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Why Doesn't Sonora Have More Quail?



Photos By Jason Brooks

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My wildlife career began as an internship in San Angelo with the (then) Texas Agricultural Extension Service, now AgriLife Extension. One of my first days on the job, I spent all day on a "dry run" of a field day to be held the next week. During that time, Dale Rollins, the wildlife specialist I was working for was explaining all the activities that I would be participating in that summer. There was one obvious common thread, bobwhite quail. I must have looked quizzically at him and asked a now infamous question, "Why quail?" (This is at least the second article spawned by that question.) It also sparked a career in which I have spent the last 8 years trying to answer that very question.

Bobwhite quail are game bird native to all but the most western parts of Texas. Their

range runs north to Minnesota over to the East Coast and into Northern Mexico. They are one of the most popular game birds in our state, but population declines have led to decreased opportunities for sportsmen to pursue bobwhites, and have raised some alarm in the biological community. While bobwhite populations remain strong in South Texas and the Rolling Plains, albeit below long term averages, quail are all but extirpated in parts of the Hill Country and eastern Texas. I commonly get the question, where did all our quail go?

Many theories exist to explain the decline of quail populations, most of which have their advocates and their proponents. I would make the case that these ideas are not competing, but rather "add up" to form a bleak picture

or at least an uphill battle for quail managers.

The most clear-cut and least argued idea is that loss of habitat is driving the decline. This is evident as cities and urban sprawl begin to cover the once rural landscape with asphalt. "Cleaner" farming practices that eliminate weedy fence rows also reduce space usable by bobwhites by removing both cover and food sources. Popular pasture grasses that form dense stands for grazing or haying, such as coastal Bermuda, eliminate native species and provide no use for bobwhites. More habitat lost.

In the eastern part of Texas, red imported fire ants are the common whipping boy. Fire ants do negatively impact quail populations, primarily by attacking nests and chicks that are still too young

to escape. The lack of a fire-burning regime has also rendered some habitat useless to bobwhites. Think vegetation under the canopies of taller trees can be reduced through prescribed fire, opening up the ground to more seed producing plants important for quail. Returning the fire regime to East Texas is a critical aspect to bobwhite recovery.

One of the more controversial ideas for quail decline occurs in the Edward's Plateau. Sheep and goat industries relied on predator control to produce affordable food and fiber. However, years of intensive coyote removal has led to an increase in smaller predators, such as raccoons, skunks, and grey fox. These predators are far more adept at locating and destroying nests, i.e., 14 potential bobwhites at a time, than coyotes. The ar-

cas of highest quail densities, South Texas and the Rolling Plains, support healthy coyote populations. Perhaps quail and coyotes are symbiotic (to a degree) animals. Hard scientific evidence may be lacking, but on the surface it appears to be a good hypothesis.

The importance of bobwhites may be understated. Of course they are an economically important species, generating revenue from hunting for landowners and rural communities. They also serve as a barometer to measure how all grassland birds are doing across the landscape, which indicate the effectiveness of range management. Properly managing our rangelands will provide the food, fiber, and most importantly water for an ever-growing state.

While bobwhite quail populations may be in a state of

decline, biologists, sportsmen, outdoor enthusiasts, and perhaps most importantly, landowners are working hard to reverse the tide. Through sound management and continuing education of others, these efforts can pay huge dividends. Farm Bill programs have been announced to provide money and incentives to manage for quail, but as legislators and the general public turn and ask us "why quail?" we better have a good answer.

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Sonora Art Students Bring Hope To Haiti

By Ben D. Taylor

Writing about art is a lot like singing with your hands, it can be done, but it loses something in the translation. Art can be many different things, and is constructed from different materials; but all good art shares a very important trait. Good art makes you pause just for a moment and take a closer second look. When done right, art makes all of us do something that this world desperately needs; it makes us slow down and appreciate beauty. When Sonora High School Art teacher Nadine Eby brought by pictures of her students work I defiantly took a second look!

Art students at Sonora High School have joined the Memory Project, a nationwide initiative in which advanced high school students create original portraits for children living in orphanages around the world. Sonora students received pictures of 8 children living in an orphanage in Haiti, and have been able to create remarkable portraits. Artists Casandra Contreras, Myra Ibanez, Heather Smith, Alicia Lowe, Yazmin Hernandez, Ryder Crites, Rachel Lozano, and Erika Leos successfully captured the likenesses of their subjects while adding a touch of hope to each of the portraits.



Artist Ryder Crites managed to create the blending and light touch of a watercolor painting with his oil on canvas representation of this Haitian boy.



Heather Hughes signs her letter of intent to play softball with Midland College. (from left to right) Coach Thomas Hanson, Shelly Hughes, Heather Hughes, Sam Hughes, and Hunter Hughes.

Hughes Signs Her Intent To Play for Midland College

Heather Hughes has played with a total of 7 summer travel teams including the Big Country Blue Sox, West Texas Blast, West Texas Stunners, Tulsa Tuff Stuff, and West Texas Shock since she began playing softball at the age of 7. She was the District 8-AA Newcomer of the Year in 2005, the Defensive Player of the Year in 2006, the Defensive Player of the Year in 2007 and the MVP in 2008. She was the All West Texas Newcomer of the Year in 2005, and named to the All West Texas Team Infield for 2006 and 2007.

She will be playing for the Lady Chaparrals in the fall. The Lady Chaps recently returned from the National Tournament in Plant City, FL after winning the NJCAA Regional V West Regional tournament to advance.

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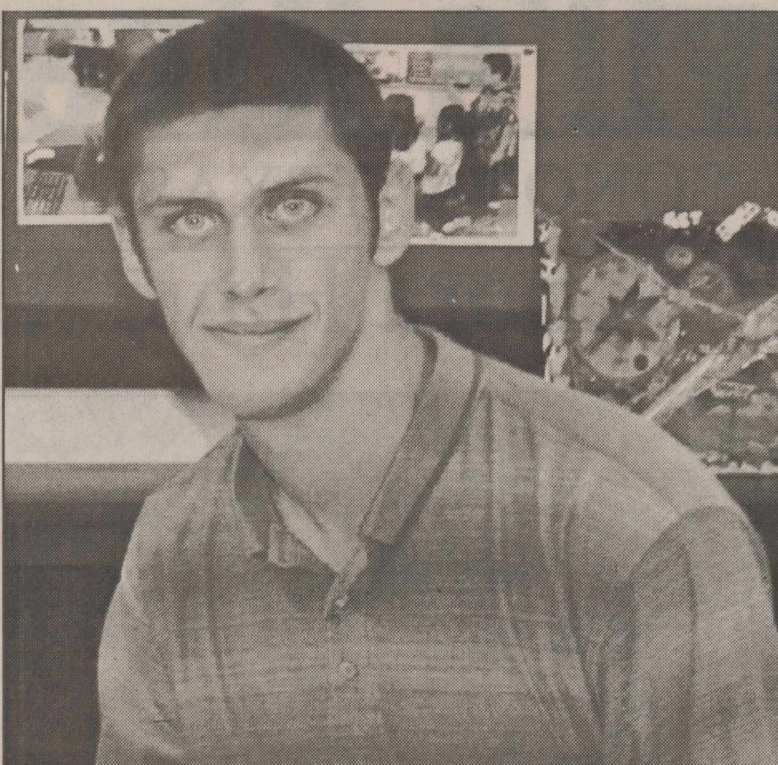
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Spencer Hall Receives Lamar Medal



Submitted

Spencer Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall, received the Lamar Medal from Dee Ora Masonic Lodge at the Annual Sonora High School Awards Assembly.

The award is presented to honor an outstanding student and to commemorate Marabeau B. Lamar, the second president of The Republic of Texas.

In his first address to congress, President Lamar, a Mason, called for an appropriation of land to support public schools. At his urging, Congress passed the act on January 26, 1839, which set aside land for public schools and two universities.

Lamar's vision earned him the title "Father of Education in Texas," and his statement, "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy," was adopted as the motto for The University of Texas.

Young people who are outstanding achievers, who overcome personal difficulties or hardships and those who accept the challenge to excel help make our schools, communities, state and nation stronger. That is why Dee Ora Masonic Lodge presented Spencer Hall the Lamar Medal for the 2008 school year.

Sonora Native Graduates From Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas — Brady Lock, the son of Tom and Cheryl Lock of Sonora Texas, received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, May 9, 2008.

Lock graduated from Sonora High School in 2000 and Hardin Simmons University in 2004.

Southwestern Seminary awarded degrees to 241 graduates during its spring graduation ceremony on the grounds in front of Truett Auditorium. Fifteen students received undergraduate degrees, 207 received master's degrees, and 19 received doctoral degrees.

Calling Fort Worth home since 1910, Southwestern Seminary is one of six seminaries supported through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The seminary is comprised of the undergraduate College at Southwestern and five schools of graduate studies: the School of Theology, the School of Educational Ministries, the School of Church Music, the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, and the J. Dalton Harvard School for Theological Studies in Houston. Southwestern Seminary exists to provide theological education for individuals engaging in Christian ministry. It strives to provide a community of faith and learning that develops spiritual leaders with a passion for Christ and the Bible, a love for people, and the skills to minister effectively in a rapidly changing world. Since its founding in 1908, the seminary has enrolled nearly 70,000 students. More than 39,000 have graduated.

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Senior Center Activities
Thurs. May 29- Cooking with Kelly nutritional Ed. at noon
Fri. May 30- Graduation: Class of 2008
Mon. June 2- Bingo...
Tues. June 3- Exercise w/video
Wed. June 4- Trax Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509

Senior Center Menu
Thurs. May 29- Roasted Chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk
Fri. May 30- Hamburger on a bun, French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches and milk
Mon. June 2- Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, carrots/celery sticks, cookie and milk
Tues. June 3- Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, biscuits, juice, cake and milk
Wed. June 4- Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes w/apples, wheat rolls, banana pudding and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

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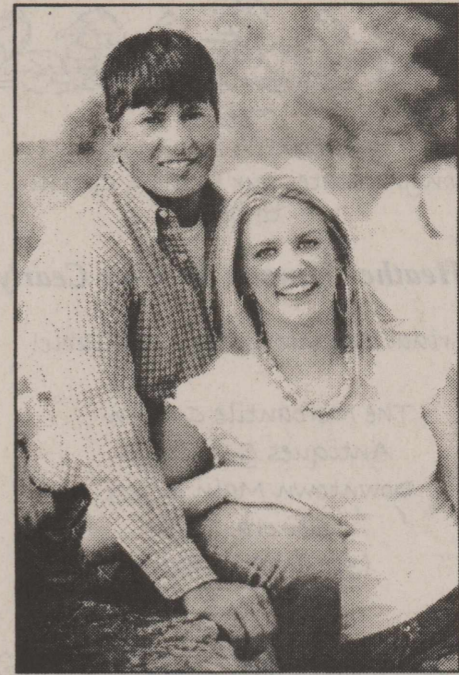
Obituary



Lois Mann Jordan

Lois Mann Jordan passed away on May 12, 2008, at the age of 73 of Parkinson's Disease. She was born January 9, 1935 in San Angelo, Texas to Jack and Ann (Tippet) Mann. Survivors include Son, Jack Mann Jordan of Umpqua, OR, Sister, Judy McDonald of Sonora, Texas and Niece Melinda Powers, her husband and children of South Carolina. She also left a host of close friends. Lois was a School Administrating Assistant; operated a Boarding and Shipping Kennel for Pan American Airlines; did architectural renovation of various real estate; operated her ranch at Yoncalla and was a caregiver to the animal kingdom. She grew up and attended school in San Antonio and Austin, TX, graduating from Austin High School in 1953. She then attended the University of Texas. Lois moved to Yoncalla from Paso Robles, CA. As a young person she lived in Texas; and as a military bride, she lived all over the United States and in Europe and Southeast Asia. Lois loved food, animals and her family. She was an avid collector and enjoyed traveling, the theater and the Arts. A special thank you to Hospice caregivers, Patty, Nila & Pastor John; Investigative Services, Mark, Jim, Mark & Tracy; Lora's in Home Care, Ruth, Natalie, Nancy & Nila. A Memorial is planned at her ranch at 1345 Backside Baldy Lane, Yoncalla, OR on May 28th, 2008, at 4:00 PM. Memorial contributions can be made to Wildlife Safari, PO Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496 or to Morris Animal Fdn., 10200 E. Girard Ave., B-430, Denver, CO 80231.

Engagement



Kari Joy Purvis & Clay Blandford Hale

Dennis and Rebecca Purvis, of Sonora, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Joy Purvis to Clay Blandford Hale, son of Ed and Laurie Hale, Jr. of Ozona, Texas. The bride-elect is a graduate of Sonora High School, and received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Angelo State University. She is the granddaughter of D.J. and Nelia Walker, Jr. of Robert Lee, Texas, and Richard and Jeanell Purvis, of Abilene, Texas. She is employed by San Angelo ISD. The groom is a graduate of Ozona High School, and is currently attending Angelo State University. He is the grandson of the late Lloyd and Hattie Blandford of San Antonio, Texas, and Eddie and Nancy Hale, of Ozona. He is employed by Zesch Well Service. The couple will be married July 19, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Sonora, Texas.

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Susanna Street Honored at Howard Payne University

BROWNWOOD - May 2008 - Sonora native, Susanna Street, received honors at Howard Payne University (HPU). Street was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2008. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List, a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List, and a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

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Happy Birthday !!

May 29
 Lindy Valkonen, Ernestina Perez, Angeline Morgan, Mary Luna, Sarah Cook, Brett Johnson

May 30
 Barbara Halbert, Jacob Sanchez, Tatihana DeHoyas, Nick Anderson, Whitney Martin, Johnny Reyna

May 31
 H.J. Schlegel, Mayra Sepeda, Kayla Sykes, Marta Martinez, Ed Mayfield

June 1
 Victor San Miguel, Elia Longoria

June 2
 Blayze Sykes, Kylie Reiner, Susan Hinsley, Treva McReynolds, Valeria Ramirez, Mary Beth Morgan

June 3
 Margarita Lopez, Bob Caruthers, Kaytline Hearne, Kodec Smith, Alviah Ortiz, Rachel Brunclikova, Bracy Lock, Jeffrey Klein,

June 4
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Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

Commencement is defined as "the beginning of something" and as a "graduation ceremony." There it is, in one word, the beginning and the end.

This past week I have seen so many of our children achieve great things, which made me reflect on commencements. Words of appreciation for the educators and parents who

influenced their young lives are to be commended. Our future looks very bright because of these hard-working and accomplished youth, who are finishing their childhood at graduation and beginning their adulthood. My advice to the students is, "Go out, Learn, and Experience all the world has to offer, and then, if you can, come home to

Sonora and share your knowledge with us.

When I hear someone lament that the kids today just aren't going to amount to anything, I know that's not true. When I hear people complain that no one cares or does anything to make life better in our community, I know that's not true. The future isn't dismal; not when I see kids and adults celebrating, honoring achievements, supporting each other, giving back to the community, and working together for a brighter tomorrow.

This month is filled with commencements as our students complete their studies and venture onto the next phase of their lives. Commencement, yes, it is a graduation ceremony, but more importantly, it is the beginning of something – the beginning of tomorrow. On behalf of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, I pass along heartfelt congratulations to all students who have accomplished milestones. Have a happy and safe Graduation Day. We wish you the best and don't forget about Project Graduation. It's a safe and fun way to celebrate!

Sutton County Days Sponsorship Opportunities

Sonora's 35th Annual Sutton County Days Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, August 8-9 and will be held at the Sutton County Park Complex. The event is held in conjunction with the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo performances as well as a parade, craft and artist, children's rides and games, concessions, Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County Contest and live entertainment. Truly a community event, the Sutton County Days Festival is the largest event held in Sonora. If you have been a sponsor in the past, you know the exposure value received by your advertisement at Sutton County Days. If you have not previously been

a sponsor, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to offer you the opportunity to help sponsor Sonora's biggest event. We have a wide range of exciting sponsorship opportunities available to provide you with the exposure you want and included benefits to match. Your company will receive verbal recognition throughout the day on Saturday at the entertainment tent as well as the recognition offered for each corresponding sponsorship package. I hope that you will consider taking advantage of this opportunity to be part of Sutton County Days. If you have any questions about the sponsorship, please call 325-387-2880 or email at soncoc@sonorax.net.

Hometown Hero Banner Program

For those families that purchased a "Hometown Hero Banner, the first order has been placed and expected delivery should be about two weeks. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the "Hometown Heroes" banner program, a tribute to soldiers from Sutton County who served or are serving our country in a branch of the military. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will install the banners that will be located on Crockett Street. Each individual banner honors a specific Sutton County soldier with their name and branch of service imprinted on the banner. The cost of the banner is approximately \$106.00 and once the banner is taken down it will be returned to the person who purchased it. If you would still like to purchase a banner for a veteran, we can place a subsequent order. Just come by the Chamber Office at 205 Hwy. 277 North and complete an application.

F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Depot is now ready for rent! For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Project Graduation May 30th, All Night. Any Junior parents wanting to participate, persons or companies wanting to donate, please contact Lisa Galindo 206-0187/387-5229 or Shelly Hughes 387-5008, or Sherry Ingham 206-0935

The Sonora Woman's Club will be publishing a new address book. If you want your address included or you do not want to be included please send your information to Sonora Woman's Club P.O. Box 1402 Sonora, TX 76950.

Boys ages 13-15 yrs. old interested in playing baseball this summer please contact Johnny Creek at 325-206-0858.

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All Buffets Include: Salad Bar and Dessert
Buffets Served 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Also You Can Order From The Menu

The Blonde and The Police Dog

The police department, famous for its superior K-9 unit, was somewhat taken aback by a recent incident. Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime.

The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the channels, and a K-9 unit patrolling nearby was the first on the scene. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, clapped a hand to her head and moaned, "I come home from work to find all my possessions stolen,

I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send a BLIND policeman!"

Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
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We would like to start this column with a note of appreciation to Newkirk Electric Company. When we have had a problem that needed to be corrected or work that had to be brought in under a set price they have always been there for us. Tommy has been most generous in donating a large portion of his bill back to the Society for work done at the new museum. We deeply appreciate all he and his family have done to help the Society over the years.

We have had several questions on antiques lately and all I can say is the old adage "buyer beware." Antiques should be researched thoroughly before you go out looking not after. Too many people are being taken in by disreputable dealers at many of these so called flea markets around the country. Gentlemen, antique tools are beautiful to look at and most are hand crafted but some of the prices I have been told lately are way out of line. A recently purchased wooden Chamfer Plane, made in the 1890's out of boxwood, measuring 6 inches should sell for about \$200 in excellent condition with good patina not the \$500 our friend paid. Sometimes our desire to own something overcomes our good sense.

We suggest you keep some good antique books in your vehicle, look at items then walk away and go look them up. When you come back if the price was way to high try to haggle the price down. If the buyer won't budge, walk away again. Come back at the end of the day and try to get him to come down on price again. If the item has sold and he says he got top dollar for it be glad you weren't the fool that paid him that much money.

If you are buying old posters be very, very careful. There are a lot of reproduction pieces out there on old movie advertisements. Many people aren't interested in old posters with Negroes on them. Yet they are some of the highest selling items right now. Many, people of Negro descent, or Black historians are looking for art-



Jackson Block built in 1903, now known as the Mercantile Building.

works with Black people in them to hang in their homes or museums. A lot of old posters advertising food, liquor and tobacco were produced for the stores that sold to that market. Many of these posters were destroyed over the years and those that now exist bring a high price. One piece I have seen lately was purchased for a pittance and is worth well over \$850. So a true collector trying to diversify his investment should look into items like this.

Indian artwork is wonderful but there are so many copies made in China that you have to make sure you are getting the real thing. Also check the piece and make sure that it is a well made, good quality piece.

There are a lot of reproductions or poor copies of old Art Deco jewelry popping up right now. Buyer beware again. In the 1920's Vogue magazine gave out a free brooch of a flapper with a large dog to anyone who would take out a full year's subscription. The flapper has a red hat and cape and is walking a very large dog on a leash. It measures about 3 x 5 1/2 inches. That free little pin is now worth around \$100. People with animals, especially dogs were a big hit in this time frame; but again beware of reproductions. Old compacts, old patterned celluloid, tortoiseshell and enamels from the 1920's and 30's are another collector item that run from \$100 to \$200.

Glass has always been a great

collectors item. Don't think you are getting a bargain by buying a cracked or chipped piece. Real collectors want items in top condition. Watch for decanters with glass tops that don't fit right or are chipped. Check items from top to bottom to make sure there aren't any chips or cracks, especially anything over \$100. Chips and cracks in a \$1,000 item can bring the value down to less than a quarter of the prime price. Watch for glass that has been cut down to take away chips on the rim.

Another big item right now are canes. Many of them are coming out as reproductions in cheap plastic instead of the old ivory handled or carved wooden handles. Real wood carvings and quality canes have great detail on them and you can see the beautiful detail carving very, very clearly. Don't be taken in by imitations if you are looking for them to be a collectible.

Beware of brass. There are so many cheap reproductions of once expensive brass items on the market right now you have to be very careful. A true old cast brass figure has exquisite detail and almost looks like it was carefully carved by hand. Also beware of so called "Ivory" figures. Many of them a cheaply made plastic reproductions.

Furniture should be checked for refinishing, which takes away from the value in most cases. Many pieces have severe wood worm infestation

that have destroyed the value of the piece. Watch for legs that have been cut off to hide breakage and wear also casters that have been replaced with cheap modern reproductions. Many people think that low chairs were made for short people in the old days. They don't realize that the item might have been a broken rocker that was cut down into a regular chair, or damaged legs that have been cut down. Some people even cut off lion ball feet to make their pieces look more modern. Doing so has destroyed the historical value of the piece. Again study books on furniture and learn about what you want to buy or disreputable dealers will take you to the cleaners. Bears are another big collectible that you have to watch out for the name tags hidden by the manufacturers in the early days because there are so many reproductions. Dolls are another item to watch for newly made copies. Many dolls had the manufacturers name on the head at the bottom of the hair line or on the back of the neck. Watch for the condition of porcelain dolls.

Chips and replaced arms and legs can greatly reduce value on them.

These are just a few hints on the many collectibles you will find on the market. There is a big difference between what a buyer wants for them and the actual appraised price. Sometimes you have a find that makes you a large profit, many times the seller doesn't know the value of something he has and sells it quite low. But beware, check condition

and that the item is what the seller claims it is. Make him put it in writing and give you a detailed receipt. If they aren't willing to verify what they are selling walk away and find someone who will.

Dig through those little \$1 and 50 cent piles. You would be amazed what you can find in them. I got an adorable signed delft blue windmill set in silver that is worth over \$100 by taking the time to dig through a box of old "junk" jewelry.

Remember to thank God for that nice little rain we had this past week. I know it was prom day but it stopped before the event and cooled things off nicely. A little too cool for some of the ladies in their gowns. One thing we never get enough of is rain so thanks and please Sir could we have a little more?

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 attention Jo-Ann Palmer or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net You can even just stop by the office any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning or call us then at 387-5084 and we will be happy to help you.

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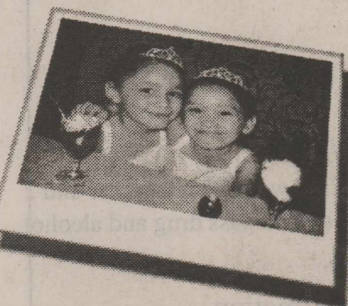
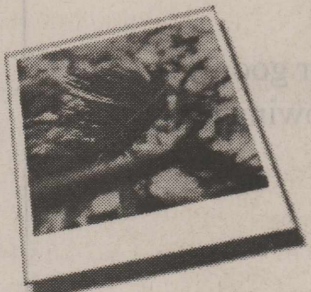
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Decreasing Costs By Increasing Efficiency Focus of Ranchers' Roundup

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

It's a scary time for ranchers. The prosperous times of just a few years ago have been displaced by \$4-a-gallon diesel and increasing feed prices. However, Extension Livestock Specialist, Dr. Rick Machen, says producers can do simple things to save money. Machen, one of the speakers at the Ranchers' Roundup in Sonora, believes the key is in finding ways to minimize costs without losing production.

Here are highlights from

his presentation. These are 5 tips for protecting the pocketbook:

1. Improve reproductive performance. Making money depends on the calf, lamb, or kid crops weaned. Thus, become more efficient by establishing goals such as a defined breeding and calving (or lambing/kidding) season. That will result in a definitive weaning schedule.

2. Weaning weights. Heavier should mean more valuable (previous paradigm revisited).

3. Market appeal. In cattle, avoid discounted colors or color patterns and select for good disposition. In other species, maintain quality (frame, muscle, and condition). Also, sell culls early, while they are still in good condition and worth more. Moreover, it reduces grazing pressure and feed bills.

4. Manage costs. There are several ways. One is to seek alternative feedstuffs. Your best bet is to look locally for feeds that may have a transportation cost advantage. An example of alternative feed that may be available "locally" is whole cottonseed. You'll have storage and feeding considerations, but it's a good feed and may compare favorably in cost to sack feed.

Often feed costs can be reduced by minimizing waste.

That means storing feed securely and reducing trampling at feeding time.

5. Use available technology. This includes practices such as vaccination, deworming spring-born animals, and using growth-promoting implants. Implants are a technology that improves efficiency. New implant technologies and strategies can improve efficiency 10 to 15 percent in calves.

Finally, keep good records. Monitoring performance and costs allows producers to make midcourse corrections. The important thing to remember when reducing costs is to not shortchange your livestock on basic nutrition. For example, the two most critical periods in the cow's year are the 30 to 50 days just before she calves and the 80 to 100 days after calving (until she is rebred). The best time to cut feed costs is after weaning, when she has lowest requirements and can utilize poorer quality roughage.

For more excerpts from the Ranchers' Roundup, contact the Sutton County Extension Office.

Annual Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic Readies for 29th Edition

By Steve Byrns

BROWNWOOD – The Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic, a long-standing educational program conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will hold its 29th edition in Brownwood.

The event will start with a catered meal at 6:00 p.m. June 12 at the Brown County Fairgrounds on U.S. Hwy. 377 South. "Even though you may not see as many cows here as you once did, beef cattle are still the number one agricultural enterprise in Brown and surrounding counties," said Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent for Brown County.

"Beef cattle production generates over \$15 million annually here in Brown County alone," Anderson said. "This clinic is noted for practical up-to-date information for ranchers, and this year will be no exception." Speakers and their topics will include: Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, who will speak on issues that may impact area cattle producers; Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist at Stephenville, discussing new approaches to cattle management; and Dr. Allan McGinty, AgriLife Extension range specialist at San Angelo, who will tell producers where to find the best noxious plant control information.

The clinic is sponsored by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, Mills and San Saba counties.

The meal and program are free and open to the public, but participants must RSVP by June 10, so an accurate meal count can be made.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Brown County at 325-646-0386 or e-mail Anderson at sa-anderson@tamu.edu.

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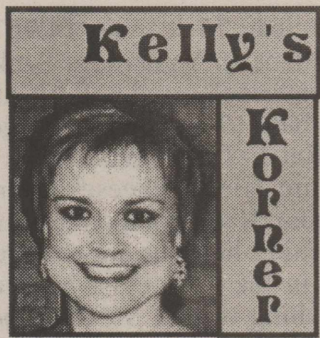
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The Human Immune System



Submitted By:
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The human immune system is the body's defense against infectious organisms and other invaders. The immune system is made up of a network of cells, tissues, and organs that work together to protect the body. In most cases, the immune system does a great job of keeping people healthy and preventing infections; however, problems with the immune system can lead to illness and infection.

The cells that are part of this defense system are white blood cells, or leukocytes. They come in two basic types which combine to seek out and destroy the organisms or substances that cause disease. Leukocytes are produced or stored in many locations throughout the body, including the Thymus gland, Spleen and bone marrow.

The leukocytes circulate through the body between the organs and nodes by means of the lymphatic vessels. Leukocytes can also circulate through the blood vessels. In this way, the immune system works in a coordinated manner to monitor the body for germs or substances that might cause problems.

The two basic types of leukocytes are:

Phagocytes - eat invading organisms

Lymphocytes - allow the body to remember previous invaders and destroy them

The most common type of phagocyte is the neutrophil, which primarily fights bacteria. If your health provider is worried about a bacterial infection, s/he might order a blood test to see if you have an increased number of neutrophils triggered by the infection.

There are two kinds of lymphocytes: B cells and T cells. Antigens are foreign substances that invade the body. Antigens trigger the B cells to produce antibodies, specialized proteins that lock onto specific antigens. Antibodies and antigens fit together like a key and a lock. Once the B cells have produced antibodies, these antibodies stay in your body so that if the same antigen is presented again, the antibodies are already there to do their job. This is why if someone gets sick with a certain disease, that person typically does not get sick from it again. This is also why we use immunizations to prevent getting certain diseases.

Although antibodies can recognize an antigen and lock onto it, they are not capable of destroying it without help. That is the job of the T cells. The T cells are part of the system that destroys antigens that have been tagged by antibodies.

Humans have three types of immunity:

Innate Immunity - A type of general protection with which everyone is born. Innate im-

munity includes the external barriers of the body, like the skin and mucous membranes, which are our first line of defense in preventing diseases.

Adaptive Immunity - This type of immunity develops throughout our lives. Adaptive immunity involves the lymphocytes and develops as we are exposed to diseases or immunized through vaccination.

Passive Immunity - Passive immunity is "borrowed" from another source and it lasts for a short time. For example, antibodies in a mother's breast milk provide temporary immunity to diseases to which the mother has been exposed.

There are some things that you can do to help keep your immune system strong. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccines against pneumonia and the flu for older adults in addition to routine boosters, like having your tetanus updated every 10 years. For more information on vaccines, talk to your health provider or visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>.

Too, because your body may be constantly battling poor health habits, there are some other considerations, besides vaccinations, that may help keep your immune system strong. The top recommendation for a strong immune system is reducing stress. Stress and what happens in your body during stress may negatively impact your ability to remain healthy. The good news is that lowering your stress can help your body maintain both your physical and your emotional health.

Other factors that may help improve your immune system are

Sleep - Prolonged sleep deprivation wears down immune protection but getting adequate rest can help boost your defenses. To help give your immune system an extra boost, get seven to eight hours of sleep a night.

Exercise - Moderate exercise, like a brisk 30-minute walk, most days each week, has been shown to increase your immunity to disease. However, exercising too much

may actually run down your immune system and make you more susceptible to illness.

Diet - A diet low in red meat and high in fish, fruits, and vegetables may be beneficial to your immune system as well as your overall health.

Additional information can be accessed through the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, at <http://www.niaid.nih.gov>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

By the time you read the Devil's River News this week you all will know that we did not have our Memorial Day Ceremony on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program received a phone call from the honor guard at Goodfellow Air Force Base and they could not come to Sonora this year because they were needed at a funeral. We hope if possible they will be able to join us next year on Memorial Day in Sonora. This ceremony is beautiful and the honor guard does a wonderful job and we appreciate them for working with us in the past.

The next event coming to Sonora will be the awarding of the two pioneer families for the outstanding works they have done for Sutton County. We are also planning to have a boots and spurs exhibit in August for Sutton County Days. Our history is full of wonderful stories that need to be recorded for the generations of the future. If you have not been by the Veterans from All Wars and Pioneer Women Museum you need to stop in and tour the riches western stories and photos of the community.

There will be a Texas Pecos Trail Board training workshop on Thursday June 5, at the Sutton County Steakhouse. It will be training for the Pecos Trail Directors. There will be some guests in town from the 22 counties and I know you would welcome them to Sonora and hope that their stay here is the best it can be. Paula will be welcoming all of us to the workshop and she is a special gift to our Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors. If you haven't met Paula Walker the new Texas Pecos Trail Coordinator go by the office she is located at the Sonora Industrial Development Office in historical downtown.

A big thank you to the fourth grade coming down town to visit the Museum. It was a great day of learning and the teachers were great to help with the students. We invite you all to come downtown and learn about your past which will be your future.

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Chelsea K. Martinez

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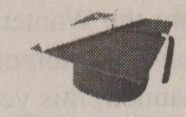
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Children's Miracle Network to Kick-off Sixth Annual Telethon at Shannon

Submitted:

With the help of Shannon Medical Center, KLST, and the Children's Miracle Network the largest telethon event will be broadcast on May 31, 2008. The show will start airing at noon and lasts until 10:30 p.m. The goal of the telethon is to thank those who helped CMN in 2007 and to raise funds to benefit the children of the Concho Valley who receive health care from Shannon Medical Center.

Kathy Munoz, KLST-TV & Jay Michaels, KIXY Radio return this year to host the spectacular celebration. This year marks the sixth anniversary of Shannon Medical Center's Children's Miracle Network Telethon. Broadcasting live from the Women's and Children's Conference Center at Shannon, this year's telethon will be one to remember. The

ten hour show will include all of our 2008 Miracle Kids and their stories. Your city of Sonora has a special miracle kid that you might know personally; Rebeckah Owen. Be sure to watch the miracle kid in your community to pledge your support.

In April of 2007, Rebecca Huteson, 13, experienced a severe headache and neck stiffness. Further tests revealed that she had a malformation of the blood vessels in her brain. One blood vessel ruptured and began bleeding in her brain. Emergency surgery was performed by Dr. Duarte and other physicians at Shannon Medical Center. She was stabilized and transferred to Cook Children's Hospital. Later she underwent highly specialized surgery at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Rebecca is a typical

eight grader at Lee Middle School and loves her cats.

Damon Bara is a 3 year old little boy with chronic lung disease. He was born at 28 weeks and received a tracheostomy in 2004 at 3 months of age. His tracheostomy was removed in 2006. He has been hospitalized eleven times with lung related illnesses. Damon is a fighter and will continue his battle as a 2008 Miracle Child.

Rhetick Hayes, 1, was diagnosed at 9 weeks with pertussis, or whooping cough, and hospitalized for one week in Shannon Pediatrics. This diagnosis is not common because most infants begin immunizations at 8 weeks in order to prevent this disease and other diseases. Rhetick was immunized at the standard age of 8 weeks, but had already been exposed to the disease two weeks earlier. He is now a healthy one year old boy.

Adison Aaron, 9, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia on December 14, 2006. She receives chemotherapy once a week at Shannon Medical Center and once a month at Cook Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth. The typical treatment for Leukemia lasts 2 1/2 to 3 years. Adison is a bright spunky gal, lives in Ozona and loves life. She has a goat named "Big Friend" and a dog named DD.

While the Owen family was making a routine trip to 'town' from Sonora, Rebeckah, 7, and her family were in a severe car crash in February 2007. Rebeckah and her mom, Kelly were air lifted by AirMed1 to Shannon emergency room as a level 2 Trauma, where they both underwent emergency surgery. Rebeckah was treated for a skull fracture, scalp laceration, facial fractures and other injuries. She is now a fun loving girl who enjoys ballet and playing the piano. Rebeckah's interviews will air live at 2:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

In addition to our Miracle

stories, check presentations from local donors and information about health services will be provided. CMN needs your help and involvement to make this telethon a success. Every year Shannon Medical Center treats thousands of children—perhaps we have treated someone close to your family. Our goal for treating these young patients is to make their stay more comfortable and more like home. We do not want coming to the hospital to become one more obstacle in already stressed moms and dads lives. We need you to help us put kids first by pledging money to the Children's Miracle Network. Again, thank you for your support. With your support to CMN, a trip to Shannon for a young person could be the trip that saves their life.

TPWD Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear; 76 degrees; 14.96' low. Black bass to 8 pounds are excellent on Yamamoto Senkos, minnows, and watermelon and watermelon red soft plastics, and on topwaters early. Striped bass to 12 pounds are good on swimbaits, Sassy Shad, and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheesebait and punchbait. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

FALCON: Water murky from Marker 9 north; 77 degrees. Black bass are excellent on deep running crankbaits and fair on Carolina rigged soft plastics in 4-8 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cut bait and stinkbait in the river. Yellow catfish are fair on live shad. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

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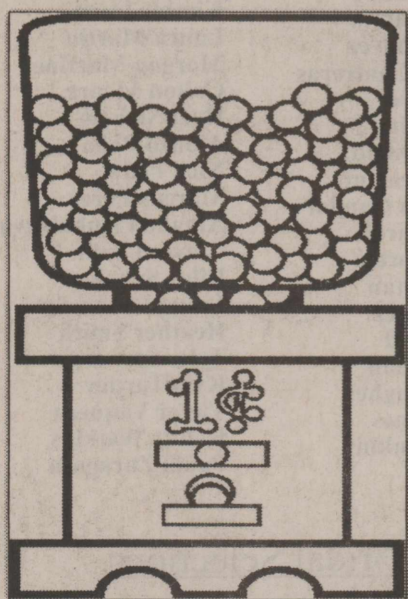
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Snap
By Casey Harper

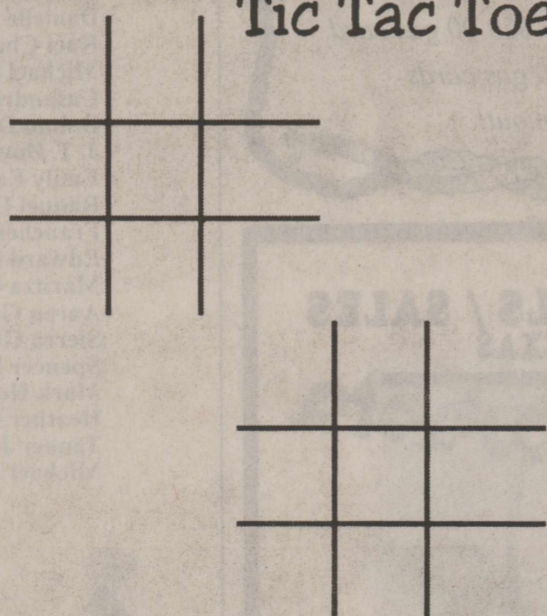
Not good folks. The last time Snap tried dancin' he got knocked out by a rogue group of cubscouts who needed their first aid badge and thought he was havin a seizure!

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The Devil's River News is putting on a monthly COLORING COMPETITION!! For anyone 10 years old and younger: Color in the figure in the Kids Korner and drop it by the Devil's River News. One winner will be picked each month and their artwork will be printed in color on the DRN, along with a prize (either swimming pool passes, free ice cream, or movie passes). GOOD LUCK and start coloring!

Drs. Mark & Kristy Edwards to practice at Sonora Clinic

SONORA AND SUTTON COUNTY will enjoy the benefit of two family practice physicians who also happen to be a family when Mark Edwards, MD and Kristy D. Edwards, MD begin a joint practice at Sonora Medical Clinic on Monday, June 2.

Both doctors will have a general family practice, but each also brings specialized skills to Sonora not available before. Dr. Mark Edwards will perform colonoscopy and endoscopy procedures, allowing Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital to open a GI lab for the first time. Dr. Kristy Edwards is a certified wound care specialist and will expand women's services at Sonora Clinic.

Dr. Mark Edwards has been the assistant dean of admissions and assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

Prior to that, he practiced and taught at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen. He graduated *magna cum laude* with a BA in biology from Texas A&M and earned his medical degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

Dr. Kristy Edwards also has been an assistant professor in family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine. Prior to that, she was a major in the US Air Force medical corps and assistant professor and obstetrics coordinator at Offutt Air Force Base in Offutt, Nebraska. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a BS in psychology from Angelo State University and earned her medical degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.



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Federal Ethanol Mandate Hurts Texans

By Governor Rick Perry

Texas plays a vital role in both feeding and fueling our country. We are the number one beef producing state and a top ten producer of our nation's poultry, egg and dairy goods. Our state is also a leading contributor to the nation's domestic fuel supply, working hard to reduce America's dependence on foreign fuel. Our state's public and private sector are investing considerable resources into researching, developing and providing incentives for renewable fuel production. But we can only do so much under the current restrictions.

The high price of corn is hitting Texans at the grocery checkout and making things tough on our livestock industry. I believe the high price of corn is due in large part to a federally mandated increase in the amount of corn-based ethanol that is blended into our nation's fuel supply. Some simple math can explain the problem: more corn for ethanol means less corn for our kitchen tables and less feed for our livestock.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that this year 30 to 35 percent of our nation's corn supply will be siphoned away for ethanol production, and the problem will only get worse. This year's renewable fuel standard (RFS) mandates that nine billion gallons of corn-based ethanol be blended into fuel supply regardless of market forces. It will further require 15 billion gallons to be produced by 2015.

Escalating corn prices are proof that this arbitrary government standard is artificially inflating prices instead of allowing free-market forces to work. Before this well-intentioned but misguided mandate was established in 2005 (and later expanded in 2007), a bushel of corn cost roughly \$2. Today, that cost has tripled to nearly \$6. Multiply that by the billions of bushels needed to feed our families and our livestock and you can easily see why global food prices have increased 83 percent

over the past three years. If costs continue their upward acceleration, our livestock industry will continue to suffer and faces permanent damage in the very near future. We need relief and we need it now.

Last month I asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a 50 percent waiver from the grain-based RFS mandate. So far, Washington is listening: the EPA recently opened a comment period to allow input from all stakeholders. I sincerely hope that the voices of our congressional and state delegations will be joined with all impacted Texans in a unified request for this waiver before our economy suffers further harm. Although many factors play into increasing feed and food prices, a partial waiver from the RFS mandate is the quickest, most effective way to bring relief to our farmers, ranchers and consumers.

The mandate is not just hurting Texas. The impact of this errant policy is showing around the world, providing a grim preview of what the future may hold if changes are not made. While Texans are financially strained at the grocery store, other countries have experienced food riots unlike any seen in the last 30 years. Something that strains our robust economy can be a death blow to less stable economies in other countries.

If we think that the federal government's short-sighted policies toward energy exploration and fuel refining have played a key role in the current fuel crisis, why would they be any better when regulating the allocation of a key agricultural staple like corn? If you think it's bad for foreign countries to control our fuel, imagine what it would be like if they control our food supplies.

Beyond the issue of inflated costs, the federal mandate raises another important issue: government interference in the free market. No matter how well-intentioned, any government mandate that ben-

efits one industry to the detriment of millions of consumers is bad policy. Our state's robust economy is largely due to the free-market policies we have in place, including lower taxes, a reasonable regulatory climate and limitations on runaway litigation.

Those approaches and innovative Texas businesses should be trusted to solve our current energy challenges. Non-food bioproducts such as algae, switchgrass, jatropha and camelina are promising energy alternatives that have no impact on food production and the environment. Algae, in particular, can produce significantly more biofuel per acre - by a factor of 10 or more - than any other available source, and has strong potential to produce both diesel and jet fuel. In fact, a \$4 million grant was recently awarded through our Texas Emerging Technology Fund to Texas AgriLife Research at Texas A&M University to further develop this technology.

I can only imagine the progress that would be made in such areas if we could focus on the acceleration of other biofuel production technology that takes up less land, requires fewer resources and is ultimately more cost efficient.

The immediate issue at stake is how to alleviate the financial strain Texas' families and livestock industry face due to increased food prices. A waiver of RFS levels is the best way to reduce those costs before permanent damage is done to both our state and nation. I hope you'll join me in pressing Washington for this waiver.

Callin' Varmits With Burnham Brothers

By Tumbleweed Smith

Years ago I did a report on Burnham Brothers, the people who made wildlife calls for hunters. The company was in Marble Falls then. Gary Roberson bought Burnham Brothers in 1991 and moved it to Menard.

Gary was a banker in Menard and was looking for a career change when Burnham Brothers went on the market. His love of hunting and all things connected with it makes him the perfect person to have the company. He decided not to change the name of the business, since it is the leader in the animal calling industry.

Gary demonstrated some of his calls for me. He got out his little electronic box with a speaker on top of it and played the sound of a bird that sounded like a rabbit in distress. "That particular sound is a yellow-hammer woodpecker," says Gary. "That's one of the universal calling sounds that has been very successful for us. I've called coyote, fox and bobcat with that sound."

Burnham Brothers has hand

calls and mouth calls, but since Gary bought the business, he has concentrated on electronic calls. "We build calls primarily for calling predators like fox, coyote and bobcat. We use actual animal recordings of distress sounds they might make. In other words, we're ringing the dinner bell for that coyote. When he hears that sound he knows that animal is in distress and might be an easy meal. Hopefully, he'll come running. Some people use those same recordings to lure animals in for photography purposes. It's an effective way to bring that animal to you."

Hunters are able to control the call with a remote. They can be several hundred yards from the spot where the call is located. "You can turn it on, lower the volume, turn it off when you want. That call comes in a camouflaged bag that you can carry into the woods, set it out and walk away. You don't have to worry about hiding it because it's already hidden."

Gary does his own record-

ing, using digital equipment. Sometimes when he's recording in the field he takes his Border collie with him. "We'll go out on a foggy night and if you shine your light on a cottontail rabbit, it'll temporarily blind him and the Border collie will catch it. She doesn't hurt it. She has a pretty soft mouth. But once that rabbit goes to screaming, I record it. But for every ten she catches, one, maybe two, will give you the distress sound." The raw recordings have a lot of extraneous sounds, but those are cleaned up on the computer. Gary has been called the country's most popular game caller and has assembled the largest collection of recorded animal calls. They are sold to hunters all over the world. Coyotes are Gary's favorite game to hunt. He's been hunting all his life. He shot his first whitetail deer when he was seven.

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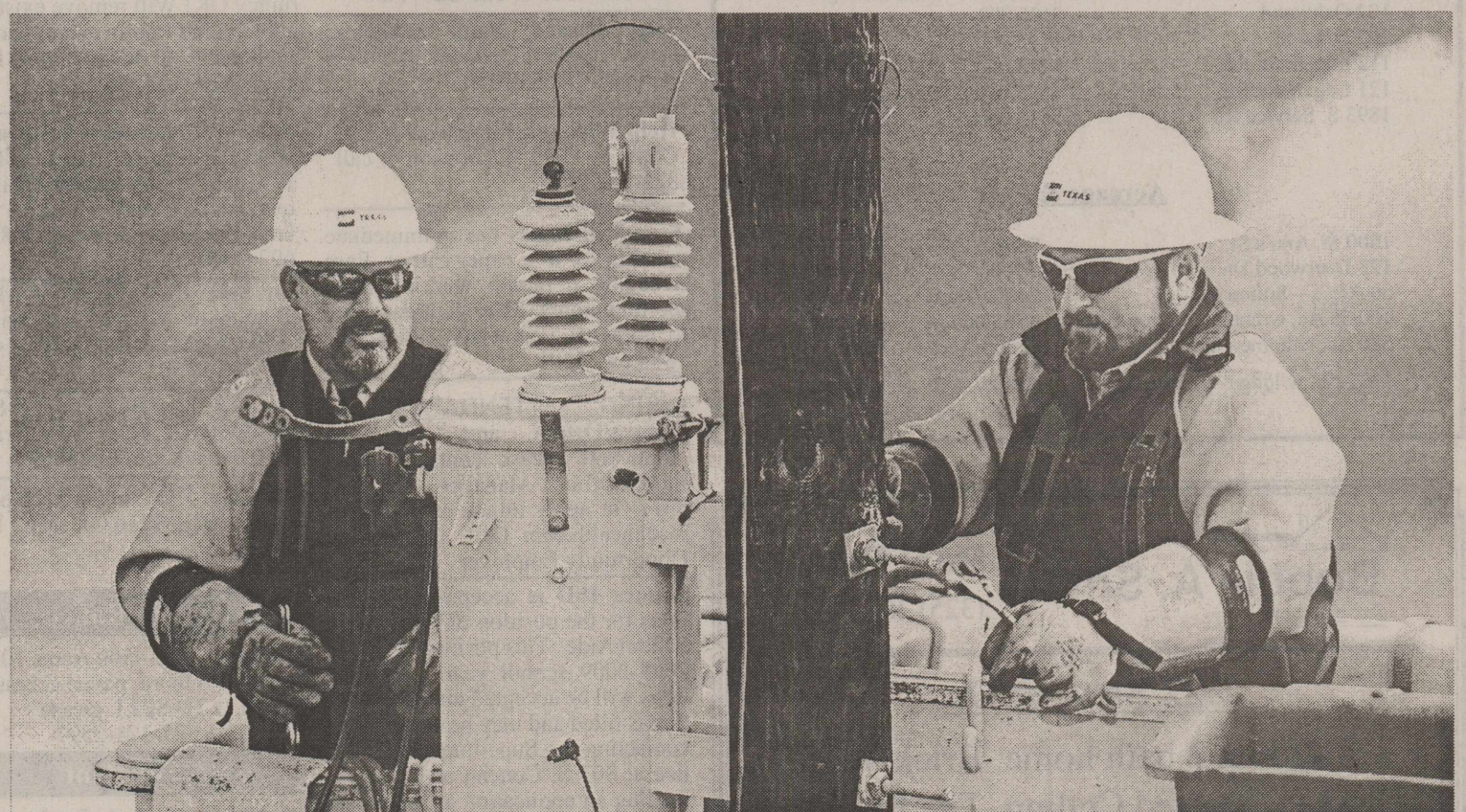
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Concho Valley Master Gardeners to Host Water-Wise Landscaping Workshop

By Steve Byrns

San Angelo – Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Concho Valley Master Gardeners Association is hosting "Water-Wise Landscaping," at 7 p.m. June 10 at the Tom Green County 4-H Center, 3168 N. U.S. Hwy 67.

Kay Thompson, Master Gardener program coordinator, said the workshop should put to rest some popular misconceptions about low-water-use plants.

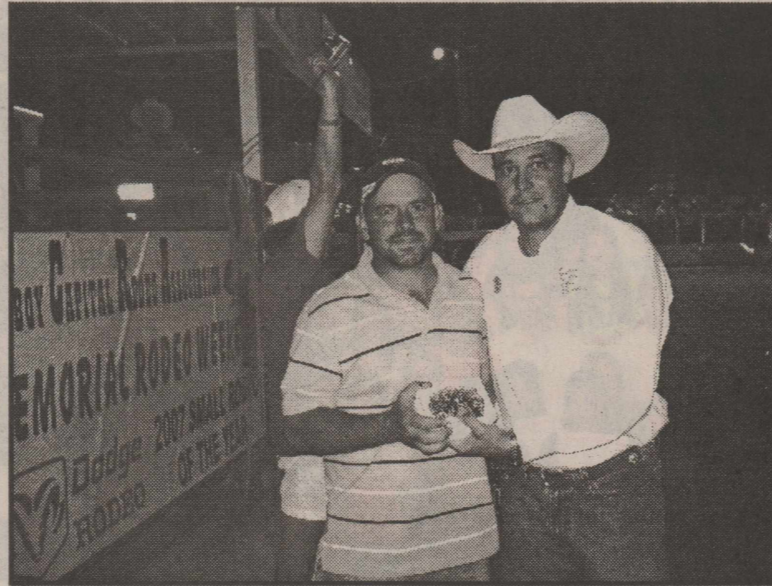
"We hesitated to call this a Xeriscape workshop, because many people have a picture in their minds of rock and cactus when they see that title," said Thompson. "That's the image we are trying to steer away from."

"This workshop will teach homeowners how to have the lush landscape they've always dreamed of - one that will not only look good, but perform the way they want it to."

Thompson said once such a landscape is installed, immediate results will include reduced irrigation and lower water bills, less maintenance and a tougher, higher quality landscape that is adapted to West Texas weather conditions.

There is no charge for the workshop, but organizers ask that participants call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6528 by June 6, so enough printed material can be made available.

The Chili Chronicles: Wipff Whips Competition



Ronnie Wipff (Totally Wacked Cooking Team) proudly accepts Reserve Grand Champion at Bandera's first annual "Get Your Cook On"

Ronnie Wipff (Totally Wacked) and Steve Thorp (Tia Loca) competed this past weekend at the first annual "Get Your Cook On" Cook-Off in Bandera, Texas. The cook-off was a Texas Gulf Coast Sanctioned cook-off, that was combined with the Bandera Rodeo Association of 25 years.

Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association (TGCB-CA) was originally organized in June, 1994, and is considered Gulf Coast because of

all the cook-offs held in and around the Houston and Texas Gulf Coast area. In June, 2006, TGCB-CA stepped out on its own to become an independent BBQ Sanctioning organization. Both Wipff and Thorp had to compete entering three different meats, Brisket, Chicken and Ribs. Ronnie Wipff ended up 2nd over all for Reserve Grand Champion and Steve Thorp ended up 5th over all.

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Texas Historical Commission Offers World War II History Training and A Public

DEL RIO, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC), in conjunction with the Val Verde County Historical Commission, will conduct a free oral history training workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 31. There will also be a public meeting to discuss area World War II military and home front sites from 1-2 p.m. at the Laughlin Heritage Foundation Museum in Del Rio. The workshop, one of a series taking place across the state with funding provided by the Houston Endowment, the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas and other private donors is designed for people wishing to learn how to conduct and record oral histories pertaining to World War II and provide the public with an opportunity to discuss local sites.

WHO: THC historians and the Val Verde County Historical Commission

WHAT: World War II oral history training. Military and home front sites workshop

WHEN: Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m.

WHERE: Laughlin Heritage Foundation Museum, 309 South Main Street, Del Rio, Texas

BACKGROUND: The workshops, titled "Here and There: Recollections of Texas in World War II," are part of the THC's Texas in World War II initiative, a program to honor and preserve the memories of Texans who served in the armed forces during World War II and the contribution they made to the war effort. Historical markers, a commemorative brochure, oral history workshops and a military/home front sites survey are part of this special program.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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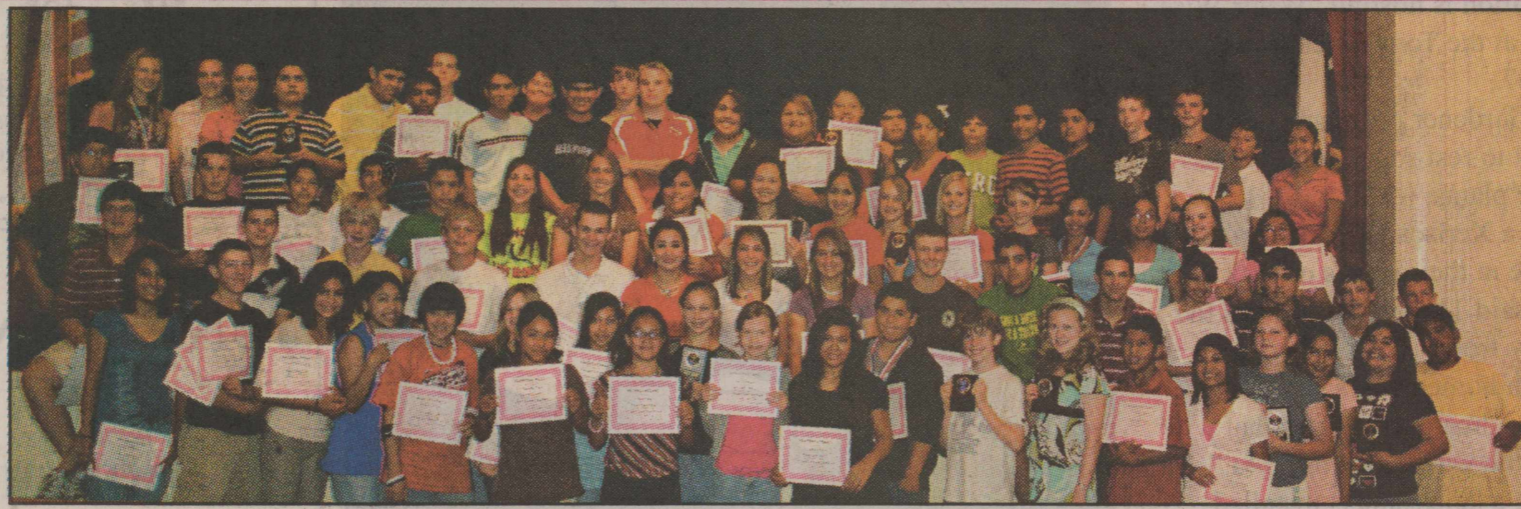
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Basketball-7th grade girls, Paige Sykes, 8th grade girls, Evelyn Solis/Hunter Jennings, 8th grade girls/Utility, Elizabeth Chavarria, 7th grade boys, Damien Lopez/Damon Evans, 7th grade boys/Utility Phillip Onofre, 8th grade boys, Davis Jimenez/Word Hudson, 8th grade boys/Utility, Cole Shirtum. **Football**-7th grade Offense/Line, Blake Esparza, 7th grade Offense/Line, Lino Villanueva, 7th grade Offense, Gunter Pennington, 7th grade Defense, Garrett Bawcom, 7th grade Defense/Line, Sam Powers, 8th grade Offense, Word Hudson, 8th grade Offense/Line, Ricky Samaniego, 8th grade Defense, Kyle Patlan, 8th grade Defense/Line, Cadesman Pope. **Tennis**-7th grade girls, Abby Creek, 7th grade boys, Darien Lopez, 8th grade girls, Hunter Jennings, 8th grade boys, Matthew Young. **Track**- 7th grade girls, Jacinda Sanchez, 7th grade girls, 8th grade girls, Hunter Jennings/Delilah Agüero, 7th grade boys, Jansen McBride, 8th grade boys, Zach Badeaux. **Cross-Country**-7th grade girls, Emilce Hernandez/Kelsey Favila, 7th grade boys, Jesus Vasquez/Jansen McBride, 8th grade girls Sarah Carrillo, 8th grade boys, Cadesman Pope. **Physical Education**-5th grade girl, Miranda Perez, 5th grade boy, Sydney Anderson, 6th grade girl, Morgan Badgett. 6th grade girl athletics, Sidney Dermody, 6th grade boy, Osman Reyes, 6th grade boy athletics, Doug Ottwell/Chance Campbell, 8th grade boys, Felipe Calderon. **History**-5th grade Social Studies, Kamrie Martinez, 6th grade Social Studies, Macie Friess, 7th grade Texas History, Stephen Domínguez, 8th grade Social Studies, Cadesman Pope. **Math**- 5th grade Math, Alexa Sykes, 6th grade Math Cody Barber, 7th grade Math Luis Hernandez, 8th grade Pre-Algebra, Erik Hernandez, 8th grade Algebra 1, Zachary Leonard. **Science**-5th grade Science, Lisette Ortiz, 6th grade Science-Cody Barber, 7th grade Life Science, Paige Sykes, 8th grade Earth Science, Word Hudson. **5th grade Language Arts**-Kaitlyn Gibbens, 6th grade Language Arts, Kelsey Velez, 7th grade Language Arts, Melissa Freeman, 8th grade Language Arts, Hunter Jennings. **Reading**- 5th grade Reading, Jeremy Doran. **Smith Neal Writing Award** -Emilce Hernandez. **Jo Ellen Neal Reading Award**-Alba Gloria. **Spanish**-8th grade, Arlette Ortiz. **Language Arts (Special Ed.)**-7th grade, Julieta Hernandez. **Math (Special Ed.)**, 7th grade, Aaron Esquivel, 8th grade, Michael Perez. **Reading (Special Ed.)**-6th grade Reading, Michael Chavez, 7th grade Reading, Aaron Esquivel, 8th grade Reading, Michael Perez. **Computers**-7th grade Tech Apps., Abby Creek, 8th grade Tech Apps., Evelyn Solis. **Art/Health**-7th grade, Phillip Onofre, 7th grade, Cassandra Garza. **Band**- Outstanding 6th grader, Sidney/Dermody/Jonathan Paredes, Outstanding 7th grader Gunter Pennington/Paige Sykes, Outstanding 8th grader Word Hudson/Ana-Lesa Samaniego. **5th Grade Citizenship Nominees**- Mike Lopez, Justin Garmon, Kali Mendez, Julissa Esquivel, Annalisa Perez, (awarded to:) Jonathan Salazar. **6th Grade Citizenship Nominees**-Kelsey Velez, Cody Barber, Jaime Braly, Reyvin Deleon, Kassandra Medina, (awarded to:) Crystal Lopez. **7th Grade Citizenship Nominees**-Adriana Faz, Clarissa Hernandez, Stella Ingham, Micaela Moore, Gunter Pennington, (awarded to:) Paige Sykes. **8th Grade Citizenship Nominees**-Delilah Agüero, Felipe Calderon, Logan Luttrell, (awarded to:) Sabrina Blanco. **Most Improved 8th Grade Student**-Daniella Sanchez.

Sonora Higschool Award Recipients

DAR Good Citizen Award - Zenon Acosta; **DAR Award - Excellence in History** - JT Downing; **Texas ACT Council - PLAN (Pre-ACT) Test**- Kaitlyn Henderson; **Texas Student Achievement Award**- Reggie Hernandez, Rosario Moreno, Azeneth Villanueva. **Conservation Essay Award from Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District**- Emily Earwood; **Dakota Enterprises**-Zenon Acosta, Edward Garcia, Maritza Garcia, Chelsea Martinez, Nick Pena, Marcus Perez, Whitney Perez; **Dee Ora Masonic Lodge - Lamar Medal** Spencer Hall; **Walmart Scholarship**-Marcus Perez; **Home Economics** - Gaby Ibanez; **Ag. Science** - Serena Allison; **Ag. Mechanics** - Justin Perez; **Beginner Art**- Daniela Cano; **Art 2**- Erika Leos; **Advanced Art**-Felipe Silva; **Health Science Tech.**- Whitney Perez; **Technology Systems** - Morgan Vylvlecka; **Manufacturing System** - Juan Capuchina; **Construction Systems**- Kyla Turney; **PALS** - Samantha Tidwell; **Webmaster** - Kayla Garcia; **Computer Science I** -Elbe Samaniego; **Computer Science 2** - Chelsea Martinez; **Physics**-Emily Earwood **World Geography**-Valeria Buitron; **World History** -Michael Stephens; **US History**- Clint Hudson; **Government** -Chelsea Martinez; **Economics**-Emily Earwood; **Dual Credit US History** -Savannah Leonard; **Dual Credit Government** -Kari Nicholas; **Dual Credit Economics** -JT Downing; **Dual Credit English (1st yr.)**- Zenon Acosta; **Dual Credit English (2nd yr.)**- Lauren Schaefer; **Spanish I** - Amy Hernandez; **Spanish 2**- Kasey Gutierrez; **Spanish 3** -Enaida Silva; **Integrated Phy. & Chem.** -Dulce Acosta; **Biology**-Mario Oliden **Chemistry** -Savannah Leonard; **Physical Education**- (Gallegos)- Juan Capuchina; **Physical Education** - (Marshall)- Rayonna Blackman; **Anatomy & Physiology** -Kayla Garcia; **BCIS I** - Brittany Hernandez; **Accounting I**- Clint Hudson; **Keyboarding/ Word Processing** - Jesus Garcia; **BCIS 2**- Reggie Hernandez; **Student Office Aide** - Michael Chavez; **ESL**- Esteban Garcia; **Yearbook** -Christy Perez; **Newspaper**- Marcus Perez; **Photography**- Kimble Luna; **Photo Journalism** -Yazmin Hernandez; **Theater Arts**- Rose Karnes; **Communication Applications** - John Duke Hudson; **Tech. Theater**- Kari Nicholas; **Debate / Public Speaking** -Lauran Schaefer **English I** -Bailey Joe Pennington; **English 2** -Sterling Love; **English 3** -Cindy Lopez; **AP English/Language**- Steely Ingham; **English 4** -Shaylynn Kresta; **Algebra I**- James Bean; **Geometry** -Jesus Garcia; **Algebra 2** -Cash Jennings; **Pre-Calculus**- Savannah Leonard; **Calculus** -JT Downing & Marcus Perez; **Perfect Attendance Awards** - Dulce Acosta; Juan Capuchina, Ivan Chavez, Kayla Garcia; Paige Harwell; Manuel Paredes; Nick Pena, Monica Sanchez; **UIL Academic Competitors: REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Calculator Applications** - Valeria Buitron; **Number Sense**- Valeria Buitron; **One-Act Play**- Rudy Charo; **Prose Interpretation**- Kaci Chavarria; **One-Act Play**- Kaci Chavarria; **One-Act Play**- Colyer Dermody; **Number Sense**- JT Downing; **One-Act Play**-Tyler Edmondson; **One-Act Play**- Spencer Hall; **One-Act Play**- Clint Hudson; **Accounting**- Clint Hudson; **One-Act Play**- Rose Karnes; **Calculator Applications**- Savannah Leonard; **Ready Writing**- Sterling Love; **One-Act Play**- Laura Martin; **Computer Science**- Zadrían McGee; **Current Issues & Events**- Chelsea Martinez; **Computer Science**- Chelsea Martinez; **Calculator Applications**- Chacho Mesa; **One-Act Play**- Emily Newton; **Calculator Applications**- Kari Nicholas- **One-Act Play**- Kari Nicholas; **Number Sense** - Mario Oliden; **One-Act Play**- Steven Pacheco; **Computer Science**- Elbe Samaniego; **One-Act Play** - Lauran Schaefer; **LD Debate**- Lauran Schaefer; **Number Sense**- Michael Stephen; **One-Act Play**- Monica Traylor: **STATE QUALIFIERS: LD Debate**- Lauran Schaefer: **UIL Scholar Awards**- Kari Nicholas, JT Downing, Kayla Garcia, Lauran Schaefer, Marcus Perez, Laura Martin; **Honor Graduates**: Michael Chavez, Edward Garcia, Maritza Garcia, Shaylynn Kresta, Colton Moore, Elbe Samaniego, Kyla Turney, Kelsey Watkins, and Paula Zaragoza; **High Honor Graduates**: Zenon Acosta, Kaci Chavarria, Emily Earwood, Kayla Garcia, Heather Hughes, Kimble Luna, Laura Martin, Chelsea Martinez, Marcus Perez, Danielle Rodriguez, Lauran Schaefer and Heather Smith; **Highest Honor Graduates**: Kari Nicholas - **Valedictorian**; JT Downing - **Salutatorian**; **Top 10% Graduates** -Kari Nicholas, JT Downing, Kayla Garcia, Lauran Schaefer, Marcus Perez, Laura Martin **Principal's Excellence Award** -9th Grade -Colyer Dermody and Valeria Buitron; 10th Grade Amy Hernandez and Caleb Gonzales; 11th Grade -Savannah Leonard and Steven Pacheco; 12th Grade -JT Downing and Lauren Schaefer; **Mr. & Miss SHS** -Kaci Chavarria & Zadrían McGee.

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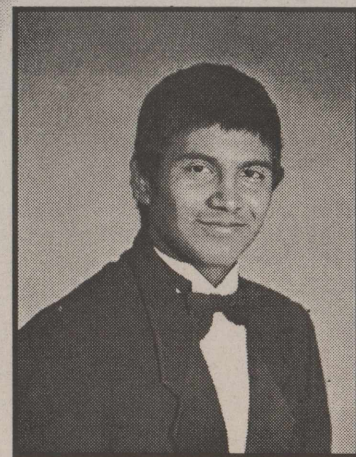
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Sonora High School Graduating Class of 2008

Setting Sail
Into
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"There's no thrill in easy sailing when the skies are clear and blue,
There's no joy in merely doing things which any one can do.
But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet to take,
When you reach a destination that you never thought you'd make."

-Anonymous



FIDEL ACEVEDO

Parents:
Fidel Sr. and
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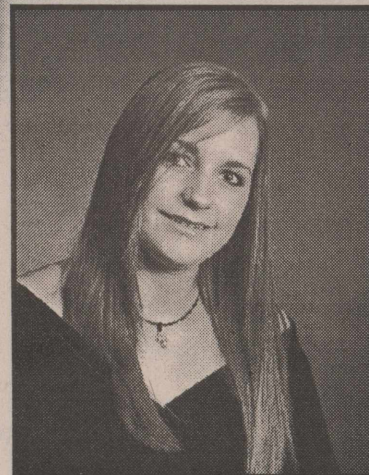
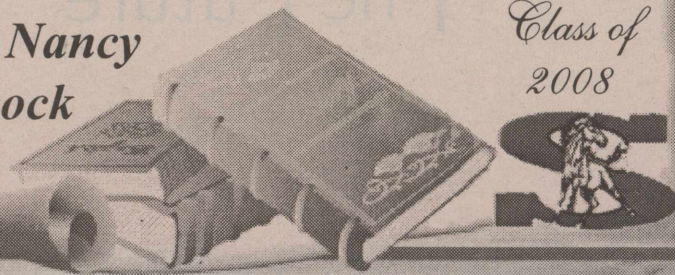
Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Football and Basketball, Spanish

Special Interest: Going to open gym and playing basketball, riding my two favorite pets in the world (Lightning & Silver Bullet), Team roping is what I enjoy doing the most because it is what I love to do, and just hanging out with friends.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Sul Ross University in Alpine. I have not decided what my major will be, but I plan to minor in Kinesiology. I also plan to rope for the Rodeo Team. After College I plan to keep roping as much as possible.

**Ray and Nancy
Glasscock**

*Class of
2008*



KACI LYNNE CHAVARRIA

Parents:
Jami and
Raul Chavarria

Extracurricular Activities: One Act Play, golf, Student Council president, NHS, Prose UIL, ROWDY

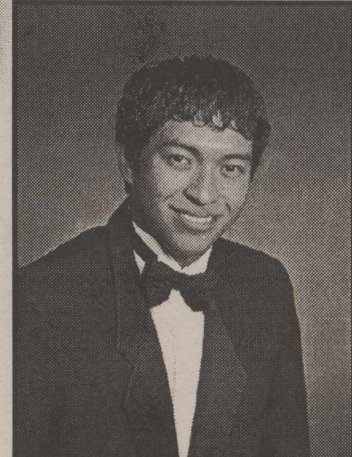
Honors/Awards: Principal Excellence Award, Best Actress @ District, All Star Cast @ Area

Special Interests: Acting

Future Plans: Become a performance major at West Texas A & M University

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ZENON A. ACOSTA

Parents:
Zenon and
Irma Acosta

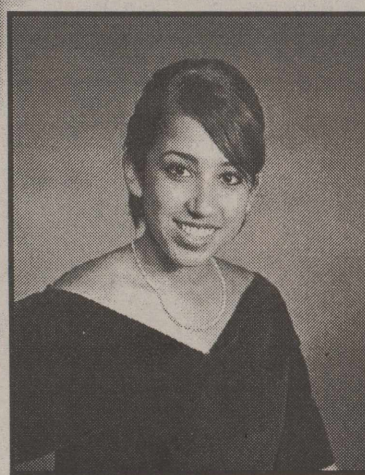
Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Track and Field, Cross Country, Basketball, and UIL

Honors/Awards: Perfect Attendance, All A Honor Roll, A & B Honor Roll, Accounting Award

Special Interest: I like to work and have fun at the same time. I like all sorts of music, and I like watching new movies. I enjoy spending time with my friends, who I will miss after graduation. I also like to spend time with my family, and go to Mexico every summer.

First National Bank
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*Class of
2008*



JESSICA CHAVEZ

Parents:
Jesus and
Elizabeth Chavez

Extracurricular Activities: Track, Woodshop, Ag, Photography, Spanish Club and Cross Country

Honors/Awards: Cross Country-District Championship, Track-Regional Qualifier

Special Interests: Spending time with my family and friends, running, dancing, swimming, hunting and horse back riding

Future Plans: I plan to attend the Austin School of Massage in San Angelo, TX

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*Class of
2008*



Observations From a Blind Man: To the Families and Graduates

By Ben D. Taylor

*"Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with a diploma for a sail and lots of nerve for oars."
~Richard Halliburton*

Crossing the stage marks the conclusion of one journey and the start of a new one. On your new path, you will find that the waters are uncharted, and each one of you has to lay in your own course and stay the helm no matter the weather. It's okay to be nervous or even a little scared as you look out at your future and see a wide horizon of possibilities, because if you are anything like I was, you may know where you want to go but have no idea how to get there. Do not concern yourself about how you are going to reach your destination (the how has already been taken care of); worry more about why you want to get there. Find what you love to do and do not be afraid to change your mind. Remember that the only mistakes in life are those from which you fail to learn. Take a chance and find your dreams. Do not compromise and do not worry about failure, as failure is life's greatest teacher. Reach for the stars, and if you come up short, you will find that you came farther with ambition than you would ever have done with apathy.

In your thirteen years of school, your family, friends, teachers, and mentors have worked hard to build you a ship for your voyage. It's a ship of experience and knowledge. Your ship was made watertight through heartache and accomplishment. The sails were made out of hope and are strong enough to carry you

through life (if you let them).

Your parents started building this ship as they read to you at night as a child, filling your head with dreams and the possibilities for the future. As you travel in this ship, you will come into bad weather and the wind will push you close to your limits. Those times will define you more as a person than any other in your life. Don't be afraid to ask for help. It is the single most valuable asset you can have in life.

Parents, it's okay to let your kids make mistakes. This is the time in their lives that they have to make them, and yes they even have to make the same ones you did. It's also alright to be scared for them, but they are not alone in this. You are their lifeboat when things get rocky, and home is a port from a storm that is blowing them in every direction. No matter how successful your children become, they will always come home (usually with laundry).

Remember, seniors, that you may have taught yourself how to crawl, but your family taught you how to walk. While you sit waiting for your name to be called this Friday don't be "too cool" to look out in the audience and find your parents. It's alright to look up and smile at them as you get your diploma, and when the commencement ceremony is over, it's even okay to cry with them. Hug your parents,

because they need it (and although you will never admit it, you do too). No matter how old you are, you will always be your parent's child. They may see you as grown, but through the mind's filter, they still see highlights of the child that changed their world for the better. Your walk across the stage may be a short distance for you, but it takes 18 years for your parents. If you are leaving Sonora, please take this advice: call home often.

We are all blind to the future. Nobody can see what lies down the path even though everyone is headed that way. All that we can do is reach out our hands and stumble down a rocky and uneven path, hoping one day to find the light. As you start down the road to your future you will stumble in the darkness, you will fall, and you will get back up again. A time will come when you will feel alone. When that happens just reach out your hand and you will find us, because we are wandering in the darkness just like you. I have no answers for you, because there simply are none. I have no real advice for you, because you have to live it to understand it. All I have are observations, and it's up to you to measure the value of them as I am just as blind as you are. So don't worry, you are not alone.

There are many things that confuse me in life, but first

and foremost is the concept of time. Time is both relative and static (when you are in love it speeds up, when you are in pain it slows down, and when you are bored it stands still). Time does heal all wounds, but too much time can make them worse. You can take your time, give your time, make time, and cherish time. You can also lose time, gain precious time, and make up for lost time (but most of us can't even find the time). They say that "Time is money", but you can't buy more of it, and when you need it the most you run out of it. Time is change, and over time, change is the only constant. In my life I found a little bit of truth about time. It cannot be measured in years, months, weeks, hours, minutes, or seconds; time is measured in moments. A moment can be an instant or it can be 13 years in the making, and this moment is yours!

I wish you well on your journey, and "May you have fair winds and following seas". All you have to do is turn your sails into the wind and catch your dreams; they will power your way. Congratulations to the Class of 2008! You did it!

Sonora Graduate
Class of 1996

Sonora High School Class of 2008:

The time has come for all of us to wish you a fond farewell. Over the course the 13 years of your education, many experiences have molded you into the fine young person that you are today. Through years of hope, setback, achievement, and sorrow your class has led our school district with absolutely no disappoint or regret. It has been an honor to serve you as your Superintendent over the last few years of your high school career.

As you take this big step of high school graduation, please remember that your life has just begun. Our world has a great amount of opportunity for people who are willing to take advantage of it and hopefully you will grasp hold of every occasion to make something of your life. You have proven time and time again that you have the integrity, discipline, character, and perseverance to achieve success regardless of the price that has to be paid. Our goal is to help each one of you make your own positive contributions to our society. It is time for you to take this lead and we are all extremely proud to call you graduates of Sonora Independent School District.

As I have offered graduating classes before advice, I would like to continue this practice with the following recommendations during this life changing transition. First, you should always risk more than what others think is safe, care more than others think is wise, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible. Second, it is so important for you to always remember that the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of courage, but rather a lack of will. And finally, be sure to follow your dreams and do not let your vision be clouded by fear because the full measure of your life is your own personal commitment to excellence and victory.

In closing, I want to thank you for the memories and contributing in your part of preserving Sonora High School as a place where excellence is more than just a goal; it is the everyday standard. Congratulations on your high school graduation and always keep in mind that we will always be here for you. Good luck in your life long pursuits.

Sincerely,
Doug Bawcom
Superintendent
Sonora ISD

To the Senior Class of 2008:

Well, you made it! I would like to congratulate each and every one of you on accomplishing one of the first big hurdles in your lives.

It seems like only yesterday that we as parents were watching your first steps across the living room floor, or agonizing over dropping you off for your first day of kindergarten. It must have seemed like the red carpet with all of the cameras going off. I know your parents were swelling with pride the first time you put on the Colts uniform and competed and prepared for your future years as a Bronco. I remember seeing you as freshmen sitting in the auditorium as I talked to you for the first time, you were acting cool and trying not to show how nervous you were. Little did you know how much success you would have representing Sonora. There have been many district championships, regional and state qualifiers, and even some state champions amongst you—and some national champions too! You have worn the red and white with much pride.

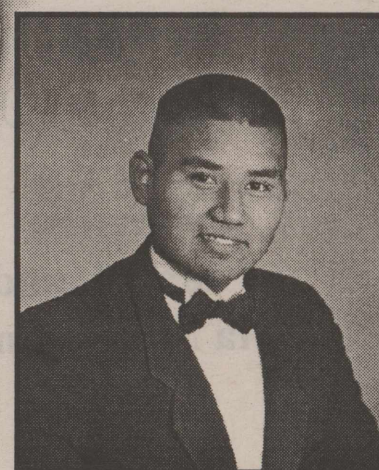
Friday night, as you hear your name being called and take those steps across the stage, you may not think that you are ready...but you are. We as parents have groomed you for this very day, nervously anticipating it. My advice to you is to take some time out and reflect with your family about the years gone by. Tell your parents how much you love them, and thank them for being there for you. Make peace with those that you have feuded with, for this is a very special night for all, but it only comes once.

As your principal I wish you the very best. I would like to see you succeed in all that you do and not have any regrets along the way. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of your lives while you were in high school.

As a parent, I would like to send you off with a big hug, and tell you to be careful and think before you act. Remember to pray to the Lord for guidance. With His strength and direction you can never go wrong.

You will always have a home here in Sonora and at Sonora High; come back anytime that you want.

Sincerely,
Raul Chavarria
Principal, Sonora High School



JAIME ALCANTAR

Parents:
Benny and
Lurdes Alcantar

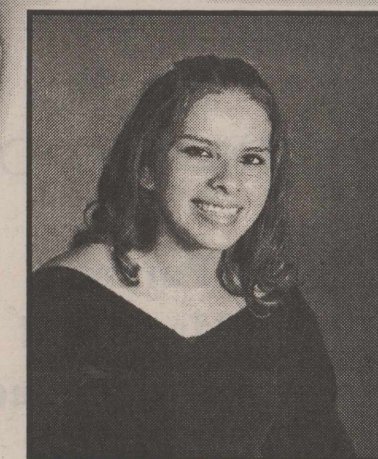
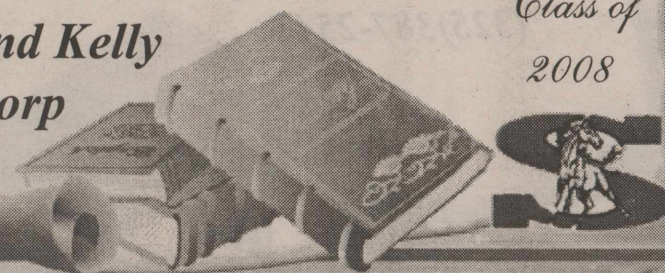
Extracurricular Activities: Spanish Club

Special Interest: Listening to music and hanging out w/ friends, having a good time

Future Plans: work, might go to college, might be a mechanic

Steve and Kelly
Thorp

Class of
2008



DANIELLE RENEE CASTRO

Parents:
John and
Annette Castro

Extracurricular Activities: FCS 4 yrs-4th president, Spanish Club-2ys, 2nd year-VP, Band-4yrs, Color guard-3 yrs, Student Council-1 yr, UIL-1 yr, track-4 yrs, cross-country-2 yrs, basketball-1 yr

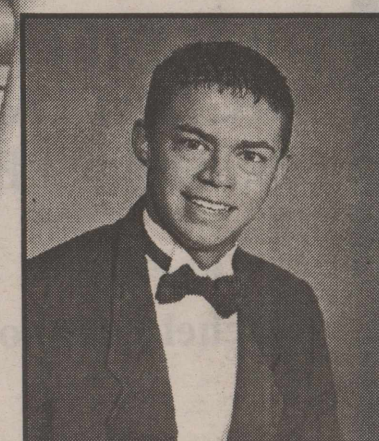
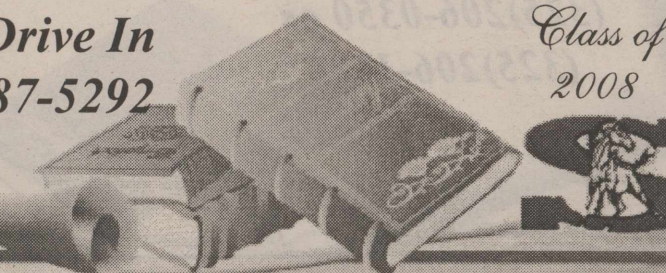
Honors/Awards: A/B honor roll-2 yrs, Who's Who among American Students

Special Interest: I love to hang out with my friends and chill, sing for the Lord, dance, run, play sports, pray, listen to music, watch movies, be with my family or when I'm alone I like to write songs.

Future Plans: My plans are to join the Navy and travel around the world and then go to college in California for music and music producing.

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Class of
2008



MICHAEL V. CHAVEZ

Parents:
Oscar G. Chavez
and
Karen A Holguin

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society-Treasure, Varsity Cross Country-Freshman and sophomore, Student Council Representative, Band-Freshman and sophomore, Spanish Club-Freshman and sophomore

Honors/Awards: Smith Neal Award High Honor, A/B Honor Roll
Special Interests: Helping out with the Community. Working with our local EMS Service and at La Mexicana. On days off I love to relax or go out of town to get away from town. Most of my time off I help out many shut-ins and help out at EMS building. Spending time with family acquires some traveling but when it can be done I jump on the gun.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Odessa College to get a paramedic license and R.N. license to become a flight nurse. During that time I could discern on priesthood.

La Mexicana and
Sanchez Welding & Construction
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CASANDRA CONTRERAS

Parents:
Armando and
Rosa Contreras

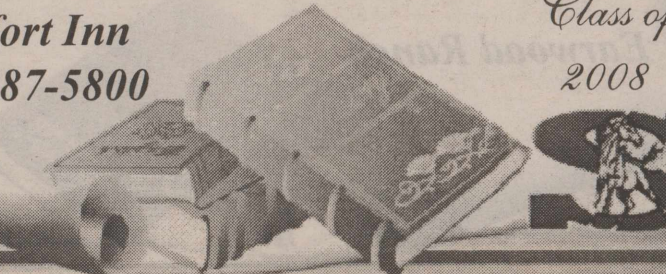
Extracurricular Activities: Spanish Club

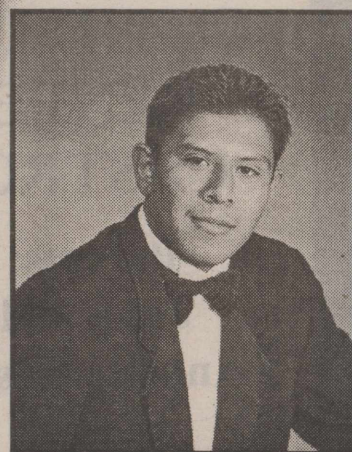
Special Interests: Listening to music, and spending time with family and friends

Future Plans: Undecided

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MARIO CORONADO JR.

Parents: Mario and Sylvia Coronado

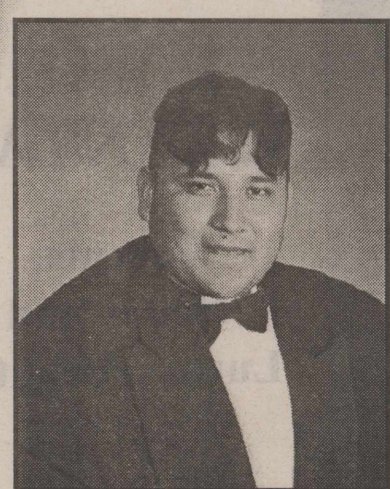
Extracurricular Activities: DCP and the work program

Special Interests: I like to work with my dad as a mechanic and spending time with my family. I also like to hang out and or cruising with my friends or cousins, I love to spend time with my girlfriend and talk to her on the phone

Future Plans: I plan to attend TSTC College in Sweetwater, TX.

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JUAN DOMINGUEZ

Parents: Juan J. and Elvia M. Dominguez

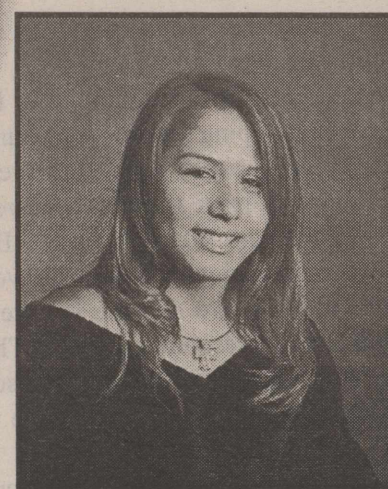
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Tennis, Band, and Woodshop

Special Interests: Mechanics

Future Plans: Finding a good paying job, and I want to own my own shop.

Everett's Pharmacy (325)387-2541

Class of 2008



VICKIE TORRES

Parents: Antonio and Paula Torres

Special Interests: Just hanging out, going to the river. Absolutely love traveling and being in big cities

Future Plans: Attending UTSU and will major in psychology and become filthy rich

Cheetah wireless (325) 387-6099

Class of 2008



KYLA GAIL TURNERY

Parents: Mary Beth Luttrell and Paul E. Turney

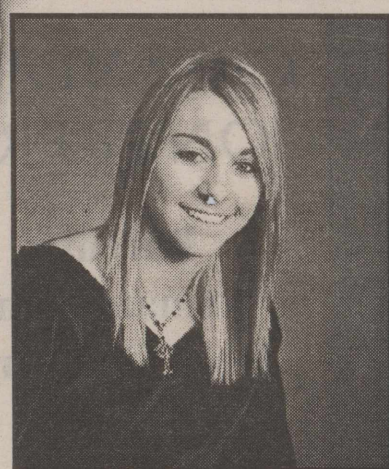
Extracurricular Activities: San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors, 2004-2008, National Honor Society, Light House Community Church Member, 1999-Present, St. John's Sunday House High School Youth Group Member, 2007-2008, Future Farmers of America, 2004-2008, Varsity Cross Country, Letterman 3 years, Varsity Track, Letterman 3 years: Regional Qualifier 200m Hurdles, Mile Relay, 800m Relay, Texas High School Rodeo Association, 2007-2008, Sonrisas Special Rodeo Events-Assisted in rodeos designed for special needs children, NHS Extemporaneous Public Speaking, American Quarter Horse

Honors and/or Awards: Who's Who Among American High School Students, DAR Honor Roll, National Honor Roll, Industrial Technology: Best in State, Reserve Champion, San Angelo Rodeo Ambassador's Horseback Drill Team from 2004 to 2008, Duke University MAP

Future Plans: Texas A&M College Degree in Equine Sciences or Architecture, Accepted to A&M and will start classes Summer 2008

Main Street Realty (325) 387-6115

Class of 2008



EMILY JANE EARWOOD

Parents: Carolyn and Edward Earwood

Extracurricular Activities: 4-H, Cheerleading, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, Youth Group, Showing Angora Goats, Senior 1st Vice President officer in 4-H, Senior Class Vice President

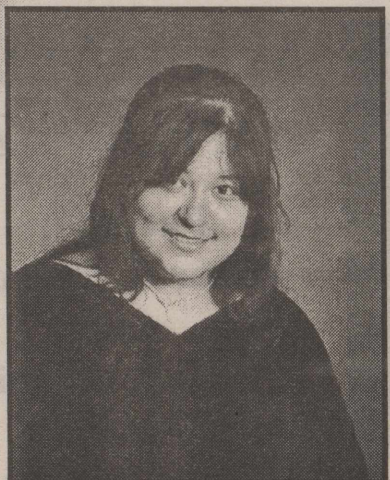
Honors and/or Awards: Homecoming Queen 2007, National Champion Wool Judging Individual, National Champion Wool Judging Team, Glasscock Award, 4-H Sweetheart Award, 4-H Gold Star Award, Principle's Excellent Award, Regional Qualifier in triple jump, State Champion Mohair Judging Team, State Champion Wool Judging Team. Scholarship- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Angora Doe, Scholarship-Kerrville Stockshow Premier Exhibitor, Scholarship-San Angelo Stockshow Champion & Reserve Champion Angora Doe

Special Interests: Spending time with family and friends, being at my ranch, hunting and fishing, water-skiing at Lake Amistad, and showing my angora goats.

Future Plans: Attending Texas A&M University to major in Agricultural

Earwood Ranch

Class of 2008



RAQUEL NICHAELE ESCALANTE

Parent: Rachel Lozano

Extracurricular Activities: Art, FCS

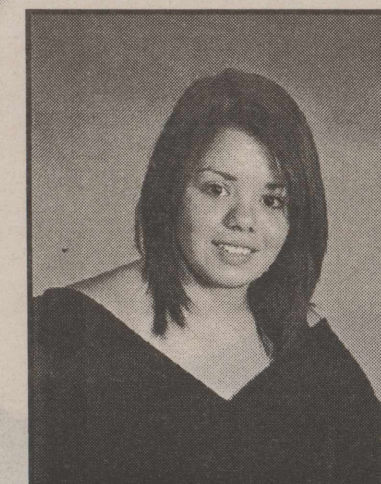
Honors and/or Awards: A/B Honor Roll

Special Interests: Art, I love to just let go and be creative. Music, I am obsessed with finding new music. Try to play my acoustic and it's not going so well. Traveling, I love seeing new places. And of course shopping.

Future Plans: I am going to Howard for my basics then I will transfer to a University to major in psychology

Comfort Inn (325)387-5800

Class of 2008



PAULA ZARAGOZA

Parents: Efrain and Maria Zaragoza

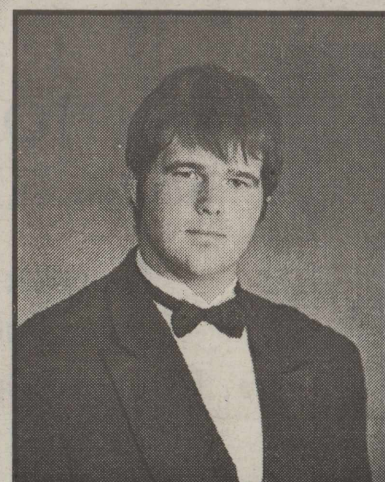
Extracurricular Activities: lady Bronco Athletics, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Spirit Crew, Band, YMCA Volleyball, Baseball Manager, PALS, HOSA, UIL Academics

Honors and/or Awards Received: Perfect Attendance, A/B Honor Roll, Fall Festival Queen, Homecoming Queen Candidate

Future Plans: I plan on going to ASU and further my education in nursing

Taco Grill (325) 387-9127

Class of 2008



JACOB SPIVEY

Parents:
Wendall and
Ann Folmar

Extracurricular Activities: football, tennis

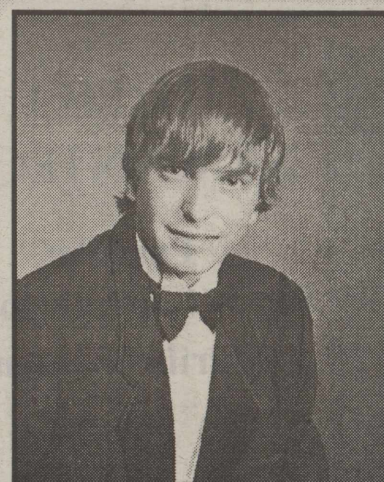
Honors and/or Awards Received: woodshop award

Special Interests: I like to fish and swim and hang with my family and friends

Future Plans: Go to Howard College and get a good job

Multi-Chem Group, L.L.C.
(325) 387-3709

Class of
2008



TYLER STEWART

Parent:
Charles Stewart

Extracurricular Activities: Debate, Newspaper

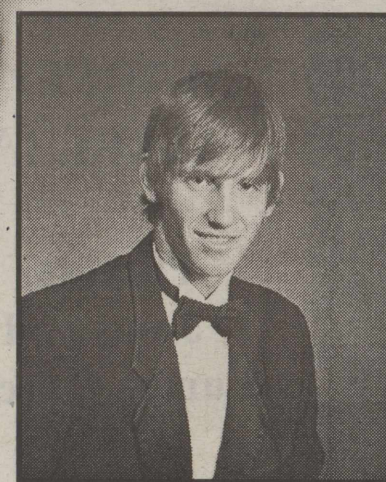
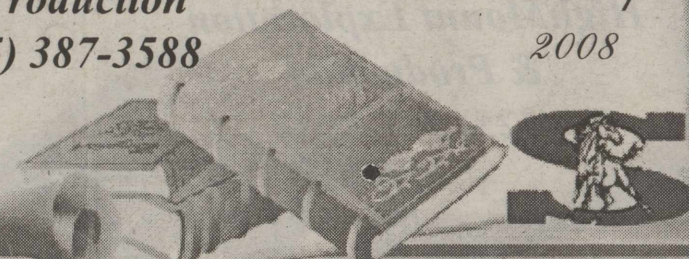
Honors and/or Awards Received: Looking Good

Special Interests: Metal music, ice cream

Future Plans: Attend UTSA for college

HighMount Exploration
& Production
(325) 387-3588

Class of
2008



DALTON DOVER

Parents:
Kyle and Jana
Dover

Extracurricular Activities: Cx Debate, Newspaper, Yearbook

Special Interests: Music, and dirt bikes

Future Plans: Attend Schreiner University to major in graphic design

Landmark Apartments
(325)387-2104

Class of
2008



JT DOWNING

Parents:
John and
Robin Downing

Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Cross Country

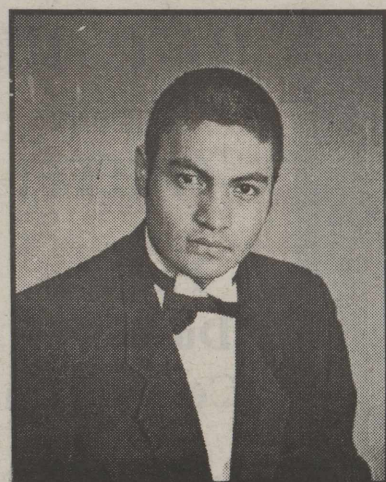
Honors and/or Awards: Honorable Mention Basketball, Honorable Mention Baseball, Academic All-District Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, and Cross Country

Special Interests: Baseball, Hunting, Fishing

Future Plans: I plan to attend McMurry University and try to play baseball for them.

First National Bank
(325)387-2104

Class of
2008



VICTOR VAQUERA

Parents:
Miguel and
Martina Vaquera

Extracurricular Activities: Prom Committee, Spanish Club, Student Council, Football 4yrs, Baseball 4yrs, Track 3yrs

Honors and/or Awards Received: Football-Honorable Mention, Baseball-1st Team Pitcher

Future Plans: I plan to attend Howard College and major in criminal justice.

Creek Swabbing & Roustabout
Service, Inc.
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Class of
2008



KELSEY WATKINS

Parents:
Jerry and
Tina Watkins

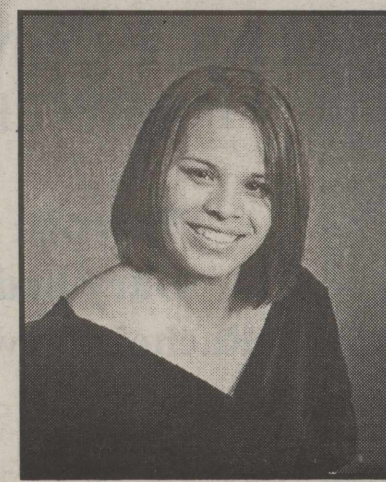
Extracurricular Activities: Cheerleading, Track, Basketball, Softball, 4-H, NHS, PALS

Honors and/or Awards Received: Outstand Girls Track Award 2007, All A Honor Roll, Senior Showmanship

Future Plans: I will be attending Blinn Junior College, and majoring in child education.

The Mercantile on Main
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Class of
2008



FRANCHESCA ELAINE GANDAR

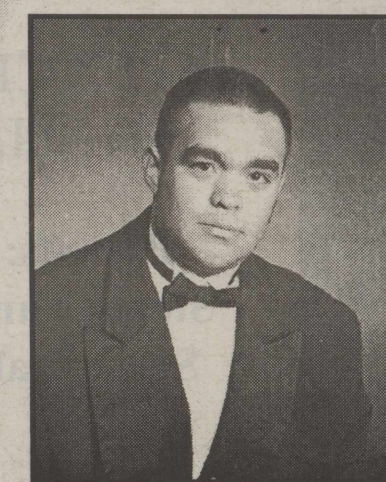
Parents:
Frank and Elena
Gandar

Special Interests: I like hanging out with family and friends.

Future Plans: I am going to go to Howard College and get my associates degree in accounting. Then I will transfer and go for my masters degree.

Days Inn
(325)387-3516

Class of
2008



EDWARD GARCIA

Parents:
Allario and
Lidia Garcia

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, Class Treasurer, Football

Future Plans: College

The Bank & Trust
(325)387-2593

Class of
2008





KAYLA DENISE GARCIA

Parents:
Victor and Veronica Garcia

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society 2005-2008, Spanish Club 2004-2006, PALS 2006-2007, Student Council 2006-2007, UIL Team 2007-2008, Peppermint Ball Committee 2005-2008, Band 2004-2008, Varsity Track 2004-2006, Youth Group 2006-Present

Honors and/or Awards: Senior Class Secretary 2007-2008, Spanish Club President 2006-2007, Freshman Class President 2004-2005, Who's Who Among America's High School Students 2005-2007, Lettered in Varsity Track 2004-2006, National Honor Roll 2005-2007, Freshman Student of the Week 2004-2005, Junior Student of the Week 2006-2007, National Youth Leadership 2005-2007, Six Weeks A—A/B Honor Roll 2004-2008, Perfect Attendance Award 2004-2005, 2nd Semester All A Honor Roll Award 2004-2005, World History Award 2005-2006, Spanish I Award 2006-2006, Health Award 2006-2007, Perfect Attendance Award 2006-2007.

Future Plans: I will be attending Howard College in San Angelo for my first 2 years to get my basics and then furthering my education to obtain a degree in Business Administration

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Class of
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MARITZA GARCIA

Parents:
Jesus and
Lurdes Garcia

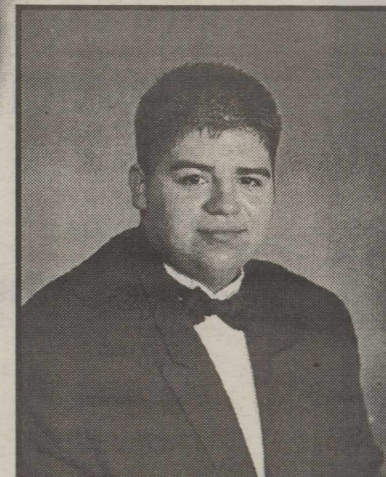
Extracurricular Activities: Marching Band '04-'08, National Honor Society '06-'08, Student Council '07-'08, Peppermint Ball Committee '06-'08, Spanish Club '05-'07, PALS '06-'08, UIL Computer Applications '08, Saint Ann's Catholic Church Youth Group '06-'08

Honors and/or Awards: Band Sweetheart, Homecoming Queen Candidate, A-B Honor Award, Student of the Week '04 & '08, Spanish I Award '06, Spanish II Award '07, Home Economics Award '06.

Future Plans: I will be attending Howard College to obtain my degree in Child Development and to get my basics done. When I finish my education I will then begin my own family.

Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service, Inc
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Class of
2008



JULIO SAMANIEGO

Parents:
Sonny Samaniego and
Maribel Sentena

Extracurricular Activities: Band 4yrs, Tennis 4yrs

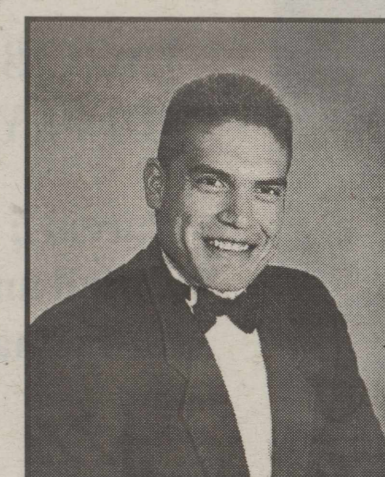
Honors and/or Awards Received: Band Beau 07, Region 7 Advancing Band 05 & 07, Regional Team Tennis 3rd place

Special Interests: Playing tennis, eating, chilling with friends, having a good laugh with friends, hanging out with my family, cruising, basketball

Future plans: I plan on attending Sul Ross State University to become a teacher and also play tennis there. I would like to become a coach when I finish there.

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Class of
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ANTHONY SANCHEZ

Parents:
Carlos and
Rosa Sanchez

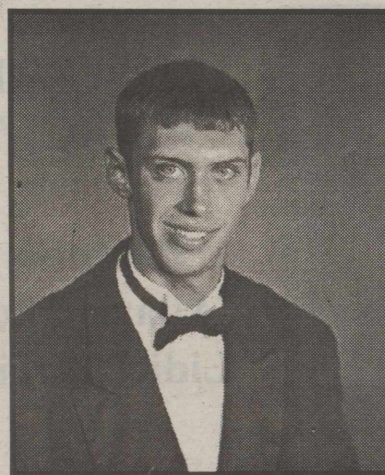
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 Yrs.

Special Interests: Ride around and hang out with friends & have fun

Future Plans: Move out of town and work

Sonora Tire Service
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Class of
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SPENCER HALL

Parents:
Stephen and
Susan Hall

Extracurricular Activities: American Ambassador to Australia with People to People, 4-H, OAP, Football, Industrial Technology/Woodshop, Band, FCS

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Parents:
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Extracurricular Activities: Water Girl/Trainer for The Bronco Varsity Football Team

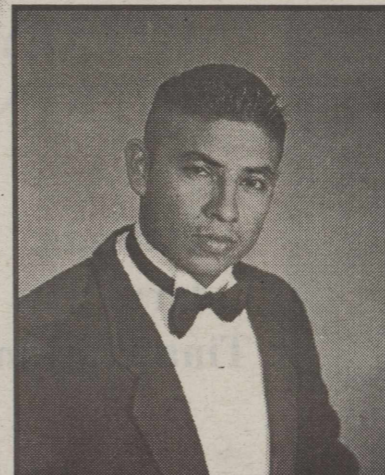
Honors and/or Awards Received: Miss Congeniality 07-08, Football Sweetheart 07-08

Special Interests: Hanging out with my family and friends.

Future Plans: Go to college and become successful

The Health & Wellness Center
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Class of
2008



FELIPE SILVA

Parents:
Lucio and
Minerva Silva

Special Interests: Boxing, and Art

Future Plans: Join the Marines or the Army

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
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Class of
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HEATHER ANN SMITH

Parents:
Duray and
Celia Smith

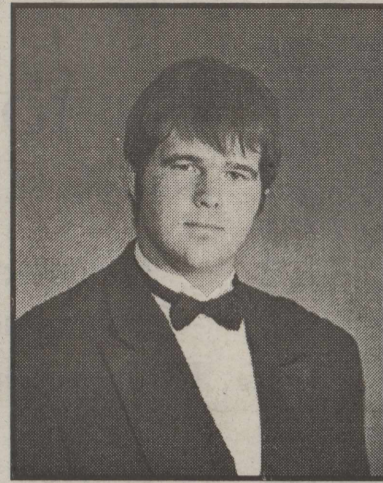
Extracurricular Activities: NHS, FCA

Special Interests: Photography, and art, hanging out with friends and family, and spending time on the ranch

Future Plans: Attend ASU and live with my brother, and then become a teacher.

Smith Brothers Lease Service
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Parents:
Wendall and
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Extracurricular Activities: football, tennis

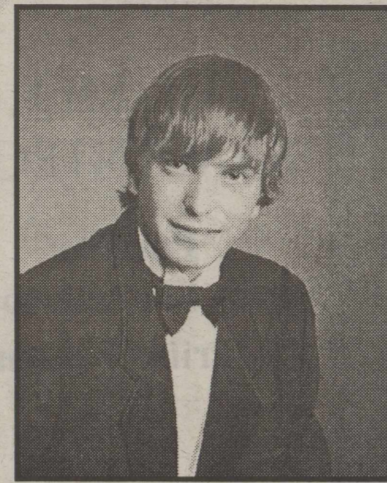
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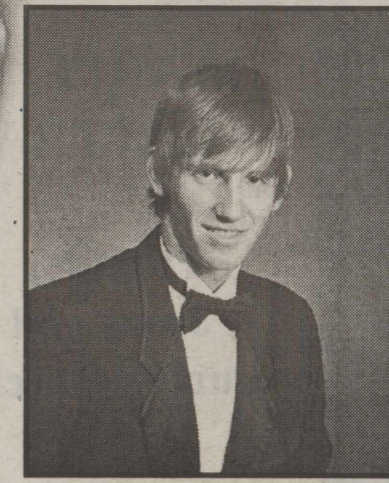
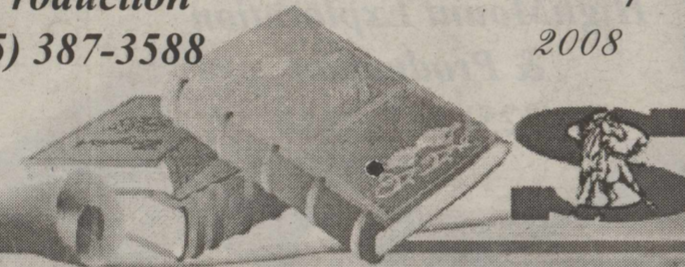
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Special Interests: Metal music, ice cream

Future Plans: Attend UTSA for college

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Parents:
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Dover

Extracurricular Activities: Cx Debate, Newspaper, Yearbook

Special Interests: Music, and dirt bikes

Future Plans: Attend Schreiner University to major in graphic design

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Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Cross Country

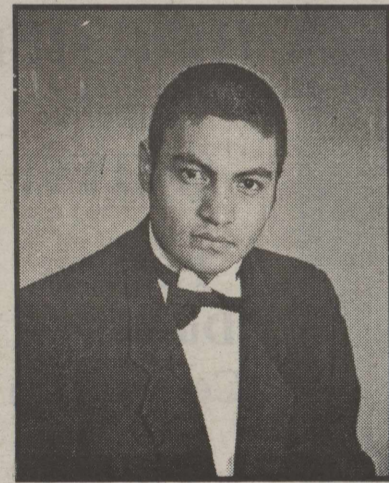
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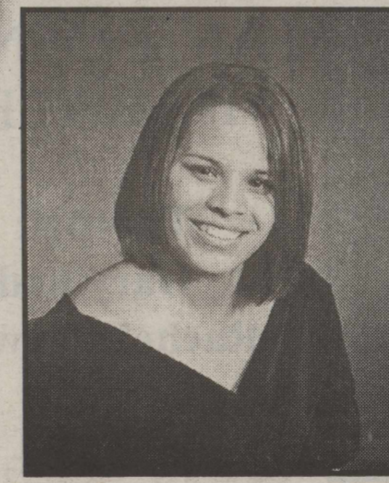
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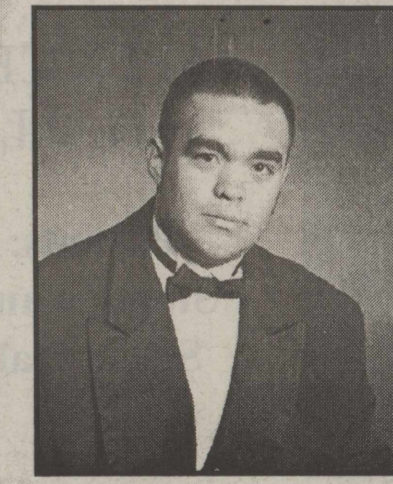
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Days Inn
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Class of
2008



EDWARD GARCIA

Parents:
Allario and
Lidia Garcia

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, Class Treasurer, Football

Future Plans: College

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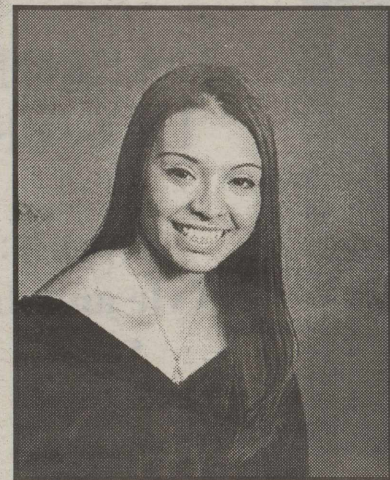
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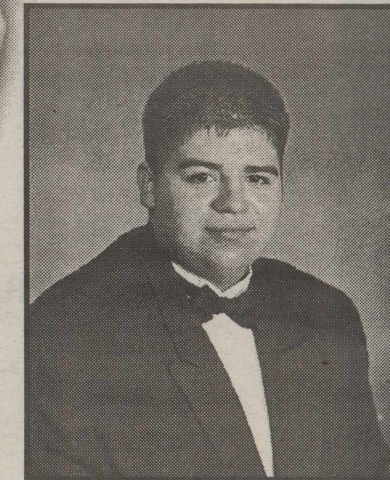
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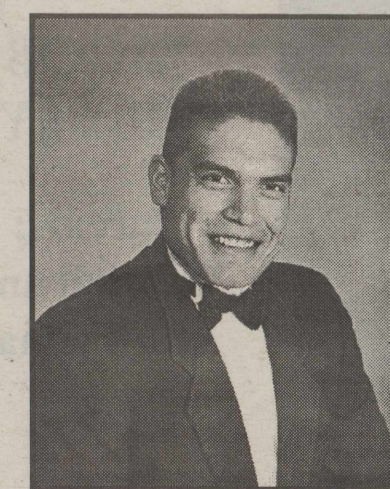
JULIO SAMANIEGO

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Parents:
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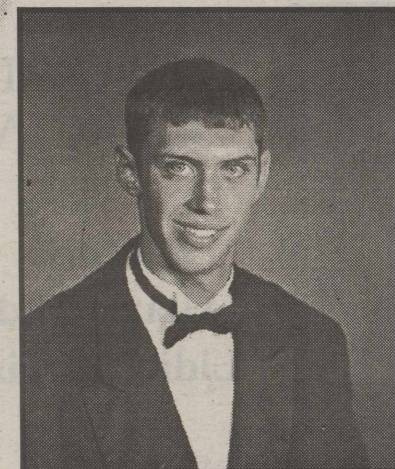
Extracurricular Activities: Football 4 Yrs.

Special Interests: Ride around and hang out with friends & have fun

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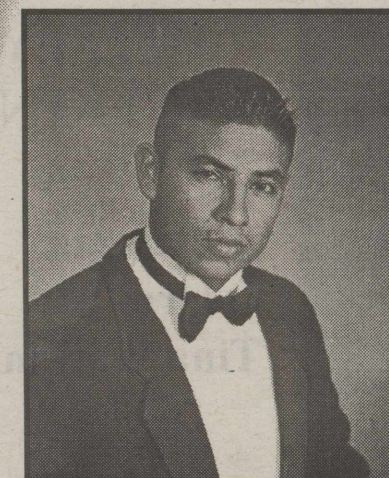
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Special Interests: Hanging out with my family and friends.

Future Plans: Go to college and become successful

The Health & Wellness Center
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Class of
2008



FELIPE SILVA

Parents:
Lucio and Minerva Silva

Special Interests: Boxing, and Art

Future Plans: Join the Marines or the Army

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
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Class of
2008



HEATHER ANN SMITH

Parents:
Duray and Celia Smith

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, FCA

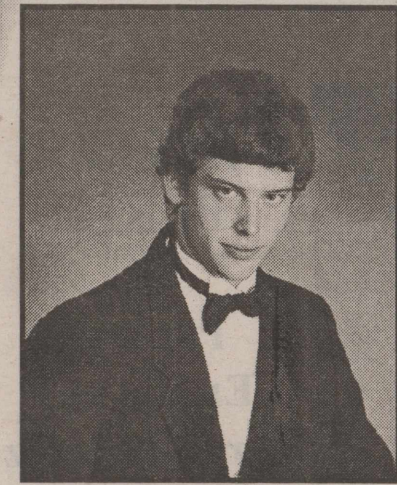
Special Interests: Photography, and art, hanging out with friends and family, and spending time on the ranch

Future Plans: Attend ASU and live with my brother, and then become a teacher.

Smith Brothers Lease Service
(512) 517-7405

Class of
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CLAYTON SAHR

Parents:
Lynn Wipff and Les Sahr

Extracurricular Activities: Football 2 yrs. Basketball 2 yrs. Cross Country-4Yrs. Woodshop 1 yr.

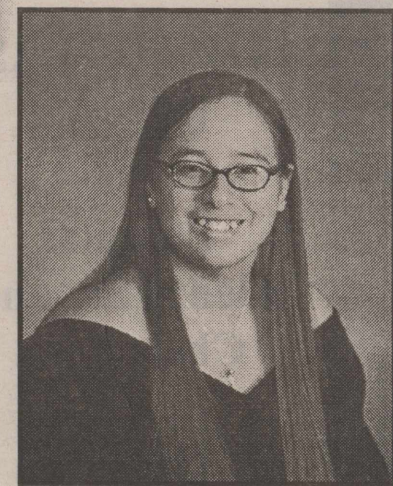
Honors and/or Awards Received: Industrial Technology/Woodshop Regional Qualifier & State Qualifier

Special Interests: Playing guitar, hanging with friends. Listening to Texas Country Music

Future Plans: I joined the Navy and my ship date is August 18, 2008

Goldline Mechanic Service
(325) 277-1834

Class of
2008



ELBE SAMANIEGO

Parents:
Juan and Elbe Samaniego

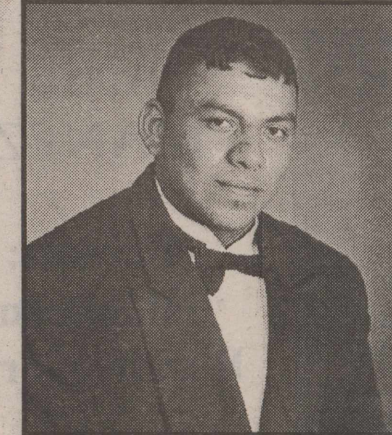
Extracurricular Activities: Computer Science UIL 1yr, Accounting UIL 2 yrs, NHS 2yrs, Band 4yrs, Colorguard 2yrs, Spanish Club 1yr

Honors and/or Awards Received: 1st place Team Computer Science, District Champions, 3rd place individual in Computer Science, 2nd place team Accounting

Future Plans: I plan on attending the University of Texas at Arlington and getting a degree in zoology!

Indian Creek Logistics
(325) 387-5220

Class of
2008



AARON GAYTAN

Parents:
Raul and Ninfa Gaytan

Extracurricular Activities: Varsity football 4 yrs, Varsity baseball 3 yrs., Varsity track 1 yr., Band 4 yrs. Youth Group 2 yrs.

Honors and/or Awards: 05-06 Football Honorable Mention Defensive Tackle, 06-07 Football 1st Team All District Offensive Guard, 07-08 Football 1st Team All-District defensive Tackle, Football All-West Texas Defensive Tackle, Football Academic All-District, 07-08 Baseball 1st Team All-District Catcher, Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association-All Star Game-Selected at catcher,07-08 Baseball Academic All-District, 07-08 track Shot Put District Champ, Regional Track Qualifier, Track Academic All-District

Future Plans: I plan to attend Sul Ross State University and major in Ag. Mechanics, I will also be playing baseball.

Nabors Well Service
(325)387-2884

Class of
2008



SIERRA MARIE GOMEZ

Parents:
Tomas and Juanita Gomez

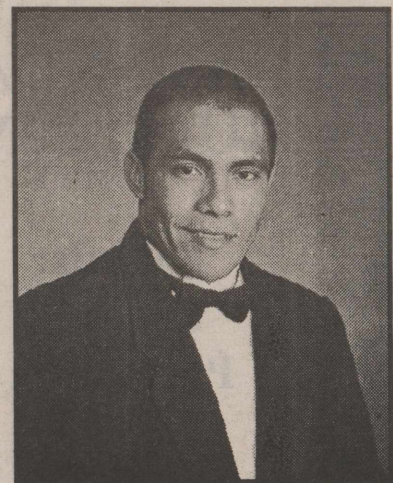
Extracurricular Activities: Band

Special Interests: I like spending time with my family and friends. I also like to hang out with friends, watch TV, listen to music, play on the computer, and play with my nephews and nieces.

Future Plans: I will be attending Howard College to become a nurse.

The Devil's River News
(325)387-2507

Class of
2008



RILEY SANCHEZ

Parents:
George and Rosa Sanchez

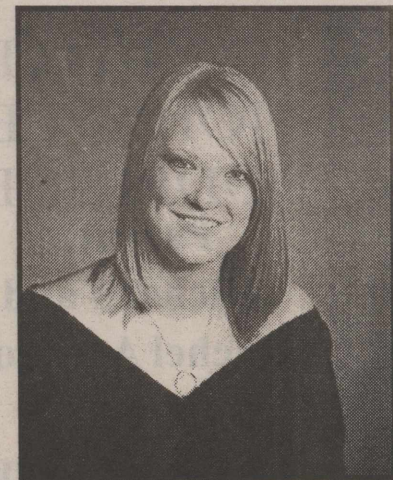
Extracurricular Activities: Band, Tennis, track, football, basketball, baseball

Honors and/or Awards Received: 2006-2007 All District 2nd team football, 2007-2008 All District 2nd Team Football, 2007-2008 All District 2nd Team Basketball

Future Plans: Attend Sul Ross and continue playing football

First National Bank
(325) 387-3861

Class of
2008



LAURAN MICHELLE SCHAEFER

Parents:
Mickey and Joe Schaefer

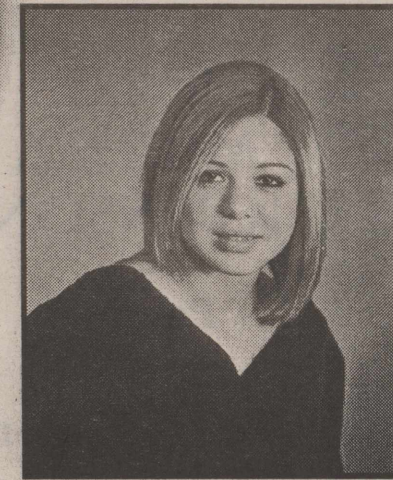
Extracurricular Activities: Debate, One Act Play

Honors and/or Awards Received: State qualifier in debate, National Honor Society Secretary Regional Qualifier in One Act Play

Future Plans: I plan to attend Texas Tech and debate for them. I am majoring in communication studies to become a speech/debate teacher or lobbyist.

The Health & Wellness Center
(325) 387-2348

Class of
2008



YAZMIN HERNANDEZ

Parents:
Maria and Jimmy Agüero

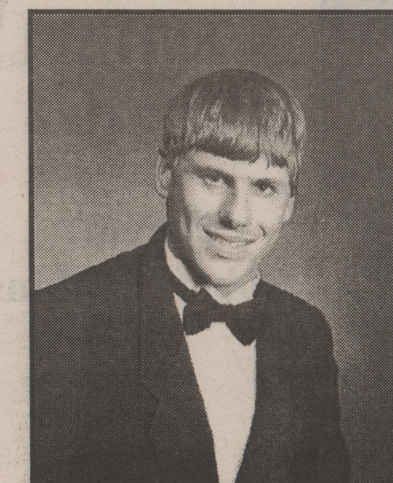
Extracurricular Activities: Cross Country and Spanish club.

Honors and/or Awards: The English 3 Award

Future Plans: I plan to go to Howard Cosmetology school and then go to a bigger city to succeed and reach some of my goals in life.

Sonic Drive In
(325)387-5292

Class of
2008



MARK HOLMAN

Parents:
Jimmy and Sharon Holman

Extracurricular Activities: Athletics, 4-H Club

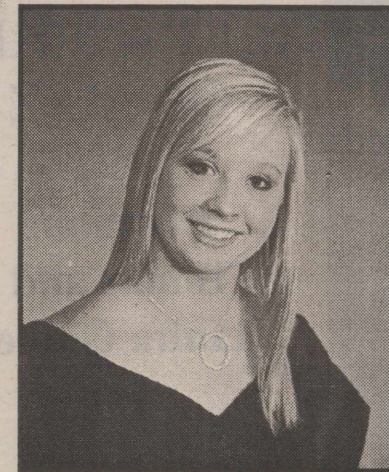
Honors and/or Awards: Eagle Scout, 4-H Gold Star

Special Interests: Hanging out with friends

Future Plans: Howard College then transfer to ASU

The Bank and Trust
(325)387-2593

Class of
2008



HEATHER HUGHES

Parents:
Sam and Shelly Hughes

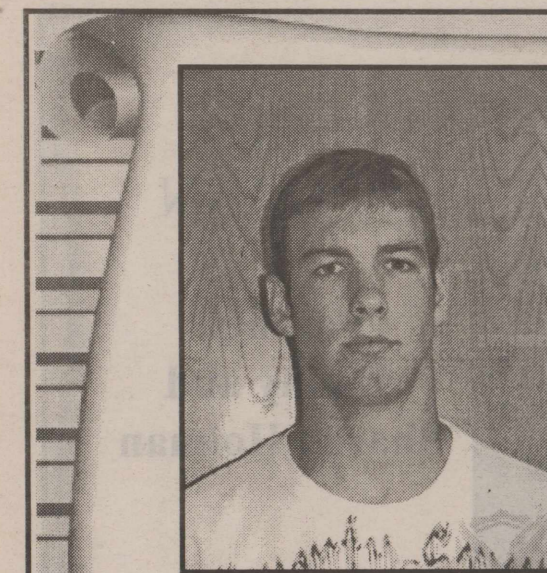
Extracurricular Activities: Spanish Club, PALS, Softball, Cheerleading, Basketball

Special Interests: I enjoy playing softball, and spending time with family and friends.

Future Plans: I will be playing softball at Midland College.

Jet Specialty
(325)387-6113

Class of
2008



MICHAEL JENKINS

Parent:
Robert Jenkins

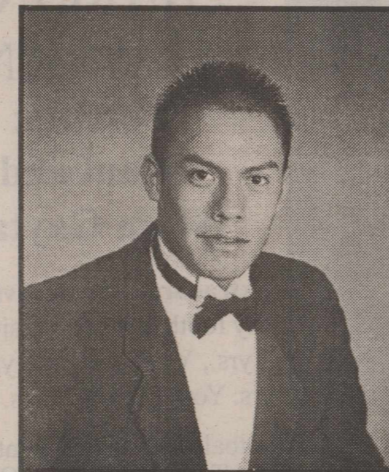
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball

Honors and/or Awards: 2x All-District Defensive End, All-District Tight End

Future Plans: Play football at Hardin Simmons University

Everett's Furniture
(325)387-3938

Class of
2008



JOSE IBANEZ

Parents:
Fabiola and Rogelio Cortez

Extracurricular Activities: Athletics, woodshop, Spanish club

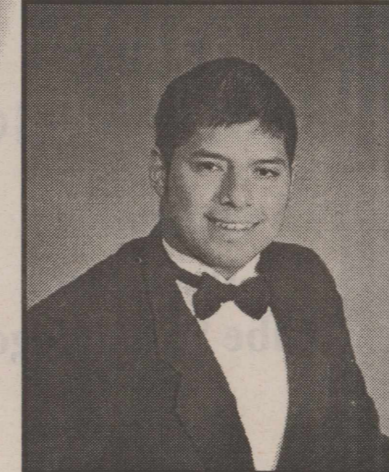
Honors and/or Awards Received: Best in State for Woodshop

Special Interests: Play guitar

Future Plans: I'd like to have a house and a car.

Morning Star Woodworks, LLC

Class of
2008



NICHOLAS PENA

Parents:
Alonzo Sr. and Chela Pena

Extracurricular Activities: Football, Track, Baseball, Spanish Club

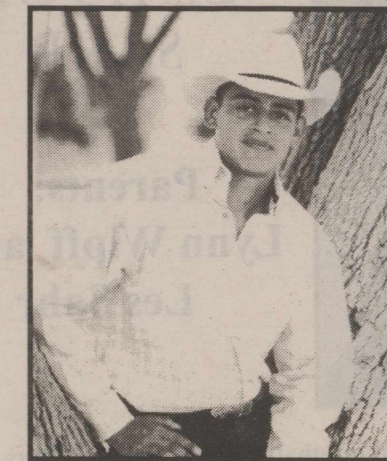
Honors and/or Awards: Two time student of the Week

Special Interests: Hanging out with my friends, like talking to my family

Future Plans: Go to college at ASU

Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Services, Inc.
(325)387-5938

Class of
2008



JUSTIN PEREZ

Parents:
Emilio and Araceli Perez

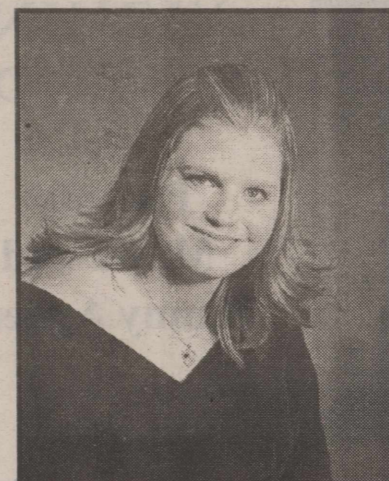
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball

Special Interests: Bullriding, roping

Future Plans: Marriage

Team Graphics
(325)387-5017

Class of
2008



KYLIE MICHEA JOHNSON

Parents:
Carl and Terri Johnson

Extracurricular Activities: 4-H, Camp Volunteer-Kerrville/Ingram, Special Olympics

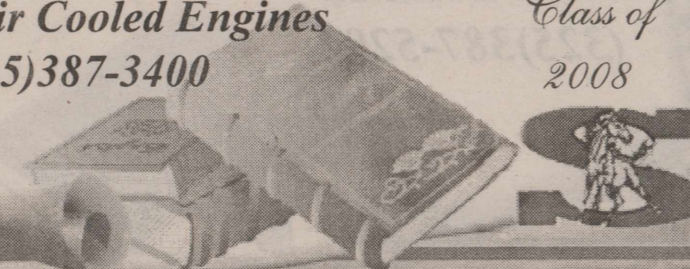
Honors and/or Awards Received: 4-H Citizenship of the Year Award, Several Camp Awards

Special Interests: Water Sports, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Talking on phone, Spending time with family

Future Plans: Attend College in Houston Central Campus

Sonora Air Cooled Engines
(325)387-3400

Class of
2008



DANIELLE JOHNYCE RODRIGUEZ
Parents:
Richard and Rachel Agüero / John and Joanna Rodriguez

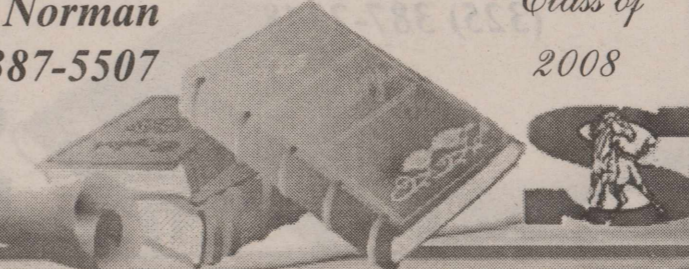
Extracurricular Activities: Marching Band 04-08, Color guard 08, JV Basketball 04-06, Varsity Track 04-08, Varsity Softball 08, YMCA Varsity Volleyball 06-08, UIL Ready Writing 07, UIL Journalism 08, PALS 06-08, Spanish Club 04-06, National Honor Society 05-08

Honors and/or Awards Received: Freshman Class Secretary, Sophomore Class Secretary, National Honor Roll, A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll

Future Plans: I plan on attending The University of Texas in San Antonio in the fall, and majoring in Criminal Justice.

Merle Norman
(325)387-5507

Class of
2008



AMANDA RUBALCAVA

Parents:
Pete and Pat Gomez

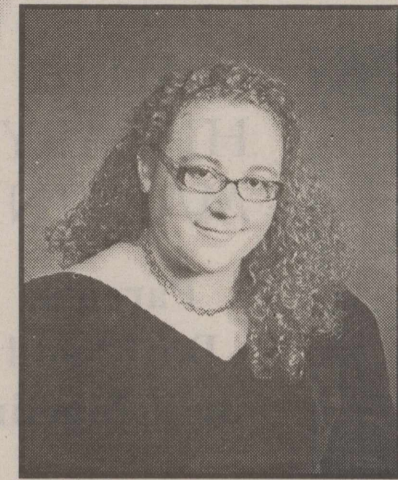
Extracurricular Activities: Manager

Future Plans: I am going for my nursing degree.

Marrisa's Daycare
(325)387-2041

Class of
2008





KARI NICHOLAS

Parents:
Ronald and Susan Nicholas

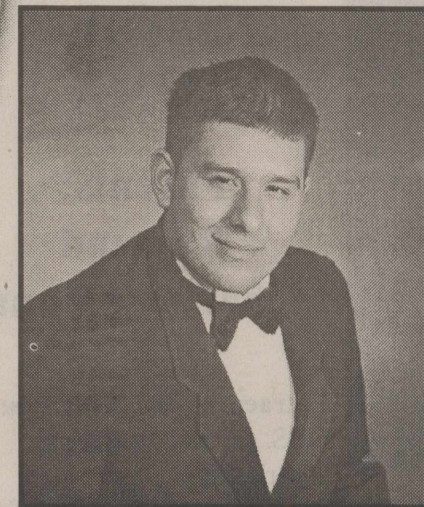
Extracurricular Activities: NHS 2yrs, FCS 4yrs, Spirit Crew 3yrs, OAP 4yrs, Band 4yrs, Golf 1yr, UIL(Science & Calculator) 4yrs, Manager 2 1/2 yrs

Honors and/or Awards Received: 1st at State OAP(2006), All Star Crew at Area(2008), Part of the best all over crew at area(2008), Regional Qualifier in Calculator and OAP(2008), Valedictorian, All A Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance.

Future Plans: I am going to Texas Tech to get a degree in Technical & Design Theatre.

Representative Sales
(325) 387-3714

Class of
2008



ALONZO PENA

Parents:
Alonzo and Chela Pena

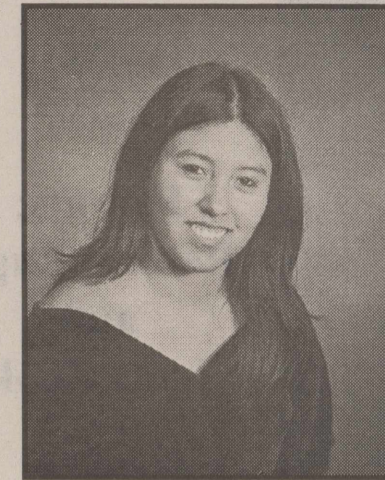
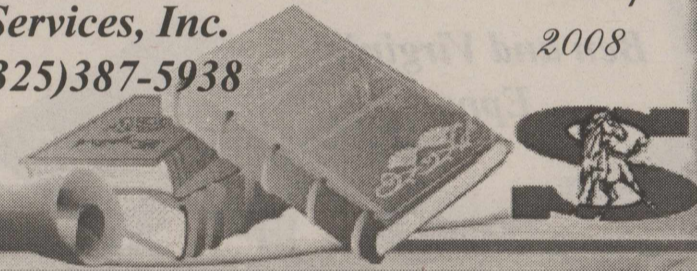
Extracurricular Activities: football

Honors and/or Awards Received: football awards

Future Plans: go to college at San Angelo at Howard

Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Services, Inc.
(325)387-5938

Class of
2008



MYRA IBANEZ

Parents:
Fabiola and Rogelio Cortez

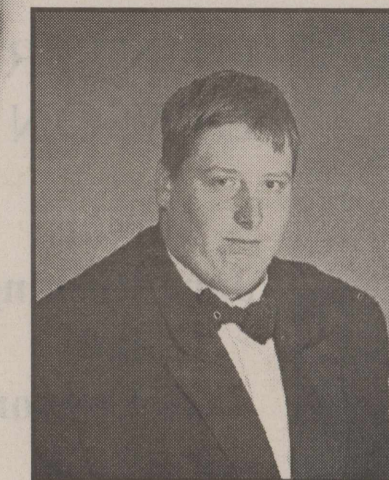
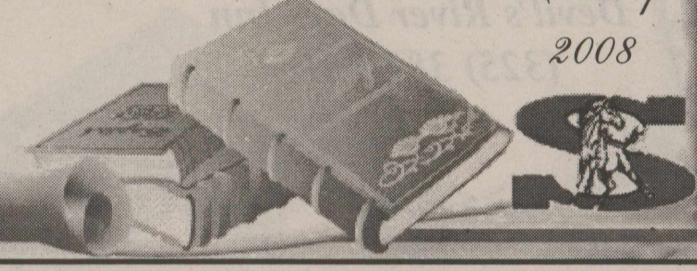
Extracurricular Activities: Spanish Club

Special Interests: likes to listen to music and spend time with friends

Future Plans: I plan to further my education in San Angelo.

Morning Star Woodworks, LLC

Class of
2008



TANNER JAMES

Parent:
Teresa James

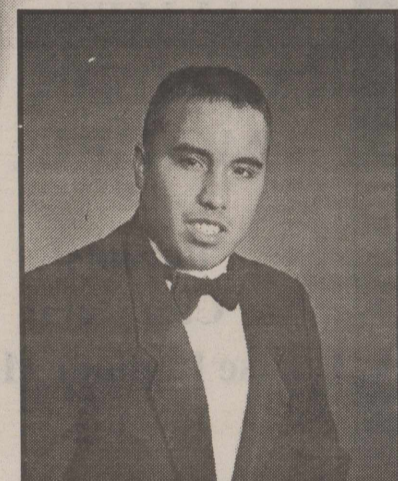
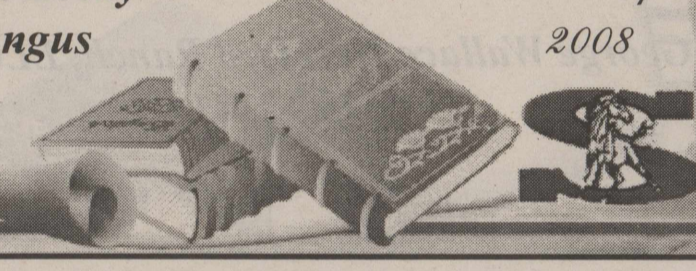
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Baseball

Special Interests: Hang out with friends

Future Plans: I am planning on going to welding school and then starting career from there.

Mack & Becky McAngus

Class of
2008



MARCUS ALON PEREZ
Parents:
Marcos and Martha Perez

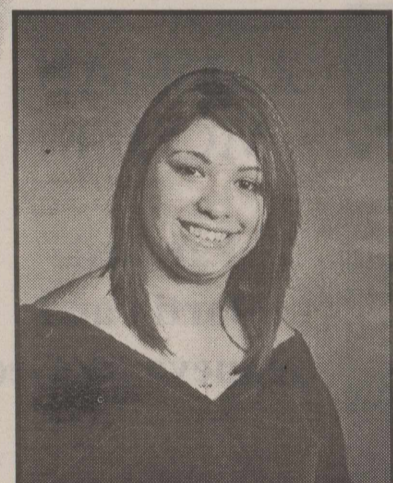
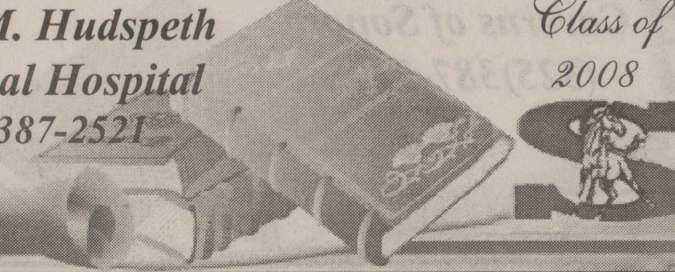
Extracurricular Activities: Newspaper, NHS, UIL Mathematics, UIL Accounting, UIL News Writing, UIL Headline Writing, Spanish Club

Honors and/or Awards Received: Geometry Award(Freshman), Algebra II Award(Sophomore), Pre-Calculus Award(Junior), Duel Credit English Award(Junior), BCIS I Award(Sophomore), I.C.C. Award(Freshman and Sophomore), 2nd place District UIL Accounting Team(Junior), 4th place District UIL Mathematics(Senior), 6th place District UIL News Writing, 6th place District UIL Headline Writing, Editor of the Bronco School Newspaper(Senior), Captain of UIL Mathematics Team(Senior), National Honor Roll, All A Honor Roll, President of Senior Class, Student of the Month(Junior), Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Future Plans: I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin in major in Mechanical Engineering or Mathematics

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
(325)387-2521

Class of
2008



WHITNEY PEREZ

Parents:
Jose Perez/
Zeke and Jana Martinez

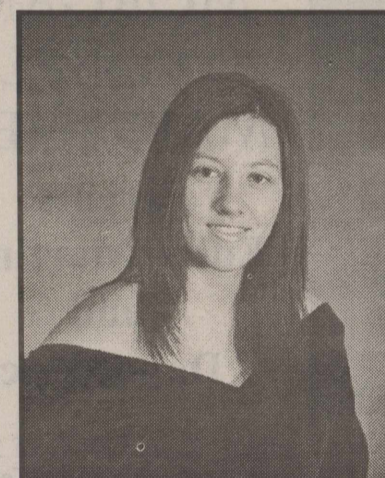
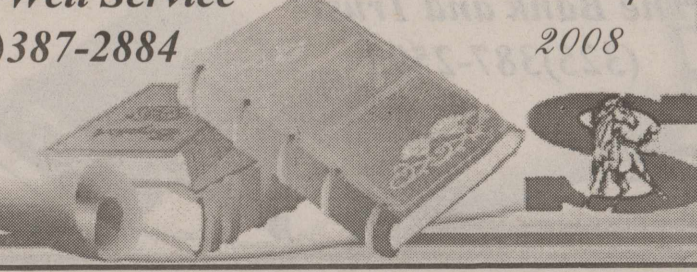
Extracurricular Activities: JV Cheerleader 04-05, JV Basketball 04-06, Spanish Club 04-06, NHS 05-08, HOSA 06-08, PALS 06-08, Peppermint Ball Committee 04/08, UIL Current Events 08

Honors and/or Awards: Student of the Week 06

Future Plans: Attend the University of Texas at Arlington, and major in nursing

Nabors Well Service
(325)387-2884

Class of
2008



SHELBI JOHNSON

Parents:
Jenny and Hollis Ward/
Johnny Johnson and Rhonda Wallace

Extracurricular Activities: Band 1 year/ color guard

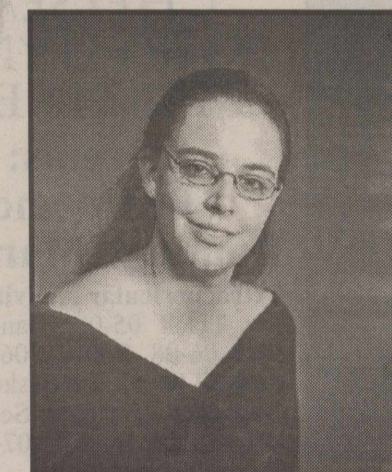
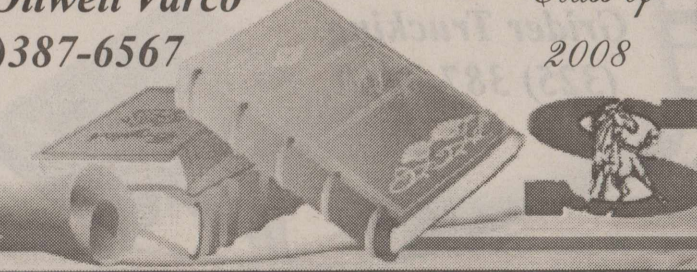
Honors and/or Awards: Science Award for Most Improved, Junior Year

Special Interests: Spending time with my daughter Joslin Braye, and hanging out with friends

Future Plans: College and doing well for my child

Nation Oilwell Varco
(325)387-6567

Class of
2008



SHAYLYNN KRESTA

Parents:
Dave and Sue Kresta

Extracurricular Activities: Band

Honors and/or Awards: Medals for UIL Accounting Team Place-ments

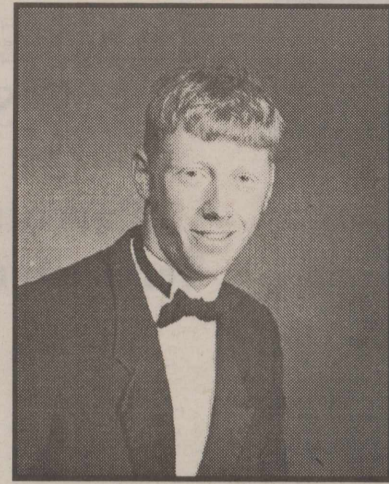
Special Interests: History

Future Plans: Major in History, minor in electrical engineering

The Bank and Trust
(325)387-2593

Class of
2008





HUNTER LAWSON

Parents:
Jane Rushing
and
Jack Lawson

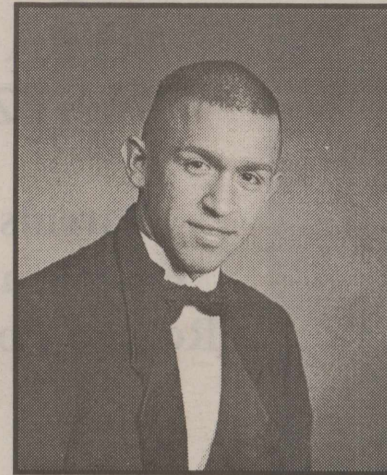
Extracurricular Activities: Track, Football, FFA, Industrial Tech., Youth Group, One act play

Honors and/or Awards: Industrial Tech-Regional Qualifier & State Qualifier 2007

Special Interests: Hunting & Working

Future Plans: Go to UTPB in Odessa

Class of
George Wallace Hereford Ranch, LLC 2008
(325)387-3341



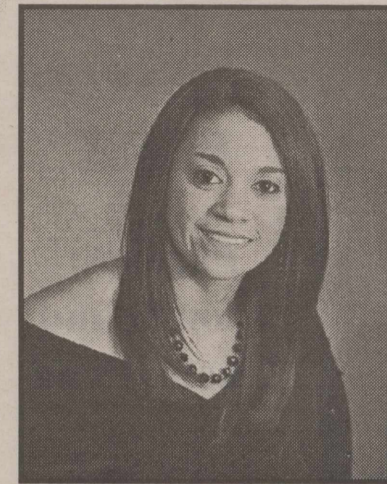
JOSE LUGO

Parents:
Ramiro Lugo
and
Irma Zook

Honors and/or Awards: Reserved champion & State Champion for woodshop, first place and second place for my projects, Biggest flirt in school

Future Plans: My plans are first of all move from Sonora in the summer to San Antonio, going to UTSA to study mechanical Engineering but I will work in the Rigs for awhile to save up some money before I go.

Class of
Devil's River Days Inn 2008
(325) 387-3516



KIMBLE LUNA

Parents:
Roy and
Charlotte Luna

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, softball, basketball, cheerleading

Honors and/or Awards: Freshman year: 1st Team All-District-Softball, Academic All-District- Softball, Basketball; Sophomore year: 1st Team All-District- Softball, Academic All-District- Softball, Basketball, All-West Texas catcher-Softball, All-State nominee-Softball, Honorable Mention-Basketball; Junior Year: All-District catcher-Softball, Academic All-District Softball, Basketball, Honorable Mention -Basketball; Senior Year All-District Catcher -Softball, Academic All-District Softball, Basketball, 2nd Team All-District Basketball

Future Plans: Graduate from College

Class of
Ben and Virginia Epps 2008



LAURA HILLARY MARTIN

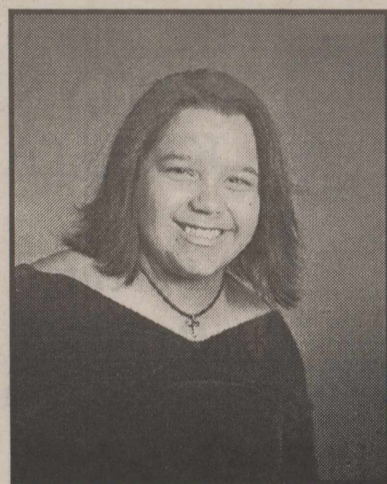
Parents:
David and
Julie Martin

Extracurricular Activities: One-Act Play, Cheerleading, Softball, FFA, 4-H, Youth Group

Honors and/or Awards Received: 07-08 Miss Sutton County, 08 Area OAP Best Actress, 4-H Wool & Mohair Judging State Champions, National Honor Society Vice-President, Student Council Treasurer, 06 One-Act Play State Champions, FFA Star Chapter Award, 4-H Gold Star Award, 05 Outstanding Freshman Girl of the Year, Senior 4-H Club Secretary, 08 District OAP All-Star Cast

Future Plans: I plan to attend Texas Tech University and study agricultural communications.

Class of
Stirrup Trouble Salon 2008
(325)387-5382



CHELSEA KHRYSTYNE MARTINEZ

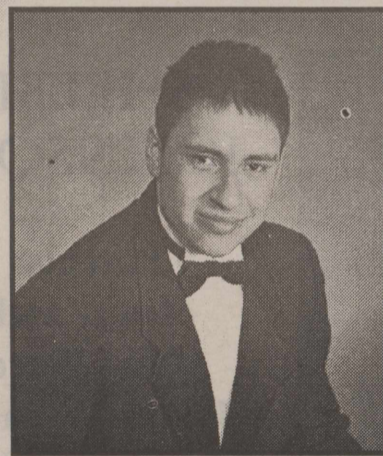
Parents:
Pedro and
Dominga Martinez

Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Track 05-08, Band 04-07, NHS 06-08, Softball 06, Student Council 06-07, JV Basketball 04, OAP 05, UIL Comp. Science 08, UIL Social Studies 07-08, UIL Current Events 08.

Honors and/or Awards Received: Social Studies: Captain 07-08, Runner Up 08, Region 1 Wild Card Team Runner Up 08. Computer Science: District 8AA Team Champions, 8AA Individual Runner Up, Regional Qualifier 08. Current Events: Regional Qualifier 08. Track: 4 year letterman, academic all-district 07, Regional Qualifier for shotput and discus 08, District 8AA Champion Shotput, District 8AA Runners Up 08. Softball: 1 year letterman, academic All-District 06, Undefeated district champs 06. Band: Section Leader 04-07, Soloist 06-07, Division I 04,06,07, National Honor Roll 07, International Society of Poets, Poet of the Year Nominee 07, Ventures Scholar 06-08.

Future Plans: I plan on attending McMurry University majoring in Sports Medicine with minors in Physics and Secondary Ed. I plan to compete in track and field.

Class of
First National Bank 2008
(325)387-3861



MORGAN DANIEL MARTINEZ

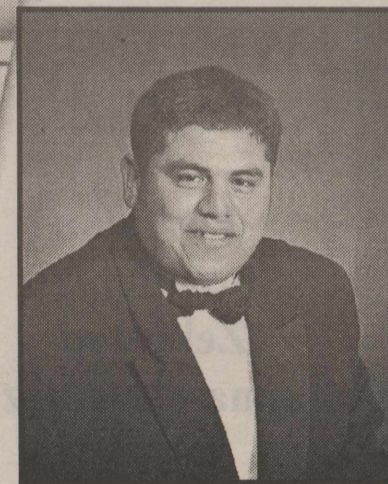
Parents:
Eddie Martinez
and
Danni Price

Extracurricular Activities: JV Football 2 yrs.; JV Golf 2 yrs.; V-Football 2 yrs.; V-Golf 2yrs.; V-Track 2 yrs. Industrial Technology/Woodshop-2 yrs

Honors and/or Awards: District Champs Golf-2007; Regional Runners-up Golf 2007; State Qualifiers Golf 2007; All-District 2nd Team Running Back Football 2007; All-District, All-Academic Football 2007; All-District Golf 2007; District Champs Golf 2008; Regional Runners-up Golf 2008; State Bronze Medalists Golf 2008; All-District Golf 3rd 2008; District Runners-up Shot-Put 2007; Regional Qualifier 2007; District Runner-up Shot-Put 2008; Regional Qualifier Shot-Put 2008; 2008 Track Award; Regional Grand Champion Industrial Tech. Woodshop 2008; Best in State-Grand Champion Industrial Tech. 2008

Future Plans: To attend Angelo State University in the Fall

Class of
Grider Trucking 2008
(325) 387-3460



ZADRIAN MCGEE

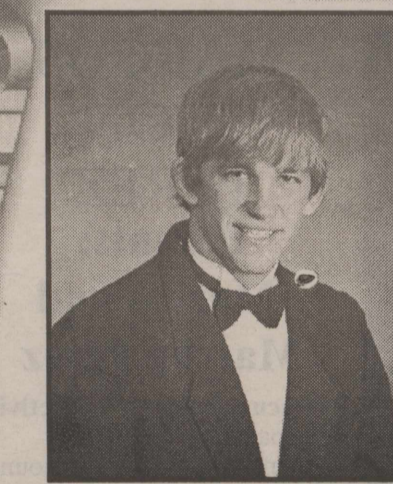
Parents:
Martin and
Genevva McGee

Extracurricular Activities: Football, Track, UIL Computer Science

Honors and/or Awards: District Champs Computer Science

Future Plans: Go to college at Howard in San Angelo and find out what I want to do as a career.

Class of
The Bank and Trust 2008
(325)387-2593



JAMES COLTON MOORE

Parents:
Casey and
Louise Ingham Moore

Extracurricular Activities: 4-H, FFA, Varsity Cross Country, Football, Track, Tennis, NHS, Band

Honors and/or Awards Received: Eagle Scout, 4-H Gold Star Award, I Dare You Award, Star Greenhand Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Regional Cross Country Qualifier, Regional Qualifier for the 1600 meter and 3200 meter run, cross country award, 4-H State Mohair Team, 4-H State Wool Judging Team, National Wool Judging Team, Glasscock Award, Earwood Award

Future Plans: I am going to attend Blinn College and Texas A&M to major in embryology.

Class of
Caverns of Sonora 2008
(325)387-3105