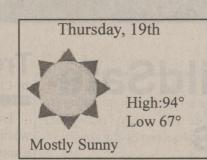
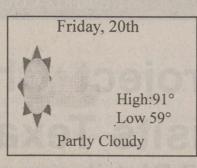
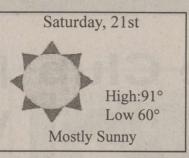
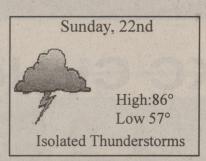
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Knox City High School Class of 2005 - (Front Row, L-R): Erica Nevarez, Lisa Garcia, Ben Simmons, Eric Lewis, Kaylie Billington, Lindsey Villa, Sophie Gutierrez, Michelle Smith. (Middle Row, L-R): April Magana, Riley Spells, Ricky Dale Smith, Dustin Johnson, Drew Barnard, Jimmy Albus, C.J. Bruce, Nicole Stovall. (Back Row, L-R): Evan Clark, Laura Benson, Chris Norton, Danielle Eaton, Marlon Monge. (Not Pictured): Veronica Hernandez, Josh Hunt.

To the Class of 2005, Best wishes to this year's graduates. Congratulations to each of you. We wish you much success for the future that lies ahead of you. Your friends at ---

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Eric Lewis Valedictorian



Kaylie Billington Salutatorian

Knox City High School Commencement Saturday at 7 PM

Knox City High School is proud to present the 2005 graduating class to the people of Knox City and to the rest of the waiting world. Commencement exercises are scheduled for this Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in Baker Auditorium.

Congratulations to all the seniors at KCHS.

Representing the senior class as the two students with the highest GPA are Valedictorian, Eric Lewis and Salutatorian, Kaylie Billington. Mr. Lewis completed his high school career with a 96.31 GPA. Ms. Billington closes her career out at KCHS with a 95.10 GPA.

Congratulations to Eric and Kaylie for their tremendous efforts, their desire to learn, their willingness to complete their missions and for upholding their school's tradition of excellence.

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KC Circle Club



The KC Circle Club presented books to Head Start of Knox City as part of the literacy program. Pictured: Back Row, L-R - Pam Mongrain, Leta Mangis, Marie Darr, Elanor McCarty and Shery Ellis, Center Director. Head Start Kids: Madison Strickland, Brittney Gibson, Priscilla Contreras, Shawn Hacker, J.C. Espinal, Faith Sliger, Taliyah Birdow, Aliyah Birdow, Sasha Thompson and Marcus Rubio.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Bro. Jim and Sherry Reed, Orval and Helen Manning, Bernice Rowan, Janoma Stephens and Marilyn Talbot all attended the big "Get Together" at Leuders Baptist encampment last Tuesday. They all enjoyed the different programs and of course a good meal was enjoyed by all.

Pablo Sanchez and wife Lila and two sons spent the weekend in Lubbock with their son Rhea and his wife and children. They all enjoyed getting to play with their grandchildren.

Bro. Jim Reed and Sherry and son Scott were blessed Sunday by having two couples of friends from their home town spend the day with them. They came to church services with them on

The Duncan cousins reunion was held at the Patton Community Center May 14,15 and was hosted by Billie Walker who was helped by her sister Mary Siney of Minden LA. Mary, Billie's daughter Julie and husband Dale Sanders, their son Garth John and granddaughter, Cyan Cole where Billie's house guests for the weekend.

Billie's cousins Jim and Dot Duncan came from Les Lunas NM where Jim is again preaching at a church he built in the 1970's and donated to the Baptist Association. He served as the speaker Sunday morning.

Cousins Sam and Carolyn Duncan arrived from Clovis

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A bride of a few days came onto

"Why aren't you working?" she

"I was fired with enthusiasm,"

The Bible speaks of some

people who were like that fellow.

They were living close enough to

the church to be warmed by the

church, and they were living close

enough to the world to be chilled

neither hot nor cold. I wish you

were one or the other. But since

you are lukewarm, I will spue you

for neutrality. If you haven't

declared yourself for Christ,

you've declared yourself against

Are you for Him or against

In Christianity there's no room

Our Lord said to them, "You are

he answered, "because I wasn't

fired with enthusiasm."

her husband who was loafing.

demanded.

by the world.

out of My mouth.

Him?

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SOWER°

Michael A. Guido

NM. Sam works at the schools and has just retired from pastoring at Floyd NM.

Jerrie Duncan Fisher came from Gordonville TX. Her Christian witness is offered through Hospice Care.

Gary and Becky Davis drove from Grand Prairie. Both work at the VA hospital in Dallas. Gary is deacon and Becky is soloist at their church. Becky is Jerrie's daughter.

Jerrie and Becky led singing Sunday with Sam and Jim aiding with vice and guitars.

Art and Mary Ruth Cameron came in from Tyler. Art (Sam) always manages to quietly help his sisters and others.

Pat Duncan had to do four hours of dialysis before his son, Mart, could drive him and Pat's sister Ollie Ruth to Munday from Killeen TX.

Jim and Cathy Petterson drove in from Misssouri and brought their daughter, son and his fiancee.

Steve and Debbie Petterson came from Aspermont and brought their three girls.

Billie Ruth Petterson Carter also came from Aspermont with

The eldest much loved cousin, Myrtle Boydstum Sendell, came from Peacock, TX. to visit.

Billie appreciated all the help with loading and unloading supplies, cooking, serving and cleaning.

Aging Center Lunch Menu

Week of May 23 thru May 27

Monday, May 23

Chef Salad, Fried Okra,

Crackers, Cobbler Tuesday, May 24 Beef Stew, 7-Minute Cabbage, Cornbread, Cake

Wednesday, May 25 Bar-B-Q Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Hot Rolls, Peaches w/Topping

Thursday, May 26 Baked Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Green Salad, Hot rolls, Pineapple Crunch

Friday, May 27 Steak on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, Potato Chips, Cookies

All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager so that meals can be prepared.

Project ChildSafe Visits Texas

Will Distribute an Additional 865,000 Free Gun Locks

Project ChildSafe will distribute over 2 million free gun locks to citizens throughout Texas.

The national safety tour visits Knox County, Wednesday, May 25th, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to distribute free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying educational materials as part of the Project Child-Safe program. Knox County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement agencies will distribute the locks.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with the local law enforcement community to distribute 865,000 additional free gunlocks in Texas as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. PCS reminds gun owners to take steps to prevent a loaded gun from falling into the hands of a child, thereby preventing tragic acci-

Project ChildSafe is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and will support the program from September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2005.

Phase one of Project Child-Safe was funded by a \$50 million U.S. Department of Justice grant. Texas received 1,192,200 free gunlocks in 2004.

The current campaign will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits and follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm safety kits over the past year to all 50 states.

"There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store their firearms in the home."

further information, please visit the Web site at www. projectchildsafe.org

Once you've got hold of an idea, the proofs of it tend to proliferate. -Margaret Atwood

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Biggest news this weekend is the storm on Friday night. Thankfully we didn't have any damage as far as I know, the rain was welcome. We lost electricity for about four hours and that was sort of an inconvenience but sure made us appreciate it when the lights come on. We are spoiled to the modern day gadgets-aren't we? Sure appreciate the storm watchers and for warning us during the storm and also the electric people who worked until power was restored. We all had a pretty long day Friday.

Sympathy to the family of Ed Hill who passed away Friday. He had been in failing health for quite sometime. His funeral was Monday here in Benjamin.

Good to be able to report again that to my knowledge we don't have any illness of a real serious nature that I am aware of. Crystal Baldwin spent a few days in the hospital recently but is home now. Crystal graduates into High School this year so she's really glad to be out and about again. School News:

The Prom was Saturday night and the Jr.'s and Sr.'s and their dates all dressed in formal attire enjoyed an evening of fun. The theme was "Memories of the Night" and everyone I have talked to said it was very nice.

The menu was steak, baked potatoes, and salad with strawberry short cake as dessert. The ballroom of the Community Center was decorate to carry out the theme and the Jrs. and their sponsor Danny Copleand and his wife, Angie did a super job of making it a very pleasant occasion.

School Favorites Named It's that time again time for the selection of favorites The Senior Class chose Matthew Cartwright and the girls tied so they have three favorite girls, Nancy Siemens, Jessica Moorhouse, an Maria Acevedo. Junior Favorites, are Carlos Rodriguez and Margaret Siemens, Sophomore Favorites, are Shawn Wilson and Melissa Nothrup, Freshman Favorites,

Lucas Cartwright and another tie Judit Acevedo and Karla Ben-

The all High School favorites were also announced. Voted on by the entire student body, those elected were:Friendliest-Chance Propps and Wendy Henderson-Most Athletic: Chance Propps and Shaylee ProppsMost School Spirit: Chance Propps and Julia Acevedo Most Studious: Chance Propps and Jessica Moorhouse Mr. and Miss B.H.S. Chance Propps and Jessica Moorhouse Congratulations to all those students.

Here n There:

Mothers day weekend guests of Gloria West were Betty Parker and family of Aspermont. Christine Strap and family of Midland spent Mothers Day weekend with her mom Loraine Powers. Debbie and Mike Moorhouse were in Dallas Thursday and Friday for grandson Mason Hering's heart surgery. It has been scheduled for the week before but he had developed a cold so it had to post poned. He's doing great and will be home very soon. From Dallas, Mike and Debbie went to San Angelo, Friday for daughter Lynn Moorhouse Rogers graduation from San Angleo State. Saturday morning Jessica and Will met them there and they all returned home Saturday night.

Pancho and Emlia Acevedo and family, Jessie and Kenneth Roberts, were also in San Angelo Saturday for the Acevedo's daughter's Carmen graduation from San Angelo State Saturday night. They all attended a dinner and lots of visiting following the commencement.

Recent guests of me an the Mike Moorhouse were Narris and Glenda McNeely of Aubury, Jim and Lori Caldwell of Ft. Worth, Billy and Marsha Yeager of Saginaw, Bruce and Tracy Yeager of Willman, Diane Evans, Ashlee, Cody, Kyla Taylor and family of Childress. They were here for the graveside rites for Glean Yeager on Saturday at Johnson Cemetery at Munday.

Truscott and Gilliland News

Truscott made the television weather map Friday night when a tornado was reported sighted three miles west of town. It touched down in the north part of Truscott tore up Ricky Nolan's barn, damaged some trees, and picked up a 20 ft. pipe and drove one end into the ground and left it standing. J.J. Moya got a picture of the pipe on his camera phone.

Other storm damage was limited to some wind damage and wheat damage from the hail. Rain amounted to about a 1.4 inch average around Gilliland and Truscott.

Storm chasers were also seen that night. Rick Tarwek said they were on the Foard City Road and Micheal Tomanek and Baldomar Moya Jr. saw them in Truscott.

Michael said one vehicle said "American Meteorological Society". He saw them in the north part of Truscott, with instruments spread out, tripods and etc., when suddenly everyone grabbed their equipment, jumped in vehicles and headed south. Michaeal decided it was time for him to head south. Michael decided it was time for him to head south and go home too.

Jack and Clara Brown were dressed to leave for the Farm Bureau supper at Crowell at 6 p.m. when the TV announcement warned about the local tornado danger to 6:15. They stayed until 6:30 then decided things had calmed down, and got as far as the front porch when strong winds struck and they decided to stay home.

Several people went to the cellars around Truscott and Gilliland, and others wished they had a cellar to go to.

Ronnie and Sherri Simmons missed it all. They were in Abilene at the western heritage rodeo Saturday and returned home Sunday.

Sunday was a little cloudy with some showers in the morning and sunshine in late afternoon. On China Creek everything is green and pretty as a picture, weeds are growing like crazy. No report of wheat damage.

J.J. Williams of Stratford called in recently to check on the wheat crop. He was recently in Indiana for his mother's funeral. J.J. was told that a few hot, sunny days will make it wheat cutting time. J.J. and Judy have been combining in Knox and Foard counties for many years, looks like they'll be back this year.

Not much personel news this week, so I will put in this bit of northern Knox County History. Which happened March 27, 1925. A little bit of history to re-

"Sheriff L.D. Campbell, City Marshall R.J. Thomas and deputy W.G. Chapman, in company with three Knox County officers in tow, destroyed a 100 gallon capacity still, 25 gallons of mash over in Knox County about one mile south of the Wichita River Thursday of last week."

As a matter of historical interest, does anybody know who operated the still and who owned the land? With all the interest in building the museum at Benjamin and preserving Knox county history, shouldn't details of this colorful bit of local history be preserved too?

The museum building is going up and the fund raiser of bricks and memorial stones is doing well. If you want to learn more about this project to raise money to finish the interior of the museum or if you have information to share about the 100 gallon still (in the interest of history) call The Knox County Historical Commission at 1-940-459-

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> SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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John Gillispie, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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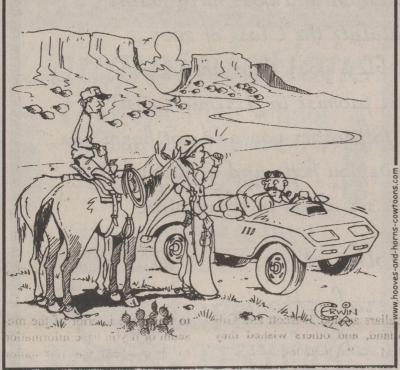
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

WISDOM OF THE AGES

Grandpas have a special job and have since days of yore To teach his children's children things his parents might ignore. Like how to spit and whistle, carve initials on a tree The value of an empty can and why some things aren't free. Why dogs get stuck, how birds can fly, why Grandma's, always right And how to tie a square knot and the time to stand and fight. And, if Grandpa's a cowboy and the kid is so inclined The horn of wisdom empties out to fill his little mind. He has the kid upon a horse as soon as Mom allows And fills him full of stories 'bout the old days punchin' cows And how when he was "just your age" he rode the rough string snides And never hesitated, see, that's how he learned how to ride. So when the horse the kid was ridin' tossed him to the ground The Grandpa said, "Now get back on, don't let him keep you down." The boy balked but Grandpa knew the lesson to be learned "One of us must ride this horse," he said, his voice stern. Then wisdom passed from old to young, "Yer right," the kid said true, "You want I let the stirrups out...just one hole or two?"

BY A.W. ERWIN HOOVES & HORNS



"We've been with this outfit fer 'bout six months, almost long enuff to buy us a tank of gas.

KNOX COUNTY OPEN 4-H HORSE SHOW

The Annual Knox County Open 4-H Horse Show date has been scheduled for June 4th, 2005 at the Bravos Valley Recreation Arena in Knox City just south of town.

Books will open at 8:30 a.m. and the show will start at 9:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.00 for each event and \$40.00 is the maximum charge. You do NOT have to be a 4-H member to enter. This years judge is Haylee Pare from West Texas A&M University.

We will have three divisions Pee Wee (8 and under), Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19). We will be having Halter classes, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Wester Showmanship, Western Riding, Reining, Working Cow Horse, Poles, Stakes, Team Penning, and Trail. In the Pee Wee divisions we will be having Yearling Halter, Halter 4 yrs and under, Halter 5 yrs and older, Walk and Trot, Western Pleasure, Poles, Barrels, and

We will be placing through Sixth Place and tack and accessories being to the ones that place first through third. Buckles will be giving to the High Point Individual of each age division. Classes will run according to the Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules.

You may enter the day of the show or enter early or for more information contact Terry Utley, CEA/AG at the Knox County Extension Office (940)-459-2651.

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ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

Last week I had the privilege of praising a group of Knox City high school students for their achievements in mathematics and science at the recent District 11 scholastic competition. I plan in the near future to honor those other Knox City high competitors who had such an outstanding record in the literary fields.

The United States is now in a major struggle in this world of globalization to maintain our national position of international leadership. Among factors contributing to this is, as I said last week, the declining quality of science and math education.

Another major, dramatic problem facing us is our economy. We are still the most powerful economic power on Earth.

The dollar is still the strongest in the world. This is changing.

We have built the United States to the top of the world's economic power by ideas we turned into harvesting machines, safety pins, washing machines, chewing gum, airplanes, penicillin, antibiotics – the list is almost endless. President Roosevelt dubbed the U.S. "the Arsenal of Democracy" during World War II because our manufacturers and their awesome production guided the United Nations over Nazi Germany and Imperialistic

From our earliest history, after the Revolutionary War, we have been an exporting nation. But now this is growing less true an-

Our exports in 2003, for instance, totaled \$1.1 TRILLION. However, our imports totaled \$1.8 TRILLION. We sent \$700 BILLION more outside the country than we brought in. That's \$700 billion we can't reinvest to

expand our own productive ca-

What does that mean in Knox County? How many television sets do you have? Not a single TV commercial TV set has been made in the United States for years. Every television set you see for sale has been made outside the United States.

During the 20th Century, American companies began to dominate the world by extending operations across Asia, Africa and the Americas. You could travel in Berlin, Paris, New Delhi or Sydney and find American firms and businesses operating. English became the universal language in commerce, aviation, diplomacy.

But at the dawn of the 21st Century, things are changing. In 2003, United States companies owned \$7.9 Trillion in assets in foreign countries. However, foreign interests now own \$10.5 Trillion assets in the United States, a complete reversal of the 20th Century pattern. More than half the 500 largest corporations are Europe based. Ford and General Motors bonds this month were classified as "junk bonds."

Thus, although foreign companies do pay many Americans wages and salaries, the profits from these assets flow out of America into foreign corporations and treasuries.

Some economists use to say a national debt was nothing to be concerned about. Their argument was that the debt was owed to those who owned U.S. bonds. Above 95% of those owning U.S. bonds were Americans. Since we owed that money to ourselves, this was just a way for the nation to grow.

Not today. More than half

American bonds (our debt) are now held by foreign companies and nations. As the interest on these bonds is paid, it leaves the United States economy and goes elsewhere, principally Japan, India, China and South Korea. And when the bonds are finally paid off, that money leaves the United States and goes to foreign countries - again, principally Japan, China, India and South Korea.

Our current national debt, by far the biggest in world history, is by no way a good thing!

So bad is our economic situation that at a recent economic summit in South America, other leading world nations warned the United States something must be done about our national debts: federal, state, local, corporate and personal.

These nations warned that the weakening dollar may no longer control international currencies. The dollar may end up being replaced by, say, the Euro.

That's the reason why educational systems are so important. We must educate our young people for survival in a globalizing world. Globalization is happening. It is a fact and we must learn to live in an international world.

We want the rest of the world to catch up. However, we don't want to find ourselves falling be-

Imagine what the world would be like if we are joining the other growing countries to help improve the lives of all people throughout Earth?

That's our challenge. Are we ready to face it?

It's up to us - and the Future begins with each of us - beginning where each of us lives, whether in Knox County or Elk City, OK.

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No furniture so charming as

-Sydney Smith

So, You Think You're Ready to Leave Home?

Yeah, so did I. After a couple of semesters in college, I was still as lost as Paris Hilton in Wal-Mart. But, you don't always have to learn the hard way, do you Paris? So anyway, listen up.

The first thing you need to be aware of if you plan on attending college is this: EVERYTHING ON OR NEAR A COLLEGE CAMPUS COSTS A LOT OF MONEY! Especially food, clothing and Pop Culture items like Starbucks. An otherwise cheap \$4.00 cup of coffee will run you about \$6.50 at the UT Bookstore. Venture out to the 'Burbs to save a few bucks. And stay the heck away from Starbucks. Period.

Secondly, NEVER, EVER LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES UN-ATTENDED AT THE WASHE-TERIA! They will always fit someone else better than they do you and you'll be stuck wearing dress slacks for a semester.

Thirdly, DON'T DATE UP-PERCLASSMEN, no matter how much they know about T.S. Elliot, Microbiology or where the frat parties are located. Upperclassmen are only put on campus to whittle down the ranks of the freshmen so they can take Intro level courses over and over.

And last, but certainly not least, BE NICE TO YOUR PAR-ENTS THIS SUMMER. You never know when you may need a few bucks for a cup of coffee or a new pair of shorts and a T-shirt to wear out on a date with that "totally awesome" senior.

Good Luck and Godspeed!

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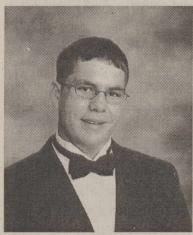
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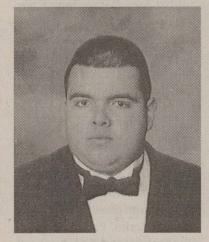
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Jimmy Ray Albus, Jr.

Jimmy Ray Albus, Jr. was born on October 31, 1986, in Abilene, Texas to Jimmy Ray and Judy Albus. Jimmy Jr. has 2 younger siblings Jessica, and Joseph; he also has 2 step-siblings Martha and Shawn, and a stepmother, Kathy Albus. He has lived in Knox City since he was born. He has participated in various activities in high school. Throughout high school he has been an integral part of the Future Farmers of America program. He was elected as the greenhand president and was on the poultry judging team his freshman year. All four years of high school, he raised goats, and he raised pigs one year. His junior and senior years he was elected FFA president. He played baseball for two years and football one year. His senior year, he participated in the district U.I.L. Science and Computer Science contests. After graduation, he plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in Computer Science. He would really like to thank his Pa for putting up with him all these years.



Drew Barnard

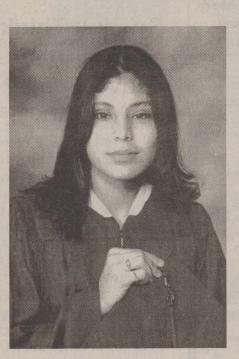
Drew Barnard was born on August 10, 1986 in Haskell, Texas. He is the son of Andy and Lana Barnard. He has 3 younger brothers, Jaadan, Stran, and Sam. He has lived in Knox City and attended Knox City schools all of his life. During high school, he participated in football for 4 years, and track for 2 years. His spare time was spent with all his buddies, going to Munday just about every weekend, trying new eating establishments just about every week, and numerous other activities. After graduation, Drew will be attending Hardin Simmons University. His major is undecided at this time. Drew would like to thank his parents, grandparents, and other family members for being there when it counted. Drew would also like to thank all his friends from here or there for making high school what it was.



Laura Benson

Laura Kathryn Benson was born in Vernon, Texas on August 12, 1987. In the few years to follow she was joined by her siblings Sadie, Karla, Dylan, Christian, and then came her daughter Kinsey Lynne. Before her was her oldest brother Bubba. Her father is Billy Carl Benson of Benjamin and her mother is Kathy Anne Moore of Graham. Laura started off her curious years in Kindergarten with Mrs. Dickson at Benjamin where she resided until fifth grade, when she moved to Knox City until sixth grade. Then she attended school at Breckenridge, Texas until eighth grade. She moved back to Knox City to start off her high school years. Laura's sophomore, junior, and most of her senior years were spent in Benjamin, until she came back to finish up and graduate with the Knox City High School Class of 2005. Laura's accomplishments include: state qualifier in One Act Play, second place Cross – X debate at state, district champion Cross - X debate, All Star Cast One Act Play zone, district and area and regional, district champion Lincoln Douglas Debate, state qualifier Lincoln Douglas Debate, Triple Crown Champion her junior year in volleyball, track, and cross-country. She participated in volleyball, basketball, track, cross-country, tennis, cheerleading, Prose Interpretation, Cross-Examination Debate, Lincoln Douglas debate, Student Council, Tsunami Relief Aid, Relay for Life, and City Cleanup Day. Laura wants to attend McMurry University, where she will pursue a major in Pre-Law. She would like to thank all of her family, her Dad (I love you), Bubba, Sadie, Karla, Dylan, Christian, Kinsey, Momma, Aunt Sheila and Stephen Aarron, Seth, K.K., Granny. Also, she would like to thank Bud Conner for being so great and giving her a job through high school, and all the people who have helped her be on her way and actually really believed in her. "I love you all so much and I don't know where I would be without all of you. I Love You, Kinsey."

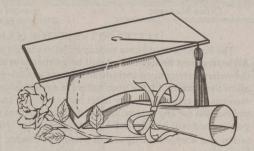
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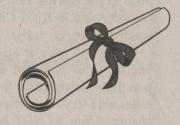


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All of your friends will be going their separate ways. Whole new worlds will be opening up for you, full of fascinating discoveries, but your paths will cross from time-to-time, bringing back all of the warm and funny memories.

As you choose your individual roads to travel, we want to wish you all the happiness and success in the world!



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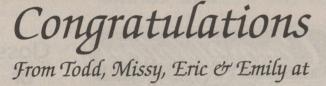
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We wish you every success on whatever road you choose to travel on through the rest of your lives

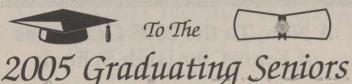
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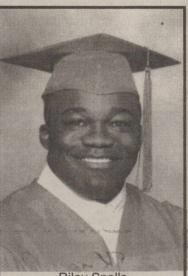
'For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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Danielle Eaton

Danielle Lee Eaton was born on April 5, 1986 in Rotan, Texas. She is the daughter of Dana and Dale Eaton. She has an older sister, Darci, and a younger sister, Dusti. Danielle attended Rotan High School until her junior year. While at Rotan High School she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, tennis, golf, FFA, 4-H, Horse Judging, and showing animals. She also has enjoyed competing in rodeos. Her senior year she moved to Knox City, she has attended school, worked, and trained young horses. Danielle plans to attend South Plains College in the fall, and continue working with horses.



Riley Spells Congratulations on your milestone. We're sure you will succeed in all your future

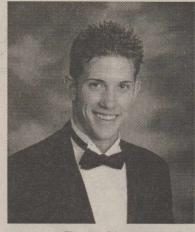
We Love You, Ron, Annie, Lani, C.J.



C J Bruce

CJ Bruce was born on March 4, 1987 in San Diego, California. He was the second of two children to Ronnie and Annie Bruce. He has one older sister. Leilani. who now lives in Florida. He has attended Knox City Schools all 14 years. During his high school years, CJ has participated in football for 4 years, where he received All-State honors. He was nominated for Football Hero for 3 years. He played baseball for 4 years, also receiving All-State honors. He power lifted for 4 years, was regional qualifier all 4 years, regional champion 2 years, and at state he received fifth place as a junior, and second place as a senior. He also participated in track for 3 years. He has received Class Favorite Honor for 3 years and also was Class Vice President 1 year. After graduation, he will be reporting to Naval Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois on June 17, 2005. He would like to thank Beverly Banks and Augie Rodriquez at the Knox City Housing Authority for letting him work for the past 2 summers. Also, he thanks the Stanfield's of Stanfield Hunting Outfitters for his job the past 4 years, and a big thanks to Michelle for all the cookies. Thanks to all his family, friends, and girlfriend for the laughs and the help to get him where he is today.





Evan Clark

Evan is the son of Darren and Daveine Clark. He is the grandson of Bill Holcomb of Rule, Don and Dee McCollum of Abilene and Roy and Carole Johnson of Robstown. He has one brother, Clay, in the 7th grade and one sister, Reagan, in the 5th grade. While attending Knox City High School, Evan has been involved in Football for one year. Baseball for one year, Band for two years and Track for four years. He has lettered in Track all four years. During his junior year he was District Champion and Area Champion in the 110 M. Hurdles and Regional Qualifier in the 110 M. Hurdles. As a senior he was District Champion and Area Champion in the 110 M. Hurdles also 2nd in the 300 M. Hurdles, District and Area Champion as a member of the 4X100 M. Relay. He placed 4th at the Regional Meet in the 110 M. Hurdles and 2nd in the 4X100 M. Relay, which has qualified the Relay Team for the State Track Meet. Evan has also participated in Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Summer Track Program for seven years as a member of the Monahans Track Club and the Anson Track Club. Before moving to Knox City in ninth grade, he attended school in Monahans, Texas, where he played Football, Basketball, ran Track and was a member of the Monahans Swim Team. In addition to sports Evan enjoys the outdoors particularly hunting and fishing. He is an avid reader and his favorite subject in school is History. Evan has also been involved in 4-H. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Knox City and upon graduation will be entering the Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. Evan will leave for Chicago, IL on June 17, 2005 for basic training.



Kaylie Dawn Billington

On February 13, 1987, Kaylie Dawn Billington was born. Her parents are Linda Bonner of Knox City, Texas and James Billington of Haskell, Texas. As a child Kaylie grew up in Haskell with her parents and two younger sisters, Bridgett, who is now 16 and Destini, who is now 11. They resided in Haskell for 10 years. When Kaylie began her junior high years in Knox City, she became best friends with April Magana, and they still are today. In high school, Kaylie was a member of the National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, and Student Council. She was a Cheerleader her sophomore year. As a senior she became drum major of the Greyhound Pride Band, and was also named 2004 Band Sweetheart. In Kaylie's spare time she loves to play with her son Aeneas and watch him grow. She also enjoys talking on the phone, listening to music, hanging out with April, shopping, and just having fun. In the future Kaylie plans to continue her education at Midwestern State University. She plans to one day enter the medical profession as a pediatrician. Kaylie would like to give a special thanks to Bud and Sequoyah Reynolds for all of their help and support throughout her life. She would also like to thank Jim and Tammie Dillon for all of their help and allowing her to work under them. Also, to Bud Conner for giving her a job and being such a good friend. Kaylie would also like to thank her Mom for putting up with all of her problems and troubles for 18 years.







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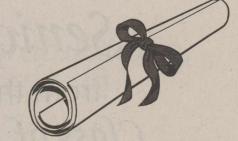
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Riley O'Sheen Eddington

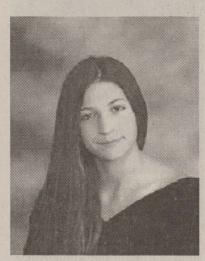
Riley O'Sheen Eddington

was born November 5, 1986 in Aspermont, Texas. He was welcomed into this world by his big brother Robert Lee Spells, Jr. who is now attending college at Tarleton State University, and his parents Robert and Stacie Spells. He has a 5 month old daughter Bryleigh Alexis Eddington, and an 8 month old niece JaStagiona Spells. He attended Knox City Schools all fourteen years. During his high school years, Riley has participated in many extracurricular activities which include: football, where he was Football Hero 1 year, Red River 22 1 year, and All Big Country 1 year. He played baseball all 4 years and got all district honors 2 years. He was a regional qualifier in power lifting for 3 years, and a state qualifier his junior year, placing 6th, and 1st place his senior year. He would like to thank Cooke and Jinx Shaver for letting him work this past summer; also he would like to thank Beverly Banks and Augie Rodriguez at KC Housing Authority for giving him another work opportunity. After graduation, he will be reporting to Great Lakes, Illinois to start a career in the Navy. He would like to thank his family and everyone who has encouraged him and stood by him throughout his entire life. He would like to thank his best friends, C.J., Chris, Andy, Cody and Tomas for all the high school memories. He would also like to thank his uncle Gene Ward and his grandmothers for not giving up on him and leading him in the right direction. He would love to give a special thanks to Ronnie and Annie Bruce for taking him in, and treating him like he was one of their own. He would also like to thank Jeff Stanfield, the former Navy Seal, for all the great jokes and for all the good advice. Most of all he would like to thank God for all of his talent and blessings that have helped him become the person he is



Veronica Hernandez

Veronica JoAnna Hernandez was born on June 28, 1987 in Lubbock, Texas. She was welcomed by her loving parents Julia and Refugio Hernandez, and her older sister, Tammy Lara. Her family moved from Snyder, TX to Knox City, when she was five. During her entire school career she was joined by three nieces. During her high school career she was involved in many extracurricular activities. She was in athletics for 1 year, U.I.L. for 4 years, Who's Who for 3 years, Student Council 1 year, Class Officer 1 year, Student Ambassador 1 year, Band for 3 years, and One Act Play for 3 years. In the OAP she received Honorable Mention for supporting actress. Her hobbies include listening to music, playing guitar, playing with her nieces, and hanging out with her boyfriend and friends. Her future plans are to attend cosmetology school and then go to the University of North Texas to major in film directing or music. She would like to thank her family for being there and giving her wonderful memories. She would also like to thank her friends because if it wasn't for them school wouldn't have been the same. I would like to thank those who always pushed me and those who told me I couldn't do it. Here I am Doing It.



Sophia Marie Gutierrez

Sophia Marie Gutierrez is the daughter of Joe and Debbie Gutierrez, granddaughter of Ann Loller, and Humberto and Marclina Gutierrez. She was born in Aspermont, Texas on March 11, 1987. She has three sisters Savannah, Samantha, Shelby, and a nephew Bryson Dylan Byrd. During her high school years, Sophie has been involved in volleyball – 3 years, basketball – 4 years, track - 4 years, and cheerleading - 2 years. She qualified for the state track meet for four years and first her freshman year, second her sophomore and junior years. She was rewarded Most Athletic Girl, and Defensive Player of the Year. Sophie is unsure of her plans of right now. She just wants to thank her parents and grandparents for always being there, her teachers, friends, and Coach Fish for all the support they have given her the past four years. Thanks to anyone else who has helped her.



Elizabeth Garcia Elizabeth Garcia, (Lisa) was born on March 29, 1987. She is the daughter of Irma Garcia. She has lived in Knox City all of her life. She was a cheerleader one year, played basketball 2 years, volleyball 2 years, and was in the band all 4 years. She was class officer for 3 years and class favorite one year. She is joining the Navy after graduation. After the Navy she plans on attending cosmetology school. She would like to take this opportunity to thank her mom, Irma for always being there, and everything she has done even if she really didn't want her to.



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Dewayne, 1997 K.C. graduate, and Jessica, 1998 K.C. graduate,

were married in July, 2000. This summer they will be celebrating five

years of marriage. There children, Victor and Alyssa, will be complet-

ing Kindergarden and Pre-K. Dewayne has completed seven years in

the Navy. He has separated from the service and will pursue a career

in aviaiton. Jessica has graduated from Heritage College on April 22,

2005. She will pursue her career as a Theraputic Massage Therapist.

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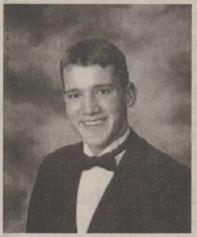
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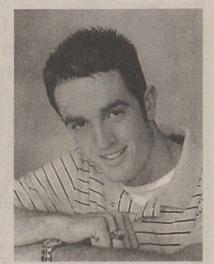
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Joshua David Hunt

Joshua David Hunt was born in Haskell, Texas on August 21, 1986. He has attended Knox City Schools all 12 years, and has lived in O'Brien his entire life. He participated in athletics his freshman and sophomore years. He played football 1 year, basketball 2 years, and track 2 years. He got a job at the local Lawrence Brothers at the end of his sophomore year and worked there through his senior year. He also participated in band all four years and in U.I.L. during his senior year, where he advanced with the team to the regional U.I.L. meet. After graduation, he plans to pursue a degree in business at Weatherford College.



Dustin Brady Johnson

Dustin Brady Johnson was born on March 23, 1987 to Dwayne and Lorie Johnson. He has one older brother, Brad. He has attended Knox City Schools since Pre-Kindergarten. During his high school years, Dustin has participated in many activities: F.F.A. – 4 years, basketball - 4 years, track - 4 years, and is in gifted and talented. Dustin's senior year he was chosen as class favorite. After graduation, Dustin plans to attend Tarleton State University.



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Todd Eric Lewis

Todd Eric Lewis was born on December 30, 1986, in Stamford, Texas to Todd and Missy Lewis. Two years after returning home to Knox City, he was followed by his younger sister, Emily. Eric continued living in Knox City, attending Little Learners and Pre-K, until his family moved to Rule, Texas. There he attended kindergarten and first grade, having nothing to do but fish for crawdads in the infamous "Crawdad Hole". For his family's next move they ventured ten minutes away to Haskell where Eric attended second through fifth grade, participating in U.I.L. Spelling, Dictionary Skills, and other events; he was also selected to be in the gifted and talented program. Two broken arms and a broken collarbone later, Eric returned to Knox City, completing sixth grade through his senior year. In junior high he participated in U.I.L., football, and basketball. In high school he played football three years, baseball two years, gifted and talented four years, class officer three years, class president for two years, Student Council one year, F.F.A. three years, Band 1 year, and has been a Regional Qualifier in U.I.L. for two years. Eric has also been nominated for best all-around boy this year. He would like to thank God, all of his family, Lindsey, friends, teachers, and everyone else who has encouraged him throughout his life. "Y'all are the ones who got me through this mess !!!"



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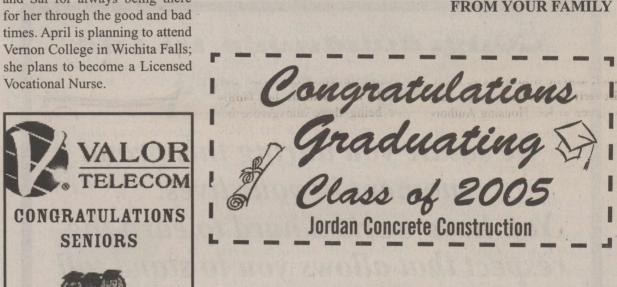
Wishing each of you the very best ...

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Jessie's Service Station Jessie and Dora



April Dawn Magana was born in Seymour, Texas on November 24, 1986 to Albert and Vallia Magana. April has two older sisters, Shavonne Martinez of Knox City, Monica Johnson of Abilene, and one younger brother Derrick Magana of Knox City. She has two brothers-in-law, Anthony Martinez and J.J. Johnson. Also, another niece and nephew on the way. April has lived in Knox City for 18 years. During her high school career April has participated in volleyball – 3 years, basketball - 2 years, track - 1 year, and band – 4 years. She has also been a class officer - 1 year, her senior year. During her free time April likes to ride around or spend time with Klarisa and Anthony. April would like to take the time to thank her family for always being there when she needed them the most, and for pushing her to do the things she really didn't like to do. She would also like to thank her friends: Kaylie, Lindsey, Lisa, and Sal for always being there for her through the good and bad times. April is planning to attend Vernon College in Wichita Falls; she plans to become a Licensed





We are so proud of you! We want you to know that no matter where you go or what you do that you will always be in our hearts and prayers. You are so special to us and we are going to miss you next year. But we know that you will have great success because you believe in three important things, faith in God, family to stand behind you, and a bright future to work towards.

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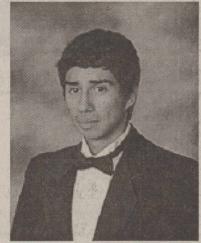


Chris Norton

Chris Norton was born April 26, 1987 in Abilene, Texas to Rob and Jenny Norton. He began attending Knox City Schools in the fifth grade. In high school, he played football - 3 years, power lifted – 2 years, baseball – 2 years, and played the trumpet in the band for 4 years. He enjoys hanging out with his friends outside of school. After graduation he will be joining the Navy.



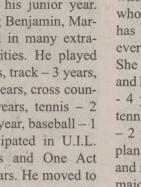
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Marlon Monge

Marlon Monge was born in Los Angeles, California on April 5, 1986. He moved to Texas when he was six years old to the town of Benjamin. There he attended school from Kindergarten until the second grade. From there he attended Guthrie schools until sixth grade. He moved back to Benjamin until his junior year. While attending Benjamin, Marlon participated in many extracurricular activities. He played football- 3 years, track – 3 years, basketball - 2 years, cross country track - 3 years, tennis - 2 years, golf - 1 year, baseball - 1 year. He participated in U.I.L. for three years and One Act Play for two years. He moved to Knox City his senior year. This fall Marlon plans to attend Vernon Junior College.





Erica Nevarez

Erica Nevarez was born on October 10, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. in Haskell, Texas. She has five siblings, Emiliano Jr., Margarito, Laurie, Gloria, and Johnny. She has three nephews, Andrew, a freshman in high school, Gavin, who loves Spiderman, and Isaak, who is always laughing. She also, has on niece, Gabby, who plays every sport ever known to man. She has lived here her entire life and has participated in volleyball - 4 years, basketball – 3 years, tennis - 1 year, and Class Officer - 2 years. After graduation, she plans to attend Vernon College and is currently undecided of her major. She would like to thank her family for supporting her in everything she has done, and her friends who always make her laugh and smile.



Danielle Nicole Stovall

Danielle Nicole Stovall was born March 7, 1986 in Seymour, Texas to Laura and the late Paul Stovall. She has four siblings Derek, Melissa, Heather, and Sean. She has an 11 month-old niece, Rhalynn, and a nephew on the way. Nicole attended Pre-K through 1st grade in Munday, Texas. In the summer before her second grade year Nicole and her family moved to Knox City. While in high school, she has participated in band - 4 years, U.I.L. - 1 year, volleyball - 2 years, student council - 1 year, track – 2 years, One Act Play – 1 year, and annual staff – 2 years. After graduation she plans to attend Vernon College majoring in elementary education. Nicole would like to thank the faculty at Knox City - O'Brien for helping her get to where she is today. She would also like to thank her family and close friends for always being there and putting up with



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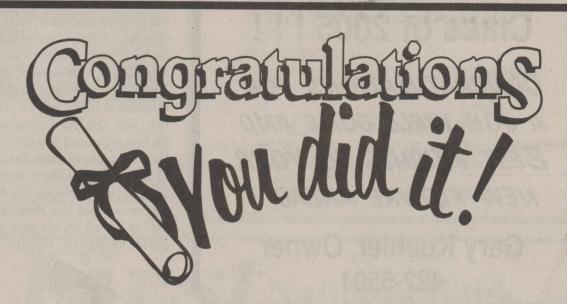
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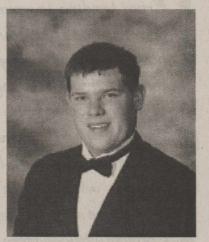
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Benjamin Kyle Simmons

Benjamin Kyle Simmons was born on October 17, 1986, in Wiesbaden, Germany. He was welcomed into this world by sister, Leah Simmons, brother, Brad Simmons. His parents are Melissa O. Stanfield, and Roger Dale Simmons. Shortly after this Ben's family moved to Washington, living there for a couple of years. The family then moved to Wichita Falls, Texas where Ben started Kindergarten. They stayed there until the middle of his fifth grade year, during that time he moved to Knox City with his mother and sister. He remained in Knox City until his eighth grade year, when he moved to Alabama with his father for one year. Ben spent all of his high school years in Knox City, participating in many extra-curricular activities, including: football, basketball, track, baseball, U.I.L. academics, One Act Play. National Honor Society, Class Officer, Student Council, and is a nominee for Best All-Around Boy this year. Ben also participated in a program called the High School Aerospace Scholars in conjunction with the NASA and the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. There he found his inspiration for a career and he hopes to pursue a career in mission control. He'd like to thank all of the people that helped him along the way: Mom, Dad, Margaret, Leah, Brad, Jason, Grammy, and Gransir, Uncle Lawrey, Aunt Stacy, Aunt Sammy, and Uncle Phillip, Sean and Nicole, Brody and Shane, Clint Lewis, The Chisum family, Todd Lewis and family, The Chambers family, the Carter family, the Foursquare church, Sterling Lewis and Lewis Paint and Body for putting up with him during the day, the faculty of Knox City High School, Ty and Eric for being his main buds, and countless others in the community that he appreciates so much. Ben would like to thank Knox City for making him who he is. As Ben's dad would say: "Another step to NASA".



Ricky Dale Smith

Ricky Dale Smith was born on October 12, 1986 in Rotan, Texas. A first of two children to Randy and LaDonna Smith. He has one younger brother, Rocky Kyle Smith. He started Pre-Kindergarten in Dilley, Texas. Then the family moved to Bryan, Texas, where he attended Kindergarten. During the summer, after Kindergarten, his family moved to Knox City, and he started first grade. Ricky Dale has been employed with the USDA for the past two years. During the summer of his eighth grade year he was employed by Richard Mathis, and the summer of his ninth grade year, Agriliance. As a kindergartner he was accepted into the gifted and talented program, then after his move to Knox City he was again accepted into the gifted and talented program. Ricky Dale enjoyed playing tee ball up to baseball. He also enjoyed being a Knox City Greyhound Football player his seventh grade through senior year. He was also on the golf team, and last but not least he very much enjoyed participating in F.F.A. and stock shows. Ricky Dale would like to thank his family and friends for all their love and support. Ricky Dale's plans for the future are to attend Tarleton State University pursuing a degree in the agricultural field.

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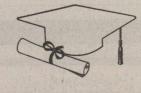
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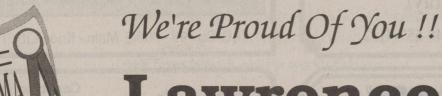


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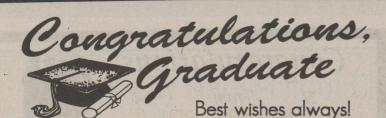
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Michelle Smith

Michelle Smith was born on July 25, 1986, to Jeanette Mc-Crary and John Smith. She has three siblings, Holly, Luther, and Zinziley McCrary. She has a one-year-old daughter Andria. Michelle stayed in Crowell, Texas until the end of her eighth grade year, and then moved to City View where she lived until the middle of her junior year. Michelle came to Knox City in February 2004. Her plans after graduation are to attend Vernon College in Wichita Falls and become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Then she plans to go to a four year college to become a Registered Nurse. Michelle would like to thank her friends ^E and family for always supporting her.





Lindsey Michelle Villa

Lindsey Michelle Villa was born on March 21, 1987 at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was welcomed into this world by Mario and Linda Abila, and big sister Lezli. She has 3 other siblings: a younger sister Mea, and younger brothers M.J. and Christian. Her family moved from Haskell where she attended Pre-Kindergarten through the third grade. She attended Knox City from the rest of her third grade year through her senior year. During her high school years, she participate in many extracurricular activities: Houndette Volleyball – 4 years, Houndette Basketball - 3 years, Houndette Track - 4 years, Band - 4 years, Cheerleading - 2 years, and Class Favorite - 1 year. Her plans after high school are to attend Vernon Regional Junior College in Wichita Falls where she will be studying nursing. She would like to thank her parents for always being there for her, her brothers and sisters for putting up with her, and her friends for supporting her when she needed it. "Thanks and I LOVE YOU ALL."

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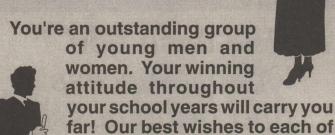
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Jamilla Ward (pictured at right) crosses the finish line in Austin at the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium. Ward was out-leaned by Ashely Malone of Hamlin to finish second with a time of 12.34. After the race Ward quipped, "I didn't run my best time but I'll be back next year and I'm gonna' get that gold medal." Ward brought home two silver medals for her efforts in Austin.

Congratulations!

100 M Dash

1 Ashely Malone

2 Jamilla Ward

3 Vanity Darty

4 Rachel Hobbs

5 Katie Barthold

7 Kayla Baca

400 M Dash

2 Kydia Echols

4 Megan Wright

5 Ronique Anderson

6 Ebbonye Johnson

8 Sophia Gutierrez

7 Raniel Bumpas

300 M Hurdles

1 Tiffany Creel

2 Jaci Koelzer

3 Jamie Black

5 Nikki Moss

6 Hillary Pustka

7 Jessica Gleason

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4 X 100 M Relay

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KNOX CITY BOYS STATE EVENT RESULTS

AUSTIN, TX -- Sending 12 student-athletes to the UIL State Track and Field Championships in Austin was quite a feat for a small town school like Knox City. Only three teams in the vast 1-A Division sent more, but none were quite as exciting as the Greyhounds and Houndettes. Of the seven events that the teams qualified for, five of those

races were decided by mere hundredths of a second.

Leading the pack of Hounds and Houndettes was Jamilla Ward, who finished second in the 100 Meter Dash by a nose, and carried the baton in the Sprint Relay along with teammates Sarah Burt, Nikki Moss and Sophie Gutierrez to another silver medal for the girls team.

The Houndettes finished sixth in the state's 1-A division of schools. Adding to the point total of 26 was Nikki Moss, who finished fifth in the 300 Meter

Hurdles. Moss and three other girls crossed the finish line within inches of each other, causing the scoreboard at Mike A. Myers Stadium to recalculate three times before settling on its final standings.

Sophie Gutierrez, a four-time state meet qualifier, finished eighth in the 400 Meter Dash, following a long post-season on the track. Gutierrez never called it quits, even in the most difficult of circumstances this year.

For the boys, Head Coach Wayne Hutchinson said it best after a tough day of competition in Austin.

"It just wasn't meant to be for the Greyhounds 800 Meter Relay this year," Coach Hutchinson said. "We were headed for another record-breaker when it happened."

"It" was the unthinkable for the Hounds. Coming off a record-breaking regional perfor-

mance in the 800 Relay, they dropped the baton on the final leg of the race in Austin and finished last. Knox City's team of Riley Spells, Dustin Johnson, Jeremy Saxton and Quentin Spells, had a 10 meter lead going into the final 200 meters of the race when fate stepped in and handed the race to Burton, who set a state 1-A re-

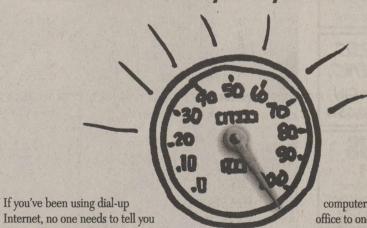
The Hounds Sprint Relay of Riley Spells, Evan Clark, Jeremy Saxton and Quentin Spells raced down to the wire for a sixth place finish, just two-tenths out of winning a medal.

Jeremy Saxton finished sixth in the 100 meter field which was separated by just four-tenths from first to eighth. Another photo finish.

Both the boys and girls teams had a top-notch year on the track and all but Gutierrez, Clark and Riley Spells will be back for another run next year.

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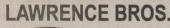
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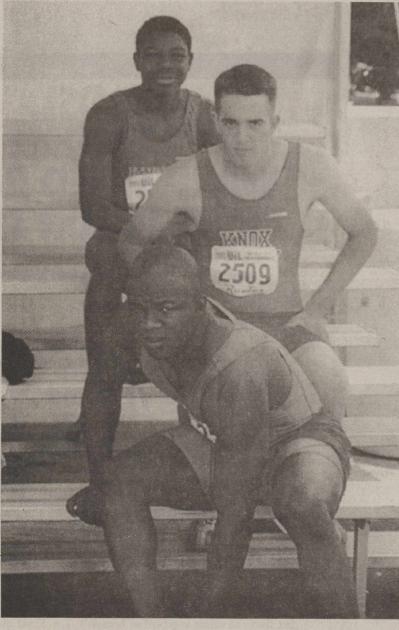
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Senior Dustin Johnson takes the stick from classmate Riley Spells in the 4 X 800 Relay.



Sophie Gutierrez begins the daunting 400 Meter Dash in Austin one last time. Gutierrez qualified for state all four years.



Three-fourths of the 4 X 200 Meter Relay get ready for the race. The Relay: Jeremy Saxton, Dustin Johnson, Riley Spells and Quentin Spells (not pictured).

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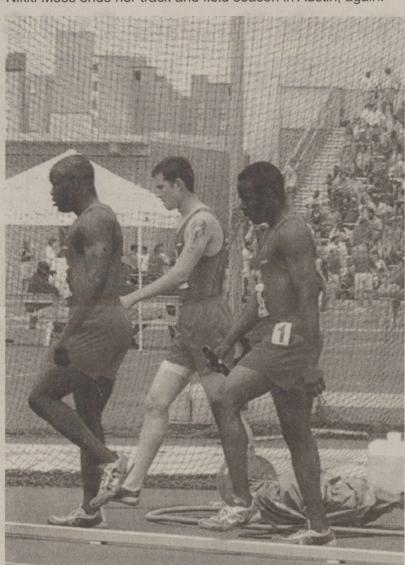
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Track and Field



Nikki Moss ends her track and field season in Austin, again.



Three-fourths of the 4 X 100 Meter Relay. Riley Spells, Evan Clark and Quentin Spells take the long walk home in Austin (not pictured, Jeremy Saxton).



Prior to the race, the competition looks worried while freshman Sarah Burt of the Houndettes 4 X 100 Meter Relay is calm, cool and collected. The Houndettes won the silver medal.

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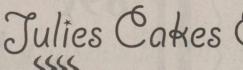
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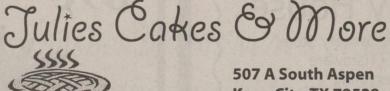
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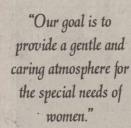
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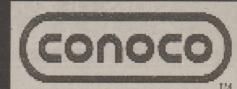
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