.75 from that account. The balance in the account immediately prior to the withdrawals was \$64.37. Defendant, therefore, has overdrawn the account. Together with insufficient funds and service charges, Defendant is obligated to pay Plaintiff that sum pursuant to the terms of the parties' agreement. Plaintiff prays that Plaintiff be granted judgement in the sum of \$3,546.56 for the overdrafts and \$1,000 as reasonable attorney's fee; Plaintiff be granted judgement for all costs of court; Plaintiff be granted judgement for post-judgement interest at the highest legal rate of interest on the total amount of the judgement from the date of judgement until paid; Plaintiffs be granted such other and further relief, special or general, legal or equitable as Plaintiff may be shown to be justly entitled to receive; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of May A.D. 1987.

Attest: Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court At Law, Taylor County, Texas by Sandra Harris Deputy, Seal 20-4tc-106

PUBLIC NOTICE The Tye City Council during a regularly held council meeting May 19, 1987, passed and approved "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR

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## Rich-Cutler engagement

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The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Merkel High. She is now classified as a junior at McMurry College. She is majoring in secondary education with fields of major in English and psychology.

She is employed at Grandy's in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is also a 1985 graduate of Merkel High. He is also a junior at McMurry College and is working on a dual major in computer information systems with a minor in computer science.

The couple plans a July 11th wedding at the First United Methodist Church here.



## New Texas onion on the market

(EDINBURG)—The TEXAS 1015 is the sweetest, best-tasting spring onion in the world, and we want consumers in Texas, other states—as well as those in other countries—to enjoy something that has largely remained just our secret for too long.

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said here. "Texas is the nation's number one producer of fresh spring onions, shipping the equivalent of 300 million pounds (six million 50-pound bags) in 1986. More than 80 percent of the Texas onion crop is produced in the Rio Grande Valley and the Winter Garden region of South Texas. More than 80 percent of these Texas onions are sold out-of-state."

"With annual sales of nearly \$100 million, the Texas onion industry has an overall impact on the state's economy of about \$350 million a year," Hightower said.

"Even so, we believe that the Texas onion industry has not nearly reached its full potential—that, in fact, it is ripe for an enormous surge of popularity, benefiting Texas growers and shippers, creating new jobs, and bringing in new money to the state's economy."

"Therefore, the Texas Department of Agriculture has joined with some of the top onion producers in the state, as well as shippers, distributors and retailers, to form a 12-member task force that will develop a comprehensive, aggressive promotion and marketing plan for this superior and identifiable onion—the TEXAS 1015," Hightower said.

Among those joining Hightower to announce the "TEXAS 1015 Sweet Onion Promotion" were Hidalgo County Judge Edgar Ruiz, County Commissioner Beto Salinas, and Valley onion growers Tommy Helle and Bobby Lackey. Also present were Darlene Barter of the South Texas Onion Committee, Paula Fouchek of

the Texas Fresh Promotional Board, and Dr. Leonard Pike of Texas A&M University who developed the 1015 variety.

The news conference was held in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Hidalgo County Courthouse.

Hightower said the promotion campaign would be a multi-year effort to expand sales of the TEXAS 1015 in Texas, U.S. and international markets. The TEXAS 1015 sales season is currently in full swing and the full impact of this joint TDA-industry effort won't be felt until the 1988 marketing season. "There are, however, immediate steps that TDA is taking this season to promote and market the TEXAS 1015," said Hightower. "These steps include in-state promotion at the Kroger Produce Show scheduled on May 20 for all Dallas district produce managers. Out-of-state markets in the Northeast will be reached by introducing the TEXAS 1015 to hundreds of buyers expected to attend TDA's Taste of Texas show in New York on July 22."

"There's another important step that the Texas Department of Agriculture is taking this season to promote the TEXAS 1015—and to maintain its integrity," Hightower said. "We're going to crack down on those who mislabel other onion varieties as being the TEXAS 1015."

"Plant variety protection laws are already 'on the books,' and will be enforced by TDA's Regulatory Division, with assistance from local law enforcement officials and the Texas Attorney General's Office. In addition, TDA will:

- Inspect and sample onions advertised by grocers, other retailers and roadside vendors to be sure they are the TEXAS 1015.

- Gather any evidence of deceptive packaging and labeling for submission to the State Attorney General for prosecution.

- Use TDA's media specialists to help educate consumers about the unique taste and seasonal availability of the TEXAS 1015.

- Publicize two 'complaint line' phone numbers to which any suspected mislabelings can be reported. The numbers are (512) 968-9593, which is



A 12-member task force of producers, shippers and retailers will help promote the "Sweet Texas 1015" variety of onions.

the office of the South Texas Onion Committee in Mercedes, and (512) 787-8866, which is TDA's district office in San Juan.

"If inferior, hot and pungent varieties are passed off as the TEXAS 1015, the entire 'Sweet Onion Promotion' will suffer the consequences," Hightower said.

"The overall TEXAS 1015 promotion will benefit greatly from two other TDA marketing and agricultural development programs," Hightower said. "TDA's 'Taste of Texas' program is now used by more than 400 Texas food companies to identify and market their products. And though it's still in its first year, nearly 500 producers and retailers are already participating in TDA's 'Texas Grown' program for Texas nursery products."

## Chamber asks for local recipes

Merkel Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 538

MERKEL, TEXAS 79536

### RECIPE ENTRY FORM

Please Print

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Last (Husband's first name)

MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Last First

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

If this recipe is a recipe belonging to a family member, whether deceased or moved from the area, please fill out the following:

This recipe belonged to:

NAME: Mr. Mrs. Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Last (Husband's first name)

MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Last First

For all recipes, if desired, please fill out a one or two short sentence history of the recipe. Example: This recipe won first place for my grandmother at the West Texas Fair in 1901. OR This cake was served at my mother's wedding to Mr. John Doe in Blair, Texas in 1945.

RECIPE CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Classes will be offered for all ages from 5 years to grade 8.

Bus pickup for all youngsters will begin at 8:30 AM each morning.

A back-to-basics approach to Christian living is offered in VBS. Bible-based lessons will be taught with excitement and variety through the use of many advanced teaching methods. Students will be challenged and involved through such activities as these: song time, Bible study, interesting visual demonstrations, classroom interaction, craft making, and many other innovative methods in keeping with the theme, JESUS IS KING.

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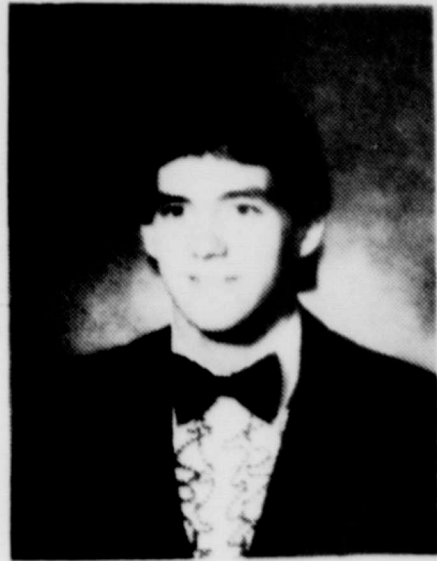
311 Ash

928-5378



# Class of '87

Editor's Note: The following are accomplishments given to us by the members of the Class of 1987 at Merkel High School. The 1 represents the freshman year, 2 the sophomore year, 3 the junior year and 4 the senior year.



**Justin Amerine**  
Football 1-4, 2nd Team All-District 3, Basketball 1-4, Band 1, Track 1-4, FFA 1-3, Class Favorite 1, Mr. MHS Nominee 4, Track District Champs 1-4, Regional Qualifier track 4, Student of the Month, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, Defensive football captain 4.

**Tracy Bicknell**  
Basketball 1-4, Volleyball 2, Band 1, Cheerleader 2-4, Yearbook 1,2,4, Yearbook Assistant Editor 2, Yearbook Co-Editor 4, Student Council Reporter 4, Honor Roll 1-4, FHA 3, SAC 1, Tack Manager 3, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, NCA Award of Excellence 1st runner-up 4.

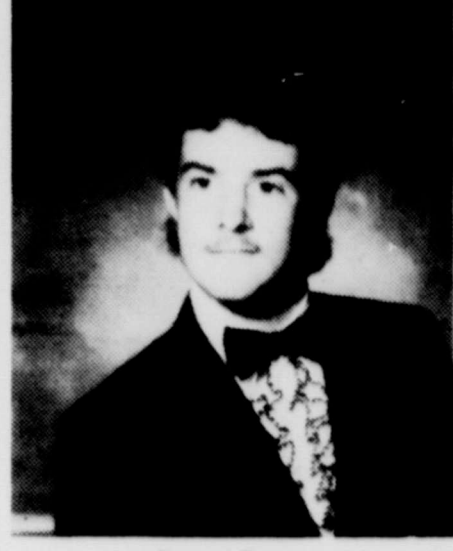


**Shelly Brandon**  
Volleyball 3, Band 1-4, UIL Concert 1-2, Outstanding Band-Amarillo 2-4, UIL Sweepstakes 3, State Ensemble I 3, 4th Chair Zone Band 3-4, Junior All American Hall of Fame Band Honors 3, UIL Typing 1, Physical Science Scholarship Award 1, Yearbook 2,4, Spanish Club 3-4, Spanish Club Secretary 3-4, Science Club 3, Student Council 3-4, Student Council Secretary 4, A-Team 3-4, Honor Roll 1-4, Class President 4, Yearbook Secretary 4, NHS 3-4, NHS Treasurer 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, UIL Regional Qualifier-Spelling 4, UIL Concert Division I 1-4, Parade of Champions 1, Student of the Month 1.



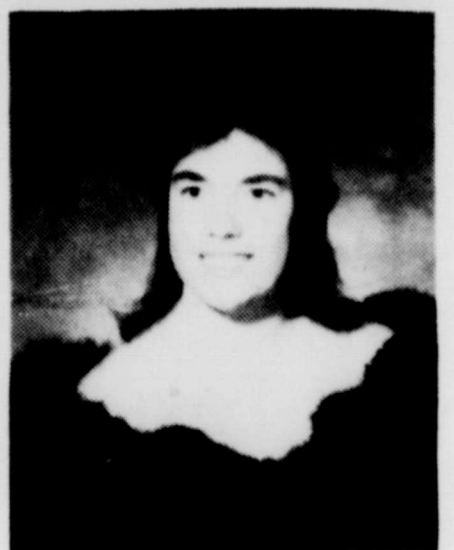
**Doyle Clary**  
Band 2,3, Yearbook 4, Yearbook Arts & Graphics Editor 4, Youth Art Month State Drawing Competition 3, NHS 3-4.

Festival I 2, UIL Sweepstakes 3, Color Guard 4th in State 3, Marching Contest I 3, WTF & R Parade 1-4.



**David Doan**  
Football 1-4, Basketball 1-3, Baseball 2-4, Baseball Bi-District Champs 3, Area Champs 3, Regional Qualifiers-Baseball 3, Golf 1-4, Band 1-4, Stageband 1-2, Band Secretary 4, All-Zone Band 3-4, UIL Sweepstakes 3, State Solo & Ensemble I 3, Track 4, Baseball District Champs 4, UIL Marching Contest I 1, UIL Concert I 1-4.

**Andy Fambrough**  
Band 1-4, Bandsman of the Year 1, All-District Band 3-4, Academic Decathlon 3, Student Council 4, FHA Favorite 4, Prose & Poetry 4.



**Amy Ferguson**  
Taylor County 4-H Horse Judging team 1-2, Journalism 4.



**Rita Adkins**  
Volleyball 2, Choir 1, FHA-HERO 2-4, FHA Reporter 4, NHS 3-4, Connection Team-FHA 4, HECE Student of the Year 4.



**Eddie Biera**  
Band 1-4, UIL Marching Contest I 1, UIL Concert I Sight Reading I 1,2, WTF & R Parade 1st Place 2, UIL Sweepstakes 3.



**Chad Cavitt**  
Journalism 3-4, Library Aide 2-3, FFA 1,3, UIL Science 4.



**Cindy Cuellar**  
FHA 3,4, Treasurer for FHA, Journalism 4.



**Kerry Deen**  
Football 1, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, Tennis 2-4, Band 1-4, State Wind Ensemble 3, Band President 4.



**Michael Gandy**  
Football 2, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, FHA 3-4, HECE 3-4, NHS 3-4, Library Aide 1-2, UIL Extemporaneous Speaking 4, Poetry & Interpretation 4.



**JoAnn Aldrete**

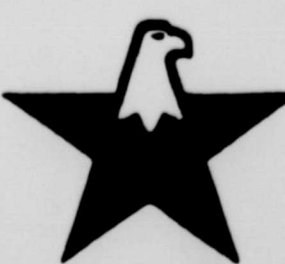
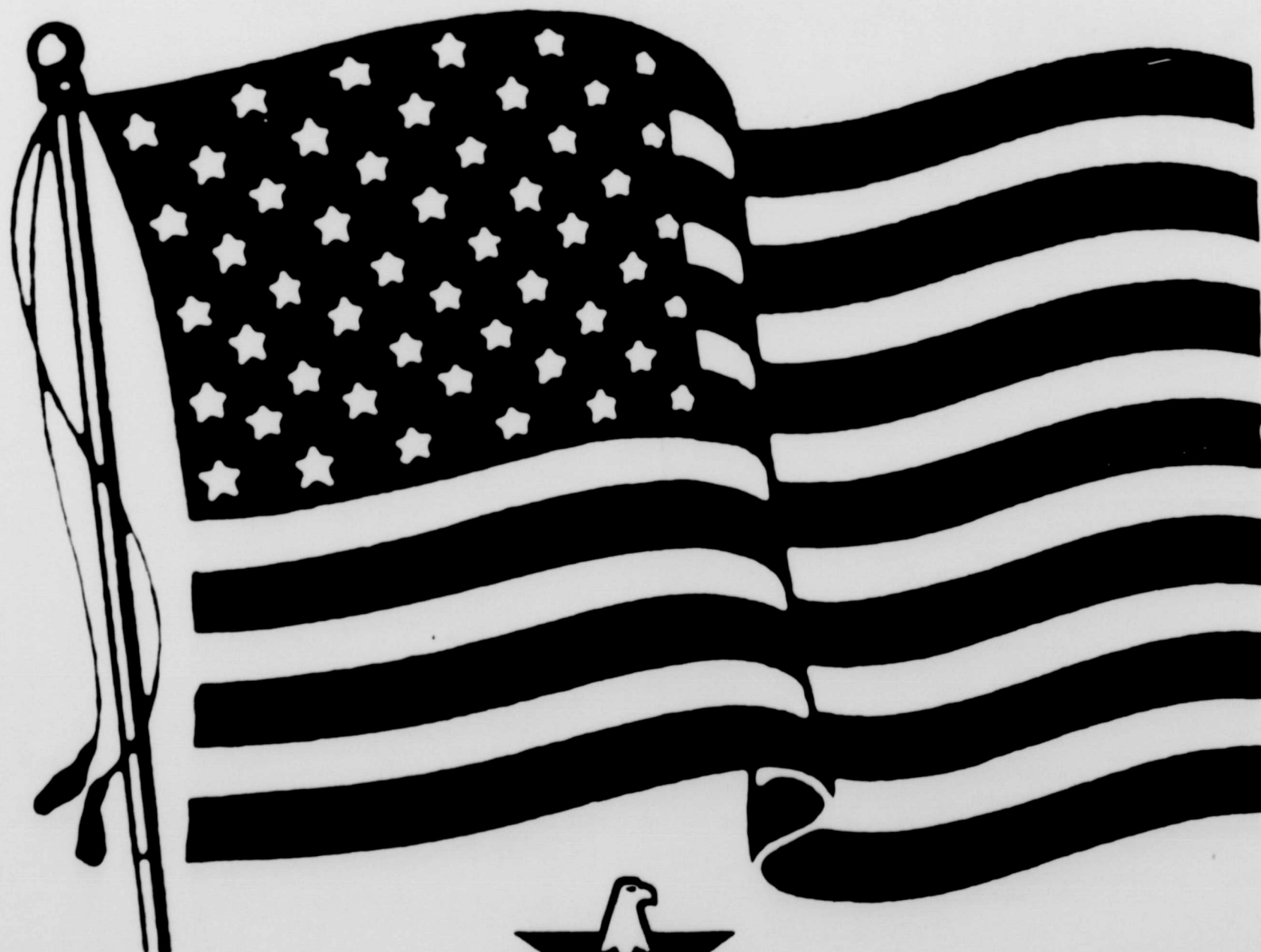


**Anna DeLa Cruz**  
Band 1-4, Flag Corp 1, Color Guard 1-3, Rifle Corps 1-4, Rifle Corps Co-Captain 4, UIL Sight Reading I 1-4, Sandy Lake I 1, Flag Solo I 1, State Rifle & Flag Ensemble II 2, Southwest Music 4.



**Scott Guenther**

# Congratulations Graduate



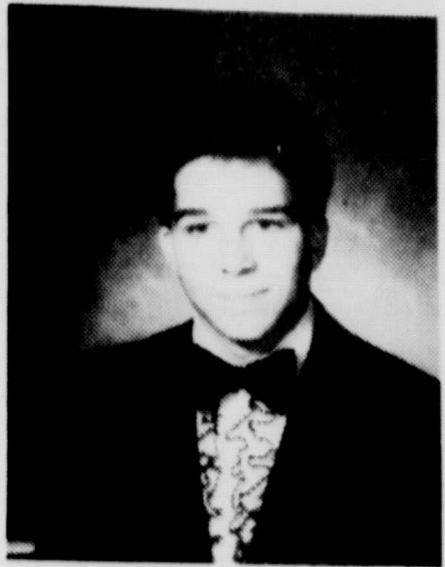
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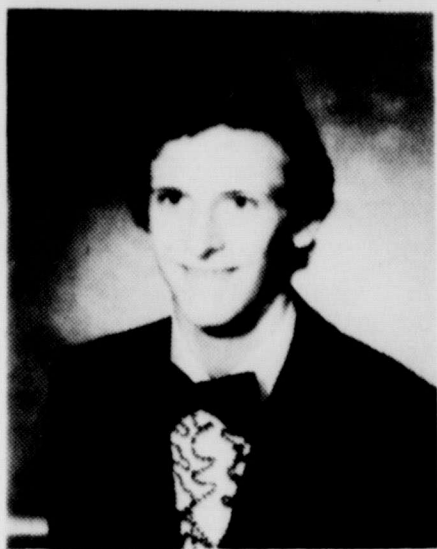
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**Randy Graham**

Football 1-2, Track 1-2, Weightlifting 2, Band 1-4, Spanish Club 1-2, Student Council 1,2,4, Student Council Business Manager 2, UIL Sight Reading/ Concert 1 1,2, Greater Southwest Music Festival 1,2,4 UIL Ensemble State 2, District Band 2, UIL Marching 1, Office Aide 4, NHS 3-4, UIL One Act Play-All Star Cast 4, State Solo & Ensemble Contest 3, UIL Debate 4, All-District Band 3.



**Danny Hogue**

Taylor County 4-H Rifle Team 1-3, 4-H Rifle Team Captain 3, Ag Coop 3-4, Yearbook 4, NHS 3-4



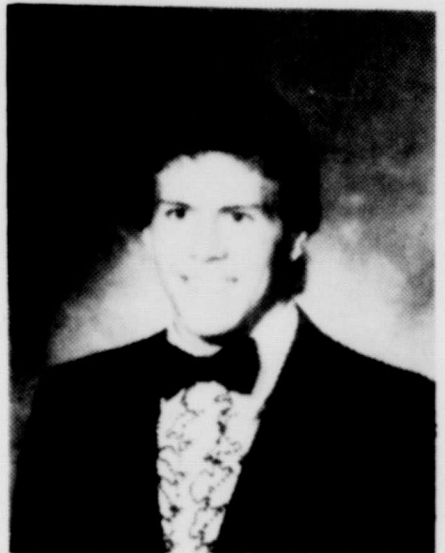
**Lance Jones**

Football 1-2, Basketball 1-4, Track 1, Golf 1-4, Golf MVP 1-4.



**Debbie Keller**

Most Outstanding 9th grade girl 1, Woodmen of the World Award 1, Volleyball 2-3, Student Council Reporter 3, Journalism 2, FHA Officer 1, Spanish Club 4, A-Team 2-4, Decathlon 3, Honor Roll 1-4, Society of Distinguished American High School Students 2-4, Student of the Month 2, UIL Journalism 2-4, UIL Journalism 2nd place District 2, UIL Science 2-4, UIL Physics 1st place District 2, UIL Math 2-4, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, UIL Calculator 3rd place District 4



**Tim Harris**

Football 4, Defensive Captain 4.



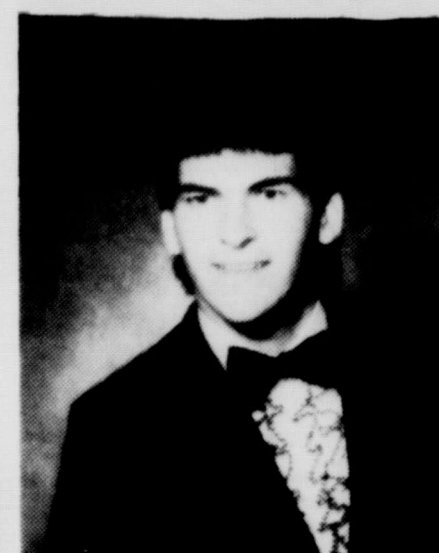
**Abby Irvin**

Basketball 1, Band 1, UIL Concert 1, Parade of Champions 1, Sandy Lake 1, Bandsman of the Week 1, SAC 1, Class Favorite 1,3, Class President 2-3, UIL Math 3, UIL Number Sense 3, UIL Science 3, UIL Calculator 3, Student of the Month 2, A-Team 2-4, Honor Roll 1-4, Cheerleader 3, Science Club 3, Student Council 3-4, National Science Merit Award 3, Office Aide 3, National Math Award 3, Drill Team Captain 4, Homecoming Queen Nominee 4, Miss MHS Nominee 4, NHS 3-4, NHS Secretary 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4.



**Henry Howk**

**Kristen Kennedy**  
Band 1-4, UIL Marching 1,1, UIL Concert 1,2,4, UIL Sightreading 1,2,4, UIL Sweepstakes 3, UIL State Ensemble 1,3, Flag Corp 1, WTF & R Parade 1,2,4, Rifle Corp 1-4, Captain 1-4, Winterguard 1-3, Ranked 4th in State 1-3, UIL Special Awards 1, FHA 3-4, FHA Sweetheart 3-4, Class Favorite 4, Class Friendliest 4, Miss MHS Nominee 4, Homecoming Queen Nominee 4, Winterguard-Maria 4, Southwest Regional 1st, Rocky Mountain Regional 1st, 2nd in State, WGI International 5th.



**Dusty Moore**

Football 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-3, Baseball 4, Golf 3, Band 1-2, UIL Marching 1,1, UIL Concert 1,1, UIL Sightreading 1,2, Sandy Lake 1,1, Battle of the Band 1,1, UIL Greenhand Quiz Team 1, SAC 1, FHA 2-4, Student of the Month 2, Office Aide 3-4, FHA Secretary 3-4, Mrs. FHA Nominee 3, Student Council 4, UIL Spelling 4, NHS 4.



**Linda Munden**

Drill Team Lieutenant 4, FHA 3-4, FHA vice-president of programs 3-4, Decathlon 3, Yearbook photographer 3-4, Student Council 4, Office Aide 4, UIL Speech Contest finalist 2-3, Honor Roll 1-4, UIL Prose Writing 4, Proficiency award at FHA area convention 4.



**Russell Morgan**

FFA 1-4, Greenhand 1, Chapter Farmer 2, Lone Star Farmer 4, Ag Coop 3-4, NHS 4



**William Norton**



**Stacey Newberry**

Volleyball 1-4, 2nd team All-District 2, 1st team All District 3-4, MVP 4, District Champs 4, Bi-District Champs 4, Area Qualifiers 4, Basketball 1-4, Honorable Mention All-District 3, 1st team All-District 4, Track 1-4, Baseball 3-4, Bi-District Champs 3, Area Champs 3, Regional Qualifier 3, Student Council Business Manager 4, Spanish Club vice-presi-

dent 3-4, Class Favorite 2, Class Friendliest 3, Cheerleader 2-4, All American Cheerleader nominee 4, A-Team 2-4, Band 1-4, All District Band 2-3, Winter Flag Corps 2, Flag Corps ranked 4th in state 2, Flag Ensemble 2nd in state 2, UIL Concert 1 1-3, UIL Marching 1 3, UIL Sweepstakes 3, State Ensemble 1 3, NCA Award of Excellence 1st runner-up 4, District Champion and Regional Qualifier in four track events.



**Debbie Pack**

Basketball 1-2, Band 1, Bandsman of the Year Award 1, FFA 1-4, District FFA Chapter Conducting President 3, District FFA Quiz Team 3, FFA Vice-President 4, District FFA Reporter 4, District FFA Radio Team 4, Class Treasurer 1-3, Student of the Month 1, Yearbook 1,2,4, Yearbook Photographer 4, Drill Team 1st Lieutenant 4, Student Council 3-4, Honor Roll 1-4, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, Battle of the Bands 1,1, Sandy Lake 1,1.



**Brent Pierce**

Football 2, Band 1-4.

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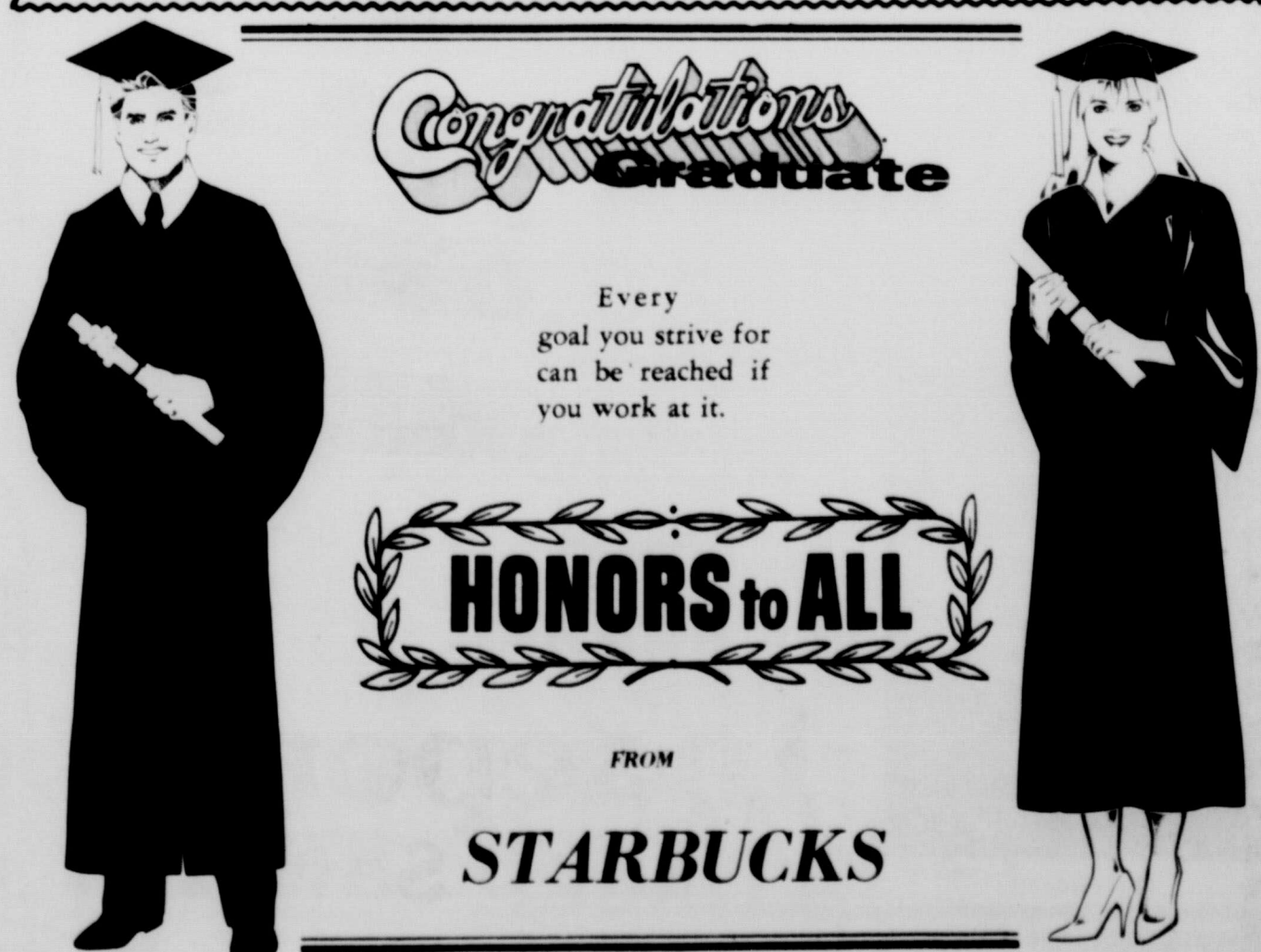
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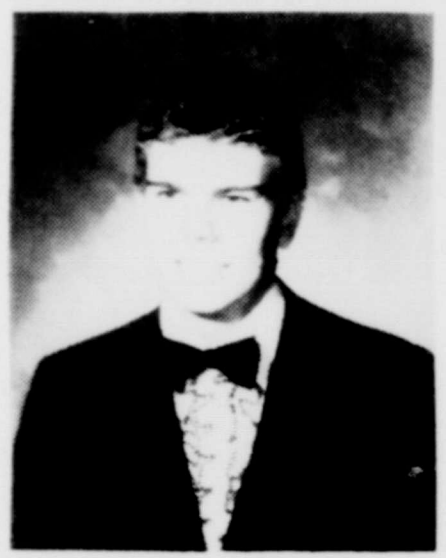
**Bridget Pallarez**

Band 1-4, Rifle Corp 1-4, Flag Corp 1, Winterguard 1-3, UIL Marching Contest 1, UIL concert 1-3, UIL Sightreading 1, 2, WTF & R Parade 1st place 2-4, Winterguard 4th in State 2, 3, Winterguard Ensemble 2nd in State 2, UIL Sweepstakes 3, 48 piece ensemble 1, 3, FHA 3, Journalism 4, Bandsman of the Week 1, Sandy Lake 1



**Jessie Ragsdale**

Track 1-3, Library Aide 2-4, FHA, HERO 4, Drama 4, Journalism 4, Debate Team 4, Extemporaneous Speaking 4, Taylor County 4-H 1-2, One Act Play 4



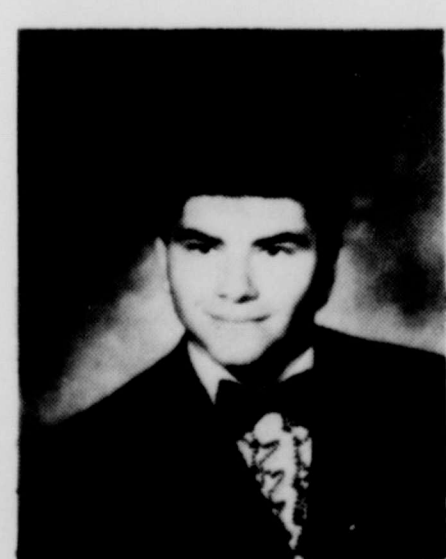
**David Ray**

Football manager 1-2, Basketball manager 1-2, FFA 1-4, FFA Reporter 3, FFA Advisor 4, Greenhand Degree 1, Parliamentary Procedure Team 1, Poultry Judging Team 1, Radio Team 2-4, Library Aide 3-4, Bookmarker Club President, Decathlon, Science Club 3, Chapter Farmer Degree 3, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4



**Shane Reagan**

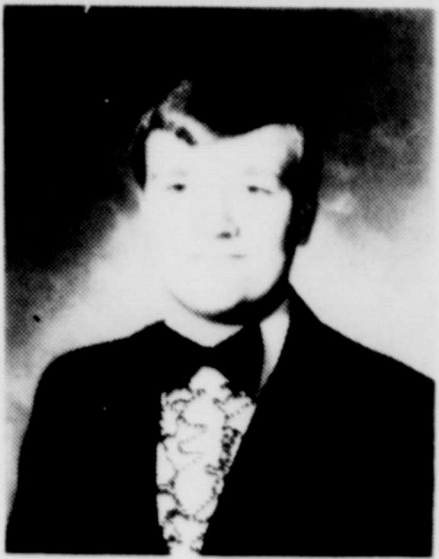
Football 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-3, Band 1-4, Parade of Champions 1, Sandy Lake 1, 1, State Solo & Ensemble 1, 3, District Solo & Ensemble 1, 3, 4th Chair All District 1, 1st Chair All District 2, 1st Chair All Zone 3, Band Favorite 4, Most Outstanding Band Member 2, Hall of Fame 3, Class Friendliest 4, Class Treasurer 4, UIL Calculator 3, UIL Science 3, UIL Math 3, Student of the Month 2, NHS 3-4



**Chris Reyna**

Football 3-4, 2nd team All-District 3, Defensive Captain 4

Track 4, Powerlifting 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, Football Honorable Mention All-District 4



**Billy Ray Riley**

Football manager 1-3, Basketball manager 1-2, Track manager 1-2, FFA 1-4, Greenhand President 1, Co-Chairperson 1, Exhibitor 1, FFA Sentinel 2, FFA Public Relations Officer 2, Soil & Water Conservation Essay 1st place 2-4, VFW Scholarship winner 2-3, Jr. Member of the Chester White Organization 2, FFA vice-president 3, FFA Coop committee Co-Chairman 3, FFA president 4, FFA radio contest announcer 4, member of the Chester White Organization 3-4, Student Council 2-3, Student of the Month 2, Honor Roll 1-4, A-Team 2-4, Science Club Treasurer 3, Mr. MHS Nominee 4, NHS 3-4



**Sheri Riney**

Volleyball 2-4, 2nd team All-District 3, Captain 4, District Champs 4, Bi-District Champs 4, Area Qualifier 4, Basketball 1-4, Honorable Mention All-District 3, Yearbook 1-4, Band 1, Cheerleader 2-4, Class Secretary 1-4, Football Sweetheart 3, FHA 3, Office Aide 3, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students



**Bryan Robertson**

FFA 1-4



**Gayle Shugart**

Volleyball 2, FHA/ HERO 3-4, Journalism Editor 4



**Danny Santee**

Football 1-4, Basketball 1-3, Track 1-4, Baseball 2-4, Bi-District Champs 3, Area Champs 3, Regional Qualifiers 3, Tennis 1, Band 1-4, UIL Sweepstakes 3, Greater Southwest Music Festival

I 3-4 Student Council 3-4, FHA 4, Honor Roll 1-4, UIL 3-4, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, Honorable Mention linebacker 4, District Baseball Champs 4, State Solo & Ensemble Contest 1, 3



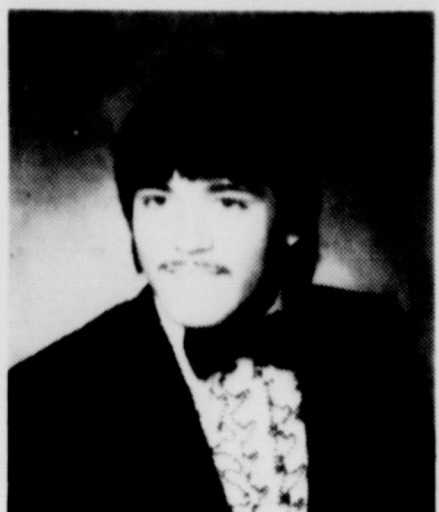
**DeAnn Stevens**

Golf 2, Drill Team 1-4, Honor Roll 1-4, Science Club 3, German Club 3, National Science Merit Award 3, UIL Calculator 3-4, UIL Science 3-4, Number Sense 3-4



**Angela Thomas**

Basketball 1, Band 1-4, Twirling 1-4, UIL Twirling solo I 2, 4, UIL Twirling Ensemble I 2, 4, UIL State Twirling Solo II 2, State Twirling Ensemble II 2-3, SAC 1, Yearbook 1, 2, 4, Assistant Editor 4, Class President 1, Class Vice President 3-4, Student Council 1-4, Student Council vice president 3, President 4, Spanish Club 3-4, Vice-President 3, President 4, UIL Typing I 2, UIL Regional Typing II 2, Honor Roll 1-4, A-Team 3, Homecoming Princess 3, Homecoming Queen 4, Band Sweepstakes 3, Miss MHS Nominee 4, NHS 3-4, Vice President NHS 4, The Society of Distinguished American High School Students 2-3, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4



**Douglas Taylor**

Football 1-4, 2nd Team All District 3, Most Conscientious Football Player 3, Defensive Captain 4, Football Hero 4, Basketball 1, 2-4, Track 1-4, JV District Champs 1, Varsity District Champs 2, Golf 3, Band 1, UIL Marching I 1, UIL Concert I 1, UIL Sightreading I 1, 1st place Percussion & Flag Irving 1, Sandy Lake 1, Battle of the Bands I 1, UIL Greenhand Quiz Team, FHA 1-4, FHA Reporter 3, Mr. FFA 3, FHA President 4, SAC 1, Class Favorite 2-4, Student of the Month 2, Office Aide 3-4, Mr. MHS Nominee 4, NHS 3-4, 2nd Team All District Football 4, Varsity District Track Champs 4



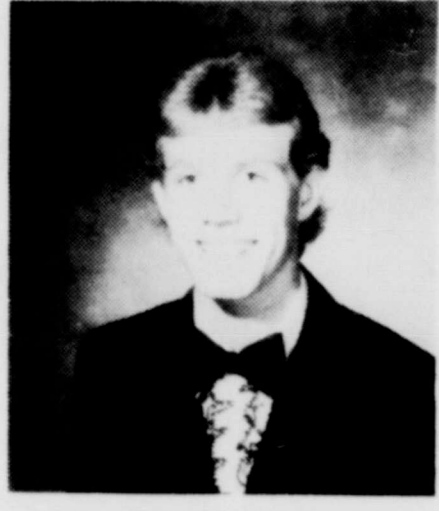
**Fondale Watson**

FHA, A-Team 3-4, Yearbook Assistant Editor 3, Yearbook co-editor 4, NHS 3-4, Honor Roll 1-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4



**Kim Welding**

Basketball 1, Basketball manager 4, Spanish Club 3-4, Office Aide 3, A-Team 1-4, NHS 3-4, NHS President 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 1-4, Chemistry National Merit Award 3, Spanish National Merit Award 3, Math National Merit Award 3



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NHS 4

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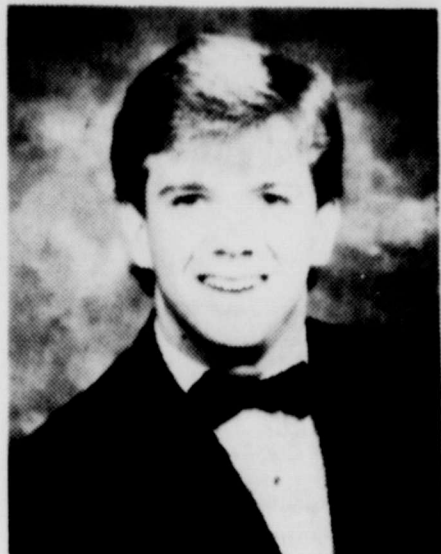
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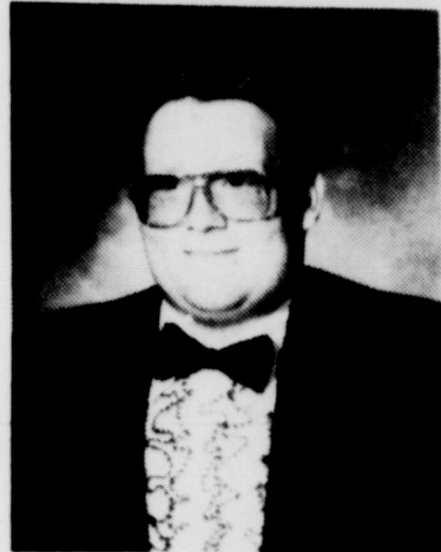




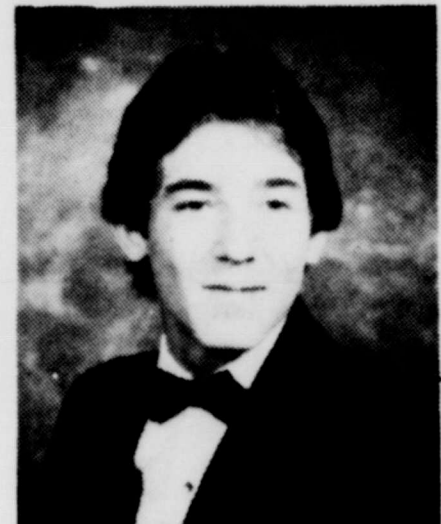
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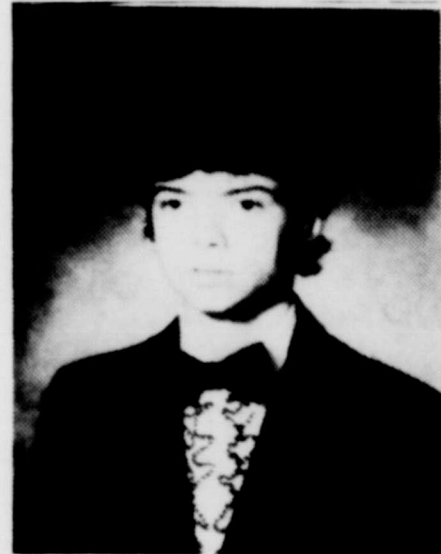
**Samuel Jones**  
Sam is the son of Gerald & Gloria Jones and he plans to attend Western Texas Junior College and major is design communications.



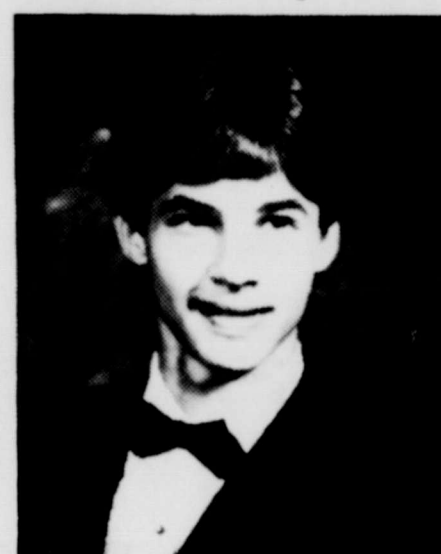
**Jay Williams**  
Football 1-4, Track 1-2, FFA 1-4, FFA Quiz Team 1, FFA Judging Team 1.3, FFA Radio Team 2, FFA President 2, FFA Greenhouse team, FFA Sentinel 3, FFA Secretary 4



**Billy Fee**  
Billy is the son of Bill & Rita Fee and he plans to attend Angelo State University and major in automotive engineering.



**Marty Windham**  
Football 1-3, Basketball 1, Track 1-3, FFA 1-4, Office Aide 3-4



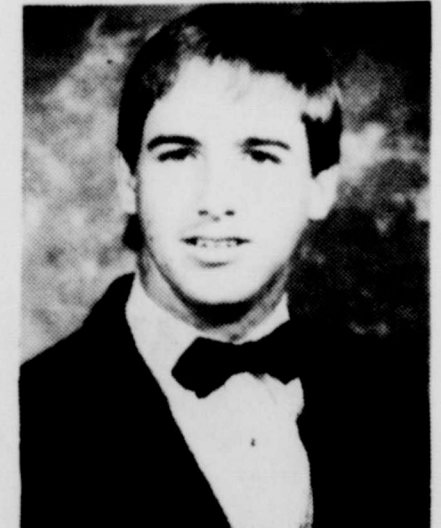
**Christopher James Evans**  
Chris is the son of Arnold & Shirley Evans and he will attend Abilene Christian University, beginning this summer. He has not decided on a major.



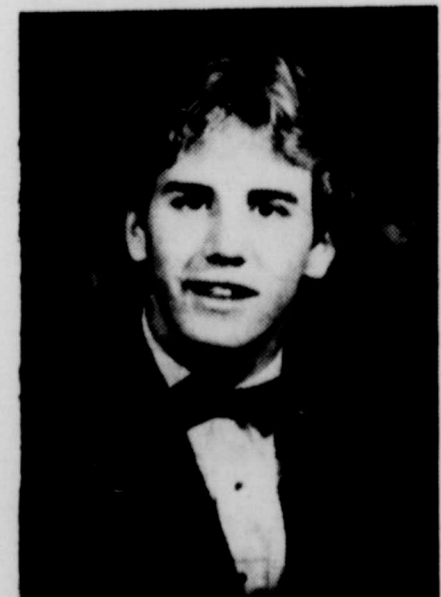
**Michelle Woodard**  
Volleyball 1-4, 2nd team All-District 3, 1st team All-District 4, District Champs 4, Bi-District Champs 4, Area Qualifiers 4, Track 2, Basketball 1-4, Honorable Mention All-District 1, Cheerleader 2-4, All American Cheerleader nominee 4, Student Council 1-2, Class Vice-President 1.2, FHA 3-4, Treasurer 3, Vice President of Projects 4, Football Sweetheart 4, Miss MHS Nominee 4, NHS 3-4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3-4, NCA Award of Excellence 1st runner-up 4, Honorable Mention All-District 4



**Julia Katherine Wood**  
Julia is the daughter of Lewis & Marjorie Wood and will attend York College in York, Neb, where she will major in communications.



**Willie Joe Brazelton**  
Willie is the son of Joe & Betty Brazelton.



**Christopher Ted Simpson**  
Chris is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Simpson and plans to attend Sul Ross State University and major in physical education.



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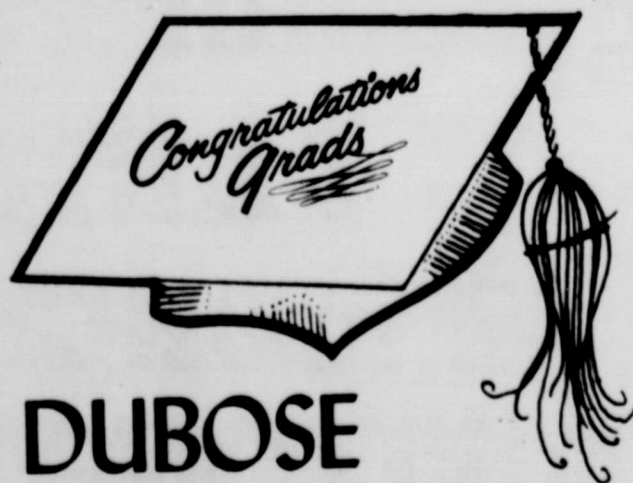
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