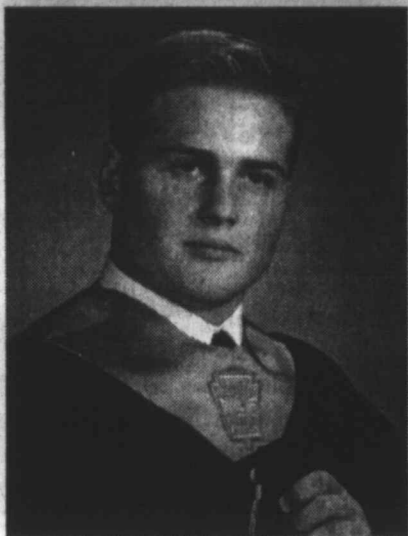


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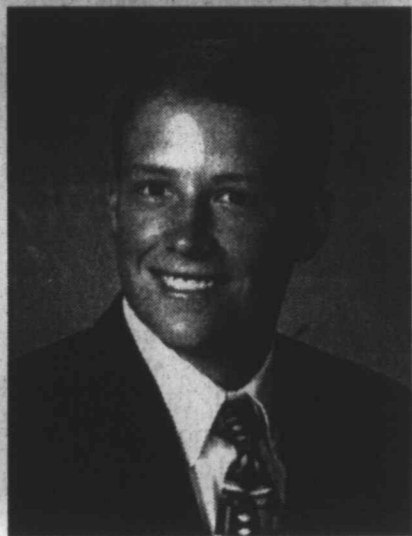
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PATRICK WELLS
O'Donnell High School
Valedictorian



KYLE JAMES
O'Donnell High School
Salutatorian

119 Lynn County Seniors Graduating

Commencement exercises for 119 high school seniors from Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell are scheduled this Friday and next Friday, with all but Tahoka seniors graduating this week. Baccalaureate services for New Home and Wilson were held Sunday, May 16, and Tahoka's Baccalaureate service is set for this Sunday at First United Methodist Church, at 8 p.m.

Tahoka High School will have 47 seniors graduating in commencement exercises next Friday, May 28 in the high school gymnasium. Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be announced in next week's *Lynn County News*.

Friday night commencement exercises for 19 Wilson High School seniors will be held at 7 p.m. in the new gym. Valedictorian and Salutatorian information was not available as of press time this week. Baccalaureate was held at 4 p.m. last Sunday in the Wilson High School auditorium.

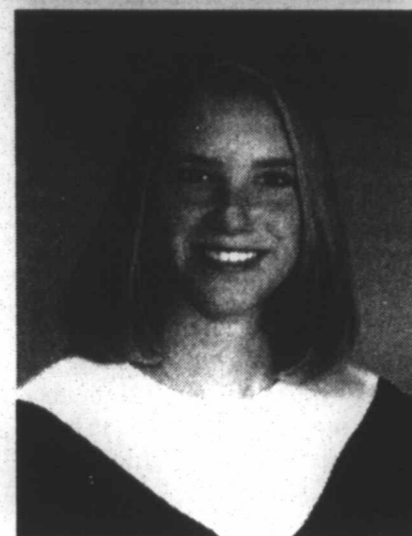
New Home High School has 18 seniors graduating in commencement exercises Friday night, at 8 p.m. in the New Home High School gym. New Home Baptist Church hosted

Baccalaureate services last Sunday.

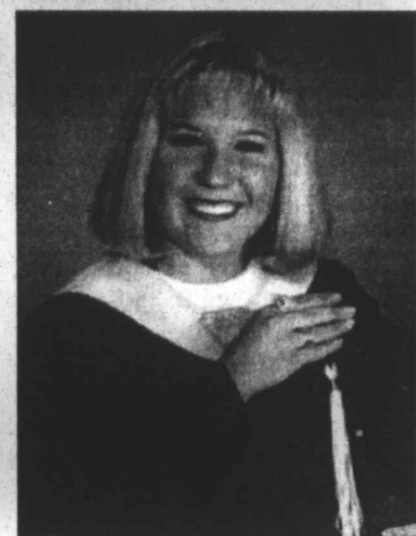
Jami Reena Burrow, daughter of Sidney and Glenna Burrow, is the New Home High School Valedictorian, with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.86. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Business Administration. NHHS Salutatorian is Elizabeth Brooke Fillingim, daughter of Andy and Judi Fillingim. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and hopes to become a pediatrician.

O'Donnell High School has 35 seniors graduating in commencement exercises this Friday at 8 p.m. Patrick Neil Wells, son of John and Sharon Wells, is class Valedictorian. He graduates with a numerical average of 94.608 and a weighted grade point of 3.365. Kyle James, son of Freddy and Laquita James, is OHS Salutatorian with a numerical average of 94.962 and weighted GPA of 3.283. Wells plans to attend Angelo State University, and James will attend Lubbock Christian University.

Other honor students from the 1999 O'Donnell High School graduating class include Halee Hughes, Tatum Bessire, Jerry R. Webb Jr., Chad Clayton, and April Renteria.



JAMI REENA BURROW
New Home High School
Valedictorian



ELIZABETH BROOKE FILLINGIM
New Home High School
Salutatorian

TISD Elementary Principal Ronald Roberts Resigns

Tahoka Elementary Principal Ronald Roberts is resigning his position here as of June 30, Superintendent David Hutton confirmed Wednesday morning. Although Hutton says he has not yet received a letter of resignation, Roberts confirmed that he is leaving Tahoka to accept a position as elementary principal at Winona school district, near Tyler. Hutton expects to receive the letter of resignation this week.

Roberts has been with Tahoka I.S.D. for 12 years; as elementary principal for the past four years, middle school principal for two years, assistant principal at the Jr./Sr. High two years, and four years as a high school science teacher. During his tenure at Tahoka Elementary, the Texas Education Agency awarded the campus "Recognized" status for student TAAS scores for three consecutive years.

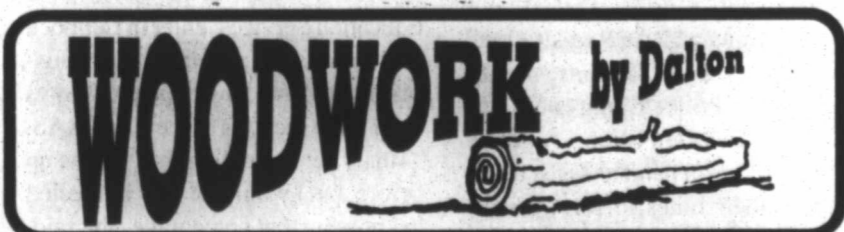
"I have lived here all of my life,

so this has not been an easy decision to make," Roberts told *The News*. "I hate leaving this school, and I have so many friends here. The primary reason we are making this move is because most of our children have relocated to that area, and this was a good opportunity for us to be near them," he said.

"Tahoka Elementary school is very strong, and I feel that they will continue to carry on their high achievements," he added.

Roberts, and his wife Jane, who is employed by First National Bank of Tahoka, will be making their move to the Class AA Winona school district this summer.

Tahoka I.S.D. will be replacing both the high school and elementary principal positions for next year, if current high school principal Jimmy Parker is named superintendent as expected, at a called meeting of the board of trustees next Tuesday.



EVERY FATHER should give his children something they can always remember him for. My children already have inherited a couple of things from me which they will never forget, namely, myopia and crooked teeth.

All of my kids are nearsighted, a condition which I have had since I was a kid. I always thought my nearsightedness was a result of reading *Wild West Weekly* by a dim light. When I was a child, our light was provided by kerosene lamps—"coal oil," we called them. But now I have learned that maybe my eyesight is bad because those lamps were too bright.

And I am very nearsighted, about the same as Mr. Magoo, standing right up to a lamp post and declaring, "By George, you've lost a lot of weight."

One study reported by the Associated Press last week said that children who sleep under the soft glow of a night light may be more likely to develop nearsightedness.

Researchers in Pennsylvania say that youngsters who sleep in a dimly lighted room until age 2 may be as much as 50 per cent more likely to develop myopia.

It was suggested that too much light prompts the eyes to grow excessively and skews their natural focus during the first two years of life, when the eyes develop most rapidly. "Just as the body needs rest, this suggests the eyes need a period of darkness," said one of the researchers.

Don't worry, though. Eye specialists say the study is flawed for several reasons, and say there is nothing conclusive about it.

Actually, I'm not surprised or worried about the study. These people who did the research no doubt are members of a worldwide group dedicated to the principle that Everything You Do Is Bad For You. We hear from them almost every week.

THE PHILOSOPHER on Ave. P says "a closed mouth gathers no feet."

THE SKEPTIC on S. 6th St. offers this definition: Deja moo—the feeling that you've heard all this bull before.

TISD Facilities Committee Report Says Renovate, Possibly Build New School

by JUANELL JONES

It will all depend on state funding and cost estimates, but the Tahoka Independent School District's ad-hoc Facilities Committee, comprised of 21 community members, voted unanimously to recommend to TISD Board of Trustees that the district contract an architect to design basic plans for renovation of the current buildings and floor plans for a new high school. The recommendation was contingent upon whether state legislators approve state funding for new facilities, cost estimates from the architect, and funding strategies of the district (including the feasibility of a bond issue).

At the board meeting held last Thursday night, Superintendent Hutton and MBA Architects, Inc. representative John Baker presented the committee's report. Baker had met with the committee on several prior occasions to discuss evaluations of the district's buildings, including plumbing, heating and wiring needs, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, safety issues and class space issues.

The committee's three-page report recommended the basic plan include:

- 1) Renovation of the elementary campus to update heating, wiring and plumbing, adding air conditioning and full ADA compliance; and repairs or replacement of ceiling in the gymnasium;

- 2) Take down the third flood of middle school and add new roof; renovate old high school for heating, wiring and plumbing, adding air conditioner and full ADA compliance; (the basic idea would be to move the middle school to the current high school building);

- 3) Generate a floor plan to build a new high school located on land one block north of current location (on land already purchased by the district).

"The estimated costs will help determine priorities and financial feasibility," the report noted. "A bond issue would have to be voted on by the district. We feel a 4-6 cents tax rate increase would be tolerable to the

voters if presented properly. Once we have a basic plan with estimates we will make or finalize more specific recommendations regarding renovations, building a new school and a financial strategy to achieve those recommendations," the report concluded.

After hearing the report, trustees tabled any action until after executive session, at which time the board voted 6-1 in favor of negotiating a contract with Baker of MBA Architects, Inc. Newly-inducted trustee Math Bartley voted against the motion, with trustees Greg Henley, Brad Hammonds, Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Ty Askew and Leighton Knox Jr. voting in favor.

"Basically, we're just generating cost estimates on some of the renovations recommended and a basic floor plan/cost estimate for a new facility. At this point everything is still up in the air, and more specific plans will be based on these cost estimates and state funding," Board President Henley told *The News*.

In more routine business at Thursday's meeting, newly elected trustees Bartley and Hammonds took the oath of office, and new officers of the board were elected. Henley was again chosen unanimously as board president, Hammonds was elected to another year as vice-president, and Calvillo will serve another year as board secretary.

Supt. Hutton informed the board that the district had offered a contract to Amber Langehennig as special education teacher for the high school. No other contracts or resignations were reported, although trustees did interview a candidate for high school principal. Tommy Varner of Abilene was present at the meeting and met in closed session with trustees for the high school position.

Trustees expect to name Tahoka High School Principal Jimmy Parker as superintendent at a called meeting on May 25, to be held at noon at the Harvick Educational Center. Parker is the only finalist named by the board for the superintendent position. Supt. Hutton has submitted his resignation, effective June 30, to take

Man Given Prison Term For DWI After Trial Here

Roger Miller, 41, of Brady was assessed a 15-year term in state prison after a jury in 106th District Court here found him guilty of felony driving while intoxicated, third offense or more. Miller, who was arrested in Lynn County Nov. 16, 1996, also was fined \$2500.

Judge Gene Dulaney of Snyder presided at the two-day trial which ended Monday, as District Judge George Hansard was involved in another trial.

Prosecuting attorneys were Lynn Haltom and Andrea Handley, and Bob Huddleston of Lubbock was the court-appointed attorney for Miller.

Five other persons were sentenced on pleas of guilty recently in district court here, including three persons involved in the burglary of the residence of Kenneth Kennedy at New Home in January. They are Johnny Joe Arce, 26, and David Rangel, 25, each assessed 6-year prison terms for burglary, and Jayka Varner, 21, given a 10-year term, probation. All are Littlefield residents; Ms. Varner was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Also pleading guilty were Monty Miller, 32, of Lubbock, 5-year jail term for auto theft, and Demencio DeLeon, 37, of Tahoka, 18-month jail term for possession of a controlled substance and five years in prison for assault on a peace officer.

A 31-year-old Tahoka man was arrested and jailed after failure to appear in city court on four assault cases and three traffic cases, including no proof of insurance, no drivers license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Carla Cavender of Wilson esti-

mated \$100 damage to her car when a rear passenger window was broken out while the vehicle was parked at the residence in Wilson last Friday.

Roy (Pistol) White, 70, of Tahoka was injured Monday when the 1994 Ford pickup he was driving was involved in a collision with an 18-wheeler on U.S. 87 north of Tahoka. White reportedly had multiple fractures and was taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital and later transferred to a Lubbock hospital. Further details on the accident were not available.

Two 10-year-old boys riding a Huffy bicycle were treated at Lynn County Hospital for apparent minor injuries after the bicycle was involved in a collision with a 1995 Ford Escort driven by Melissa Ann Ramirez, 26, of Tahoka in the 1700-block of S. 1st St. last Wednesday. Joshua Anthony Valdez and Lance Lawson, both of Tahoka, were on the bicycle.

Six persons were jailed last week, one of them on six separate charges, including four on warrants from Lubbock and Walker counties. The charges included failure to appear on theft charges, issuing bad check, no liability insurance, failure to yield right-of-way, DWI first offense and expired drivers license. Another person was jailed for no insurance, failure to display drivers license and failure to appear on Lubbock County warrants. Other charges which landed suspects in jail here included a Bastrop County warrant on theft by check, disorderly conduct plus no insurance and no seat belt, driving while license suspended and public intoxication.

a superintendent position at Muleshoe ISD.

The board unanimously approved GM Southwest's proposal for student and athlete insurance for the 1999-2000 school year. Coverage will be offered to all students with TISD funding one-half of the varsity football athlete coverage only. Budget amendments were approved as presented, and the school calendar was amended to move a staff development day from Oct. 25 to Oct. 29. Monthly bills were approved 5-0, with trustees Knox and Calvillo abstaining from voting.

Parker was appointed to serve as TISD's representative on the Region 17 Education Service Center Advisory Committee. Business Manager Ken Eudy reported that tax collections totaled \$1,019,411.85 which is 94.67% complete. Campus principals reported to the board, noting end-of-year activities.

All seven trustees were present at the meeting, as well as Supt. Hutton and other district staff. The board went into closed session for 1-1/2 hours, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, June 10.



Well done Grads

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 12	74	48	
May 13	85	51	
May 14	96	57	
May 15	95	64	
May 16	94	67	
May 17	78	59	
May 18	80	51	
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Total Precip. this time last year: 2.62"			

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Tahoka School Menu

May 24-27

Breakfast

Monday: Sausage, Biscuit, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Donuts, Apricots, Milk.
Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage on Stick, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Managers Choice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Milk.
Wednesday: Sack Lunch, Milk.
Thursday: Managers Choice, Milk.

Prom Queen, King Crowned At Banquet

by Mandi Tejada
 THS Growl Staff

Amanda Fuentes and Mario Luna were crowned Prom King and Queen at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on May 15. The Class of 2000 honored the Class of 1999 with an "Unforgettable" theme.

The banquet and dance were held at the Lakeridge Country Club in Lubbock. A lock-in hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes was held at the high school gym following prom activities.

Four Seniors Awarded Hegi Scholarship

The Lubbock Area Foundation announced on May 14, 1999 at the Tahoka High School awards assembly that four graduating seniors were named recipients of the 1999-2000 Madeline Hegi Scholarship. Each student will receive \$2,000 to be applied to tuition, fees or books at the college of their choice. This year's recipients and the colleges they plan to attend are Olivia Cantu, Texas Tech University; Amanda Fuentes, Angelo State University; Kalie Krey, Wayland Baptist University; and Marlon Womack, Texas Tech University.

This is the second year for the scholarships to be awarded, and the selection of the scholarship recipients was based on scholastic record, national test scores, integrity, financial need and service to the community and school.

An endowed fund was established in 1997 within the Lubbock Area Foundation by John Hegi and Fred Hegi, Jr. to honor their mother, Madeline Hegi, who taught home economics at Tahoka High School for 26 years.

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DESIREE BRADFORD

Desiree Bradford To Perform Piano Recital

Desiree D. Bradford will be performing her senior piano recital at the Texas Tech Music Building, Room M01, on Sunday, May 23 at 3 p.m.

She is the 17-year-old daughter of Charles and Lori Bradford of Crosbyton and the granddaughter of Leo W. Cole, a retired Baptist pastor at New Home, and Geraldine Bradford of Floydada.

Desiree has been studying classical piano music for the past four years under the direction of William A. Murphy of Murphy Studios in Lubbock.

She was offered scholarships from Texas Tech, the University of North Texas, and the University of Houston. She has chosen to attend the University of Houston in the fall and continue there until she receives her Doctorate. She intends to enter the performing arts and finish her career as a university music instructor.

Kairos To Meet This Saturday

Kairos, a non-denominational Christian singles' fellowship group, will meet at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, in the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Area singles are invited to come participate in fun, food, games and fellowship.

For more information, contact Darryl Stotts at 998-4816, or Judy Williams at 998-5304.

Meldon "Mel" Leslie

Memorial services for Meldon Eugene "Mel" Leslie, 87, of Kerrville were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, in the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor, officiating.

He died May 12, 1999 in Kerrville.

He was born Oct. 5, 1911 in Williamstown, Missouri. His family moved to Lubbock where he graduated from high school in 1929. After attending Texas Tech, he worked as an agent for the Texas Liquor Control Board. He married Fern Aycox on June 22, 1935. She died in 1997. He was an Army veteran of World War II serving in the Philippines. After moving to Tahoka he was a partner in a retail business before taking up farming and ranching. He retired in the late 1970's.

Leslie served Tahoka as a City Councilman for two terms and was Mayor for twelve terms. He was named Tahoka's Citizen of the Year in 1975. He was President of Region 3 and a Director of the Texas Municipal League, and helped found and was President of the South Plains Association of Governments. He was President of the Tahoka Red Raider Club, was a member of the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, and the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his son, Craig of Kerrville; a brother, Kenneth Leslie of Lubbock; and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, or a favorite charity.

Senior Citizens MENU

May 24-28

Monday: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Cornbread, Cherry or Plum Cobbler.
Tuesday: Pork Roast, Beans, Harvard Beets, Sliced Tomatoes, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Crunch.

Wednesday: Chicken w/Mushroom Sauce, Blackeyed Peas or Green Beans, Grapefruit Sections, Wheat Rolls, Cake.

Thursday: Hamburger Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra, Apricots, Cornbread Oatmeal Cookie.

Friday: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island, Hot Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Cobbler.

Open Scramble Planned At T-Bar

T-Bar Country Club will be hosting a one-man open golf scramble on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6. Entry fee will be \$50 per person. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, or to enter, call 998-5305.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

The last meeting of the year for the Phebe K. Warner Study Club was held Tuesday, May 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. After refreshments, Carol Headrick, daughter of club member Lucille Smith, gave a review of the book *Clara Barton* by Blanche Colton Williams.

In other business, Becky Henley resigned as club secretary and Kim Mercer was elected to fill that position. Kim then displayed books that were donated to the library in honor of the volunteer readers for the City-County Library Storytime.

Tammy Sodd announced the awards that were presented to the Study Club at the Texas Federation of Women's Club's Annual State Convention.

THS Releases Schedule For Final Exams

Tahoka High School has released their semester exam schedule for students, with exams taking place Thursday, May 20 through Thursday, May 26.

The senior exam schedule is as follows: *Thursday, May 20: 7:55-9:20 - 4th period exam; 9:25-10:50 - 6th period exam; 10:55-12:17 - 8th period exam. *Friday, May 21: 7:55-9:20 - 1st period exam; 9:25-10:50 - 2nd period exam; 10:55-12:17 - 3rd period exam. *Monday, May 24: 7:55-9:20 - 5th period exam; 9:25-10:50 - 7th period exam; 10:55-12:17 - make-up exams for absences (seniors only).

The exam schedule for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is as follows: *Monday, May 24 - regular schedule. *Tuesday, May 25: 1st, 2nd, 3rd - regular schedule; 10:30-10:47 - break; 10:47-12:17 - 4th period exam; 12:55-2:20 - 6th period exam (students dismissed). *Wednesday, May 26: 7:55-9:20 - 1st period exam; 9:25-10:50 - 2nd period exam; 10:55-12:20 - 3rd period exam. *Thursday, May 27: 7:55-9:20 - 5th period exam; 9:25-10:50 - 7th period exam; 10:55-12:20 - 8th period exam. Juniors that are exempt will not have to attend class.

Elrod Named USAA Winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Tonya Elrod of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

This award is a very prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Tonya, who attends Tahoka High School, was nominated for this award by Cathy Box, science teacher at the school.

Her name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Tonya is the daughter of Allen and Pam Elrod of Tahoka. Her grandparents are Jim and Mary Elrod of Tahoka, and Charlie Ramsey, Louise Taylor, and Zetta Redwine, all of Eastland.

Tahoka Police Dept. To Register Bikes Saturday

The Tahoka Police Department will be holding a "Bike Registration" this Saturday, May 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Police Department, located at 1712 Main Street. A police officer will be on hand to assist those bringing their bikes in for registration.

"We would like to urge all bike owners and/or parents to participate in this event to help deter the number of lost and stolen bikes reported to the department each summer," said a department representative.

Bike owners who are unable to attend the registration may contact the police department and set up an alternate time for registration. For more information on the program, contact the department at 998-5255.



CASEY JONES

Tahoka Student Aces Exit TAAS With Perfect Scores

Tahoka High School sophomore Casey Jones aces the Exit Level TAAS test, earning perfect scores in all three sections of the test which all Tahoka sophomores completed recently. Jones was awarded TAAS Academic Excellence for his perfect scores in Math, Reading, and Writing. Three other sophomores also earned Academic Excellence recognition for high scores on the test. They are Chelsea White, Amada Aguilar and Klyssa Kelln.

School officials are not sure, but believe Jones' perfect scores may be the first in the school's history.

"It is very, very rare for a student to score a perfect score in all three sections of the Exit Level TAAS. We have students who receive academic recognition in all three areas, but not with perfect scores," said Sherri McCord, district counselor for Tahoka I.S.D. "Casey did exceptionally well," she added.

Statewide statistics on perfect scores in all three sections of the TAAS were not available, but Steve McBrearty, Project Director of National Computer Systems at the Austin Operations Center (contractors for TAAS testing statewide) said that it would probably be less than two percent.

In the writing section alone, only 1.96% of students statewide had perfect scores in the Exit Level TAAS," McBrearty told *The News*. "In the math section, 2.75% answered all questions correctly, and 4.84% earned perfect scores in the reading section. It has got to be an extremely small percentage for students scoring perfect answers in all three TAAS sections," he added.

Mike Peoples at the Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock said he was not aware of any statistics for students having perfect scores in all three sections of the Exit TAAS. "That's not something that's come up before, but I would be very interested in knowing that percentage," he said.

Jones is the son of Gary and Juanell Jones of Tahoka, and grandson of Dalton and Lenda Wood of Tahoka, and Wendell and Marie Brieger of Slaton.

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!
 Happy Birthday, Carolyn

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Scholarships Awarded To 22 THS Seniors

By Amanda Fuentes and Mandi Tejada
THS Growl Staff

Twenty-two Tahoka High School graduating seniors were awarded scholarships at the annual Awards Assembly held Friday, May 14.

Kelly Flynn received the First United Methodist Church Scholarship, the Meg Flynn Memorial Scholarship, the Meg Flynn Publication Scholarship, and the Abilene Christian University Trustee Scholarship.

Olivia Cantu was awarded the Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship, the Gerald and Linda Huffaker Texas Tech Scholarship, Rotary Club Scholarship, Hispanic Association of Women Scholarship and the Lady Brown Scholarship.

Rebekah Curry received the Rotary Club Scholarship, Poka Lambro Scholarship, Future Homemakers of America and the Texas Tech School of Human Sciences Scholarship.

Amanda Fuentes was awarded the Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship, Phebe K. Warner Study Club Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship, LULAC National Scholarship and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Scholarship.

Rebecca Hudgens received the First United Methodist Church Scholarship, Rotary Club Scholarship, Beulah Pridmore Scholarship, Wayland Baptist University Scholarship, and the J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarship.

Marlon Womack was awarded the First United Methodist Church Scholarship, Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship, Phebe K. Warner Study Club Maurice Bray Scholarship, and the Barbara Cook Memorial Scholarship.

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Kalie Krey received the Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship, Rotary Club Sweetheart Scholarship, and the Wayland Baptist Scholarship.

Gary Chapa was awarded the Bill Haralson Memorial Scholarship and the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club Scholarship and Bradley Rangel received the Bill Haralson Memorial Scholarship and the LULAC National Scholarship.

Brad Ashbrook received the Ag Booster Scholarship; Melanie Bernal received the Seniors of 1990 Scholarship; and Krystle Calvillo received the LULAC National Scholarship.

Chris Craig received the First United Methodist Scholarship; Tancy DeLeon received the Huffaker and Green Memorial Scholarship; and Mario Luna received the Roy Lemond Memorial Scholarship.

Natasha Mensch received \$9,000 in cash and scholarships from the International Science Fair; D.J. Sims received the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club Scholarship; and Cynthia Solorzano received the LULAC National Scholarship.

Grant Spearman received the Bill Haralson Memorial Scholarship and Courtney Stennett was awarded the LULAC National Scholarship.

Mandi Tejada was awarded the Texas Tech Honors Endowed Scholarship and Brooke Tekell received the Texas Tech School of Human Sciences Scholarship.



SPRING CONCERT - Tahoka I.S.D. bands and choir performed their Spring Concert here Monday night, performing several numbers under the direction of band director Carroll Rhodes and assistant director Roger Brown. The high school band, shown here, dedicated their concert in memory of Meg Flynn, who played flute in the band. In honor of Meg, the band performed a medley of "Jesus Loves Me ... It Is Well". A large crowd attended the event, and gave a standing ovation at the conclusion of the high school band's performance. Senior band members were recognized with certificates, and they in turn presented Rhodes with a gift basket. (LCN PHOTO)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My name is Mark Roye and up until May 19th I was employed by the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. To a few of you my name means something, yet to many of you my name means nothing. Back in October and November of 1998 I, along with several other co-workers, went before the Commissioners of Lynn County. Our proposal was a pay raise for the Jailers/Dispatchers from our then current salary of \$14,207 a year to a little over \$16,000 a year. This pay raise would have evened us out to the same salary that a county road hand makes. After a lengthy discussion between then Sheriff Charles Smith

and the Commissioners Court a decision was made. The decision reached was a \$543.00 a year pay raise which would bring our annual salary up to \$14,750. Although the pay raise was not what we had intended it was appreciated, yet the fact of the matter was the Jailers/Dispatchers of Lynn County were still among one of the lowest paid officials in the county. I always hear talk around town of how this business has closed or this person has moved, and I remember a comment made during one of the meetings held about our pay raise. That comment was "Do you see businesses moving in here, I don't, the railroad has left and the farmers are having trouble making a crop." My comment to that is, no I do not see businesses growing or moving in to this county, but it is because of all the negative talk. How can a county grow when so much

negativity is placed on it by you the County Commissioner? I am not writing this letter to bad mouth any particular person, but to inform YOU the voters of Lynn to step up and take a better look at how your county is being operated. Take the time to talk to your Commissioner and ask he or she what is being done to better this county. Before I close this letter I remember one other comment which was made. That comment was, "If anyone over there is unhappy with what they are being paid, then there's the door, they can come pick up their pay check." Well I am taking that door and picking up my paycheck. I have found bigger and better things to do with my life. Thanks for the opportunities given to me here at Lynn County, and although I may be leaving for bigger and better things I will always remain a citizen of this county. So next time at Commissioners Court or when you are placing a check "Mark" on that voting ballot, stop and take a look, you just never know who you might see.

Mark Roye
Former Jailer
Lynn County S.O.

Rylander Delivers May Tax Rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered a total of \$265.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,098 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 12.6 percent increase over the \$236 million allocated in May 1998. Rebates to cities and counties are up 8.6 percent over the same period last year.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April, and quarterly returns for the first three months of the year.

Locally, Wilson showed an increase in their rebate of 28.11 percent over last year, receiving \$976.55 this year versus \$782.22 this time last year. Tahoka posted a loss of 8.79 percent, receiving \$7,371.95 this period as opposed to \$8,082.47 last year. O'Donnell received 2,188.20 this year and \$2,288.21 last year for a loss of 4.37 percent.

The next sales tax allocation is scheduled for June 11.

T-Bar Offers Thursday Night Golf Playdays

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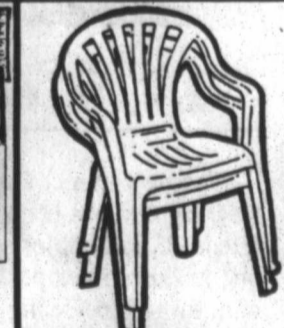
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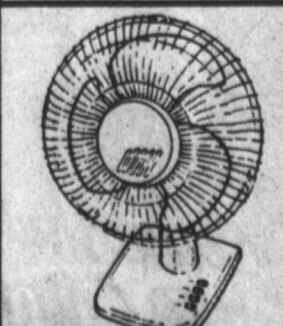
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Tahoka FFA Banquet Honors Students

by Chelsey Miller
Sophomore Klyssa Kelln was recognized as the Tahoka FFA Star Chapter Farmer at the organization's annual Awards Banquet held Thursday, April 29. Riley Barnett was recognized as the Star Greenhand FFA member. Mr. Denny Belew, FFA adviser, presented plaques to outstanding chapter members.

Area Proficiency Awards were earned by Justin Cogburn in Swine Production, Klyssa in Beef Production, and Brad Ashbrook in Cereal Crop/Wheat.

Local Proficiency awards were earned by Ryan Curry in Ag Mechanics and Jaymie Swartz in Horse Production.

Klyssa and senior Rebekah Curry both placed second in speaking contests at the Mesa District meeting hosted by Tahoka FFA. Marissa McCord placed third in a speaking event and received an award for Soil and Water Conservation.

Livestock Showmanship Awards were presented to Klyssa, Steers; Tyler Hawthorne, Swine; and Cody Tomlinson, Lambs. These exhibitors were honored for showmanship at the

Tahoka FFA Stock Show. Belew recognized the Livestock Judging Team that placed ninth out of 576 teams at the state judging contest at Texas A&M University. Klyssa received fifth high individual and Brad Ashbrook 33rd. Other team members were D.J. Sims and Grant Spearman.

Mr. Belew recognized Publications Staff member and FFA member, Chelsey Miller for the outstanding coverage of FFA stock shows and activities.

Klyssa, president of FFA, presided over the meeting with the assistance of Rebekah Curry who was standing in for Kassidi Andrews as vice president.

Other FFA officers include Jaymie Swartz, sentinel; Brad Ashbrook, reporter; Marissa McCord, treasurer; Grant Spearman, secretary; and D.J. Sims, executive council member.

Cody Nash, Ag Ambassador at Texas Tech and former state and national FFA vice president, spoke to the crowd of FFA parents, members and supporters. He also entertained with some old-fashioned rope tricks. Nash is a freshman at Texas Tech.

Three Ivy League stadiums have been NFL home fields. The Philadelphia Eagles played at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field from 1958 to 1970, the Boston Patriots at Harvard in 1970, and the New York Giants at Yale Bowl in 1973 and 1974.



BEAUTIFUL VOICES - The Tahoka High School Choir received a standing ovation after their performance in the Spring Concert here Monday night. Several songs from the shows "Anastasia" and "The Prince of Egypt" were performed, with soloists including Kelsey Cloe, Mark Long, Carrie Gregory, Chris Briggs, Kristie Calvillo, Anthony Garza (third from left with microphone), Callie McKay and James Moss. They were directed by Carroll Rhodes. (LCN PHOTO)



YOUNG WRITERS - The young people shown here were recent winners of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs annual Youth Writers Contest sponsored by the Phebe K. Warner Study Club. Winners from left are Lacey McCleskey, Melissa McCleskey, Marissa Villegas, Shelly Gandy, Marlon Womack, Kindace Druessedow, Rebekah Curry, and Jessica McLelland.

Honors Bestowed At Annual THS Awards Assembly

by Brady Raindl and Amanda Fuentes
THS Grow! Staff
Seniors Tasha Mensch and Marlon Womack have been selected to the top of Who's Who and were named Best All Around Girl and Boy at Tahoka High School.

Tasha is the daughter of Mike and Linda Mensch. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall and will major in chemical engineering.

Marlon is the son of Helen Payne. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-med.

Other seniors named to Who's Who were Rebekah Curry, Kelly Flynn and Amanda Fuentes. Brady Raindl and Jordan Sarchet were junior selections.

Junior and seniors who have maintained a 90 or above average since their freshman year are on the ballot for Who's Who. The honor is voted on by classroom teachers.

Several other students were presented special recognition awards at the assembly.

Womack and fellow senior Amanda Fuentes were awarded the United States Army Scholar Athlete Award. The Wendy's High School Heisman Award was presented to juniors Kassidi Andrews and Brady Raindl. Jordan Sarchet received the Xerox Corporation Award.

Casey Jones, who scored a perfect score in math, reading and writing, received the TAAS Academic Excellence award. Others receiving the award were Chelsea White, Amada Aguilar and Klyssa Kelln.

Mandi Tejada, Amanda, Tasha, Kelly Flynn and Olivia Cantu were awarded UIL Scholar Awards.

Academic All Star students, who have maintained all-A's in subjects for the first through fifth six weeks, are senior Kalie Krey and junior Sarchet. Sophomores are Lezli Gandy, Jones, Klyssa, and Matt Sanders, and freshmen Academic All Stars are Ren Ellis and Chelsey Miller.

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by Elmore Leonard

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A lunch with a former "associate" from Chili's Brooklyn days, who's now a record label executive, starts with iced tea and ends with a mob hit. Chili's alliance with one of the LAPD's finest, Detective Daryl Holmes, makes him a very likely target for Russian gangsters. With a hit man on his trail, he tries to pull together his next movie, the story of Linda Moon, a real-life singer with dreams that go further than her current gig. She's desperate to tear loose from her current manager.

Orchestrating his movie as he goes along, Chili wrests the reins of Linda's singing career away from her manager Raji, basing the plot of his new film on the action that unfolds as a result. As he fakes his way to success in the music business with his trademark aplomb, Chili manipulates his adversaries and advances his friends, showing all how to be cool when the heat is on.

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The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

The junior high tennis teams participated in the district tournament at Levelland on May 10, with the girls team taking home the district trophy. Stephanie Kieth placed first and Jessica Holder was second in the singles division. In doubles play, the team of Serena Gonzales and Miranda Rodriguez placed second, while Joanna Garza and Lori Emerson took home third.

In boys play, Dylan Feaster placed second in singles competition. The team of Tanner Johnston and Zac Morris were third in doubles competition and Effren Silva and Justin Garza placed fifth.

New Home ISD will hold graduation exercises for the Class of 1999 at 8 p.m. this Friday, May 21 in the high school gym.

School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Wells, James Receive Clayton Scholarships

Patrick Neil Wells and Kyle James, valedictorian and salutatorian of O'Donnell High School, were named recipients of this year's Jessie Clayton Memorial Scholarship, given annually to the high school's top graduates.

Wells, the son of John and Sharon Wells, graduates with a numerical average of 94.608 and a weighted grade point average of 3.365.

James, son of Freddy and Laquita James, has a numerical average of 94.962 and a weighted grade point average of 3.283.

The scholarship was established in memory of Jessie Clayton by her children, all graduates of O'Donnell



PHEBE K. WARNER PROGRAM - Lucille Smith (left), Caprock District Life Member of the Texas Federations of Women's Clubs, is shown here with her daughter Carol Headrick, who was the guest speaker at the last meeting of the year for the Phebe K. Warner Study Club in Tahoka.

High School. Mrs. Clayton, a long-time resident of O'Donnell was a strong advocate of education.

According to school superintendent Dale Read, "Jessie worked long and hard to help pass the bond for the building of the new high school many years ago. She believed in education for all students and in good facilities for our young people."

Wells plans to attend Angelo State University and major in mathematics. James will major in Pre-med at Lubbock Christian University.

Honors Presented At Wilson UIL Banquet

Wilson ISD hosted its annual UIL Banquet on Friday, May 14, for students in grades seven through twelve. Booster Club members presented plaques to academic UIL participants, band members and athletes.

Receiving letter jackets were Angelica Ariaz, Jordan Bednarz, Nick Bucolla, Michael Donathan, Briana Fields, Ashley Joplin, Kameron Livingston, Carla Pabon, Amber Wilke, Jenny Cub, Victoria

Vasquez, Patrick Zavala, Joey Bustamante, and Alfredo Martinez.

Coaches Dale Stonecipher and Rob Buffa recognized the sports teams and gave out the athletic awards.

The Fighting Heart award was given to Kameron Livingston, Briana Fields, Billy Cavender and Casey Donald. Billy Cavender and Steven Johnston also received the Leadership Award.

Jennifer Buccola and Jay Mac Yowell received the track award; Amber Fields and Steven Johnston were honored with basketball awards; and Casey Donald received the award for football.

Misti Dakroub recognized students who placed in high school UIL events and Rachel Lehman recognized the One-Act Play cast and crew.

YOUTH CURFEW

Tahoka youth under 17 are subject to CITY YOUTH CURFEW 11 p.m. Week Nights Midnight on Saturday-Sunday

Tahoka Care Center Welcomes New Administrator!

MSC ASSOCIATES is proud to announce the appointment of **MARITIA BARHAM** as Administrator of Tahoka Care Center.



Linda Stone, Assistant Administrator, and Maritia Barham, new Administrator of Tahoka Care Center.

A licensed administrator for over a year, Maritia is a resident of Lynn County, where her husband, Doug, is a farmer. They have three children, Garrett, Madeline and Carson.

Maritia states she is excited about the prospects of working with the residents and employees of Tahoka Care Center. This appointment realizes a longtime goal of hers and she embraces the opportunity to serve in this community. She also invites anyone wishing to share their special talents to please come join us.

Sarah Rice, Asst. Director of Operations of MSC Associates, regrets the resignation of Diana Riojas, a longtime administrator at the Care Center, who was a wonderful asset to the program and will be missed.

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PHILGRAMM

WHY Y2K WON'T BE BUGGING YOUR ATM
By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



There should be no need for Texans to resort to hiding their money in piggy banks or under mattresses come New Year's Eve this year. The banking industry appears to be better prepared than most for the possible computer problems resulting from the Year 2000. I recently visited the Federal Reserve banks in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio to view their facilities and discuss what procedures they have implemented to get Texas banks ready for the Year 2000. As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, I want to know what the banking and financial services industries have done to inoculate themselves against the "Y2K Bug."

What started over thirty years ago as a simple cost-saving measure to record dates in a mainframe computer has evolved into the Year 2000 problem (Y2K) and, through neglect, it has come back to haunt not only the computer world, but all of us.

In the 1960s and 1970s, decisions were made to write the date in computer programs as two digits in order to save precious memory on computers which, by current standards, are dinosaurs. So, the year 1970 was written as "70" with the "19" being taken as understood by the computer system. To calculate the age of someone born in 1940, represented as "40," a computer sees "99" for the year 1999, subtracts the birth year "40" and determines that the person's age is 59.

Problems may develop when we reach midnight on December 31, 1999. Computers left unfixated will then see the date "00" and interpret it as 1900, not 2000, because "19" is what the computer has been programmed to understand. So on January 1, 2000, someone born in 1940 would be "00" minus "40" or -40 years old. And since someone can't have a negative age, he would be viewed by the computer as non-existent.

Since dates are used extensively to determine if someone should receive or not receive something -- Social Security, checks, private pensions, Medicare benefits, drivers licenses, voter registrations, school grades, tax refunds -- you can appreciate how important the Y2K bug is, even if you never touch a computer. Dates are particularly important in banking and finance -- due dates, checking account deposits, mortgages, loan payments. Without reliable systems, you could be over-billed, your interest rate could be miscalculated, or your ATM might simply refuse to recognize you, cutting you off from your checking account.

This problem is not a computer virus, in the true meaning of the word. The phrase "millennium bug" has become widely used to describe the problem, but the computer systems are doing exactly what they have been programmed to do. They need to be re-programmed.

Fortunately, banks in Texas seem to be in good shape and getting better. They are doing what needs to be done to ensure that their customers see a smooth transition from 1999 to 2000. Tremendous amounts of energy and time have been spent to update computer systems, run simulations, check and double-check and prepare back-ups.

A year ago, state and federal banking regulators launched a program to make sure that all banks are prepared for the Year 2000. Banks are being compelled to review and test all of their systems and to purchase whatever new equipment and software are necessary to ensure that their systems are immune from glitches.

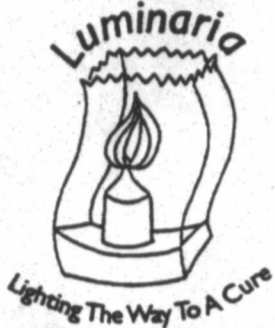
The job is enormous. The United States Federal Reserve System provides us with cash, processes checks, makes electronic payments and settlements, receives tax receipts, maintains accounts, and issues, transfers and redeems federal securities. In 1998, it averaged 390,000 electronic fund transfers per day totaling more than \$1.3 trillion. Obviously a well-oiled Federal Reserve is highly critical to our nation's monetary stability and security. I am happy to report that the Federal Reserve has been quite proactive in addressing the Y2K issue, and in testing all mission-critical systems has achieved 98 percent Y2K compliance thus far.

In addition, the Federal Reserve has plans to increase the amount of money it has on hand by approximately fourteen percent over current levels by the end of this year in anticipation of possible customer demands for extra cash. Remember, your money in federally insured institutions will remain insured up to \$100,000 per financial institution. If a bank were to experience any Y2K problems, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will protect your insured deposits. No person has ever lost a dime of insured funds for all of the FDIC's 65 years of existence. But money kept in cookie jars or in wallets is not insured. I intend to keep using my checkbook, credit card and ATM card.

Finally, there are a couple of things you can do to get ready for the New Year. The FDIC, which insures most banks, has a pamphlet available at its insured banks which lists some questions you should ask to determine whether your bank is ready for the Year 2000. Ask your local bank for the pamphlet, "The Year 2000 Date Change," or call the U.S. General Services Administration's Consumer Information Center toll free at 888-878-3256 and ask for "Item 613F." They will mail you "The Year 2000, Your Bank and You."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

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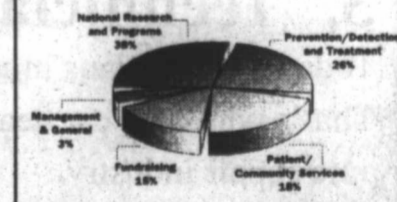


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Boll Weevil Eradication In The News

LUBBOCK, May 14, 1999 By Shawn Wade
Answers to questions about boll weevil eradication in 1999 are beginning to appear as efforts get underway to establish contingency plans for start-up of three High Plains eradication zones.

Before the start of any boll weevil eradication program in the fifteen county area covered by the Northwest High Plains, Western High Plains and Permian Basin zones several key ingredients still have to be added to the mix.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is working hard to get ready, even though final approval for a new Texas cost-share program is not yet in hand.

The space between the rock and the hard place for the TBWEF is that unless they get many program elements in place soon, time will run out for them to get everything ready to carry out Diapause treatments this Fall.

The question left to answer now is where boll weevil legislative issues pending at this time stand. Here is a run-down of the situation as of May 14.

S.631 - The bill contains several housekeeping issues related to the boll weevil eradication program as well as authority to provide discounts to producers for early payment of assessments. The Bill also includes the creation of a compliance certificate program to help producers marketing cotton document that liens are not attached to production because of unpaid assessments.

S.448 - Authorizes the creation of a State/Producer cost-share program to help offset a portion of the cost borne by producers involved in eradication activities.

Both S.631 and S.448 have been passed and are awaiting the Governor's signature.

Appropriations - Already, \$25 million dollars in assistance targeted for active eradication zones has been approved and delivered by the Legislature this year.

An additional \$50 million, to be delivered over the next two years through the new cost-share program, is still awaiting final approval by the legislature. This appropriation is part of the Texas Department of Agriculture budget and, hopefully, will be approved closer to the end of the legislative session May 31.

The bottom-line is that the TBWEF is working to establish necessary infrastructure to carry out 1999 Diapause programs in the NWP, WHP and PB zones assuming all pending legislation and appropriations packages are approved and signed by the Governor.

Funding Train Leaves Station Without Step 2

LUBBOCK, May 14, 1999 By Shawn Wade
Often the only thing that separates success from failure is timing. In the minds of some, the time for helping agriculture isn't right.

That was the reason given earlier this week when a desperately needed agricultural aid package was withdrawn during consideration of emergency spending legislation by a House/Senate Conference Committee in Washington.

The predominant view from the cotton community is that there is no time like the present. After all, the only way to know for sure when was the right time is to look back and review the chances that were missed.

Support for helping agriculture is strong both in the House and in the Senate. Cotton Belt elected officials, including House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest, Ranking Minority Member Charles Stenholm, Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas, have all pledged support for Step 2 and other agriculture relief efforts.

Congressional leaders have promised to work on behalf of cotton and the rest of agriculture to pass relief as soon as the time is right.

Expectations are that prices will continue to be depressed throughout the remainder of the 1999 crop year. In order for cotton to stay competitive, funding for Step 2 needs to be authorized. This would allow producers and merchants to plan for the 1999 marketing year.

In addition, USDA itself has indicated that the long-awaited 1998 Disaster assistance package will fall short of covering the financial hardship it identifies.

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Disaster Relief Efforts Underway In Lynn Co.

The communities of O'Donnell and Tahoka are joining forces to provide disaster relief to victims of the recent tornados in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as to other needy families throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

Working with Feed The Children, a worldwide organization based in Oklahoma City, local disaster relief organizers hope to provide not only money, but also good clothing, blankets, over the counter medication, personal hygiene items, diapers, and toys.

Patsy Sanders is in charge of the effort in O'Donnell, and Joan Knox will handle those duties in Tahoka. The women ask that all donations be clean, boxed and labeled as to content. In O'Donnell, the drop off point will be the northeast corner of the school administration building (old band hall), and will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations from Tahoka citizens may be taken to Jeanette Porterfield at the Lynn County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

According to Mrs. Sanders, recent news reports have made the public feel that money is the only thing being accepted by relief organizations at this time. While that may be so for some organizations, officials

at Feed The Children stressed that their relief efforts are ongoing around the world and all items donated will be appreciated and distributed.

The first shipment is scheduled to go to Feed The Children on June 1. The final shipment will be June 15.

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Jan Orr Retires From FSA

Lynn County Farm Service Agency employee Jan Orr has retired after 21 years of service with the agency. Mrs. Orr assisted producers that needed to obtain information and make application for the many programs offered by USDA through the FSA. Her total tenure has been at the Lynn County office.

In addition to the responsibility of assisting producers at the front counter, she was responsible for the Price Support Program, which includes payments to producers under the Loan Deficiency Program (POP Payment) as well as the Commodity Credit Corporation Loan Program.

These programs offered assistance to producers when prices of commodities are low. The CCC Loan Program offers producers loans on

eligible crop commodities to allow producers to hold the commodity until better prices can be obtained. The Loan Deficiency Payment program allows payments to be made due to low prices. Mrs. Orr's other responsibilities included the maintenance of the Power of Attorney files.

"Jan will be missed in this office. Her service to the producers of Lynn County has been very beneficial. We wish her the very best in her retirement," said Jimmy Woodard, CED, Lynn County FSA Office.

Mrs. Orr is the wife of Mike Orr. They live and farm east of Tahoka. They have one son, Scott, who is employed with High Plains Underground Water District and lives in Lubbock.

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United Blood Services would like to invite all eligible donors to a very special community "Healing of the Hearts" blood drive for area residents. The blood drive will be held at United Blood Services Center, located at 2523 48th Street in Lubbock, this Friday and Saturday, May 21-22. The center has extended its normal

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"In the past several weeks cities across the nation have been burdened with one tragedy after another," said a UBS spokesman. "All donors will be given a pink ribbon to wear in memory of our neighborhood children and their families. Please give the 'gift of life' so that others might have the chance to live."

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TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

Lackluster trading characterized the cotton market ahead of USDA's supply/demand report released on May 12. The market tumbled lower after the anxiously awaited report provided more disappointment for the bulls.

USDA's cotton supply/demand report showed higher U.S. production and ending stocks for 1999-00, which analysts termed bearish for new-crop cotton futures. The department projected 1999-00 cotton production at 18.0 million bales and ending stocks at 5.5 million. These figures were well above 1998-99 production, which was raised by 100,000 bales to 13.9 million, and ending stocks of 3.6 million, also up 100,000.

Consumption for the new season is estimated at 10.6 million bales, compared to 10.5 million in the current marketing year. Also, U.S. exports were pegged at 5.5 million bales, versus the current year's 4.1 million.

According to analysts, the new-crop estimates appear to be assuming the absence of USDA's Step 2 cotton export subsidies, a program credited with helping enhance export and domestic mill demand for U.S. cotton. Step 2, which provides certificates to U.S. shippers and mills for using higher priced domestic cotton, expired when \$701 million in funding was depleted in December 1998. The cotton industry currently is working to reinstate the program.

The effort, however, suffered a setback late Tuesday. Farm-state senators were unable to attach a \$5 billion farm aid package, which included Step 2 funds, to the supplemental spending bill for fiscal year 1999. Although most in the industry still are optimistic that the program eventually will be reinstated, funding may not be available until this fall, well into the new cotton season.

In the meantime, the market will have to digest some bearish figures that may point to lower cotton prices. Analysts noted that the stocks-to-use ratio for the new U.S. crop has jumped to a level not seen in several years, reflecting ample supplies. The ratio rose from approximately 24 percent for the current season to a projected 34 percent.

World numbers for 1999-00 also appear bearish with production and ending stocks at 87.0 million and 41.7 million bales respectively. The figures are higher than the 84.0 million bales

produced in 1998-99 and that year's stocks of 41.2 million bales.

Some analysts noted that the big world numbers obscure some important details. A closer examination of the figures shows the increase in total world carryout is mostly credited to the jump in U.S. supplies. Foreign stocks actually are estimated lower at 36.2 million bales compared to the current season's 37.6 million. With a large crop and large stocks, the U.S. could become the residual supplier to the world cotton users, analysts said.

Meanwhile, export sales of 1998-99 crop cotton continue to be healthy as USDA reported net U.S. export sales reached an encouraging 50,400 bales for the week ended May 6 versus only 21,300 the previous week. One analyst noted sales were strong considering that cotton futures prices were higher the past week, ranging from 60.00 to 61.00 cents per pound during most trading sessions.

Turkey was the largest buyer of U.S. cotton with purchases totaling 32,500 bales, a sale larger than the previous week's total sales. Mexico kept its place in the premier buyer list with a 7,100 bale acquisition, and China rounded the top three with 5,200 bales. Additionally, new crop commitments totaled 22,100 bales, slightly lower than the previous week's 32,900 bales.

Spot cotton sales, however, were not as robust. Due to discouraging cotton prices, many producers were reluctant to sell their cotton. In the five trading days ended May 13, sales on TELCOT's electronic marketing system totaled just 2,903 bales, down from the previous week's sales of 4,384 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 35.09 to 44.48 cents per pound, compared to a range of 41.35 to 45.93 cents per pound the prior week.



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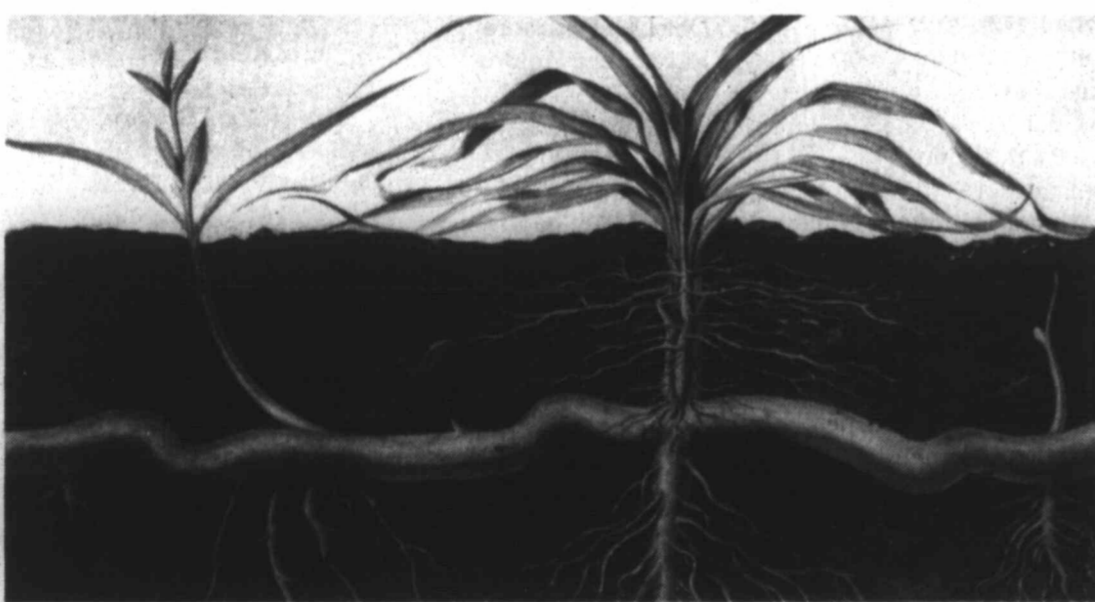
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Tahoka ISD offers a Summer School Program for students with limited English proficiency that will be eligible for admission to either kindergarten or first grade next year. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to receive special instruction designed to prepare them for success in kindergarten or first grade. Instruction will focus on language development and essential knowledge and skills appropriate to the level of the student. To be eligible for enrollment, a student must be eligible for admission to kindergarten or the first grade at the beginning of next school year and must be limited English proficient. The program will be operated on a one-half day basis, three hours per day for eight weeks or the equivalent of 120 hours.

Participation in the program is on a voluntary basis. The district will not provide transportation. If you feel that your child qualifies for this program, please contact the principal's office by May 24, 1999.

(Tahoka ISD ofrece un Programa de Escuela de Verano para los estudiantes con habilidad inglesa limitada que será elegible para la admisión al jardín de infantes o primero guardará el próximo año. El propósito del programa es mantener una oportunidad los estudiantes para recibir instrucción especial diseñada para prepararlos para éxito en jardín de infantes o primero la calidad. La instrucción enfocará en el desarrollo del idioma y conocimiento esencial y habilidades destine al nivel del estudiante. Un estudiante debe estar a favor al principio elegible de la admisión a jardín de infantes o la primera calidad de próximo año escolar ser elegible para la matriculación, y debe limitarse inglés hábil. El programa se operará en una media base del día, tres horas por día durante ocho semanas o el equivalente de 120 horas. La participación en el programa está en una base voluntaria. El distrito no proporcionará transporte. Si usted se siente que su niño califica para este programa, por favor avise la oficina del principal en 24 de mayo de 1999.) 20-1tc

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Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Some spring and summer safety tips: (1) Don't let old newspapers, magazines or rags pile up in the basement, house or garage. They are ideal for causing or spreading a fire. (2) Always keep a fire extinguisher by the stove and the barbecue grill. Make sure that it can be used on grease and electrical fires. (3) Learn what causes a fire. Inspect your home and surrounding area and control or eliminate fire hazards.

Young at Heart is still meeting at St. John Lutheran Church. Their next meeting will be May 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the church educational building. Please note the time change. All Young-At-Hearters, regardless of age, are invited to come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The Wilson Class of 1999 invites family, friends and community members to their graduation on Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the new gym.

Monday, May 31, is Memorial Day. Most government offices and financial institutions will be closed as will many businesses. Watch for a more detailed list of closed businesses next week.

The Wilson High School Class of '99 observed their baccalaureate service last Sunday in the high school auditorium. Connie Christopher, high school secretary, introduced Coach Rob Buffa who challenged the students to lead the U.S. in these perilous times and then reminded the students that U.S. also spells "US" and that we must all work together to accomplish our goals.

Wilson ISD will hold summer school May 24-June 7. No classes will be held on Memorial Day (May 31). Classes will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will not be provided. Students needing to attend summer school will receive notice from their teachers. Anyone with questions should contact the high school office at 628-6201 or the elementary office at 628-6261.

The Wilson School Board met in regular session last Thursday and the three new board members, Dan Cook,



PLAQUE PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF MEG - Tahoka High School Band members made a special presentation during their Spring Concert Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn (far right), presenting a replica of the plaque in memory of Meg Flynn which the band left in Littleton, CO. on their recent band trip. The plaque includes the name of Meg and the five other girls who lost their lives in the recent Greenlawn Church of Christ bus accident. Shown here presenting the plaque is band director Carroll Rhodes and band members Aubrey Kieth and Cynthia Solorzano. (LCN PHOTO)

Clyde Wilke and John Henderson were sworn in. The board then reorganized itself and elected Vann Stewart as president. Roy Isham was elected vice-president, and Dennis Bednarz was elected secretary. The balance of the meeting was spent taking care of routine business matters.

The Wilson First Baptist Church is planning for a church wide garage/yard sale to be held Saturday, June 5 on the church grounds. Donations of cash and merchandise is currently being accepted. For more information or to make arrangements for donations, please call Connie Christopher at 628-6493 or Tami Bolyard at 628-6202.

School is out for the summer and now is the time when children are out and enjoying their summer freedom. Drivers are asked to be especially careful in watching for children running into the street chasing toys or each other. Lets all work to keep this a safe summer for Wilson and Wilson children.

The Lynn County Unit of the American Cancer Society will be hosting a "Relay for Life" on June 4-5 at the Tahoka High School football field. One of the activities of the event will be the placing and lighting of the luminarias around the track. Each of the luminarias will be in remembrance of an individual who succumbed to cancer or in honor of someone who has survived their battle with the disease. Individuals and families are invited to purchase a luminaria bag, decorate it with the name of the honored individual, and be present for the lighting ceremony at 10 p.m. on June 4. For more information on the luminarias, contact Juanell Jones at the Lynn County News, 998-4888. Cancer is blind, it makes not a difference what a person's race or sex is. All area families are asked to consider forming a team to walk in the Relay. For more information on how to get a team entered, contact Vendell Elliott or Claudia Guin at the Lynn County News.

Lubbock news media is reporting a new scam that has appeared and it seems to be aimed at older citizens. One Lubbock woman reportedly lost \$2,500 and almost an additional \$4,000 plus dollars before she received information that she was being scammed. The scam comes out of Canada, and the victim is contacted by a person representing themselves as a Canadian attorney who says the victim is the winner of a lottery or sweepstakes. The scammer then tells the victim that they will have to send an amount of money to complete the paperwork and to pay the Canadian taxes on the winnings. The victim sends the money and then, either never hears any more or is contacted for additional money for more "expenses". If you are contacted by anyone wanting money to help you get an award or winnings, please contact local law enforcement for more information. Remember, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Tee time
Texas ranks 4th in the nation in the number of golfers, at 1.4 million, and 4th in the number of golf courses, with 860.

Texas' golf score card

Number of golf courses	860
Number of golfers	1.4 million
Percent of golfers who take their clubs when they travel	87%
Average handicap	13
Percent who play with customers or associates	69%
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Cancer survivors will receive a t-shirt to wear during that first lap, showing them to be a cancer survivor. You will need to report to the Hospitality Tent at the Tahoka High School Football Field (Kelley Field) at 6 p.m. Friday, June 4th.

If you have survived (or are currently battling) cancer, and would like to walk the first lap at this event, please fill out the following information and return it to: Lynn County ACS, c/o JoElla Rash, P.O. Box 499, Tahoka, TX 79373

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