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Well, Hail! ... Hard rain hits Tahoka!

The long-awaited rain finally arrived in the Lynn County area with a vengeance Monday night, bringing not only a welcome 1.17 inches of moisture in Tahoka (officially) but also slinging hailstones, some almost baseball size as shown in comparison to a golf ball in the photo at right. The ground was completely covered with marble to quarter size hail, with the bigger chunks pounding into (and through) windows, roofs and vehicles. Insurance companies were extremely busy answering calls about hail damage in the area, and business was reportedly booming with window glass sales at the local lumber yard. (LCN PHOTOS)

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Lubbock Man Dies In Wreck Near Wilson

Alfredo Cantu, 65, died Sunday in a two-vehicle accident near Wilson. The rural Lubbock man was pronounced dead at the scene following the accident that occurred two miles east of Wilson on FM 211 in Lynn County.

Trooper John Gonzalez of Lubbock said a 1991 Kenworth truck driven by Jose Zuniga of Lubbock

was eastbound on FM 211 about 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The truck, which was not pulling a trailer, entered a curve when Zuniga attempted to pass another vehicle in a no-passing zone.

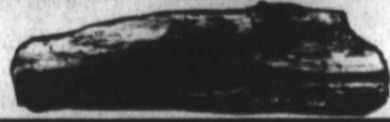
At the same time, Gonzalez said, a 1990 Mercury driven by Cantu entered the curve. Zuniga attempted to pull back to the eastbound lane when the truck's brakes locked up and it

began to slide sideways. The passenger side of Cantu's vehicle struck the side of the truck and lodged underneath.

The Mercury was occupied by three passengers. A 2-year-old and a 4-year-old were treated and released at Children's Methodist Hospital. Carolina Cantu, 60, of Lubbock was taken to Methodist Hospital where she was reported in stable condition Monday night.

The Jaws of Life were used to remove Alfredo Cantu from the wreckage. He was pronounced at the scene by Justice of the Peace Terri Walker, Gonzalez said.

Woodwork...



by Dalton

A FEW WEEKS ago, the Jerry Seinfeld show ended on television. And TV Guide, the Lubbock newspaper, and no telling who else went berserk in lavishing accolades on this, the greatest comedy series of all time, I guess.

The *Avalanche-Journal* had an entire page devoted to the show. TV Guide used up half an issue praising the show, and even had four different covers, all about Seinfeld, just for that week's issue. You would think that the Seinfeld show was the greatest thing which ever appeared on television.

Maybe it was really good. I never saw it, so I can't really say anything except that I doubt it was worth all that praise. Not until I read part of the A-J story did I learn what night it was on TV (Thursday).

Anyway, I will never have any withdrawal pains because Seinfeld is no longer on the tube. Maybe I'll watch some of it someday on re-runs, just to see if he is as funny as Jack Benny, Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett and Tim Conway, to mention a few of my own favorites.

WITH APOLOGIES to the three or four persons I already forwarded this joke to, here is a pretty good story someone sent me on the internet:

There was a religious lady that had to do a lot of traveling for her business, so she did a lot of flying. Flying made her very nervous, so she always took her Bible along with her to read as it helped relax her on the long flights.

One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and smirk and went back to what he was doing.

After awhile, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?"

The lady replied, "Of course I do. It is the Bible."

He said, "Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?"

She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible."

He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?"

The lady said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him."

"What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically.

"Then you can ask him," replied the lady.

City Pool Opening Is Delayed

The Tahoka City Pool will be delayed in opening this summer until Monday, June 8, city officials reported this week, due to the extensive tile replacement work being done on the sides and lip of the pool.

Although tile work began earlier and was expected to be completed by the end of May, delays and problems in getting the quantity of tile needed has set back the completion date, officials said.

"We want the pool to be safe for the children, and are doing everything possible to meet safety requirements and to get the pool open as soon as possible," said the official.

Pool hours will be Monday through Saturday from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. The pool will be available for rental for pool parties on Sundays or after hours Monday through Saturday.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 20	96	65	.11"
May 21	88	67	
May 22	94	67	
May 23	93	68	
May 24	99	61	
May 25	84	59	1.17"
May 26	82	54	

Precip. for May to date: 1.32"

Precip. for 1998 to date: 3.94"

This time last year in May: 2.89"

This time last year to date: 10.76"



BIG WINNER AT INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR - Tahoka 16-year-old Natasha Mensch won \$59,000 in scholarships and \$13,000 in cash and savings bonds at the International Science and Engineering Fair with her project about using carbon from cotton gin trash in a water purification process. Her project was named "Best of Category" at the ISEF held May 10-16 in Fort Worth, where over 1000 students competed from all 50 states in the USA and over 30 foreign countries. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka 16-Year-Old Wins Big: Natasha Mensch Wins \$72,000 In Cash, Scholarships At ISEF

by JUANELL JONES

The check is in the mail ... \$10,000 worth. That's great news for 16-year-old Natasha Mensch of Tahoka, who won \$10,000 in cash at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Ft. Worth two weeks ago. What's even better news, is a grand total of \$59,000 in scholarships with Natasha's name on them, not to mention another \$3,000 in savings bonds.

Add them all up, and the petite blonde from Tahoka High School brought home \$72,000 in cash and scholarships from the international scientific event - by far the most any THS student has won in such competition.

The THS junior, daughter of Mike and Linda Mensch, had a really great week at the ISEF, finishing as one of the top 14 young scientists in the world. She competed against 105 other entries in her category (environmental sciences), and rubbed elbows with just under 1000 contestants from all 50 states and over 30 foreign countries. And, tossed in for

good measure, add over 1000 judges (all Ph.D.'s and considered the best in their fields), along with seven Nobel Prize Laureates who wandered throughout the judging area, speaking with the young scientists.

"I knew she was going to do well, because she had a really good project and she had worked extremely hard on it for months and months - but Natasha outdid herself," said her sponsor, Tahoka High School science teacher Betty Stennett, who accompanied her on the trip.

In the most simple terms, her project explored using carbon created from cotton gin trash for water purification. Other carbon products have been used as water purifiers, but the young Tahoka scientist wanted to explore uses for something which this area has plenty of: cotton gin trash. Her experiment showed, too, that if the carbon from cotton gin trash was used in such a manner, that cotton gin trash would be worth as much as \$41.50 per bale.

She had help getting started with her experiments from Joe Craig of

Tahoka, who she credits for giving her help, direction, and resource contacts. The research, however, she did all on her own, beginning last November and working on the project through March, when the regional science fair took place.

"I don't know how many hours I've worked on this thing [project]," Natasha said with a smile. "I know that after Christmas I worked on it pretty much every day, for at least a couple of hours, and on weekends. And that last week before the regional science fair, I worked til midnight every night," she said, as her teacher nodded, confirming the many hours of work.

The work paid off, however, when she won first place in the Physical Science category in the Regional Science Fair, earning her a chance to compete at the international event.

At the ISEF, Natasha says she spoke to at least 30 different judges, explaining her project and how she came to her conclusions.

"The boy in the next booth teased (See Mensch Wins Big, page 4)

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\$1,780,000 Loan To Tahoka Approved For Wastewater System Improvements

The Texas Water Development Board has approved a \$1,780,000 loan to the City of Tahoka for improvements to the city's wastewater system. The loan will be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Tahoka proposes to construct a new lift station and force main diverting existing wastewater flows to a new 0.36 million gallons per day facultative lagoon treatment plant and holding pond. Treated effluent will be used to irrigate pasture land.

The existing wastewater treatment plant, which was constructed in 1929 and expanded in 1969, is nearing the end of its useful design life. The proposed new plant will mitigate the deficiencies of the existing plant.

"We currently have an old, antiquated wastewater treatment system," said City Manager Jerry Webster, adding that the plant has reached its capacity.

Tahoka's plans are in "the very

beginning stages," Webster said. The city still must obtain a permit from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to do the irrigation project.

Rich Oller, a Lubbock engineer hired by the city to work on the project, said it will probably be a year to 15 months before any construction begins. Once the project is started, it will take about three years to complete, Oller said.

Webster added that the loan papers have not been signed yet, so the interest rate is not definite, but that the rate should be approximately 1-1/2 points below market, and will be a 20-year loan repayment plan.

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TERRI SOLOMON and DARRELL EUBANK Couple Plans July Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Solomon of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Terri Nicole, to Darrell Wayne Eubank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eubank of San Angelo.

The couple will marry July 25, at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Lubbock I.S.D.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University. He attends, and is employed by, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



STORK REPORT

Bruce and Rachel Lehman of Tahoka, announce the birth of a son, Jackson Curry, born at 10:45 a.m.

Tahoka High School
1998 Graduate

Congratulations to Amy Sanchez!

We're proud of you.

Mom, Dad,
Lynsie & Pico

Tuesday, May 19, 1998, in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Curry has a two year-old sister, Kaitlyn.

Grandparents are Zane and Danna Curry of Tahoka and Leonard and Janice Dube of Wilson.

Great-grandparents are Dan and Ouida Turner of Borden County, Arnold Lehman of Wilson and Joe Swinford of Tahoka. Great-great-grandparents are Jackie Turner of Borden County and T.M. Phillips of Tahoka.

T-Bar To Host Open Scramble

T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka will host a one man open scramble Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$50 per person (carts extra). To enter, call T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Friday, June 5.

Jaquess Named To President's List

McMurry University in Abilene announces that Jill Jaquess of Tahoka was listed on the President's List for the spring semester by making a 4.0 while taking 18 hours.

Ms. Jaquess is a senior intercollegiate student majoring in elementary education at McMurry while being certified for Special Education through Abilene Christian University where she has studied sign language.

Since her freshman year at McMurry, she has been active in various roles on campus ranging from recruitment and student government to promoting school spirit and participating in service projects. She currently represents her social club as their representative to the Dean of Student Affairs. Because of her grades and campus involvement, Ms. Jaquess has been selected for Who's Who Among American Universities.

In addition, she has served as an ambassador for McMurry by being chosen as their 1996-97 recruitment brochure cover student and she has attended several local social functions as the campus' representative against child abuse. She also travels to area towns judging high school cheerleading try-outs.

Ms. Jaquess works on campus in the gym's Activity Center as well as working as a receptionist for an Abilene business firm. She is the daughter of Jack and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka.

Obituaries Werner Klaus

Funeral Services for Werner Klaus, 82, of Wilson were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 26 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson with the Vicar Pamela Thiede, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Mel Swoyer of Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Lubbock assisting.

Burial was in Resthaven cemetery in Southland.

Klaus died Saturday, May 23, 1998, in Slaton Care Center.

He was born March 2, 1916, in Elgin and moved to the Southland area in 1925. He was a mechanic in Southland and Wilson before he began a farming career in Wilson in 1943. He retired in 1982.

He married Ester A. Nieman on Dec. 31, 1939 in Southland.

He had been a member of the Wilson City Council and was the city's election judge for many years. He also served on numerous boards at St. John Lutheran Church.

A brother, Calvin Klaus, died Dec. 21, 1985.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Donald of Wilson; a daughter, Audrey Gruhlkey of Adrian; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 7, Wilson 79381.

Vera Phillips

Services for Vera Phillips, 87, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 25, at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with Brother Lynn Long officiating.

Burial was in Green Memorial Park in Wilson under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Friday, May 22, 1998, in Lynn County Hospital.

She was born July 26, 1910, in Lorena. She graduated from Bangs High School. She married Thomas M. Phillips on March 29, 1929, in Brown County. They moved to Tahoka in March 1949 from Bangs. She was a member of Sweet Street Baptist Church.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Jo Swinford, Mildred Hall and Pat Treadwell, all of Tahoka, and Tomi Engle of Lubbock; two brothers, T.C. Ragan of Dublin and James Howard of Duluth, Minn.; two sisters, Billie Moore of Leander and Marjorie Matthews of Arlington; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Anastacio Lopez

Rosary for Anastacio "A.R." Lopez, 73, of Tahoka were held at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, May 24-25 in St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Services were held Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m. in the same church with the Rev. Bert Mead officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Memorial Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lopez died Friday, May 22, 1998, in Methodist Hospital.

He was born Feb. 2, 1925, in Mathis. He married Maria Mireles in 1940, in Beeville. He moved to Tahoka from New Home in 1972. He was a Catholic.

He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Anastacio Jr., Armando and Freddie, all of Tahoka, and Robert of New Home; three daughters, Lupe Lopez of Beeville, Molly Moya of Brownfield and Sylvia Salinas of Tahoka; two brothers, Doroteo Lopez of Washington and Sipriano Salinas of Tahoka; two sisters, Benita Lopez of Houston and Amelia Lopez of Beeville; 23 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

July 4th Celebration Planned In Tahoka

A July 4th Celebration is being planned in Tahoka this year, to be held Saturday, July 4 at the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center and Tahoka Housing Authority complex. Events will begin at 1 p.m. and continue throughout the evening, concluding with an auction to benefit the senior citizens center.

Outside events will be available during the afternoon, with participation sought from area residents in a horseshoe tournament, a co-ed Volleyball tournament, and entertainment, including singing and square dancing.

Inside, there will be various booths offering items, and a brisket dinner will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m., at a cost of \$5 per plate. Door prizes will be drawn from those who purchase brisket dinner tickets, and then the evening's auction will be held, kicking off around 7 p.m. A quilt raffle is also scheduled, and tickets are already on sale at the center for \$1 each for a hand-made quilt which Trudy Schuknecht is making.

"This is the beginning of what we hope to make our annual fund-raising event," said Kathy Long, director of the center. "We hope all area residents will come out for fun, food and entertainment, and in the process help us out. This is your senior citizens center, and we are doing everything we can think of to help keep it open," she added.

Kelln Awarded \$1,000 Scholarship

Krystin Kelln, a 1998 graduate of Tahoka High School has been awarded a one year \$1,000 Youth Livestock Show Scholarship sponsored by the State Fair of Texas.

Since 1992, the State Fair of Texas Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships to academically talented students who graduate from high schools in the Dallas State Fair Park area. In 1993, the State Fair of Texas Scholarship Program expanded its youth support by awarding scholarships to academically talented students who participated in State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Shows. The 1998 Youth Livestock Show will be held this fall during the 117th State Fair of Texas, Sept. 25-Oct. 18, in Fair Park, Dallas.

The State Fair of Texas is awarding 129 scholarships for the 1998-99 school year. This includes 34 new and 63 renewed Youth Livestock Scholarships and 18 new and 12 renewed Fair Park Scholarships.

Ms. Kelln participated in the State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Show from 1993-94, and 1997. She showed in the Youth Market Beef Shows and won numerous places including one first place, a Champion and two Breed Champions. In high school, she was an active member of FFA, 4-H Club, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Science Club, National Honor Society and the Student Council. She has held numerous offices in those clubs and received many awards and honors during her high school career.

Ms. Kelln plans to attend Wayland Baptist University and major in agribusiness. She is the daughter of Jay and Karen Kelln of Tahoka.

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Tahoka Awarded \$250,000 Grant For Water, Sewer Improvements

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm recently announced that nearly 100 cities and counties in Texas are receiving Community Development Block grants totaling \$26.9 million to help finance various water, sewer or street improvements, including a \$250,000 grant to the City of Tahoka.

The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs and will be administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs through the Texas Community Development Program.

"I am pleased that some of the tax dollars sent by Texans to Wash-

ington are being returned to benefit area citizens by financing improvements to the areas where we work and live in every day," Gramm said in making the announcement.

"My strong commitment is to assure a fair return to Texas taxpayers on the money we pay in federal taxes," the senator said.

The Community Development Block Grant program, one of HUD's largest, is designed to assist communities in carrying out a wide range of development activities aimed at neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services.

Norwood Donates Van To Texas Boys Ranch

With the proceeds from the Daron Norwood For Kids Celebrity Golf Tournament with John Daly, held last Tuesday at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka, Norwood has purchased a 1991 Chevy Astro Van and donated it to the Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock.

Mike Walker, a representative of the Texas Boys Ranch, said that Norwood discovered after talking with an administrator there of a critical need for transportation for the boys in the facility, and donated the van last week.

"We're just getting all the paperwork and insurance completed, and should begin using the van today," Walker reported to *The News* Tuesday. "It's beautiful, and very much appreciated," he added.

The Texas Boys Ranch, not to be confused with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch near Amarillo, is located in the Lubbock area, and the residents there attend Roosevelt schools.

No other information was available as of press time as to how much money the tournament raised, or whether any local donations were made to charities in Lynn County. Originally, the tournament was advertised with the proceeds benefiting the Daron Norwood For Kids Foundation, with plans to build a home in Tahoka for youngsters with alcohol-related and other problems.



TAHOKA DAISY CONTEST WINNERS—Eric Green (left), a Tahoka sixth grader, is shown with his drawing which won first place in the City/County Library's Tahoka Daisy drawing contest. Kindace Druessedow (second from right) was awarded second place, and other top winners were, from left, Jaci Hammonds, Sarah Box, Jennifer Rodriguez, and (far right) Michael Nance.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The three on three basketball tournament scheduled for May 30 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Kindergarten graduation was held May 19. Seventeen kindergarten students went through the ceremonies and were promoted to first grade. The students sang songs that they learned from their teacher Cam Johnson.

A birdhouse made by Roy Flores was raffled on May 19 by the varsity cheerleaders. Winner of the birdhouse was Linda Ballard, sixth grade teacher. Profits from the raffle will help fund special treats during pep rallies.

LaTronda Maines, gospel singer from Lubbock, will perform at New Home Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on May 31. She will be joined by her brother Kenny Maines, her husband Wally Moyers and vocalist Jerry Brownlow. Love offering will be received.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 1-5 at New Home Baptist Church. Workers are still needed.

Grades 7-12 can pick up their report cards on June 1 in the high school library. All lunch bills, library fees, and athletic bills must be paid in order to receive a report card.

Ashli Farmer Signs With LCU

O'Donnell High School basketball standout Ashli Farmer has signed a letter of intent with Lubbock Christian University. An All-District team member for the last three years, Farmer averaged 16.4 points per game, scoring 412 points overall. This year, she had 206 rebounds, 87 assists, 94 steals and 19 blocks.

She is the daughter of Matt and Dianne Farmer of O'Donnell.

Historical Society Awards Scholarship

The Tahoka Historical Society has awarded a \$250 per semester scholarship for one year to Tahoka High School graduate Gary Gandy, who is THS Salutatorian of the Class of 1998.

Gandy is the son of Menford and Sharon Gandy of Tahoka.

Huffaker Named To Mortar Board

Mortar Board, a national college senior honor society, inducted 32 new members into the Scribes Chapter from West Texas A&M University, including Katy Huffaker, a junior marketing major from Tahoka. She is the daughter of Mike and Beth Huffaker of Tahoka.

Mortar Board, Inc., is an honor society that recognizes college seniors for distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

Members are selected in the spring of each year by their peers. Students are eligible for membership in their junior year and must be ranked in the top 35 percent of their class.

Senior Citizens MENU

- June 1-5**
Monday: Chicken w/Squash (Calabaza con Pollo), Unfried Refried Beans, Mexican Corn, Corn or Flour Tortillas, Cinnamon Bananas.
Tuesday: Vegetable Beef Stew, Peas & Macaroni Salad, Cornbread, Pears, Cookies.
Wednesday: BBQ Chicken, Butterbeans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Rice/Bread Pudding w/Raisin.
Thursday: Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Biscuit, Brownie.
Friday: Meatloaf, New Potatoes in Sauce, Broccoli, Celery Sticks, Wheat Roll, White Cake.



NEW STYLE—If your roof has been damaged or needs replacing after suffering hail damage, consider a permanent steel roof installed by Cover-All Home Pros. Recently installed steel roof and siding at the home of Wayne & Vickie Parker, 1201 S. 2nd in Tahoka, resisted baseball-size hail.

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The roofing professionals at Cover-All say steel roofing is an excellent choice to combat hail damage on your home. The staff reports that steel roofs installed on area homes suffer virtually no damage during even the fiercest hail storms. This was proven just this week — the recent

baseball-size hail storm in Tahoka may have caused lots of damage to many homes, but not to the steel roof and siding recently installed at the home of Wayne & Vickie Parker, 1201 S. 2nd in Tahoka. Even after the worst abuse Mother Nature can dish out, steel roofs still look great.

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- Steel roofing may reduce your home's insurance cost. Local homeowners report discounts of up to 10 percent off on their homeowners' insurance with the installation of a new steel roof. Please check with your personal insurance agent for details about potential discounts.

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**SHANNON HUFFAKER
Huffaker Earns
Degree At Yale**

Shannon Huffaker, daughter of John and Charlotte Huffaker of Amarillo received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University on May 25. She is the granddaughter of Robert Warren of Brownfield, Leta Warren of Lubbock, and the late Calloway and Nina Huffaker.

Ms. Huffaker's degree is in English, with a concentration in Modern American and African-American Fiction. While at Yale, she was a member of the Progressive Party of the Yale Political Union and volunteered as a Student AIDS Educator. As a senior she was a Freshman Counselor and worked in the Yale Health Education Office. She participated in theatre at Yale both as an actor and stage manager, and was captain of the women's intramural volleyball team.

This fall, Ms. Huffaker has a traveling fellowship with the Anti-Sexual Abuse Project funded by the Rhode Island Public Education Fund. The ASAP group makes presentations concerning sexual assault and dating violence on high school and college campuses across the United States. In the future, she expects to continue her education toward a Master's Degree in Public Health.

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**O'Donnell Sailor Serves
Aboard Floating City**

by Rich Henson,
Navy Public Affairs Center

The 12 aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy are feats of engineering and organization. These floating airfields handle as many as 80 aircraft and the thousands of people that make up each carrier's crew and air wing have their own television station, electric company, hospital, communications network and police force.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Luera, the 20-year-old son-in-law of Lupe Rodriguez of O'Donnell, is stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation. Luera believes his job, like those of other Constellation crewmembers, is important to the ship's mission.

"My job is very important to the Constellation. If it wasn't for me and my job the ship couldn't get underway. We raise and lower the anchor, refuel at sea, operate the small boats and steer the ship," said Luera, who is married to Rodriguez's daughter Luisa.

As a boatswain's mate, Luera supervises the maintenance and preservation of the ship's surfaces and deck equipment and operates the small auxiliary boats used aboard the ship.



RAMIRO LUERA JR.
(Photo by Ted Banks)

The 5,000 men and women that make up the Constellation's crew and air wing serve as the Navy's continued commitment to world peace. With its complement of 70 aircraft, the 81,000-ton Constellation can be at a crisis spot anywhere in the world in a matter of days.

Like most Sailors, Luera's career started with a talk to a Navy recruiter.

"I joined the Navy because of the available schooling and I wanted to see what the world was all about," Luera said.

Along with travel and other benefits the Navy provides, Luera has been exposed to many personal and professional growth opportunities.

"I've learned, since I've been in the Navy, how to operate high tech machinery. I have received schooling and training and the time to take some college courses," said Luera, a two-year Navy veteran.

The constellation's crew takes great pride in representing their ship and the Navy. Luera finds being a member of the "Connie's" crew a rewarding experience.

"I and the Sailors in my job rating receive recognition while at sea. We do some of the most dangerous jobs aboard the ship and the boatswain's mates are recognized after we prove to the ship what we can do," Luera said.

Service News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Carey S. Quisenberry, son of Mike and Gail Quisenberry of Tahoka, recently returned from a six-week deployment to the Easter Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea while assigned aboard the amphibious command ship and Commander, U.S. Second Fleet flagship, USS Mount Whitney, homported in Norfolk, Va.

Quisenberry was among 50,000 service members from 15 NATO and 10 Partnership for Peace (PFP) nations who participated in the NATO Exercise "Strong Resolve '98". Conducted in the surrounding seas and airspace of Norway, Portugal and Spain, the multinational live exercise tested the full spectrum of NATO missions. It was the first large-scale exercise presenting two simultaneous crises in separate geographic regions.

A 1996 graduate of Tahoka High School, Quisenberry joined the Navy in August 1996.

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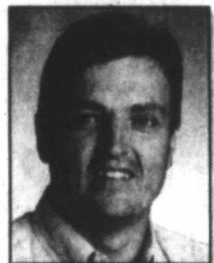
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Mensch Wins Big... (continued from page 1)

me at one time that "it was pretty bad when I [the boy] have to move out of my booth to give room to all the judges who were crowding around you to hear you talk about your project," Natasha said with a grin.

The judges chose Natasha's project, entitled "Activation and Adsorptive Qualities of Char Produced From the Gasification of Biomass" as Best of Category, which won the grand award of \$5000 cash. She also won 1st place Grand Award in the Environmental Science category, for \$3,000, and the 1st place award from the Global Change Society for \$2000. A 1st place Army award netted her a \$3,000 savings bond.

Colleges and universities also offer scholarships at the international science fair, taking advantage of the opportunity to recruit members of their next freshman class from the most talented young scientists in the world by offering full and partial tuition scholarships. Three Texas universities awarded scholarships totaling \$59,000 to Natasha. Texas Christian University offered her a full four-year scholarship valued at \$47,000, Baylor University offered the young Tahokan \$2,000 per year, and The University of Texas at Austin offered her \$1,000 per year.

"Dad didn't really believe me at first when I called home to tell him about the TCU scholarship," Natasha said, grinning widely. "I couldn't hardly believe it myself when they announced what I had won... I just stood there with this blank look on my face."

She had heard the results about another Lynn County youth scientist there, Casey Griffing, a senior from O'Donnell High School who won \$100 cash third place award from the Society for Mining Engineers with his project, "Interaction of Heavy Metals in the Food Chain," as well as a full tuition four-year scholarship to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is the son of Bill and Rubeth Griffing.

"I thought, wow, he did great!" Natasha said, adding, "But then when they announced what I won, I was just shocked."

Although some awards are offered at the ISEF through different companies to sponsoring teachers and schools, none were awarded for Natasha's project. Her teacher, however, had something else to be excited about.

"I get Natasha back next year!" Mrs. Stennett said with a wide smile, obviously delighted with the prospect of teaching Natasha during her senior year, as well as making plans for the next year's science fairs.

Natasha says she plans to continue her research for next year's science fairs, and is undaunted about what will most certainly be many, many more hours of work. Because of her success at this year's ISEF, Natasha will spend five weeks at the University of Houston this summer working one-on-one with a professor on a research project, through the sponsorship of the Welch Summer Scholar Program.

It's a good beginning for the young Tahoka scholar, who plans to go into - what else? - chemical engineering.

And what of the checks coming in the mail?

"I guess I'm going to be using it for school," Natasha says, although one of the first questions she asked her Mom was whether she could make a \$10,000 down payment on something she's always wanted: a Ford F-150 pickup.

"Mom said no," said the 16-year-old with a sigh.

Ah well, life is tough... even for brilliant young scientists. And, after all, life is full of surprises - perhaps she can win a truck at next year's international science fair.

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Unfortunately, according to U.S. Department of Education and financial aid experts, many students are missing out on financial assistance opportunities available to them simply because they are not aware of the scholarship process and do not know how to locate scholarships that can help them. "Students who take the initiative to find out what sources they qualify for are usually successful in funding either or all of their education."

Ideally students should identify scholarship sources as early as possible, starting in the spring semester of their junior year in high school. However, as long as there are college bills to pay, even for later years in college or graduate school, it is never too late to find out what money is available to help. "These scholarship sources need and want students to apply for their funds so they can help them. That is why they exist."

Now through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1998 is available which provides important information for all students seeking financial assistance, how to use the new tax changes to save money on educational expenses, and where to secure direct scholarship money.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships for college, graduate school or trade school, send \$3 to cover shipping and handling to the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), 188 Summer Street, Scholarship Department, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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THIS CHEERLEADERS - Tahoka High School Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1998-99 school year will be, in front from left, junior Shayla Lawson, senior Amanda Fuentes, freshman Kalah Bartley, freshman Lesley Chapa, junior Jessica House (head cheerleader), senior LaTara Hood; and in back, senior Nancy Deleon, senior Mandi Tejeda as the Bulldog mascot; and senior Courtney Stennett.

Passage of Senate Bill 1 Impacts Water Management In Lynn County

Residents of Lynn County need to be aware that an act passed during the 75th Texas Legislative session (Senate Bill 1) requires that water management plans be developed for every county in the state before Sept. 1, 2000, and that the plans be updated every five years, thereafter, according to information from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

The plan must include an evaluation of the current water reserves (groundwater and surface water) in each county, the historic and projected water use by each town or city in the county, livestock water use, mining water use, irrigated agriculture use, steam and electric power generator water use, manufacturing water use, and rural water use within the county.

Comparing water use to water reserves, a determination has to be made as to whether or not the water supplies will be adequate to meet the short-term (0-30 years) needs and the long-term needs (30-50 years). If the water reserves will not meet future needs, water management strategies must be developed to determine how

future water needs will be met or, in the alternative, what economic and social effect will occur as a result of not meeting these needs.

Towns and cities are also required to develop drought management plans. Failure to comply with the provisions of Senate Bill 1 will result in the loss of low interest loans and grants for water supply development by non-participating entities.

If the work is not done at the local level, the Texas Water Development board will make their own evaluation for non-participating entities, which will include recommendation to the legislature as to what needs to be done by non-participating entities to meet their long term water needs.

The legislature concluded that water planning could best be accomplished on a regional level. They, therefore, directed the TWDB to divide the state into regional planning areas. Lynn County was placed into Region "O", which also includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum Counties.

The legislature also concluded that the responsibility for directing the planning effort needed to be placed with leaders in the region and with varied water interests. They identified 11 water interest groups which must be represented by the initial coordinating committee. The TWDB then solicited recommendations from residents in the region as to whom they would like to represent them in the planning effort for each interest group. The 17 individuals appointed to the initial coordinating body of Region "O" by the TWDB to represent the eleven water use interests groups are: Dr. Lloyd Urban of Lubbock, public sector; Judge Dallas Brewer of Plains, county governments; Bruce Blalack of Lubbock, Ches Carthel of Plainview, and Mayor Bob Josseland of Hereford, municipalities; Steve Perry of Lubbock, industries; Dr. John Abernathy of Lubbock, S.M. True Jr. of Plainview, Johnny Anzaldua of Lamesa, and

Delaine Baucum of Seminole, agriculture; Jim Steiert of Hereford, environmental issues; Don McElroy of Muleshoe, small businesses; Bill Harbin of Floydada, electric generating utilities; John Garland of Waco, river authorities; A. Wayne Wyatt of Lubbock and Kent Satterwhite of Sanford, water districts; and Henry Rieff of Cotton Center, water utilities.

The legislation appropriated funds to help pay for the planning effort by creating a method for obtaining matching grants (75 percent state, 25 percent local).

The Region "O" planning group has met twice. Their first act was to appoint three additional people to the planning group. Jerry Webster of Tahoka was appointed to represent municipalities. Harold "Bo" Brown of Lubbock is to represent agricultural interests. Lee Arrington of Brownfield will represent underground water conservation districts.

They have adopted a set of by-laws, adopted a new name — The Llano Estacado Planning Group, elected officers and begun the planning process. The officers are: A. Wayne Wyatt, Chairman; Lee Arrington, Vice-Chairman; and Ches Carthel, Secretary.

Public meetings will be conducted to receive comments as to what should be included in the long term water management plan, especially as to what scenarios should be considered if the current water supplies do not appear adequate to meet long term needs.

Please direct any written suggestions or comments to A. Wayne Wyatt, Chairman of The Llano Estacado Planning Group, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405.

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Boat Theft, Family Violence Reported During Week Here

Theft of a boat and trailer, and several cases of family violence were reported to law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the past week, and officers also issued two junk vehicle notices in Tahoka. The Memorial Day weekend was relatively quiet, although two arrests were made for public intoxication.

Michael White of New Home reported a 1979 Glastron boat and boat trailer missing sometime between May 17-25 from a residence located two miles south of FM 211 on FM 179. Valued at a total of \$15,000, the boat is a gold metal flake over yellow gold interior with yellow seats, on a black Magnum boat trailer.

Tahoka police officers issued two junk vehicle notifications within the city, notifying the owners they had ten days to remove the vehicles or fines would be imposed by the City of Tahoka.

Several cases of domestic disturbances were reported during the week in Tahoka and Wilson. Eleven people were jailed dur-

ing the week, two for thefts by check; one for assault causing bodily injury to a family member/criminal mischief; one for terroristic threats; one for DWI first offense; one for public intoxication; one for DWI second offense; one for no driver's license/no financial responsibility; two for public intoxication; one for speeding/no driver's license; and one for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

During the month of April, Tahoka Police Department answered 327 service calls, with 41 criminal investigations initiated, 35 of which were cleared, 4 remain active, and 2 inactive. Police officers drove 3,592 miles during the month, issued 58 citations and investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents. Total value of property loss reported was \$2,605, including \$225 in stolen property and \$2,380 worth of property vandalized.

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LYNN COUNTY EMS - Members of the Lynn County EMS give much of their time in making sure the citizens of Lynn County get quality emergency medical care. We goofed and listed their names incorrectly in last week's issue, so here they are again, hopefully with the right names: (seated from left) Dee Dee Pridmore, Jeanie Stone, Ginger Henry, Donna Raindl and Janie Isbell; and (standing from left) Bobby Jolly Jr., Kent Stone, Kathy Long, Jeremy Brandon, Pam Ashcraft, Todd Henry, Sharon Gandy and Steve Sanders; and not shown, Michael Angeley and Keith Paschal. (LCN PHOTO)

Prison 'Myths' Persist Despite Uniqueness of Texas' System

by Glen Castlebury
Public Information Officer
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

The Texas prison system is unique in many important ways, but it still attracts certain "myths" that inmates might wish were true and taxpayers hope aren't true.

Television/Air Conditioning
At the top of the myth list is air conditioning and television — and more particularly, color television. Yes, prisoners do watch TV and, yes, it is color TV. But it does not come at taxpayer expense.

All TV sets are purchased with the inmates' own money because they are purchased with the profits from the inmate commissaries, the in-prison stores where inmates can buy snack foods, toi-

lety items and approved magazines and books.

Once the TV is in the prison, only the basic networks, sports and educational channels are permitted, and what's viewed is regulated by the guards who keep the remote controls.

Television sets are usually located in dayrooms where from 60 to 90 prisoners may watch one set. The dayrooms are typically outfitted with metal benches bolted to the floor. No kicking back in the old recliner!

And when watching TV in the heat of Texas summers, prisoners don't enjoy the luxury of air conditioning. Texas prisons have heat but they are not air conditioned. Summer daytime temperatures can soar into the 90s in the cell blocks and much of that daytime heating lingers during the overnight hours.

The prisons have forced air systems that keep inside air moving and fresh air coming in. That is a health measure as prisoners stay on constant alert for airborne contagious diseases when so many people are housed so densely, particularly in humid areas.

Prison administrators look on the TV sets as the least expensive form of occupying prisoners' time and keeping them out of mischief during off hours.

Wake Up Call
The mention of "off hours" brings up the myth about prisoners sitting on their duffs all day. Not in Texas!

Most citizens are surprised to learn that in Texas prisons, the day starts with wake-up call at 3:30 a.m. Breakfast starts at 4:30 a.m. and work starts about 6 a.m.

Hard Work/No Pay
Work? Yes, every able-bodied inmate in the Texas prison system works a full day's job every day. No other state prison system can make that statement. And in Texas, not one prisoner is paid one dime for working — and again, no other state system can say that.

The largest majority of Texas inmates work in prison support jobs — cooking, cleaning, laundry and maintenance of the system's 107 prison units. Texas prisons have won national acclaim for their cleanliness, the product of constant elbow-grease by inmate crews. With the system as large as it is, many prison support functions must run 24 hours a day.

About 10,000 inmates work in the system's agriculture jobs which last year produced almost \$50 million worth of edible crops, livestock and cotton for the prison system on 139,000 acres of farm and ranch land.

(Prison units which don't have enough land to be in the agricultural program still produce several million pounds of fresh vegetables each year to donate to local food banks for the needy.)

About 8,000 inmates work in the prison industries program, a system of 46 factories that last year produced \$100 million worth of products — all inmate and guard clothing, mattresses, cleaning supplies and equipment, furniture, stainless steel, school bus and dump truck repair, license tags, highway signs and microfilming for state agencies, just to name a few.

Prison industry products are sold to other state agencies, cities, counties and school districts.

Inmates work in many states but what is different about the Texas system is that no inmate is paid a penny for their work. Work is the basis for all privileges in Texas prisons.

An inmate who refuses to work loses all privileges. He is put on "cell restriction," meaning he is moved to a two-man cell where he stays 24 hours a day. He cannot watch TV, he cannot go to the commissary, he cannot go to the recreation yard and his meals are shoved through a slot in the door so he doesn't even get a trip to the mess hall. Any personal property he owns, such as family pictures or a radio, are taken away.

Only a small percentage of inmates refuse to work. It seems that 30 days of "cell restriction" makes most inmates change their mind.

Community Service
As the prison population has grown so much so quickly, a new form of work has been developed to keep inmates productively employed — community public service jobs for the state and local governments.

This year Texas inmates have done more than three million hours of public projects worth millions of dollars in tax savings to local governments. The service jobs range from removing asbestos in public schools to cleaning storm damage from creeks and rivers to building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Again, there is no pay for this work.

While other states make headlines for using inmate chain gangs, Texas has had inmates cleaning highways and state parks for years. But Texas inmates aren't chained because prison officials say, "If an inmate is so dangerous you have to chain him, then he shouldn't be out on a work gang, and besides, you can't get any good work done in chains."

Medical Care
Under a new law passed in 1997, any inmate who has any money in his inmate trust account must pay \$3 when he asks to see a prison doctor. This "co-pay" system is expected to bring in nearly \$1 million a year to help offset the cost of prison health care. However, no inmate will be denied medical attention for lack of money and the \$3 co-payment is not charged on emergencies, follow-up calls and sick call complaints handled by medical staff.

All prison medicine is handled as a managed health care program operated by a consortium of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the University of Houston College of Pharmacy.

Prison officials estimate that the managed health care system is 20 percent cheaper than having the prison system itself provide medical services.

Dress Code/Privileges
Even a casual observer could spot one major difference between Texas inmates and prisoners in most other states.

All Texas men inmates are required to have very short haircuts and no facial hair. No free world clothing is allowed; all inmates dress in prison-made white uniforms.

The Texas prison system has the most restrictive inmate telephone policy in the nation. A prisoner with good behavior is allowed one 5-minute phone call every 90 days. Calls are monitored and may be made only to approved individuals.

Prison Food
Even though the prison system raises fine beef cattle (a winner in last year's Houston Livestock Show), prisoners don't eat steak.

Prison-raised cattle are sold at auction, usually in cow-calf combinations, and the proceeds are used to buy packer beef trimmings which are made into ground beef at the prison's own packing houses. A variety of ground beef dishes form the heart of the prison menus.

Even though the prison system has more than 250,000 hens, they are used only for egg production as the prison has found it more efficient to buy chicken meat on the market.

The system raises and serves its own pork products.

Education
Any inmate coming into prison with less than a seventh grade education is required to attend in-prison school and work toward a GED, because the Texas Legislature and prison administrators believe that education is a major factor in rehabilitation.

Inmates with better than seventh grade educations can go to school and finish their GED if they earn that privilege through good behavior and satisfactory performance in their prison job.

The prison system's Windham School District is unique as the nation's only fully accredited school system within a prison. Currently more than 60,000 inmates are working on academic courses and 16,000 on vocational courses.



FIDDLER PERFORMS - Western swing fiddler Alvin Crow of Austin performed at the Life Enrichment Center for area residents during "Break 'n Tradition" on Thursday, May 14. A good crowd turned out for the event, taking a coffee break and enjoying the music. (LCN PHOTO)

Ground Water Levels Show Increase In County

Lynn County ground water levels increased an average of 0.96 of a foot in 1997 in 83 privately-owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 571,613 acre service area within the county. This represents an increase of 82,312 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in Lynn County.

Ground water levels within Lynn County declined 0.31 of a foot annually during the 10-year period from 1988 to 1998. An average annual decline of 0.81 of a foot was recorded during the five-year period from 1993 to 1998.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.8 million acre Water District service area declined an average of 0.34 of a foot from January 1997 to January 1998. This is 1.15 feet less decline than the 1.49 foot annual decline recorded for 1996.

A network of 1,209 privately-owned observation wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-

water measurements are taken in January and February each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Lynn County was one of seven counties within the Water District recording a water level increase in 1997. The declines in the remaining eight counties ranged from 2.09 feet in Parmer County to 0.12 of a foot in Bailey County.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District were published in the April issue of the *Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the water levels at one-, five-, and 10-year intervals were also printed in the free monthly newsletter.

Copies of the April 1998 *Cross Section* are available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The High Plains Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com

Windham awards about 9,000 GEDs and 8,000 Vocational Certificates a year.

Prison Costs
The Texas prison system, with 141,000 inmates, is second in size only to the California system and both systems are larger than any other penal systems in the Free World.

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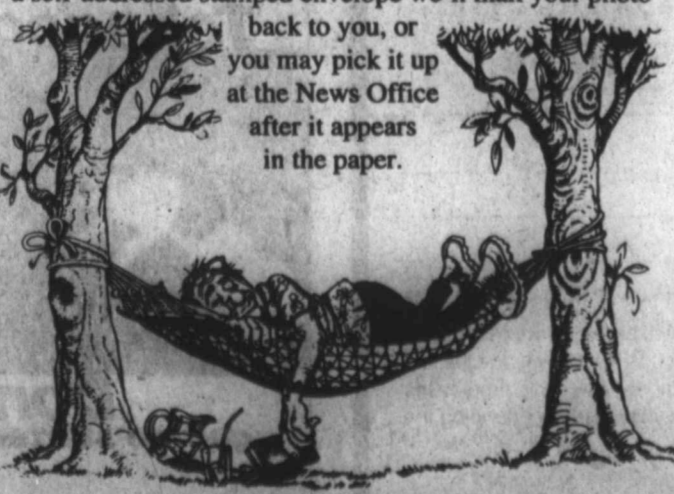
'Summer Fun' Photos Wanted



During the summer months, the Lynn County News is seeking photographs from our area readers depicting summer activities - whether it's the kids running through the sprinkler, or your dog plopped down in the wading pool, or the whole family at some vacation fun spot - we want your picture! Candid snapshots of summer fun are what we are looking for - show us how your family is enjoying the summer months.

Just bring it by the News Office or mail it to P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, Texas 79373, and we'll run it (at no charge!) as space is available under our "Summer Fun" heading. If you'll send a self-addressed stamped envelope we'll mail your photo

back to you, or you may pick it up at the News Office after it appears in the paper.



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Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Smoke detectors should be installed in each level of your home or apartment, especially outside of bedrooms. Smoke is responsible for three out of four fire related deaths. Keep smoke detectors dust free and a good rule of thumb is to change the batteries in the spring and fall when you change your clocks for the time change. Test your smoke detectors every month.

There will be a dog and cat clinic on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall. Participants should use the side door of City Hall to get to the clinic. There will be minimal charges for the shots. All pets need to be on leashes.

Wilson schools are out for the summer and due to this, many children will be out an about enjoying summer activities. Motorists are asked to slow down and watch out for children being where they may not normally be. They can dart out from behind parked cars as they ride their

bicycles or tricycles or as they chase toys, pets, or even each other. Parents are urged to teach their children safety rules about looking both ways before crossing roads and to stop and look before they start onto a street. Wasn't it Ben Franklin who said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

The Wilson Elementary Talent Show was a great success. The students did an excellent job! We have lots of talent — singing, dancing, drum playing, piano playing, clarinet playing, joke telling, card tricks, and more. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Congratulations to Amber Autry and Tyler West. They were the winners of the \$50 gift certificates which were drawn from names of students who had perfect attendance for six weeks.

The first day of school for the 1998-99 school year will be Aug. 10.

Please remember that Wilson Elementary's Jump Start Summer School Program will begin on July 6 and end on July 17. The hours are 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Buses will run, but lunch will not be provided. Students required to attend have been notified.

Kelley Hirt would like to say thanks to all of the teachers, parents, and students at Wilson Elementary School. She says "I have enjoyed working with you! I will miss you all, keep up the great work!" Ms. Hirt will be leaving Wilson and moving to Sonora where she will be the elementary principal.

The 1998 TAAS scores were excellent for Wilson Elementary. They were: Reading - 92%, Math - 83%; 4th grade: Reading - 92%, Math - 92%, Writing - 100%; 5th grade: Reading - 91%, Math - 100%; and 6th grade: Reading - 100%, Math - 100%.

Wilson Elementary has named its honor roll for the last six week of the school year. It is as follows: **Pre-K:** "Perfect Attendance" - Alex Cantu, Naomi Rios, Laura Villarreal, Brittany Taylor; **Kindergarten:** "Perfect Attendance" - Jenna Autry, Arthur Castillo, Mackenzie Hirt; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Arthur Castillo; **1st Grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Samantha Gill, Andres Martinez, Gabrielle Vergara, Doménique Escobar; "B" Honor Roll - Alyssa Moreno, Kacia Singleton, Benjamin Valdiviez, Helena Unger; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Samantha Gill; **2nd Grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Carol Pabon, Rayley Parmer; "B" Honor Roll - Leah Adcock, Kyle Hare, Brittany Holder, Marcus Martinez, Rene Ramirez; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Brittany Holder and Robin Taylor; **3rd Grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Yessica Gonzalez, Victoria Zepeda, Gilbert Vasquez, Laurisa Galvan, Ricky Vergara, Angelica Gonzales; "B" Honor Roll - Veronica Gill, Chris Soto, Chris Guzman, Tonya Johnson; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Veronica Gill, Tonya Johnson;



THIS CHOIR PERFORMS - The Tahoka High School Choir sang several numbers before a large audience during the end-of-year musical concert held in the auditorium recently. They are, in front from left, Tyson Harris, Anthony Garza, Akeisha Griggs, Krystal Calvillo, Kayla Wilson, Cynthia Solorzano; middle row, Chris Resendez, Kyle Bueermann, Amy Henry, Chelsea Morales, Leticia Antu, Denise Garza; and back row, Derrick Hatchett, Anthony DeLeon, Judy Webster, Callie McCay, Carrie Gregory, and Tiffany Morales. They are directed by Carroll Rhodes. (LCN PHOTO)

4th Grade: "A" Honor Roll - Ryan Wied, Jared West, Pricilla Valdiviez, Gavino Valdiviez, Beatrice Rios, Leticia Hernandez, Sarah Bednarz, Amber Autry; "B" Honor Roll - Landon Wilke, Ashley Watkins, Clara Valdez, Rueben Quezada, Joline Martinez, Tyler Livingston; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Justina Unger; **5th Grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Kevin Platte, Lori Garces, Kathy Soto, Nick Odom; "B" Honor Roll - David Perez, Tiffany Benavides; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Sonya Quesada; **6th Grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Brady Cross, Lorena Gonzales, Tiffany Hernandez, Lauren Wied; "B" Honor Roll - Robert Arellano, Rebecca Flores, Candice Fox, Kristi Shipley, Misti Shipley, Ricardo Valdez, Channing Chancy, Isabell Cortez, Christlyn Belliveau, Amy Martinez, Angel Valdiviez; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Tiffany Hernandez.

Wilson Elementary also named its Physical Education Students of the Six Weeks for the last six weeks of the school year. They are: **Kindergarten** - Sarah Frausto and Felipe Ortega; **1st grade** - Evange Hernandez and Crystal Valdez; **2nd grade** - Brittany Holder and Kyle Hare; **3rd grade** - Tonya Johnson and Chris Guzman; **4th grade** - Ashley Watkins and Landon Wilke; **5th grade** - Annabell Cortez and David Perez; **6th grade** - Amy Martinez and Brady Cross.

With the end of the school year, community news will probably be quite a bit shorter, and there may be some weeks this summer when I may not even have a column. If you have news you would like to report, please call me at the number listed in the header of this column. Have a great summer!

DPS Phases In Six-Year Driver Licenses

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Department of Public Safety extends license expiration dates.

Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license office. "Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day."

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal licenses will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification cards will be valid for six years.

Driver license fees will remain \$4 per year, but totals will vary during the transition period based on expiration date. Licensees will pay \$16 for four years, \$20 for five years and \$24 for six years.

implements House Bill 1200, which was passed during last year's legislative session. DPS simultaneously is implementing several other new driver license laws. Changes include:

- DPS-issued identification cards will cost \$15 for six years. However, citizens age 60 or older will be able to pay \$5 for identification cards that will be valid indefinitely.

- The fee structure will change for licensed motorcycle operators.

Previously, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses with "Class M" motorcycle operator certification.

Now, new "Class M" applicants will be charged \$15 in addition to the regular automobile driver license fee. Those renewing licenses with "Class M" certification will pay \$8 in addition to the standard fee. The motorcycle licensing fees are designated for the Motorcycle Education Fund, which provides motorcycle safety information and operator training statewide.

- When renewing or applying for new driver licenses and identification cards, applicants will be given the opportunity to donate \$1 to benefit blindness education, screening and treatment.

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WHEN: Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25
WHERE: Tahoka High School Tennis Courts
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - Beginners
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Intermediate/Advanced
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Adults Only
COST: \$40.00 (includes t-shirt)
Please send your registration form and payment to:
CARLA COOLEY, P.O. Box 718, Tahoka, TX 79373
-- or --
SHARI JOHN, P.O. Box 965, Tahoka, TX 79373
DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 1998

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Grade Level / Age: _____ T-Shirt size: (adult sizes) S M L XL XXL
We, the parents/guardians of the above named child, hereby grant permission for him/her to participate in the Tahoka Tennis Clinic. We acknowledge the fact he/she is physically able to participate and hereby release clinic employees from all claims of injury or illness which may be sustained while attending the 1998 Tahoka Tennis Clinic.
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____