

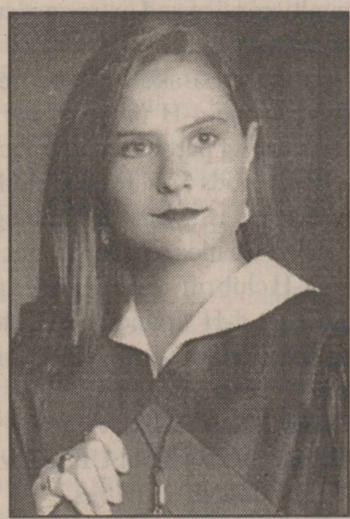
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## Graduation Special, Class Of 1997

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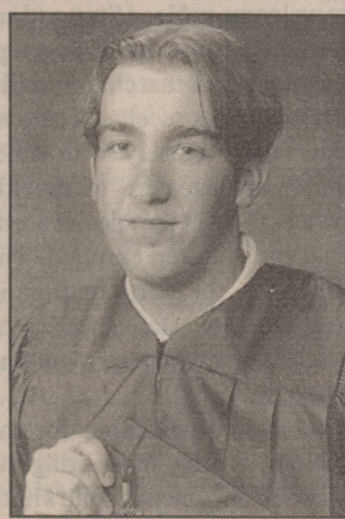
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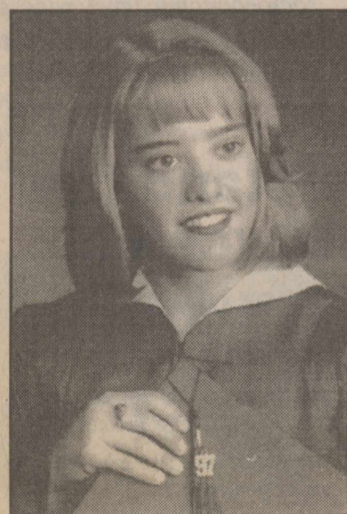


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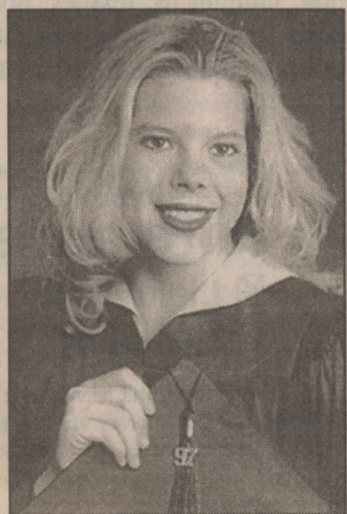


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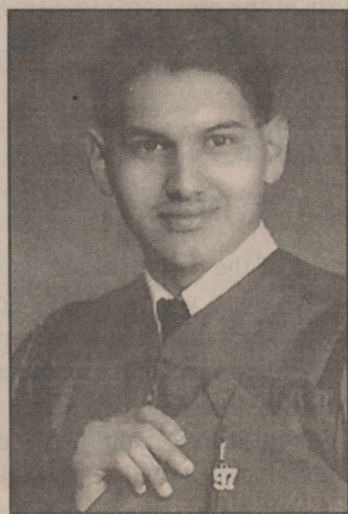
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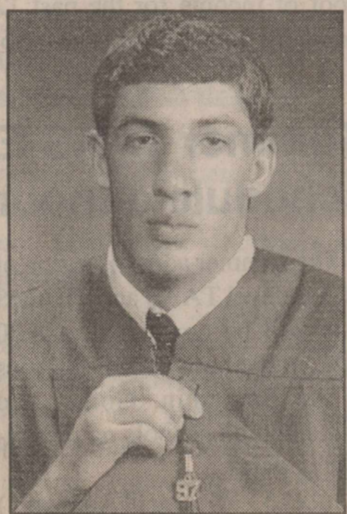
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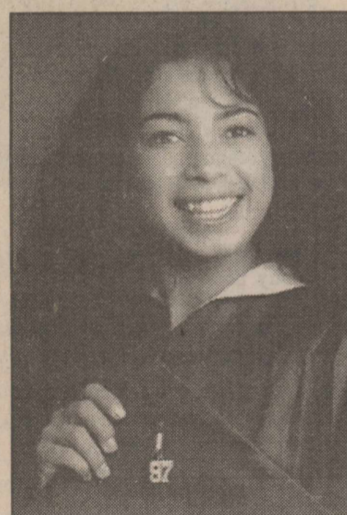
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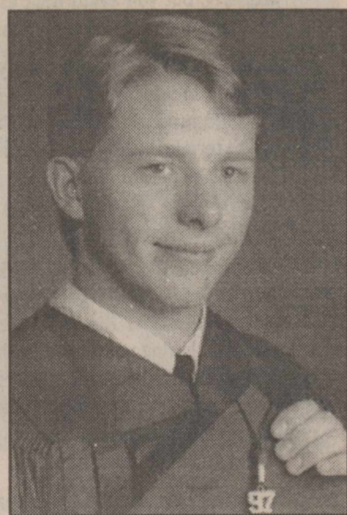
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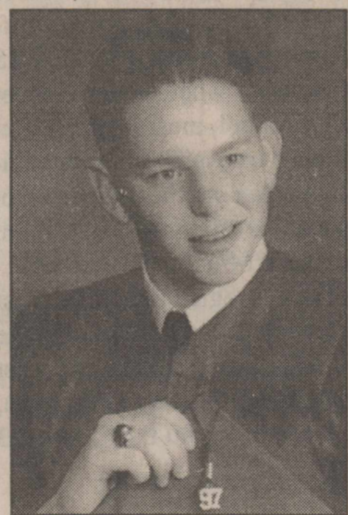
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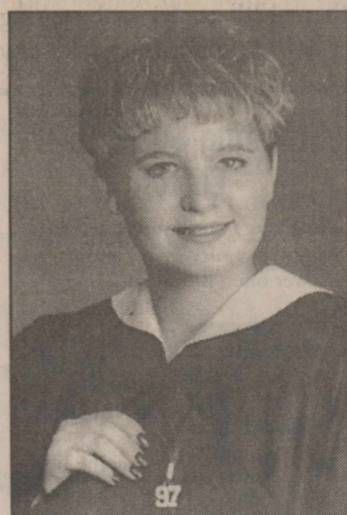
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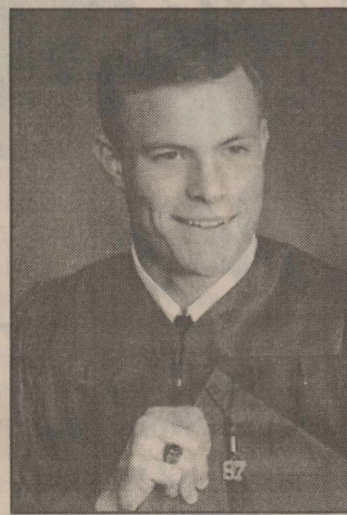
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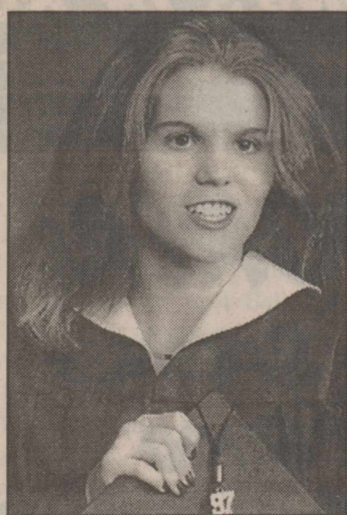
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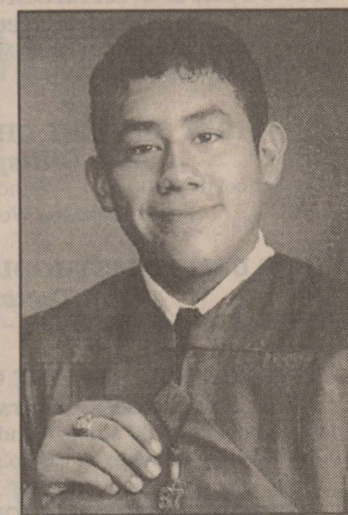
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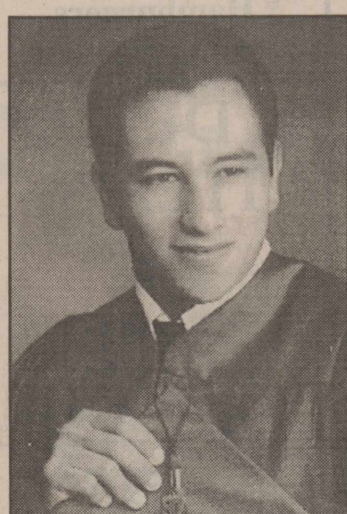
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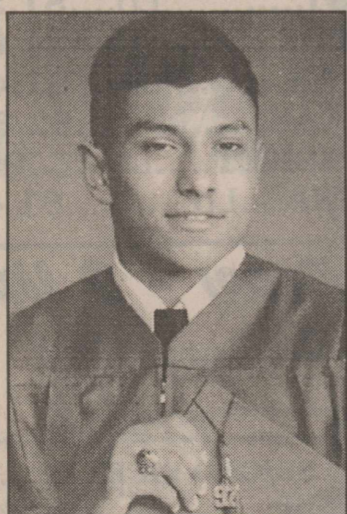
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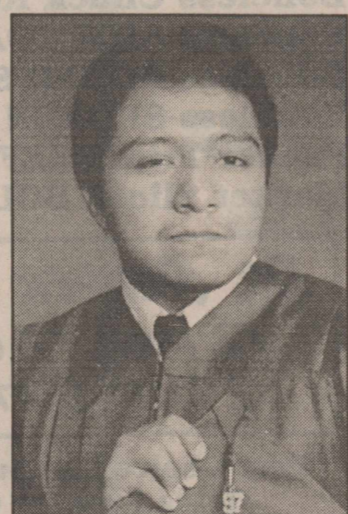
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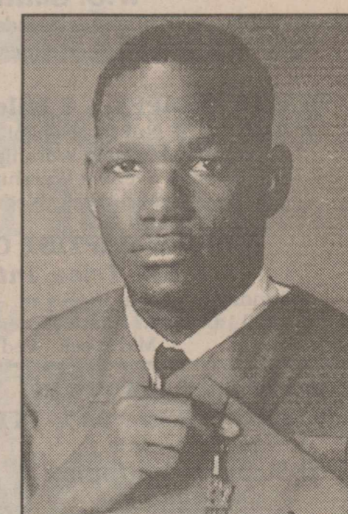
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## Band front lines are announced

The front line for the 1997-98 Knox City High School Greyhound Band has been named.

Crystal Curd has been as drum major with Kayla Garcia and Jennifer Vacek to be twirlers.

Flag corp members are Sandra Bernal, Patricia Rios, Crystal Wallace and Nicole Washington.

Two seventh graders have been selected as twirlers for the 1997-

98 O'Brien Bulldogs. Selected are Dana Holmes and Carrie Richardson. They will be performing at the O'Brien pep rallies and at Bulldog games next fall.

Judging tryouts was Ladene Hartan, Rochester High School band director.

Plans for the new participants include raising money for summer camps and new uniforms.

## Applications being taken for head start program

Knox City Child Development Center will be taking applications for the enrollment of children for the Head Start program that will begin in the fall.

The Head Start program serves three and four year old children. It is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them develop socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development towards the overall goal of social competence. Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabilities receive. The program works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all the children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

To make application for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security number for family member enrolling the child, and proof of income for the past 12 months or the calendar year 1996.

A 1040 or 1040A Income Tax return form for 1996 is the easiest form of annual income documentation. AFDC recipients are categorically eligible for the program, but we must have documentation of AFDC benefits, I.E., letter from Social Workers, Case #'s, etc. All information is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

Applications can be taken anytime throughout the year; however, special recruitment efforts are made during the month of May. Applications will be taken through May 23, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Knox City Child Development Center, 500 North Second Street, Knox City. It is very important that persons wanting their child in Head Start this fall to make an application as soon as possible as selections will be made during the summer months and there are only 17 funded slots available. For those needing transportation or wishing to have the application done in their home, call June Moss, Center Director at 658-3770.

For more information, call Mrs. Moss at the previous number or Genell Brown at 800-633-0852.

## Knox City, Munday youth receive Knox County Family & Community Education Scholarships for 1997

Amanda Baker, 18 year old daughter of Jim & Becky Baker of Knox City, and Kandis Longan, 18 year old daughter of Bill & Karen Longan of Munday, have been selected as recipients of the Knox County Family and Community Education Associations' "4-H Scholarships".

The \$200.00 scholarships are awarded annually to Knox County 4-H members.

The scholarship is based upon their 4-H participation, need for financial assistance, grades, community service and extra curricular activities.

Amanda Baker has participated in the 4-H program for 9 years taking part in such projects as beef, foods & nutrition, clothing & textiles, swine, and photography. Amanda has held numerous 4-H club offices and served as a district 4-H Council Delegate. Amanda received the 1995 4-H Sr. Gold Star Award.

In addition to 4-H, Amanda is very active in school UIL activities and church activities.

During her ten years as a 4-H member, Kandis Longan has completed projects in foods & nutrition, clothing & textiles, home design, swine and was a member of a state qualifying "Share The



Amanda Baker

Fun" team. Kandis has served her club in various offices and her county on the district 4-H Council. She has received the 4-H Jr. Gold Star Award.

Kandis is involved in numerous sports, band, and theater arts activities in school and church activities.

The Knox County Family and Community Education Council is proud to honor these two 4-H members with these scholarships.

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## Church Directory

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\* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Steve Pepper, Minister*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Dan Limitone, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
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- SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Father Kevin Fagan ~ Deacon Julian Estrada*  
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- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland**  
*Father Kevin Fagan*  
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Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin**  
*John Gillispie, Pastor*  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin**  
*Jim Teeter, Pastor*  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**  
*Ross Anderson, Pastor*  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Benjamin**  
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- THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222**  
*W.O. Smith, Pastor*  
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- FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City**  
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- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien**  
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## Summer TAAS Exit Tests schedule announced for area

The summer administration of the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests will be conducted at 8:30 A.M. in the high school libraries of the Benjamin, Goree, and Munday high schools on the following dates:

- July 15 - Writing (TAAS only)
  - July 16 - Mathematics
  - July 17 - Reading
- Students who were in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in the spring of 1997 are eligible to take any

section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Out-of-school examinees and enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district must register. Students who were enrolled in Grade 12 in the spring of 1997 are considered enrolled students, not out-of-school examinees. All TEAMS examinees, whether enrolled or out of school, must register. Examinees may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office at the Benjamin, Goree, or Munday High School.

The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 P.M., June 13 1997.

## Standing Guard Over Cotton

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\* Beans  
\* Potato Salad

Senior Profiles From The Knox City Class of 1997



**SHAVONNE MAGANA**

On August 11, 1979, Albert and Vallia Magana were the proud parents of their first baby girl named Shavonne LeAnn Magana. She was welcomed home by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Magana and Mr. and Mrs. David Rodriguez. Five years later, she was accompanied by a little sister, named Monica. Then, three years later she helped welcome home another sister, named April. Then finally, when they thought it was all over, they were joined by their only brother, Derrick. Shavonne has lived all her life in Knox City. She also attended school in Knox City. In junior high she only competed in basketball and track. Then finally in 1993, she entered a different world known as HIGH SCHOOL. In high school, she was a flag for four years, played volleyball three years, she was on the annual staff two years, the last of the two years she became an editor. Her senior year, she was FHA treasurer, served on student council as band representative. Over the years she has been a top student in PCD, Personal Finance, English IV, and FSN.

Shavonne's favorite colors are black and purple, her favorite food is anything edible. Her favorite songs are "Nobody" by Keith Sweat and "Un Millon de Rosas" by La Mafia. In her spare time, she likes spending time with her boyfriend and family. Last but not least, she loves dancing in Roman and Scott's garage to Michael Salgado. After high school, Shavonne plans to attend Aladdin Beauty College in Abilene and hopefully get married sometime in the future.

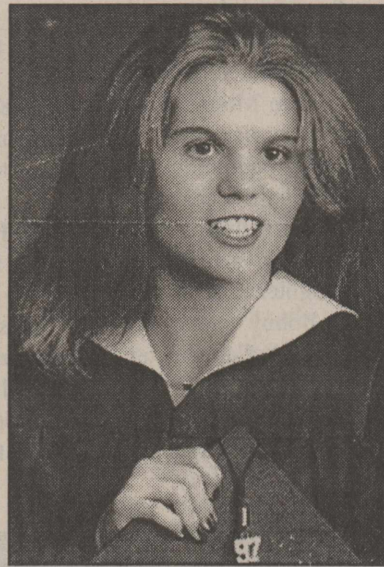
Shavonne would like to thank her friends Debra, Kristi, Joni, Gabriel and Andrew for always being there for her. She would also like to give a special thanks out to her entire family and her boyfriend, Jim, for everything you all have done for her, she loves you all with all her heart.

**Lila Jo Anderson on WTC's Dean's List**

**SNYDER** — Lila Jo Rector Anderson, a Knox City High School graduate, has been recognized for academic achievement for the 1997 spring semester at Western Texas College. She was named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 15 hours of course work.

She is the daughter of Barbara and John Rector of Knox City and is married to Ricky Anderson. They reside in Aspermont.



**TONYA PARKER**

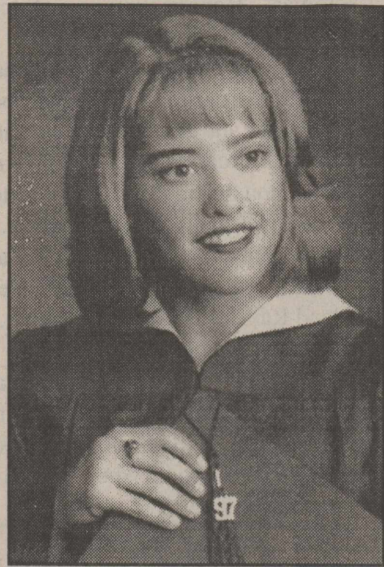
Tonya Parker is the daughter of Darrell and Brenda Parker. She has one sister Rhonda Morgan a former graduate of Knox City High School. Throughout Tonya's high school years she has been involved in numerous activities, some of which include band for one year, basketball for three, volleyball for four years, track for one year and tennis for one year. She also has been involved in UIL academics where she participated in extemporaneous speaking for two years, and also Cross Examination debate for two years, where she placed second at district and went on to compete at the state level competition in Austin, Texas. She has been involved in FHA and FFA her sophomore year, where she showed her Hampshire at the local show and received third place at the county show and at the Fort Worth Livestock Show where she made the sale. Tonya has been a class officer all four years of high school. She has been secretary for three years, and now is currently serving as senior class treasurer. Tonya's favorite color is purple and her favorite food is spinach enchiladas. Tonya would like to give a special thanks to her parents, family, friends and God. After graduation Tonya plans on obtaining a degree in business.

This edition of  
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is proudly dedicated to  
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Classes of 1997



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

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**MELISSA BARNARD**

Melissa J'e Barnard was born on January 31, 1979, in Lubbock, Texas, to Joe and Barbara Barnard. She is the oldest of two children, the youngest being her rambunctious brother, Brackston, whom she dearly loves!

Melissa has been an active member at Knox City High School. She has been involved in varsity athletics for four years including the sports of basketball, volleyball, track and cheerleading. Through those activities she has received many honors including Academic All-District, All-District honors, and has been named to many All-Tournament teams. She was also the captain of the cheerleading squad and was named Miss Firelighter her senior year. Melissa has also participated in many UIL events including Cross X-Debate in which she and her partner placed second in district and qualified for state competition, Accounting in which she placed second and her team placed first at District and qualified for Regional competition, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Under the direction of Ray Weaver, she received an award for her Outstanding Musical Achievements and also received a Rating of I at Solo and Ensemble contest.

Melissa has served her class for three years by holding the office of Vice President. She has also been a proud member of Beta Club in which she has held the offices of Vice President and Secretary. During her senior year, the school adopted the National Honor Society to which she was inducted as a charter member. Melissa has received many honors for her academic accomplishments including a Merit award for the following:

Spanish I, Algebra I and II, MCA, BCA I and II, Biology and Honor Roll. She was named Who's Who Among American High School students and received an All-American Scholar award in Science, Math and Cheerleading. Through her efforts Melissa will graduate as an honor student at Knox City High School.

Through these past four years, Melissa has been faced with many trials and tribulations in which she has successfully overcome with the help and advice from her family, friends and God.

She would like to give a sincere thanks to her lifelong friends, Diana, Stefani and Tonya, who have stood by her side through these years and who will stand by her side in years to come. Melissa would like to give a special thanks to Wesley for all of his support and companionship through her senior year. She would also like to thank all of her teachers who have supported her through Junior High and High School. Through their efforts she has obtained the knowledge needed to be a successful college student and career person.

Along with her friend's and the community's support, she is grateful for her family. One whom she admires most is her Great Grandmother, Edrie Barnard. Her love and wisdom are what have made Melissa a stronger person. "Thank you, Ma, and I love you!" Her most sincere debt of gratitude is her two closest, dearest friends, her parents. It is their love for her that has steered her along toward a straight path. Through heartache and tears - the good and the bad - they have been there from the beginning and will be there till the end. They have supported her in everything she has done although they didn't always approve. And now as Melissa journeys out on her own she wants them to know how grateful she is for all of their love and support and no matter what her future holds, she'll always be their "little girl".

Upon graduation, Melissa plans on attending Angelo State University and majoring in business administration. She would like to congratulate her class on their accomplishments and wish everyone the Best of Luck!



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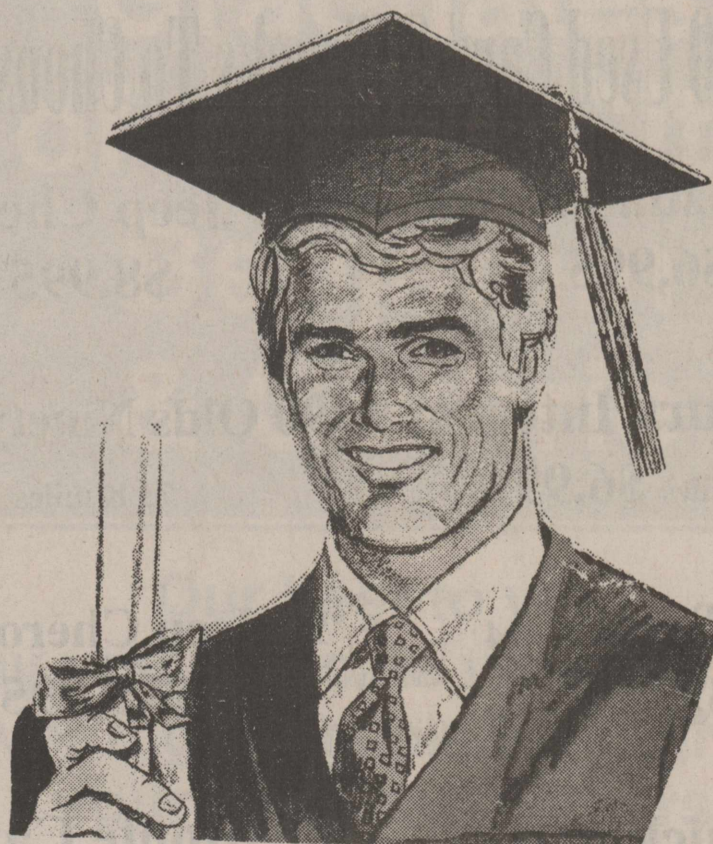
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the classes of 1997*

## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Same song - different verse - I'm talking about the weather! Just rain again and I now the moisture is good but the wheat and hay farmers would sure like to see a few days of warmer, dry conditions. But guess we'll take what comes and just hope not much damage is done by it.

### CONCERNING OUR ILL

Bill Ryder was in Wichita Falls Monday (today) to check with his doctors. No report since he went but hopefully he's feeling better.

Leroy West was in Abilene Friday to see a doctor, then in Fort Worth Monday for a checkup with his kidney doctor. He's feeling pretty well. Had a test Monday and will get the result of it in a few days.

Bud Clower will be in Houston this week for a checkup. He's feeling pretty well now. Tires easily but otherwise is doing pretty well.

### AWARDS BANQUET

The annual awards banquet was held last Thursday night at the Ex-Student building. A large crowd of folks were on hand for a delicious meal and presentation of awards.

I don't have all the awards presented as there were numerous ones but among those received were the Lady Stang award presented to Rachel Duke and the Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award which was received by Chad Rainwater. Also the most improved athletes were recognized. They were Justin Horne and Misty Ham.

An academic letter award also was presented to students who maintained a 93 or above average for the year. Receiving that recognition were Seniors Ivy Bolanos and Julie Welch, Junior Bobby Condron, Sophomore Lacy Carver and Hardy Coffman and Freshmen Carmen Acevedo and Lynne Moorhouse.

And Dick Dickson, local FFA advisor, gave me his FFA award list. Four Greenhand farmers were presented, Lynne Moorhouse, Carmen Acevedo, Justin Waldron and Blaine Conner.

And the Chapter Farmer Awards went to Tyler Carroll, Hardy Coffman, Jacy

Collins, Clint Horne and Jessie Gramildo. There were many recognitions but they were all unavailable. Congratulations to all who received recognition.

### BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate services honoring the Seniors were held Sunday night at 7:00 at the First United Methodist Church. Program was as follows: Processional - Carolyn Koepf, Invoca-

tion - Chad Rainwater, Introduction of Speaker - Julie Welch, Address - Larry Neal, Benediction - Zack Brown, Recessional - Carolyn Koepf. Commencement exercises are to be Friday night, May 23, at 8:00 The program is as follows: Processional - Ernest Neal, Invocation - Zack Brown, Salutatory Address - Rachel Duke, Valedictory Address - Julie Welch, Special Music - Ernest and



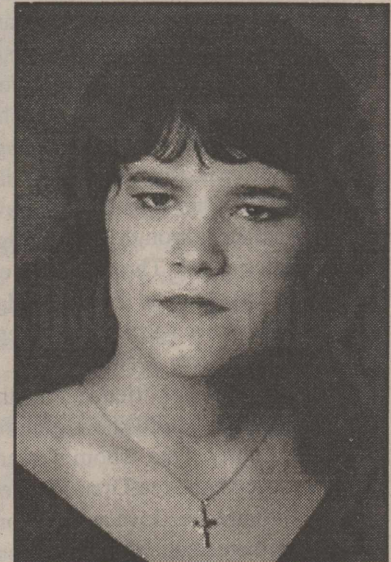
**JULIE WELCH**  
...Valedictorian, 93.82 GPA

Julie Welch is the daughter of Dennis and Charlotte Welch.

Julie has been involved in UIL 9-12, Regional Qualifier 12, Annual Staff 9-12, FHA 9, 11-12, FFA 9-10, Class Secretary 9-12, Volleyball 10-12, First Team All District 12, Academic A Team 12, Basketball 9-11, Track 9, Tennis 9-10, Cheerleader 9-11, School Spirit 10, Miss BHS 12, Class Favorite 10, Student Council Treasurer 9, 11; Student Council President 12.

Allowing her to meet many different people is what Julie has enjoyed most about high school. She also has enjoyed the fun times spent with her friends and family.

Her plans are to attend Midwestern State University and major in pre-dentistry.



**RACHEL DUKE**  
...salutatorian, 90.13 GPA

Rachel Duke is the daughter of Pam and Dennis Duke.

She has been involved in UIL 9-10, 12; Regional Qualifier 12; FHA 9, 11-12; FA 9-10; Class Treasurer 12; Class President 10-11; Class Vice-President 9; Volleyball 10-12; First Team All District 10; All District MVP 12; Academic All Team; Basketball 9-12; First Team All District 10; All District MVP 12; Academic A Team 10; Track 9-10; Tennis 9-10, 12; Cheerleader 9-11; Miss BHS 10; Class Favorite 11; Student Council Vice President 11; Parliamentarian 12; Annual Staff 9-12.

Rachel has enjoyed begin with her friends and playing sports the most during her high school years.

She plans to attend Midwestern State University and major in sports medicine.

Audra Neal, Introduction of Speaker - Zack Brown, Speaker - Dennis Duke, Presentation of Awards - Supt. Weldon Koepf, Presentation of Diplomas - Ronnie Simmons, Recessional and Music - Ernest Neal.

Stage attendants, ushers and handling the programs for both the baccalaureate and graduation are Juniors Wade Pierce, Billy Clark, Jamie Bohannon, Justin Horne, Jay Whitten, Tom Lyles and Cathy Rainwater.

Graduates are Ivy Bolanos, Zack Brown, Rachel Duke, Audra Neal, Chad Rainwater and Julie Welch. HERE 'N THERE

Tommy Latimer of San Antonio was a Benjamin visitor during the weekend. He will be going to Alaska the last of the month where he will be

employed.

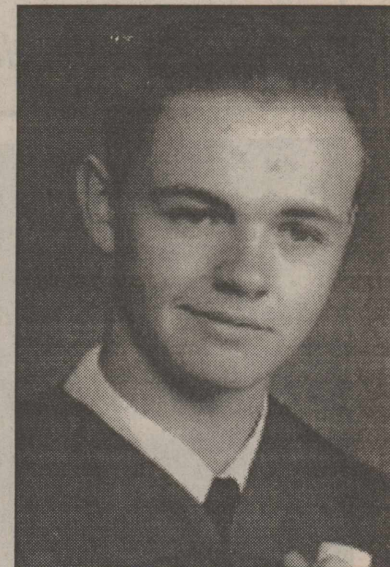
Phil and Rebekah Boone of Trent visited her parents, Dennis and Pam Duke and attended Baccalaureate Sunday night.

Mary Rainwater visited family and friends in Nocona Saturday.

Kim Moore, Samijo and Shelby of Spur visited her dad, Bud Conner and grandmother, Hazel Stockton, during the weekend.

Kenneth Isbell returned home Friday after a few days visit with his daughter in Liberal, Kansas.

Bobby and Philomae Roberson and Judy Conner attended the funeral of his brother, Joe Wayne, in Dallas on Sunday. Joe Wayne was a resident of Garland. Sympathy goes to the Roberson family.



**ZACK BROWN**

Zackery Wayne Brown is the son of Mark and Michelle Brown.

Zack's activities have been basketball, all-star alternate, 12; UIL, 9, 12; FFA 9-12; Football 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 12; Track 9, Tennis 9, Golf 11, 12; Mr. BHS 12, Most Sensitive 12; FFA Skills Team and Horse Judging 12; UIL Literary Criticism, first place team, fourth individual.

Being with the people and having people that care for you are what Zack has enjoyed most about high school.

His plans for the future are to move to Saudia Arabia and attend college at the University of Houston at Dubai.



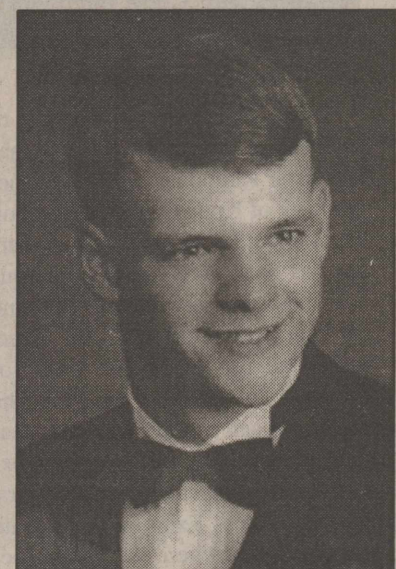
**AUDRA NEAL**

Audra Neal is the daughter of Larry and Gaye Neal.

Audra's activities have been UIL 9-11; FHA 9, 11-12; FFA 9-10; Class Representative 11; Class Treasurer 11; Class Vice-President 12; Volleyball 10-12; 1st Team All District 12; Academic A Team 12; Basketball 9-12; Honorable Mention 10-11; 1st Team All District 12; Track 9-12; Tennis 9, 11-12; Cheerleader 9-11; Football Sweetheart 10; Miss BHS runner-up 12; Class Favorite 10-11; Student Council Reporter 11; Vice-President 12; Annual Staff 9-12.

Enjoying good time spent with friends, whether playing sports or in class is what Audra has enjoyed most about high school.

Her plans are to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in nursing.



**CHAD RAINWATER**

Chad Rainwater is the son of Max and Mary Rainwater.

He has been involved in: 9-10 Tennis, 9-11 track, 9-11 All District Basketball, 10-12 Football, 2nd team All District, first team All District Offensive End and Defensive End, 2nd Team Middle Linebacker, 10 Class Favorite, 12 Football Hero.

Chad enjoyed sports most while in high school.

He plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College.

### Congratulations

Seniors!



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### IVY BOLANOS

Ivy Bolanos is the daughter of Hope and Joel Bolanos.

Activities have included Annual Staff (9-12), Newspaper/Co-editor, Reporter (10), Class President (12), Class Vice-President (11), Class Treasurer (9), FHA (12), FFA (9, 10), Honor Roll (9-12), National English Merit Award (12), Who's Who (10-12), UIL - Spelling State Qualifier, Freshman year, Regional Qualifier (12, 11), Science Regional Qualifier (11), Ready Writing, Academic Letter Award.

Ivy likes graduating most about high school.

Future plans are pre-medicine, BS and MS in microbiology at UT-Arlington, PhD in experimental pathology and wherever accepted, hopefully John Hopkins.

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Senior Profiles From The Knox City Class of 1997



**STEFANI STEPHENS**

Stefani Stephens was born on February 16, 1979, in Abilene, Texas, to Sue and Butch Stephens. She was accompanied by a twin sister, Suzanne and was welcomed by one sweet older brother, Scott who is a sophomore at Vernon Regional Junior College. Stefani has lived in the small town of O'Brien for the past eighteen years of her life. Stefani's favorite colors are turquoise and neon pink and her favorite foods are raw oysters. She loves all kinds of music but her favorite song is George Strait's Amarillo by Morning. Her favorite hobbies include washing, drying, showing and working with her calves and going out of town. Through her years of school at Knox City-O'Brien, she has accomplished and fulfilled many outrageous goals and achievements.

During her years at KCOB, Stefani has participated in a variety of activities. Throughout her junior high years, she has been involved in sports such as basketball, tennis and track. Stefani was a cheerleader at O'Brien Middle School for two years and competed in UIL, band and many other literary events. After graduation from Junior High, Stefani entered the new world of high school. During her four years at Knox City, she was creatively involved in numerous amounts of extracurricular activities. Stefani played many sports such as volleyball, basketball, tennis and track. Volleyball, being Stefani's favorite sport, she received many honors including all-district for two years, academic all-district for four years. Stefani was also cheerleader during her junior year at Knox City and then which she was nominated for football sweetheart. She held the honor of being Most Beautiful at Knox City High throughout her Sophomore and Junior years while being FFA Sweetheart during her Junior and Senior years. During Stefani's Senior year, she was nominated for Miss Firefighter, and during her Junior year she was FHA Sweetheart while a couple years before she was Freshman Class Favorite.

Stefani has been actively involved in FHA and FFA as officers of President and Vice Presidents the past few years at KCOB. Not only has Stefani been involved in sports activities, but she also has been involved in various academic challenges such as the Academic Decathlon Team. Stefani also had the honor of becoming a member

of the National Honor's Society which she continues to climb to the top to become the best she can be in the coming future.

Stefani's most exciting and memorable years of her life have been those that she spent with her family and friends at stock shows. All though, she has met many close friends and acquaintances at shows, she has many people to thank like mother and Bennett for hauling her and her steers to numerous scolding hot and freezing cold shows. During her senior year, she has hauled to more than twenty-three shows and was awarded Top Ten in the TCCA (Texas Club Calf Assn.) with two of her steers. She successfully received number one in the state for Polled Herefords after chasing points year round! Stefani has been showing cattle for the past ten years and she has also shown pigs, lambs and rabbits during her years in FFA and 4-H.

After graduation, Stefani plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock in the fall and study nutrition. Stefani would like to thank her mom, brother and close friends and family for their support, help and encouragement through the years. But most of all, she would sincerely like to thank God for strengthening her faith and always being there for her and guiding her during the many good and bad times of her life. Stefani would also like to thank her friends for all of their useful advice, and she would like to wish you all the best of luck in 97!



**Maria Gomez**

Maria de Lourdes Gomez was born in Coronoe, a town in the state of Guanajuato located in the central part of Mexico. She began her studies in the same place until her Middle School graduation. The next year she travelled to the city of Acambaro in the same state of Guanajuato, where with help of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ciro Gomez and her aunt, teacher, Margarita Anaya, Marie continued studying her freshman year of high school in the renowned school "Miguel Hidalgo". After that year she and her family decided to emigrate to the United States, where her dad has been working for Mr. David Albus since before Maria was born. The arrival of Maria and her family to Knox City, Texas, was a new and different life for them, in which they had to overcome some common problems, like the language for example.

Upon her arrival to her new country she continued with her studies, along with her younger brother and sister, Fernando and Ariana Gomez.

Maria started her sophomore year in Knox City High School where she learned, and continues learning many important things until her graduation day, because all this knowledge will be a great help in her future. Maria participated in sports and in school activities, in which she received some honors. Her favorite classes were the Computer class, Athletics, and English. Some of her good memories during the course of her High School were getting to know her new classmates and sharing with them many enjoyable and fun times, as well as with all the teachers from whom she received much instruction and support, to all them, Maria is grateful and says that she loves all them, and that she will never forget them because they were part of her life. Also Maria would like especially to thank the principal of the school, Mr. Mack Lowe, who has had the wisdom and determination to demand the best of the Greyhounds.

With pride and satisfaction, Maria says thank you to God for allowing Maria and her family to be together all this time, and she thanks the Sanchez family of O'Brien too, because they are wonderful friends to her.

**Congratulations to the Class of 1997!**

...who have made us all very proud with their many accomplishments at Knox City High School.

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

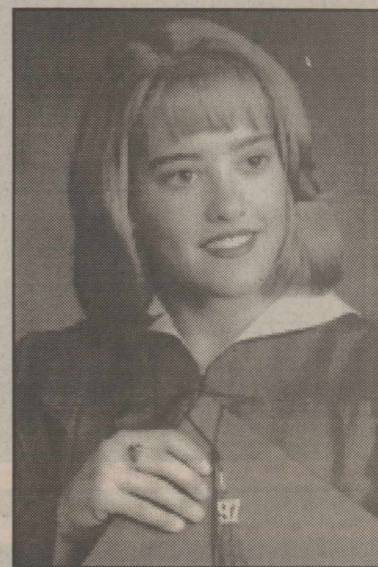
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Maria's future plans are to always move forward, be successful with study and dedication and always have a smile for all.



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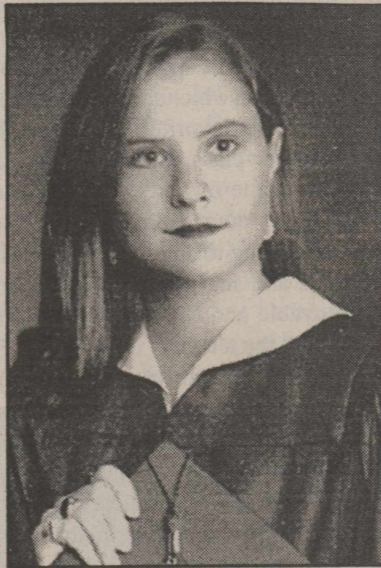


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**SHERI WILSON - GRINDSTAFF**  
Sheri Alyssa Wilson-Grindstaff was born on February 21, 1979 to William Roger and Sandra Kay Wilson in Houston, Texas. By the grace of God, she was granted an-

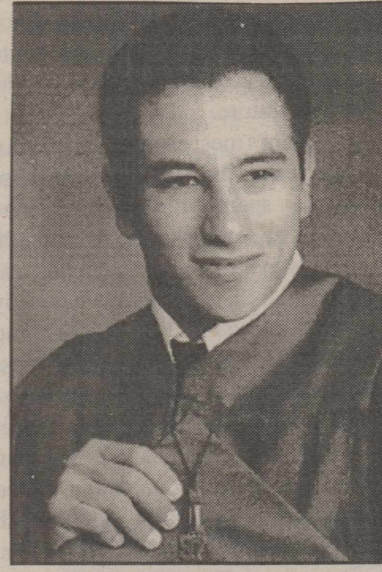
other set of parents, Johnny and Vonnita Ivie. She has three sisters: Nicki, Holly and Jessica Ivie.

Sheri has attended Knox City-O'Brien CISD for most of her life. She has been in FHA and on the Honor Roll for four years, and she has been in band, UIL and Beta Club for three years. She is now in the National Honor Society. She has worked very hard and has achieved what she has been working toward: Valedictorian.

Sheri's favorite food is anything Italian. Her favorite music is country, and her favorite song is "Mouth" by Merrill Bainbridge. She loves to read suspense and romance novels, but her favorite thing to do is spend time with her new husband.

Sheri would like to thank God for all his blessings, her parents for all their support, her sisters for being her friends, and Mr. Bob Collins and Mr. Matt Harrington for the inspiration they gave her to pursue her interest in science and to reach her full potential even when there are obstacles. She would also like to thank her best friends: Danny Grindstaff, Erin Mongrain, Amanda Abila and Audra Dale.

Her future plans are to attend Vernon Regional Junior College at Vernon and to become a high school science teacher and have a happy marriage forever.



**ADRIAN SERRANO**

On June 11, 1978, at Haskell Memorial Hospital, Irma Munoz brought her first son, Adrian Lee Serrano into the world. He did not know it at the time, but he already had three older sisters and two brothers and a little sister would soon join him.

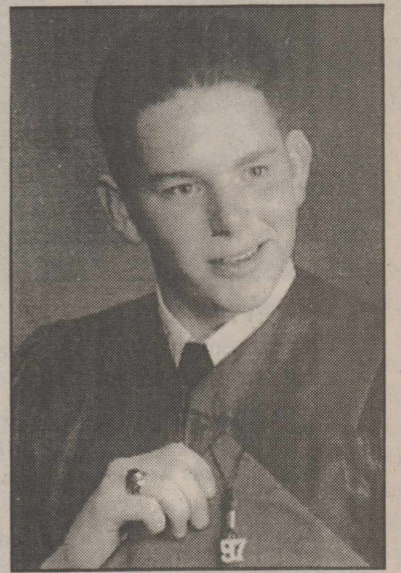
While Adrian grew up he liked to do the usual guy things. Falling out of trees and going fishing for example. He got into his share of trouble as a kid, but he always had a loving mother to look after him.

Adrian moved to O'Brien while he was in the fifth grade and has loved every minute he has spent with all his classmates.

During Adrian's high school years, he has participated in: Football (4 years), Honorable Mention CB for two years; 2nd Team All-District Linebacker for one year, Basketball (1 Year), Track (3 years) and Powerlifting (1 year). He also participated in FFA on the Poultry Judging team (2 years). He was in this year's One-Act Play. One of his greatest honors was to be selected for Class Representative for the Student Council three straight years by his classmates. His greatest accomplishment would have to have come during his senior year with the help of a friend (you know who you are). This person read some of his poetry (yes, I write poetry) and advised him to send them in to be published. He took

that into consideration and finally decided to do it. As of this moment four of his poems are being published in two different books: *The Long and Winding Road* and *Treasured Poems of America*.

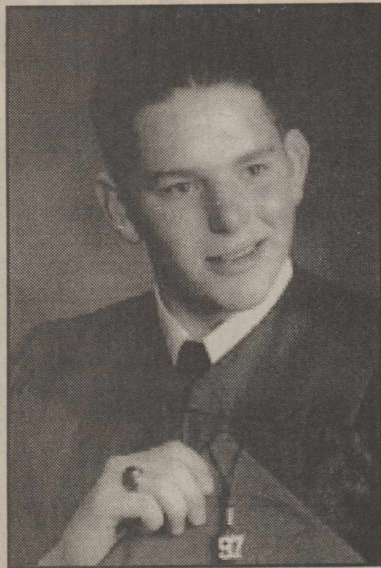
In the near future Adrian plans on attending either Midwestern State University or Cisco Junior College and majoring in Children's Psychology and Computer Technology.



**CLINT LEWIS**

Clint Lewis is the son of Sterling and Josie Lewis. He has five brothers and two sisters who are all former graduates of Knox City High School. Throughout Clint's high school years he has participated in many extracurricular activities. Some of these activities include band one year, basketball three years, track two years, tennis two years, power lifting one year, FFA, FHA and football all four years. Clint's junior and senior years he received all district honors that include first team all district offensive line, second team all district offensive line and first team all district defensive line. His freshman year Clint was named class favorite. His favorite color is blue and he likes all kinds of food. Clint would like to give a special thanks to God, family, friends and teachers. After graduation, he plans to go work at Lewis Deluxe Paint and Body Shop and hopes to follow in his father's foot steps and someday become owner and operator of Lewis Deluxe Paint and Body Shop.

**Best Wishes to all the 1997 GRADUATES of Knox City High School**

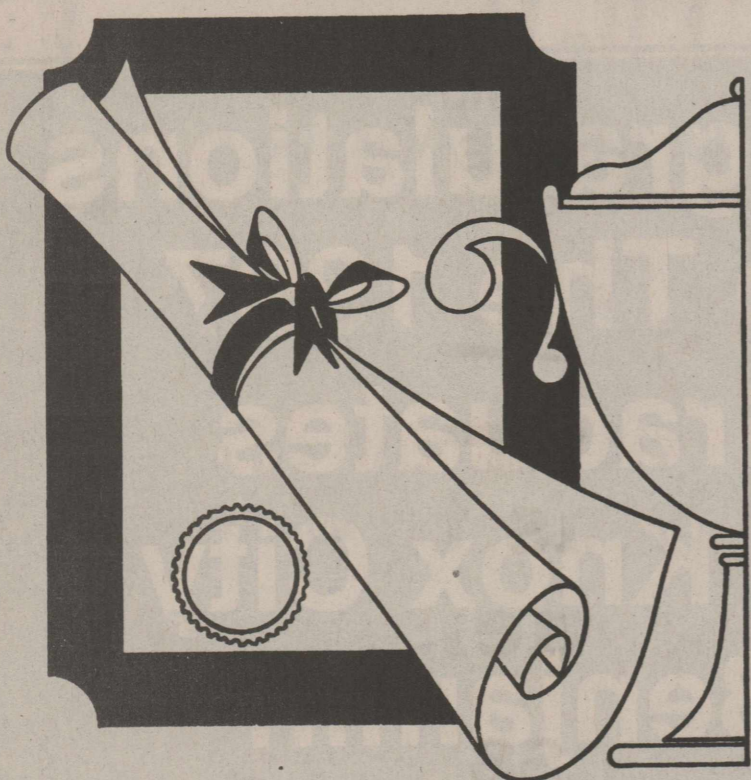


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**MICHELLE CHANEY**

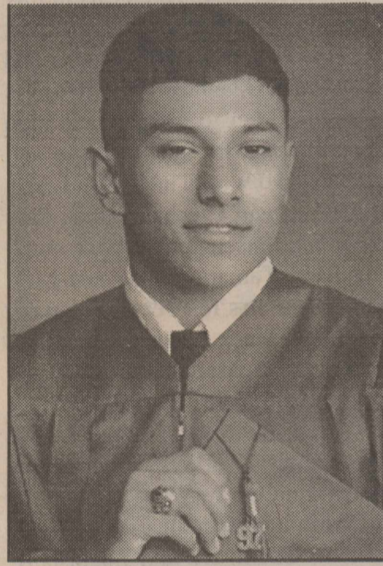
Michelle Chaney was born on April 21, 1979, in Colorado City, Texas. Her parents are Josie Gillilan and Larry Chaney. She has a brother named Chris and a step sister named Hannah.

Michelle has gone to school in Knox City for all thirteen years. She was in FHA for two years for her four years in high school.

Michelle's hobbies are reading spending time with her boyfriend, and hanging out with her best friend, Kristi Rocha.

Michelle would like to thank everyone in her life that had made it possible for her to get this far. Most of all she would like to thank her mom for always standing by her side no matter what choices she made, and for always believing in her.

Michelle plans to attend Aladdin Beauty College in Abilene in the fall. She wants to someday own her own beauty salon.



**SAL SERRANO**

Sal Serrano was born in Haskell, Texas, on May 22, 1979 which is also the best day of the year. Sal is the loving son of Irma and Manuel Serrano. He comes from a large family made up of three older sisters, Linda, Josie and Diana; one older brother, Adrian who will also be graduating this year with Sal; and one younger brother, Tim, and one younger sister, Sonya. With his mother being a single parent, Sal has taken up the responsibilities of being the *man* of the house.

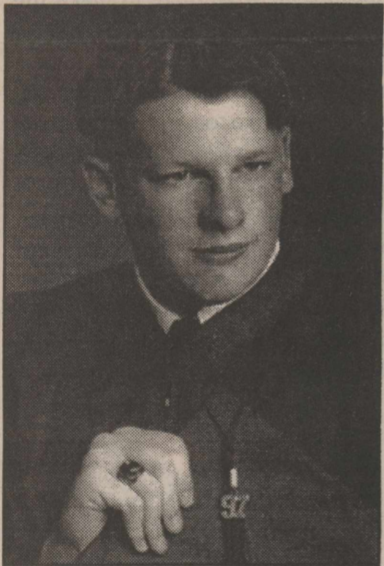
As a young child, Sal and his family has moved around to many places and has been to many schools. Roaming around so much has left Sal a *wild child*, but during the middle of his fifth grade year he and his family moved back to Knox City, the town in which they lived just years before. From that point on, he has lived here in Knox City. From his Seventh grade year all the way up to his senior year he has played football, basketball and has ran track. Sal also competed at power lifting meets, which he was ranked in state in his weight class. Sal is athletic and very competitive which

is another reason he has enjoyed the sports Knox City High School has to offer.

Going into high school was a big step for Sal, but he adjusted well. As a freshman he was taken care of by his senior nephew, Michael Frausto, who kept Sal from being punked by all the upper classman guys, who had a tendency to pick on the freshman. Also as a freshman, Sal was in FFA where he raised and showed his grand champion poultry and also won a showmanship trophy. He has been in band all four years which has been a great time for him. Also during his years of high school, Sal has been named class favorite, band beau and football hero. His four years of high school are so far the best years of his life. Coming into high school had more responsibilities, but it gave him more freedom which is what he likes.

Sal has many hobbies and many things that he likes but usually does not get to do most of them because of lack of time. He likes to fish, hunt, play street ball and get a little rough and hanging out with his friends. Sal likes all kinds of food so he will eat anything when he is hungry. He does not have favorite music or a favorite son, just as long as it's not country music. He does not like music that bores him.

Sal would like to thank all of his family and friends for their support, and all of his teachers and coaches who have influenced him. After Sal graduates, he plans to attend Midwestern State University and major in criminal justice. Leaving home and going away to college will be a good thing for Sal because he likes being independent and on his own. He will leave behind many great memories of his high school years, all the crazy stunts he pulled, and many loved ones but he will never forget them. After he graduates from college and gets his degree, he will get a well-paying job, and at that point he plans on taking care of his mother as she once did for him.



**DEREK STOVALL**

Derek Wayne Stovall was born at Haskell county hospital on December 13, 1978. His parents are Paul and Laura Stovall, he also has three sisters Melissa, Heather and Nicole he also has a little brother Sean.

In the four years that he has attended Knox City High, he was in football, threw the shotput, and power lifting meets for two years. He was also in the FHA for three years.

He has three main loves in life fast music, fast cars and being with his friends. His favorite song is Ballad of the Dilbelt by his cousin's band Hell on Wheels, and his favorite car is the 1971 Hemi Cuda.

His future plans are going into the Coast Guard and possibly making a career out of it as an aircraft structural repair engineer, or after four years go to college.



**DIANA ESTRADA**

On August 29, 1979, God blessed Dionisia Estrada and the world with a beautiful baby girl. Diana Jessica Estrada was born at Mercy Hospital in Laredo, Texas, around four in the afternoon. She is an only child, but she enjoyed growing up with her cousins, Kelly and Tres.

Diana started school in Benjamin; however, her stay was short, and she soon became a student at Knox City Elementary School. The years rolled by and soon she was an O'Brien Bulldog. During junior high, Diana was active in UIL, basketball, cheerleading and track.

Again, the time flew by and she found herself as a fish in the pond of Knox City High School. Diana has been very active during her high school career. She was involved in volleyball for four years, basketball for two years, and cheerleading for three years. She also participated in academic competitions such as Academic Decathlon, three years, where she won many medals in various events, and the Fed Challenge. She also did Lincoln-Douglas Debate for four years, where she qualified for Regional all four years, One Act Play for two years, where they named her to the All-Star Cast her senior year, and the Science team where she placed sixth.

Diana was also a member of many clubs and organizations. She served her class as President for three years. She was on the Student Council for three years where she held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President. She was also a member of the Beta Club and served as the organization's last President. Diana's senior year, the school started a local chapter of the National Honor Society into which she was inducted as a charter member. She has also been a member of the Yearbook Staff, the Gifted and Talented class, and the editor of the school newspaper.

Diana has received many awards during her years at KCHS. She was

named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for four years, and is the recipient of the National Science Merit Award, the All-American Cheerleader Award and the Macy's Minorities in Medicine Award.

On a local level, she was named as Top Student in English I, Spanish, I, II and III, Biology I and II, Anatomy and Physiology and Economics. She has also been on the Honor Roll four years and was last year's recipient of the Best-All-Around Girl Award.

Through the years many people have influenced Diana's life and now as she leaves high school she would like to thank them. First, she would like to thank her mom for always being there for her, for always pushing her to be the best she could be, and for loving her unconditionally. To her family, thank you for loving her, supporting her, and always being there to help. To Joey, thanks for putting up with her, listening to all her problems and loving her. To her friends, thanks for listening and for the great memories. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Dillon, thanks for treating her like a person instead of like a kid, for listening to her when she needed someone, and for putting up with her while she was doing her art class. Last, but not least, to her teachers, thank you for giving her the knowledge needed to advance in life. Once again, thanks to all of you, she wouldn't have made it without you!

Diana's plans after high school are to attend Angelo State University where she will major in nursing or communications.

### Julia Estelle Griffith receives Tech degree

Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson attended the graduation of their daughter, Julia Estelle Griffith, from Texas Tech University in Lubbock on May 10.

Julia received a Bachelor of General Studies in Social Behavioral, Anthropology and Art History. She is a member of the Delta Chapter of Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society. She has been accepted into the Teacher Certification Preparation Program of Region 18 in Midland this summer and will teach Special Education in this fall.

Other family members present for Julia's graduation were Steve, Virginia and Will McNelly of Abilene, Carol Griffith and Steven Buchanan of Lubbock.

The Pattersons and McNellys remained for Mother's Day in Lubbock with the Griffiths and attended the Sunday morning service at St. John's United Methodist Church.

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## Congratulations to each graduating member of the class of 1997

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To Our Graduates



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**CRYSTAL CORRELL**

Crystal Gayle Correll was born at the Knox City Hospital, October 29, 1977. She has lived here all her life. She has a mother and a father, Brenda and Sonny Correll that stood behind her throughout the years in school. Crystal Gayle also has two handsome brothers, Andy and Brian Correll. Andy was an ordinary, pick-on-little-sister, kind of brother. Now Brian took care of her when she was sick or needed anything. Now Andy is a teacher and Brian is in college, and they both love her the same. She really loves her family and her family loves her.

Crystal has been in a variety of activities. She has been through little dribblers to high school basketball. She played volleyball her freshman, sophomore and junior year. She played golf those three years and her freshman year she was nine strokes from going to state. She was in FFA all four years while she showed hogs and received many ribbons. Her senior year she decided to go to Brenham, Texas. Crystal made it through the sift and went on to Houston where she got third place and made it to the Houston Livestock Sale. Her life has been full since she has been in school.

Crystal Gayle worked out at the watermelon place one summer and decided to move indoors working for Terry Hester repairing saddles, making jewelry, building spurs and re-

We would like to offer our congratulations to all the graduating seniors of 1997.

We have been serving most of you sno-cones and frozen pickles since you were in Pre-K. & Kindergarten.

Watching you grow up through the years has brought a feeling of pride, you are a terrific group and are sure to go far in whatever path you choose for the future.

Come see us whenever you can!

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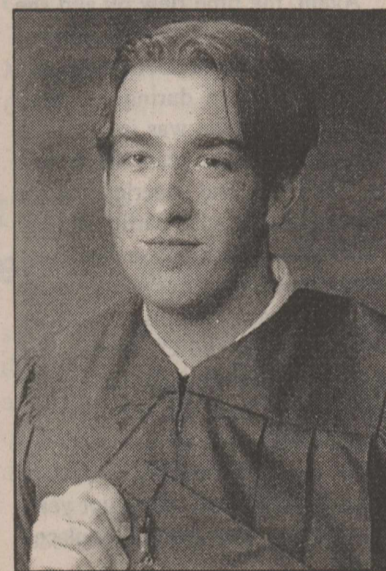
## Senior Profiles From The Knox City Class of 1997

pairing stirrups. She enjoys working there. Crystal also loves taking care of her pets. Just about every kind of animal there is, she has had it.

Crystal has many interests. She loves animals, riding steers, watching a good rodeo, dancing to country music, trucks and cowboys. Her favorite country singer is Terry Clark. Her favorite food is steak (T-Bone) salad and mash potatoes, also boiled shrimp. Her interests hasn't changed one bit, and probably will never change.

Crystal plans to stay here a year after she graduates and then attend Tarleton. She is not ready to leave Knox City. She loves the size, where it is located, and the people that are around her. She is also waiting for her best friend, Melissa Stovall. She is not looking forward to the day of leaving her family. She plans to go on to college and majoring in Animal Biology. Crystal also will carry an activity throughout college. She is getting into clowning at the local rodeos there at Stephenville. She plans to move outside of a city and work in a zoo when she is out of college.

Crystal Gayle would like to thank the people that stood behind her throughout her life. It means a great deal to her knowing that so many people care about her and her future.  
THANKS MOM !!



**JASON BRANDON**

On the night of January 19, 1979, a special package was delivered to Robert and Vicki Brandon in Muleshoe. That wonderful package brought into this world was their first and only child, Jason Brandon.

Jason spent his first four years growing up and playing in Muleshoe. When he turned five, the Brandon family moved to Idalou, Texas, where Jason started elementary school. Academics always seemed to be something Jason excelled in. Jason was on the honor roll throughout his days there and when he moved to Friona, Texas, things remained the same. After one year in Friona, the Brandons moved to Knox City, Texas, in 1989. Jason continued to study hard, participate in UIL and athletics and graduated salutatorian of the eighth grade class. He then ventured into the known, yet unknown world of high school. KCHS was not as bad as he expected, and it actually proved to be fun sometimes. While there, Jason participated in many extracurricular activities. Jason was in band for three and a half years. Two of those years he presided as band president. He was also in athletics for three years. During those years, he played football, basketball and threw the discus

in track. Jason won first at district his sophomore year throwing the discus, and he was named to the all-district basketball team during his senior year. Jason was also in UIL. He participated in number sense, calculator, science, mathematics and computer applications. During his junior year, Jason made it to the regional contest in computer applications. During his junior year, Jason made it to the regional contest in computer applications, but failed to qualify for state. Jason is also in Beta Club, National Honor Society and FHA. He is also the senior class president and has finished third in his class.

Jason is estatic that he is finally graduating from high school, but he realizes that there is so much more to be accomplished. When school is out, Jason is going to join his friend's band, Verboten, as the guitar / keyboard player and programmer. Remember the name because the band is going to be the next big "alternative" band in the future.

Actually, Jason will be attending college at the University of North Texas at Denton. Career plans seem to be up in the air, but Jason believes he will become a pharmacist or a famous chef. Meanwhile, he will be working during the summer for some cold, hard cash that he seems to have trouble finding on a tree near his home. Jason is really looking forward to the college life.

Jason, whose favorite colors are "deathly" black, "seductive" scarlet and "natural" hunter green, loves music and cooking. Jason enjoys listening to music that most parochial people do not like and is classified as "alternative," "industrial," and "techno." He also likes to cook whenever possible. His favorite dish is cheesy enchiladas.

Jason has been through so much these past eighteen years and has luckily had help from many special people. He would like to thank Jesus Christ, his mother and father, the rest of his family, Ivy, John and Aaron because all were there to make life easier. They listened to him, helped him through his problematic times, and encouraged him all the way. He would also like to thank his teachers. Mr. Collins, whose science classes were never dull, Mr. Reasor, who is the coolest teacher in this hemisphere, and Mr. Risinger, who pushed his students to accomplish their goals, all made waking up in the morning and going to school fun, not dreadful. Thank you.

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**SARAH LOWE**

On July 5, 1979, Sarah Elizabeth Lowe was the first and only girl added to the Lowe family. Sarah has three brothers. Jacob, 26 years old, is married and lives in Amarillo. Nathan, 22 years old, also lives in Amarillo. The youngest of all the kids is Matthew. He is in the 8th grade.

For the past three years, Sarah attended O'Donnell High School. She was involved in many extracurricular activities. She participated in Band for three years. She was also very active in athletics. She was on the Varsity basketball team for two years and the JV for one. She was also in Track and Cross-Country during her freshman year.

Sarah was also an active member in the FFA while at O'Donnell, but mainly she could be found in the auditorium working on One-Act Play. Sarah has made two trips to Austin as a crew member in One-Act Play. She could also be found in the Speech room working on her Prose.

Sarah moved to Knox City in July of this past summer. She was first welcomed here by Sara Dillon and Tamara McGaughey. These two girls introduced her to many of the high school kids. She met Melissa and Diana. Two weeks later Erin Lierly moved in and ever since then they have been inseparable. After meeting Sara, Tamara, Diana and Melissa, Sarah has felt very welcomed. Her dad, Mack Lowe, is the high school principal and Sarah is just one of the seniors. At Knox City, Sarah has been involved in FFA, Varsity Basketball, Volleyball manager, Prose and One-Act Play.

Sarah has been awarded top-student in Chemistry and Spanish II. Sarah was inducted into the National Honors Society at the end of her Sophomore year. This year she was transferred into the Knox City chapter.

In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with her friends, reading Stephen King novels, and watching movies with her family. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite Looney-Tune is Tweety Bird. Sarah can be found with her best-friend Erin riding around in her flashy, red Camaro.

Sarah would like to give special thanks to her family and friends. Without them she feels that she would not have made it. She would also like to thank every single one of her teachers for teaching her what she knows today. Most of all she would like to thank her father for providing her with her last and best year in high school. "I love you Daddy!"

Sarah plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College and is going to major in Physical Education. After Vernon, she plans to attend Angelo State University.

## Best of Luck 1997 GRADUATES

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With a shining future and  
a world of promise ahead,  
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Good Luck To All!*

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## BEST WISHES to the Graduates!

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Monday, May 26 - Holiday. No meals served.  
Tuesday, May 27 - Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, pudding.  
Wednesday, May 28 - Baked ham, apple celery salad, blackeyed peas, cheese potatoes, hot rolls, peach cobbler.  
Thursday, May 29 - Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, pinto beans, potato rounds, apple cobbler.  
Friday, May 30 - Beef with spaghetti, tossed green salad, fried squash, green beans, hot rolls, cake square.  
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