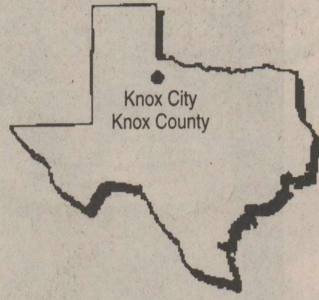


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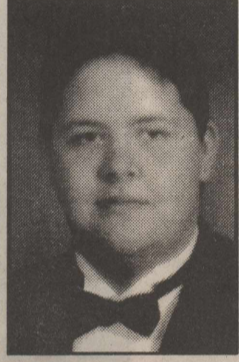
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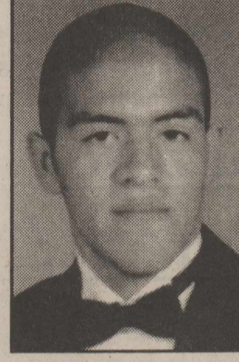
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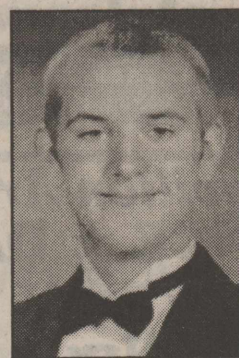
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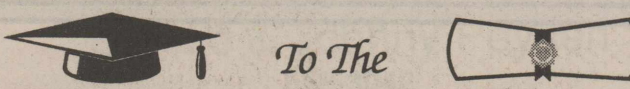
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KNOX COUNTY 4-H WINNERS at the recent 4-H Round-Up contests were (left to right) Kiel Rowan, Brittany Coop and Carlie Rowan. (4-H Courtesy Photo)

**Top winners named at Rolling Plains 4-H Round-Up in Vernon**

Three Knox County 4-H members advanced to the Rolling Plains District 4-H Round-Up held April 29 at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Middle School in Vernon, Texas. Twenty five counties were represented at the event. The 4-H Round-Up contests provide opportunities for 4-H youngsters to develop and practice leadership skills and to develop and hone their verbal presentation and thinking skills.

Representing Knox County in the Illustrated Talk competition were:

- Carlie Rowan - 1st Place - Jr. Agronomy. Carlie presented information on "Moisture Testing of Grain". She is the 9 year old daughter of Wayne and Judy Rowan of Knox City.
- Brittany Coop - 1st Place - Jr. Sheep & Goats. Brittany discussed the basics of L' Raising and Show-

ing Goats". She is the daughter of Curt and Lorrie Coop of Knox City and is also 9 years old.

- Kiel Rowan 1st Place - Jr. Beef Cattle Symposium. Presented information about various "Cattle Breeds And Their Characteristics". Kiel is the 10 year old son of Keith and Jane Rowan of Knox City.

These 4-Hers each received a 4-H medallion during the awards ceremony which completed the final level of competition that junior 4-H members may compete. 4-H is the Youth Development Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

**National hotline established to report unbuckled kids**

People who see unbuckled children during the week of May 22-29 are urged to call 1-800-764-5755 to report the license plate number of the vehicle they were riding in.

Vehicle owners will receive a letter from the National Safety Council reminding them that allowing a child to ride unrestrained is dangerous and illegal.

The week long campaign is part of Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children, which promotes zero tolerance of deadbeat drivers \* adults who drive with unbuckled children.

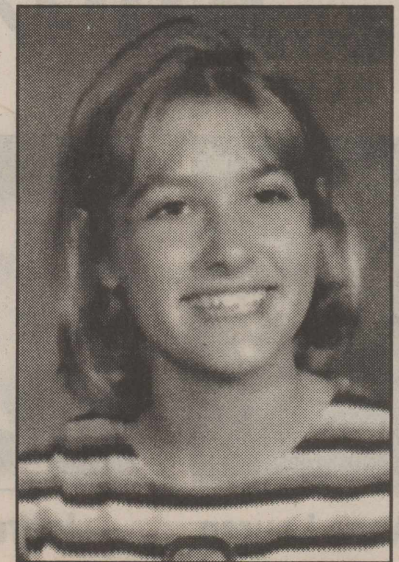
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Health have joined together to promote the nationwide effort to increase proper seat belt use by children and teenagers.

In 1998, 175 children under the age of 15 years were killed in Texas traffic crashes. More than half of them were unrestrained.

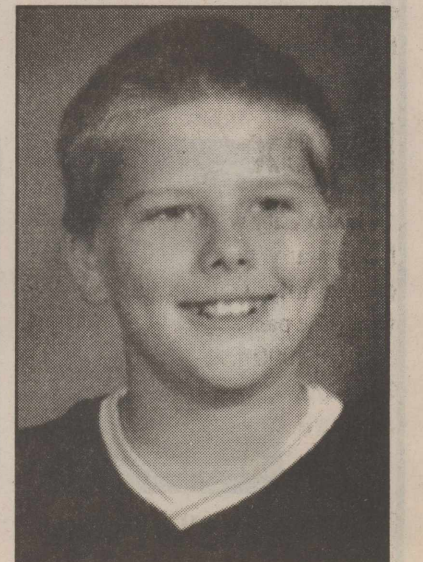
Texas law requires all children from birth to two years to be restrained in an approved child safety seat anywhere they sit in a vehicle. Children ages two years to four years must be in either an approved child safety seat or the vehicle's seat belt system. Children ages four years through fourteen years must be in a safety belt anywhere they sit in the vehicle.

The Texas Department of Health's Safe Riders Program has two campaigns that begin next week: a new occupant protection program aimed at convincing teenagers to buckle up has some help from Daryl "Moose" Johnston and tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams. Posters and bookmarks proclaiming the value of buckling up are available to high school and youth groups across Texas.

A new Spanish-language video on child passenger safety training has been produced and will be distributed to safety seat loaner programs. Copies are available for parents and educators on request.



JAMI GASS  
 ... valedictorian



JORDAN CRISWELL  
 ... salutatorian

**Guthrie Junior High graduation to be held Thursday, May 25**

Guthrie Junior High School graduation will follow the junior high and high school awards assembly, which begins at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2000 in the Guthrie Auditorium. Principal Harvey Wellman and Superintendent Brian Mann will present awards and diplomas. Class sponsors are Marianna Graves and Joy Cave.


Members of the class are Riley Abbott, Kallie Antille, Jordan Criswell, Shai Decker, Jami Gass, Brittney Jones, Oscar Rivera, Ashley Tarver, B.J. Uribe and Kevin Walls.

Jami Gass, daughter of Butch and Shawna Gass, is the valedictorian. She is involved in basket-

ball, cheerleading, FCCLA, UIL and TMSCA. Jami enjoys playing basketball and being with her friends. She hopes to have a successful career after high school and college. Her favorite saying is "You can do anything through Christ who strengthens you."

Jordan Criswell, salutatorian, is the son of Van and Karen Criswell. Jordan participates in football, basketball, FCCLA, TMSCA, UIL and 4-H. He especially enjoys roller blading and listening to music. His goal is to maintain straight A's throughout high school.



Awards assembly will begin at 11:30 a.m. Graduation exercises will follow.

THE HASKELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS  
**WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS**  


<p><b>JUNE 2, 2000</b></p> <p><b>RANCH HORSE COMPETITION</b>                  Novice 9 A.M.</p> <p><b>PARADE</b>                  5:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>Ranch Rodeo</b>                  8:00 P.M.</p> <p>TICKETS \$5.00</p>	<p><b>JUNE 3, 2000</b></p> <p><b>TEAM ROPING</b>                  8:00 A.M. - Noon</p> <p><b>Children's Rodeo</b>                  10:00 A.M. - Noon                  Ticket Required</p> <p><b>Ranch Horse Competition</b>                  Junior &amp; Senior 1 P.M.</p> <p><b>Ranch Rodeo</b>                  8:00 P.M.</p> <p>Ticket Required                  \$5.00 - Can be used for both Rodeos</p> <p><b>ALL DAY BRISKET COOKOFF</b>                  JUNE 3</p> <p>COWBOY POETRY &amp; MUSIC                  SAT. JUNE 3</p>	<p><b>JUNE 4, 2000</b></p> <p><b>COWBOY Church Service</b>                  Pavilion Area                  10:00 A.M. - Noon</p> <p><b>Jeff Gore</b>                  Pastor</p> <hr/> <p><b>WTBRA BARREL RACE</b></p> <p>Exhibitions                  12:30 P.M.</p> <p>Open 4 - D                  2:00 P.M.</p>
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**Chuck Wagon Meal**  
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**New Arrivals**  
**It's a boy !**

*Dalton Matthew Meinzer*  
 Riley Meinzer is excited to tell everyone about his new brother, Dalton Matthew, who was born March 23, weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

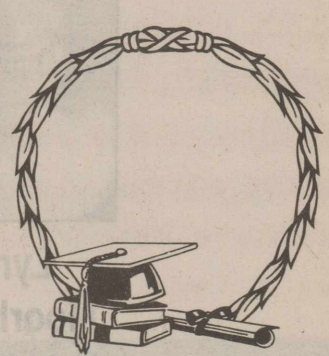
Proud parents are Tyke and Gina Meinzer of Haskell.

Paternal grandparents are Doug and Bobbie Meinzer. Maternal grandparents are Melvin and Wanda Turnbow of Haskell.

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*Upon graduation and your hard work,  
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 you.... plans to give you hope and a future."  
 May you see Him in every plan.*

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## Veterans' Memorial groundbreaking set for Monday



English

Bill English, a former Knox County resident and a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict, will be the guest speaker on Monday, Memorial Day, when Knox County residents hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new monument dedicated to honoring veterans of the county.

With the festivities set to begin at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, those attending will be gathering at the

Memorial site that is East of the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

Following the groundbreaking ceremonies, a hamburger lunch will be served. The \$5.00 meal proceeds will go towards the Veterans Memorial Fund.

The groundbreaking ceremony is being held to raise awareness of the vast number of veterans that Knox County has been home to at some point in time. Approximately 2000 veterans have already been identified, and more are expected. Anyone with information regarding a veteran is encouraged

to contact the Knox County Historical Commission office at 940-454-2229, or write to the commission at PO Box 77, Benjamin, Tx 79505. An e-mail address of kchc@ntsonline.net is also available. Names must be identified by July 31 in order for Willis Granite Products to produce and install the monument by November.

As an added treat for those attending the groundbreaking ceremonies, the Knox City High School Band has been asked to provide music for the Memorial Day ceremony.

### Memorial will honor Knox County Veterans like Jack Stubbs

One of the many veterans from Knox County who will be honored by the placement of a permanent memorial in Benjamin is Jack Stubbs of Knox City, a former United States Marine who served in the South Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

Sent to the island of Pavavu during 1944, Jack and his unit were part of a campaign that had orders to take the island in 3 days. In the ensuing battle that saw everyone, even cooks and bakers, fighting the Japanese soldiers,

Jack remembers that the combat lasted for a brutal 30 days.

After the action on the island of Pavavu, Jack and his fellow Marines took part in the assault of another island, Peleliu.

After the battle for Peleliu, the Marines found themselves back on Pavavu, preparing for the invasion of Okinawa, which occurred on April 1, 1945. They were there when the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, leading to the end of the war against Japanese forces.

Jack was then sent to Tientsen, China, to help repatriate the Japanese back to Japan.

Jack Stubbs is extremely proud of his service as a United States Marine, and the Knox County Veterans Memorial will honor all the proud veterans from Knox County who answered the call of their country in times of crisis.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the groundbreaking ceremonies on Monday and stay to enjoy the hamburger meal.

## Knox City Homecoming is June 2, 3 and 4

Knox City will host ex-students from many years past when the community opens its doors to welcome past alumni to the Homecoming 2000 gathering set for June 2 through 4.

### Friday, June 2

Activities will begin on Friday, June 2 with registration beginning in the Knox City School Cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. Registration for the Homecoming is \$15.00 per person, and that fee will include a picnic supper, dance, and door prize drawings throughout the weekend.

A picnic supper will be held in the school cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.. Musical entertainment by Toby Burt & Bangora will provide the backdrop for visiting on the street in front of the Knox City Elementary School Building as ex's enjoy an opportunity to renew acquaintances. In the event of bad weather, this part of Homecoming 2000 will be moved into the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City School Campus.

### Saturday, June 3

Everyone will be up early to enjoy a complimentary breakfast in the Knox City School Cafeteria from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m. The meal is sponsored by the Ex-Student

Scholarship Committee.

Registration continues from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Class reunions are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., and school classrooms are available for the meetings. A schedule of locations for the various reunions will be available at the registration desk. For those groups wanting to reserve a room for a class reunion meeting, please call Mary Rauch at the Superintendent's Office, (940) 658-3521.

The football and band practice field across the parking lot from the Elementary School will be available for games to entertain kids who travel to Knox city with their parents.

After a day of class reunion meetings, the evening festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a catered meal in the school cafeteria by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. Cost for the meal will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The meal will end at 7:00 p.m.

A program in the auditorium will begin at 7:30 p.m.. Items on the agenda include announcements, acknowledgment of new officers, a memorial program, and entertainment.

With fingers crossed for good weather, a street dance in front of the Knox City Elementary School will begin at 9:00 p.m. and conclude at midnight. Music will once again be provided by Toby Burt and Bangora. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, and everyone is invited to dance until your feet hurt !!

### Sunday, June 4

Homecoming Worship Services begin at 9:45 a.m. and end at noon at a local church of your choice.

For those traveling to Knox City and needing motel rooms, the following list of available facilities has been provided by homecoming officials:

- City Motel in Knox City (940) 658-3541
- Knox Inn in Knox City (940) 658-3506
- Michael's Corner Inn in Munday (940) 422-5542
- Bever's House Bed & Breakfast in Haskell (940) 864-3264
- Fieldan Motel in Haskell (940) 864-2251

## Twenty-three to graduate from mid-school Friday

Twenty-three O'Brien Mid-School School students will receive diplomas in graduation exercises Friday night at seven o'clock in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

Following the processional, Haleigh Chenhall will give the invocation.

Brandon Espinosa will present the salutatorian's address followed by Ariana Gomez' valedictory.

Honor graduates are Matthew C. Brockett, Sondra Lankford and Carlos Ruiz.

Carlos Ruiz will introduce the speaker, Raul Espinosa, Knox City-O'Brien CISD board member.

Presentation of diplomas will be by Raul Espinosa, Knox City-O'Brien CISD board member; Louis Baty, school superintendent; and John Livingston, mid-school principal.

Sondra Lankford will give the benediction.

Graduates from O'Brien Mid-School include Moises Alfaro, Matthew Baxter, Matthew C.

Brockett, Jodi Chambers, Haleigh Chenhall, Makenzie Davis, Brandon Espinosa, Wesley Espinosa, Ashley Garcia, Bobby Garcia, Mathew Garcia, Ariana Gomez, Samantha Gutierrez.

Also, Brian Homstad, Sondra Lankford, Daisy Martinez, Sophia Pedroza, Jordan Reese, Amado Rodriguez, Carlos Ruiz, Juan Saldana, Martha Silva and Eddie Vela.

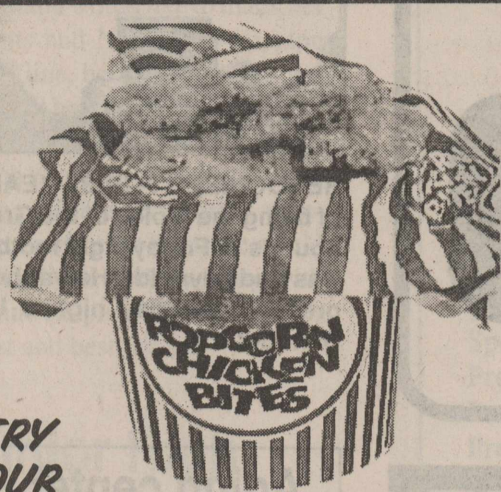
Ushers will be Kaylie Billington, Justin Parker, Drew Barnard and Erica Nevarez.

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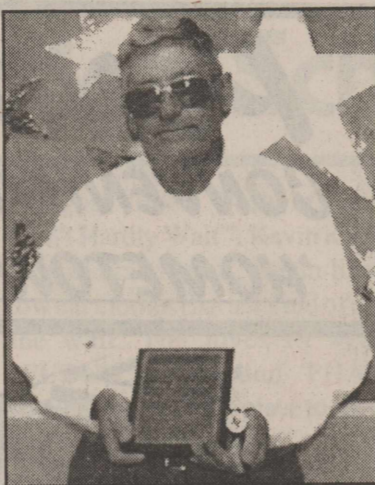
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**Monday, May 29** - Memorial Day. Closed.

**Tuesday, May 30** - Meat loaf, pinto beans, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread, brownies.

**Wednesday, May 31** - Chicken strips with gravy, buttered rice, green beans, salad, biscuits, birthday cake.

**Thursday, June 1** - Beef spaghetti, cole slaw, fried squash, blackeyed peas, cobbler.

**Friday, June 2** - Ham and macaroni casserole, glazed carrots, salad, hot rolls, peaches with topping.

*(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)*



**QUITE A GATHERING** showed up at the Knox City Park on May 8 for the Knox County 4-H Pet Show.

**4-H youngsters and their pets are winners at Knox County's 4-H Pet Show held on May 8**

By Jane Rowan  
Knox County  
Extension Agent/FCS

Members of the Knox City 4-H Club participated in a "Pet Show" during their May 8, 2000 club meeting activities. It was held at the Knox City Park.

Twelve youth participated in the fun event by bringing their favorite pet, real or not. Judges for the show were Patsy and Nikki Gonzales.

Participating and receiving the following awards were:

- Kayla DelValle - Kitten: Shortest Whiskers, Skinniest,

Shortest Nose.

- Kiel Rowan - Dog: Largest, Most Talented, Biggest Feet.

- Brittany Coop - Dog: Friendliest, Unusually Marked, Loudest Mouth.

- J.C. Chappell - Salamander: Smallest Feet, Biggest Fin, Ugliest One That Has To Be Cute.

- Rachel Ellis - Dog: Prettiest Eyes, Most Original Pet, Shyest.

- Brittney Gonzales - Dog: Best Bark, Longest Nose, Best Groomed.

- Charlie Rowan - Cat: Prettiest? Longest Whiskers, Most Colorfully Dressed

- Kate Rowan - Monkey: Fluffiest, Youngest, Furmiest.

- Kayla Hacker - Cats (2): Best Dressed Pair, Most Unusual, Most Look Alike Pair.

- Tiffany Esquivel - Dog: Longest Ears, Most Common Named, Fattest.

- Samantha Esquivel - Rabbit: Best Holiday Dressed, Most originally Dressed, Cutest.

- Vanessa Solis - Bear: Oldest, Shortest Ears, Smallest.

For more information about the 4-H program contact the Knox County Extension Office at (940) 454-2651.

**Weather**

Courtesy of  
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Date	Low	High	Rain
05/16	76	106	
05/17	68	100	
05/18	62	84	
05/19	55	63	
05/20	50	82	
05/21	60	93	.10
05/22	67	102	.04

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Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liable and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis.

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**KNOX CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Maribeth Williams** is shown here with her 'replacement' last Thursday. Names as 'Principal of the Day' was Sara Smith, a 4th grade student.

**KC Elementary names 'Principal of the Day'**

Sara Smith, daughter of Melissa and Kim Smith and a 4th grade student in Amy Richardson's class at Knox City Elementary, has received the honor of being Principal of the Day.

This privilege is given when a student in the Accelerated Reader Program (AR) has read enough books and passed enough tests to receive 250 points.

As Principal of the Day, Sara worked in the Principal's Office with Mrs. Williams. She pre-

pared handouts to be given to the students, picked up attendance forms from teachers, and made announcements over the intercom. After going to the Superintendent's Office, she helped put mail in the teachers' mailboxes.

At lunch, the Principal of the Day was helpful in attending to the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes.

Principal, Maribeth Williams and classroom teacher, Amy Richardson, congratulate Sara on a job well done.



Salutes all the graduating  
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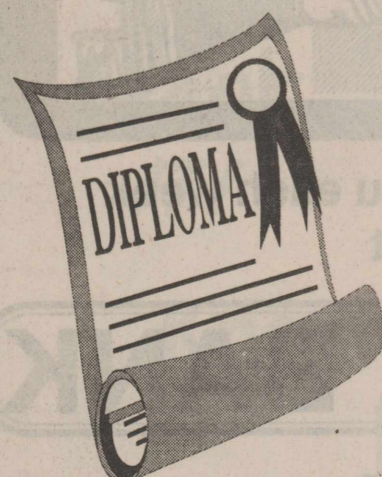


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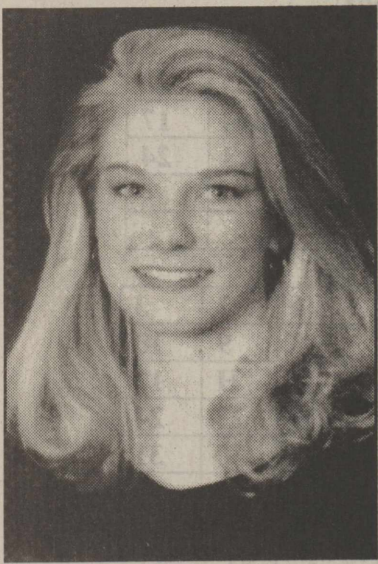
**Best of Luck To The Class Of 2000!**

**Dwight Gothard**

O'Brien, Tx



# Knox City High School • Class of 2000



**RONI MORROW**

On September 2, 1981, Poncho and Leisa Morrow awaited the arrival of their "little cowboy". Boy, were they surprised when it was a "little cowgirl", and she was just what they wanted. They named her Veronica (Roni) Blair Morrow. Two and a half years later she welcomed her brother Logan Brack into the family.

Roni's favorite color is blue; her favorite things to do are riding horses, showing pigs, dancing and being with her boyfriend and friends; her favorite food is ribs; her favorite music is country; her favorite songs are Amarillo By Morning by George Strait, Amazing Grace, Wide Open Spaces by Dixie Chicks, The Dance by Garth Brooks, and Amazed by Lonestar.

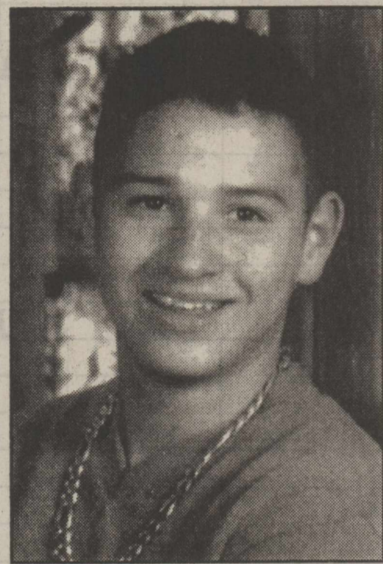
She attended Aspermont Elementary kindergarten and first grade year, moving to Knox City in 1990, to begin second grade. She has since attended KC-OB CISD where she is currently a senior in the Advanced High School program.

Roni has been involved in many extracurricular activities during her high school years such as: National Honor Society member, volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, Student Council, KTXS Academic Challenge, year-book staff and editor, UIL, band and FFA. Roni has received many awards and honors. She was nominated for Best All Around her Junior and Senior years. She has competed at Regional level in track and UIL accounting. She has represented her volleyball team in three bi-district games, receiving an all-district honor. Roni has been very involved in FFA as President, Vice-President and Sweetheart. She has won 3rd and 12th high individual at District and Area Horse Judging. Roni has won many awards with her FFA swine project at local, county and major shows. She is most proud of the coveted Senior Swine Showmanship buckle she won this year.

Roni is very involved in her Church Youth Group and volunteer activities in the community. As a member of 4-H, she has won the Gold and Silver Star awards, and serves on the Knox County Youth Program Committee, and is a Representative of the District 3 4-H Council. She has qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show many times in the timed events. Upon graduation she will at-

tend South Plains College and Angelo State University where she will pursue her degree in computer science and secondary teacher certification with mathematics as her second teaching field.

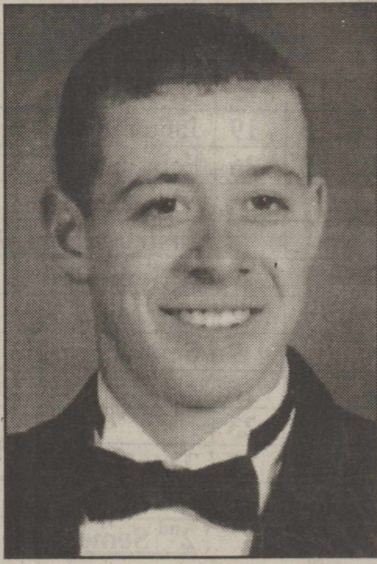
Roni would like to thank her parents and family for always being there and guiding her in the right direction. She would like to thank her boyfriend, Quentin for always being there, and her close friends for all the good times. She would also like to thank a special someone who is no longer here, her Poppa for always knowing the right thing to say and when to say it. Most of all she would like to thank God for everything He has ever done in her life !!



**RICHARD RINCON**

Richard Rincon Jr. was born in Haskell, Texas, on June 14, 1982. He comes from a big family: Bobby Casillas, father, Mary Casillas, mother, B.J. Casillas, older brother, Rachel Casillas, older sister, Olivia Rincon, his younger sister, Arica Casillas, his youngest sister, and Joel Casillas. B.J. is now married to Connie Casillas and they have two children, Little Bobby and Maria. Richard attended school in Knox City until the summer of his fourth grade year.

When he was ten his family moved to Garland, a suburb of Dallas. Richard at first was afraid of this move because of the enormous amount of people. His first year he went to Handley Elementary for his fifth grade year. His middle school years were spent at Brandenburg Middle School. When Richard was in seventh grade he picked up playing tennis. He loved it. It came natural to him. He wasn't very big so football coaches constantly overlooked him and made him warm the bench. Richard wasn't too good at basketball, and he didn't like soccer so tennis seemed like the best option. He continued to play through his high school years at South Garland High. He gradually got better and better thanks to the coaches at South Garland. His high school years were very good to him. November of his senior year he moved back to Knox City. He attended there only high school and plans to graduate. After graduation he has his mind on going to Dallas and getting in the trucking business with his father.



**MYLES RICHARDSON**

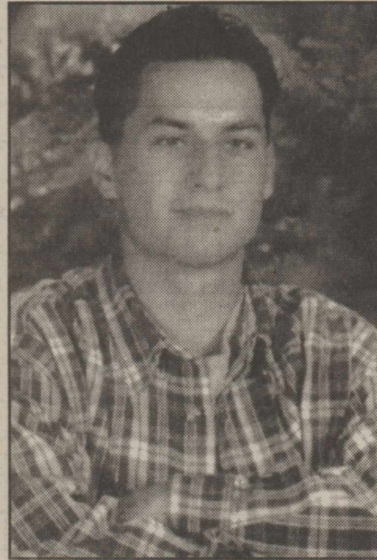
Christopher Myles Richardson is the son of Sid and Rosa Richardson. He has a younger brother, T.J. who is in the 6th grade. Myles was born at Graham General Hospital in Graham, Texas, on June 3rd, 1982. He began his education at Memorial Christian Pre-School. From there he went to Shawnee Elementary for kindergarten and first grade. Myles attended Crestview Elementary for his 2nd grade year and his third grade year up until Feb. of '91, when he and his family moved to Knox City. He attended Knox City Elementary and O'Brien Middle School where he was awarded Salutatorian of his 8th grade graduating class.

Myles' favorite colors are blue and red. He listens to most types of music and his favorite song is "I'll Be" by Edwin McCain. Myles' favorite foods are pizza and cherry cheesecake. In his spare time Myles enjoys playing football and basketball with his cousins and uncles. He also enjoys working on his /70 Plymouth Roadrunner.

Myles has been involved in FFA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, band, one act play, student council, football, basketball, track, tennis and baseball. He has also

been class president for the last three years. Myles received all-district second team honors in football, all district first team honors in baseball, and Myles placed 3rd in the district tennis meet while playing doubles with Landon Weiers-hausen. Myles has also been recognized in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Myles' plan for the future is to attend Angelo State University where he has already been accepted for admission and has received a Carr Scholarship. He plans to major in Kinesiology and upon graduation he plans to work in the field of sports medicine as an athletic trainer.



**JESSIE RIOS II**

On February 10, 1982 at 11:34 a.m. in Haskell, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie M. Rios were blessed with a baby boy they named Jessie Rios II. Jessie was also greeted that day by an older brother and sister, Ray and Trisha Rios.

Jessie has attended school in Knox City all but two years of his school career. In junior high, he participated in football, basketball, track, tennis, UIL, and band. Moving up the ladder, high school has been both fun and challenging

for Jessie. He has participated in many activities in high school such as football, basketball, track, golf, UIL and band. Jessie has also received the highest ranking in the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout Ranking, which took him several years of hard work to earn.

In Jessie's spare time he likes to go fishing, hunting and hangout with his favorite cousin Nefro, chilling with his friends Michael, Manuel, Kevin, Chris, Brandon, Jeff, Myles and his cousins Erica, Sarah, Patricia, Sonya and crusing around town listening to music with his friends. Jessie's favorite color is black and his favorite food is a double-meated cheeseburger with fries. He also apologizes if he forgot to mention any-

one of his friends, but they know who they are.

Jessie would like to thank everyone who has helped in get this far in life, especially God. A very special thanks goes out to his parents, Jessie and Dora, for being the best parents anyone could ever have, and also to his older brother and sister for showing him the way through the rough times and for always taking care of him. He would also like to thank a very special girl for always being there for him when he needed someone to talk to (she knows who she is), and to his cousin Nefro who has always been there for him.

Jessie's plans for the future are to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock and major in pre-pharmacy.

## CONGRATULATIONS

# 2000 Grads



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Local congregations welcome your attendance this Sunday

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

**Johnny Johnson, Pastor**

\* Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ \* Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
\* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Services telecast live on Cable Channel 6 in Knox City & O'Brien

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City

**Steve Pepper, Minister**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City

**Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

### FOUR SQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

**Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City

**Father Leo Schloemer - Deacon Julian Estrada**

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Father Leo Schloemer - Deacon Julian Estrada**

Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

**John Gillispie, Pastor**

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

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

**Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor**

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

**Ross Anderson, Pastor**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

**W.O. Smith, Pastor**

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

### FAITH CHAPEL - 8 Miles South Of Knox City

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

### O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien

**Bill Trice, Pastor**

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you prepare to graduate...



### KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2000/2001

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
							Teacher Days								
<b>AUGUST 2000</b>							<b>FEBRUARY 2001</b>								
		1	2	3	4	5	August 8,9,10					1	2	3	
6	7	SD	WD	SD	11	12	October 6	4	5	6	7	8	SD	10	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	January 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	February 9	18	19	20	21	RC	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31			May 25	25	26	27	28				
							Instructional Days								
<b>SEPTEMBER 2000</b>							<b>MARCH 2001</b>								
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester							2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester								
					1	2	Aug. 14 - Sept. 22.	29				1	2	3	
3	H	5	6	7	8	9	Sept. 25 - Nov. 3	29	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Nov. 6 - Dec. 20	30	11	H	H	H	H	H	17
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	RC	29	30	<b>Total Days</b>	<b>88</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>OCTOBER 2000</b>							<b>APRIL 2001</b>								
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester							3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester								
1	2	3	4	5	SD	7	Jan. 3 - Feb. 16	31	8	9	10	11	RC	H	14
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Feb. 19 - Apr. 6	30	15	BW	17	18	19	20	21
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Apr. 9 - May 24	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			29	30					
29	30	31					<b>Total Days</b>	<b>92</b>							
<b>NOVEMBER 2000</b>							<b>MAY 2001</b>								
Student Days 180							Teacher Days 187								
			1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5		
5	6	7	8	RC	10	11		6	7	8	9	10	BW	12	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Holidays	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
19	20	21	H	H	H	25		20	21	22	23	24	WD	26	
26	27	28	29	30			Sept. 4 - Labor Day	27	28	29	30	31			
							Nov. 22 - 24 - Thanksgiving								
<b>DECEMBER 2000</b>							<b>JUNE 2001</b>								
Dec. 21 - 29 - Christmas							Jan. 1 - New Years Day								
				1	2								1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Jan. 19 - Stock Show	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Mar. 12 - 16 - Spring Break	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	H	H	23	Apr. 13 - Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	H	H	H	H	H	30	Apr. 16 - Bad Weather Day	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							May 11 - Bad Weather Day								
<b>JANUARY 2001</b>							<b>JULY 2001</b>								
	H	WD	[3	RC	5	6	WD Teacher Prep./Staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	SD Development Days	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
14	15	16	17	18	H	20	BW Bad Weather Days	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	H Holidays	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
28	29	30	31				RC Report Card	29	30	31					
							[ ] Six Weeks								

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## KC Fire Dept. report for April



By Domingo Garcia, Fire Chief  
Doug Stephens, Information Officer

This is the Knox City Fire Department Report for the month of April 2000.

To start the month off, the fire department responded to a fire at the convenience center on the 4th. On the 17th, they responded to a fire in the 300 block of South Aspen. They did a controlled burn on the 10th on Southwest Third Street. On the 17th and the 26th, they did a controlled burn on the 400 block of North Central. Weather Watch was called out on the 22nd, 29th and 30th.

The Fire Department would like to remind the community of Transportation Code #545.407 and 545.408 of the Texas Motor Vehicle Handbook. Code 545.407; following or obstructing a fire apparatus or ambulance.

Unless on official business, you may not follow closer than 500 feet or drive or park a vehicle in a block where Emergency Vehicle was summoned. This can interfere with the arrival and departure of the Emergency Vehicles.

#545.408: An operator of a vehicle may not drive over an unprotected hose of the fire department if the hose is on the street or private driveway. This is to protect the lives of the firefighters and to help protect property. Your cooperation in both of these rules is appreciated by your fire department.

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## KC Police Dept. report



By Harry Steen, Chief of Police  
April, 2000

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during April 2000, receiving a total of 567 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 8 actual criminal offenses, of which 6 were cleared or otherwise handled. Three charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with two of the offenses involving juveniles as offender.

Offenses reported include: Harassment - 1, Injury to a Child - 1, Arson - 1, Theft - 1, Assault - 1, Assault (Family Violence) - 1, Criminal Mischief - 1.

Traffic Charges Filed - 4, Warnings Issued - 22, Accidents - 1.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during April are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents reported include: Prowler - 2, Suspicious Vehicle - 2, Welfare concern - 3, Courtesy stand-by - 24, Civil stand-by - 4, Motorist assist - 6, Open door - 3, Band Escort - 1, Neighborhood Dispute - 1, Funeral Escort - 1, Domestic Dispute - 1, Dog Bite - 1.

During the month of April, this department received calls from the following - Central (911) - 39, Sheriff's office - 12, City Hall - 21.

On the 10th, 17th and 26th, the fire department burned three dangerous buildings, that were in violation of city ordinances. On the 20th, Officer Stephens attended a OC Spray class in Abilene.

The end of the school year is near and this department would like to remind parents and kids that, curfew will be enforced during the summer months, just as it's always been. Just a reminder to BUCKLE UP, it's the law, also to obey all traffic signs.

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2000 and have a safe summer.



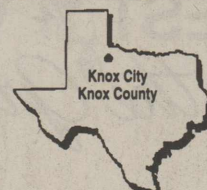
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# Knox City high School • Class of 2000



**LAUREN CLONTS**

On March 8, 1982, Greg Clonts and Ann Black welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Anna Lauren Clonts, into the world. Two years later, Lauren was blessed with a precious little sister, Emily Elizabeth, whom she instantly adored.

Lauren and her family lived in Knox City until her parents were divorced in 1985. Lauren, her mom, and her sister then moved to Breckenridge, where Lauren's grandparents also resided. During Lauren's childhood, she liked to spend time with her grandparents, Gran and Willie, color with her mom, and play in the playhouse with her sister. On the weekends, Lauren enjoyed visiting her dad and stepmom Kim, and going to Austin to see her other grandparents, Nan and Granddad.

Lauren began Breckenridge Elementary School in 1988 and Breckenridge Junior High in 1994. Lauren moved to Knox City in December of 1995 and attended O'Brien Middle School. In 1996 Lauren entered the exciting world known as high school. Riding around, talking on the phone, and getting grounded became part of every day life.

In high school, Lauren was very active in many extra curricular events. As a freshman, she played volleyball and basketball, and ran track. Lauren was also a band, Decathlon team, and FHA member. Furthermore, she was elected Student Council Secretary. During her sophomore year, she played volleyball and basketball, and was a member of FHA. When Lauren was a junior, she was part of the Houndette volleyball team which earned the District Championship. She was also a cheerleader and was elected Student Council and FHA Secretary. Lauren was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year. Finally Lauren's senior year rolled around and she was busier than ever. She was again part of the Houndette volleyball team that was District Runner-up and she also received All-District honors. In addition to volleyball, Lauren was a cheerleader, ran track and played softball and golf. Along with her athletic activities, Lauren was elected Student Council Secretary and Yearbook Editor.

Throughout high school, Lauren was Top Student in English II, III and IV AP, Spanish II and III, Word Processing, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and U.S. History. She also participated in several UIL events including Computer Applications, Science, Ready Writing, Headline Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing and News Writing. In addition to participating in UIL, Lauren was a Gifted and Talented member all four years of high school.

In her spare time, Lauren enjoys spending time with her boyfriend Nefro and talking and riding around with her best friend Jane Ann. She also loves to go dancing at Rhineland with Natalie. Furthermore, Lauren has a blast when she gets to see her sister Emily. She also likes reading, getting on the Internet and watching movies.

Lauren's favorite colors are baby blue and silver. Her favorite

food is seafood and her favorite kinds of music are country and rock. Anna roses and daisies are Lauren's favorite types of flowers. Her favorite songs are When You Say Nothing At All by Keith Whitley and Brown Eyed Girl by John Anderson. Lauren's favorite type of car is an Explorer or a Tahoe (hint, hint) and volleyball is her favorite sport.

Upon graduation, Lauren will attend Texas Tech University where she will major in pre-law or communications. Lauren plans to be a lawyer or an advertising director so that she may expand her arguing abilities or her creativity.

Lauren would like to express gratitude to her mom, dad and Kim for always putting up with her moodiness and arguing, for always supporting her, and for pushing her to do her best in each of her endeavors. Lauren would also like to thank her wonderful sister Emily for being the best sister anyone could ask for, for always keeping a smile on her face, and for being the greatest inspiration in her life. Furthermore, she would like to thank her boyfriend Nefro and her best friend Jane Ann for standing by her through everything and for everything that they have done for her.

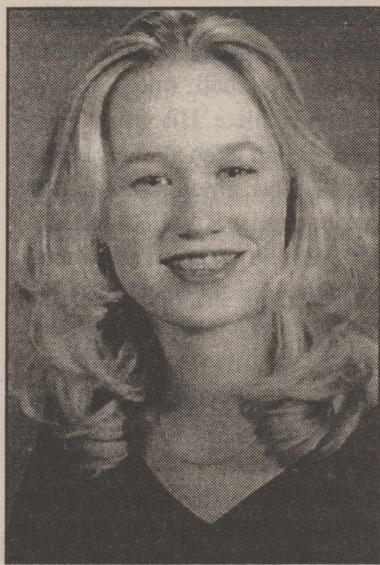


**HEATHER STOVALL**

Heather Stovall is currently an eighteen year old senior at Knox City High School. She has four brothers and sisters including Derek, who also graduated from Knox City, and is currently enlisted in the navy; Melissa, who also was a graduate of Knox City; and Nicole and Sean in junior high.

Heather's parents are Paul and Laura Stovall both of Knox City. She has gone to school in Knox City for seven years, excluding her junior year when she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada for nine months. Before she lived in Knox City she lived in Munday and Haskell. Her favorite colors are green and yellow, her favorite food is anything edible, and she likes just about any music.

Heather's after graduation plans consist of going to school; she's not sure where just yet, and majoring in zoology.



**NATALIE BLOXHAM**

On March 3, 1982, at 8:29 a.m. in the Knox County Hospital, Pam and Dale Bloxham welcomed their beautiful baby girl in to the world. Her big brother Nathan was thrilled, naturally, to have a little sister to pick on. When they were little, his favorite thing to do was to make her cry by telling her she was adopted. Now that they are older, he's not as mean to his little sister. Natalie has lived and attended school in Knox City her whole life. Her favorite colors are blue, green and purple (sorry Coach Lierly). Her favorite food is by far her daddy's steak and her mom's mashed potatoes. She loves any kind of music she can dance to, and her favorite songs are "The Dance" by Garth Brooks, "Silver Wings" by Merle Haggard, and "Empty Glass" by Gary Stewart. Her favorite things to do on the weekends include: dancing at Rhineland with LaLa, Codie and Blaine, hanging out at Rojo's, watching movies and getting thrashed at chess by Speck.

Natalie has been involved in many activities throughout her high school career which include: FFA, FFA secretary, horse judging, athletics, cheerleading, National Honor Society, NHS Vice President, Gifted and Talented, Student Council, SC representative, Junior class reporter, UIL - science, accounting, newswriting, KTXS Challenge, Small Schools Competition, Annual and Annual editor. She has shown pigs for 8 years and goats for two years. She won Goat Showmanship twice and Swine Showmanship once at the county show.

Her awards include: District runners-up and Bi-District finalist in volleyball; Area and Regional Qualifiers in track for 2 years, Mile relay District Champs, Best All-Around Track Girl; FFA Star Greenhand and Sweetheart; UIL accounting - 1st team and 2nd individual at district, Regional Qualifiers; UIL newswriting - 2nd at district, Regional Qualifier; and Top Student - Math, English, Science, History and Agriculture. She was nominated for Ms. Firefighter her sophomore year and Best All-Around Student her junior and senior years.

Natalie will attend Angelo State University in the fall, majoring in accounting and minoring in real estate appraisal.

Natalie would like to thank her parents and Nathan for keeping her in line, her friends for listening to all her trivial problems, and Coach Welch, Coach DeVille and Coach Lierly for making her smile during all those hard track practices. Last but not least, she would like to thank God for being with her and helping her through her worst and best times.

## Junior High district tennis is held May 8

By Coach Sandy Chappell

On Monday, May 8, at the Knox City tennis courts, the Jr. High boys and girls competed in the district tennis meet.

Everyone played well despite the 100 degree temperature.

Results were:

-- Doubles - Girls --  
1st - Sophie Gutierrez and Samantha Gutierrez  
2nd - Jodi Chambers and McKenzie Davis  
3rd - Haleigh Chenhall and Dimple Patel

-- Boys - Singles --  
1st - Carlos Ruiz  
2nd - Wes Espinosa  
3rd - Brandon Espinosa  
4th - Ben Simmons

-- Boys Doubles --  
1st - Riley Spells and Dustin Johnson  
2nd - Brian Homstad and Eric Lewis  
3rd - Justin Parker and Ricky Smith

Congratulations to all who participated.

## Commencement Program Class of 2000

W. R. Baker Auditorium

Saturday, May 27, 2000

7:00 P.M.

Processional.....	Dottie Lowrey
Invocation.....	Myles Richardson
Valedictorian's Address.....	Natalie Bloxham
Special Music.....	Jessie Schur
Salutatorian's Address.....	Lauren Clonts
Speaker.....	Aaron Alejandro
Presentation of Awards.....	Mack Lowe
Presentation of Class.....	Mack Lowe
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Louis Baty Greg Clonts
Benediction.....	Stephanie Pedroza
Recessional.....	Dottie Lowrey

**Pianist**  
Dottie Lowrey

**Ushers**

Jennifer Vacek Erik Rocha  
Audrey Lankford Aaron Sanchez

## A Note To the 2000 Graduates of Knox City High School:

.... From a former graduate of Knox City High School, .... and the parent of a 1993 graduate and future graduates of Knox City High, .... Sincere wishes for all of your dreams and hopes to become realities.

**Don and Marla Hawkins**  
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United Regional Health Care System announces the opening of

# Rathgeber Hospitality House

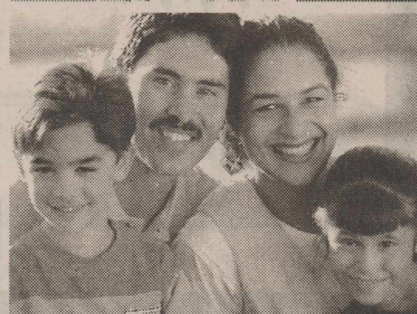
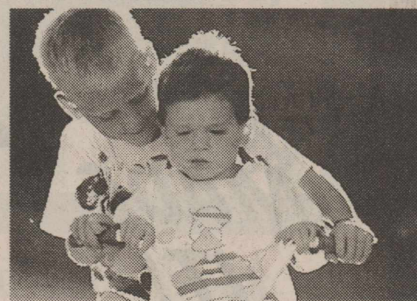
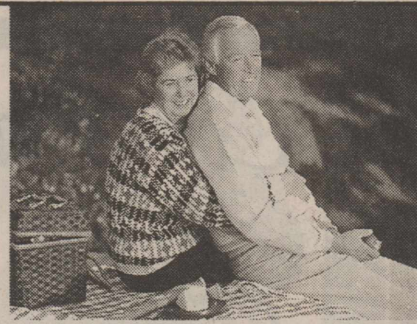
*a welcoming haven for families when a loved one is hospitalized.*

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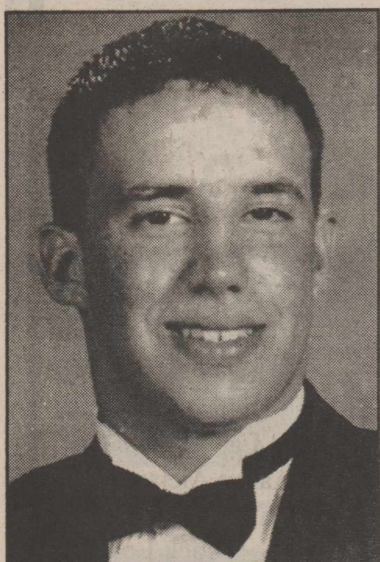
At United Regional Health Care System, we realize that in addition to quality healthcare, having loved ones near is vital to the healing process. So, through the efforts, donations and grants of various individuals, foundations and corporations, Rathgeber Hospitality House was born. This community project of the United Regional Health Care Foundation, provides a "home away from home" for families—away from the emotional and financial stress of the hospital environment.

United Regional Health Care System





# Knox City High School • Class of 2000



**KEVIN CASILLAS**

Kevin Casillas has lived in Knox City for six years. Since he has been here his life has taken a dramatic U-turn. Kevin has an older brother by the name of Danny Jr. He also has an older

sister Vallera. His younger sister Stephanie is the only sibling he has lived with. Kevin's mother's name is Donna Casillas, his father's name is Danny. Everybody knows his grandparents Manuel and Marry Casillas.

Kevin was born on April 22, 1981, in Fort Worth, Texas. He went to elementary and part of junior high in Fort Worth and Arlington. Six years ago he moved to the big city of Knox City. Since he has attended school here in Knox City. Kevin will be graduating on May 27, 2000.

Kevin likes lots of things. He used to be a video game junkie (more than he is now). His favorite color is blue. Columbia blue to be exact (north Carolina blue) but he also likes dark blue as well. Any shade of blue except blue green or aqua blue. Kevin's favorite movies are "Friday, Three

Amigos', 'Fools Rush In', and 'Can't Hardly Wait'". Kevin loves "Lugz" brand boots, Kevin likes to wear clothes that are kind of off the wall. The loves to wear "FUBU", 'ECKO' and 'PHAT FARM'. His favorite place to shop for clothes is "Mr. Rags".

He likes basketball. But his all-time favorite is Baseball. He has played that the longest and loves it. His favorite food is Italian and his favorite place to eat is at The Macaroni Grill. His favorite people are God, his grandpa (pop) and grandma, mom, all his friends who he would like to give a big shout out to all of them for being there for him. " W W W W A A A A S S S S UUUUPPPPP!!!!" His favorite people are Vince Carter, Pudge Rodriguez, Samuel L Jackson, Coach Risinger, Mr. T, Krayzie Bone, The Rock, His grandpa (pop), Bill Cosby, Outcast, Nolan Ryan, Robin Williams, The Was Up Guys from the camertial, the desiners that make "FUBU" and one special person who he would like not to say.

His favorite music is "HIP-HOP & R&B". He also likes a little rock, also he loves Tejano too. His favorite hip-hop groups are "Bone thugs-n-harmony", "Outcast", and the "Hot Boys". His favorite hip-hop artists are Krayzie Bone, Pimp C. and Bum B, Juvenile, Jay Z, Big Boi, Black Rob, Master P, D.J. Crunk, Pharo Monch and CoCo Budda.

Kevin has a philosophy in life. It can be completely explained in two different quotes. "It's not what you know it's who you know", "But sometimes who you know isn't what you know" And the second is his favorite one. " I'm not who you think I am, I'm not who I think I am, I am who you think I think I am."

Kevin has gotten many honors

in his high school career. His sophomore year he lettered in football and basketball. And got most improved athlete. His junior year he got second team all district for football, and among those two sports lettered in BASEBALL. His senior year he got honorable mention in the one-act play.

At this time Kevin would like to thank ALL his family which is so much he can't remember them all and the closest ones to him (they know who they are) thanks. To all his friends, Jimbo, Chris B., Aaron, Chris G., Mike, Jimmy, Gilbert, Tommy, Lil Billy, Manuel, Kelly, Myles, G-fouunk, Phillip, Sal Silva, Sal Serrano, pee pee, Jessica and Victor, my boy K.D., Eric G. and Eric A., Doug Bayer and Quincy "Q"; he misses them and that's real. Shavonne, Belinda, Nikki G., Christal E., Sonya C, Stephanie P., Jazmin, Audrey, Jada Fox! To everybody he forgot, they know who they are and he apologizes, they know he loves all of them, And most important to the best friend anyone could have GOD, without HIM watching over him he would probably not be alive today. He helped Kevin learn from his mistakes and lead him in the right direction.

was drum major her junior and senior years.

Jazmin would like to thank all the people that have helped her get to where she is right now. Most of all she would like to thank her parents for giving her their love and support. She would also like to thank Michael Baez for always being there when she needed him the most. Jazmin will attend Cisco Junior College in the fall. She plans to go to a four-year college after Cisco and major in the business or computer programming area.



**JEFF ACREE**

On June 10, 1981 in Minden, Louisiana at 7:49 a.m. Jeffery Hodges Acree was born to Phillip and Betty Acree. About five years before that, his older brother, William Edward Acree, was born. They lived in Minden until 1983 when suddenly Phillip died of a blood clot in her heart. About half a year later his mother re-married to Eddy Benton Bailiff. He is only a step-dad to Jeff, but he loves him like a father. He may not show it sometimes, but he does. He has spent all his school years here Pre-K through his SENIOR year, even two years in the third grade. Jeffery's favorite color is green (of course) and, oh, does he love his tacos. He listens to all different kinds of music and loves to go swimming. He also loves to hang out with all his friends, they all know who they all are. And if anyone knows him, he can always make them laugh even when they are on their worst day.

Jeffery plans to go to Cisco Junior College to participate in the Wrangler Band, and plans to major in criminal justice. Over the four years in high school he really has not been involved, but here are a few: Band (four years), FFA (four years), Pig Production (two years), Annual Staff (one year and what a fun year it was, right, Mrs. D?), Student Council (one year), FHA (one year), UIL Newswriting Team (one year), Teachers Aide at Elementary (one

year). He had fun with Mrs. Brockett. Jeffery also received top student for his senior year in Economics and Food Science Nutrition. Jeffery would like to thank everyone who has helped him along the way through the years. God Bless.



**ASHLEY ROBERTS**

Ashley Roberts was born on December 19, 1981; her parents are Jackie and Toni Sanders and she has three brothers, Corey Roberts, Cody Sanders and Timothy Sanders.

Ashley attended school Pre-K through seventh grade in Breckenridge, Texas; she attended eighth grade in Quanah, Texas and moved to Knox City for her four years in high school. Ashley's favorite color is yellow, favorite food is tacos, and her favorite kind of music is country. Her plans for the future are to raise her daughter, Brittney Gibson, the best that she can, and maybe later attend college to major in computers. Ashley would like to thank her parents, Randall, Mr. Dillon, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Lowe for encouraging her and helping her throughout her years at Knox City High School.



**MICHAEL BAEZ**



Michael Baez was born January 23, 1982, in Stamford, Texas. Michael's parents, Blas and Lidia Baez, have nine other children. Michael originally attended Snyder Central Elementary through half of the fifth grade; then he moved to Knox City.

Michael's greatest obsession is football, in which he has performed fullback and linebacker for five years. Michael has received Who's Who is Sports awards and all-district honors for three years in a row, as well as being picked for an All-Star game in Abilene.

Michael's favorite colors are black, neon orange and navy blue. Michael's favorite foods and chicken enchiladas and fajitas. Michael is really into heavy metal music as well as a little rap.

Michael would like to thank all the coaching staff for helping and supporting him through high school. Michael would also like to thank his family for always wanting the best for him; especially his father for providing everything he could, and his mother for always being there and waking him up on Monday mornings. Michael would also like to thank the game of football for keeping him busy; without it Michael would not be where he is today. Michael plans to attend Cisco Junior College in the fall.

**GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATES**

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*You're On Your Way, Grads. The Future Looks Bright For You!*

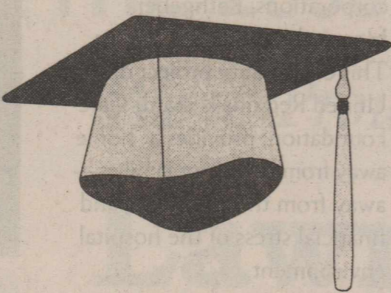
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Our prayers & best wishes are with you all.

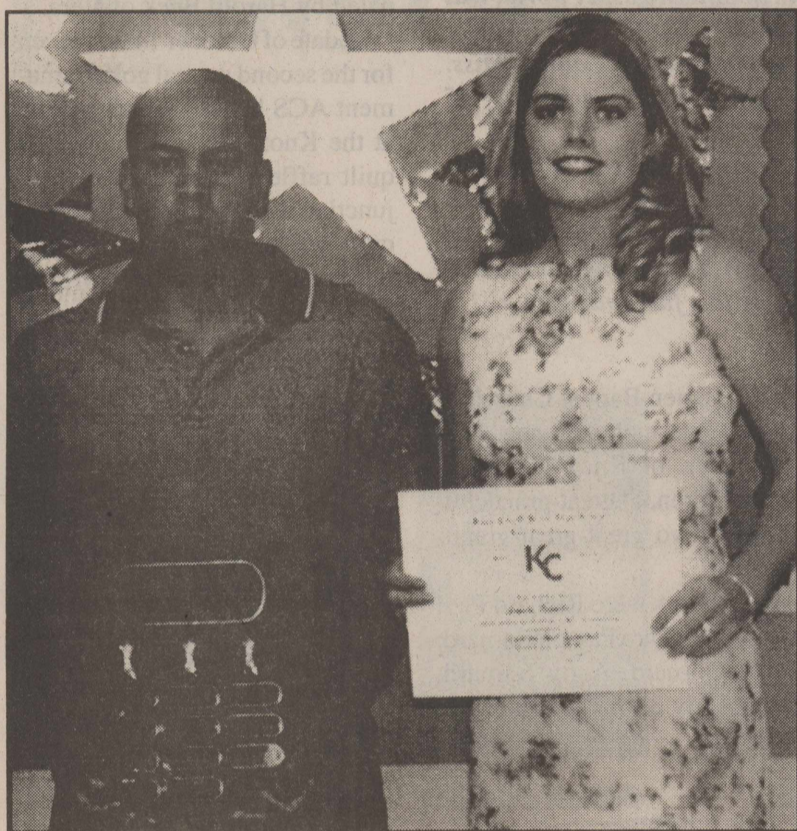
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**BEST ALL AROUND AT Knox City High School** were named at Saturday night's UIL Banquet, Sal Silva and Jennifer Vacek.



**FIGHTING HEART AWARDS** were presented to Greyhound Sal Silva and Houndette Angela Roberts.

## County heart association meets May 9

By Peggy Guinn

Communication Chairman

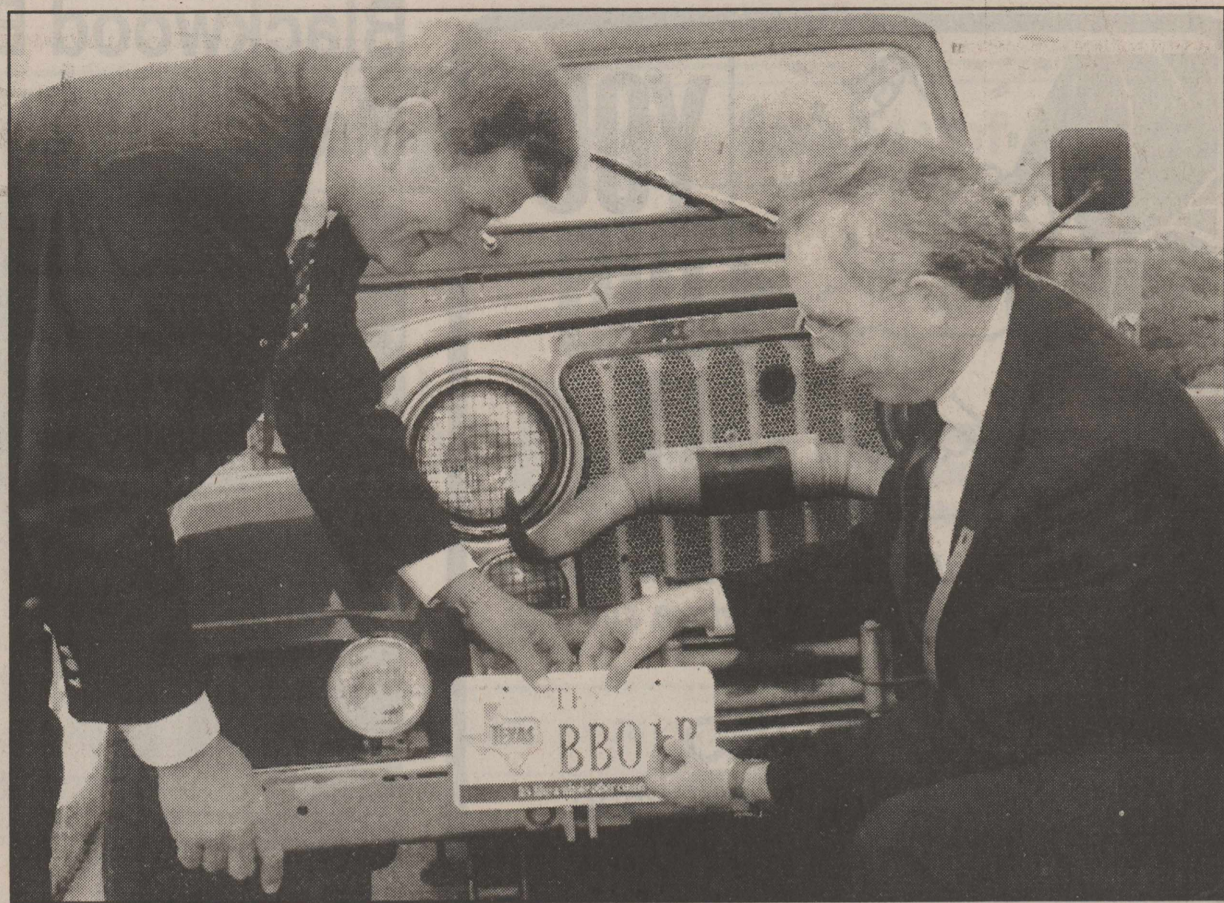
The Knox County American Heart Association met Tuesday, May 9, at Kathie and Jack's Restaurant. Guest was Mark Bingham, P.A. The Board expressed their appreciation to him and the other doctors. They were instrumental in helping make this a successful year for fundraising. Dr. Shirley Barretto, Dr. Feras Hamadeh, Dr. Imran Rao and Mark funded the Women and Heart Health Luncheon in March. Contributions given by the community through all of the events, Hoops for Heart, Business Drive, Jump Rope for Heart, memorials, heart health luncheon and others exceeded the goal that was set.

Awards were given to Frankie Baker and Charlene Brothers for years of service to the board.

Awards were also given to *The Knox County News* and the *Munday Courier* for their support through the year. The American Heart Association does not pay for advertisement. The good will of the area media is depended on to inform the public. The Board recognized the excellent coverage provided by the county newspapers.

New officers for the coming year were presented. They are Charlene Brothers as president, Zoanne Felts as president-elect, Birdie Helton as secretary, Frankie Baker as treasurer, Flora Roberts, as program chairman, June Tankersley as business drive chairman and Peggy Guinn as communication chairman.

Cheryl Johnson, the North Texas Region Director, thanked all for their hard work. She and Charlene are to attend the state meeting in Corpus Christi.



**NEW LICENSE PLATES** were unveiled last week to commemorate Texas Tourism Week. State Representative Edmund Kuempel of Seguin shows off his Texas pride by trying out the new "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country"® specialty license plate on a longhorn-decked red jeep.

(Courtesy photo)

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Our dear friend Trudy attended my husband's birthday party. Though she's been through a lot - including a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery - Trudy was the life of the party as usual. Hugging her goodbye, I couldn't help noticing she had nothing on under her blouse, "Trudy, you're not wearing a bra!" I whispered.

With a twinkle in her eye she replied, "I may be 70, honey, but they're only 15."

Here and There - Lowell and Sue Rowan of Denton spent the weekend with Lowell's mom, Bernice Rowan. They attended the wedding for one of Bernice's nieces in Stamford.

Tuesday of last week, Bro, Bill Trice, Orval and Helen Manning Bernice Rowan and I were in

Lueders to attend Sr. Citizen Day at camp. There was close to 300 people there and we enjoyed a good sermon, good singing and lots of good food.

Paul Gothard of Blackwell visited with his father Dwight Gothard Saturday and they enjoyed going out for a good meal.

Bobbie Brass of Rule visited me Sunday and we attended graveside rites for Edrie Barnard in O'Brien Cemetery.

Beatrice Ellis and son David of San Angelo spent Friday night with her daughter Sammie Murry and husband Grady. Beatrice went for a checkup on her recent surgery, and got a good report and returned home Saturday.

Visiting Demp Emerson over the weekend was his grandson, Greg Oliver and they visited with

Greg's mom, Joann Albus and husband.

Saturday night Delbert and Norma Hayes and I attended a musical at the Opera House in Anson. There were a good number of people there and lots of good music and singing.

Alton and LaUna Hester were in Amarillo last week visiting their daughter Brenda and family. LaUna underwent surgery last Wednesday. The surgery turned out real good and they spent the last few days with her daughter and family and will return home this week.

Dwight Gothard, Vivian Hendrix, Bernice Rowan and I and Bro. Bill Trice attended baccalaureate Sunday night at the W.R. Baker Auditorium in Knox City.

## Letter to the editor


Dear Editor:

After much thought and consideration, I feel I must write this letter for my own peace of mind. I have been approached by several people since the recent hospital board election asking why I wanted to "get rid" of members of the medical staff had I been elected. I was surprised because I had never even remotely made comment to that effect. It seems a group of concerned citizens, I shall call "false witnesses", reached every realm of the county with these rumors (what physician or P.A. I was supposedly out for depended on your geographic location in the county).

I suppose I could feel flattered that people would think I could carry so much power with one vote as to sway a board of seven intelligent adults. I don't feel flattered: I feel disappointed that a little county election could result in lies and slander, and that people I have cared for all these many years could believe that I would do anything that would adversely effect our hospital - after all I use our hospital and doctors myself so I certainly don't want to lose it! Thank you,

/s/ Gayle Hudson

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to the  
**Benjamin High School**  
**Class of 2000**



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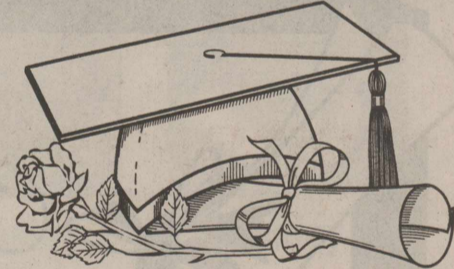
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*and the staff of the*

**Knox County Hospital Clinic**

*extend their congratulations to and all of the area's graduating seniors from the classes of 2000*

**Best Wishes 2000 Graduates !**

*All of your friends will be going their separate ways. Whole new worlds will be opening up for you, full of fascinating and sobering discoveries. But your paths will cross from time-to-time, bringing back all of the warm and funny memories. As you choose your individual roads to travel, we want to wish you all the happiness and success in the world!*

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Studies in the Am. Journal of the Am. Medical Assn. found that the Alzheimer's Disease drug tacrine does indeed foster cognitive improvements in many patients. However, about 28% of patients taking the drug suffer serious but reversible liver toxicity.

A 1992 study found that seven percent of workers are also caring for an elderly family member at home. Of these, 56% are women and 44% are men.





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*Our congratulations on a job well done, and sincere wishes for future success.*

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## Blackwood Brothers to perform May 31 at W.R. Baker Auditorium



The legendary Blackwood Brothers Quartet, practically an institution in the Southern gospel world, will be performing at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

The quartet was formed more than 65 years ago by three brothers and a nephew in Choctaw County, Miss. Membership has changed during the years, but Cecil Blackwood has sung the baritone part for over 45 years and continues to carry on the legendary quartet.

Their concerts are filled with the songs they helped make famous, from 1934 to the present. Their parade of songs spans their 65 year history, including "How Great Thou Art", "The Old Country Church", "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", "I'll Fly Away", "I Love To Tell The Story", and many more. A love offering will be taken. The local concert is being sponsored by the Knox City Ministerial Alliance. The community and the entire area are encouraged to attend next Wednesday evening to enjoy this fabulous group! !

## Rites are held Sunday for Edrie Barnard

Graveside services for Mattie Edrie Richards Barnard of O'Brien were held Sunday afternoon, May 21, at three o'clock in the O'Brien Cemetery.

Rev. Dale Turner and Rev. Bill Trice officiated with arrangements by Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barnard, 95, died Friday night, May 19, in the Knox County

Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born April 21, 1905, in Erath County, she came to this area 92 years ago. She was married to Rufus P. Barnard Sr. and he preceded her in death in 1968. She was secretary for Northern Star Seed Farms before retiring. She had worked as supervisor of County Sewing Room 1934-1940 and had served on the Haskell County Ration Board during World War II.

Mrs. Barnard was a great rock collector, gardener and a member

of the O'Brien Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, R.P. Barnard Jr. of Knox City; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Richard Paul Barnard, Richard Payton Barnard, Joe H. Barnard, Andy Barnard, Erwin Andy Barnard II and Douglas Farr.



## Cancer society meets May 9

The Knox Co. Unit of the American Cancer Society met on Tuesday, May 9, in the Munday Community Center. Several items were on the agenda as this was to be the last meeting until the fall.

All were interested in knowing the details of the 2000 Crusade Drive. Valera Hertel, County Chairman, reported a total of \$7,189.13 had been collected by 11 chairmen and 105 volunteers. She stated her thanks and appreciation to all for the super job done of the drive. Joanna Duncan, field representative from Lubbock, presented a certificate of appreciation to the chairmen.

A report on the Parent Fair was given. It was noted that there had been much interest at the ACS booth. The Unit's door prize was a rustic bird house shaped like a church and was made and donated by Harold Beck of Vera.

A date of October 14 was given for the second annual golf tournament ACS benefit which will be at the Knox City golf course. A quilt raffle will be held in conjunction with the tournament. The quilt will be on display at several places and events and all will have an opportunity to be included in the drawing for the quilt. Geraldine Koenig is in charge of the raffle. Ladies giving of their time and talent to do the quilting were Mary Birkenfeld, Theresa Bruggeman, Emma Fetsch, Rose Marie Brown, Bertha Wilde, Geraldine Koenig and Betty Kuehler.

The ACS Golf Pass would make an excellent gift for Dad on Mother's Day. Information on the pass can be found at the Munday and Knox City club houses, various places of business or by calling 422-4990.

The next meeting will be September 12 in Knox City.

## BEST WISHES to the Class of 2000!

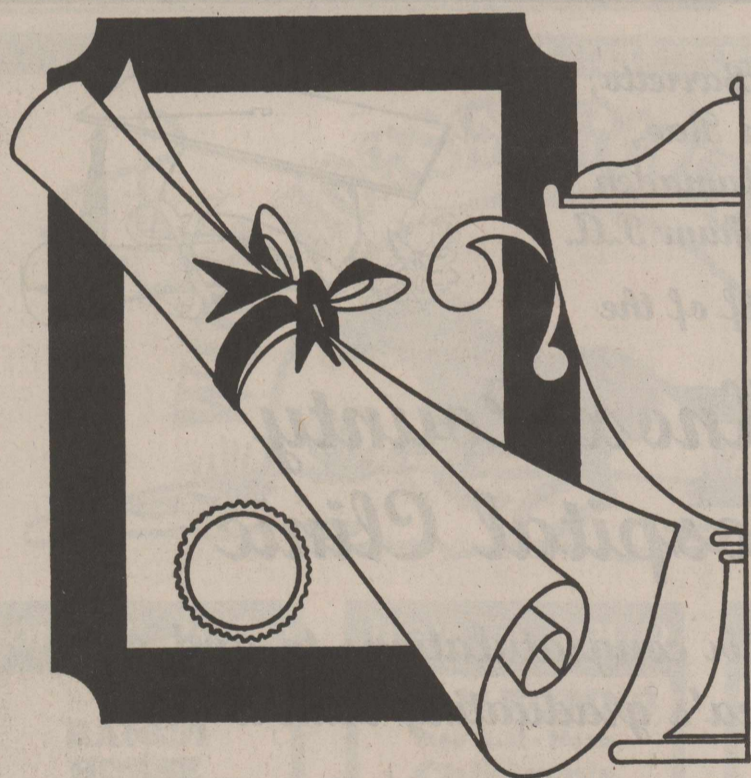
We are very proud of each member of the 2000 graduating class of Knox City High School.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as you leave your home town to prepare for jobs, college and your future.

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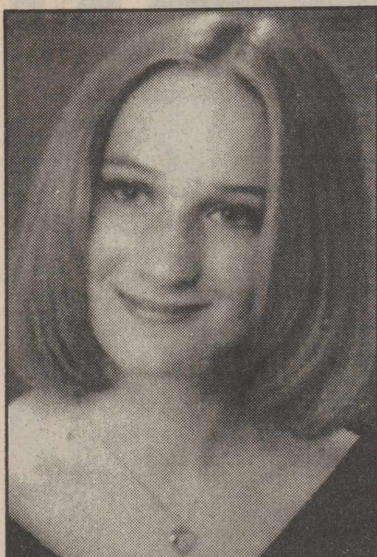
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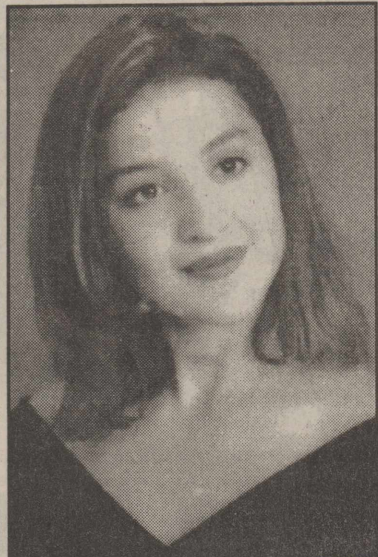
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## Benjamin High School • Class of 2000



**LYNNE MOORHOUSE**  
... valedictorian



**CARMEN ACEVEDO**  
... salutatorian

she knows that she has not always been a blessing to have, but she has been your student one time or another. Her favorite colors are blue and green. Her favorite movie is "Mulan". She loves sports football, basketball and reading, listen to music, and hang out with her boyfriend and friends. Her favorite food is Mexican, Italian and Chinese food. Her favorite saying is "alrightythen". Ok, but the real saying is "Day in the life does not mean you live your whole life in a day." Her favorite singers are George Strait, and Faith Hill. Her future plans are to attend South Plains Jr. College then Texas Tech to major in physical therapy and minor in kinesiology. Thanks everyone and good luck to the up coming classes.

### Benjamin names honor grads

Honor graduates for the Benjamin Class of 2000 have been announced by Superintendent Ben Grill.

Class valedictorian is Lynne Moorhouse, daughter of Mike Moorhouse and the late Debra Moorhouse. Lynne posted a four

year academic average of 97.41.

Class salutatorian is Carmen Acevedo, daughter of Pancho and Emilia Acevedo. Carmen's grade point average is 94.00.

Graduation will be this Friday night, May 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the Benjamin Memorial Building.

### Honor graduates named for Benjamin Junior High

Benjamin Junior High honor graduates have been named.

Valedictorian is Ashley Bufkin, daughter of Michael and Lori Bufkin, who posted a 95.43 grade

point average.

Jonathon Shaw, salutatorian, is the son of George and Connie Shaw. He posted a 92.43 grade point average.



**LYNNE MOORHOUSE**

Lynne Michelle Moorhouse, daughter of Mike and the late Debra Moorhouse, was born August 8, 1981 in Haskell, Texas. She has 2 younger sisters, Elizabeth and Jessica, and a younger brother, William. In 1986, she started kindergarten in Guthrie, Texas, and finished 2 years later. After moving around back and forth between Guthrie, Iowa Park and Benjamin, she finally returned to Benjamin her sixth grade year and has been there ever since. During high school, Lynne has been involved in cheerleading, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, track, cross examination debate, and many UIL Literary Events along with being involved in FFA, FHA, Gifted and Talented, and annual staff. During her senior year, she has been on the Bi-District Qualifier Volleyball team, Regional Qualifier Cross-Country team, Area-Qualifier Basketball team, State Qualifier Cross-Ex Team, and Track Regional Qualifier in the 100 meter hurdles. Also, she has received various awards during her senior year such as First Team All-District in Volleyball, First Team All-District Basketball and Academic All-State Basketball Team.

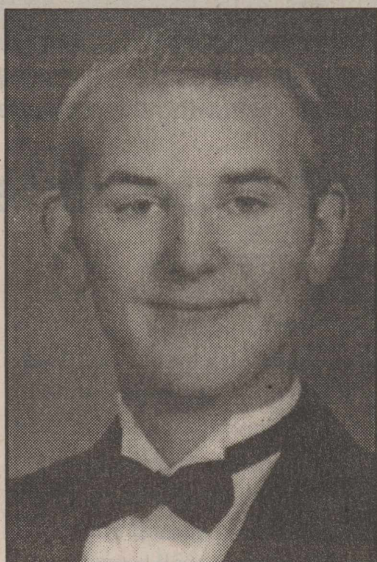
Lynne enjoys listening to George Strait and Ozzy Osborne. Her favorite food is cheese and macaroni and her favorite color is green. The most memorable time she had in high school was her senior year of sports, especially in volleyball when the Benjamin Lady Stangs were Undeclared District Champions with a 17-0 record and winning a steak dinner from a bet with a friend on the Knox City games. By the way, someone still owes them a dinner from the second game and you

know who you are! She has worked for the past two years, but in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her friends while making the most of high school. She will attend Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas in the fall of 2000 where she plans to major in accounting.



**BRANDY RIGGINS**

Hi There! This is Brandy Leigh Riggins. She is 18 years old. She was born May 23, 1981, in Silver City, NM. Her parents are Joe and Sharazan Riggins of Benjamin, Texas, and Paul and Becky Donahue of St. Mary's, Georgia. She is the oldest of seven children, who include Billy Riggins, Garrett Favor, Amanda Riggins, Cheyenne Favor, Shawna Favor, and Breanna Riggins. She went to elementary school and part of junior high in Georgia. After being home schooled her 7th grade year in Texas. She attended Knox City-O'Brien 8th-10th grades; her 11th grade year she went to Rochester, and finally she is a senior at Benjamin ISD. She participated in volleyball, basketball and track for four years, and ran cross-country her senior year. She has been active in 4-H, FFA, and One Act Play. She also has been class officer and held office in clubs. She was in prose and literary criticism. She would like to thank all of her parents for their support through her hard, happy, sad, and trivial times. She would like to thank God for her family, friends and abilities. Special thank you goes to Dusty Garcia for helping her through her last two years of her high school. She would like to thank all of her friends who were there when she needed them; you know who you are. She does want to praise all of her teachers from 9th - 12th for putting up with her;



**JUSTIN WALDRON**

Justin Scott Waldron is the son of Kathie and Jack Waldron.

His freshman year he participated in football, received the Greenhand award, was class favorite, Fall Festival class representative and named "Wittiest".

During his sophomore year, he was in football, cross country, class favorite and was Fall Festival class rep.

His senior year, Justin was also class favorite, Fall Festival King and Mr. BHS.



**MICA LARNED**

Mica Mechelle Larned, daughter of Jim and Brenda Larned, was born on May 2, 1982, in Shamrock, Texas. At 3 months old, she, her parents, her older sister moved to San Angelo. She is the middle child of 4. She has 2 sisters, Tanya Casillas and Juli Lyles, and a brother, Tanner Whitaker. In 1987, she started kindergarten in Grape Creek, Texas, and moved to Knox City her 4th grade year. At the beginning of her sophomore year she moved to Benjamin. Mica has participated in many extra-curricular activities throughout her high school career such as basketball (District Champs), volleyball (UNDEFEATED District Champs 99-00), track, cross-country (Regional Qualifier), golf, UIL literary events, annual staff, and L-D debate (District runner-up). She remained on the A-B honor roll throughout her school years. She also participated in FFA and 4-H.

Mica's favorite colors are yellow, blue and purple, and her favorite food is chicken soft tacos. She enjoys listening to George Strait and going to watch Jody Nix. Her favorite actor is Richard Gere and her favorite actress is Julia Roberts. Mica enjoys spending time with her family. In her

spare time she enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, Jason. She enjoys going to dances, going to the lake, and talking on the phone to her friends. Her most memorable time in high school was her senior year in volleyball, when the Lady Stangs were the undefeated District Champs (17-0).

She has greatly enjoyed her senior year. She would like to thank her parents for helping her through the tough times and putting up with her during the rebellious times. She wants them to know they are very supportive and she loves them with all of her heart. Thanks Mom and Dad!!

After graduation, Mica plans to attend VRJC Nursing School in the fall of 2000.



**BLAINE CONNER**

Blaine Lyn Conner is the daughter of Janet Reed of Benjamin and Steve Conner of Colorado City, Texas. She has an older sister, Michele, and a younger brother, Clayton. Blaine was born in Lubbock, Tx, on March 17, 1982. She started kindergarten at Benjamin ISD in 1987 and attended school there until her sophomore year. During her sophomore year she moved to Colorado City, Tx and attended school at Colorado High School. After her junior year she moved back to Benjamin to finish her senior year with her longtime friends. Blaine has been involved in many extra-curricular activities. She has been a cheerleader and participated in cross-country, volleyball, basketball, track tennis, c-x debate and UIL. As a senior, she was proud to be part of the undefeated District Champs and Bi-District Qualifiers in volleyball. She was also on the Bi-District Champion Basketball Team and part of the track team. While a senior, she has received numerous awards in volleyball and basketball. Her favorite color is blue-green and she loves to eat junk food. Her favorite actor / actress is Brad Pitt / Gwyneth Paltrow. She loves rodeos, swimming, watching movies, dancing, spending time with her boyfriend, Ray B., and chillin' with her friends Elizabeth H. and Christi P. The things she moved most during high school were her supportive friends and teachers, having a candy machine to eat from, and always being wild and crazy. After graduation, she plans to attend college.



**CARMEN ACEVEDO**

Carmen Acevedo was born in Colorado City, Texas, on April 17, 1982 to Pancho and Emilia Acevedo, their first of 9 children. She has lived in Benjamin for eight years along with her loving family. Throughout her high school years, she has been very active in sports and UIL. Her senior year she participated in volleyball, cheerleading, cross country, basketball, track, Lincoln Douglas Debate, One-Act Play and Literary Criticism. She was awarded with First Team All-District in Volleyball and Basketball and was voted "Best Actress" in One-Act Play.

Carmen loves the color red, she enjoys listening to music (almost anything... but country), and she loves Italian food. She plans to go to Angelo State University to become a physical therapist.

She would like to thank all her teachers and coaches for having patience and for actually teaching her a thing or two, her teammates for giving her some great memories, and friends who have helped her throughout the years. Along with these people, Carmen would also like to thank her parents for everything they have done for her, her dad for being such a great example, and her mom for always understanding and being able to put up with her. Also, she would like to thank all her little siblings for allowing her to take part in their life, especially Sandra who was always there to listen and help her out when she got a little lost. She'll miss you guys, and she loves you all tremendously.



**ELIZABETH HOSTAS**

Elizabeth Yvonne Hostas is the daughter of Ronald and Cindy Hostas of Seymour. She has two older sisters, Cathy and Jennifer. She was born in Seymour, Texas, on February 23, 1982. Elizabeth transferred from Seymour to Benjamin her junior year. Throughout high school she has been involved in cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, c-x debate, many UIL literary events, FFA, basketball and track. Elizabeth has received many awards for basketball including first team all-district, second team all-region and alternate for the six-man all-star team.

Her favorite color is pink. Elizabeth's favorite movie is American Pie and her favorite song is "The Thong Song". She has many memories of high school including the time the Lady Stangs won their bi-district basketball game against Strawn. Elizabeth has spent most of her time in high school just hangin' out with her friends and having fun. She plans to attend VRJC for a year and finish getting her degree in criminal justice at Midwestern State University.

### IN WRIGHT HOME

Visiting Sue and Otis Wright Mother's Day weekend were Anne Myers and Shirley Hargus from Ruidoso, New Mexico; Jason Howeth of Tularosa, New Mexico; Richard and Tina Howeth, Emeyrard, Andres from Hawley and Marilyn Burleson of Clyde.

We have taken great delight in serving many of you here in our cafe, and now we want to wish each of you the very best as you prepare to graduate from Benjamin High School.

**Benjamin Cafe**  
Brenda & Jim Larned



**BHS 2000**

## CONGRATULATIONS !

To The Classes Of 2000  
From Benjamin and Knox City.

We Are Proud Of All Your Accomplishments!

**SPIKE BOX EMPLOYEES**



**Linda Gutierrez Gamber receives MSU degree**

Rosalinda (Linda) Gutierrez Gamber, daughter of Whitey and Nena Gutierrez of O'Brien, graduated cum laude from Midwestern

State University, Saturday, May 13, 2000. She received a Bachelor of Social Work Degree.

Linda received several honors while at Midwestern. She was a member of Phi Alpha Honor Society, selected as Midwestern's

Loaned Executive to the United Way of Wichita Falls, winner of the Perkins Prothro scholarship, selected "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" and also named as the Outstanding Social Work Student of the Year 2000. She is employed by United Way of Wichita Falls as Skills to . . . Project Director.

Attending the graduation were Linda's husband Bob, Whitey, Nena, Samantha and Sophia Gutierrez of O'Brien; Jerry and Rosie Brothers and Linda's daughter Misti, son-in-law Noah and grandson Dru Dillon Howeth of Azle. Bert and Jerry Gutierrez with Jerry's family, longtime friend Jean Hester Schaffer and several aunts and cousins were also in attendance.



**Knox City Florist salutes the Class of 2000**

*We salute all the graduates of Knox City High School and wish them much success in their future.*

**Barbara and Joe**



KNOX COUNTY FCE MEMBERS are shown here with the staff and kids from Knox City's Headstart Program following the presentation of approximately 100 books to the program last week.

**FCE Club donates books to KC Headstart Program**

The Knox County Family & Community Education Association members have collected approximately 100 children's books in an effort to encourage reading among Knox County children. These books are being given to children who participate in the Headstart programs at Knox City and Munday as well as the Early Childhood program in Benjamin. Books will also be donated

to their classroom libraries. The Texas Association of Family & Community Education has adopted Literacy as one of four areas they will focus on for the 1999-2000 year. Reading habits begin at an early age and the Knox County members chose to focus their efforts to children who will soon begin reading. FCE members will also be visiting the classrooms and reading to the children.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940)454 265 1.

*To Makenzie Davis*  
*O'Brien Bulldog class of 2000*

*You have really made us proud this year! You have accomplished much during your middle school years and we are looking forward to your high school years!*

*Good Luck at KC High!*  
*Dad, Mom, Meagan and Will*

**Best Wishes 2000 Graduates**

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

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



*Congratulations to the Knox City & Benjamin Classes of 2000 !!*

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**Jessie's Service Station Salutes the Class of 2000**

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**Tidwell is top graduate from A&M vet school**

Jacob David Tidwell, son of Claudia and Joe Tidwell, graduated as the top student from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Commencement was held Friday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the J. Earl Rudder Auditorium.

Tidwell, a Munday High School graduate, was among four students to graduate summa cum laude, 3.90-4.0.

Speaker for the commencement was renowned cardiologist Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. Dr. DeBakey is Chancellor Emeritus, Olga Keith Weiss Professor of Surgery Director at the DeBakey Heart Center, Baylor College of Medicine.

H. Richard Adams, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, welcomed the guests and presented the diplomas.

Dale S. Lonsford, president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, administered the oath.

David and his wife, Jennifer, will reside in the Sherman area.

He is the grandson of Vera (Bill) Tidwell.

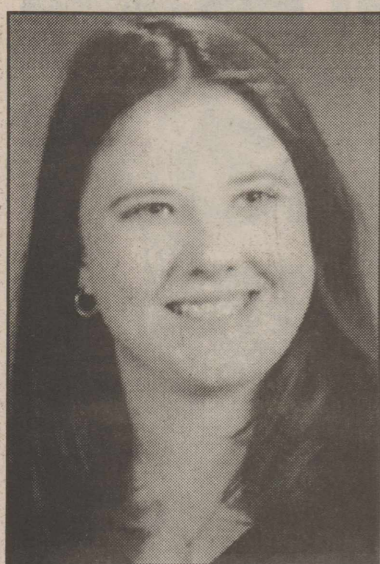
**CLAY'S AND SCOOTER'S SNO CONE FACTORY**

*WISHES ALL THE 2000 GRADS THE VERY BEST IN THE FUTURE.*

*HAVING SERVED MOST OF YOU SNO-CONES AND FROZEN PICKLES SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE KIDS, MANY OF YOU HAVE BECOME FRIENDS THAT WE WILL REMEMBER ALWAYS.*



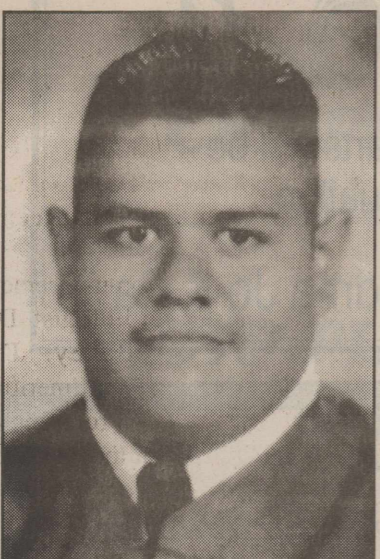
# Knox City High School • Class of 2000



**SERENA PARKER**

Serena Parker was born on July 20, 1982, to the parents of Troy Parker of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and Lara Steen of Knox City, Texas. She has one sibling by the name of Wesley Parker. Serena has been an attendant of Knox City-O'Brien CISD since she was in kindergarten. Her favorite color is forest green, her favorite flower is the daisy and her favorite food is anything that deals with chicken. Some of Serena's favorite music consists of heavy metal, hip-hop, and pop music.

Serena's philosophy in life is to live it to the fullest, because a person never knows when it will end. Her plans for the future are to attend South Plains Junior College for two years, and then transfer to another university so that she can major in clinical psychology. Serena has been on the A-B honor roll, she has perfect attendance, she has been a top student in Ag, Physics, and Government and she placed fifth in Feature Writing for the District UIL meet. Serena has been a part of several extra-curricular activities since she has been at Knox City High School. She has been in Band, UIL, and One Act Play for four years.



**MANUEL LEDESMA**

On the morning of February 10, 1982, at 1:04 p.m. in Haskell, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Ledesma Sr. greeted their last-born child into the world whom they named Manuel Ledesma Jr., a name which he is proud to sport. He was also greeted by two siblings, older sister Debra Jance Ledesma, and older brother Michael Ray Ledesma, who he is really close to. He would like to thank Mike for helping him out of a lot of tight situations and even though they fight and argue he would like him to know that he really loves him.

Manuel has gone to school in Knox City all his life. During high school he played football for the Knox City Greyhounds, where he has been a starter for three years and for those three years he wore "55" hoping he would live up to the challenge just as so many relatives had done before him. In doing so he has been given such honors as Outstanding Offensive Linemen, First Team All-District Offense, Second Team All-District Defense 1998-1999, First Team All-District Defense, Second team All-District offense 1999-2000.

Manuel's favorite hobbies are watching football, cruising in the smurf, partying, just kicking with

his boyz, chilling with his boo, make people mad especially Jane Anne, and playing volleyball. His favorite colors are blue, black, orange and white. His favorite flower is a white rose.

Manuel would like to give a big "ALREADY" to all his friends for always being there for him when he needed them. He would like to give five Taneka a special thanks for always being there for him no matter what. He would like to thank his parents for being there for him and he would like them to know he lives them very much.

Enclosing Manuel plans on going to college to study the field of criminal justice this fall.



**KEVENA WALTON**

On October 14, 1980, Gladys Walton and Kevin Lusk welcomed in to this big world a beautiful, bouncing baby girl weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. She was later named Kevena by her grandma.

Two years later on August 25, 1982, she welcomed her soon-to-be spoiled brother, Omard Rashard Walton.

She remained in Lubbock with her mom and little brother until around the age of four; her mother then moved her and her little brother to the Big town of Knox City, Texas.

Kevin started Pre-K in Knox City and continued her elementary years here until the 5th grade when she went over to big O'Brien to attend Jr. High school. She went through that stage of her life like a breeze hurrying the years until she could get to HIGH SCHOOL

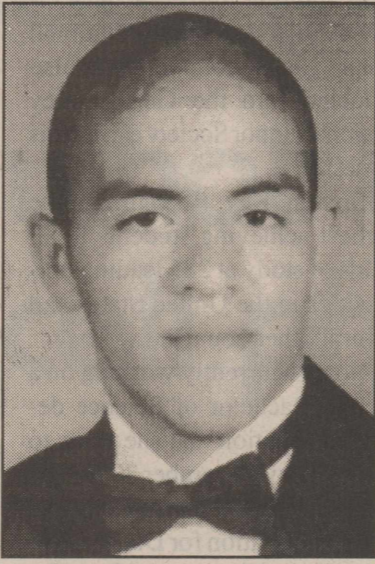
Finally she made it to High School and that's where all the fun began. She began to play sports with the big dogs. She played volleyball for 4 years, helping her team this year win District as well as go to Bi-District, she played basketball 3 years, and participated in track for 3 years, lettering her freshman year.

She played in the high school band for 5 years (starting her 8th grade year). Finally she accomplished one of her goals this year: receiving a #1 rating in both concert and sightreading. She received Perfect Attendance all 4 years in high school.

Her favorite colors are blue and purple. She loves roses and her favorite song is The Thong Song by Sisqo. Her favorite foods and Mexican foods and French fries; favorite past times are hanging with friends, going to Rhineland, and just kickin' back watching movies with her family.

Kevena plans are to attend LCU in Lubbock, Texas in the fall. She would like to say to all her fellow classmates "thank you, guys, for always being there for me."

Kevena would like to thank her Mom for putting up with her for all these years: I now it was hard, she would like to thank her heart, her Granny, for always being there to talk to; and she would also like to thank her little brother Oddie for being the twirt that he is, and last but not least, God, for keeping me safe through the years from all danger, hurt and harm.



**CHRIS GARCIA**

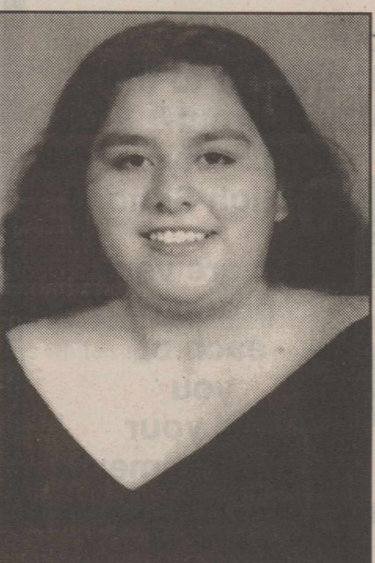
Chris Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Garcia of Knox City, was born on May 15, 1982, at the Knox County Hospital and has attended school at Knox City all twelve years.

As a freshman and sophomore Chris played football, basketball and track. He didn't get to finish football his sophomore year because of a head injury during practice which prevented him from playing football for the rest of his life. He played Varsity Basketball for three years and earned first team All-District his junior and year in basketball. He also received a plaque for being defensive player of the year his junior year. He ran track for three years and lettered his freshman, sophomore and junior years.

At about the end of track season his junior year, Knox City had put together a baseball team for the first time. Chris Garcia and the rest of his teammates went to the playoffs their first year in baseball but got beat the first game to Cotton Center. Both his junior and senior years, Chris received second team all district baseball honors.

Chris' favorite color is blue. His favorite flower is a white rose. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite music is "Crossroads" by Bone. As for his future plans Chris is deciding to go to Dallas for a couple of months and go to work with his uncles.

He would also like to take this time to say Thank You to his Mom, Dad and little brother for putting p with him for as long as they had to. He also wants to say he loves them and the rest of his family who have supported and comforted him when he needed it.



**CHRISTINA VELA**

On October 28, 1981 at 5:50 a.m. an announcement of birth was made. An 8 lb. 4 1/2 oz. baby girl named Christina Vela was born at Haskell Memorial Hospital to be the proud parents Joe Torres of Mission, TX and Angelita Vela of Rochester, TX. Christina attended Junior High at O'Brien, TX during the fifth grade year. Christina moved from Rochester in 1993 and has lived her all through high school.

Christina's favorite color is black, favorite flowers are red roses, and Christina's favorite food is pepperoni pizza. Christina's favorite music is slow type of music. Christina, after graduating from high school, is planning to attend South Plains College at Levelland. Christina is seeking a career in Computer Technology



CHEERING FOR THE GREYHOUNDS next season will be from left, Angela Roberts, Audrey Lankford, Amber Collins, Ashley Jobe, head cheerleader Jennifer Vacek, Kayla Garcia, mascot Latissha Munsell and Erica Quintana.

ora Bilingual type of career. Christina received an award in Top Student in High School for Spanish I, AG 101-102, Computer Class (Yearbook) and Food Science Nutrition.



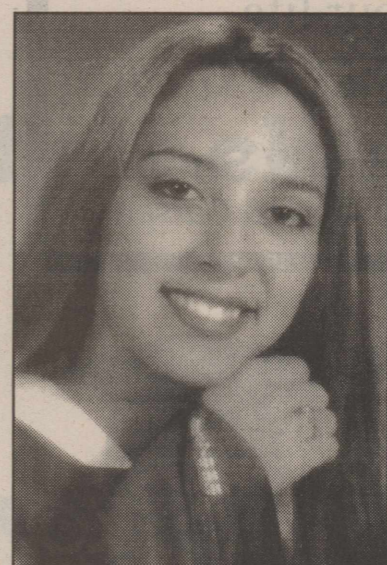
**CRYSTAL ANN CURD**

Crystal Ann Curd is the daughter of William Jackson (Buddy) Curd and Rita Ann Curd. She was born on July 13 1982 at the Knox County Hospital. She is the mother of Jacqueline Sherree Hulme. She has one brother, William Jackson (Billy) Curd II, and one sister, Michele Lea Curd. She has attended the schools of Knox City-O'Brien for twelve years.

Her favorite colors are black and green. Her most liked flower is the yellow rose. She does not have a favorite in music, but she loves to listen to Rock and Country. Some of her hobbies include spending time with her daughter, hanging out with Richard Averitt, and going to Weinert to spend

time with Barry Walker.

Crystal's future plans after graduation are going to college at ESS, College of Business, located northwest of Dallas. She will be attending ESS for at least thirteen months. When she gets her degree for Business, she'll be on her way to Vernon Regional Junior College to get a degree for Cosmetology.



**STEPHANIE PEDROZA**

Stephanie Ann Pedroza was born in Haskell, Texas, on October 23, 1981. Her parents, Randy and Connie Pedroza, also have three other children, R.J. Pedroza who is the oldest, Michael Pedroza who is the third oldest, and Sophia Pedroza who is the youngest. Stephanie has lived in Knox City her whole life and has attended school in Knox City since Pre-K. Stephanie is also the proud mother of a two-year-old beautiful boy, Aaron Arrieta.

Stephanie's favorite color is

purple, her favorite flowers are daisies and roses, her favorite kinds of music are rap, country and Spanish. She also enjoys collecting unicorn figurines, posters and anything else with unicorns. Stephanie also enjoys kicking back on the weekend and hanging out with her friends, but her favorite thing to do after school is spend time with her little boy.

She was selected as a top student her freshman, sophomore and junior years; she participated in the high school and for three and a half years; she participated in UIL Spelling for two years, held a position as a class officer her senior year, and has been on the A-B honor roll most of her high school years.

Stephanie would like to thank her mom for always being there for her when times were hard and all hope was gone. She would like to let her mom know that she has been the inspiration in her life, and she loves her for everything she has done for her. Stephanie would also like to thank her best friend Sarah Rios for sticking by her side no matter what, and for letting her realize that there are such things as "true friends". Last but not least, Stephanie would like to thank her mom, whom she loves very much, for making her the person she is today; she wouldn't trade him for the world. Her philosophy is "Live life today, Yesterday is gone, And tomorrow may never come."

Stephanie plans to attend South Plains Junior College in the fall, and then a four year college to major in Criminal Justice.

*To Jodi Chambers*  
**O'Brien Bulldog**   
**8th grade class of 2000**

*We are proud of you  
and who you are !*

*Our Love,  
Daddy & Mother,  
Paula, Kim, Kristi,  
Jordan, Cassidy, Austin, Zach,  
Dad-Dad, Boppa, Mo,  
Tracy & Chris*

**Jodi Chambers**

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## Nora Bolanos is recipient of scholarship at STSU ceremony

Nora Bolanos, daughter of Joel and Esperanza Bolanos, was awarded the Dean's Fellow Scholarship on April 28, 2000, at Southwest Texas State University's Awards Day ceremony. She was one of only two students receiving this award.

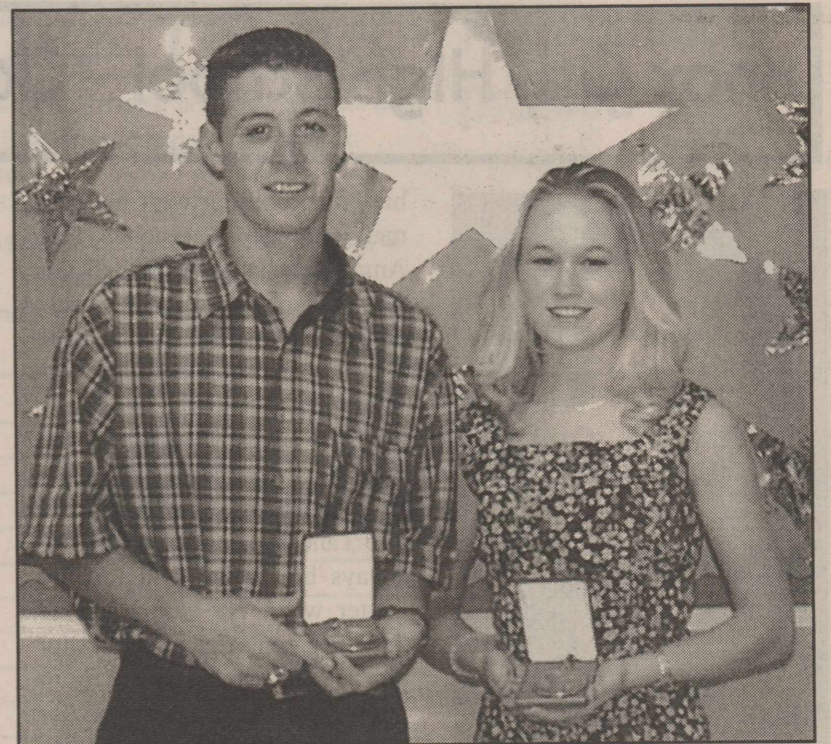
Nora was also selected to receive honorary award recognition by having her biography published in the 23rd Annual Edition of the National Dean's List. The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing gifted students selected by their deans, comparable faculty members or other educational organizations.

Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award.

In addition to the Dean's Fellow Scholarship and the National Dean's List honor, Nora was also inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society earlier this semester.

Golden Key Recognizes the highest achieving students in all fields of study at 285 leading universities in the United States and several other countries.

Nora is currently working on a second Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition that she plans to complete by December 2000. She will then prepare for the Registration Examination for Dietitians to become a Registered Dietitian. Nora also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology that she also received at Southwest Texas State University.



U.S. SCHOLAR ATHLETIC AWARD recipients for the year 1999-2000 were Knox City seniors Myles Richardson and Natalie Bloxham.

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## The Pizza Place salutes the Class of 2000



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

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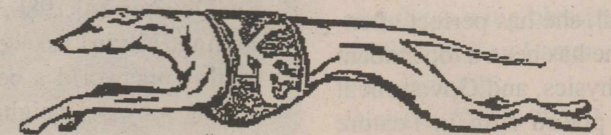


TOP HOUNDETTA AND HOUND OF THE YEAR Awards for 1999-2000 went to from left, co-Houndette honorees Jennifer Vacek and Nikki Gonzales; and Hound Jeffery Hernandez.



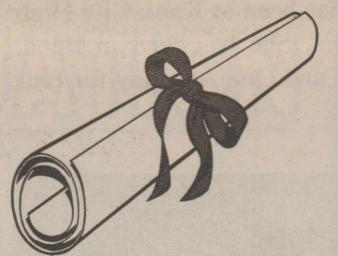
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To our Grandson Brandon Espinosa,

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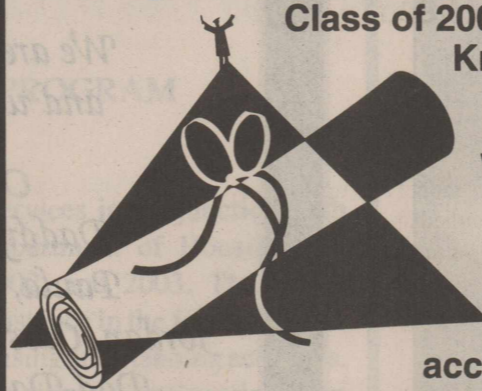
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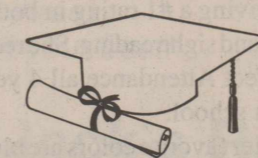
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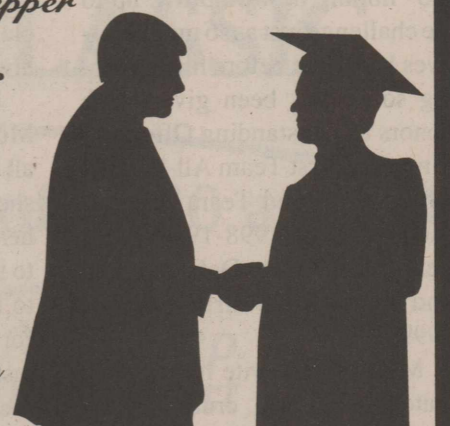
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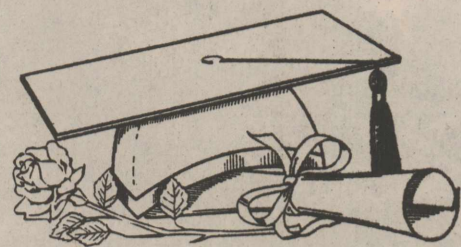
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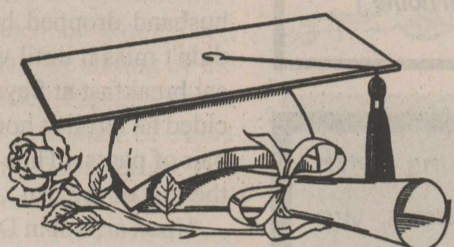




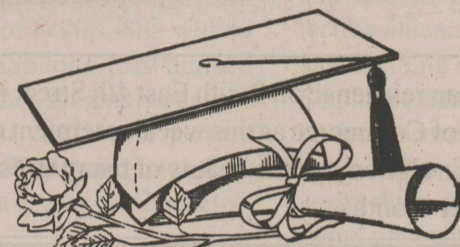
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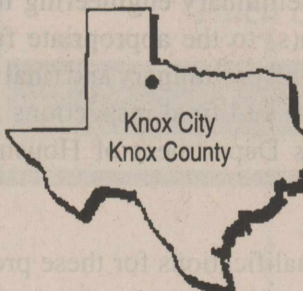
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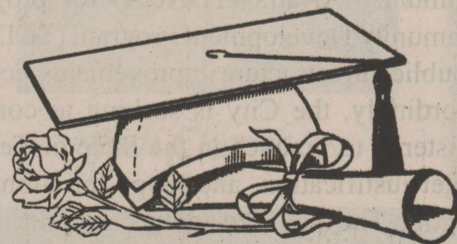
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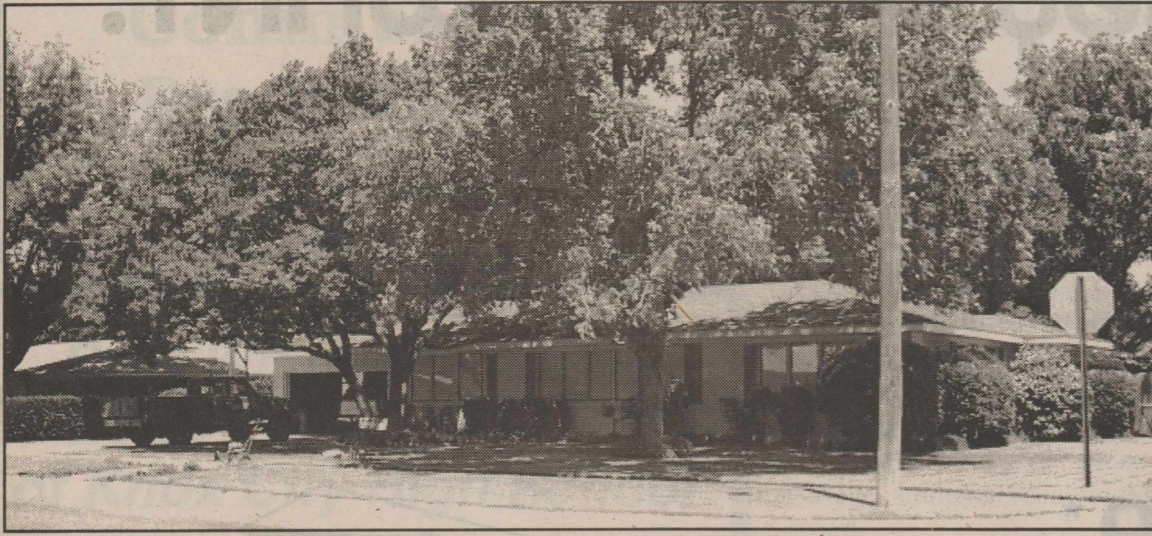
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May 25, 2000  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Benjamin is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative and planning services in conjunction with the Texas Community Development Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for program years of 2001, 2002 and 2003. The Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) provides financial assistance in the form of grants for public infrastructure improvements, economic development, housing and planning activities. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day of June, 2000.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the city, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the person below:

Mayor Mike Sheedy  
City of Benjamin  
City Hall  
P.O. Box 286  
Benjamin, Texas 79505

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## WALK ACROSS TEXAS

Walk Across Texas is an 8-week fitness program sponsored by The Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Family & Consumer Sciences Committee.

Twelve teams are participating in the program and trying to be the first team to reach Brownsville, TX. Below is the current status of this friendly competition.

TEAM	TOTAL MILES
Senior Centers Steppers	106
The Misfits	90
Rochester 4-H	51
Texercise Team	111
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## KC woman is praised

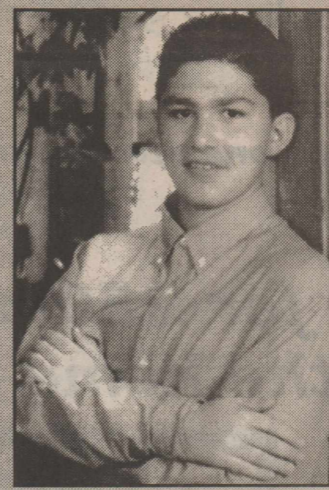
Eddie and Kay Laster of Dickens were traveling to Dallas recently and Mr. Laster unknowingly lost his wallet at the roadside park outside of Benjamin. Joann Maddox of Knox City found the wallet, contacted Dickens County law officials, who in turn contacted the couple's son in Dallas and much to their delight the wallet was returned.

Dear Editor,

You have in your county a sweet lady who is a credit to Knox County. She has heart and she is honest and she saved us a lunch of worry and grief.

Last week we stopped at the roadside park outside Benjamin in route to Dallas to see my husband's heart doctor and visit with our three boys there. My husband dropped his wallet but didn't miss it until we stopped to eat breakfast at Seymour. He decided he left it at home in another pair of pants. (Then I got to drive the rest of the trip...)

Upon arrival in Dallas, our son met us at the truck and said Eddie needed to call a lady in Knox City and that she had found the wallet. THEN we went into shock. When we called, she sounded so warm and friendly. She had gone to the trouble of contacting the Sheriff's Department in Dickens County and then they called his brother and the phones went to ringin' and they tracked us down in Dallas. Then she sent it to Eddie priority mail and it was here when we got home. Her name is JoAnn Maddox and she is a big blessing to us. Eddie and Kay Laster  
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## GRADUATION

Brandon,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments this year!

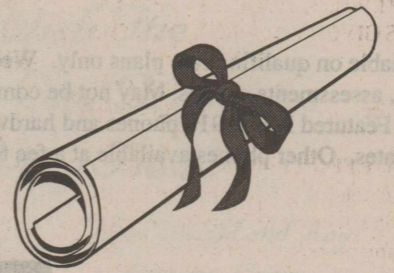
Good luck in your high school career.

We Love You,  
Dad, Mom & Cameron

## CONGRATULATIONS! !

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MIKE SHEEDY  
10-29 tfc 52

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## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's finally here and by the time this is read, it will almost be over. This school year is what I'm referring to.

The awards banquet was held Thursday night at the Community Center. Following a delicious meal, awards were given in athletics and literary accomplishments. Boys receiving recognition for participation in any or all sports were Bubba Benson, Trey Propps, John Reed, Dwayne Reed, Ray Ham, Eric Santisteven, Matthew Coffman, Garrett Favor, Adam Welch, Hunter Meinzer and Clayton Conner. Dwayne Reed, son of Donnie and Valerie Reed, received the Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award. This award is given in memory of Benjamin graduate Ricky Carver and honoring an athlete who gives all he has for his team and his school and never gives up. Coach Charles Steele presented these awards. Coach C.H. Underwood presented the girls athletic awards to Blaine Conner, Carmen Acevedo, Lynne Moorhouse, Brandi Riggins, Elizabeth Hostas, Mica Larned, Juli Larned Lyles, Ashley Cartwright, Sandra Acevedo, Elizabeth Moorhouse, Christi Phillips, Monica Zavalas and Robin McClellan. He also gave recognition to Lynne Moorhouse from the Texas Association of Basketball coaches for making the academic All-State Basketball team. This given to a student who not only is good in basketball but does her "book work" well too. Also recognition was given Elizabeth Hostas for making the second team - All Regional - Region 3 basketball team and to Blaine Conner for making the first team all regional team and second team all-state. Carmen Acevedo was presented the Lady Stang award. This award is presented to the girl who participates in all sports and does well.

The one act play cast, Carmen Acevedo, Brandi Riggins, Christi Phillips, and Hunter Meinzer and stage crew, Robin McClellan and Elizabeth Moorhouse, was presented and recognition given to Hunter Meinzer who was named to the district all star cast and Carmen Acevedo who was named best actress in district competition. Coach Steele was their director. Students competition in UIL events, literary criticism, spelling and some who advanced were Elizabeth Moorhouse, Hunter Meinzer, Chere Pierce, Clayton Conner, Lynne Moorhouse, Ashley Cartwright, Blaine Conner, Elizabeth Hostas, Mica Larned, Carmen and Sandra Acevedo, Lisa Siemens and Brandi Riggins. And in science and math, those participating were Lynn, Ashley, Lisa, Elizabeth Hostas, Robin McClellan and Garrett Favor. Belle Grill and Becky Jones made these presentations.

Last on the program was the introduction of the 2000-2001 cheerleaders and mascot. Elizabeth Hostas and Carmen Acevedo handed the purple and white megaphone over to Christi Phillips, Jessica Zavalas, Sandra Acevedo and Ashley Bufkin. Ashley Cartwright will again be

mascot. That concluded the program. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. If I did, please let me know. It certainly was not intentional.

Last week following the PTO picnic the officers for the next year were announced. They are President - Laura McCanlies, Vice-President - Tammy Lyles and Sec.-Treas. - Teresa Kuehler. Awards were also given to elementary and junior high for sports and UIL. Among the projects planned for the PTO is to install fans in the gym and buy the pee-wee teams new uniforms. The PTO does lots of good things for the school and the big money maker is always the fall festival. Connie Shaw has been the president for the past three years and Stacia Propps has served as vice-president.

Birth Announcement - Details are skimpy but the most important fact is available. Darla and Sam Santisteven have a new granddaughter. Teaghen was born May 2, 2000, and is the daughter of Elvis and Adrian Santisteven. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and she and her family live in Fort Worth. Needless to say, the entire family is very proud of this new addition. Eric even said "be sure and say I'm an uncle!"

Here 'N There - Connie Shaw and family spent Easter with her mom in Cisco. She said several of her family members were there and they all had a great time.

Gene Loper of Tuscon, Arizona, visited his sister, Hazel Stockton, Wednesday night and Thursday. Also visiting Hazel and his dad, Bud Conner, was Steve Conner of Colorado City who was here for the awards banquet Thursday night.

Sean and Mary Widmer and Hannah of Argyle spent Thursday night with her parents, Raul and Reyes Barrientez. On Friday they all went to Lubbock to attend the graduation from nursing school at Tech of Michele Conner Barrientez on Saturday morning.

Others from Benjamin attending were Hazel Stockton, Janet and Gary Reed, Clayton and Blaine Conner, Christi Phillips, Bud Conner and Gladene Green. We all had lunch in the home of Michele's grandmother, Edith Broach. Others present for lunch were Ed and Rhonda Broach of Midland, Steve Conner, Stephanie Brannan, Michele, Jimmy and Caleb Barrientez and a friend of Edith's, Lois and her daughter, (their last names escape me).

I accompanied my sister and brother-in-law, Glenda and Norris (Mac) McNeely of Aubrey to Lubbock Sunday to visit our brother, Troy Yeager in Covenant Health Center. He's somewhat improved but still has a way to go before he's able to go home.

Talked to Misty Ham a few days ago. She's feeling much better and says looks like she won't have to have any surgery, at least for a while. We're glad to hear that.

Visiting Larry, Gaye and Laura Neal last week were Katherine Neal and sons of Breckenridge and Audra Neal of Dallas. Laura went home with Katherine and visited a couple of days.

Lonnie Bohannon and Misty Rains and Chance of Abilene visited Roger and Betty Bohannon during the weekend.

Sympathy to the Ronnie White family today. Ronnie's brother, Larry, died during the weekend in California, where he resided.

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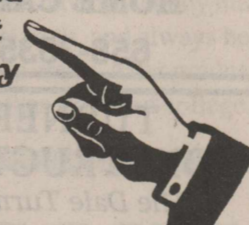
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