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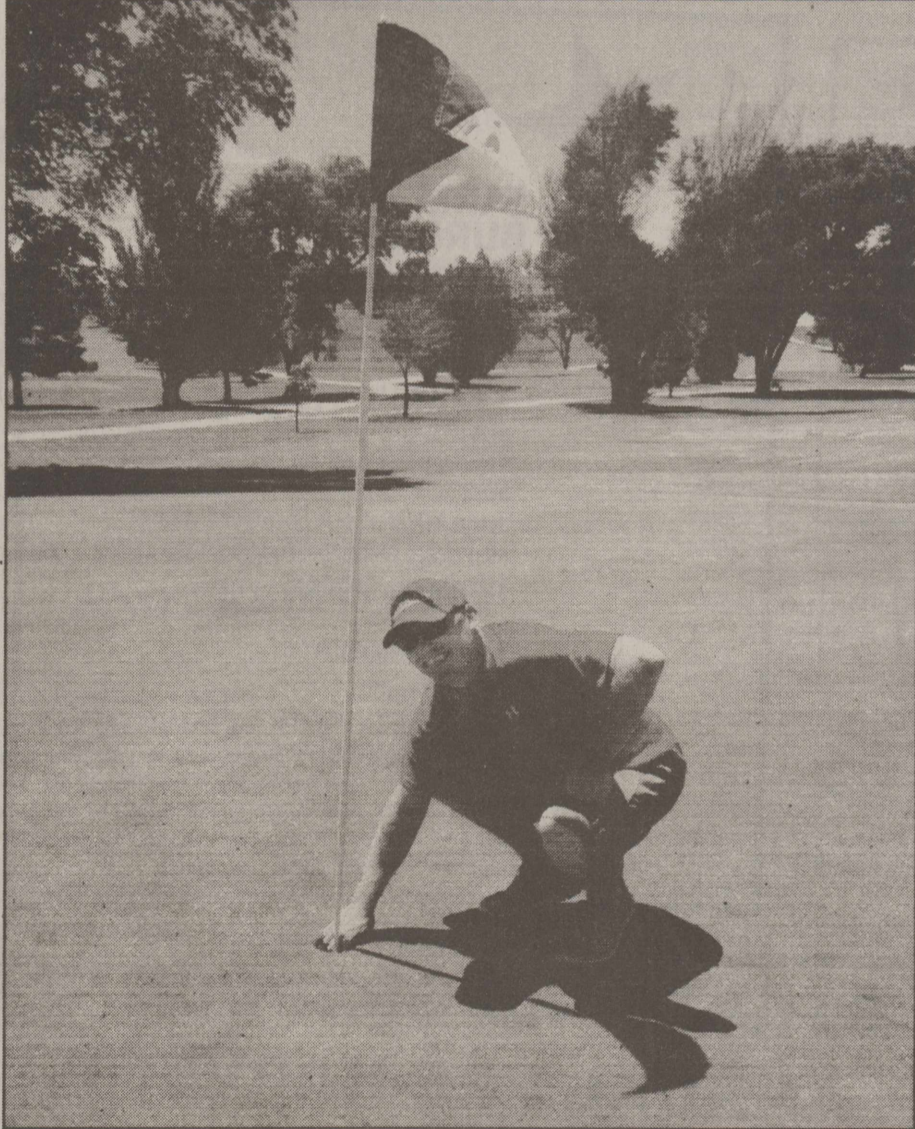


Congressman Bill Flores speaks to students May 22nd

Congressman Bill Flores of Texas District 17 spoke at the Stratford High School on Friday, May 22, 2015. Congressman Flores was part of the distinguished lecture series the Stratford Education Foundation has had a part in bringing in past graduates of Stratford High School who come to speak to the students. Stratford is very lucky to have so many past graduates who take time out of their busy schedules to do this. We appreciate them. Shown above are Gina Flores, Bill and Jackie Gilley.

Weather Update

By Greg Wright
 Greg Wright said so far this month we have had 5.22 total inches of rain. Average Temperature for May has been 72.2. May 2 and 3rd of this month we were 87 and 88. At press time more rain was scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week. We have truly been blessed with the way our rain has come. Our prayers go out to so many who have not been as fortunate.



Hudson makes hole-in-one

Scott Hudson makes his second hole-in-one on Sunday May 24, 2015 at the Stratford Country Club at the par-3 Number 5. Hudson used an 8-iron from 185 yards out for his second career ace. Witnessed by Roger Allen, Adam Bell, Billy Elliott, Cassi Hudson and Gregg Hudson. Congrats to Scott. Scott did this several years ago when he was 13 years old at a golf course in Amarillo. He was over joyed to have made it two times.



Tanner Stone and Trevor Melton Take State

Tanner Stone won the State Championship in Shot-put in May. He also took 5th place in the state in discus. Trevor Melton was the State Championship in discus. And Jack McBryde came in 5th place in state in hurdles. Congratulations to all of these three athletes. You represented Stratford very well. Shown above left are Tanner Stone, and Trevor Melton. Again a big Congrats to all our state qualifiers.

Stratford ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program

Stratford ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1 - 18 years old without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

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Allissa Palmer competing at State

Allissa Palmer at press time was in Austin at the UIL State Competition. Allissa is competing in Lincoln Douglas Debate. We wish her the very best and good luck.

What's Happening- In Stratford

- SCOT Luncheon Thursday, May 28th at 12 noon
- Piano recital on Sunday, May 31, 2015 complete details on page 2
- Story Teller Performance at the Sherman County Library, June 9th at 2:00 p.m.
- Summer Movies at the Sherman County Library begins June 16th at 1:30 p.m. and continues every Tuesday until August 21st
- 8th Grade Graduation 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, High school Gym
 Stratford High School Graduation Friday, May 29 8 p.m. High School Gym

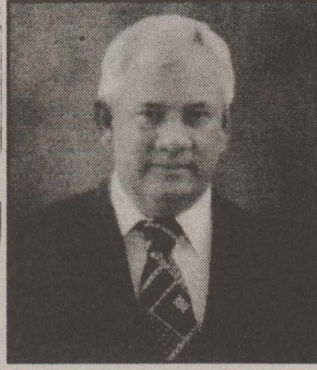
CHET EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SET UP AT FIRST STATE BANK

The Chet Everett Memorial Scholarship has been set up at the First State Bank in Stratford. If you would like to contribute, please see Cindy Larence at FSB or mail your check to:

First State Bank
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Paula, Hunter and Bethany Everett want all proceeds of this account to go to a deserving graduating senior.
 This account will be available for contributions until August 1st, 2015

Obituaries



Ken Forthman

September 1, 1948-May 21, 2015

Ken Forthman, 66 of Stratford, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2015. Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at First Christian Church with Jack Haile officiating. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

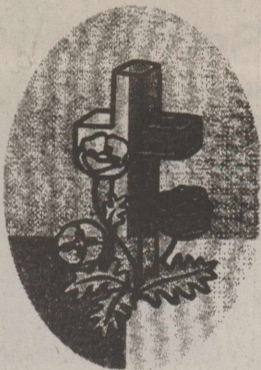
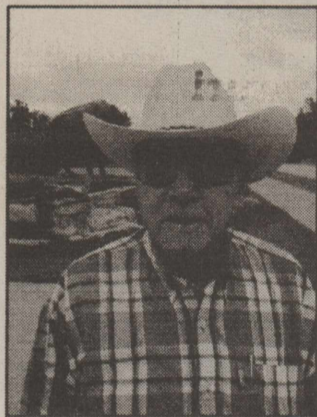
Ken was born on September 1, 1948 in Clinton, OK to John and Mary Forthman. He honorably served his country in the US Army during Vietnam. Ken was united in marriage to Linda O'Quinn on April 26, 1974. He had been a resident of Stratford for 42 years.

Ken worked at Phillips for over 21 years and served as Mayor of Stratford for 8 years. He loved fishing, planting flowers, hunting and building grills. He especially enjoyed cooking BBQ for friends and family. Ken was a member of First Christian Church in Stratford and will be missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Jimmy Forthman.

Ken is survived by his wife, Linda, of the home; a brother: LeRoy Predmore and wife Alto of Eva, OK; and his other family members: Dana Craig of Amarillo, TX, Clint and Martha Craig and their children: Kai and Kethan all of Ennis, TX, Tim and Sharon Predmore of Elkhart, TX, Dondie Rodgers and daughter Addle of Guymon, OK, Kim and Scott Moore and their children of Wellsville, KS, Shonia Ritter and her children, Jennie Larson and her children; and other extended family members.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 626, Stratford, TX 79084 or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79105.



W. Roger Crabtree

June 19, 1931-May 21, 2015

BOISE CITY, Okla. - W. Roger Crabtree, 83, of Boise City died Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday-May 25th in St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Boise City with Mike Kuhlman officiating. Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive, in Amarillo, Texas.

Roger was born June 19, 1931, at his family farm near Kerrick to Roger and Mabel Crabtree. He was a 1949 graduate Boise City High School. He then went on to Panhandle A&M College on a football scholarship. Roger was a four-year letterman on the football team and graduated in 1953. He had a passion for the game of football throughout his life.

Roger served in the Army for two years, where he was stationed in Wurzburg, Germany. He married Mary Brown on Aug. 25, 1957, in Boise City.

Roger was a rancher and farmer in Cimarron County all of his life. He had a great love for raising cattle and always rode a good cow horse. He loved the outdoors and the ranching way of life. In later years, his Jack Russell terrier, Zia could always be found on his lap in the pickup checking cattle. Roger was an avid collector of Indian artifacts and very well known for his extensive collection and knowledge. His greatest love was for his family and being Grandpa to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Crabtree, in 1997; and a brother, Lewis Crabtree.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Crabtree of Boise City; a son, Doak Crabtree and wife Lisa of Stratford, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Coleen Allen and husband Eddie of Boise City; two sisters, Lynn Wells and husband Kenneth of Stratford and Judy Potter of Boise City; five grandchildren who loved him dearly, Lori Stewart and husband Jarrod of Keyes, Tami Kearns and husband Brad of Mustang, Clay Crabtree and wife Krista of Boise City, Casey Crabtree of Amarillo and Kristen Mann and husband Charlie of Canadian, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, Jase, Jordyn and Jett Stewart, Kayden Kearns, Noel, Ana and Jocelyn Crabtree; and longtime friend and trusted employee, "Candy" Rosa of Boise City.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 848, Boise City, OK 73933.

Sign the online guest book at www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com.

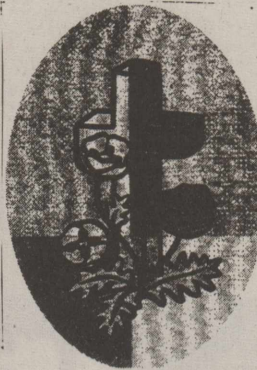
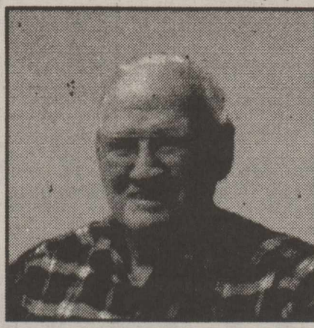
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Odell Arnold

January 11, 1927 - May 22, 2015

Odell Arnold, 88 of Stratford, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2015. Funeral Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at First Baptist Church with Larry Norris officiating. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday at the funeral home. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Odell was born on January 11, 1927 to James and Kate (Taylor) Arnold in Kent County, TX. Shortly after graduating high school he married the love of his life, Mildred Spray on February 8, 1948 in Kermit, TX. They moved to the community in 1969 and were happily married until her passing on November 13, 2013. Odell enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He also liked to play dominoes, canasta and would do the crossword puzzles in the newspaper daily.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one son: Bobby Arnold and one grandson: Stephen Arnold.

Odell is survived by four children: Donny Arnold and wife Janice of Wylie, TX, Judy Gretz of Acworth, GA, Debbie McDaniel and husband Garold of Stratford and Ronny Arnold and wife Deena of Ft. Collins, CO; eight grandchildren: Jill Reynolds, Andrew Arnold, Robbyn Gretz, Christopher Gretz, Ryan McDaniel, Kane McDaniel, Mason McDaniel and Megan Arnold; and one sister: Hazel Furrer.

The family suggest memorials be to a favorite charity.

Story Teller to Perform at County Library

The Sherman County Public Library will be hosting Sue Kuentz, a member of the Texas Touring Arts Program, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Having been an elementary school educator for 32 years, Mrs. Kuentz excites youth audiences with her folktales and fairy tales from around the world. She not only continues her youth storytelling club in the schools, empowering each child involved, but has been the organizer for the Texas Storytelling Youth Challenge each year. Sue has been honored with H-E-B's Lifetime Excellence in Teaching award, named NEISD's teacher of the year, and was a featured Texas Teller at the Tejas Storytelling Festival, as well as emceeding and storytelling on their various stages. Sue's storytelling sessions are age appropriate, utilizing participatory tales for the audience. If you would like more information about Sue, you can visit her website at www.door2lore.com or information about the performance you can contact Sandy Baskin at the Sherman County Public Library.

This performance in being made possible through a grant with the Texas Commission of the Arts.

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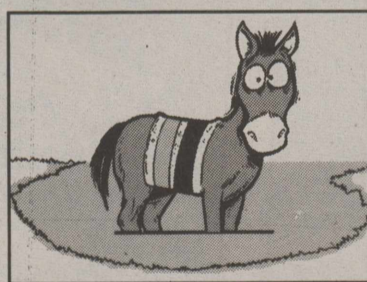
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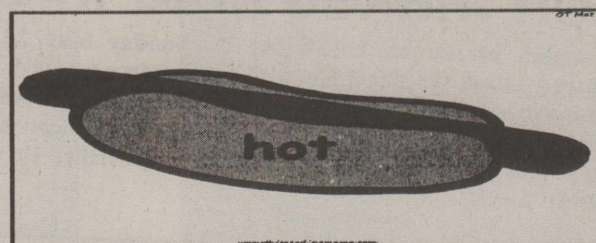
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Do you remember the first time you met Jesus? How did you meet him? Was there something about this first meeting that made you want to draw closer? I was fortunate enough to be introduced to Jesus as small child. At church they told me stories about him. These stories told me Jesus was special and powerful. Jesus helped a boy named Joseph kill a mean giant. Jesus protected Daniel in the lion's den. Jesus made Samson strong enough to break off his chains and kill the bad guys that captured him. Jesus helped Moses free the slaves from Pharaoh. Jesus made a blind man see and a lame man walk. They told me Jesus loved me too. I felt very special to belong to someone this awesome. I began to fall in love with him. I wanted to know more about Jesus. I wanted him close to me.

I would quickly turn the pages of the Bible searching for pictures of Jesus. I remember anxiously studying the pictures of Jesus in the Bible and on the Sunday school cards. I searched his face. I loved the gentle, caring, look on his face. He had little children gathered around him with little lambs at his feet. He was smiling. He was truly having a good time chatting with the children. The children were happy spending time with him. I wanted to be one of those children with Jesus. I wanted Jesus to smile at me. I wanted Jesus to be my friend too.

I would sing to Jesus when I was alone. I would find places to steal away and talk to him. I could feel him right there with me. He listened. He understood me. He liked being with me. Sometimes, with Jesus beside me, I would lay on my back in the warm sun, on the soft grass, dreamily gazing into the clouds. It was mesmerizing being near him--like we were alone in the world. There was a deep connection between us--almost like old friends who understood each other even without words. Alone with Jesus I felt totally perfect, absolutely at peace. I enjoyed having him near me. I never wanted to leave his presence. I knew I wanted to go to heaven and live with him. He and I became fast friends. He entered my heart and made his home there.

Years later, I still remember the total lack of any doubt or fear. When I heard the words: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." I simply believed! Some might argue children are too young to understand spiritual matters, but I disagree. There was something deep inside of me ready to welcome the message of Jesus. I accepted him without hesitation. I was certain I wanted Christ as my savior and immediately accepted him into my heart.

Maybe you were not quite so young when you met Jesus or maybe you have not yet made him your friend. You can do it right now. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Simply believe you were born a sinner, Jesus died for your sins, ask his forgiveness, and invite him into your heart to be your Lord and Savior: "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

(Romans 10:9 NIV)

Meditation: Am I ready to follow Jesus?

Acts 2:38 James 4:7-8 John 3:16 John 10:11 John 14:15-16 John 15:13-17 John 16:13

Feedback welcome. joniahhyssop@gmail.com

I think it must somewhere be written that the virtues of mothers shall be visited on their children, as well as the sins of their fathers.
—Charles Dickens

All mothers are physically handicapped. They have only two hands.
—Anonymous



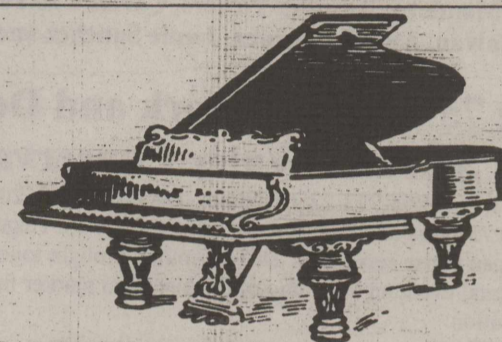
An Oklahoman, Sylvan Goldman, is credited with inventing the first shopping cart in 1937.

Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.
—Henry David Thoreau

A weed is no more than a flower in disguise.
—James Russell Lowell

4th Grade Boy's Travel Team

Top: CJ Hernandez, Luke Braden, Miguel Nunez, Zane Burr, Tony Duran, Middle: Ethan Moczygmba, Vinny Aguilera. Bottom: Lui Aguilera, Mauricio Duran, Adan Duran, Bryce Braden. They placed 1st in Texline Tournament April 23, 24 and 25th. Other tournaments they were in Dumas-1st place, Gruver-2nd place, Spearman-2nd Place. And Goodwell, OK. Congratulations



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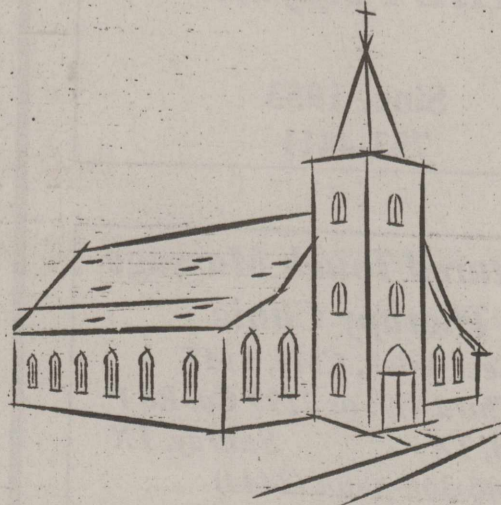
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Front row (L-R): Dalia Cruz, David Marquez, Daniela Morales, Alondra Bobadilla, Ethan McGinnis, Jacie Seward, Allissa Palmer, and Aron Villegas. Back row: Daniel Sanchez, Jesus Tarango, Vanessa Mendoza, Brantley Powers, Carlos Castaneda, and Colton Summers. Not pictured: Astrid Galvan, Amber Jimenez, Jamie Sanchez and Diana Vasquez.

2015 "Big Blue Band" Seniors Collect Impressive Amount of Hardware In Seven Years of Competition

This year's Stratford High School Band seniors have been very successful each and every year at band competitions as evidenced by the hardware they have collected through the years.

Beginning as 6th Graders in 2009, the band travelled to the Dalhart Band Festival and received a Division I (Superior) Rating in concert band competition. Likewise in 7th Grade the band received a Division I Rating at the Highland Park Band Festival. In 2011, as 8th graders, the students received Sweepstakes at the UIL Region 1 Concert Band contest by earning Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading. This was the first Sweepstakes won by a Stratford Junior High band since 1996 - a length of 15 years.

In the Fall of 2011 the students joined the "Big Blue Marching Band" and competed at their first UIL Regional Marching Contest receiving a Division I rating plaque. Since it was an "advancing year" (State Marching Contest for Class A Bands) the band competed at the UIL Area Marching Contest in Amarillo. They received a "Top Ten Finalist" plaque by advancing to finals competition in the evening. That Spring they also received Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading at the UIL Regional Concert competition. The Division I ratings in these 3 areas qualified the band for the Sweepstakes trophy for 2012- the first Sweepstakes for a Stratford High School Band in 4 years.

In 2013 as Sophomores and again in 2014 as Juniors, the 2015 Seniors received the UIL Sweepstakes Trophy. The Fall of 2013 was also an "advancing year" and the students again reached the finals competition at the UIL Area Marching Contest. Although they just missed the mark at Marching Contest this last Fall, the students finished strong, receiving all Division I ratings from the 6 judges in Concert and Sightreading Competition at this Spring's UIL Regional Concert competition.

The 2015 "Big Blue Band" Seniors definitely have set a high mark for future band members to strive; and should be congratulated for representing Stratford Schools so well.

Celebrating 75 Years of Work and Dedication to the State of Texas for Soil and Water Conservation

CONTACT: Loren Warrick/ 254-773-2250 Temple, Texas, May 22, 2015

Temple - To celebrate 75 years of soil and water conservation the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) held an open house ceremony. This ceremony brought together past and present staff, board members,

To mark this monumental event an unveiling of the historical marker in front of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Headquarters took place. This marker explains the true definition and start to the TSSWCB.

To kick off the event the TSSWCB Chairman Scott Buckles of Stratford welcomed the attendees, and thanked those that played a role in making this event possible.

Former Speaker of Texas House Pete Laney of Hale Center was the keynote speaker. Mr. Laney spoke of the accomplishments that the TSSWCB through the local soil water conservation districts have done throughout the state. TSSWCB Executive Director Rex Isom, recognized his staff, board members past and present, and stated, "This program, from the made up of real people that are genuinely concerned and caring about the natural resources of Texas." "These people are the true conservationist of this great state."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of water-depleting brush; works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property; and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

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At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.

2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of six local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.

3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2015 tax roll. On

May 22nd taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. Now is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 6th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value. The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

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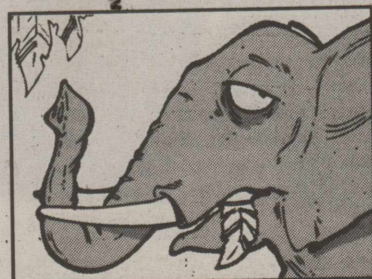
To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **DOUGLAS P. McBRYDE, Deceased, No. 2,237** in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, Probate Matter:

The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of **DOUGLAS P. McBRYDE, Deceased**, by the Judge of the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 19th day of May, 2015, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against this Estate to present them to the Executrix within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

HAZEL JOYCE McBRYDE
1213 Butler
Stratford, Texas 79084

HAZEL JOYCE McBRYDE- Independent Executrix of the Estate of **DOUGLAS P. McBRYDE, Deceased**

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African elephants only have four teeth with which to chew.

Monarch Butterfly Workshop June 10th

The Texas Panhandle Audubon society would like to let you all know that on Wednesday, June 10th from 9am-3pm at St. George's Episcopal Church in Canyon we will be hosting a Monarch Butterfly workshop. Since 1990, nearly 1 billion monarchs have perished accounting for about 90 percent population decline. Like bees, monarchs are essential for pollination and like the bees, have fallen victim to excessive herbicide use on their lifeblood, the milkweed plant. Once flying by the billions over the United States between the Mexico and Canada, only about 30 million remain.

This grim state of the monarch population has ignited the Obama administration to take action as part of his "National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators." The administration has "recently introduced a plan to restore the monarch butterflies' habitat and increase their population by 225 million. The centerpiece of the plan is a "flyway" along Interstate 35, which stretches from Texas to Minnesota. The plan calls for turning federally owned land along the interstate corridor into milkweed refuges for the butterflies" (Whelan 2015). Environmental groups all over the country have been banding together to help with the conservation efforts including Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas.

Texas provides critical habitat on the primary migration pathway of Monarchs to and from their wintering grounds in Mexico. The availability of native milkweed host plants, essential to assure successive generations continuing north, has declined in Texas. Herbicide resistant crops, mowing of roadsides, parks and open areas and continue drought have all had an impact on the number of Monarchs surviving the southern journey to Mexico.

Overwintering resources for Monarch butterflies are also diminishing. Shelter and water needed by the overwintering butterflies are declining in Mexico and illegal logging has already eliminated a number of former colony sites. Continued thinning of the forests and outright deforestation reduces the availability of water for both the butterflies and the people.

Wednesday, June 10th from 9am-3pm at St George's Episcopal Church in Canyon, Texas, Cathy Downs and the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society invites the people of the Llano Estacado to a Monarch Workshop to come together to help reverse the damage. Cathy, a Texas Master Naturalist with the Hill Country Chapter, was born raised in New England and retired to Comfort, TX in 2004 from a 30 year career owning and operating her own retail businesses. She is a Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch, currently chairs the E Back the Monarchs to Texas (BBMT) program for Native Plant Society of Texas and is a certified Monarch Li Monitoring Project educator. Cathy raises caterpillars for education as well as propagating native milkweeds, hosts workshops and live Butterfly Pavilions for Texas Master Naturalist Chapters, Native Plant Society of Texas Chapters, Garden Clubs, Nature Centers, State Parks and elsewhere throughout Texas.

The workshop will cover:

-*Monarch anatomy, biology, and life cycle. Live specimens will be used wherever available.

*Migration decline and the reasons for the habitat decimation.

*How to identify several local native milkweeds and talk about the importance of native and non-systemically treated milkweeds in the Monarch habitat and why that is crucial to Monarch survival.

* Identify native nectar plants and the importance of fall blooming plants to increase lipid and energy levels for overwintering Monarchs

*Resources, seeds and handouts, and a Q&A

The Texas Panhandle Audubon on Society will be raffling off milkweed plants for home gardeners and hosting a silent auction. All proceeds from the auction benefit Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas. So, join us and take part in bringing back our essential pollinators to the Llano.

Rains create management decisions for corn producers

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Dr. Ron French, 806-677-5600, rdfrench@ag.tamu.edu

AMARILLO - Rain is a double-edged sword right now for agricultural producers, especially corn producers, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel in Amarillo.

Flooded fields have kept farmers from planting, or could be causing damage to seed already planted, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists. "It's important for producers to realize that they still have options for corn as we move into June," said Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist. "While we are seeing delays in corn planting, the greater concern at this time is for those producers with saturated soils and corn in the ground."

Bell said some corn producers who do not have seed in the ground are beginning to get concerned, but there is still time and producers should not rush planting in non-ideal conditions.

"Previous research has demonstrated that good yields can be obtained with late May and even early June plantings," she said. "Moving the planting date later in the season actually pushes the critical growth stage of tasseling, which coincides with the period of greatest water demand, out of the hottest part of the summer."

Research by Dr. Qingwu Xue, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant physiologist in Amarillo, evaluated four planting dates - May 15, June 1, June 15, July 15 - and six hybrids of three maturity classes. There was not a significant yield decrease by moving the planting date out of April into late May, according to Xue's results. He achieved 200-bushel yields even with 115-day hybrids planted in late May and early June.

"Of course, as we move later, we may need to adjust the maturity class shorter than a 115-day hybrid," Bell said. "While longer season hybrids have a greater yield potential, they also have a greater water requirement, so producers have the potential to save a few inches of irrigation water, which translates to reduced pumping costs. Dr. Xue's work demonstrated up to a 5-inch reduction in crop water use.

"If we consider the cost of water and current corn prices, it is possible that a slight reduction in yield as a result of switching the hybrid maturity class may not necessarily result in less profit at current prices, she said.

However, Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist in Amarillo, said, "Late-planted corn is more susceptible to fungal diseases because plants are younger when fungal activity increases, plant tissue is softer and thinner for easier fungal penetration, and rapid fungal growth will lead to a higher fungal population.

"Therefore, a good corn hybrid with good disease resistance may be desirable under late-planting and conditions."

drained. Other factors that might affect disease severity may include seed quality, whether seed was treated with a fungicide, genetic resistance and the cropping history of that field.

"Some of the most common seedling diseases are caused by soilborne fungi such as fusarium and rhizoctonia, but also by the water-mold pythium, and potentially, plant parasitic nematodes," he said. "Other fungi have also been associated with seedling damping-off, blight or wilt and may cause diseases such as Aspergillus or Nigrospora seedling blight and Anthracnose leaf blight."

Seedling diseases may look similar to one another and could be mistaken for herbicide damage, insect damage or stresses, French said. Delayed emergence and low seedling counts may indicate that seedling diseases may be occurring.

"Seed may be rotted even before germination, seedlings may emerge but then collapse, which is an indication of post-emergence damping-off, or seedlings may rot prior to emergence, which is an indication of pre-emergence damping-off," he said.

French said if a field has a history of seedling diseases in the past few years, some management strategies to consider are: crop rotation, better drainage, seed treated with one or more fungicides and/or a nematicide, and planting when soil temperatures are warmer than 55 degrees.

Bell said the much-needed rain received in the past month has delayed much of the area's corn planting, however, there was a window last week when producers were out planting.

"Now with this most recent set of storms, some with 4 inches of rain, and the cooler temperatures, there is a lot of corn that has not germinated. As a result, we have seed in the ground under saturated conditions."

Under these conditions, the cell membrane can be damaged, leaving the seed and seedling susceptible to fungal diseases that French discussed, she said.

Flooding also results in anaerobic conditions, Bell said. Oxygen deprivation kills the cells and reduces the metabolic rate, which also leaves the seed and seedling more susceptible to disease pressure.

"We have to remember that flooding doesn't only mean ponded water in the fields," she said. "Supersaturated fields will also have this problem; fields with heavy clay and fields that don't drain will definitely be an issue.

"It only takes four days for the seed to sit in saturated conditions for us to start seeing degradation, causing either variable emergence that will affect the yields at the end of the season or even seed rot."

Soil crusting is another issue that can follow heavy rains and warm temperatures, which speed up drying, Bell said.

"I expect we will see producers out with rotary hoes in the next few weeks, but crop injury from the rotary hoe is also a concern," she said. "In addition to soil crusting, compaction is another consideration. As producers rush to get back in the field, it is always important to be mindful that compaction is greater with increased soil moisture."

The last planting date for corn in the Panhandle is June 5 for full insurance coverage, but producers are still able to take out hail insurance after June 5, Bell said.

Overall, though, she said producers are very happy with the much-needed moisture in spite of the few problems the rain might cause and it will greatly benefit most summer crops.

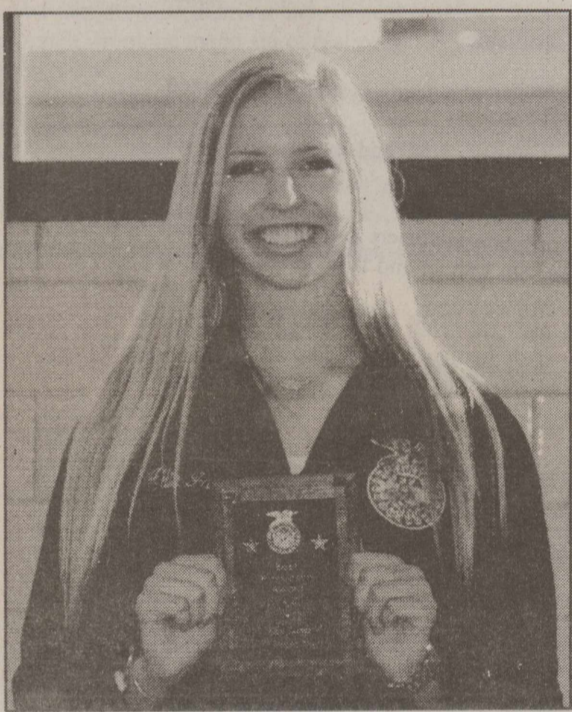
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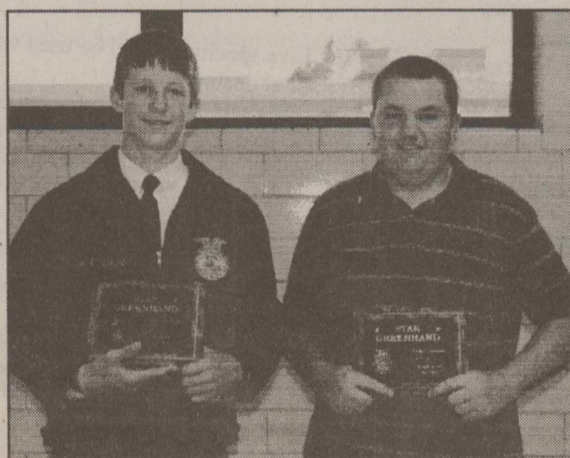
Jr. FFA awards B/F-L/R: Peyton Berry, Dempsey Collums, Benjamin James, Katelin Berry, Abby Law, Kenlee McBryde, Kaytly Clift and Morgan Clift. Not pictured Trever Bell, Ashton Lavake, Tyler & Turner Smith.



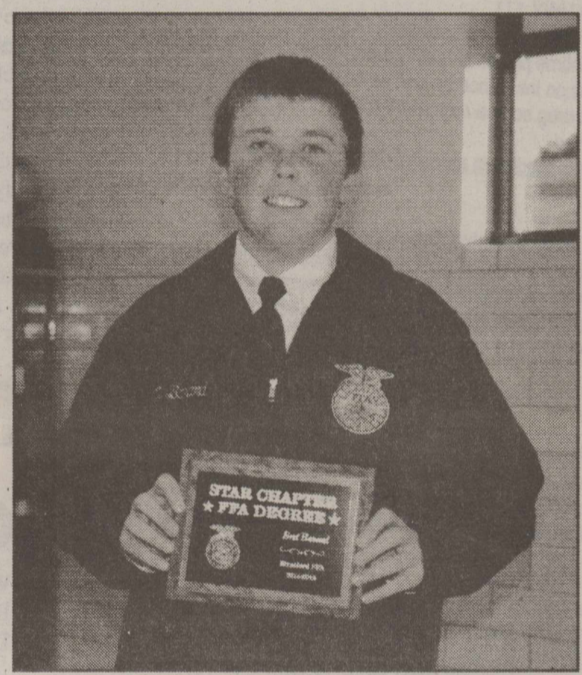
FFA President Bret Barnard and Sentinel Kade McBryde present Lance & Dinah Horsford with a yeti cooler at FFA banquet.



Beef Production – Allie James



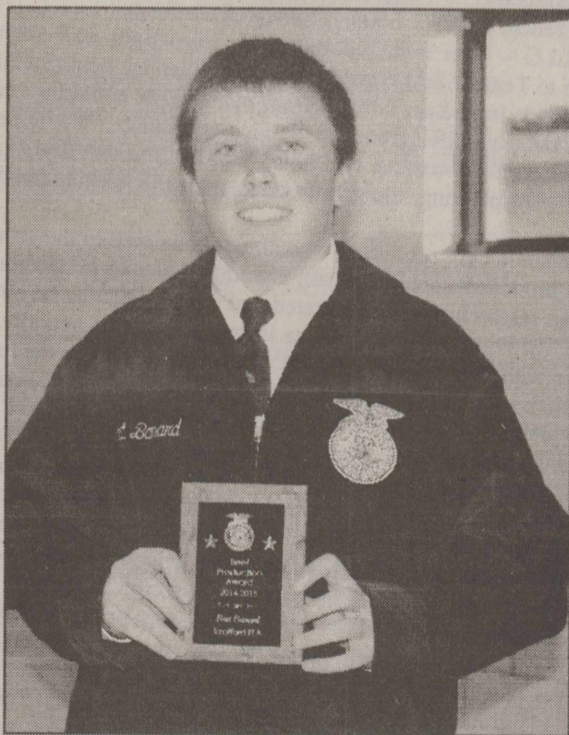
Star Greenhand Awards – Kade McBryde & Tucker Summers. Not pictured Angel Guerra.



Chapter Farmer – Bret Barnard



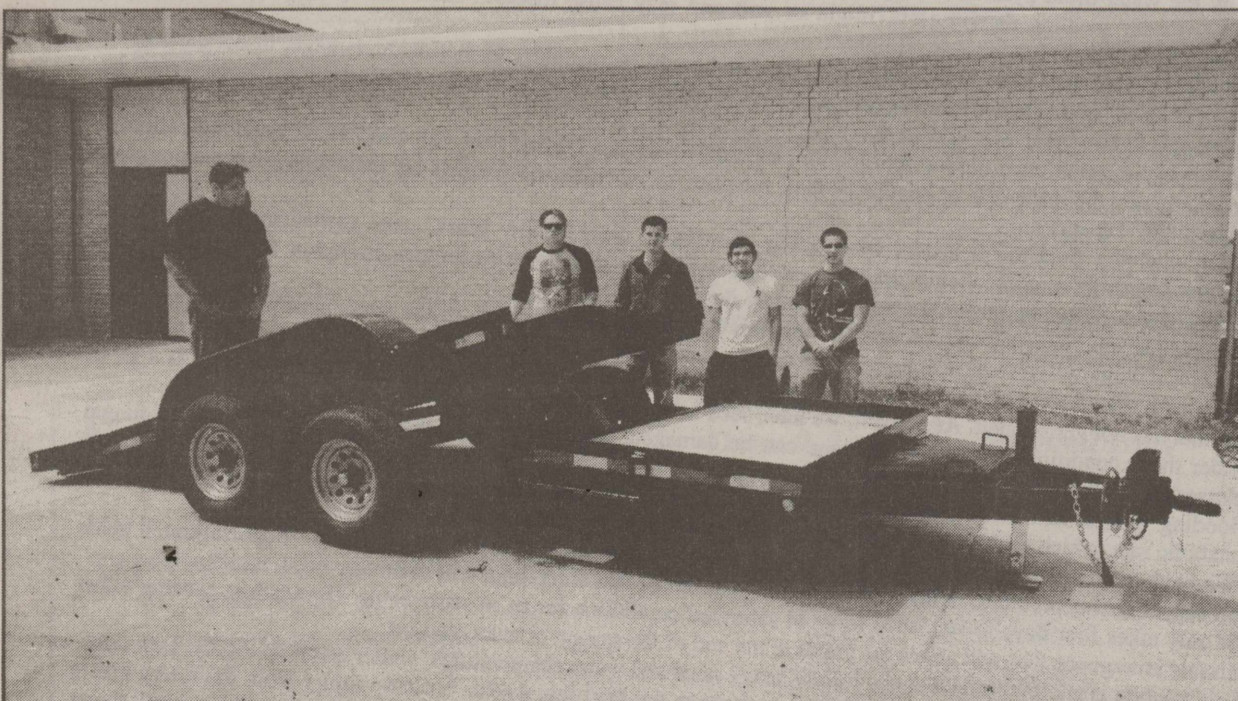
FFA Sentinel Kade McBryde presents Dan Hembree with an appreciation and retirement gift from FFA members.



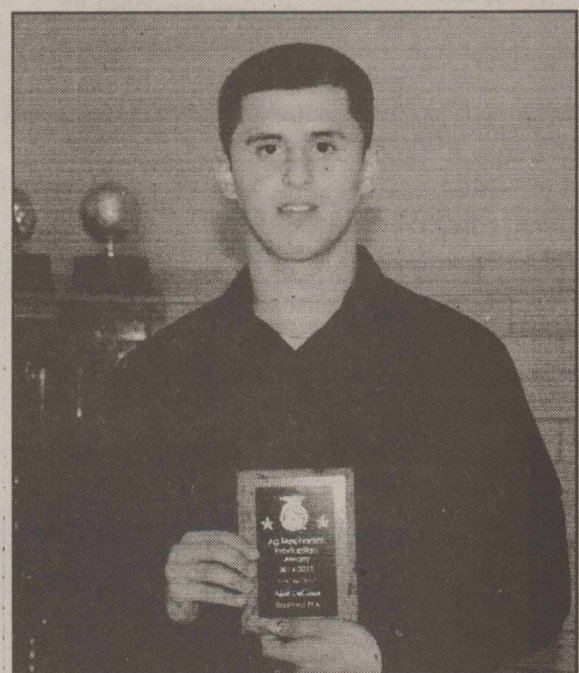
Beef Production-Bret Barnard



Swine Production – RaeLeigh Willborn & Carlee Metcalf.



Shown with their 16 ft. tilt trailer that was the Ag Mechanics class project this year from left, Colton Summers, Alan DeCasas, Jiovani Romero and Jordan Ruiz. Looking on is Gerardo Fierro.



Ag Mechanics Award – Alan DeCasas

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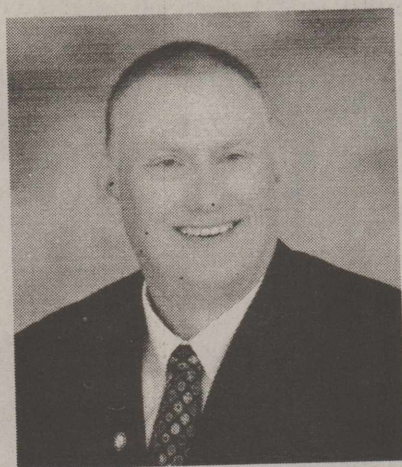
2015 Valedictorian
Vanessa Mendoza

Vanessa Mendoza is the 2015 Valedictorian. She is the 17 year old daughter of Simon and Amelia Mendoza. Motto: Carpe diem. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Accounting

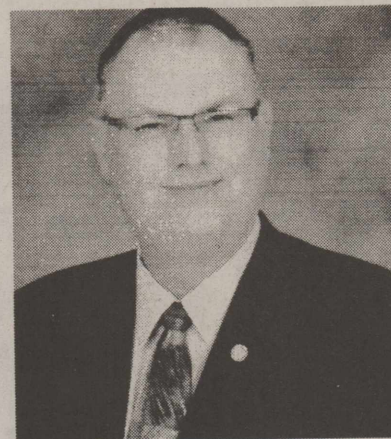


2015 Salutatorian
Bethany Everett

Bethany Everett is the 2015 Salutatorian. She is the 17 year old daughter of the late Chet Everett and Paula Everett. Motto: I will persist until I succeed. She plans to attend McMurry University, run track, and major in biology.



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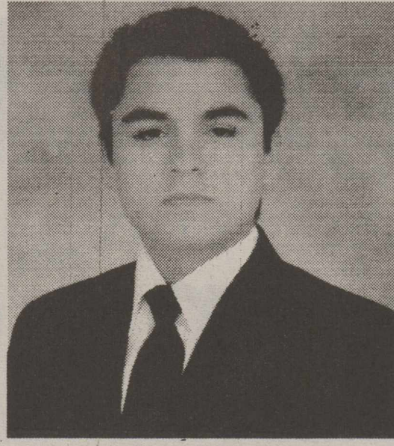
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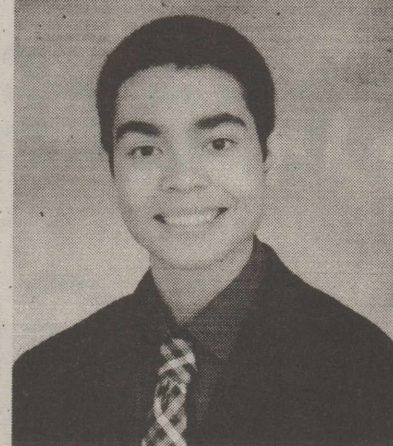
Austin Kade Aduddell
Austin Kade Aduddell is the 18 year old son of Don and Mayrene Aduddell. Motto: I meant to behave but there were too many other options. He plans to get a degree at W.T.A.M.U.



Juan Araiza
Juan Araiza is the 18 year old son of Elizabeth Ibarra. Motto: "I must be doing something right if I made it this far" He plans to join the Army after graduation.



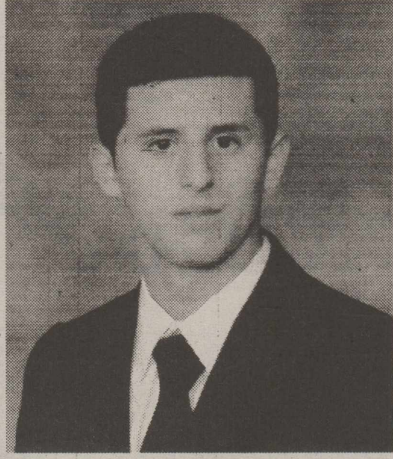
Alondra G. Bobadilla
Alondra G. Bobadilla is the 18 year old daughter of Francisco Bobadilla and Lorena de la Cruz. Motto: "Cherish yesterday; live today; reach for tomorrow" She plans to attend UTEP and Major in accounting.



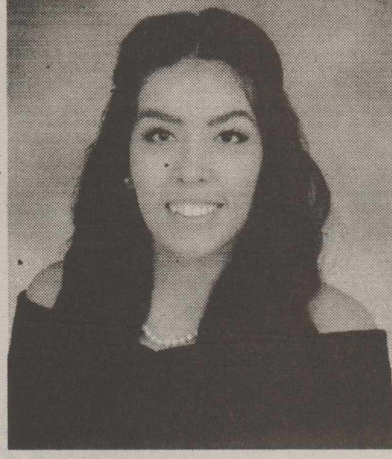
Carlos Estevan Castaneda
Carlos Estevan Castaneda is the 18 year old son of Esmeralda and Francisco Castaneda. Motto: "Keep moving forward-Walt Disney" He plans to go to WTAMU, and graduate with a degree in Nursing.



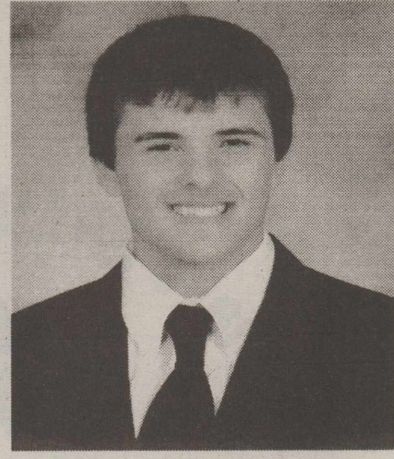
Dalia Cruz
Dalia Cruz is the 18 year old daughter of Roberto and Maria Cruz. Motto: "Speak from your heart and never compromise what you feel is real"-Childish Gambino. She plans to go to Oklahoma Panhandle State University and major in Mass Communication.



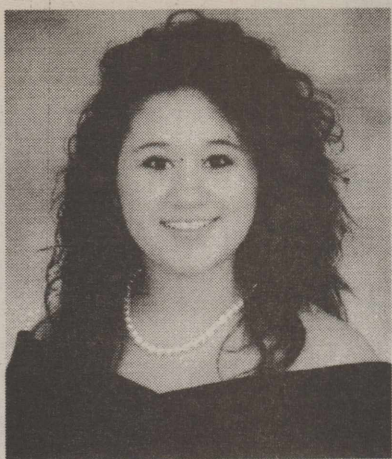
Alan DeCasas
Alan DeCasas is the 17 year old son of Jesus and Patricia DeCasas. Motto: Give us today to conquer tomorrow. He plans to attend Tulsa welding school after graduation. Yara Duarte is the 17 year old daughter of Erika & Pedro Duarte. Motto: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it".



Yara Duarte
Yara Duarte is the 17 year old daughter of Erika and Pedro Duarte. Motto: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it". She plans to attend WTAMU and get her social working degree.



Trey Glenn Gabehart
Trey Glenn Gabehart is the 18 year old son of Tommy and Roxanna Gabehart and Tanner and Geenie Jenson. Motto: Look in the mirror that's your (ONLY) competition. He plans to go to college, get a steady job as a football coach and theater arts teacher, while striving for my dream in auditions to become an actor.



Eliza Galvan
Eliza Astrid Galvan is the 18 year old daughter of Efrain & Eliza Rosales. Motto: Let go and let God. She plans to move to Winnie, Texas, and attend a college in Houston for Photography



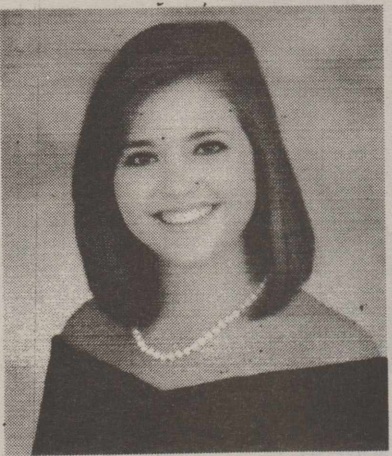
Desinya Garza
Desinya Garza is the 17 year old daughter of Jamie & Desine Garza. Motto: "We finish each others..." Frozen. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Consumer Silences.



Magaly Guerrero
Magaly Guerrero is the 18 year old daughter of Jose and Maria Guerrero. Motto: "...sandwiches"-Frozen. She plans to attend Amarillo College to finish my basics then transfer to WRAMU and major in Special Education.



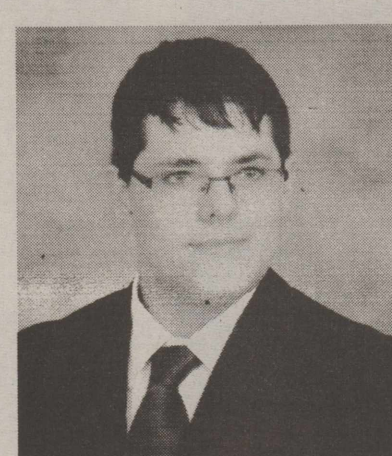
Amber Natasha Jimenez-Torres
Amber is the 18 year old daughter of Maria G. Duarte and Jose A. Duarte. Motto: Go with the flow. Always try new things. Plans to save money for when I go to college.



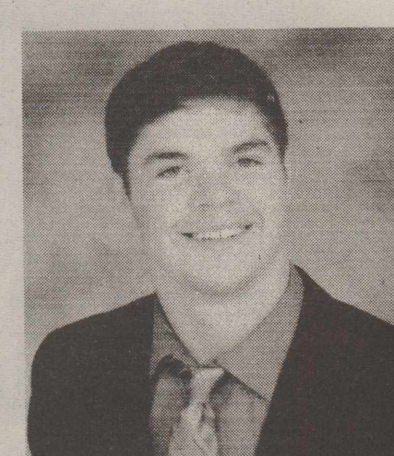
Brittany Law
Brittany Law is the 17 year old daughter of Scott and Pati Law. Motto: "I can do anything, I just can't do everything". She plans to attend West Texas A&M, major in nursing and minor in mass communications.



David Marquez
David is the 19 year son of Maria & Rodrigo Marquez. Motto: It is what it is. He plans to attend Tulsa Welding after graduation.



Ethan McGinnis
Ethan McGinnis is the 18 year son of Jennifer Spurlock. Motto: Stay low, go fast. Kill first, die last. One shot, one kill. No Luck, All skill. Plans to work in law enforcement after graduation



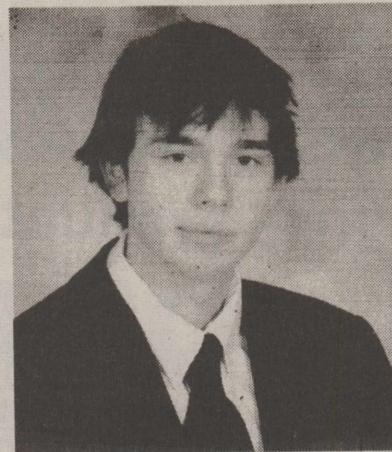
Trevor Melton
Trevor Melton is the 18 year old son of Travis and Sabrina Melton. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go-Joshua 1:9. He plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University and play football after graduation.



Daniela Rubi Morales
Daniela Rubi Morales is the 18 year old daughter of Maria & Jesus Morales. Motto: "We have come a long way, but not half as far as we will go." She plans to get an Associate's Degree in Dental Assisting.



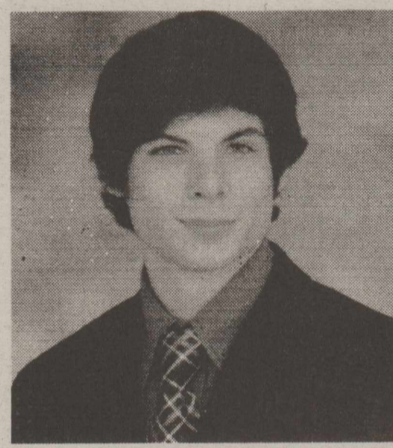
Madison Laine Mungia
Madison Laine Mungia is the 18 year old daughter of Bryan and Kendra Mungia. Motto: Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean that you aren't headed for sunshine-unknown. She plans to go to West Texas A&M University and major in Theatre and Technology.



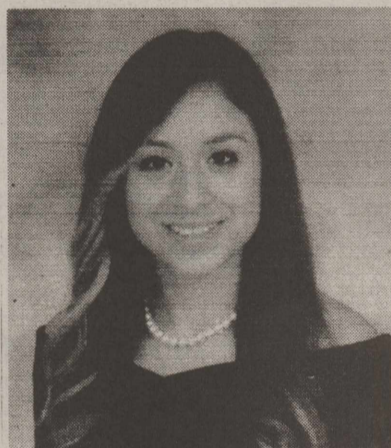
Connor Natalino
Connor is the 17 year old son of Chris and Michele Natalino. Motto: Being different is my favorite kind of success. He plans to do something musical, (sound engineering, producing, etc.).



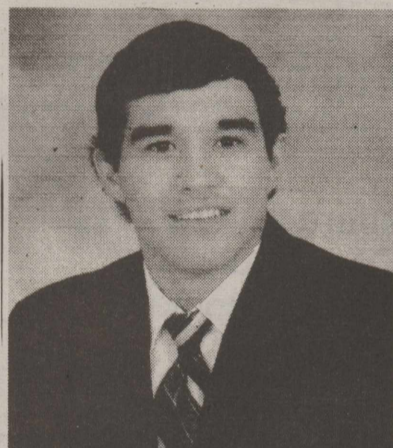
Allissa Joe Palmer
Allissa Joe Palmer is the 18 year old daughter of Shane and April Palmer. Motto: You can never be overdressed or overeducated-Oscar Wilde. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in multi-disciplinary studies with a focus on special education.



Brantley Powers
Brantley is the 18 year old son of Shannon & Taryn Powers. Motto: "Train yourself to let go of everything you fear to lose."-Yoda. He plans to go to Wayland and Study Music Business.



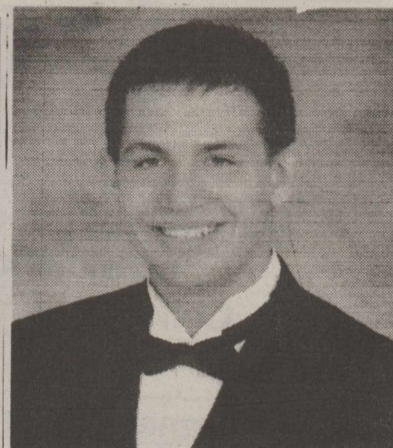
Karla Ramirez
Karla is the 19 year old daughter of Rosa and Javier Ramirez. Motto: "She is clothed with dignity and strength and laughs without fear of the future"-Proverbs 31:25 Plans to attend Amarillo College after graduation.



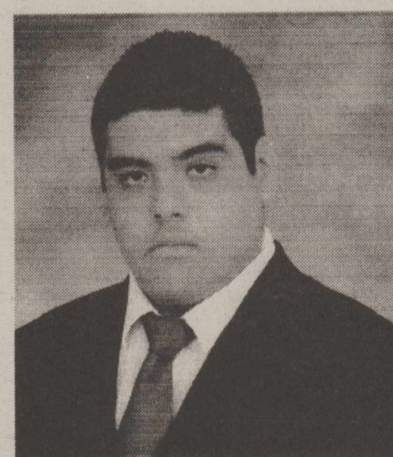
Jiovani Romero
Jiovani Romero is the 19 year old son of Gerardo and Hilda Romero. Motto: Small town, Big Dreams. He plans to receive his welding certificate and join the Police Academy



Jordan Ruiz
Jordan Ruiz is the 17 year old son of Jorge and Norma Ruiz. Motto: If it were easy everybody would do it. That is why you have to take it upon yourself to work hard so YOU can have what it is YOU desire. He plans to attend Tarleton State University or West Texas A&M.



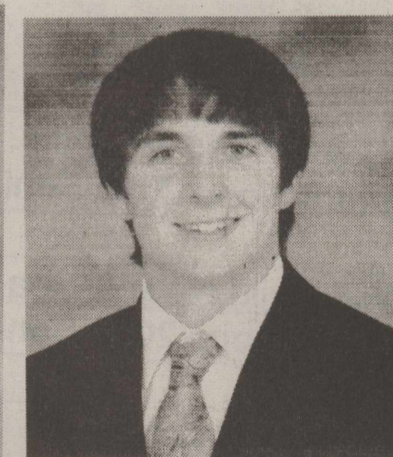
Chisum Rutherford
Chisum Rutherford is the 19 year son of Kenny and Ronda Rutherford. Motto: Serve others. He plans to go to college and get a nursing degree.



Daniel Sanchez Jr.
Daniel Sanchez Jr. is the 18 year old son of Daniel Sr and Maria Sanchez. Motto: "With his Power, for his Glory". He plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in Physical Education.



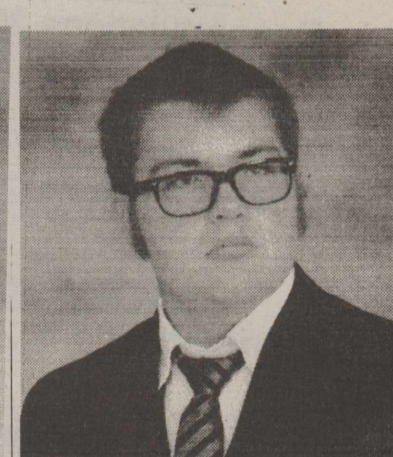
Jamie Aylin Sanchez
Jamie Aylin Sanchez is the 17 year old daughter of Jesse & Albina Sanchez. Motto: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD," plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. She plans to attend a one year internship in Roaring Springs Camp and Retreat Center.



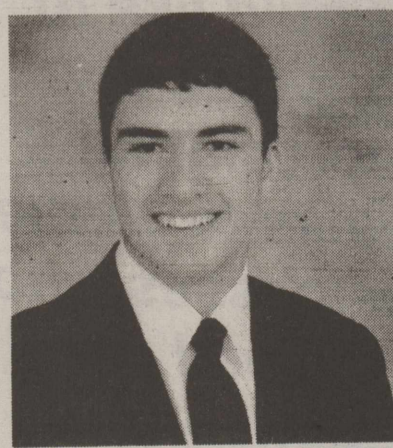
Rett Schoonover
Rett Schoonover is the 19 year old son of Brady Schoonover, and Mark and Trisha Keener. Motto: "Do not take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive." Elbert Hubbard. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University.



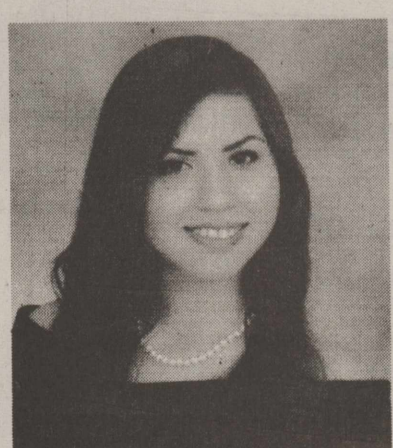
Jacie Seward
Jacie Seward is the 18 year old daughter of Clint and Cindy Seward. Motto: "Ah music! A magic beyond all we do here!" Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University to study music therapy.



Colton Summers
Colton is the 18 year old son of Audra & Shawn Meidinger, Garvin & Janice Sommers. Motto: The past is the past the future is now. He plans to go to UTI (Universal Technical Institute) and become a fantastic mechanic.



Jesus Tarango
Jesus is the 17 year old son of Gabriel and Aurora Tarango. Motto: If you get knocked down 8 times you get up 9. He plans entering the police force.



Diana Valeria Vazquez
Diana Valeria Vazquez is the 18 year old daughter of Amanda Vasquez and Jesus Elias Javier. Motto: "Stars can't shine without a little darkness." She plans to attend Amarillo College after Graduation attend WTAMU and become the best radio host in the country.



Aron Villegas
Aron Villegas is the 18 year old son of Gilberto Villegas and Patricia Villegas. Motto: If you live for people's acceptance, you will die from their rejections. He plans to



Taylor Wright
Taylor Wright is the 18 year old daughter of Greg and Marsha Wright. Motto: It's not how good you are, it's how good you want to be. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Nursing.

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