

# THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

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## Shaver Represents KC in State 6-man Game

A Knox City senior football player gets to extend his football career for at least one more game. Senior Zach Shaver, son of Jeff and Michelle Stanfield, will get to play in the Texas Six-man Coaches Association All-Star game. Zach is one of just 32 players in Texas elected to play in the game for Division 1 six-men. Coaches throughout the state choose these players. Zach has been on Varsity for four years. This past season he was first team All-District on offense for utility back, and first team on defense as a linebacker. He also was second team all region for linebacker.

Zach will be hanging up his helmet after this last game and will be attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville where he will be getting a degree to become a Certified Registered Nurse of Anesthesiology. Zach has



Zach Shaver, better known as Z, will be attending the Texas 6 Man All Star Game in Lubbock. Zach is one of 32 players in all of Texas to be picked for this honor

an older brother, Andy, who was Hound Captain in 2005, and younger brother, Payne, who cannot wait to fill in his big brother's footsteps.

The Texas six-man Coaches association All-Star Game is set for Saturday July 23rd at Lowery Field in Lubbock TX at 7:30 p.m.



Knox City Head Start kids received a generous donation of 31 books from the Knox City Circle of Friends EEA (Extension Education Association) Club. The Circle of Friends EEA donates books every year. To date the club has donated well over 100 books.

## Editorial

**Tamara Smart**

I have had the pleasure of being the main writer for the Knox County News for about 2 and a half years. I have been the editor, sports writer and reporter for almost two years now. During that time, it has been my extreme pleasure to be able to chronicle the journey of the featured graduates for 2011.

While writing the senior bios, I have found many achievements of our youth that I was unaware, and some which I was reminded of that still astound me. Not only has the Knox County youth made an impact on the world surrounding them locally,

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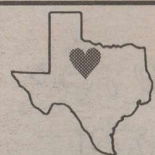
## 2011 Graduation Schedule

Knox City High School- Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. in the Baker Auditorium

Knox City Jr. High- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. in Baker Auditorium

Benjamin ISD- Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center (Ex-Student building)

Munday High School- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Munday High School gymnasium

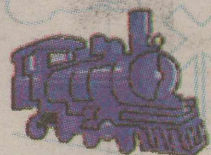


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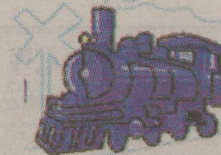


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## God's Promises

### What Do You Say? by Bro. Jerry Pastor First Baptist Church, Knox City

Each and every one of us, at one time or another, goes through difficult times. None of us are immune. None of us are exempt. We all face difficult times in our lives. For all I know, this could be your time. Sometimes, we are private people; keeping

our troubles to ourselves. That's not always a bad thing. We all need to remember, however, if we have received Jesus as Savior, we are part of the family of God. It should be that when one family member suffers, we all suffer. When one cries, we all cry. When one laughs, we all laugh. Now that's in a perfect world, but I realize we do not live in a perfect

world.

If you are going through difficult times, look at Psalm 23:5-6. As you read these words, underscore the word "surely." Highlight it in your mind. It's really a promise from God. It's God's guarantee!

When does God "surely" cause your cup to overflow? When does God "surely" give you the strength to

overcome? God demonstrates his goodness and mercy and blessing to us. When does he do this? In the presence of our enemies. We need to grasp hold and remember that the opposition can't stop God from blessing us. We can though, by refusing to accept or to claim His promises.

I can almost hear someone say, "Bro. Jerry, I know all that and I am really trying to believe it, but Brother, I am really struggling!" Well, in a sense, that's almost a good thing. It means you haven't been conquered by the enemy; that you haven't surrendered to the enemy; victory is still possible.

Grasp God's Word; read it; believe it. As long as you keep walking with God and trusting Him, he will keep working on your behalf. His spirit is there to guide you. Christian friends are there for you in difficult times. Our problem is, sometimes, we push them away because of our pride.

If we are teachable, we are reachable. We must keep our hearts open to God. Listen, hear and obey, and we will

see that:

#1 our problems are just workable areas for God to reveal Himself to us and work in our lives;

#2 we begin realize God's strength comes at our weakest points;

#3 sometimes our enemies are a blessing, because He (God) has promised as per verse 5, to bless us right there in front of our them.

People, problems and circumstances don't decide our lives and future, God does!

An incident from God's Word which illustrates this is when the servants, maybe some officials, and Peter were standing around a fire to keep warm. Someone said to Peter, "You are one of His disciples." Peter denied it. Earlier that day, Peter had drawn his sword in order to defend Jesus. Now he's denying Him. Has something like that ever happened to you?

It has happened to you and I. Under pressure, we sometimes falter. If that happens, what do we do? Do we make excuses? Dismiss it? Say, "Everybody slips;

or "It's no big deal!" Do we deny faltering, or perhaps say, "Don't blame me, it was their fault."

There is another option: Deal with it honestly. The same principle applies with our failures and also with our trials and problems.

As the story goes, Frederick the Great visited Potsdown Prison. Every prisoner claimed innocence, except for one. He said, "I am guilty. I've gotten what I deserve. My punishment fits my crime." When the emperor heard this, he told the warden, "Hurry. Release this man before he corrupts all these innocent men!"

The Bible says, "Nothing can be hidden from Him to whom we must explain all that we have done."

Hebrews 4:13 TLB

Confession is just telling God what he already knows. Returning to doing things God's way brings to an end frustrations and sometimes problems, trials and difficult times we all face from time to time. When you are faced with these times, "What do you say?"

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## MEMORIAL DAY EARLY DEADLINES

So our staff may remember those who gave everything for our freedom and celebrate with our families, *The Knox County News* will be closed Friday, May 27

Because of this, our deadlines for ads will temporarily be moved to noon, Monday May 30.  
Thank you.

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## Obituary

### SYBIL SIMMONS

Sybil Simmons, 92 died on Friday, May 13, 2011 in Vernon, Texas

Date and Place of Birth: July 17, 1918 - Gilliland, Texas, daughter of the late J. R. Spivey and Clara Bates Spivey

Married to William Hewitt Simmons on November 28, 1940 in Gilliland, Texas

Date and Time of Funeral Service: Monday, May 16, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

Place of Funeral Service: Gilliland Baptist Church - Gilliland, Texas

Officiating: Rev. Marq Brockett, pastor of the Gilliland Baptist Church of Gilliland, Texas

Assisted by: Rev. H. B. Graves of Knox City, Texas

Date and Place of Burial: Monday, May 16, 2011 - Truscott Cemetery - Truscott, Texas

Under the Direction Of: Womack-Manard Funeral Home - Crowell, Texas

**Background:** She was a lifetime resident of Gilliland, Texas, a graduate of Truscott High School, member of the Gilliland Baptist Church, and a retired teacher's aide.

**Survived by:** Son - Ronnie Simmons and wife, Sherri, of Crowell, Texas

5 Grandchildren, 2 Great Granddaughters

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## From the desk of the Sheriff

### Dean Homstad

During the month of April, 2011, the Knox County Sheriff's Department responded to a report of a house burglary in the City of Knox City. Responding to a call in Knox City is not unusual since this office had a busy agenda of taking care of calls and other problems within the city limits. Burglary means that someone went into another person's house uninvited, the removed items from that house belonging to the resident of that house with the intentions of selling, trading, throwing away, or whatever else the burglar chooses to do at the time. Within two days, we had statements from both parties involved and within a couple of weeks after that both had been arrested. Sounds like television, doesn't it? Except that we are a small department that does not have an investigator to dwell on cases like this. One officer usually takes the case and follows the majority of it to the end, if there is an end. Along with this case there may be several other bumps in the road, like domestic arguments, accidents, untold number of un-named calls that nobody knows with the exception of the person's involved. Well, enough of the "poor, pitiful, over-worked me syndrome". Like I tell folks, if I didn't like it, I wouldn't do it.

Now, there is something that citizen of Knox County as a whole can do. That is simply to think like a cop, believe anyone

will lie to you, could come into your house and take your stuff, take things from your property and really not care how you think about. You can combat the problem by LOCKING your doors, whether your vehicle or house. They all have locks, use them. If your property doesn't have a lock, there are several places in the county that you can buy one for a reasonable price, a cost much less than what a small theft would cost you. If you just run to the store quickly, pull your door shut and jiggle the knob to make sure it is securely locked. If you get out of the vehicle at the house, take your keys out and LOCK the doors, whether you have something of value in the car or not. At least you will get in the habit of doing it.

Can you imagine the feeling of waking up in the morning to discover that someone had come into your house while you were asleep and taken some of your stuff? I would make you really mad, wouldn't it? But should scare you to think that someone could be in your house while you were asleep and you didn't know it. Get in the habit, lock your doors, windows, vehicle doors, and on top of that, pick your friends carefully.

Sometime you have stuff, and they don't. It can turn into a hassle if they want your stuff. If you are careless, they will get it. Use common sense, folks. It can be very useful even in a small town like ours.

### Graduation Gift Registry

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## Pink Ladies News

Stephen Kuehler, hospital administrator, met with Pink Ladies on Wednesday, May 18. He requested a pediatric glide scope ranger video baton, at a cost of \$5,900 for the emergency room. If needed, it could save lives,

so clean your closets and help the Pink Ladies cover the cost.

Stephen expects the ambulance in the hop to be ready by June at a cost

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## KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

Jerry Vincent, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City

Timothy Trimble, Pastor  
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No Sunday Evening Service

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -

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Tex Cox, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.

### FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Gary A. Schnable, Pastor  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
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### LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor  
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Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland

Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Jim Novak  
Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 5 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Timothy Trimble, Pastor  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.  
Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

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### Sammie Offield

Our band kids have gotten ready and headed to Disney World. They were excited to go. Their spring concert was a big success.

Desert Rose 2 say acquired a new owner. The new lady is Gary Johnson's wife's sister. I'm sure she will be just as good because they work hard to always please their costumers.

Our seniors are enjoying the many gifts they are receiving. Their plans are great for this upcoming time in their lives. They have great heads on their shoulders and I'm sure they plan on making the best of it. The graduates have made some selections at local stores that will fit their needs for these next steps in life.

I stopped by the Care Home one day last week and, let me tell you, there are changes that have been done that are absolutely great. It's nice to know that no matter how bad or good the place, there is always room for improvement. I am not only talking about the Care Home when I say that, our community as a whole is a great place for change for the better. I drove around the neighborhood; I realized some places could use a little facelift. It's funny how some community members only start cleaning up and making things nice when there is something happening in town. It should be done all the time.

As a community we should work hard, so we are not behind when special occasions come up.

My guys at Bud's are as lively as ever. Everyone seems to be doing their usual stuff, and heath wise are doing well too.

The Knox City Country Club is getting for their Memorial Day "Play Day". It will tart at 1:30 p.m. It is lots of fun. If you have nothing to do, come out and have fun of the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

This month is almost over and so is school. Kids are really getting ready for the last day of school and the teachers are feeling it. I wouldn't want to be in their shoes but they do a great job year round.

Roni and Quinn and the kids have moved all their things to the new house. They will certainly be missed, in our neighborhood, especially. Buddy Joe and Birdie did see a lot of kids and loved every bit of it. I enjoyed watching terry and Jennifer Utley next door. They just go and go all day.

Gary Conn has been having some trouble with his eye sight, but after a few visits with the eye doctor, he is doing good and will be back at his art soon.

Looks like the store downtown is coming along nicely. It looks good. If you walk by, peep through the door- it looks fantastic inside. I wish we could say the same about the rest

of the empty buildings in Downtown- even a little face life would help.

The KC Video store has lots of neat things for sale. Just drop in and look around. It's a great place- and not just for movies. Tell Annie you read it here- first come first served.

We have some wonderful rain thanks to God. It never fails, the wheat harvesters come and the rain follows, which delays their job a little. Never the less we are thankful for the moisture.

It's Monday morning- our kids and parents should be home from Disney World sometime tonight. I bet they will sleep for days.

May God Bless our troops and each of us.

### Knox County Market Place

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#### 2009 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
05/09	68	105	0.01
05/10	71	88	
05/11	65	92	
05/12	49	92	
05/13	56	80	
05/14	47	75	
05/15	47	77	

Total Rainfall for month 0.01  
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 1.38

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## Arrest Report

Pursuant to your open records request, the below is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Knox county jail:

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 THRU  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Salas, Christine  
04/25/11  
Fta/Dwli (M-A)  
Knox County (Jones County  
Warrant)

Gonzales, Joshua  
04/25/11  
Capias Pro Fine Dwli ((M-  
C)  
Knox County (Haskell  
County Warrant)

Short, Jonathan  
04/26/11  
Fta/Dwi 1<sup>st</sup> (M-B)  
Foard County

Byrd, Rolettha  
04/27/11  
Tbc (M-B)  
Baylor County

Williams, Jamay  
04/27/11  
Fta/Criminal Mischief (M-B)  
Disorderly Conduct (M-C)  
Baylor County

Butler, Damon Ray  
4/28/11  
Fta/Dwi 3<sup>rd</sup> Or More (F-3)  
Knox County

Hebel, Rowdy W.  
4/28/11  
Criminal Trespass (M-B)  
Baylor County

Garcia, Bobby Jr.

4/29/11  
Evading Arrest (Sjf)  
Knox County  
(Haskell County Warrant)

Greer, Aubrey  
4/30/11  
Dwli 2<sup>nd</sup> (M-B)  
Knox County

Castorena, Amelia  
4/30/11 Mtr/Tbc (M-B),  
Knox County ,  
Tbc (M-B)  
Knox County  
(Scurry County Warrant)

Hunter, David Jr.  
5/3/11  
Probation Violation/Tbc  
(M-B)  
Knox County  
(Jones County Warrant)

Shultz, John  
5/3/11  
Possess Controlled Substance  
(Sjf)

Baylor County  
A)  
Knox County  
(Arrested By Denton Pd)

Noel, Terry  
5/3/11  
Boating While Intoxicated  
(F-3)  
Baylor County  
Coleman, Lannie  
5/6/11  
Burglary Of Habitaion (F-  
2)  
Knox County  
(Arrested In Taylor County)

Strickland, Shane  
5/3/11  
Burglary Of Habitation (F-  
2)  
Knox County

Mayes, Layton J.  
5/5/11  
Possess Marijuana (M-B)  
Knox County

Waldron, Justin Scott  
5/5/11  
Possess Marijuana (M-B)  
Knox County

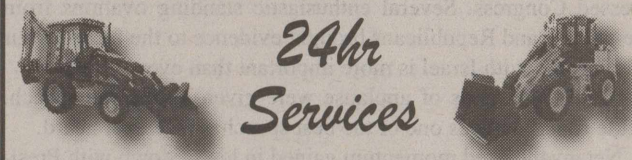
Wilson, Justin Dale  
5/6/11  
Mtr/Possess Marijuana (M-  
Knox County

Bruce, Kevin Edward  
5/15/11 Dwi 2<sup>nd</sup> (M-A)  
Knox County

**Dean W. Homstad**  
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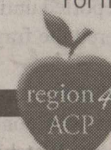
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# OPINION

## The Paperboy



### Netanyahu: Making sense in difficult times

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a world leader. He is extremely bright and his words are powerful.

Netanyahu seized the spotlight Tuesday morning when he addressed Congress. Several enthusiastic standing ovations from Democrats and Republicans brought evidence to the fact that our relationship with Israel is more important than ever.

In all, 56 rounds of applause were given during the speech. Quite frankly, it was one of the best speeches I've ever heard.

Netanyahu used momentum gained in his sit down with President Obama last week and his points were enthusiastically received. That's the message Israel and the world needs to hear.

Obama ruffled feathers a couple of weeks ago when he stated Israel needed to revert to their 1967 borders. Obama has attempted to clarify his statement on a couple of occasions, most notably following his meeting at the White House where the president pretty much had his hat handed to him and received both history and geography lessons from Netanyahu.

If Americans were busy sitting the fence on this issue, the last two weeks should serve as a wake-up call.

Since the end of World War II, the United States and Israel have stood hand in hand. In a world full of hate, the two countries have stood out as beacons of freedom. It seemed that pressure from countries throughout the Middle East had begun to sway opinion. Netanyahu has been setting the record straight.

The United States must always stand united with Israel. Likewise, countries in the Middle East need to represent themselves like the governments of Jordan and Egypt.

In my lifetime, 43 years, the world has evolved at an incredible rate. It would be wonderful if peace could follow that trend.

I'm very proud that the U.S. has become a more tolerant country. While far from perfect, you'd have to be blind with hatred not to recognize the advances we've made as a people concerning race, religion, sexual preference, etc.

I think most will agree that life is too short for hate. After all, what good does hatred do? What benefit does hatred have? While it may be hard to forgive and forget, at some point, you have to shed the past and move forward. If you don't, hatred will poison your soul and change the very person you are intended to be.

Israel is hated in the Middle East because of tradition. Generation after generation has been taught that Jews are evil and must either be eradicated or forced out. Over seven million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Dictators across the Middle East, most notably Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, president of Iran, have called for Israel to be wiped off the face of the earth.

It should be clear to the world that we stand united with Israel. That commitment has stood for decades and will continue to stand as it should.

I pray in my lifetime this world will realize a lasting peace. Perhaps in 20 or 30 years, world leaders will finally realize that hate exists to tear us apart.

Unfortunately, for that to happen, revolutions and civil war will have to happen for the people's collective voice to be heard. Oh yeah, that is happening now!

President Obama, Prime Minister Netanyahu and every other so-called "defender of freedom" should unite loudly in their call for evil regimes around the globe to fall and Democracy to replace them. Honestly, would it be any less painful than what is taking place in Syria or Libya? How about Iran?

A handful of hate-filled dictators use their control of oil to dictate their hate-filled agenda to the world. In my opinion, they buy

the support of countries like Russia and China and the United Nations turns its head. In fact, the U.N. is far from innocent in the current state of world tensions because they provide a forum for these crazy idiots to preach their hatred. Furthermore, the "sanctions" they place on countries are a joke and usually only punish the people, not the governing body.

The best way to defeat such evil is to take a direct stance against it. That is what Netanyahu has done and what our Congress has done. Let's hope that Obama can get his message straight and make it clear to the world that we stand as one and the time for peace is now. If he would attempt that and create some tangible momentum with our allies around the world, the international community might actually wake up to the fact that peace is possible.

Presidents before Obama have had similar opportunities to seize momentum and turn the tide toward peace. Their efforts have fallen short. So far, Obama has lacked a consistent voice on the matter. We need him to find his voice and convince other world leaders that the roadmap to peace must include a Palestinian state living side-by-side next to an Israeli state ... in peace. If we don't forge peace now, we'll continue to have to fight these global fires for decades to come.

I think Republicans and Democrats can all agree that it's time for peace. It's time for our hard work in the Middle East to start paying off in the form of peace. Judging by the bipartisan support shown to Netanyahu and Israel in front of Congress, it's obvious where we stand. Now we need to show the world.

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## EPA's Extra-Constitutional Agenda Has Long History

By **KEVIN MOONEY**

Unelected federal agents who are working to regulate and control the free market economy even after the collapse of "cap and trade" legislation have been called out by Americans for Limited Government.

The legislation now moving on Capitol Hill aimed at blocking the extra-constitutional power grabs of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other federal entities, can be traced back to the controversy surrounding Van Jones, an avowed communist, who signed a 9/11 "truth" statement claiming President Bush was behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks. His activities went unreported until Glenn Beck, the former Fox News talk show host, entered the fray and helped to force Jones out.

But Don Todd, ALG's research director, warns that there is very little daylight between Jones and other unelected czars who continue to operate in influential positions. The "Appointments Watch"

project Todd organized on behalf of ALG yielded some sobering results.

"When we started with the project we used to do 10 worst, now we do 10 typical because they are all so hard left, there is a constant thread through all the appointees," Todd said. "It's very frightening and no one has picked up on it in the media except for Glenn Beck. It's important to point out that Van Jones is not an outlier, his ideology is not unusual for an Obama appointee."

Todd's Appointments Watch project has focused upon hundreds of Administration appointees. Obama EPA political appointee Stephen A. Owens is just one example of someone who prior to joining the Administration was at the forefront of pushing a radical agenda, in his case the failed "cap and trade" idea, and now is empowered as a political appointee to make policy through regulation.

House Republicans who have made it a top priority to curtail the EPA's activities should reference some the key findings in "Appointments Watch" to drive the point home. Team Obama's admin-

istrative activities did not formulate at random in response to legislative failures. They have been a deliberate part of the equation going all the way back to the 2008 presidential campaign.

In the run-up to the Obama Administration, green pressure groups released a 300-page document entitled "Transition to Green" that includes a comprehensive list of personnel and policy recommendations that anticipate czar-type functions.

Some of the key players here include the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), The Environmental Defense Fund, the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, the EarthJustice Legal Defense Fund, The Natural Wildlife Federation, Friends of the Earth and the League of Conservation Voters.

There is a growing appetite now to transition away from big government policies and back in the direction of a free market economy. But this means House Republican, with their new majority, must remain on offense. To make their case, they have ample material as a result of the research ALG has circulated.

# I'm not Horsin' Around



By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM  
Correspondent

Over the past two weeks, the equine and veterinary worlds are witnessing an outbreak of epic proportions. An outbreak so severe...any exposed veterinary colleges, clinics, and equine events have been forced to shut completely down. What I'm referring to is a virus known as EHV-1 (Equine Herpesvirus 1).

EHV-1 is a fast spreading, airborne virus that is highly contagious to horses. It is easily spread by horse to horse contact, but also by contaminated hands, tack, buckets, equipment, & feed. These are some reasons why equine events and veterinary

hospitals across the country are being shut down for biosecurity measures to minimize outbreak. Most of you may be experiencing this first hand with the cancelation of events here in West Texas such as the San Angelo S.H.O.T. show.

With a quick incubation period of 1-2 days, if your horse is exposed to EHV-1, it will become sick within this short time frame. Upper respiratory symptoms develop at this point including fever of 102 or higher, cough, nasal discharge, and depression. This is the most common form of EHV-1.

8-12 days after the initial signs (upper respiratory

form), a neurological form of the virus can appear. This is rare, but also the main cause of high morbidity and fatality rates. Symptoms include in coordination, hind end weakness, excessive lying down, diminished tail tone (meaning no control of tail), and inability to get up. This form of EHV-1 is the greatest concern for what the equine industry is experiencing now.

Currently there is no equine vaccine labeled for protection against this neurological form. However, since this begins as an upper respiratory form, by vaccinating with a Rhino vaccine, we can reduce or prevent the number of virus' circulating in the blood. By reducing the number of circulating viruses in the blood, this limits the chance of mutation into the neurological form.

A third form of EHV-1 is Abortion. This can affect mares from 5 months to 11 months along in gestation. Luckily, we have a vaccine available specifically for preventing EHV-1 induced abortions in horses.

There is no specific treatment for EHV-1, just supportive care. This can include antiviral drugs, antibiotics, anti-inflammatory, IV fluid treatment, and more.

Let me make a quick side note at this point. I can honestly say I know firsthand about EHV-1 and its significance. In the winter of 1997, my 3 year-old reining prospect mare contracted EHV-1. Not only did she show upper respiratory symptoms, but she also developed the neurological form as well. I could literally take her tail and fold it completely over onto her back. Now most of you

'equine people' know normally horses won't let you raise their tail to this point without

resistance so this was a big concern. She was also weak in her back end causing her

to be 'off' in movement. She

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## Notice of Application Requesting an Adjustment to Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief

On April 29, 2011, AEP Texas North Company (TNC) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to approve an Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) that will be in effect during 2012. Section 39.905 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Section 25.181 of the Commission's Substantive Rules provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to implement an EECRF and annually adjust it to ensure the timely and reasonable recovery of the utility's costs incurred in connection with satisfying energy efficiency goals established by the Texas Legislature. In August 2010, the Commission authorized TNC to place into effect during 2011 an EECRF designed to recover \$980,940 in energy efficiency costs, based on TNC's projected energy efficiency program costs to meet its energy efficiency objectives for 2011 and recovery of TNC's performance bonus for 2009.

TNC's April 2011 filing asks the Commission to adjust the EECRF for 2012 to increase it by \$423,743. The adjusted EECRF is requested to recover approximately \$1,404,683 in energy efficiency costs in 2012, consisting of: (1) \$768,593 in projected energy efficiency program costs for TNC to meet its energy efficiency objectives for 2012; (2) a performance bonus of \$447,620 for TNC's having exceeded its demand reduction goals for 2010; and (3) recovery of \$188,470 in under-recovered EECRF program revenues in 2010.

The EECRF applies to all retail electric providers (REPs) who serve end-use customers in TNC's service area. All end-use customers who take service below 69,000 volts are potentially affected by the requested EECRF, depending upon the actions of their REPs. The proposed EECRF will include the following charges on bills rendered to REPs for retail transmission and distribution service:

Customer Rate Class	EECRF
Residential Service	\$0.000334 per kWh
Secondary Service (Less than or equal to 10 kW)	\$0.000284 per kWh
Secondary Service (Greater than 10 kW)	\$0.000303 per kWh
Primary Service	\$0.000198 per kWh

The monthly amount billed to the REP during 2012 on account of service to a residential end-use customer using 1000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will increase by 1 cent over the 2011 EECRF. The effect of the EECRF on the amounts billed to a REP on account of service to other end-use customers will vary depending on the rate schedules under which the REP takes transmission and distribution service and on the end-use customers' usage of electricity.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, Docket No. 39361, Application of AEP Texas North Company to Adjust Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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## Benjamin News *By Gladene Green*

It's Sunday and we're all still here! Guess the man in California with his prediction that the end was inevitable will have to think up some other theory to prove (or disprove) his point. At least he got some attention and that was probably his mail goal. Enough of that!

It's the last full week of May and the last of school programs have begun. Baccalaureate is tonight at the Church of Christ. Taylor Cantrell will give the invocation, Troy Culpepper will bring the message and Shelby Russell will voice the benediction. Linda Griffith will play the processional and recessional, and a reception will follow in the church annex.

It's Monday and I'm still trying to get this week's news together. Not much happening over this way except everyone is ready for the final bell to ring for the school year. The jr. high graduation is Thursday night at the Memorial Building. Kelsey Brown in the valedictorian and Sydney Mendoza is the salutatorian. Lychelle McElroy will deliver the commencement address.

Then on Friday night, the seniors will receive their diplomas. Shelby Russell is salutatorian and Cody Propps is valedictorian. Dickie McCanlies, retiring school board member, who served over 20 years, will bring the address. The Superintendent will present awards and the school board president will present diplomas. A reception to follow.

Then it's off to Hawaii for a week. When they return they will settle into their summer routine before college in the fall.

Here 'N there Kenneth and Jessie Roberts are now residents of the Munday Nursing Home, at least until he mends from his recent fall from his motorized scooter. If you have time while in Munday, run by and visit them for a few minutes. I'm sure they would appreciate it.

I got sort of excited on Friday when I heard the man on the TV news he was glad to have some Benjamin students with him. Sure enough, there was Nancy McGregor and her class there to see what was going on. I'm sure that was their school trip and it was good for our small group to get some recognition.

Betty Parker and her daughter, Chelsea, of Aspermont were here Sunday night for Baccalaureate. Chelsea will graduate Friday night from AHS and she is going to school in Abilene to become an RN.

Dutch and Imagean Young and Mike Young are in Wichita Falls today for a doctors appointment. Imagean had a dental visit and Mike is to see a cardiologist.

Jane Gideon and I attended the funeral of Sybil Simmons

in Gilliland last Monday. Other Benjamin people there were Benny Grill and Jimmy Barrientez.

Jessie Vanderpol, student at McMurry in Abilene, is home for the summer. I don't know about her sister, Leah, who also goes to McMurry.

E.O. Reed had a little accident one day last week. He had a run-n with a saw and cut his finger pretty badly. He didn't cut it off, but he said it's mighty uncomfortable. He had a big bandage on it and I imagine that was adding to the discomfort. He was very fortunate as it could have been much worse.

Charles Griffith had his cataract surgery Wednesday. He's been pretty uncomfortable. He said the sad part about it is he is going to have to have the other one done. Maybe he won't have as much pain the next time around.

Patty Kendrick accompanied her mom and dad, Gloria and Charles Durham of Knox City to Abilene today (Monday) for Gloria to see her doctor.

We have learned that Tony and Ashley Cartwright Burson and Abigail will be moving soon. They are going to the Denison area and so have their home (the Don Hertel home for sale. We hate to see them leave, but wish them well as they re-locate.



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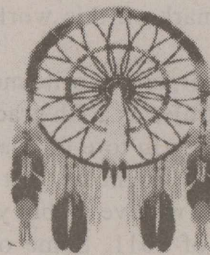
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## Just Jeff

### Jeff Stanfield

This week we say goodbye to the Class of 2011. Wow, it is hard to believe this year has gone by so fast. This is the last class to play 11-man football and the first to make the playoffs in the 6-man division. This is a very special class for me, with Zach graduating this year, as well as our niece, Lacey. Many of these young people have been together from Pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. I have so many fond memories of these kids. I remember all the way back to t-ball where we first met Brandon Bradley, who would later be Z's best friend and voice of reason through many adventures. They had lots of outdoor fun and many memories. These two boys have buried more stuff in the mud, killed more critters, and added a ton of grey hairs to the dads, not to mention the crazy amount of money paid to Kristi K to fix their momma's grey hair. B-rad, I will miss your smile and your manners. I hope you chase your dreams and fulfill everyone one of them. Your parents are very proud of you and so am I.

Whitney Collins was the little girl down the street who helped Zach wear out the first of three trampolines. She was the boss of the backyard and a good friend for many years. Whitney (who I call Whitley), I hope you have the greatest adventure chasing Jacob around the country, get yourself an education and soak up all the sights and tell everyone you meet about Knox City.

Zack York has been a classmate and teammate for many years, Zack, you seem to be a crash magnet and

just have all around bad luck with cars. My advice to Zack: get a job in New York City, buy a bike and never ever drive again.

Riley has been with us for just a few years but he has made a lasting impression on my family. Riley, you are truly one of the most enjoyable young men I have ever been around. Your smile and personality will carry you a long way (trust me on this one). Use it. It can open many doors and lead to lots of opportunities.

Lacey you remind me so much of Michelle I just hope you marry better than she has. You are a beautiful young lady and have a wonderful heart. You will get it shattered sometimes but never ever stop opening it up to people and keep that pretty smile.

Camille, you are the jumpiest, most nervous, biggest chicken I have ever seen. I will think of you every year at the Haunted House.

Landon Lynn- if I had to place a bet I am betting "Dr. Lynn" is your calling. With those two crazy little sisters, you have you better hurry up. I see Alison moving in with you with about four cats in 15 years, and Andrea will be needing you to keep her in the newest fashions after your dad cuts her Dillard's card up.

Marcell Lewis, you are a true inspiration to most everyone that has had the honor of watching you turn into a very good citizen. The York's have provided you with a great foundation and it is your job to build on that. You will always have a home in Knox City.

Kaylee you have been through the battles with them step for step. I wish you the best and hope that your entire dreams come true.

Chago, your smile is your trademark.

Nick, you are just Nick.

Santos, I still do not know what happened to that fat kid who left town one summer and you replaced.

Hosiel, you are a role model for your little brothers- set the bar high for them. Michael you have some big shoes to fill... size 17's I believe. With your work ethic and love of reading you will be the noble peace prizewinner for this class. Make the most of your college days and enjoy all that life will offer.

Sabrina, Adrian, Makayla each of you needs to make your mark on this world and do it by following your heart.

Luther, my favorite memory of you was watching you run hurdles as a 7th grader. The form was not textbook, but Ol' JuJu tore up that track. Each of you will leave Saturday night as just another citizen in this great country we live in, but you will always be Greyhounds, Class of 2011. Some of you will be very successful and some will struggle your whole life. We may have a future President or a famous actor or singer. Only God knows your future and only you can make the most of it. Shoot for the stars and if you miss you will always achieve success. God Bless



The best things in life are free.

The first time I ever heard anyone say that, I supposed they were talking about air. Later I thought maybe they were talking about love.

The longer I live, the more I don't know what they were talking about.

Let's just say the best things in life are priceless.

Reminds me of a joke in Spanish. For those of you who know Spanish and for those of you who don't, here it is:

A little boy was sitting outside with his grandfather on a very starry night. "How many stars are there, Grandfather?" he asked.

The old man gave a simple answer. "Cincuenta," he said, the Spanish word for 50.

The child was happy with the number, not realizing that his grandfather's homophonic answer was also telling him that the stars were "sin cuenta" – meaning "countless."

Priceless answer. No charge. Sometimes priceless things do come with price tags – even the air we breathe. Just ask a cotton gin owner what it costs not to pollute the air with lint and dust. Or ask a coal-fired electricity generating plant owner what it costs for air scrubbers. They'll both answer in dollars and cents.

That's the environment for you. It sometimes takes money and a mix of scientists, engineers and bureaucrats to keep a lid on things, even when it comes to air – maybe especially air.

Then there's what we call the built environment – everything around us that's of our own doing. Architecture comes to mind.

"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."

If I'd said those words or if that statement had some from some architect, would anyone care?

But Winston Churchill said it. Who would disagree? Makes me think about London getting blitzed.

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Yep, I checked. The quote is from 1943. He was addressing the nation regarding destruction of the Commons Chamber of the Palace of Westminster in a 1941 bombing raid.

Another version of his famous quote is "We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us."

I like that version better because it seems to put a common house in league with the House of Commons. Both are part of our man-made environment – what we live in, work in and look at daily.

Ultimately, the architect who got the job of putting Parliament back together was Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. The House of Commons chose Scott by a vote of 121 to 21 – essentially a vote to rebuild in a style congruent with the existing Gothic style of the historic complex. Scott was Churchill's pick too.

What were those dissenting 21 thinking? Did they want something more modern, right there under the nose of Big Ben?

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## 4-Her's compete at District Trap Shoot



Knox County 4-H members competed at the District Trap Shoot in Iowa Park on Saturday, May 14 against over 140 shooters. The competition was hosted by the Northwest Texas Field and Stream at the Iowa Gun Club just outside of Iowa Park. Competing in the junior two man team division was Justin Rainwater. Justin was teamed up with Matt Anderson from Wise County in which they ended up taking home 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. In

the senior two man division, Jonathan Rainwater and Logan Groves came out with a 7<sup>th</sup> place. During the contest, contestants in all age divisions must shoot two rounds of 25 shots from a distance of 16 yards from the trap machine. The contestant with the most clays shot out 50 wins the competition. Congratulations to all the competitors that participated in the contest. I would also like to say Thank You for all the parents that traveled along

to the event. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Mark June 17& 18th on your calendar when then Knox County Visioning Group will host the first annual Adventure Days. The two day even will take people throughout Knox County on various family-oriented adventures. It will begin Friday evening with a Night t the Theater and end on Saturday with Go Kart Races. Events will include a photography scavenger hunt, a 5K run/walk, a geocaching adventure,

hiking, an amazing race, a driving tour, an exhibitor/vendor area and Fireman's Hamburger lunch benefiting Knox county Fire Departments.

Memorial Day play day at the Knox City Country Club Golf Course will begin at 1:30 pm on Monday, May 30th. All are welcome to come and play a round and have fun with the other golfers in the area.

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# Prospective wine-grape grower workshop June 17

By PAUL  
SCHATTENBERG

LUBBOCK — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a Prospective Wine-Grape Grower Workshop from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 17 for people interested in commercial wine-grape production.

The workshop will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, located at 1102 East Farm-to-Market 1294.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program

to immediately follow.

"This workshop will be useful to those considering planting a commercial vineyard or those thinking about expanding a smaller operation to a commercial scale," said Dusty Timmons, AgriLife Extension viticulture adviser for the High Plains and West Texas.

The workshop was developed to help small-scale producers determine if it was both economically feasible and individually suitable for them to commit to a commercial vine-

yard enterprise, Timmons said. Program topics include necessary viticulture expertise, site selection, risk factors, labor requirements and economics.

He noted that AgriLife Extension presents prospective grower workshops in regions of Texas conducive to wine-grape production, and the workshop is a prerequisite for registration and acceptance into the Texas Viticulture Certificate Program.

"This is the last workshop before we start taking applications for the next

viticulture certification program," Timmons said. "We hope people interested in getting their professional certification will take this opportunity to attend the workshop so they can meet that requirement prior to applying for that statewide program."

The application period for the next certification program will be from June 1-30. Notification of acceptance will occur by about July 15, with registration approximately July 15-Aug. 31. The program will begin on or around

Sept. 15.

For more information on the viticulture certification program, contact Dr. Ed Hellman, AgriLife Extension viticulture program director, at 806-746-6101 or ewhellman@ag.tamu.edu.

The AgriLife Extension viticulture team also offers advanced programs for learning more about the nuts and bolts of grape growing in Texas, Timmons added. More information on workshops can be found at <http://winegrapes.tamu.edu> under Ed-

ucational Opportunities.

The cost for the prospective grower workshop is \$125 per person or \$200 per couple, including educational materials and lunch.

Online registration for the workshop can be completed by going to the AgriLife Conference Services website at <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu> and entering "wine grower" in the keyword field.

For more program information, contact Timmons at 806-787-5110 or dtimmons@door.net.

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## Local 4-Her's compete in District Contest

VERNON -- Approximately 120 youth from the Rolling Plains District 3 competed in the District Consumer Decision Making Contest that was held May 4, 2011 at the Wilbarger

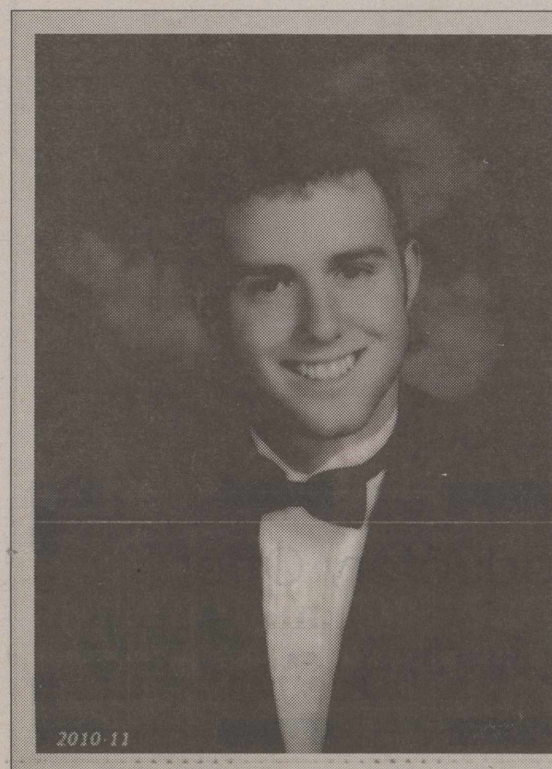
Auditorium in Vernon. The event sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. AEP provided ribbon awards for the contestants. Participating from Knox County was one team of Juniors, Brogan White, Sean Logsdon, John Ross Shaver, Ryleigh

Waters and Jesse Munonz. They placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Two Intermediates, Katelyn Baker and Brylee White, also competed in the contest.

Twenty-four counties are included in the Rolling Plains Extension District. The top three teams in

the senior division will represent District 3 at the State 4-H Roundup to be held in College Station in June 2011. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M System.

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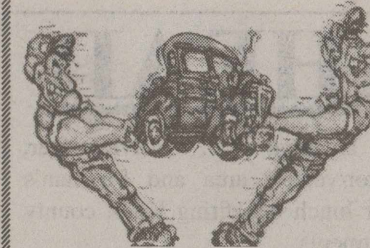
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## Rains come too late for small grains

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION — Rain came to many parts of the state, giving some relief to drought-stricken crops and pastures, and — temporarily at least — alleviating the danger of wildfire. But in the Childress area, the drought continues.

The consensus among Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel and farmers located where rain was received was that it came too late to save small-grain crops, and more rain will be needed soon for any substantial improvement in pasture and hay land.

Parts of Central Texas received from a trace to 4 inches of rain on May 13. About 1 inch was more common, as was received at Davidson Brothers

Farms, just east of Georgetown. The Davidson Brothers, Dennis and Buster, and son Dustin, raise stocker cattle and grow hay, as well as some corn and cotton.

“Our biggest rain since January was yesterday at about eight-tenths,” Dennis said. “We had 8 inches of rain in a two-day period in September, which was enough moisture to get our oats up for grazing. But we didn’t have another good rain until Christmas Eve.”

Then there were small rains near the end of January, which they have “been pretty much living on” until the recent 0.9 inch rain, he said.

“Corn: It’s deceiving if you look at it. It’s green, and if you don’t know much about farm-

ing, you’ll think it’s alright,” Dennis said. “But if you look at it right now, it’s starting to tassle and it’s not even waist high, so that’s not going to make any grain. I don’t even think it’ll put an ear out.”

Dennis said they’ll probably either bale or ensile their corn. But because it won’t likely make any grain, the silage will not be of any quality, and will mainly be a filler-feed.

Local wheat was in similar condition, said Jared Ripple, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Williamson County. The crop may look good and golden from the road, but plants are stunted and stands thin. The crop is apparently making grain, but yields will be well below average.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**Rolling Plains:** A few counties in the eastern part of the district received from 0.75 inch to 4 inches of rain. The rest of the region remained dry, windy and under extremely high wildfire danger. Wildfires raged in King and Dickens counties on May 14-15 and into the early week. Preliminary estimates were that more than 75,000 acres were

lost. The wheat harvest was under way, with below-normal yields. Where possible, producers were still irrigating wheat to try to get it to fill out grain heads. Cotton producers were planting on irrigated acres, and some of the crop was already emerging. Dryland cotton farmers were waiting on rain to plant. Pastures were in poor condition, and hay supplies were short. Some producers were considering selling more cows because of the lack of grass and cost of hay. Stockwater tanks and lakes were very low. In Parker County, most of the pecan crop looked good. Growers began spraying for pecan-nut case bearer.

**Panhandle:** A few counties

got from a trace to slightly more than 1 inch of rain. In some areas, there was only enough rain to settle the dust, and the storms also brought high winds and above-average temperatures. High wildfire danger was ongoing. Irrigators were actively watering, trying to keep up with crop-water demands. High winds made it difficult for producers to irrigate newly planted crops. Cotton and peanut planting was in progress. Rangeland was mostly in very poor condition. Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition with continued supplemental feeding. There were reports of wheat-streak mosaic in some irrigated wheat.

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**When:** Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**Where:** Santa Rosa Catholic Church, 210 N. Ave G in Knox City

**What:** Enchilada dinner (\$10/plate for adults and \$5/plate for kids), Bingo, Cakewalk, Children's fishing pond, Duck Game, Darts and Face Painting

**Why:** To support the Santa Rosa Catholic Church Parish

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they have been notable on a State level. Our Knox City kids have been to the State Marching band competition, the Munday One Act Play was a state qualifier. Our youth represented Benjamin at the State Stock show and Knox City went to State

Horse judging contests. We even have had a Munday cowboy showcase his talents at the Texas State High School Rodeo. Some of our kids have been so involved in their schools and communities that it's a wonder that they had time for

academics. But they did and most continuously prevailed in their studies.

We have one young man leaves us next fall to go to Baylor to pursue a Medical Degree, one young lady is going to MSU to hone her theatrical skills. A handful

of our kids are headed to Universities like Tarleton State, while many of them are venturing toward the technical world, and training at places like TSTC. A multitude of these graduates plan on achieving their LVN or RN degrees. We have

three young people who have already dedicated themselves to serving our country in the Air Force, Marines and Navy.

It is said: "It takes a village to raise a child". The communities of Knox County are ideal places to

rear children.

I am personally excited to see these young adults move forward in their lives and continue making Knox County proud. For the Senior edition please look for the insert located in the middle part of this paper.



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**PINK LADIES continued from page 3**

of \$85,000. He has a grant for \$30,000 provided he can get \$15,000 donated. Pink Ladies will cover this. Within ten months, a Munday ambulance must be replaced so we need a lot of sales to be able to cover a portion of that cost. We apologize for the

inconvenience while our water line is replaced. We will have no restroom available in the Pink Ladies building.

Wednesday is short one worker as Polly Marion fell and broke her hip. She came through surgery Tuesday at Hendricks.

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recovered with supportive care; however, she never fully regained her quality of movement in the hind end which ended her show career.

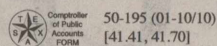
**PREVENTION IS KEY!!** Here are some simple procedures you can take to protect your horse.

1) Isolation – immediately isolate new or returning horses to property for 7 days. For those of you who work and travel with horses either showing, rodeos, or training, please take precaution! 2) Sanitation – using a solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water disinfect stalls, trailers, and all equipment including buckets, tack, brushes, saddle pads, etc. 3) VACCINATE YOUR HORSE! This is an important and cost saving preventive measure you can take.

Since events are being cancelled and veterinary hospitals forced to shut down due to EHV-1, I ask you NOT

to bring a horse with these symptoms to your vet. Call ahead and discuss what's going on! At my clinic, I will be suggesting going to the horse rather than the horse coming to the clinic. This is to protect my patients and avoid contamination or exposure. If you have any questions or think your horse is showing symptoms, please call the clinic at 806-495-3726 immediately.. Let's do our part to prevent an outbreak in Garza County and ensure the safety and health of our horses.

It is my pleasure to serve our community as your veterinarian and I am happy to be writing a column each week to help pet owners understand their pet's health needs. If you have questions or would like to see a particular covered, please send us your questions to PO. And we will be glad to cover your topic.



## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Mitzi Welch

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Call to set up appointment for informal meeting.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

Knox County Appraisal District

PO Box 47

Benjamin Texas, 79505 (940) 459-3891

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

**Tax Payment**

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.).

Knox County Appraisal District

PO Box 47 Benjamin Texas, 79505

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at PO. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

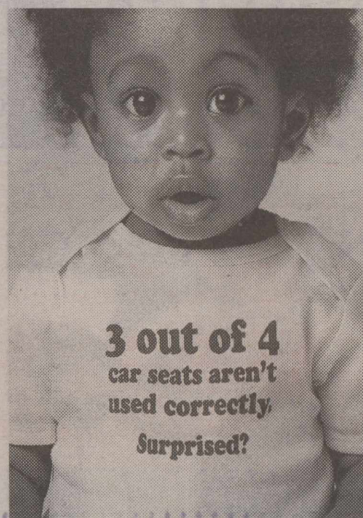
(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

Last day to file protest with Knox County Appraisal District

June 20, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.

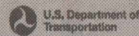
If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



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# Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

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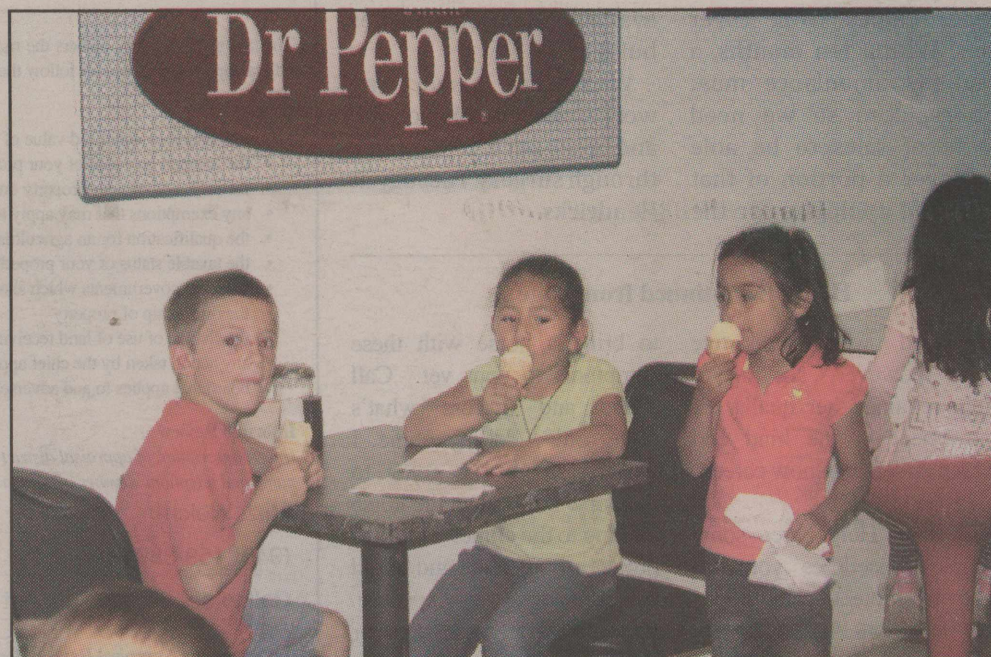


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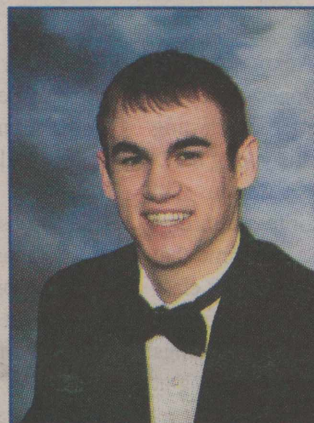


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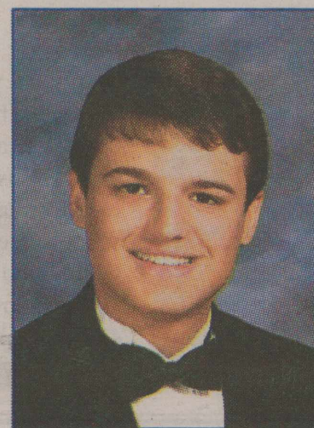
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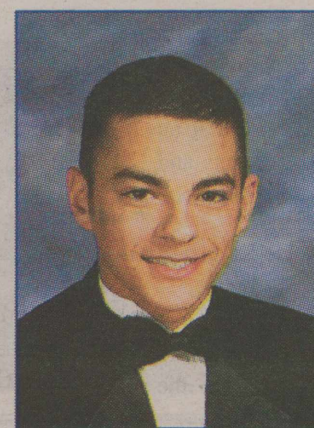
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# 2010 Knox City Graduates


**ADRIAN FLYE**

Adrian Flye, daughter of Necie Flye and Andy McCrery, and Amy Joe Flye and Lewis Flye, will be joining the rest of the 2011 KCHS graduating class in the upcoming momentous ceremony.

Adrian has spent her extra time in high school participating in the One Act Play competition (which advanced this year to an higher level), UIL events and was a member of the yearbook staff.

In 2010, Adrian was honored as the Best All Around Girl.

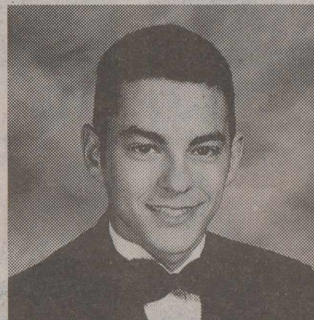
During Adrian's time at KCHS, she had several teachers which stood out among the

crowd. Mrs. Adkinsson, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Martinez made the everlasting impression on this young lady.

In ten years, Adrian will recall her favorite memories of high school as the time that Mrs. Adkinsson took her class shopping, and Adrian's friend, Sabrina, kept sneaking things into the basket, and dancing at prom.

Being described as "short, silly, giggly, funny and trustworthy", Adrian embodies the quote, "If you want to fly with the eagles, you have got to stop hanging with the crows."

Adrian's hero is her grandma.

**BRANDON BRADLEY**

Brandon Bradley, "Bub", is the son of Dusty and Julie Bradley; and the grandson of Montie and Fay Barmore and Max and Sandra Bradley. Brandon is also one of the bright faces of youth that is smiled upon by many people throughout town as though he is one of their own kids.

Brandon has been a fundamental part of the Knox City High School society. He dons many hats depending on the season and the occasion. Brandon has been seen in a Hound football helmet, in a band outfit, with baseball cleats on, sporting a Hound basketball jersey, or with a cowboy hat during FFA events. It was the memory of one of these hats that will be with Brandon for the next years of his life. His favorite recollection of his high school career was when the Greyhound football team "all snapped up our helmets at the same time in the locker room before playing Blanket in the

Bi-District playoff game".

Brandon also was a participant in Academic UIL, a member of student council, was a class officer and a member of the National Honor Society.

Brandon was even more than just a participant or member in most of these activities. He excelled. He was nominated for 1st team All-District Wide Receiver, 2nd team All District Safety, and Honorable Mention Wide Receiver in football, and also was awarded an Honorable Mention All-District Infielder in baseball.

And even with being as involved with the extra-curricular life, Brandon always maintained "A honor roll" throughout high school.

Brandon loves the quote: "Talk low, talk slow, and don't say much", which was said by the "Dude" himself, Mr. John Wayne. He also likes to quote Riley Rodriguez who has been

known to say, "Brandon is super cool."

Brandon's favorite teacher was Mrs. Jones, and his favorite subject is math.

After graduating, Brandon plans on going to Tarleton State University and studying kinesiology to eventually become a physical therapist.

Brandon's hero is his mom.

**CAMILLE WARD**

Camille Ward (Mill Mill as some people endearingly call her) loves the quote: "twenty or thirty years from now, people aren't going to remember how you looked, all they will

remember is the effect you had on them." Camille has definitely effected Knox City in the last few years. She is known for being funny, cute, well-dressed, friendly and understanding. She is also known for her devotion to the Houndette athletic program.

Camille showed off her athletic skills in volleyball basketball, track, and cheerleading. She also displayed her academic side in the UIL.

Camille's favorite teachers are Mrs. Vasquez, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. Collins.

Although high school life has many memories, Camille will fondly remember the time that she became an Aunt over all others.

After graduating, Camille will go to Cisco College and major in Psychology, eventually planning on becoming a social worker.

Camille's hero is her Granny.

## Your Adventure

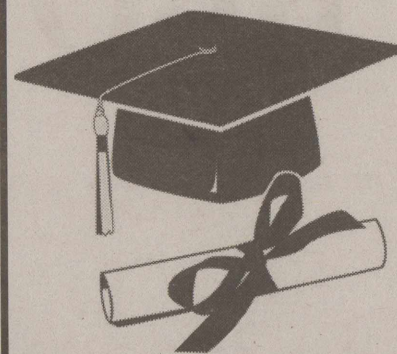
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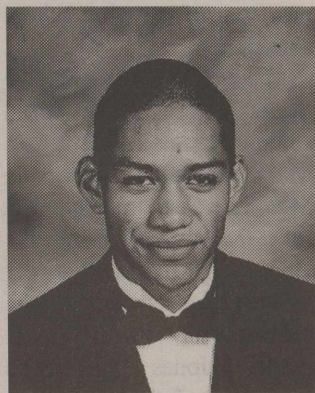
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**HOSIEL RODRIGUEZ**

Hosiel Rodriguez in a member of the 2011 graduating class. He will leave behind, a high school career that includes track, basketball and football. Notable, Hosiel went to Regionals for track during his sophomore year; and Area in his junior and senior years. Hosiel's favorite teachers are Mrs. Jones and Mr. Collins; his favorite subjects are math and science.

Hosiel choose the quote "you ain't bad" as his favorite saying, which might describe him as well; along with the words responsible, matured, artistic, fun and honest.

Hosiel plans on going to a technical school or to BBU after graduation.

Hosiel's heroes are his family.



**KALEY AINSWORTH**

Donald Trump once said something that resounds with Ms. Kaley Ainsworth. He said, "Anyone who thinks my story is anywhere near over is sadly mistaken." Kaley's life is also no where near over, rather she has only just begun.

But, Kaley has some experience under her belt in both the academic and athletic side of life. Kaley has been a member of the Knox City Pride Band for the last four years and was a part of the marching band which was honored with a trip to the State band competition.

Kaley also played volleyball and basketball

for two years, and ran track for three years,

Kaley served her student body in student council for a year, during which she was an officer. In the 2 years that Kaley was a participant in the academic UIL competition, she received a fourth place win in Feature Writing.

Kaley's favorite high school memory was a grocery-shopping trip to Haskell with Mrs. Adkisson's class. During that trip, Kaley's classmate, Sabrina, kept putting things in the basket that they did not need and Mrs. Adkinson would continually have to reprimand her to "put it back."

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Martinez were Kaye's favorite high school teachers. Math is her favorite subject.

After raduating from KCHS, Kaley intends to attend Vernon College to become an RN, then further her education elsewhere (as of yet undecided).

Kaley's hero is her grandfather.



**LACEY PIERCE**

Lacey Pierce, daughter of Silvia Garcia, has been a continuing contributing member of KCHS society. Running in the State track meet during her freshman year, then continuing her path as a member of the Volleyball, basketball, track and tennis team, Lacey has continuously excelled in Houndette Athletics. Her Junior year, Lacey was named Athlete of the year; in basketball, she earned 1st Team All-District picks for 2 years, and her senior year, Lacey was chosen for the 1st team in basketball.

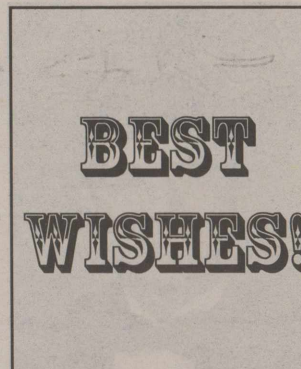
In is no wonder that Lacey's favorite memories of her high school life have been made with her teammates in the locker-room.

Mrs. Adkisson has been

her favorite teacher and her favorite subject is English.

Noting the quote "that's how I roll", Lacey plans to keep rolling right along with her educational path after high school and attend Vernon College for the nursing program.

Lacey's hero is her mom.

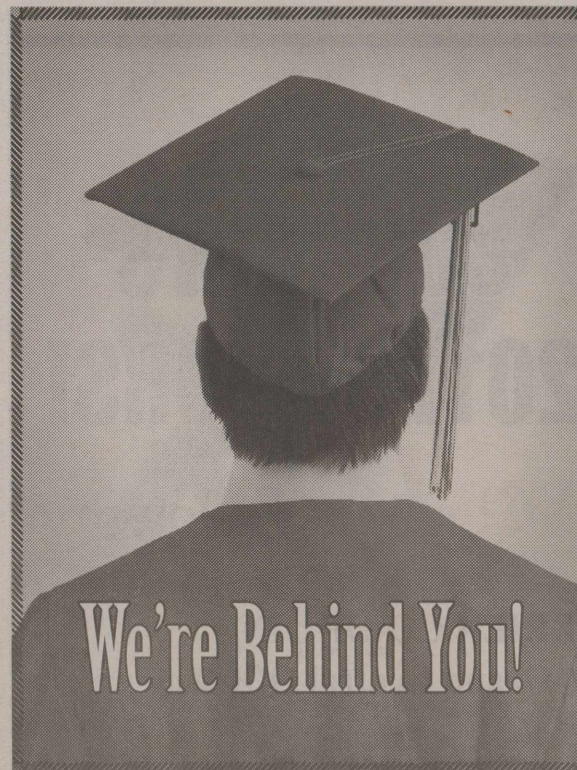


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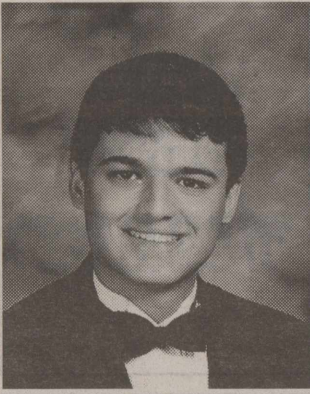


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**LANDON LYNN**

The 2011 KCHS valedictorian, Landon Lynn, son of Scott and Lawri Lynn,

grandson of Jimmy and the late Georgie Lynn, and Jimmy and Ann Tankersley, will be soon leaving the halls of KCHS to attend college at Baylor University, eventually pursuing a degree in Medicine.

A man who friends would call, honest, dependable, serious and determined, Landon's high school résumé reflects as much. During his years at KCHS, Landon was a Cross x debater who made the state qualifying team, was a regional qualifier in

UIL Academic Calculator, Computer, Headline writing, and Number Sense.

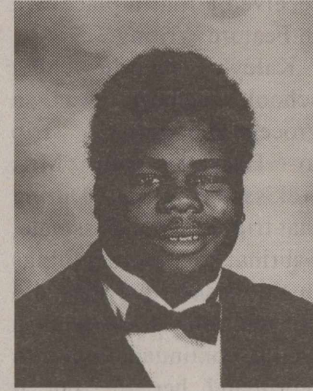
In FFA activities, Landon was an Area qualifier in Jr. Chapter conducting, radio broadcasting, and was a member of the state-qualifying Horse judging team.

Landon's favorite high school teacher has been Mrs. Hutchinson, and his favorite subject is science.

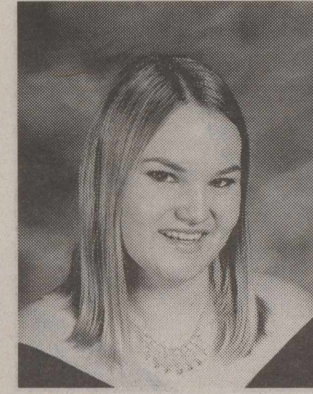
In ten years, Landon will probably look back on his most fond memory, the band

trip to California, and smile.

When asked for his favorite quote, Landon referenced Jeremiah 29:11 in the bible: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and plans to give you hope for the future.'

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**MAKAYLA  
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On February 25, 1993, proud parents Mike and Debbie Harrington welcomed Makayla Harrington into the world. On May 28, 2010, they will again celebrate their daughter as she ventures across the graduation stage of KCHS.

Makayla has been active in the Knox City High school community for the duration. As a participant in the band for four years, One Act Play for 3 years, UIL Spelling and UIL Poetry competitions for 4 years, yearbook for three years, student council for 4 years, and FFA for four years, Makayla has definitely learned how to divide her time and made the

most out of her high school experience.

Makayla is a distinctive thespian, and has been celebrated as such. In 2010, Makayla received Honorable Mention cast in One Act Play, then went on to receive Honorable Mention this year at Zone level as well as at the district level.

Mrs. Jones has been Makayla's favorite teacher and her favorite subject is history.

Makaya remembers the travels that she has had with her parents, and notes those as some of her favorite times. She also relishes in the memory of her class and their adventures together. Makayla quotes Tom Bodett in her perspective on life: "The difference between school and life? In school you are taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you are given a test and taught a lesson."

Next year, Makayla plans to attend Howard Junior College where she will study Dental hygiene.

Makayla's hero is her dad.

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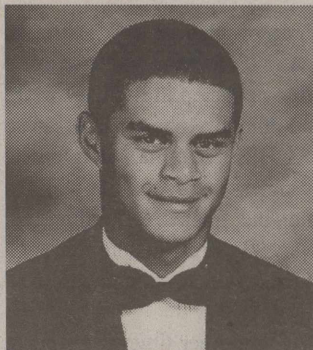
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**MARCELL LEWIS**

Marcell Lewis, or "Cell" as his good friends and family refer to him, is a notable graduate of KCHS 2011 class. Marcell's athletic ability has been witnessed time and time again throughout the years in many different venues. In football, Marcell has been awarded First Team All District titles as Running back, and Utility Player; he also was named Second team All District as Running Back and Utility Player. His senior year, Marcell was part of the Greyhound Bi-District Champion football team that was named "Army

Strong Team of the Week". In fact, the most memorable experience in Marcell's life was his first play-off game, ever.

Marcell also was a Regional finalist in track for 3 years.

Other than that, Marcell was a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

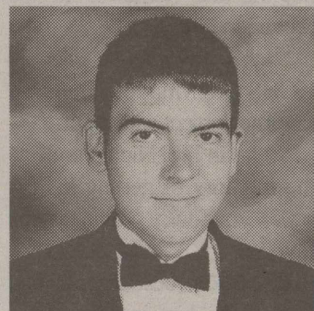
Marcell's extracurricular activities extend beyond athletics, too. He was a member of FFA and UIL Academics. It's no wonder that Marcell's favorite quote is "Go big, or go home."

Marcell's favorite teachers have been Mrs. Jones and Mrs.

Martinez; his favorite subject, history.

Marcell will attend Western Texas College and then transfer to a four-year University.

Marcell's heroes are Taylor Pepper and Josh Hamilton.



**MICHAEL WILBORN**

"It is better to stand 50 feet away from excellence than 5 feet from mediocrity". No other quote could better describe Michael. In fact, one could describe Michael as

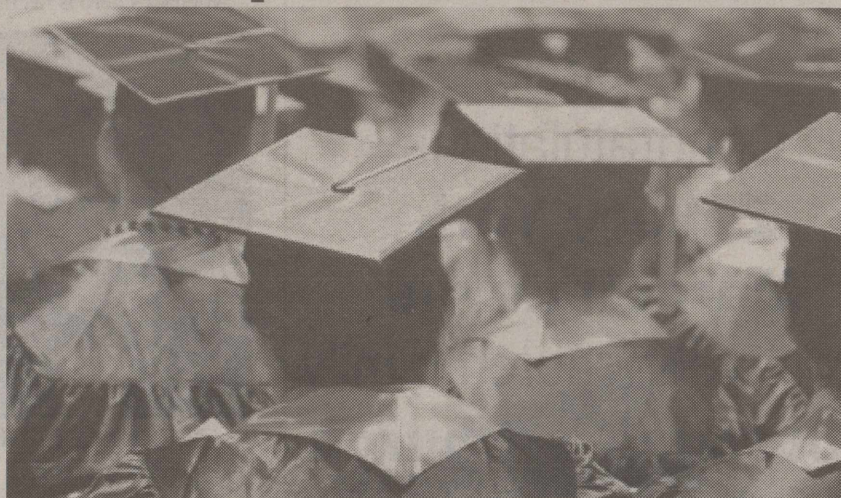
"determined and intelligent". Mike, as he is more commonly known, has never settled for mediocrity. Rather, Michael has been an octo-finalist in State debate, was named to the One

Act Play All-Star Cast in Zone, and was Honorable Mention in the All-Star One Act Play in the District competition. Above the scope of the local high school See **WILBORN** on page 6

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awards, Michael was accepted into the National Honor Society of High School Scholars.

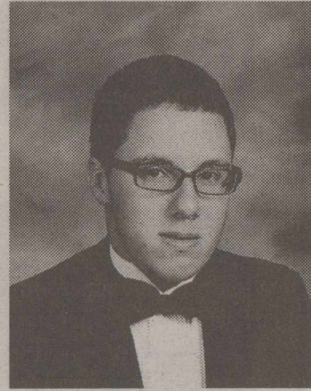
Michael also spent time in a Greyhound jersey on the basketball court.

Michael claims his favorite subject is one which he can learn; his favorite teacher is Mr. Bob Collins. Michael recently went to the United Nations and will probably look back at that

as the climax of his high school career.

After graduating, Michael plans on going to Southern Methodist University and majoring in Political Science with a Religious Studies minor.

Michael's hero is his mom.



**NICHOLAS DANIEL ESTRADA**

Most people know Nicholas Daniel Estrada as just "nick". Son of Kim Waggoner and Pedro Estrada, Nick has been an involved Greyhound for several years. For 2 years, Nick was a member of the

Greyhound football team, the track team, baseball and OAP. Nock spent a year helping create the yearbook.

Nick also spent time building his philanthropic skills in helping the homeless at the Salvation Army.

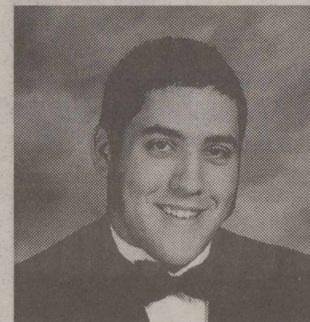
Nick's favorite teacher at KCHS was Mrs. Jones, and his favorite subject was math.

So far in life, Nick recollects the memory of getting his car stolen in Funky Town as his favorite.

If Nick's best friend had to describe him in 5 words or less, they would say that he is "crazy, funny, and down for anything."

After leaving the halls of KCHS, Nick intends to work in Abilene while attending Cisco Junior College.

Nick's hero is Heath Turner.



**RILEY RODRIGUEZ**

Riley Rodriguez, son of Roy

Rodriguez and Nancy Boone, remembers his time on the KCHS football field as the most unforgettable moment of his term in high school.

Riley was a member of the 2010 football team who was a Bi-District Champion, and was awarded the prestigious "Army Strong Team of the Week" award.

Coach Arnold Peralez stood out from the crowd as Riley's favorite teacher. Economics is Riley's favorite subject.

If Riley's best friend were to describe him in 5 words or less, he would say, "He has good intentions." Well, Riley's intentions post-high school are to go to Tarleton University, where he is sure to excel in his degree choice.

Riley's hero is Clint Eastwood.



**SABRINA BENAVIDEZ**

Sabrina Benavidez, daughter of Toni and Joe Benavidez, was

born on May 19, 1992. Now, on May 28, Sabrina will have made that next step in her life toward adulthood as she graduates from KCHS. Sabrina continually progresses through life with the notable quotation guiding her way: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

During her time as a student in Knox city, Sabrina made many good friends, held a job and participated in several extra-curricular activities. For 2 years, Sabrina was a member of the Houndette Volleyball and track teams. She spent a year sporting a Houndette jersey on the basketball court. She helped put together the annual and could be found acting in the One Act Play.

This last year, Sabrina joined the rest of the KCHS One Act Play cast in their travels to district competition

Sabrina's favorite teacher is Mrs. Jones and her favorite subject is English.

After high school, this young lady, who can be described as outgoing, crazy, silly, fun and caring, will put all those traits to use as she ventures to Vernon College to achieve a degree in nursing.

Sabrina's hero is her mom.

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But in all things, God's promised us

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In knowing that our future lies

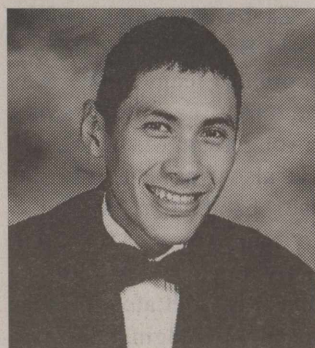
...in His sweet, loving hands.

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**SANTIAGO ESPINAL**

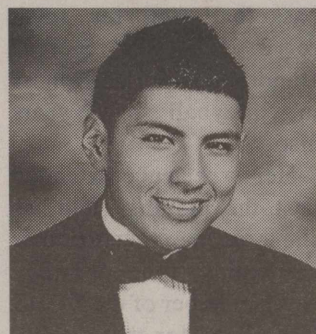
Santiago Espinal, also known as Chago, was born on March 3, 1993 to Luis and Teresa Espinal. Since then, Chago has become a product of the Knox City society. During Chago's tenure at Knox City High School, he has been a devoted member of the Greyhound football and track teams. In 2010, Chago was a member of the prize winning Greyhound football team, who were honored as the Army Strong team of the Week. The team took the Bi-District Championship.

Chago's favorite teacher was Mrs. Jones and his favorite

high school subject was Ag. Chago's quote that he favors are "them girls like them bad boys". Chago's most memorable moment of life as of thus far is "going with his friend to funkey town to a club".

While he still has no plans after graduation, Chago is sure to be a pride of Knox City for years to come.

Chago's hero is his grandma.



**SANTOS ESPINAL**

Santos Espinal, son of Alfredo and Maria Espinal, is known by friends and family as Sana.

Santos has been a proud member of Knox City High School's society for the last four years; in that time excelling in FFA, football and track. Santos was a member of the esteemed 2011 Greyhound football

team that won the bi-district championship and was named the "Army Strong Team of the Week".

Santos favorite teacher while at KCHS was Mrs Jones and his favorite subject was Ag.

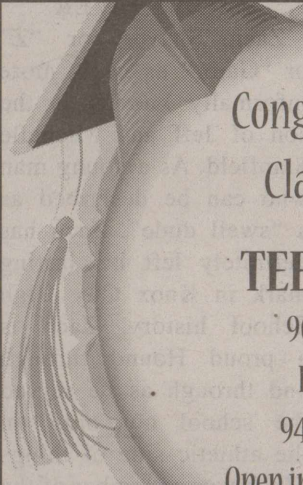
Santos' favorite saying is: 'don't tell nobody else.' His favorite memory as of thus far

in his life, Santos recall's joining his friend in "funkey town".

Post graduation, Santos plans on attending Vernon College in Wichita Falls and striving toward a degree in welding.

Santos Espinal's hero is his mommy.

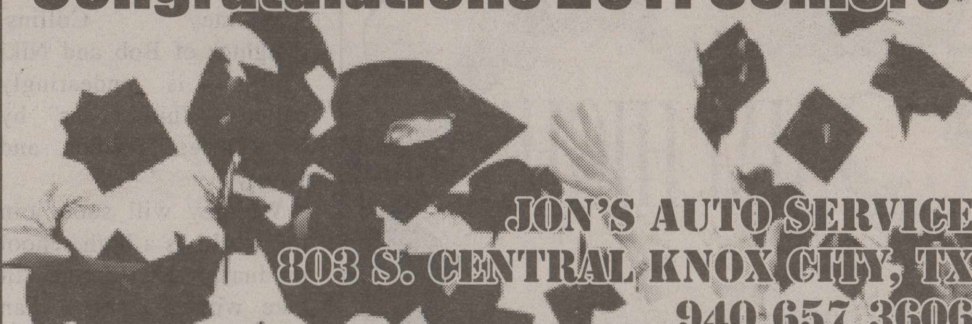
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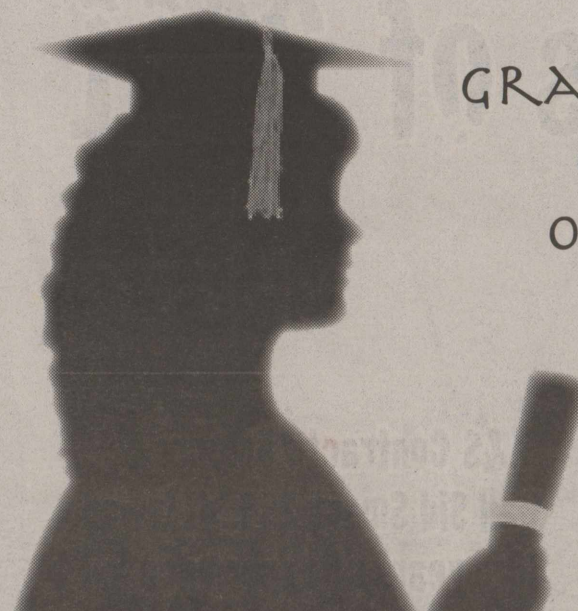
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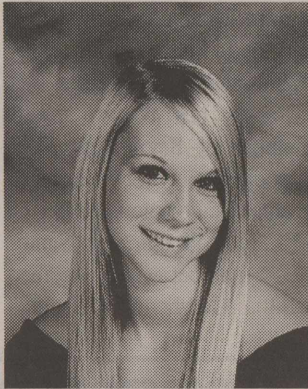


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**WHITNEY COLLINS**

Whitney Collins, daughter of Bob and Niki Collins, is endearingly called "Whitneybear" by her closest friends and family.

Whitney will soon join the world as a high school graduate of KCHS. She will take with her more than just a diploma, she will take skills and memories from four years of being an active Houndette.

Whitney was an essential member of the Volleyball team for 4 years, and played

basketball and ran track for 2 years. She received Honorable Mention Honors in volleyball for 2 years also.

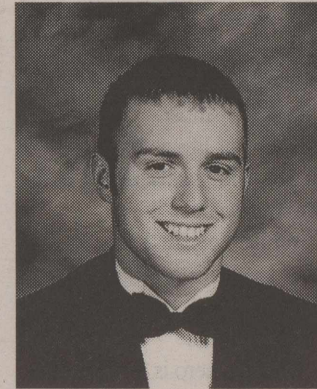
Her experience extended past the playing field, as she took on extra curricular academics too. Whitney was a member of the KCHS Pride band for three years, participated in FFA for four years and competed in UIL for 4 years as well.

Her quote to live by is "never regret something that once made you happy." With a track record of being a funny, random, smart, caring and fun person, it is doubtful that Whitney has many regrets from her high school experience.

Whitney's favorite teacher in High school was Mr. Collins, her favorite subjects were anatomy and physiology.

After graduating, Whitney plans to go to Tyler Junior College and succeed in the medical field.

Whitney's hero is her Mammaw.



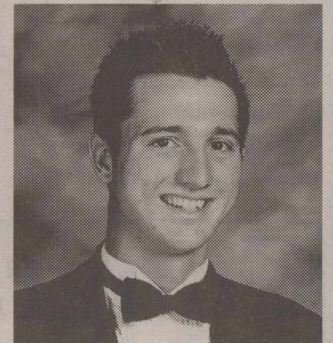
**ZACH SHAVER**

Zach Shaver, or "Z" or "Gator" as he is more informally known, is the son of Jeff and Michelle Stanfield. As a young man who can be described as a "swell dude", Zach has definitely left his lasting mark in Knox City High School history. Zach is a proud Hound through and through as he served the school not only on the athletic side of things (Zach was a member of the Hound football, baseball, and track teams), but also showed off his academic abilities in band, Livestock judging, Student Council and gifted and talented areas as well.

Zach was a member of the 2011 Bi-District Champion football team that was honored as the "Army Strong Team of the Week." He also was a member of the band that ventured to San Antonio for State marching competition, and was a State qualifier in Horse Judging this last year.

Zach's favorite teacher at KCHS has been Arnold Perales, and his favorite subject is economics.

After graduating, Zach plans on going to Tarleton for a semester to finish his basics, then to proudly serve our country starting next January when he will go to Basic Training and become a Marine.



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Zach was known for his athletic ability on the football field, basketball court, track, and baseball diamond. Last year, Zak scored the winning run against Seymour, defeating them in 12 innings.

Yet, Zak excelled in academics just as much. A member of band, One Act Play UIL, Cross X Debate, FFA National Honor Society, Student Council and Student Government, Zak is one of those all around young men that will undoubtedly go far in life.

To continue urging Zak forward, he will have the

honors of being a State Debate Octofinalist, as well will have the acting ability that landed him in the All-Star Cast of One Act Play in both district and Zone competition.

Zakery's favorite teacher at KCHS was Mrs. Jones. His favorite subjects are math and trigonometry.

In his quote for life, Zak says, "Risk it to get the biscuit". Zak plans on risking it when he takes the next step in life to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Management, finance or mathematics from Tarleton State University.

Zak's heroes are his mom and Ty Cobb.

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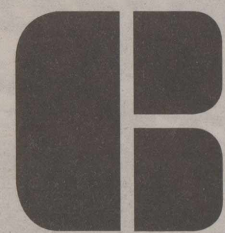
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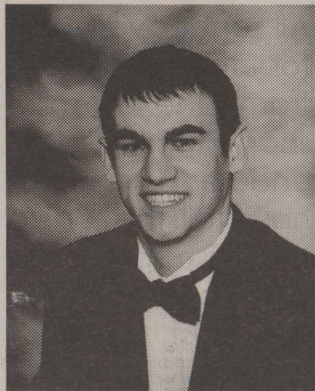
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**CODY GARRETT  
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Cody Garret Propps is graduating as the valedictorian of the 2011 class of Benjamin High school. A man whose friends would call "energetic, dependable, organized, efficient and a leader", Cody plans to attend Tarleton State University to pursue his dreams of becoming a high school math teacher and girls volleyball and basketball coach after walking across that graduation stage.

So far, Cody's most memorable moment in his life has been showing his pig at the San Antonio livestock Show and winning.

During his high school career, Cody could be seen on the football field, the basketball court, the tennis court, the and the track. Excelling in all these athletics earned Cody the honors of being 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-District Cornerback and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Region Cornerback in football, 1<sup>st</sup> team Honorable Mention and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-District in Basketball, as well as District runner-up, District Champion in boy's doubles, District Runner

up in boy's singles and was named a Regional Quarter finalist in boy's singles in tennis. Cody also finished as a finalist in the Area two mile and mile runs in track.

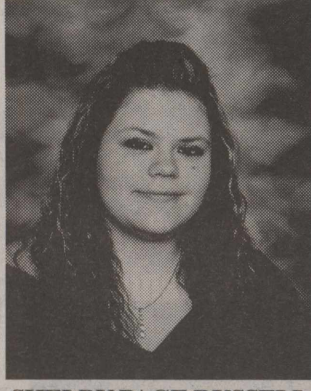
Yet, Cody's passion seemed to be with his livestock. Cody received awards for his pigs all over the state of Texas. He has ribbons certifying his honor of being the Certified Texas Breed Class Champion and the Knox County Livestock Show Senior Showman.

Cody showed off his acting skills in the Benjamin One Act Play; there earning an Honorable Mention on the All-star Cast.

Cody also was awarded a litany of awards during his high school tenure. He received the distinguished award of the "Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award" and the "Masonic Lodge" award.

Cody's hero in this life is his Uncle Jake.

He is the son of James and Stacia Propps.



**SHELBY PAGE RUSSELL**

This year's BHS salutatorian, Shelby Page Russell, daughter of Kim Moore, leaves BHS with many notable awards, including the Benjamin Lady 'Stang Award, the Masonic Lodge Award, and the Superior Mascot award. Shelby is also a member of the National Honor society.

Shelby was a member of the Benjamin High School basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, OAP, UIL, Track, and Cross Country team. She also recalls one of the special sports in which she was a participant was doge ball.

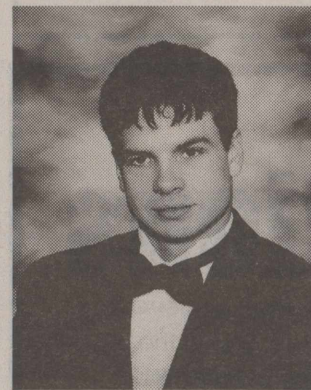
There is not one teacher that Shelby can look back on and call her favorite. Rather, Shelby says that all BHS teachers were her favorite. This being said,

Shelby does recall her favorite subject as athletics.

The most memorable moment of Shelby's life is going to be soon coming. She looks forward to graduating and becoming a proud alumnus of Benjamin ISD.

Shelby lives by the motto: "love me for me", which is one she will embrace as she chases her future goals of going to college and making something of herself.

Shelby's mother, Kim Moore, is her hero.



**FRANK TAYLOR  
CANTRELL**

Frank Taylor Cantrell is a soon to be graduate of Benjamin ISD. Frank's favorite teacher was Coach Gore, and his favorite

subject is history. After Frank graduates from Benjamin School, he plans on attending TSTC.

Frank was a participant in the Mustang football and track athletics; as well, he was involved in FFA.

Frank remembers his favorite memory as of now as the time that he got his new pick-up truck.

Frank's parents are Becky and Kelly Kinnbraugh and Stormy Carlin. His hero is his granddad.

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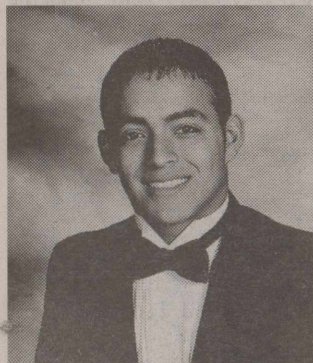
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# 2010 Munday Graduates



**ALONZO ZAVALA**

Alonzo Zavala, a future Mogul alumnus, will be able to look back at his high school career and reminisce on times on the

Mogul football field, basketball court, tennis court and track blacktop. He excelled in football with nominations on 2nd team All-Star outside linebacker and 2nd team defensive end.

Alonzo's favorite teacher was Mrs. Shahan, and his favorite subject is athletics.

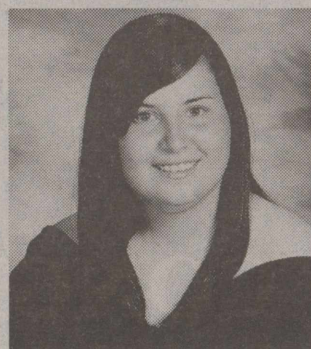
When Alonzo graduates, he will attend college in Sweetwater at TSTC.

Alonzo's hero is his uncle Pete.



**AMBER WILLIAMS**

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**ANDREA ANGERER**

Andrea, who brought a district golf championship title to the many awards of MHS, will join her peers in the upcoming graduation ceremonies. While at Munday High School, Andrea also was a member of the Mogul Pride Band, volleyball and track teams, and was a participant of CLIC.

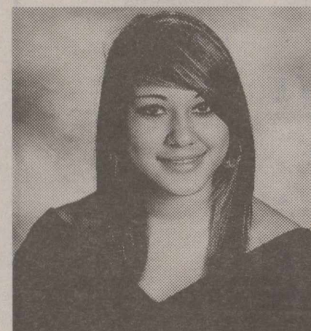
Andrea has won various

class awards.

Andrea's favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilde and her favorite subject is Algebra.

After graduation, Andrea plans to attend South Plains College and study Radiology.

Andrea's hero is her mom.



**ASHLEY CASTORENA**

Ashley Castorena, or Ash, is known for her effort, getting rewarded honors for "most effort" and "best effort."

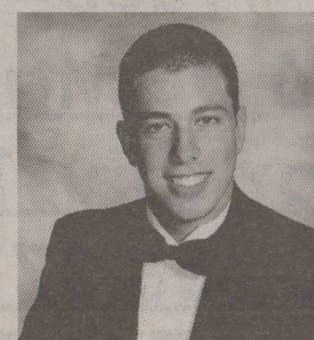
Her effort has paid off, as she will soon walk across the graduation stage of MHS, to join the elite Mogul alumni. She achieved this accomplishment all while participating in band, athletics and FFA.

Ashley will utilize her outgoing, crazy, friendly, open-

minded, caring stature as she goes forward to South Plains to become a Radiologist.

Ashley's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and her favorite subjects are anatomy and physiology.

Ashley's hero is her mother.



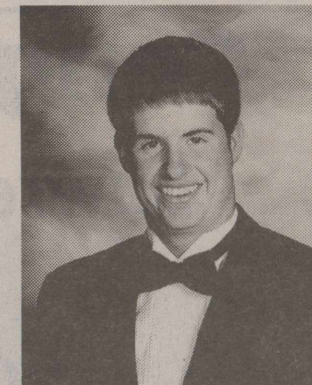
**CALDER CADE**

Calder Cude is a devout Mogul football player. In 2009-10 and in 2010-11, he received Honorable Mention All-District Defensive Tackle. His favorite high school memories are centered around football.

Calder's favorite teacher at MHS is Mrs. Bowhman, his favorite subject is Ag.

With an "Army Strong" attitude, Calder will join the US Army post graduation.

Calder's hero is Shawn Cude.



**CHANCE THOMPSON**

Chance Thompson, or "C-bo", spent several years as a Mogul athlete, playing football for two years and running track for a year, but his most notable accomplishments pre-graduation from MHS came in the rodeo circuit. He seems to embrace a saying by the famous "Ricky Bobby", "If you're not first, you're last."

Chance was decorated as the 2010 State Champion Texas Rodeo Champion of the Texas High School Rodeo Association. He qualified for the National High School Rodeo, and was a four time Texas High School Finals qualifier. In 2009 he was awarded UPRA rookie of the year and was the Region III Champion Header.

His favorite memory of his

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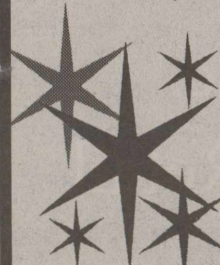


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high school career was winning the State title in team roping at Abilene in 2010 at the Texas High School Rodeo finals.

Chance's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and his favorite subject is anatomy.

Chance will attend Tarleton State University,

Chance's hero is his dad.

#### CHELSEA FORD

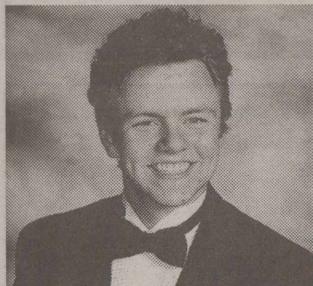
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Chelsea Ford, a future Mogul alumna, spent time in UIL Academics and FCCLA when not in class preparing for the upcoming graduation.

Chelsea took a youth mission trip to New Orleans at one time, which is marked in her memory as her most special accomplishment.

Chelsea projects her favorite high school memory will be the day she graduates.

Chelsea plans on going to culinary school after she graduates.



WILL KUEHLER

Will Kuehler is a quirky fellow who thinks that quotes his Aunt Susan in saying "No Coffee, no workee." Will must have drunk his fair share of coffee during his high school career in order to keep participating in all the activities in which he was involved.

Will showed his athletic abilities of the Mogul football team for 4 years, basketball team for 2 years, tennis team for 3 years and track for 4 years.

Academically, Will did UIL and CLIC for 4 years. He helped govern the student body for two years and was in FFA for 3 years. Will is a member of National Honor Society.

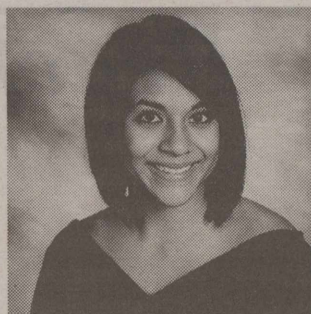
In 2010 Will won the District 9 Pride award. He also was nominated for district, zone, area and regional All-Star cast in One Act Play.

Will remembers the senior supper very well. At said senior supper, Will's peer, Alonzo, became a lavatory for a bird... twice.

Will's favorite teacher is Coach Welch, and his favorite subject is history.

After high school, Will will attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and major in history.

Will's hero is his granddad, David Lloyd Harlin, Jr.



#### DIANDRA AVALOS

Whether you know her as "Di", "Didi" or Diandra; you know Ms. Avalos is a funny, beautiful, outgoing, different and loud member of the 2011 MHS graduating class.

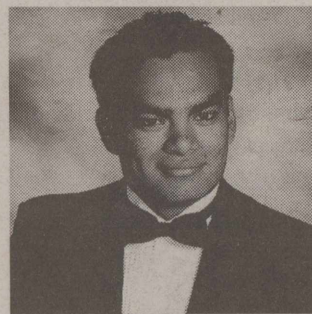
Diandra was a member of the Mogul Pride Band for 3 years, and spent 4 years on the volleyball court, 2 years on the track and a year participating in FFA events.

Through all these activities, Diandra received various awards.

The statement "You can't stop what people say or think about you" will help guide Diandra in a sometimes-tough world with her head held high and her pride in tact. Soon, she will go to a LVN program, continuing education until she achieves her RN.

Diandra's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and her favorite subject was A&P.

Diandra's hero is her mother, because she has been "there through everything".



#### FRANCISCO LLAMAS

Francisco Llamas turns the negatives into positives, which will surely help him in life. Perhaps that kind of motto was honed at MHS during his studies or while playing football, running track, playing in the band or participating in FCCLA and FFA events.

Francisco remembers fondly the day he got his new boots.

Francisco's favorite teacher is Mrs. Shahan and his favorite subject is Ag.

After college, Francisco will attend TSTC.

Francisco's hero is his dad.



#### HOLLY WILSON

Endearingly called "Holly Wolly", Holly Wilson will walk across the graduation stage on May 27, with the rest of the class of 2011. As a unique, smart and funny addition to the MHS society, Holly also added to the MHS culture with her participation in One Act Play, UIL, CLIC, Golf, tennis, the Mogul Pride Band, FFA and 4H.

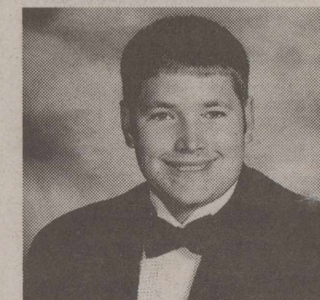
Winning various class awards, and being the regional spelling qualifier were only a few of the accomplishments of this young lady. Holly also was a district golf champion and qualified for State One Act Play for three years.

Holly's favorite teachers were Mrs. Shahan and Mrs. Cude. Her

favorite subject is science.

Holly projects that her best high school memory will be the day that she graduates.

After her life at MHS closes, Holly expects to begin a new step in life at Lubbock Christian University for Pre-veterinarian training, eventually transferring to Texas A&M.



#### JADE BROWN

Jade Brown, a.k.a. Bobby, is a John Deere man, seeing that his favorite quote is: "noting runs lie a Deere." Perhaps it is this appreciation for fine farm machinery that propelled Jade to pursue and achieve many awards in stock-shows (specifically, a 2nd and 4th place win at the Houston Stock Show), and be a member of FFA

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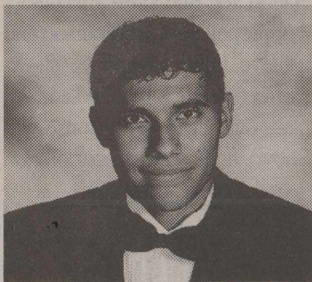
Jade also is an athlete, being a member of the MHS basketball and track teams. Jade was a notable member of the Mogul football team, being awarded various honors in it. In 2009, Jade was nominated for the 2nd team All District for Offensive Lineman, in 2010 he was Honorable Mention All-State, He was a member of the Red River 22, Big Country Team, and 1st team offensive Lineman.

In a particular game against Roscoe, Jade had a 94% blocking average, 11 pancakes and was named honorable mention lineman.

Jade's favorite teacher was Mrs. Shahan and his favorite subject is physics.

After high school, Jade will attend college.

Jade's hero is his dad.



**JOE FERNANDEZ**

Joe Fernandez, a man known as Daddy to some, loves food, television and sleep.

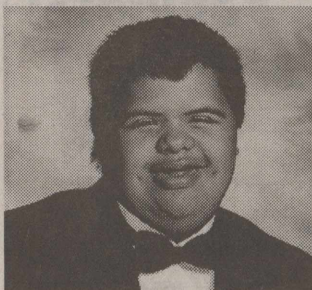
He can eat a whole pizza by himself, is able to maintain his "tall, dark, sexy, loving and funny" stature.

Once, Joe found a cat in the ag shop.

Joe's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and his favorite subject is English.

He will go to TSTC.

Joe's hero is Juan Sanchez, a.k.a.Chaca.

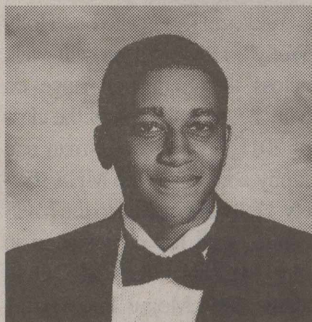


**JOE MONASTERIO**

Joe Mac Monasterio will be a life long Mogul, as he plans on always cheering the Mogul team even after graduation. His favorite times in life have been with his friends.

Joe Mac's favorite teacher was Mr. Lowrance, and his favorite subject is BCIS.

The Moguls are Joe Mac's hero.



**JOHN OFFUTT**

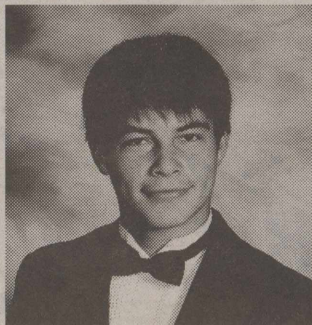
John Offutt "goes big or goes home". A soon-to-be graduate of Munday high School, John's special accomplishment is that very thing- making it to the finish line.

John was a Mogul football player whose most important memory of high school was playing in the playoffs with his teammates.

John is a cool, funny, fun, happy and awesome young man.

John's favorite teacher is Mrs. Shahan and his favorite subject is Ag.

John will go to TC to become a diesel mechanic.



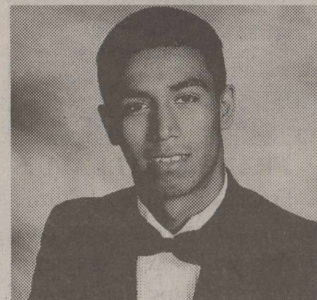
**JOSH COBB**

Josh Cobb is a funny, reliable, smart and stubborn young man who is soon to be a alumnus of MHS. During his career at MHS, Josh played football and basketball. He also was a member of the track team.

After graduation, Josh in-

tends on attending Vernon college.

His favorite teacher was Mrs. Shahan, and his favorite subject was Anatomy.



**JUAN SANCHEZ**

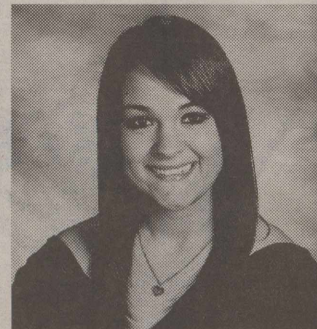
The man many people know as "Chaka", Juan Sanchez will soon become another alumnus of the great MHS. Juan could be described as "fast" and "tall", which could have helped him also be known for his many accomplishments on the track, as he represented the Moguls at the State track tournament in two events; the 400 meter run, in which he placed 3rd, and the 4x400 meter relay, which he brought home the gold. He was part of that elite track team that brought the 2011 Class A State Track Championship.

The track is not the only place where Chaka excelled. He played football too, earning a place on the 2nd team secondary.

Juan will always remember the day that he passed his Taks, a dreaded test to many students.

After high school, Juan intends to work. Juan's favorite teacher was Mrs. Shahan; his favorite subject, Ag.

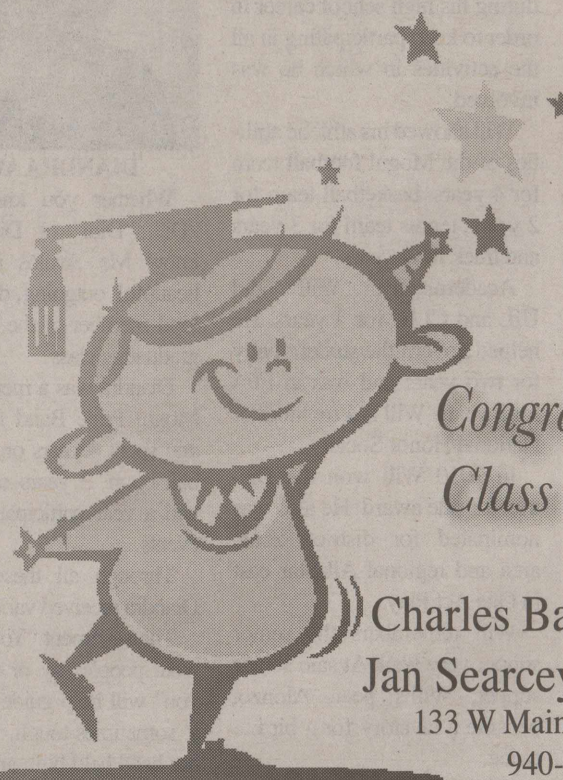
Juan's hero is his dad.



**KANDANCE LORWANCE**

Kandance Lorwance, or Carol, was born on July 8, 1998. Her motto in life is, "Do what makes you happy, be with who

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makes you smile, laugh as much as you love and love as long as you live." A great motto for a proud woman who has done nothing but embrace those sage words.

Kandance was a member of the volleyball, basketball, and track Lady Mogul teams.

Also, Kandance was an award winning debator, qualifying 3 times for State Debate and once in the Octofinals. Kandance was pronounced the "Top Speaker" at the Hamlin Debate Tournament.

Kandance also was seen on the One Act Play stage, and for three years, was a State OAP qualifier (winning second place in 2008). She was named to the State OAP Honor Crew and was awarded several honors for her tech abilities, she also gained Honorable Mention and All star cast awards.

Academically, Kandance excelled. She was the Top Scholar her sophomore year. She also was awarded a fourth place metal for her Editorial Writing.

Her favorite memory in high school was going to play-offs in volleyball her senior year.

After graduating from Munday High School, Kandance plans on attending Tarleton State and majoring in kinesiology to eventually become an athletic trainer.

Kandance's favorite teachers were Mrs. Shahan and Mrs. Longon. Her favorite subject is science.



**KELLY BEJAR**

Lovingly called "Big Belly Kelly", Kelly Bejar believes "if you dream it, you can be it... so dream big." She has dreamed big and accomplished much

throughout her high school years. The senior class president has a high school resume that includes JV cheerleading (Freshman), varsity cheerleading (sophomore)band (freshman), volleyball and basketball (freshman/sophomore) and student council.

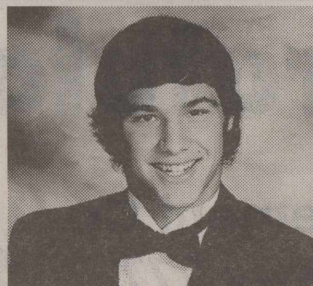
She received awards for most improved in web mastering.

One time during her high school tenure, Kelly was doing her philanthropy and donating blood, and the process brought tears to her eyes. She started crying.

Kelly's favorite teacher is Mrs. Shahan and her favorite subjects are anatomy and physiology.

Kelly is trustworthy, dependable, loving, caring and known to "do her own thing". These are qualities that may help her as she goes forward in life toward Wichita Falls to Vernon College to study to become a pharmacy technician.

Kelly's hero is Clarissa Walker because she is always there for her and inspires Kelly a lot.



**KYLER URBANCZYK**  
Kyler Urbanczyk, better

known as "Bubba", has embraced the passage in Psalms, "even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me, Your rod, Your staff to comfort me."

With this passage guiding Kyler, he has been able to exhibit intense athletic achievement during his time as a Mogul. After four years as a member of the football, basketball, tennis and track and field teams, Kyler leaves the halls of MHS decorated with a litney of awards and honors. As a freshman, Kyler was a regional qualifier in pole vault. In his Sophomore year, Kyler was the district and area champion in pole vault. He also qualified for the regional meet in 400m relay, 800 meter relay and pole vault. Juniot year brought him honors for being a defensive MVP, Red River 22 Team, AP AllState honorable mention, All Big Country team, TSWA 1st team All-State Linebacker in football. He was 2nd team All-District in basketball. Again he excelled in Pole vault as the regional and Area champion. He qualified for regional in 800 meter relay and pole vault, and qualified and won 6th place at the State track meet for Pole Vault.

In his senior year, Kyler was District Defensive MVP, Red River 22 Team, Second Team All Big Country TSWA 2nd team, All-Sate Linebacker and

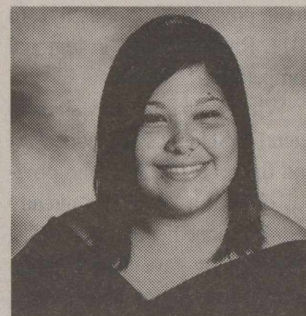
2nd team All District Punter. He was selected to play in the FCA football game in Abilene in June. Kyler also was named 1st team All District in Basketball.

Kyler's senior year track and field nicely punctuated his career, ending with a 2011 State Champion Class A Team Member. On the path to that State Champion title, Kyler was the Regional and Area Champion on the pole vault, qualified for Regionals in Pole Vault, 400m Relay, 800 meter relay and Shot Put. He qualified for state in Pole Vault.

Kyler not only has the brawns, but has brains too. He was an active participant in FFA for 2 years, UIL for 3 years and always stayed on the A-B honor roll. He served his class as an officer for two years.

Kyler's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and his favorite subject is Athletics.

Kyler's hero is his dad, because his dad taught him everything he needs to know.



**KYLIE KINGSTON**

Kylie, the Band Queen, will always remember the time that she went to Dallas with her band mates for their band trip.

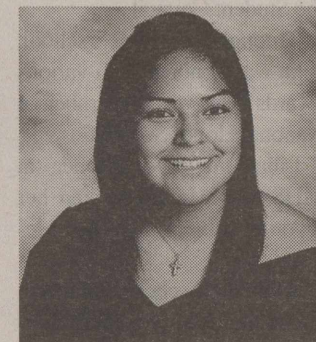
Kylie was not only involved in the Mogul Pride Band while she was a student at MHS. Kylie was a twirler, in FFA, FCCLA and UIL as well. She also managed to completed dual credit college classes while participating in these activities and taking care of her normal class work too.

Kylie plans on using her smarts, funniness and dependability to propel her through college and possible into the Air Force.

Kylie's favorite teacher is

Mrs. Bowmen and her favorite subject is chemistry.

Kylie's heroes are her Uncle William and her best friend, Ryan.



**LILIA MONASTERIO**

Lilia Magdalena Monasterio, also known as Maca, quotes John F. Kennedy in saying, "Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names." Yet, it is doubtful that this funny, honest, trustworthy and smart young lady who loved to hang out with friends leaves the halls of MHS with many enemies as she was such an active participant in Mogul life.

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FFA (she was the president), played basketball, ran track, was the volleyball team's manager, marched in band, was a member of CLIC and served on the Student Council.

Throughout high school, Lilia was honored with various awards. She was a member of National Honor Society.

Lilia's favorite teacher at MHS was Mr. Spake and her favorite subject was Ag Mechanics.

After high school, Lilia will attend the LVN program in Seymour then attend Hendricks Medical Center's Radiology program.

Lilia's hero is her dad because he is so very understanding and honest. He also is the most hard-working dad that Lilia knows.

**Rigoberto Armendariz**  
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**RIAN DILLARD**

The 2011 Valedictorian of Munday High School, Rian Dillard spent the first 17 years of her life excelling not just academically, but athletically, theatrically, socially and spiritually as well.

Rian's academic career obtained her membership in National Honor Society for 3 years running, earned her not only a district champion title in debate, but two times visiting the State debate competition.

Rian was commended with her TAKS performance for three years, was a "top Scholar" for various classes and maintained an "A" average throughout all of high school.

In the UIL academic events, Rian represented MHS for prose in District in 2009, in 2010, Rian won 6th place in prose. Rian continually improved in the subject, as she became a regional quali-

fier in prose in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, Rian placed 4th in regional competition.

When Rian graduates, she will attend MSU and study education and theater. Theater is an obvious choice, as Rian has already begun to hone her thespian skills. One act Play gave Rian a venue to begin learning the art of acting, an area which she also shone. In the One Act Play, Rian was nominated to be a member of the Zone All-Star Honorable Mention Cast and the District All Star cast in 2009. That year, Rian was also named the best actress in Area and Best Actress in Regionals. In 2010 Rian was a member of the Zone and District All-star casts. In 2011, Rian earned the title of Zone All-Star Cast member, was in the cast of the Area All Star Cast, and joined her fellow actors at the State One Act Play competition. Rian not only had "front of the house" theater experience, she also earned titles in District and Area Outstanding Crew (2008).

Socially, Rian became a central figure in Munday High society. She helped govern the student body as an officer in student council; first as Freshman Class Vice President, then as Junior Class president. During her senior year, Rian was a Homecoming Queen Nominee.

As a proud Lady Mogul, Rian joined other talented athletes in her participation in Lady Mogul volleyball, basketball, cross country, track, and golf all four years of high school. In each of those sports, Rian was decorated with different awards and honors for her physical aptitude. In volleyball, Rian made first team all-district in 2009 and 2010. She made academic all-district team in 2008, 2009, and 2010. In 2010, Rian also achieved a spot on the Academic All-State volleyball team.

In basketball, Rian made first team All-District in 2010 and 2011, and was All Big Country 2nd team in 2011.

Every year of her high school tenure, Rian was a regional qualifier in track and cross country.

Rian was an All-American

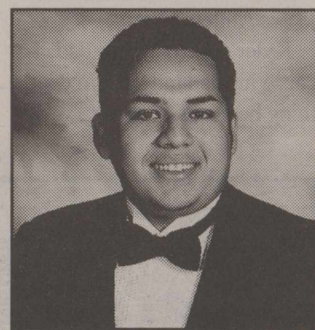
Cheerleader for 3 years and a twirler for a year.

Rian also played golf and tennis.

Spiritually, Rian has begun the life-long process of building a spiritual relationship with God. She is an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, volunteering herself to many different church activities. She has volunteered in the youth program, at the church Christmas decorating, and at the bi-annual Parish Fund-raising dinner. She helped teach young children the fundamentals as a helper of a First Communion class, and at Vacation Bible School.

Rian's favorite teacher at MHS was Jessie Andrade, who was her bus driver since Pre-K. Her favorite subject is trigonometry. She is described as "unique, honest, classy, witty and a leader."

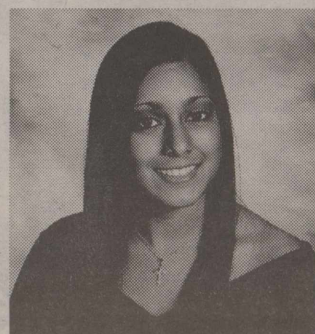
Rian's hero is her Dot Mama.



**RIGOBERTO ARMENDARIZ**

Rigoberto Armendariz, son of Rigo and Sara Armendariz, was born on December 2, 1992 and his most defined accomplishment to date has been completing high school and passing all his TAKS.

He will attend Lincoln college.



**SAMANTHA SERRATO**

Samantha Serrato, or Sam for short, that brought her crazy,

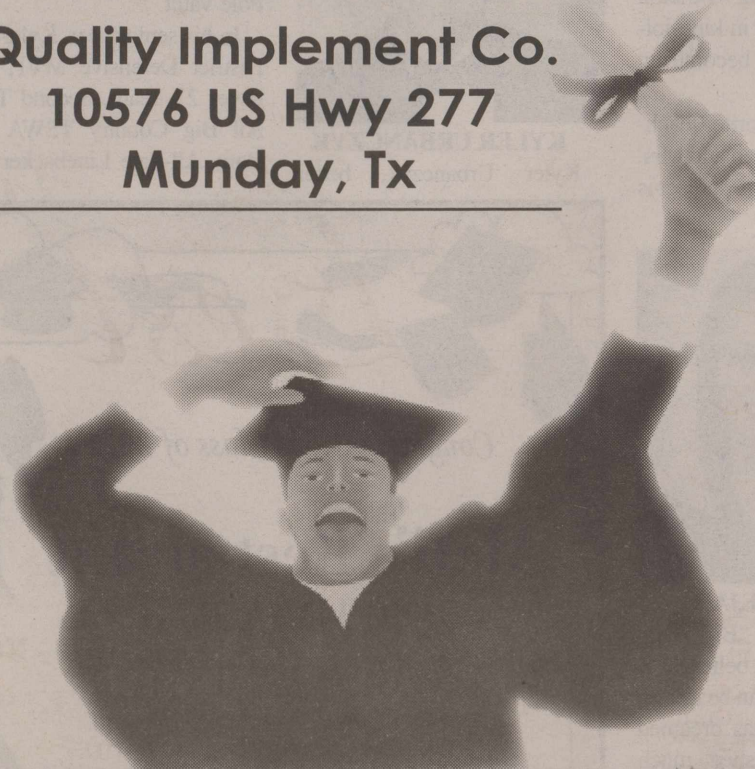
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outgoing, pretty, truthful and outspoken traits onto the track, cross country and basketball teams. She was a member of the Mogul Pride Band as well.

While Sam's favorite saying is "loser", she is anything but. Samantha excelled in her running career, qualifying and running in the State Cross Country and Track meets her freshman year.

Samantha's favorite teacher is Mrs. Shahan and her favorite subject is math.

After high school, Sam will go to college to become a sonogram technician.

Sam's hero is Rosemary.

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**SANJUANA DIAZ**

Sanjuana Diaz, a.k.a. Nes, will join the rest of the 2011 graduating class to venture out into the world for the next step in life after the ceremonies on Friday night.

Sanjuana is well prepared for that next step after her time at MHS. She has definitely learned time management as she has been a member of the Lady Mogul basketball, track, cross country, and volleyball teams. She cheered on her fellow Moguls from the sidelines as a cheerleader. Sanjuana also was a member of the Munday

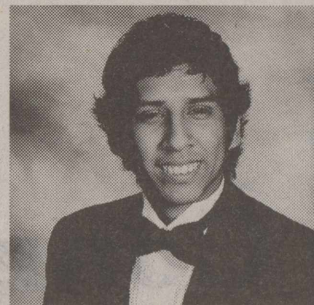
Pride Band, One Act Play and UIL.

Sanjuana's Most memorable moment in high school came with cross country when she made it to regionals.

Sanjuana's favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilde and her favorite subjects are anatomy and Physiology.

After high school she will put her funny, caring, nice, outgoing and different traits to use as she will go to Cisco College and studying to be a nurse.

Sanjuana's hero is her mom.



**SEFERINO  
SANCHEZ**

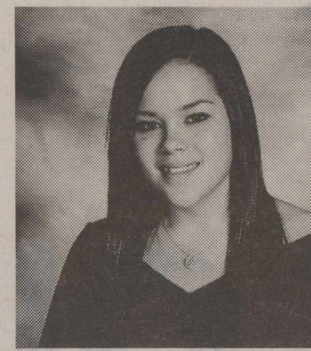
Seferino E. Sanchez III, or "Eddo", was titled the Mr. MHS award and is looking forward to a long lasting career serving his country in the Navy.

Seferino participated in several high school activities, including swim (in Abilene), tennis, FFA and was the Mogul mascot. Being the Mogul mascot ranks in the most memorable times of Seferino's life.

Seferino embraces the quote, "Forget the past, live in the present, prepare for the future", which undoubtedly has helped propel him to this utmost accomplishment: graduation.

Seferino's favorite teacher was Mrs. Wilde and his favorite subject was anatomy.

Seferino's hero is his Pops.



**TIFFANY WERTZ**

Tiffany has spent the last four years not just walking the halls of MHS, but participating in many Lady Mogul sports. Tiffany was a member of the MHS cross country, volleyball, basketball and track teams through the duration of her career at Munday High School. She spent 3 years in band and CLIC.

Tiffany was not only a member of these team, but excelled in them as

well. She was a member of the Regional quarter-final qualifying volleyball team. Tiffany was a regional Cross Country qualifier, and was named academic All-District in volleyball for 2 years.

On the scholarly front, Tiffany received awards for being a top scholar in parenting and in webmastering.

Tiffany can be described as loyal, witty, smart, outgoing and independent.

After high school, Tiffany plans to attend college.

Tiffany's favorite teacher is Mrs. Dillard for her continual ability to understand on a deeper level. Her favorite subject is Algebra.

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