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## Duncan, Chon top MHS class

Merkel High School has named the top three students of the Class of 1988.

Valedictorian is April Duncan. April is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Duncan. Her high school activities include: Band 1-4, Flags 1-4 (co-captain 4), Winterguard 2, Student Council 4, National Honor Society president-4, Junior class vice-president, Senior class vice-president, Who's Who 3-4, Society of Distinguished Students, Spanish club, Yearbook Editor, Student of the Month, Southwest Music Festival

Award, outstanding proficiency in American history, senior class friendliest, Miss MHS nominee, Academic "A" Team each year in high school.

She has been awarded the Carr Scholarship from Angelo State University where she plans to attend in the fall.

Son Mi Chon is the Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Pyong O. and Song Sun Chon. Her high school activities include: J. V. and Varsity Cheerleader, Class Officer, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Student Council

business manager, J.V. volleyball and track, class friendliest-3, Miss Merkel-3, Miss M.H.S. nominee, Squad of Excellence for Cheerleading, Who's Who and the Academic "A" team for each year in high school, student of the month.

She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall.

The highest ranking student that was not in the advanced academic plan is Michelle Goodgoin Cerda.



April Duncan

## Board hires auditor, hears report on TEAMS

The Merkel school board met Tuesday night at the high school teacher's work room for a regular meeting.

Board members selected a new school auditor and heard reports from administrators.

After paying monthly bills of \$101,378.09, school financial director Peggy Gibson presented her report. In the budget report, Mrs. Gibson reported MISD has received a little over \$200,000 in past due school taxes and an insurance settlement of \$3,329 for damages suffered by Merkel Elementary in a fire four months ago.

Board members also approved budgets submitted by campus principals for teaching supplies for the 1988-89 school year.

In other action, the board hired local CPA Andy Hart to perform audit services for the district. The school had approached Mr. Hart late last year to take over auditing services.

During reports from administrators, the board learned:

\* Asbestos samples (353 of them)

have been sent to a lab for testing; science furniture for the new middle school lab has been ordered; repairs on football bleachers have been completed and maintenance workers will soon start work on renovations of the school's cafeteria.

\* Curriculum Director David Laman was very pleased with the latest TEAMS test results.

\* Athletic Director Joe Langley was on campus and ready to get started preparing for the 1988 football season.

\* Tye principal Harry Taylor passed around a copy of their yearbook and elementary school newspaper and a PTO program centered on parents helping kids in the summer.

\* Merkel elementary principal David Casey updated board members on end of school activities, as did Middle School principal Gaylon Brnovak and high school principal Robert Damron.

Board members also accepted resignations from Beth Laurence, Rhonda McGaughey, Kathy Banks and David Casey and hired Gloria Henslee as an aide at the

high school, Ronee Wells as an aide for the Middle School, and hired David Parnell and Lisa Amerine to be teachers at the high school next year. They also hired Bill McClesky as an assistant principal for both the high and middle schools.

During Mr. Laman's report of test scores, MISD students seem to be performing better than in the past.

In all grade levels (3, 5, 7 & 9), the passing percentage equaled or exceeded the previous year in all subject areas (math, reading and writing).

The fifth grade at Merkel Elementary and the 3rd grade at Tye Elementary achieved a 100% mastery in math.

Also, all grade levels were ranked above the 50 percentile level, which is the national average.

Students also increased their scaled scores in the majority of subject areas.

The board also signed a resolution indicating their support of a proposal from State Comptroller Bob Bullock on funding public schools in Texas



Son Mi Chon

## MHS graduation ceremonies are Friday

Commencement ceremonies for the Merkel High Class of 1988 will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

Eighty-two seniors are expected to receive their diplomas.

Diplomas will be presented by MISD superintendent James Logan. Awards and scholarships will be presented by high school principal Robert Damron.

The Salutatory address will be delivered by Son Mi Chon and the Valedictory address will be delivered by April Duncan.

The president's address will be delivered by Staci Ferguson and a musical selection will be performed by Tony Roberts.

In the case of rain Friday evening, the ceremonies will be held in the high school gym.

## City takes Monday off

The City Hall will be closed here Monday in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Trash that is normally picked up on Monday will be picked up Tuesday. The rest of the week's schedule will remain the same.



Masonheimer

Massey

## Council adopts 88-89 city budget

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and adopted the 1988-89 fiscal year budget.

Council based its new budget on the current budget. Council had expressed interest in offering pay raises for city employees, but could not find the money without major tax increases.

The budget is balanced in that the city expects to take in \$767,300 and spend \$760,599 leaving a balance of \$6,899.

No major changes were planned in operations. The city has discussed dropping liability insurance due to laws changes limiting city liability to law suits.

Council also decided to close an alley West of Starr Nursing Home. Starr's owner, Clarece Stroh, made the request by letter. His letter indicated Starr was interested in expanding its facility.

Council also agreed to allow the City to observe the Memorial Day Holiday Monday. City Hall will be closed.

Councilmen also looked at listings of past due water accounts.

## Luci Masonheimer is valedictorian, Massey is salutatorian for THS

Trent High School announced their honor students Friday night with Luci Masonheimer with a 97.48 grade average as valedictorian and Brian Massey with a 95.36 grade average and named Salutatorian.

Luci, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer, completed an outstanding career at THS by being named Miss THS, Best All-Round, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Outstanding Student, Miss Athletic and Sr. Favorite. Other honors for Luci include State Champion UIL Spelling, Vice President, National Honor Society, three years All District in Basketball, District champ, girls singles all four years at THS with a State Quarterfinal appearance her Sr. year in Tennis. In addition she was Secretary of the Future Homemakers of America, she received an English Award for Excellence, Computer Science Award of Excellence, and a Science Award for Excellence. She was Class Secretary her Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years. Miss Athletic for 87-88 and 86-87, Homecoming Queen-'87 and was named Miss Trent in the 1987 Homecoming Beauty Pageant. She won the Fighting Gorilla Award for Basketball and Tennis and received the Shirley West Memorial Award for highest Grade Point Average by an athlete for the 4th consecutive year. She received a \$1000 scholarship from the Abilene Woman's Club and a \$500 scholarship from the Household International Corp. in New York. Luci will attend the University of Texas and major in pre-med.

Salutatorian, Brian Massey, son of Mr.

& Mrs. W. L. Massey, completed an award studded career at THS by being named Mr. THS. Most Athletic, Best All Around and Most Likely to Succeed. Other awards from Brian include the John Phillip Sousa award for most outstanding band student his junior and senior year, the Shirley West Memorial Award all four years, 6-Man All State Academic Football team. He had the grand champion gilt at the 1985 West Texas Fair, the U. S. Business education award, Who's Who. He was also the National Honor Society president, class president for four years. He participated in UIL feature writing, was FHA beau, FFA vice-president, FFA radio team. He also received a silver medal in state UIL band solo competition, Big County all-star band, captain and four year letterman in basketball, 1 year in track, two years all-district offense and defense in football, all district punter, and he will play in the all-star game in July. He received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Abilene women's club and a \$500 scholarship from the National organization of Women in construction. He is nominated for a \$10,000 scholarship from that same group.

Brian will attend Texas A & M and major in civil engineering.

This writer would like to congratulate both students for their outstanding careers at THS. Both UT and A & M are very lucky to receive students of this caliber as they were both students that every parent dreams of having.

By W. E. Dulaney

## Chamber names Fun Day entertainers

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has signed the band Canyon to play from 8 until midnight at the Fun Day celebration July 4th at Merkel's South Park.

Canyon is a Dallas based band and has a couple of singles playing on area radio stations.

Also, Ray Pack and his band are set to open the day's music and the La Garage Band, made up of some Abilene disc jockeys are set to play the mid day shift.

The Chamber has also decided to get away from periodic prize drawing throughout the day. The Chamber will be offering a grand prize of \$300 in cash, 2nd place a VCR and third is

four tickets to the new Sea World Amusement Park in San Antonio. Donation tickets are 50 cents each this year.

Thirteen booth reservations have already been made and chamber Manager Marilyn Tittle told the Chamber's Board of Directors Monday she had received a lot of calls lately expressing interest.

Other entertainment already scheduled includes the Sweet Adelines of Abilene who will provide the music for the grand opening ceremonies.

More information about booths are available by calling Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722.

## THS awards banquet honors students

The following THS students received awards during the annual awards banquet held Friday at Allen's Bar B Q in Sweetwater.

Honors were awarded to: spanish- Jon Evans & Ricky Tarin, english Luci Masonheimer, sophomore english Denise Gibson, 1 act play Lewis Knapp, Chris Jones and B. J. Poindexter, 1 act play most improved Tina Holstine.

Also, history (overall) Brian Massey (10th) Rene Gibson (11th) B. J. Poindexter (12th) Luci Masonheimer.

Science (overall) Luci Masonheimer (biology) Denise Gibson (physical science) Travis Walker (chemistry) Glenna Clark (health) Jason Massey.

Band: John Phillips Sousa Award- Brian Massey, Band Key Award- Glenna Clark, Outstanding Woodwind- B. J. Poindexter, Outstanding Brass- Brian Massey.

Girls Athletics: Track- Tammy Collier, Basketball- Luci Masonheimer, tennis- Luci Masonheimer, most field goals- Rene Gibson, free throw percen-

tage- Tammy Collier, rebounding- Rene Gibson, assists- Luci Masonheimer.

Math: overall- Rene Gibson, Algebra I- Cipi Falcon, consumer math- Kristy Keeling, pre-algebra- Jason Massey, math consumer economics- Luci Masonheimer, fundamentals of math- Cesar Valdez, Algebra II- Denise Gibson, geometry- B. J. Poindexter.

Also, typing Tammy Collier, certificate of honor to B. J. Poindexter; computer science Luci Masonheimer, certificate of honor to Tammy Collier and Glenna Clark.

Awards were presented to the yearbook staff: Mike Wallis, Denise Gibson, Mike Payne, Rene Gibson, Sheli Boles, Julie Clay, Lewis Knapp, Ginger Massey and Micki Gaskill.

New yearbook staff members for the 1988-89 school year are: Julie Clay, Sheli Boles, Ginger Massey, Lisa Penton, Jeff Sanford, Misty Alston, Janet Gibson and Micki Gaskill.

by W. E. Dulaney

## THS holds FFA/FHA awards banquet

Trent High School FFA/FHA held their annual banquet April 29th at Zentner's Daughter in Abilene. Receiving honors were as follows: outstanding FHA member- Micki Gaskill, outstanding academic- Luci Masonheimer, life management- Tammy Spraggins, home & family living- Sheli Boles, clothing & textiles- Tammy Collier.

New officers for the 1988-89 school year are President- B. J. Poindexter,

vice-president- Ginger Massey, secretary/treasurer- Julie Clay, historian- Micki Gaskill, reporter- Sheli Boles and beau- Lewis Knapp.

FFA awards included: star chapter farmer- Scott O'Kelly, DeKalb award- Brian Massey, outstanding ag III Lewis Knapp, outstanding ag II Mike Wallace, star greenhands Jamie Masonheimer and Travis Walker.

by W. E. Dulaney

## 5 from Trent are academic all-state

The Trent High School football team placed five players on the 6-Man Coaches Association Academic All State football team. Coach Doug Gore of Trent made that announcement at the awards banquet for Trent students Friday night.

Being named to the team were Lewis Knapp, a junior and son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Simpson; Dock Carriker, a junior and son of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Carriker; Jason Massey, a junior and son of Mr.

& Mrs. W. L. Massey; Scott O'Kelly, a senior and son of Mr. & Mrs. Bubba O'Kelly and Brian Massey, a senior and son of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey. O'Kelly and Knapp completed a sweep by being named to both the academic and playing all state teams.

Team members are selected on an overall grade average of 90 with no grade below 85 in any course, as well as character and athletic ability.

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## Seymore is new Fortnightly president

The Fortnightly Study Club met for a covered dish luncheon May 21 in the home of Ida Mae Seymore with Alice King as co-hostess.

After the luncheon, Alice King, president, called the meeting to order and asked for reports from committees and officers. A letter from the M.D. Anderson Hospital was read. The letter thanked the club for items donated to patients there.

The club also announced its scholarship winner. She is Son Mi Chon, a graduating senior at Merkel High.

New officers were installed by Alice King. She presented each with a rose. They are president- Ida Mae Seymore, vice president & program chairman Ruby Hammond, reading secretary Bess Dixon, corresponding secretary Maurine White, treasurer Clara B. Walla and Alice King parliamentarian.

The new president delivered a message on looking forward to the new club year. Outgoing pre-

sident Alice King was presented a crystal cake plate by the group.

Attending were Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes,

### Massey will hold state FHA office

Trent High school freshman Ginger Massey was elected Region II vice president of Recreation for the state association of the FHA for the 1988-89 school year.

Ginger, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey was elected by FHA members from over 70 counties reaching from Fort Worth

### Crouch receives medical degree

Jim and Nelda Masonheimer of Trent attended the commencement services and presentation of candidates for conferring of Doctoral Degrees in Osteopathy Medicine from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and North Texas University.

Mark Cal Crouch, husband of the former Leslie Masonheimer, received his doctoral degree in med-

icine. The ceremonies were held in the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Mark will continue his internship and residency at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital where Leslie is a critical care registered nurse.

Mark is the son of Dr. & Mrs. N. C. Crouch of Hamilton.



The 1988-89 mascot for Trent High School is Ginger Massey. She will be attending cheerleader/mascot camp at Hardin-Simmons next month. She will be a sophomore next fall at THS. (Complimentary Photo)



Senior band members Brian Massey and Glenna Clark admire the Division I plaque earned by the Trent High Band at the Region UIL contests held in Abilene. The band is directed by J. R. Reed. (Complimentary photo)

## Fikes hold reunion in Stith

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Odie and Maggie Fikes enjoyed a barbecue and covered dish dinner at the family home place in Stith May 15.

Four children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren were present.

Fikes children and their wives attending were: Lillian & Bob Miller of Abilene, Mert & Betty Fikes of Blackwell and Chester Fikes of Midland.

Grandchildren and their wives attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Charles For of Clyde, Mr. & Mrs. Phil

### THS hires Trice as basketball coach

THS filled the position of head basketball coach/assistant football coach last week with the hiring of John Trice of Benjamin.

Trice is a Lueders-Avoca and Hardin Simmons graduate and has been at Benjamin for three years. His girls team advanced to the area round of the playoffs this year and

### Townsend will receive A & M medical degree

John Summerfield Townsend, a Merkel High graduate, will receive his

Miller of Abilene, Mrs. Russ Joiner of Abilene, Mrs. Teresa Glass of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Vicki Ahlrett of Odessa, Mrs. Shirley Chandler of Odessa and Kevin Joe Fikes of Midland.

Great-grandchildren attending included Jason Fox, Jared Ahlrett, Jeffrey Ahlrett, Kenneth Fox, Tianna Joiner, Gina Miller, Shannon Miller, Krista Joiner, Vanessa Joiner, Rocky Haney, Michelle Haney, Heather Hays, Teal Glass.

Family friends Charles and Jane Mashburn and Imogene Reeves also enjoyed the day of food and fellowship with the Fikes family.

finished with a 28-3 record. Other coaching stops for Trice include two years at Paint Creek and a year at Knox City. He will also teach high school English.

The Junior High science position was filled with the hiring of Gena Trice, the wife of the new coach.

by W. E. Dulaney  
medical degree from Texas A & M University in commencement ceremonies June 4th in College Station.

## Services held for

### 'Gene' Bodine

Marion Eugene "Gene" Bodine, 62, of Merkel, died May 22 in Temple.

Funeral services were held May 25th at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Steve Mansfield officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Born Sept. 4, 1925, in Goldsboro he was the son of Joseph Abner and Mary Susan (Sanders) Bodine.

A veteran of World War II, he was a former POW after being captured by the Germans. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and was a retired independent truck driver. He also repaired sewing machine and small appliances.

He married Juanita Zenobia Harper Oct. 4, 1956 in Paris, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; two sons, Audie Eugene Bodine and Wayne Allen Bodine of Merkel; three daughters, Ava Caliendo of Belton, Nita Moody of Weatherford and Elaine Bodine of Abilene; a brother, Doyle Bodine of Garden Grove, Ca., seven grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by several brothers. Pallbearers were Darrell Shipman, J. D. Sandusky, Norman Shelton, Johnny Thomas, Gaston Thomas, Robert Malone.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

### 'Kate' Phillips'

#### services held here

Olive Katherine (Kate) Phillips, 89, of Merkel, died May 23rd at Starr Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held May 24th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner and Lynward Harrison officiating. Burial followed at the White Church cemetery.

A lifelong Merkel area resident, she was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters; Barbara Ann Holmes and Maxine McDaniell, both of Merkel; a brother, Willard Brown of Merkel, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Fred and Howard Brown and four sisters, Zelma Jackson, Emmie Pettit, Grace Riggan and Lucy Redding.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry, Mike, John, Ted and Ronnie Holmes and Jeff Jones.

### Brown's reunion is

#### here June 5th

The Charlie Brown reunion will be held June 5th at Heritage Hall at noon.

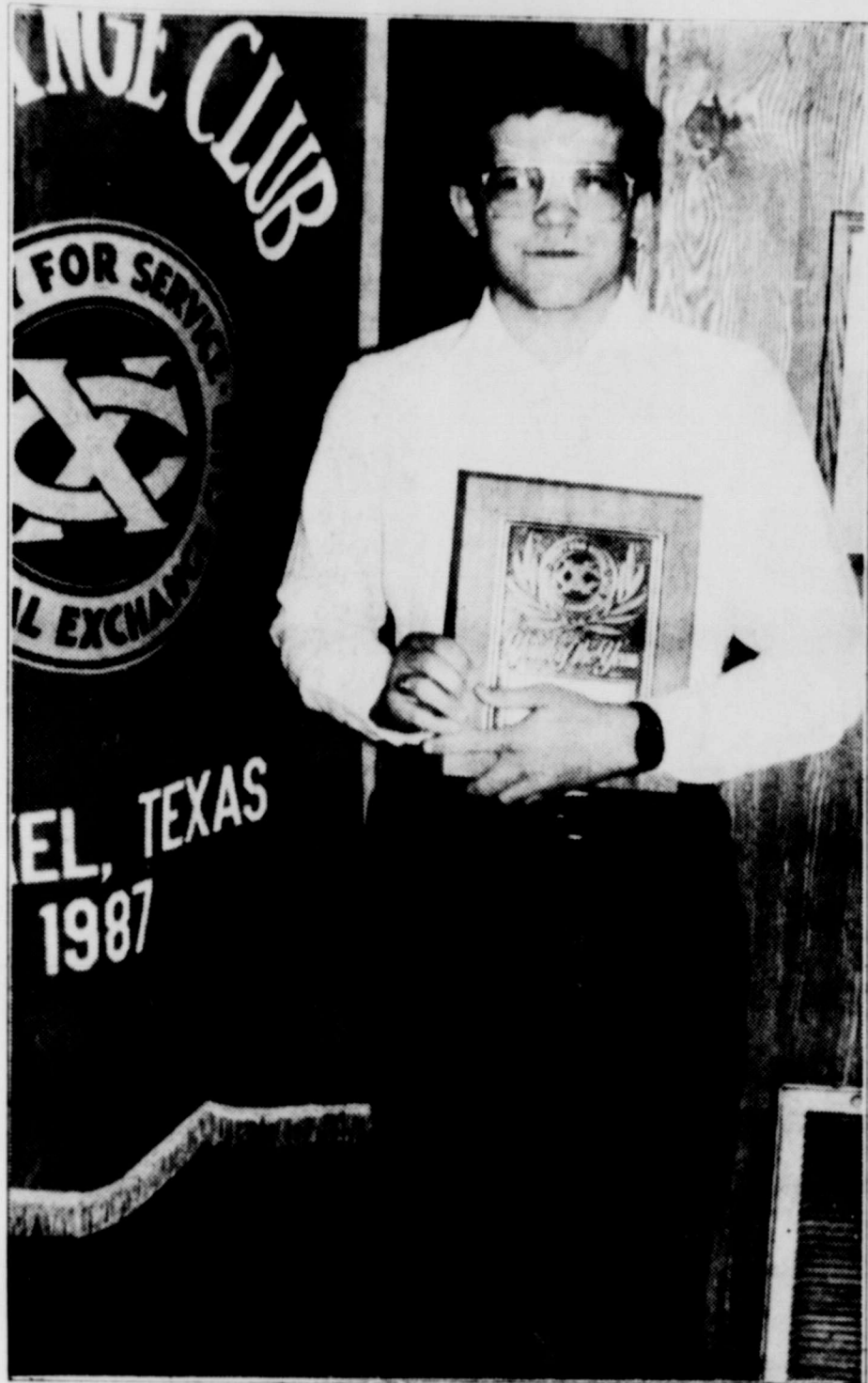
Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish and friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### Torrence's celebrating

#### 50th anniversary June 4th

James and Berma Torrence of Abilene will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 4th with a reception at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Larry Baird at 1918 Sayles in Abilene.

The public is invited to attend.



Alan Isom was awarded the Merkel Exchange Club's Student of the Year Scholarship Tuesday morning. Alan will attend Hardin-Simmons University this fall. (Staff photo)



April Duncan was awarded the Merkel Exchange Club's Student of the Year Scholarship Tuesday morning. April will attend San Angelo State University this fall. (Staff photo)

## FFA banquet draws over 250 supporters

A crowd of 263 people attended the Merkel FFA banquet held Friday at Heritage Hall and learned that the Merkel FFA has been named Superior Chapter for the 12th consecutive year.

Students receiving leadership certificates included: Quiz- Eugene Van Gorp, Cody Sutterfield, Steven Pyburn and Roy Hurd Manahan; radio- Sandra Black, Angie Boggs and John Paul Dudley; Creed speakers- Amy Welborn and Matthew Davis; Junior Chapter Conducting- Neil Newman, Angie Welborn Sean Leamon, Brandon Toombs, Morty Boyd and Brandon Boyd; Senior Chapter Conducting- Melissa Harris, Philip Seymore, Kris Wusterhausen, Steven Ross, Ginger Neill and Jeremy Judge; Public Speaking Cassie Townsend.

Members that received judging certificates are: Poultry- Cassie Townsend, Lorena Pack, Steven Ross & Ginger Neill; Dairy- Phillip Seymore, Eugene Van Gorp, Cody Sutterfield & Neil Newman; Livestock- Kris Wusterhausen, Collin Jacobs, Jeremy Judge, Destry Pack & Sean Leamon; Horse- Roy Hurd Manahan, Angie Welborn, Amy Welborn and Brandon Boyd.

The Greenhand degree was bestowed on Matt Alfred, Dee Beddingfield, Ava Bohannon, Brandon Boyd, Morty Boyd, Doug Collier, Clay Crow, Robert Fleet, Troy Flowers, Trey Bird, Bobby Faglie, Lee Isenburg, Sean Leamon, Tera Lusk, Roy Hurd Manahan, Mike McFadden, Cary Munden, Kenny Nault, Neil Newman, Destry Pack, Steven Pyburn, Rodney Russell, Cole Sisco, Cody Sutterfield, Mannie Swinney, Brandon Toombs, Eugene Van Gorp, Billy Webb, Angie Welborn, Amy Welborn and Lori Younger.

The highest degree a chapter can award is the Chapter Farmer degree. Angie Boggs, Sandra Black, Lynn Gregory, Tim Hohertz, Ann Minor, Brad Neill, Jeremy Judge, Ginger Neill, Steven Ross, Phillip Seymore, Owen Tevenbaugh, Tommy White, Billy Williams and Kris Westerhausen were all installed to that degree.

Receiving proficiency awards were: John Paul Dudley in home & farmstead improvement, Tim Hohertz in dairy production, Melissa Harris in diversified livestock, Troy Flowers in turf and landscape management, Kody Hogan in cereal grain production, Billy Williams in specialty animal production, Angie Boggs in poultry production, Troy Flowers in floriculture, Owen Tevenbaugh in ag electrification, Cassie Townsend in public speaking, Brandon Boyd in horse production, Roy Hurd Manahan in sheep production, Neil Newman in soil & water management, Amber Whisenhunt in swine production, Cassie Townsend in beef production, Troy Flowers in ag sales & services, Cassie Townsend in forage crop production, Cassie Townsend in diversified crop production and Ted Seymore in feed grain production.

Eighth grade winners included Lillian Leach in breeding sheep, Elynn Rutledge in mutton sheep, Ricky Riley in swine production, Cassie Ellison in cattle production, Ricky Riley in soil & water management, Richard Seymore in shop and Lillian Leach in overall scholastics.

Overall high school scholastics included in VA-I Angie Welborn, VA-II Kris Wusterhausen, VA-III Angie Boggs, Gen. Ag mechanics Melissa Harris, co-op Troy Flowers.

Shop award winners included VA-I Steven Pyburn, VA-II Steven Ross, VA-III John Paul Dudley, Gen. ag. mechanics Billy Williams and crop Brad Cochran.

The Star Greenhand is Roy Hurd Manahan. The Chapter Star Farmer is Ginger Neill. The DeKalb award was presented to Melissa Harris and the recipient of the Hugh Allen King Memorial Scholarship is Ted Seymore.

Four individuals received the highest degree a chapter can bestow on a non-member, the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Receiving that honor were Dick Leach, James Logan, Robert Damron and Gaylon Brnovak.

## Middle school awards

The following Merkel Middle School students received awards at their annual awards assembly held last week.

Social studies- Zac Nagid, American History- Cheryl Wood, Texas History- Susan Holden Science- 6th grade Judd Burton, 7th grade Matt Gravens, 8th grade Lillian Leach; English 6th grade Sandi Wood, 7th Mindi Brnovak, 8th grade Tanya Beasley.

Also, computer Patrick Harrison, Art- 6th grade Heather Henderson, 7th grade Mendy Law, 8th grade Michelle Bowman, physical education Cody Carson & Wendy Cummings, Spanish I Elizabeth Hernandez, Spanish II Hope Ward, Reading 6th Amy Podrovitz, 8th grade Danny Sheffield, Math 6th grade Kathryn Rister, 7th grade Caleb Kelso and 8th grade Melissa Maxwell. Ag, Ricky Riley, Band 6th Brian Lepard, 7th Andrea Richardson, 8th Stephen Santee. Sports 7th grade Jason Heuerman and Angie Nault, 8th grade David Dotson and Coty Vaughn, Homemaking Tammy Graham and health Elynn Rutledge.

Also, Caleb Kelso, Trinh Tran, Stephanie Jones, Julie Harding, Lillian Leach, Lori Best, Kathryn Rister, Judd Burton; Ready Writing 6th Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Corley Segovia, Sandi Wood 7th grade- Trinh Tran and Wendy Schramper.

Also, Sebastian Ascencio- impromptu speech, Jason Heuerman- oral reading, Caleb Kelso- spelling, Mindy Brnovak- spelling, Krystal West-oral reading.

Also: Spelling- Caleb Kelso, Mindy Brnovak, Tanya Beasley, Tammy Graham and Lillian Leach; Writing: Trinh Tran, Cheryl Wood, Susan Holden, Jason Heuerman, Wendy Schramper; Speaking- Sebastian Ascencio, Michele Bowman, Cheryl Wood, Lillian Leach, Lori Best; Poetry: Jason Heuerman, Mandy Barnett, Cheryl Wood, Crystal Woodall and Tanya Beasley.



Brit Pursley signs on with the Texas Tech Red Raider track team Tuesday as his parents, Phillip &

Jeanette Pursley look on. Brit received a full scholarship. (Staff photo)

## White Church cemetery group elects officers

To the Editor:  
White Church Community?  
Not so long ago, thriving communities were scattered throughout Mulberry Canyon. At one time, this community boasted of a church, a school and a cemetery. The church house was moved across the road for hay storage. I don't know what became of the school but I am sure there are many people who could tell us of its whereabouts. Now, all that remains is the cemetery.  
Saturday morning of May 14 some of the people met together for a work day and business meeting. Much mowing, some trimming and general cleaning up was accomplished.  
Our business was conducted in the shade while the workers quenched

their thirst. Bernace Shugart was elected president, Pete Swinney vice president and Warren Harris secretary-treasurer. Hugh King, Paul Lister, L. M. Riggan and Brooks Deen agreed to be trustees.  
The motion was made and accepted to have annual work days. Of course, a few people are faithful to keep the grounds all year, and for them, we are grateful.  
This cemetery has a rich history, as a lot of them do, and I think each of the workers left there encouraged to see others excited about preserving the grounds.  
It is a blessing to drive by the cemetery each morning and see our Stars & Stripes waving. Our flag pole was donated

by Mrs. Allen King and was erected by Hugh King and Almer Barnes. Each morning, Lynn Barnes raises the flag. Thank you Mrs. Barnes! Thank you Mrs. King! And thank you Buddy & Almer.  
Present were Mr. & Mrs. Bernace Shugart, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Swinney, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lister, Mr. &

Mrs. Warren Harris, Joe Swinney, Sr., Mrs. Marrian Swinney and sons, Mrs. Esther Luke and Mrs. Lynn Barnes.  
Those wishing to make donations to the group may send them to: White Church Cemetery Fund c/o Warren Harris, Rt 3 Box, 123 A, Merkel, TX 79536.

### Merkel senior leaguers win first game

The Merkel Senior League baseball team beat the Trent Rangers 10-5 here last week.  
Mike Payne hit a home run for Trent.  
Merkel pitcher Ted Seymore struck out 15 batters.  
Base hits for Merkel were delivered by Wade Toombs, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Phillip Seymore and John Walsh.

### Coolman on CJC list

Keith Coolman of Merkel has been named to the Dean's List at Cisco Junior College for the spring semester.

## Jackson-Richardson wedding held

Debra Beth Jackson and Gary Leihdon Richardson were married Saturday, May 14 at the United Methodist Church here.

Mrs. Brenda Jackson of Trent and Mr. Wayne Jackson of Cut Off, La., are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Richardson of Clyde.

Kren Willis of Abilene was the matron of honor and Rhonda Whiteaker, D'Ann Whiteaker and Paula Whiteaker, all of Hamby were bridesmaids.

The bridegroom's brother, Randy Richardson of Clyde was his best man. Groomsmen were Archie Akers and Jerry Gordon, both from Clyde and Bland May of Ovalo.

Catherine Akers of Clyde was flower girl. Ira Akers of Clyde was ring bearer. Junior Ashmore and Kurt Ashmore of Hale Center were ushers. Rev. Riley Fugitt officiated the ceremony.

The bride graduated from Trent High School and McMurry College with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. She is employed at Video Magic.



The groom is a graduate of Clyde High School and Cisco Junior College. He is self employed.

## Mashburn reports for DPS duty

Trooper Chris Mashburn, 24, graduated from the Department of Public Safety training academy and has been assigned to the Highway Patrol Service in Waxahachie.

Trooper Mashburn was one of 54 candidates recently commissioned as state troopers in graduation ceremonies in Austin. He is a native of Merkel and has assumed his new duties.

Colonel Leo Gossett, DPS director, said he is proud of the new troopers and looks forward to their service with the department.

"These men and women were given an extensive 18 week course concentrating on the responsibilities of DPS troopers,"

Gossett said. "They have been well trained to uphold the laws of the state in routine as well as difficult and dangerous law enforcement situations."

"A trooper is required to perform a number of difficult tasks in addition to traffic law enforcement. The trooper will assist in narcotics arrests and other felony cases as well as manhunts and disaster situations," Gossett said.

The DPS training course included instruction in traffic law, criminal law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, and numerous other law enforcement related topics.



## Garden club holds final meeting until fall

The final meeting for the Merkel Garden Club until fall was held May 19 with a progressive luncheon, which began at Jewell Criswell's with salads. The next stop was at Olga Peachey's home, where the main course was served. Later, members toured her yard and the last stop was at Murrel Thompson's for desert and a short business meeting.

Seventeen members attended and the group had one guest.

## Lawson to speak at New Testament

Willie Lawson of Saford, Az. will be teaching and ministering at the New Testament Church of Merkel Saturday at 7 p.m. A salad supper will begin at 6:30 p.m.

He is a well known Ladies Aglow speaker and Bible teacher. All area women are invited to attend and a nursery will be provided.

He will also be teaching at the Ladies Prayer Group May 31 at 9:30 a.m.

## State asks for drought aid

(AUSTIN)—Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has asked officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide federal drought assistance to ranchers in South and West Texas.

"Ranchers in more than 100 counties in South and West Texas are suffering from a severe drought. The Texas Department of Agriculture is asking U.S. Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng to allow these ranchers to grow hay on conservation acreage to graze their livestock and to receive supplemental livestock feed from the Emergency Feed Grain Program if local supplies are inadequate," Hightower said.

Hightower's letter was hand-delivered Thursday to Secretary Lyng's office in Washington, D.C. Copies of Hightower's letter were also forwarded to Texas Governor Bill Clements, U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen and members of the Texas congressional delegation, state legislators, county officials, and farm leaders in the drought area.

"I have asked Secretary Lyng to reconsider USDA's earlier denial of a request by drought-stricken Texas counties that would allow Texas ranchers to plant badly-needed hay crops on thousands of acres in South and West Texas which have been set aside for conservation purposes. In addition, USDA must implement the Emergency Feed Grain Program to provide livestock feed in areas where local hay supplies and grazing pastures are inadequate," Hightower said.

"Some of these drought counties have not received significant amounts of rainfall since last fall, and many ranchers cannot stay in business much longer if they have to purchase expensive hay from other regions of the state. These ranchers are faced with the prospect of either feeding their

malnourished livestock on dwindling supplies of weeds and cactus or selling their cattle at depressed prices. A speedy decision by USDA will literally determine the future of thousands of Texas producers," Hightower said.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture is already taking steps to help these livestock producers. We are working with livestock specialists, soil conservation experts and local officials to hold a series of seminars in the most severe drought counties to help local ranchers with emergency land and herd management practices. Those one-day seminars will begin in early June. TDA is also assisting county officials in gathering information required by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management before federal disaster assistance can be requested. All of these efforts are needed because the National Weather Service has projected little or no improvement in rainfall conditions during the normally dry summer months," Hightower said.

Texas is one of four states which have sought USDA permission to allow ranchers to grow hay and graze cattle on land covered under various federal conservation programs. Texas' initial request was rejected by USDA in mid-April on the grounds that "there is no evidence of the occurrence of a natural disaster in 1988 causing a current shortage of hay."

An additional 20 Texas counties, mostly in South Texas, have requested permission to participate in the Emergency Feed Program. Under the terms of the Emergency Feed Program, the federal government would share in the cost of feeding malnourished livestock in drought-stricken counties. The Texas Department of Agriculture is now making a survey of the quantities and location of federally-owned feed grain in Texas that would be available under the Emergency Feed Program.

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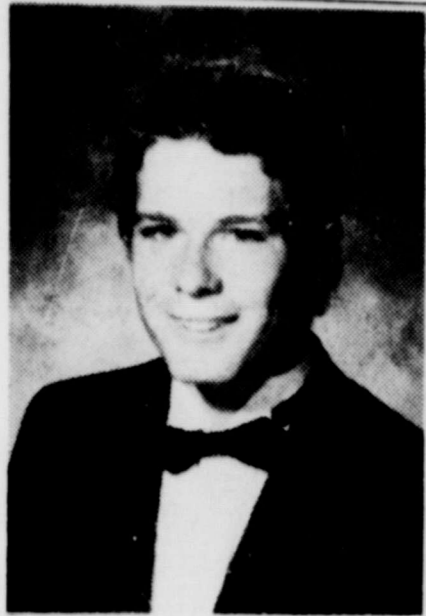
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Football 1,4, band 1-4, FFA 1-4, UIL concert band 1-4, marching band 1-4, band sweepstakes at Amarillo 2-3, greenhand degree 1, chapter farmer 2, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 3.

2-3, 1st division marching band 1-2, 1st division concert band sight reading.



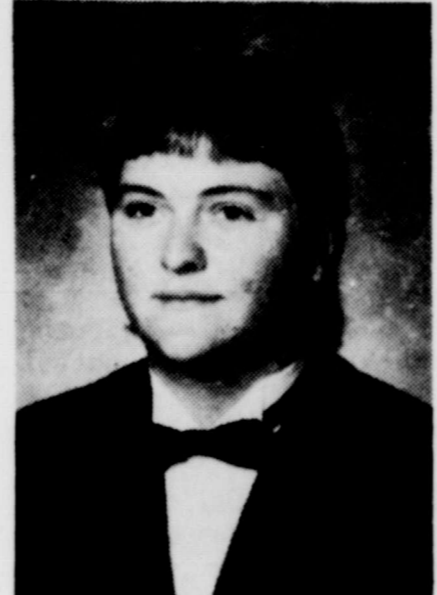
**ANGELA CANNON**

Band 1-4, FHA 1,4, student council 4, NHS 3-4, winter guard manager 1,2, Who's Who 4, Society of Distinguished Americans 3-4, book markers club 3-4, band sweepstakes 2, Greater Southwest Music Festival 1-3, student of the month 1, honor roll 1-4, Exchange Club student of the month 4, outstanding band 2-3, v.p. projects of FFA 4.



**ALBERT CHAVIRA**

Football 1-2, band 1-2, track 1-3.



**BRAD COCHRAN**

Football 1-2, basketball 1, FFA 1-4, greenhand degree 2, chapter farmer 3.

3, track 1, business manager 4, class friendliest 3, head cheerleader 4, Miss Merkel 3, Miss MHS nominee 4, homecoming queen nominee 4, student of the month 1, squad of excellence 3-4, Midland Junior College tuition scholarship, Fortnightly Study Club scholarship 4, Who's Who 3-4, Academic A Team 1-4, best all around 4, salutatorian 4.



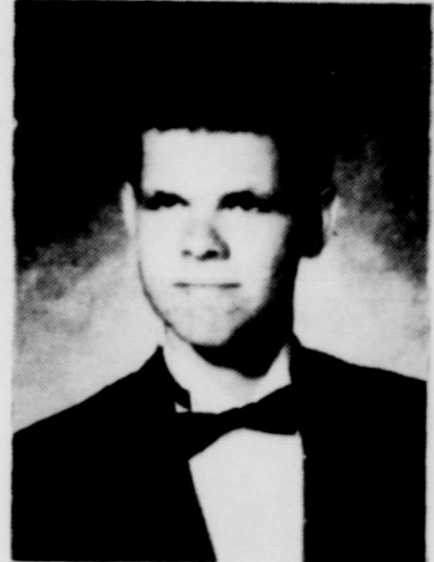
**KYLE COKER**

Band 1-4, golf 1-4, NHS 3-4, sweepstakes band 2, UIL marching contest I 2, UIL concert I 1-4, outstanding band 1-4, outstanding overall band 1-3, state ensemble I 2, zone band 1,3, junior class friendliest, band favorite 4, senior class favorite 4, Mr. MHS nominee 4.



**BONNIE DEVIN**

Band 1, basketball 1, track 1.



**RUSSELL DOAN**

Band 1, book markers 3, FFA 1-2, NHS 3-4, Academic award 3, Who's Who 4.



**KRISTY ELLIOTT**

Band 1-4, twirler 1-4, basketball 1-2, student council 1-4 (president, v.p.), FHA/HERO 4, freshman v.p., sophomore president, junior treasurer, NHS 3-4, one act play 3, UIL typing 3, administrative advisory committee 4, UIL twirling solo I 204, state twirling solo I 2-3, UIL twirling ensemble I 1-4, state twirling ensemble I 3, Who's Who 3, student of the month 1, outstanding student council member 3, A Team 1, A-B team 2-4, state twirling ensemble II 1-2, Exchange Club student of the month 4, sweepstakes band 2-3, book markers club 3, KTAB senior salute 4.



**DEE BENEFIELD**

FHA 4.



**MICHELLE CERDA**

NHS 3-4, A Team 1-4, Who's Who 3, UIL typing (5th place) 3.



**SON MI CHON**

Cheerleader 1-4, class treasurer 1,4, NHS 3-4 (treasurer 4), student council 4. JV volleyball



**CONNIE DeLEON**

HERO 3, drill team 4



**APRIL DUNCAN**

Band 1-4, flags 1-4 (co-captain 4), winterg-

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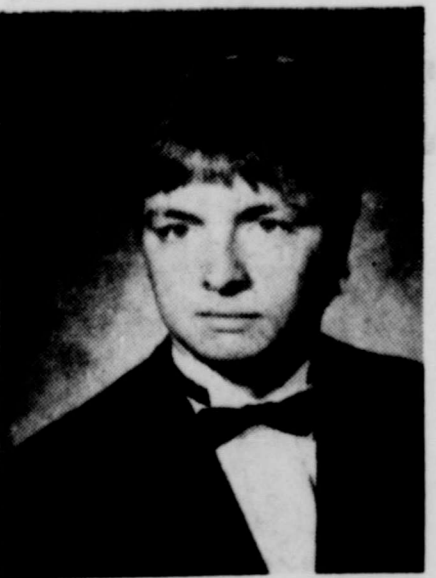
**ANGELA BOGGS**

Basketball 1, volleyball 1-3, tennis 1-4, FHA 1-3, FFA 3-4, FFA radio team 4, student council associate 1, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 3-4, A Team 1-2, Congressional Youth Leadership Council award 4, Soil & Conservation Essay contest 3, poultry production award 3, greenhand award 3, ag overall scholastics 3, student of the month 4.



**STEPHANIE BOWMAN**

FHA/HERO 4, HECE student of the month 4.



**CHRIS BROWN**

Band 1-4, sweepstakes band 2, Weinberger trophy

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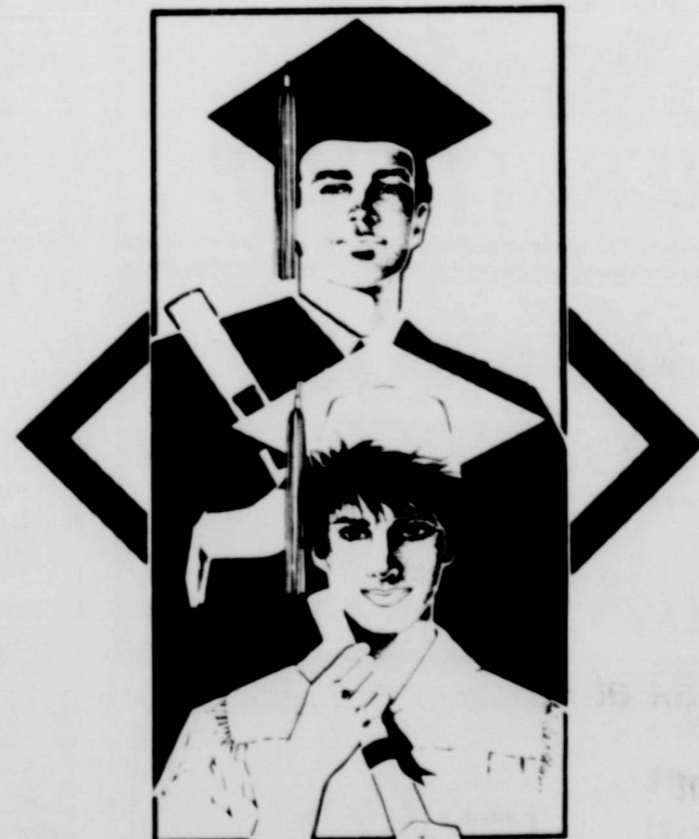


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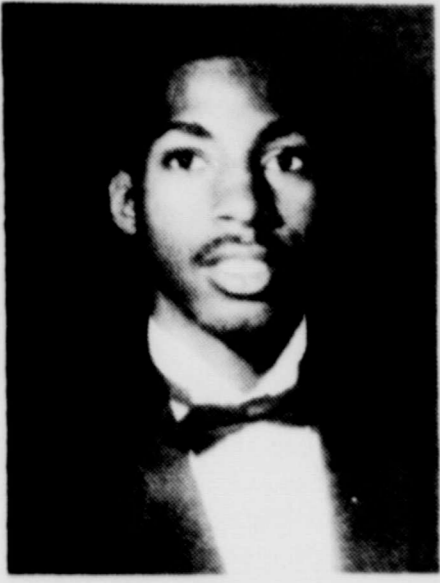
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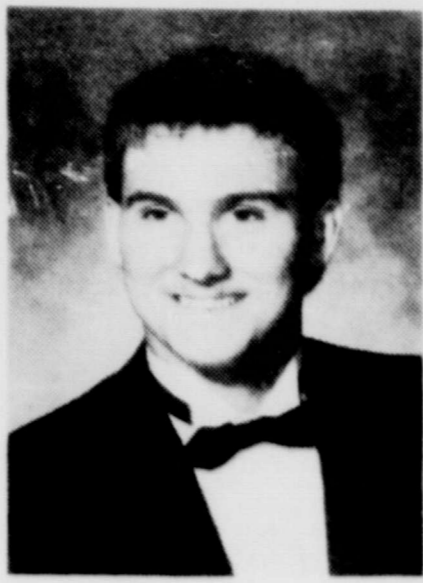
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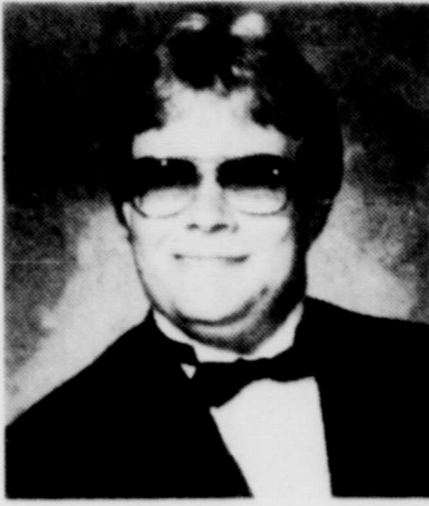
**RICHARD ELEBY**

Basketball 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-4, baseball 1-4, FFA 1-3, area champs-regional qualifiers and district runner ups in baseball 2, district champs baseball 1, chapter farmer 2, greenhand award 1, Senior friendliest 4.



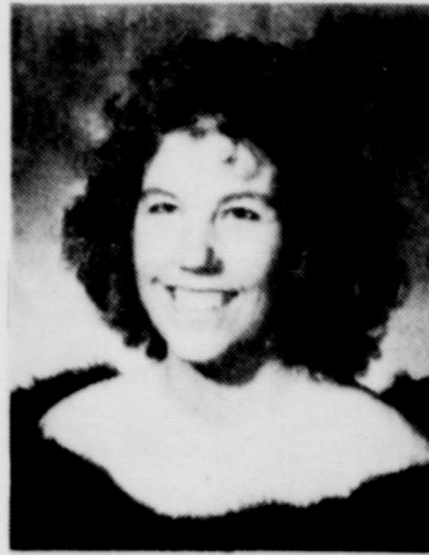
**MIKE FARTHING**

Football 1-4, basketball 1-3, tennis 3-4, baseball 4, spanish club 3, golf 1,4, track 1-2, cross country 1, Who's Who 3, merit award 1-2, merit award football 1-3, merit award basketball 1-3, district runner up cross country 1



**BILLY HAIR**

Football 1-4, track 1-4, powerlifting 3, FFA 1-3, FHA 3, honorable mention 2-3, district finalist track 3, chapter conducting team 2-3, district champs track 3-4, Who's Who 4, greenhand degree 2, chapter farmer 3, HECE 4.



**MELISSA HARRIS**

Band 1-4, flag corps 1-4, FFA (v.p.-sec/treasurer) 1-4, district FFA (v.p. treasurer) 1-4, parliamentary procedure 1-4, judging team 1-4, color guard 1-4, flag captain 3-4, student council 4, Lone Star farmer 3, greenhand 1, chapter farmer 2, maria color guard 4, Washington Youth Tour speech contest 3, student of the month 1, outstanding band 2-3, Area IV president nominee 4, diversified crop production 4, Area IV v.p. 4, courtesy corps 4, National Agriculture award 4.

4, spanish club president 2, UIL one act play 2, Who's Who 3-4, UIL ready writing 3, UIL poetry reading 3, State emblem 2, U.T. best example of writing 3, Dow Jones Newspaper Inc journalism scholarship, National society of newspaper editors scholarship, district volleyball 3, bi-district volleyball 3, area volleyball qualifiers 3, volleyball all district honorable mention 3, student of the month 4, Exchange Club student of the month 4, School of Visual Arts scholarship NYC, New York, most valuable year book member 4, Merkel teacher's Association scholarship 4, district literary criticism 3rd place.



**TAMI ISRAEL**  
FHA 2, NHS 3-4, A Team 1-3, Who's Who 4, nominated to be a congressional scholar in the National Young Leaders Conference.



**STACI FERGUSON**

Band 1-4, twirler 3-4, colorguard 1-2, student council 3-4, FHA secretary/treasurer, yearbook staff 4, newspaper editor 4, Junior & Senior class president, basketball 1-2, volleyball 3, track 1, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 3-4, Society of Distinguished students 1-4, FFA 1, Miss MHS nominee 4, UIL twirling 1 rating 2-4, state twirling 1 rating 3, UIL twirling ensemble 1 3-4, state twirling 1 3, Exchange Club student of the month 4.



**JEFF GRAY**

Football 1,3-4, basketball 1-3, FFA 1-4.



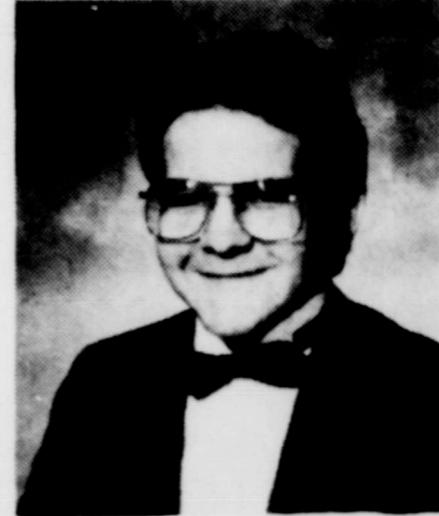
**CANDICE HENSLEE**

Band 1-4, FFA 1-2, FHA 4, student council 4, spanish club 1, jr. quiz team 2, livestock judging team 2, Who's Who 4, greenhand 1, sweepstakes band 2, percussion ensemble 3, ACU best drum line 4, sweepstakes band 2-4, Presidential scholarship.



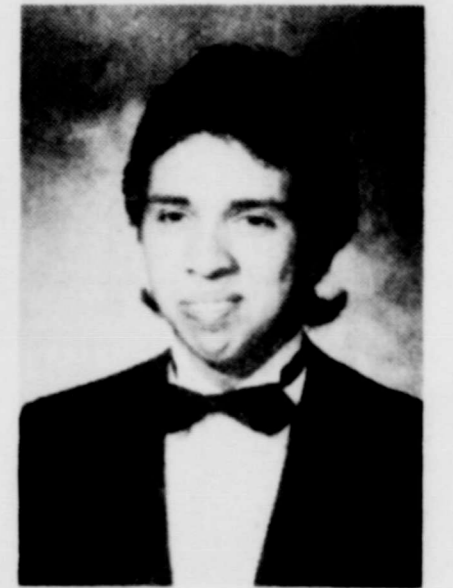
**CLARA HERRERA**

Volleyball 1,3-4, basketball 1.3-4, band 1-4, drum major 3-4, JV cheerleader 1, NHS rep 3-4, student council 4, senior class officer 4, yearbook/newspaper editor



**ALAN ISOM**

Basketball 1,2,4, tennis 3, spanish club 3, NHS 3-4, student council 4, Who's Who 4.



**TONY JUAREZ**

Baseball 3-4, football 2, track 1, Who's Who 4.



**STACIE JOHNSON**

NHS 3-4, UIL spelling 4, UIL one act play 4, Who's Who 3-4, A Team 1-4.

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Basketball 1-4, student council 4, mascot 4, band 1-4, FHA 1-2, colorguard 1-3, flag corps 1-3, track 1-4, volleyball 1-3, FFA secretary 3, outstanding band 1,3, Weinberger trophy 2-3, squad of excellence 4, spirit squad 4, yearbook/newspaper staff 4, outstanding band 2-3, sweepstakes band 2, UIL marching 2, UIL concert band 1-3, district track 1-4, regional qualifier high jump 1,3-4.



**TERESA LUSK**

JV basketball 1, FHA 1-4, Who's Who 4.



**MICHELLE LANGLINS**

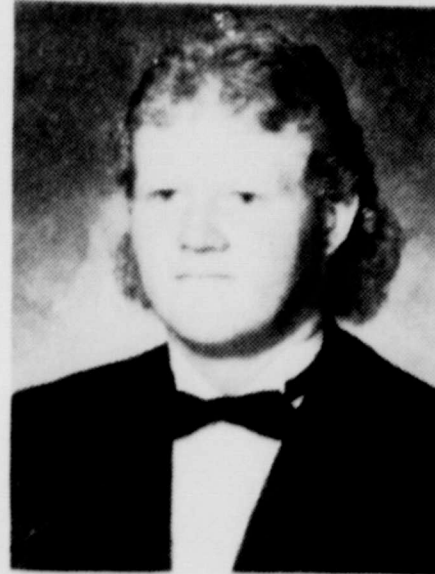
Band 1-3, drill team 4, FHA rep 1-4, student council 4, yearbook/news-

paper staff 4, UIL marching band 1-3, flag corps 1-3, colorguard 1, concert band 1-3, sight reading rating 1 2-3, CJC sweepstakes drill team 4, HSU drill team camp best dancer 4, percussion ensemble rating 1 3, FHA Sweetheart 4, Miss MHS nominee 4, Weinberger trophy 2-3, Who's Who 4, HSU most improved drill team 4.



**CONNIE McMILLON**

Spanish club 3-4, student council rep 3-4, FFA 2-3, parliamentary-procedure advisor/secretary 2-3, quiz team 2, FHA 1-2, drill team 4, senior class secretary, Who's Who 3, greenhand degree 2, chapter farmer 2.



**ROBERT MCFADDEN**



**CHANTELLE MCKEEHAN**

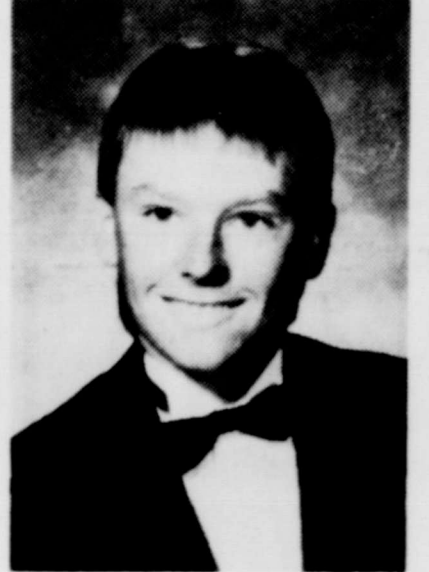
Band 1-3, FHA 2, winter color guard manager 2, Who's Who 4, Weinberger trophy 2-3, marching UIL sweepstakes 2, concert

sweepstakes 2-3, sight reading 1 rating 1-3.



**GRACIE MOLINA**

Yearbook staff 4, spanish club 4, Who's Who 4.



**KEITH MUNDEN**

Football, Who's Who 3-

4, 4-H reporter 1, 4-H council delegate 3, 4-H I Dare You Award 3, 4-H Judging team 2-3, Texas Junior Brangus Association Reporter 1, TJBBA president 3, International JBBA committee member at large, Exchange Club student of the month 4, Merkel FFA stock show reserve showmanship 3, showmanship winner 4.



**STACY NORTON**

Band 1-4, flags 1-4, color guard 1-2, UIL marching band 1-4, UIL concert band 1-4, Weinberger trophy 2-3, Sweepstakes band 2-4, Who's Who 4, spanish club 1,3-4, outstanding junior in band, state solo 4.

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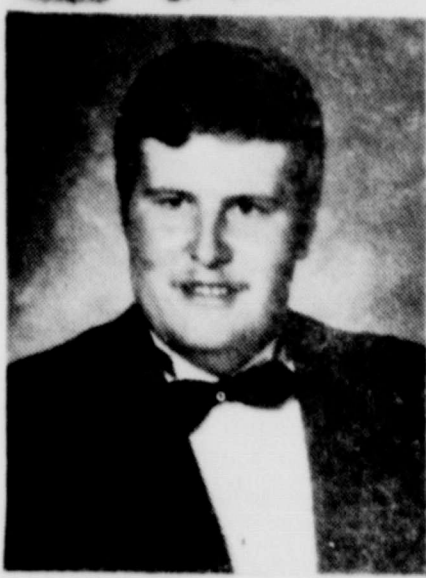
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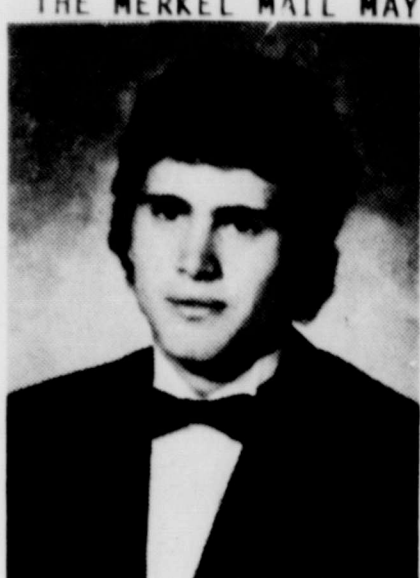


BRAD NEILL

Football 1,3, track 1-2, tennis 2-4, band 1-4, sweepstakes 2, Greater Southwest Music Festival 2-3, state solo & ensemble contest 2, outstanding overall band 2-3, UIL marching I 2, UIL concert I 1-4, outstanding band 1-3.



TRACIE RUSSELL  
Basketball 1-3, volleyball 1-2, track 1-2.



TONY ROBERTS

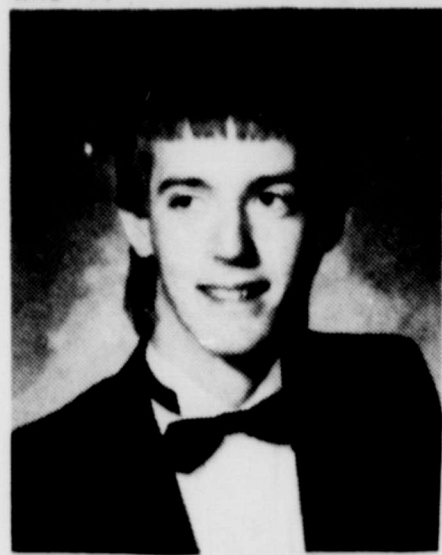
Football 1-4, band 1-2, NHS 3-4, student council 12, JV track 1-3, leadership team 1, junior class friendliest 3, student of

the month Exchange Club 4, Who's Who 4, second team all district football 3, greenhand 1, student of the month 4.



KAREN SHARPE

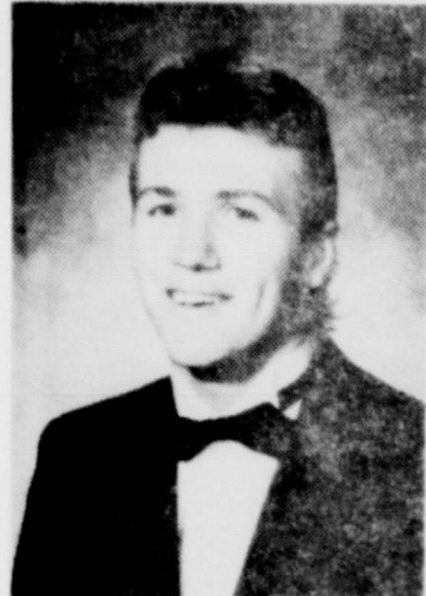
Basketball 1-2, FHA 3, academic award 2, Who's Who 4.



TED SEYMORE

Baseball 2-4, basketball 1-4, golf 1-3. NHS

3-4, FFA 1-4, basketball all-district 3, baseball all-district 2-3, FFA greenhand 9, Chapter farmer 2, beef proficiency ag 1, Southwest Cattle Association 2, forage ag production 3, beef production ag 3, A Team 2, Who's Who.



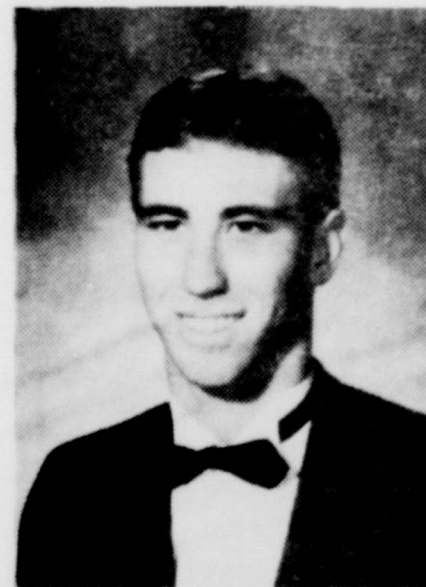
MAURY OLER

Basketball 1-3, baseball 1-4, track 1-3.



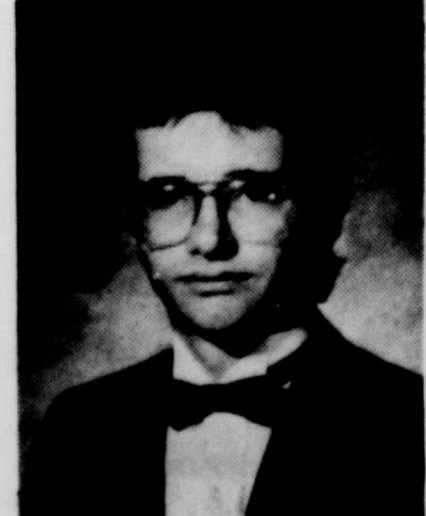
MANDY PACK

Track 1-2, basketball 1, FFA 1-3 (secretary), FHA 1-2, junior representative, student council 11, drill team 3-4, tennis 2-3, CJC drill team trophy 4, prop category I rating 4, military I rating 4, most improve drill team member 4, yearbook & newspaper staff 4, senior class favorite, FFA sweetheart 1, chapter farmer 3, farmer degree 2, green hand degree 1, who's who, fine art student 4, senior class friendliest nominee, radio team 9,11, judging team 1-3.



BRIT PURSLEY

track 1-4, basketball 2-4 (captain), baseball 2-3, football 4, NHS 3-4, student council 1,3, Who's Who 3-4, class president 1, 2nd team all district football (split end) 4, state champion pole vault 11, state runner up high jump 11, 3rd in state in 110 high hurdles 4.



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Basketball 1,3, volleyball 1-3, ag 1-4 (sentinel 2-3, secretary 4, junior skill team, radio team) drill team 4, mgr. 3, track 1-2, drill team member of the week 3-4, FFA convention 1-4, student council conference 4, office aide 3-4.



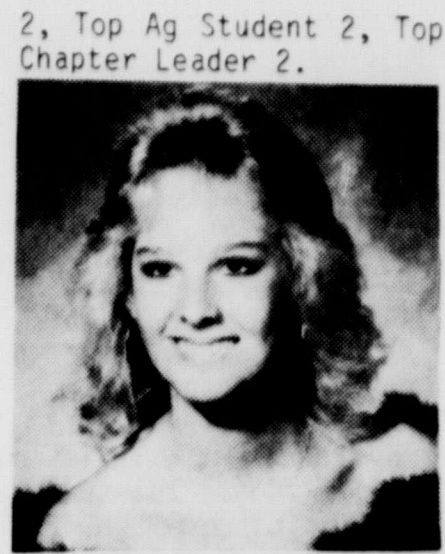
**JESAME TAYLOR**  
FHA 2-4, assistant editor newspaper 3, Who's Who 3-4, United States Achievement Academy 1.



**KRISTA TOOMBS**  
Basketball 1,2,4, student council 1-4 (reporter 4), NHS 3-4, cheerleader 2,4, band 1, class secretary 1-3, class favorite 1,3, class friendliest 2, homecoming queen 4, football sweetheart 4, junior princess 3, A-Team 2, Outstanding band award 1, Squad of Excellence 4, Exchange Club student of the month for September, Miss MHS nominee 4, Who's Who 3-4.

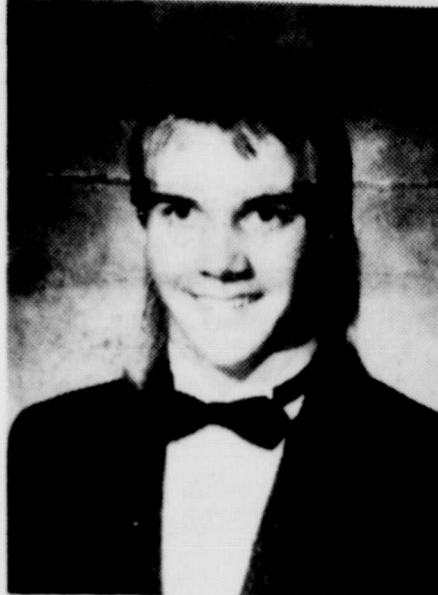


**GINGER VAN GURP**  
FHA/HERO 1-4, HECE student of the month 3.



**MISTY VAUGHAN**

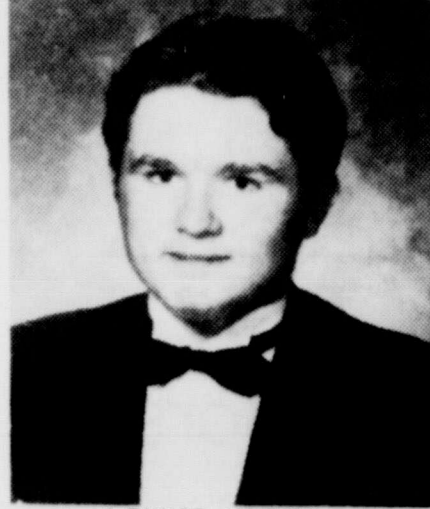
2, Top Ag Student 2, Top Chapter Leader 2.  
Band 1-4, NHS 3-4, color guard 1, volleyball 1, UIL typing 3, UIL spelling 4, UIL calculator & science 2-3, band favorite 4, Who's Who 4, A Team 1,3, Band Greater Southwest Music Festival 1-3, Weinberger trophy 2-3, UIL concert band 1-4.



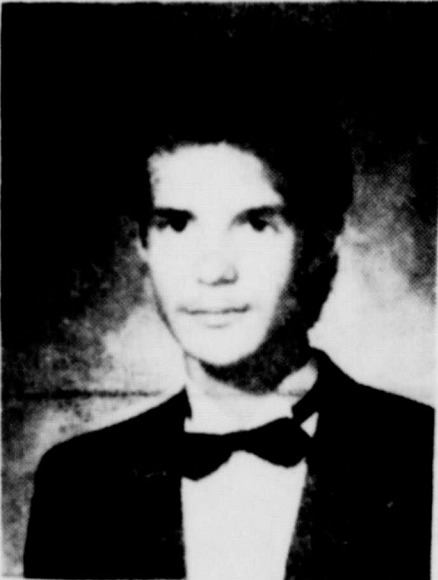
**TODD SMITH**  
Football 1-3, FFA 1-4 (Secretary 2, Treasurer 3), FHA 3, track 1, golf 1, NHS 3,4, Who's Who 4.



**CASSIE TOWNSEND**  
FFA 1-4 (Reporter 2-3, Secretary 4, District reporter 4), band 1-4, color guard 1-4, rifle 1-4 (captain 4), public speaking 2-4, extemporaneous speaking 4, judging team 1-4, Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program 3-4, greenhand 1, chapter farmer 2, State lone star farmer 3, diversified livestock 3, Who's Who 3, U. S. National Agriculture Award, Government in action Youth tour.



**LONNIE VOTAM** FFA 1-4, FHA 3, basketball 1-



**JEFF STEADMAN**  
FFA 3, FHA/HERO 3-4, Greenhand 3.



**MICHELLE TARPLEY**  
Transfer from Santa Fe. German Club.



**KARYN TILLEY**  
Band 1, Tri Hi Y 3, drill team manager 4, yearbook staff 4, freshman vice president, UIL spelling 4, merit award, NHS 4, Who's Who 4, National Junior Honor Society 1, October student of the month 4, District UIL headline writer 2nd & regional qualifier, Abilene Women's Club Scholarship.

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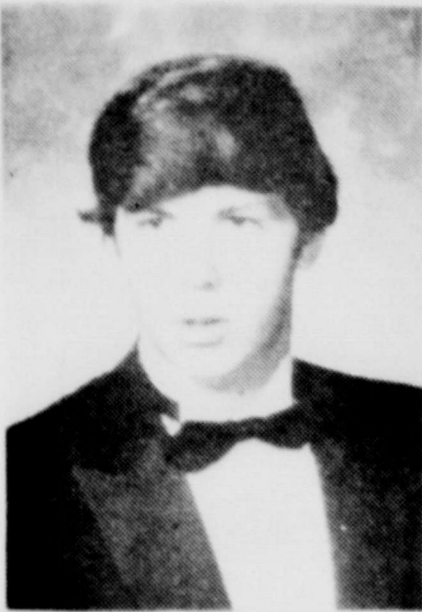
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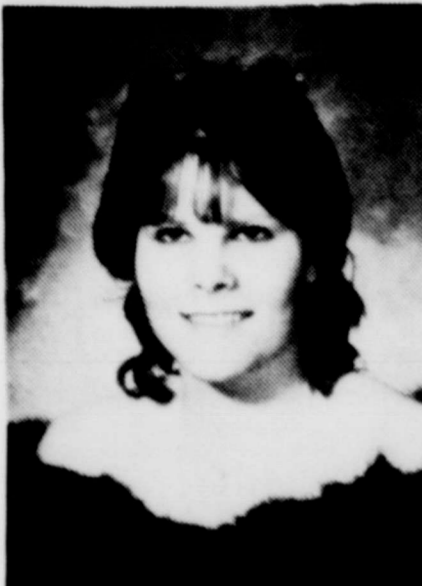
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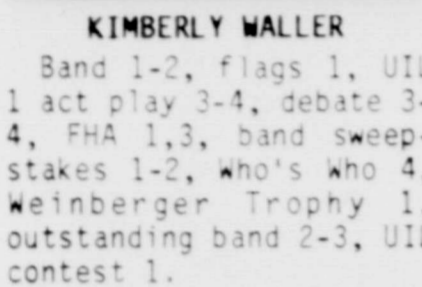
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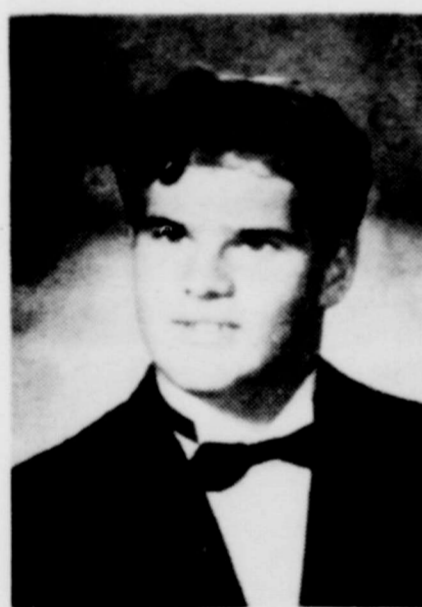
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Band 1, choir 1, spanish club 3-4, debate team.



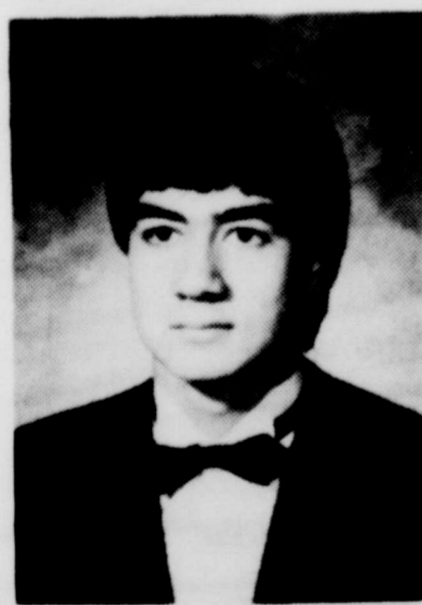
**KIMBERLY WALLER**  
Band 1-2, flags 1, UIL 1 act play 3-4, debate 3-4, FHA 1,3, band sweepstakes 1-2, Who's Who 4, Weinberger Trophy 1, outstanding band 2-3, UIL contest 1.



**SHEILA WHITE**  
Volleyball 1-2, basketball 1-2, track 1-2.



**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
Football 1-4, band 1-4, ag 1-3, golf 3-4, NHS 3-4, track 1.



**MICHAEL WOODALL**  
Football 1-4, track 3-4, UIL calculator 3-4, UIL science 3, UIL number sense 3, NHS 3-4, Merkel Exchange Club student of the Month 4, Student of the month 1,4, Who's Who 3-4, Track district champs 3-4.

**NO PICTURES WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SENIORS**

**MATT ALFRED**  
Baseball 3, FFA 1-4, annual staff 4.

**MARK ALDRETTE**  
Football 1-4, baseball 1-4, track 3, basketball 3, band 1-4, NHS 3-4, spanish club 3, all district band 3, outstanding band 2-3, baseball district, area and regional qualifiers 2

**CHRIS BIERA**  
Band 1-4, football 1-4, NHS 3-4, track 1-4, Who's Who 3, 2nd team all-district defense 3, 1st team all-district defense 4, Exchange Club student of the month 4.

**ELIZABETH BRITTON**  
FHA 1-4, Band 1-3.

**SANDRA BYNUM**  
Yearbook staff 2, drill team 9 (not in Merkel), FHA/HERO 9-12, v.p. public relations (not in Merkel), NHS 3-4, Who's Who 4 (secretary 4), A Team 4, HECE student of the month.

**SHELLE DOAM**  
Band 1-3, flags 1-3, color guard 1-3, drill team 4, FHA 1,3, Spanish club 1,3, book markers club 3, outstanding band award 1,3, AWBA scholarship 3, Western Horizon scholarship 3, Who's Who 4, homecoming princess 2, Weinberger trophy 2-3, sweepstakes drill team award 4, nominee for superstar dancer 4, best dancer nominee 4, most improved drill team 4, top pom pom performer 4, Exchange Club student of the month 4, Who's Who Among American Fine Arts Students.

**APRIL DUPONT**  
Basketball 1-2, volleyball 1, band 1-2, flags 1-2, winterguard 1-2, captain FHA 3-4, VP HERO, drill team 4 (captain), outstanding band member 1-2, district ensemble 2, state ensemble 2, Division 1 & 2 district flag solo 2, Who's Who 4, Young American Congressional Leaders 4, Division II drill team solo 4.

**SHELLE GRAY**  
Dand 1-2, FHA 1,4, newspaper staff 3, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 4.

**LYNN HAYS**  
Basketball 1-4, track 3, FFA (sec./treasurer) 1-4, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 4, Mr. MHS 4, ARSA swine proficiency 3, district swine production 1-3, 2nd team all district in basketball 3.

**REYNALDO LEMON**  
LEE LEVERICH  
FFA 1-4, greenhand award 1, chapter farmer 2.

**SHAYNE NEWBERRY**  
Football 2-4 (captain), basketball 2-4, track 1-4, baseball 1-4, band 1-4, NHS 3, bi district & area baseball champs 2, football hero 4, district & bi-district baseball champs 3, district track champs 3-4, regional qualifier in discus, long jump, intermediate hurdles and mile relay.

**KEITH REAGAN**  
Football 1-2, band 1-3, FFA 1-3, greenhand, FHA 4, basketball 1, track 1.

**ANJA REYNA**  
Band 2-3, NHS 3-4, Who's Who 4.

**KATIE WALKER**  
Newspaper 3, UIL debate 3, tennis 1-2, Who's Who, band 1-2, volleyball 1, spanish 1.

**BEVERLY WILLIAMSON**  
Freshman & JV cheerleader 1, basketball 1-2, volleyball 1, track 1, FHA 1,3, Younglife 3-4, drill team 1, FFA 4, UIL

1 act play 1, academic award 1, homecoming queen nominee 4, merit award 1-2, junior class council, varsity cheerleader 1, youth leadership council 1-2, spanish club 1, Texas Association of Future Educators, FCA 1.

**MICHAEL YBARRA**  
Baseball 1-4, football 1-2, band 3, FFA 3-4, baseball 84-85 district runner-up 1, baseball 85-86 district runner-up, bi-district area qualifiers.



**Trent Seniors '88**



**LESLIE MCGLOTHLIN BRAZELTON**  
Leslie is the daughter of Bruce McGlothlin of Roscoe and Janie McGlothlin of Trent. She plans to attend Hendrick Medical Center School of Radiography following graduation.



**GLENNA ANN CLARK**  
Glenna is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Clark of Wall. She plans to attend San Angelo State University and major in science education.



**TAMMY MARIE COLLIER**  
Tammy is the daughter of Willie and Lucy Collier of Trent. Following graduation, she plans to attend nursing school at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene to pursue a health career.



**BRIAN MASSEY**  
Brian is the son of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey of Merkel. Brian will graduate as the Salutatorian of the 1987-88 graduating class with a 95.36 average. His plans following graduation are to attend Southwest Texas State University for the fall semester and transfer to Texas A & M in the spring to pursue a degree in civil engineering.



**TERRI SUE (LUCI) MASONHEIMER**  
Luci is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent and she will graduate as the Valedictorian of the 1987-88 graduating class with a 97.48 grade average. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall where she will major in pharmacy of pre-med.



**JAMES SCOTT O'KELLY**  
Scott is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Owen O'Kelly of Trent. He plans to attend Sul Ross State University this fall where he plans to play on the football team.



**TWILA WILLIAMS**  
Twila is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Williams of Merkel. She plans to attend Howard Junior College in the fall.

**Trent names top junior high students**

The Valedictorian for the Trent Junior High is Janet Gibson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Gibson of Trent. She has a 95.48 grade average.

The salutatorian is Tammy Spraggins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Troy Spraggins of Trent. She has a 93.76 grade average.

**Cutler's named to mMcMurry dean's list**

Chris Cutler has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at McMurry College. He is the son of Tommie and Ann Cutler of Merkel. Chris is working on a dual major in computer information systems and business management.

His wife, the former Kris Rich has also been named to the Dean's List at McMurry. She is the daughter of Lyle and Janie Rich of Abilene, formerly of Merkel. She is majoring in psychology with a minor in English. Both are 1985 graduates of Merkel High.

**Senior Citizens plan meal, meeting**

A supper will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center. A meeting will start at 5 p.m. and the group will

eat at 6 p.m. Plans for a garage sale, set for June 9th will be discussed at the meeting.

**PUBLIC NOTICE MERKEL I.S.D CHAPTER II FUNDS**

There will be a public meeting concerning 1988-89 Chapter II funds received by the Merkel Public Schools, Friday, June 3, 1988, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the office of the Superintendent in the District Administration Building at Third and Ash, Merkel, Texas. Suggestions for program improvement will be taken into consideration in preparation for the 1988-89 Chapter II application.

21-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE MERKEL I.S.D CHAPTER I FUNDS**

There will be a public meeting concerning 1988-89 Chapter I funds received by the Merkel Public Schools, Friday, June 3, 1988, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the office of the Superintendent in the District Administration Building at Third and Ash, Merkel, Texas. The current Chapter I program will be reviewed and suggested changes will be taken into consideration in preparation of the 1988-89 Chapter I application.

21-1tc

**THE CITY OF TYE HAS THE FOLLOWING FOR SALE:**

(1) 1983 4 DR Sedan Ford LTD Crown Victoria Sealed bids, with a minimum of \$1,000.00, will be accepted in the office of the City Secretary, 205 North Street., P. O. Box 145, Tye, Texas, 79563, until 3:00 P.M., June 21, 1988. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular scheduled council meeting June 21, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at 205 North St., Tye Municipal Building, Tye, Texas. This vehicle can be seen by contacting Tye City Hall 692-8588 Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

The city reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to accept the bid considered most advantageous to the City of Tye.

Jo Moore  
City Secretary  
21-2tc

**PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY**  
Quannah Parker, Attorney United Centre, Suite 605 Abilene, Texas 79601  
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: VINCENT MONREAL, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, RESPONDENT:**  
**GREETINGS; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the 326th DIST.**

Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the SECOND AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF CHILD OF TUCKER HARGIS AND GLADYS KATHLEEN HARGIS, PETITIONERS, filed in said Court on the 16th day of MAY, 1988, against VINCENT MONREAL, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 819-CX on the docket of said Court on the 16th day of May, 1988, against VINCENT MONREAL, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 819-CX on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Interest of TORY VINCENT MONREAL, A MINOR CHILD", the nature of which suit is a request to TERMINATE THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VINCENT MONREAL AND THE CHILD, AND GRANT ADOPTION OF THE CHILD TO TUCKER HARGIS AND GLADYS KATHLEEN HARGIS. PETITIONERS REQUEST THE CHILD'S NAME BE CHANGED TO TORY JOSEPH HARGIS.

Said child was born the 19th day of January, 1983, in Abilene, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of May, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney  
District Clerk  
326th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
by Patricia Henderson  
Deputy  
Clerk's Name and Address  
Rilla Mahoney  
Clerk, District Court  
Taylor County Courthouse  
Abilene, Texas 79602  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**  
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."  
21-1tc

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21-1tp

Storm shelters: Precast concrete. 2 models available. Tom Landers-Clyde (915) 893-5496.

14-13tp

For sale: 1984 Melody mobile home, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Call 928-5192.

16-tfc

For Sale: 830 Case Tractor, 2400 Hours. 16' Grain Drill, 16' Tandem. 846-3041.

21-2tp

For Sale: 1974 Schulz 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 14x80. Will trade for cattle or land. Call (915)723-2722.

21-5tp

CARPET - 30 sq. yds-w/pad. HD like new. Used only 7 months. \$3.75/yd. Ann Palmer - 928-5733.

21-1tc

**MISC.**

Cleaning Houses; Offices. Houses \$25 straight rate. Offices - by the month. Call Jean Morrison - 928-4030.

21-4tp

I would like to babysit in my home. Hot meals and snacks. Good environment and lots of fun. All ages! Call Donna Riggan at 928-4409 (anytime) Drop-ins welcome.

20-2tcg

CRUISE SHIPS: Now hiring! Summer and Career Opportunities, Excellent pay, World Travel! Call (Refundable) 1-518-3734 Ext. P.

20-3tp

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TFC

Sticks N Stones Day Care Center. 201 Oak, open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381.

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Will do typing in my home. I also have Watkins Products and Mary Kay Cosmetics. Call Martha Sue Justice at 928-5017.

TFC

Wanted: Lawns to mow, call 928-4430.

20-3tc

NEEDED LVN or GVN. Taking applications for other positions. Apply in person Starr Nursing Home.

21-3tc

FREE registered English Setter. 928-4582.

21-1tp

Will pay cash for reasonably priced working windmill. Call after 8 p.m. Danny Knight, (915)-537-2269.

21-1tp

LOST '88 Senior Class Ring at South Park in Merkel on May 16th. Reward if found call 698-8048.

21-2tc

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15-tfc

**FIREWORKS SALES**

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19-3tc

Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, please call 928-5348.

TFC

Handy man: mowing, roto-tilling, small repair jobs, clean-up, etc. For any job around the house, call 928-3373.

15-TFC

Alcoholics anonymous and AL-ANON meetings are Tuesday and Thursday at The New Testament Church in Merkel on S. 5th and Trundy.

TFC

We stock Pontiacs and GMC trucks. We order Olds, Buicks, Cadillacs, etc. Palmer Pontiac and GMC. 928-5113.

6-TFC

Overeaters Anonymous now meets on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the New Testament Church on S. 5th & Trundy.

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GET PAID for reading books! \$100.00 per title. Write: PASE-B2714, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, IL 60542.

21-4tp

**FOR RENT**

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21-1tnc

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TFC

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TFC

House for rent: 2 bedroom, refrigerator and stove, furnished. Call 928-5189, 928-5176, 928-5852.

18-TFCNC

For Rent: 2 Bdrm. House, \$200 per month plus deposit. Call 928-5005.

21-1tc

**REAL ESTATE**

For Sale: Neat 3 Bdrm., 2 Bath, Brick with central heat and air. In a desirable neighborhood and has a small storage building and pens. Situated on 2 lots. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311, 675-9138 or 928-4826.

14-TFC

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TFC

For Sale 6 room with 3 lots. Owner will finance call 862-6354 or write Box 162, Trent, Texas 79561.

14-8TC

For Sale still available, large brick 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath with central heat and air, also includes 70 acres. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 6928311, 675-9138

**Classifieds**

or 928-4826.

14-TFC

For Sale 2 story, large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom and bath downstairs, large upstairs, 3 Bdrm, Bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell, Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

TFC

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13-TFC

For Sale: 10 acres completely fenced, city water available. Ideal for a home site or a mobile home. Call for more details Ken Hogan Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311. 675-9138 or 928-4826.

14-TFC

**CARDS OF THANKS**

Here again so soon we are having to say thank you to the wonderful people of Merkel, To Bro. Strange, Bro. Davies for their wonderful messages, Barbara and Edgar Graham for their beautiful music. Thanks to all who brought food, sent flowers, called and came by the house during the loss of our sweet mama.

A special thanks to Starr Nursing Home for the Love and Care they gave during her stay there this past year, and special thanks to Dr. Tran for his concern and compassion he showed both to Papa and Mama over the past years. To Starbuck Funeral Home for their help during our time of sorrow.

May The Lord Bless All of You.  
Alma Massey Family

**GARAGE SALES**

Lifetime Garage Sale: Everything goes, reasonable prices, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 1411 S. 5th.

21-1tp

Garage Sale: 710 Avondale. Open 7:30 on Friday & Saturday. Lots of tools, coleman lantern and stove, pots, pans, dishes, bedspreads, weed eater, lawn mower, ice chests, lots of clothes, men's and women's suits and leather jackets.

21-1tp

Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday. S. 2nd & Lois. Women's, Men's, Boys & Girls clothing.

21-1tp

Yard Sale: Weedeater, spreader, commode, sink, drill, chest of drawers, stroller, baby clothes, jeans, Thursday 9 a.m. 112 Ash.

21-1tp

Garage Sale: Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 621 N. 2nd in Merkel.

21-1tp

Garage Sale: Full size bed, car seat, infant and toddler size clothes, men's clothes and some ladies clothes, boys & girls size jeans & misc. 819 Rose Saturday only. 8 AM.

21-1tc

Garage Sale: Thursday & Friday, 8 AM till noon only. #12 Pioneer Court.

21-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Merkel ISD is accepting bids on installation of central heat/air conditioning for the school Cafeteria. Plans can be seen at the Central Office, 3rd and Ash Street or mailed to P.O. Box 430, Merkel, TX. 79536. Bids will be opened June 9th at 10:00 a.m. Merkel ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

21-1tc

Merkel ISD is accepting bids on copy machines for MISD. Specifications can be seen at the Central Office, 3rd and Ash Street or mailed to P.O. Box 430, Merkel, TX. 79536. Deadline to receive bids will be on June 6th, 1988. Merkel ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

21-1tc

**AN ORDINANCE**

An ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1988 and ending April 30, 1989.

Whereas: The City Secretary of Merkel, Texas in obedience to the laws of the State of Texas, submitted to the City Council of said city a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said City for fiscal year beginning May 1, 1988 and ending April 30, 1989.

Whereas: Notice of said

proposed budget were duly posted in City Hall and published in the local newspaper.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, that the following budget is hereby adopted as follows, to-wit:

Income:  
General Fund  
Income \$254,800.00  
From Operating \$0  
Total: \$254,800.00  
Expenditures  
General Fund  
Expenditures \$257,295.00  
To Operating \$0  
Total: \$257,295.00  
Income  
Water-sewer-Sanitation  
Income \$512,500.0000  
From Operating \$0

Total: \$512,500.00  
Expenditures  
Water-sewer-sanitation  
Expenditures \$503,304.00  
To Operating \$9,196.00  
Total: \$512,500.00  
Summary  
Total Income \$767,300  
Total Expenditures  
\$760,599.00  
Balance \$6,899.00  
Be it further ordained that all transfers of funds set out in the budget are in all things approved.  
Passed and approved this the 23rd day of May, 1988.

J. A. Sadler  
City Secretary  
Kent Satterwhite  
Mayor  
21-1tc

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5 LBS CHUCK STEAK  
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