



**HEADED TO QUARTERFINALS** - The Tahoka Bulldogs varsity baseball team swept Eldorado in playoff action last weekend to advance to the regional quarterfinals against Coahoma this weekend. Team members are (back) Shannon Cowley, manager; Kevin Rodriguez; Brent John, head coach; Blandon Hancock; Michael Garcia; Brandon McCord; Warren Baker; Zach Lindsey; Derrick Barrientez; (front) Cody Bueermann; Derek Stephens; Kellen Flowers, Matthew Benavides; Stephen Solorzano; Martin Garza; and Matthew Wells. Not pictured is Scott Lucas, assistant coach.

## Bulldogs Sweep Eldorado, Advance In Playoff Bracket

by CASEY JONES  
 THS Journalism Student

The Tahoka Bulldogs baseball team swept Eldorado in a best-of-three game series at Midland Christensen Stadium on Friday and Saturday, May 11-12, to move on in the playoff hunt.

In game one, the Bulldogs pounded Eldorado 13-2 to take command of the series. The offense for the Dogs scored at least one run in every inning of play.

Martin Garza pitched a gem, recording his second one-hitter of the year to improve his record to 6-3 as a starter. Blandon Hancock nailed a homerun over the fence and also knocked in a double for the Dogs.

In game two of the series on Saturday, the Bulldogs had to produce a late rally to overcome a 5-4 deficit heading into the final inning in order to clinch the series without going to another game.

Derrick Barrientez drove in the

game-winning two run single with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning during the last at-bat for the Dogs. The runs gave the Bulldogs a 6-5 lead heading into the last inning before they closed the game out.

Michael Garcia picked up his seventh win as a pitcher and Brandon McCord was credited with the save in closing out the game for the Dogs.

The Bulldogs now advance to the regional quarterfinals where they will collide with the Coahoma Bulldogs in another three-game series.

All of the games will take place at Moffett Stadium in Snyder. The first game will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday; game two will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. If necessary, game three will begin 30 minutes following game two.

If the Bulldogs win the series against Coahoma, they will advance to regional semifinal action.

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## Curry Takes Fourth Place Award At International Science Fair

Tahoka High School senior Ryan Curry earned a Fourth Place Grand Award in Engineering at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in San Jose, Calif. recently. Curry was awarded \$500 for his project titled "Cotton Gin Trash - Feasible Alternative to Wood-Based Particleboard."

Curry is the son of Dr. Zane and Danna Curry of Tahoka. He was accompanied to the event by his sponsor,

Tahoka High School science teacher Betty Stennett.

The Intel ISEF is the world's largest pre-college science competition, with 1200 high school students from more than 40 countries participating in the event. They were judged on their creative ability, scientific thought, as well as the thoroughness, skill, and clarity shown in their projects.



IT'S STRANGE how we Americans have been brainwashed by advertising and popular opinion into worshipping vehicles, money, slimness, big boobs and long hair, none of which makes anyone a better person. Competition for who has the best-looking, most powerful and fanciest car, pickup or SUV keeps the money rolling out of our pockets into the vehicle dealerships.

I'm just as guilty as anybody; I probably have owned more cars in my lifetime than Gene Messer, and the new models always look better than whatever I am driving.

Not everyone is like that, however. There are some people who view their vehicles simply as a device for getting from one place to another without walking. I envy these people who save thousands of dollars on new cars every year by not buying one. I know one guy whose car looks like it has been in the destruction derby, but he is perfectly happy with it.

Some people drive 20-year-old clunkers until they won't clunk any more. Then they update to a later model, rarely to a new one.

It's true that when you buy a new vehicle, you lose a bunch of money as soon as you drive it off the lot. But there's nothing greater than the smell of new on the inside and the shiny, spotless paint job on the outside.

My wife drives a 2000 model which she really likes a lot, even though she liked it better before I backed it into a dumpster last week. I could get this tiny dent fixed for about half a zillion dollars, and I may just do that.

I drive a 1996 model which I really am fond of. It has few scratches, gets good mileage, is comfortable and runs like crazy with no problems. I plan to keep it for many more years, although I already have had it longer than I owned most of my cars.

However, I keep seeing these super good deals in the newspaper.

SPEAKING of vehicles, the name "Jeep" first came from the abbreviation used in the Army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, GP. About the same time the Army commissioned those vehicles for use during WW II, the cartoon strip "Popeye" (or was it L'il Abner?) featured all these little creatures running around and saying "Jeep, Jeep!" At the time, I thought that was where the name for the vehicle originated.

Of course, I was only 2 years old. Or maybe a little more than that.



**ATHLETES HONORED** - Most Valuable Players and other top honors were awarded at the Tahoka High School Athletic Banquet held last week, sponsored by the Bulldog Booster Club. Top honors went to, seated from left, Tiffany Moralez, Volleyball MVP; Chelsey Miller, Most Outstanding Athlete and Girls Basketball Defensive MVP; Lezli Gandy, Fighting Heart Award, Tennis MVP, Girls Basketball Offensive MVP; and Keely Boone, Girls Track MVP. In the boys athletic events, standing from left, Stephen Solorzano was named Most Outstanding Athlete, Boys Track MVP, and Powerlifting MVP; Michael DeLeon was Cross-Country MVP; Matt Sanders was Golf MVP; Michael Garcia was Football Defensive MVP; and Cory Gardner received the Fighting Heart Award. Not shown is Ryan Curry, Football Offensive MVP; and Lesley Chapa, Tennis MVP. (LCN PHOTO)

## Jail Escapee Faces New Charges After Recapture

A 27-year-old Tahoka man who escaped Sunday from the Lynn County jail for the second time in about eight years was recaptured without incident about 10 hours after his escape around 11 a.m.

Jose Antonio Moya Jr., who slipped out of his cell after a cellmate summoned a jailer who opened the cell door, now faces additional jail time as a result of the escape.

Moya already was being held in jail for violating a probation on conviction for a prior escape from jail several years ago.

As the jailer was checking on the cellmate Sunday, Moya slipped out of the cell behind the jailer's back and apparently left the building through an unlocked back door. The jailer noticed almost immediately and contacted Sheriff Jake Diggs and other deputies. When Moya was not located near the jail, an intensive man-hunt began in and around Tahoka, with a helicopter from the Dept. of Public Safety circling around town for a few hours. Police officers from Tahoka, Garza County and the DPS assisted in the search.

Moya was arrested without incident about 9 p.m. after officers received an anonymous tip that he was at a residence in Tahoka. Moya was found in the home, lying in a bed. Residents of the home, believed to be friends of Moya, were not charged, according to Deputy Jerry Franklin.

When Moya made his first escape from Lynn County jail several years ago, he had been arrested on a burglary charge. He was captured and sent to prison for the burglary and later was given probation for the escape. He violated the probation and was jailed again a few months ago pending a hearing before a district judge.

In other law enforcement activity during the week, DPS officers investigated three traffic accidents in Lynn County. On May 9, a 1997 Freightliner truck driven by Jacqueline Gietl, 43, of Grey River, WA struck the rear of a 1961 John Deere tractor driven by Glenn Roberts, 72, of Lubbock. There were no injuries requiring hospital treatment at the time of the collision on U.S. 84 just north of Southland. Damage to the tractor was moderate, but the truck was heavily damaged and had to be towed.

On Thursday, May 10, about 12:45 p.m. just north of O'Donnell on U.S. 87 at the intersection of FM 2053 a 1996 Ford pickup driven by Jeff Doris Raney, 70, of Welch collided with a 1986 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Lasario Arrendondo, 71, of Lamesa. No injuries were listed. About 7:40 a.m. Wednesday a 2000 Freightliner driven by Jerome Gengler, 49, of Dell Rapids, SD, collided with a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis driven by Kathy Jo Brandon, 45, of Tahoka. The accident, resulting in no injuries occurred at the intersection of the west access road of U.S. 87 and Loop 472.

In jail during the last week were one person for driving while license suspended, one for failure to appear plus failure to identify a fugitive, one for public intoxication, one for jail escape and one on the following charges: no liability insurance, no drivers license, driver improperly secured by safety belt, 12 counts of failure to appear, 13 counts of no liability insurance, two counts of trespassing, two counts of defective tail-light, nine counts of failure to display drivers license and two counts of speeding.

## U.S. Rep. Thornberry Sets Town Meeting Here Saturday

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry will meet with area residents in a Town Meeting scheduled Saturday morning at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, in Tahoka. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

All area residents are invited to attend.

**"Concert On The Lawn"**

THS Band and Choir

7:00 p.m. Today (Thursday)  
 Front Lawn of  
 Tahoka High School  
 Bring your lawn chairs!  
 (If inclement weather the concert will move inside the auditorium.)

## City Pool To Open May 26

The City of Tahoka will open the public swimming pool on Saturday, May 26. Lifeguards for the pool will again be Suzanne Baker and Warren Baker.

Hours will be Monday-Saturday from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Parties may be booked by calling Mrs. Baker at 998-4733. The facilities are available for parties from 6-8 p.m. or from 8-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday or at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Season passes will again be available at City Hall. Family passes are \$100; individual passes are \$50 for kids under 12 and \$75 for adults and kids over 12 years of age.

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 9	87	57	
May 10	81	59	
May 11	85	62	
May 12	83	60	0.45"
May 13	83	56	
May 14	86	58	0.44"
May 15	80	60	
Total Precip. for May: 1.32"			
Total Precip. to date this year: 4.4"			
Precip. this time last year: 6.55"			

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**JERRY TEW and ELIZABETH HOLDER**  
**Couple To Wed In June**

Elizabeth Holder and Jerry Tew, both of Lubbock announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple plans to marry Saturday, June 9 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock.

Parents of the bride are Mike Holder and Clarice Holder of Lubbock. Her grandparents are Richard and Florence Schumacher of Gainesville, the late Frank Holder, Dell Nitsche of Austin and the late Bill Nitsche.

The groom's parents are Linda Tew of Grassland and the late F.W. Tew. His grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Adamson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tew.

The future bride is a graduate of Monterey High School and attends South Plains College. She is employed at Covenant Medical Center.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Coronado High School and works for American Freightways.

**Governor Proclaims June 1 Texas Reading Club Day**

Texas Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed June 1 as "Texas Reading Club Day."

Each year, children across Texas participate in the Texas Reading Club, sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Established in 1959, the program encourages young people to read for pleasure and, particularly, to continue reading during summer months when school is out. The club's theme for 2001 is "To the Library and Beyond!"

The City-County Library in Tahoka encourages children to attend the Summer Reading Program each Monday in June from 10-11 a.m.

**Estudio Biblico**  
**Bilingüe**  
(Bilingual Bible Study)

**SWEET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1300 Ave. J in Tahoka

9:45 A.M. Cada Domingo (Each Sunday)

Por mas informacion, favor de llamar 998-5310  
(For more information, please call 998-5310)

**TODOS BIENVENIDOS**  
(EVERYONE WELCOME)

**Harlin Williams**

Services for Harlin D. Williams, 88, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Cliff Igo officiating and the Rev. Richard Rush assisting.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, May 12, 2001 in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 21, 1912 in Callahan County. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School and moved first to Brownfield and then to Borden County in 1941. He retired from farming in 1975.

He married Nellie Scott Feb. 17, 1934 in Dickens County. She died March 17, 1994. He served on the Borden County School Board for 17 years and was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth of Borden County and Ralph of Lamesa; two brothers, Rev. Johnnie Williams and Artie "A.D." both of Lubbock; three sisters, Wilma Newton of Abernathy, Ola Joyce King of Canyon and Minnie Newton of Buena Vista, Colo.; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

**Dorothy Dysart**

Services for Dorothy Dysart, 74, of Corrales, N.M., were held Saturday, May 5 at the Vista Verda Chapel in Rio Rancho, N.M. with Rev. Walter F. Smith III officiating.

She died Tuesday, April 30, 2001. She was born Dec. 27, 1926 in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School. She attended Southern Methodist University and Texas Tech.

Her husband, Cabot, died in January 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathryn of Dallas, Ore.; a son, James of Houston; two sisters, Coleen Fulford of Brownfield and Marilyn McPhaul of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to S.T.A.G.E., 170 High St. S.E., Salem, OR 97301.

**Former Tahokan Visits Here**

Barbara (Young) Williams of Eaglepoint, Ore. (formerly of Tahoka) and a friend, Billy Carl Newton of Rocksprings, Wyo., visited friends in Tahoka over the weekend.

The travelers visited Mable and Dorothy Morgan, Bill and Francis Chancy and Mable Spruiell in Tahoka and a niece, Margaret Pinkston and family of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka.

**Sweet Street Baptist Church To Provide Bilingual Bible Study**

Sweet Street Baptist Church, located at 1300 Ave. J in Tahoka, will begin a new bilingual bible study class this Sunday, May 20 in the church auditorium. The Spanish-English bible study will be from 9:45-10:45 a.m., the public is invited to attend.

Lynn C. Long, Pastor of the church, will be leading the class. Bro. Long, his wife Denise, and their three boys spent several years in Hispanic work in the Rio Grande Valley, near McAllen. They had ministries on both sides of the border during the time. The Longs began their mission work in 1983, after finishing an intensive Spanish language course at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg.

Long said, "It has been nearly ten years since I have done anything like this, but I believe the need is great and I am really looking forward to a challenge of this nature. My Spanish may be a little rusty at first, but I believe the Lord is going to bless this. I expect that we will have a great turnout."

For more information, call the church at 998-5310.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**May 21-25**

**Monday:** Beef Stuffed Baked Potato, Pea Salad, Cornbread, Berry Cobbler or Cake.

**Tuesday:** Baked Chicken w/Mushroom Sauce, Blackeye Peas, Zucchini, Wheat Roll, Snickerdoodles or Chocolate Cake.

**Wednesday:** Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra, Apricots, Roll or Cornbread, Cookies.

**Thursday:** Turkey, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Hot Roll, Apple Cobbler.

**Friday:** Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Picante Sauce, Tortilla Chips, Apricots.



**ASHLEY McNEELY**  
**Ashley McNeely Earns Achievement Award**

Who's Who Among American High School Students announced recently that Ashley McNeely, a student at Tahoka High School, has been selected to receive the Merit Achievement Award.

This honorary award is given to recognize a student for their achievements in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Sherri McCord, Tahoka High School Counselor, made the nomination.

Ashley's biography will be published in the 2000-2001 publication of Who's Who Among American High School Students in late fall.

Ms. McNeely, a freshman at THS, participates in track, cross country, volleyball, cheerleading and band.

She is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda McNeely. Her grandparents are Morris and Juanell Bingham of Buchanan Dam and the late Lloyd and Genita Huddleston. Great-grandparents are Flora Delle Nowlin of Lubbock and Lois Roberts of Tahoka.



**PRIDE CORPHONORED** - These members of the Tahoka Elementary Pride Corp were honored with a luncheon on Wednesday, May 9 in the elementary LRC. Pictured are (back) Angie Hall, Tonda Freitag, Maritza Hall, Dawn Howard, Tammy Sodd, Cassie Martin, (front) Suzanne Baker, Rochelle Ford, and Dina Hammonds. Pride Corp volunteers help elementary teachers and staff with various projects throughout the school year.



**BIKE WINNERS** - Mary Maeker (left) and Stephanie Jaime were winners of new bicycles Saturday, May 12 at the annual Lynn County Sheriff's Department Bicycle Rodeo held in New Home this year. Mary is the daughter of Andy and Monica Maeker of New Home and Stephanie is the daughter of Carlos and Adelita Jaime of O'Donnell. All participants received t-shirts and were eligible for various door prizes. (LCN PHOTO)

**Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS**

The Phebe K. Warner Club ended the year with the annual book review given by Carol Headrick of Stillwater, Okla. In attendance were 22 club members, two associate club members and 51 guests.

The review began with a brief explanation that the book "Madame Curie" was written by a daughter, Eve Curie. Then Ms. Headrick put herself into the first person and lived the life of Marie Curie for 45 minutes for those present, telling the story of her poverty-stricken family, determination to achieve a higher education, and her eventual marriage to scientist Pierre Curie, and their scientific discovery that earned them the Nobel prize in physics for the discovery of radium. She died at the age of 67 of leukemia.

**MHMR Seeking Committee Members**

Lubbock Regional MHMR is seeking new members to serve on the Planning Advisory Committees and the Network Advisory Committee. These committees are charged with assisting the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity, and making recommendations regarding the development of the strategic plan and the provider network, respectively.

The committees should be balanced to meet the diverse needs of the community. Preference will be given to individuals who are current or former consumers of mental health or retardation services or family members of consumers and interested stakeholders from the community.

Residents of Crosby, Cochran, Lynn and Hockley counties are particularly needed in order to better represent the five counties served. Length of participation can vary from one to three years.

Interested persons are urged to call (806) 767-1746 to receive an application.

**It is the addition of strangeness to beauty that constitutes the romantic character in art.**  
-Walter Pater

*Wedding Announcement Policy*

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed, if run after that time.

All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News Office, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-4888, Fax 998-6308.

**Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens)**  
is having a  
**BAKE SALE**  
Wednesday, May 23  
1:30 p.m. at Thriftway  
(Donations are needed! Please bring food items to the center or call 998-5264, or bring to Thriftway that day.)

**A TAHOKA TRIBUTE**

You're Invited To  
**A BOOKSIGNING**  
Sunday, May 20, 2001 from 2 to 5 p.m.  
at the Life Enrichment Center

Join Tahoka native, Elva Edwards, and her sister, Calva Ledbetter, in a Tribute to their parents, Calvin and Pearle Edwards, and their grandparents, Carroll and Nellie Edwards, as we near the 50th Anniversary of the event captured in Elva's new book,

**A TEXAS TRAGEDY**

*Orphaned By Bootleggers*

Take this opportunity to secure a piece of Tahoka history in this limited edition publication!

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St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson  
(Block S. of 211, next to the school) 628-6573  
Sunday School 9:30; Worship 10:45  
Jason Gackie, Pastor

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**Protect Sun's**

Skin is the body's and plays a valuable role. It not only covers the body and protects them from bacteria, skin regulates temperature and helps rid the body of excess water and salts. It also helps prevent pain, temperature fluctuations — all three clearly present after a sunburn.

As the summer nears, the American Cancer Society is encouraging people to recognize the importance of skin and protect it from the sun's damaging rays.

"Most of the 1.3 million new skin cancer diagnoses in the U.S. are considered to be preventable. Those most at risk for skin cancer are people with light skin, blue or green eyes and those who have a family history," says Dr. Ramsdell for the American Cancer Society. "However, doctors also advise people to include malignant melanoma, the deadliest form, in their skin care routine."

To reduce the risk of skin cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends avoiding midday sun (10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest). When outdoors, wear protective clothing and a hat. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Wrap-around sunglasses block both UVA and UVB rays.

It is also important to promote sun safety with

**BREAKFAST**  
Two Eggs, Hash  
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**STUDYING THE COURSE** -- Trenton Druesedow, son of Jay and Kathy Druesedow of Tahoka, studies the upcoming skill-testing course at the annual Lynn County Bicycle Rodeo held in New Home Saturday, May 12. Tahoka Policeman Hipolito Zuniga explains the course as fellow reserve officer Rudy Tejeda and 9-1-1 Red E. Fox look on. (LCN PHOTO)

### Harrison Named All South Plains Coach Of The Year

New Home boys varsity basketball coach Shawn Harrison has been named the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains Boys Coach of the Year in Class 1A.

The first-year coach led the Leopards to a 28-5 record, a District 7-A championship in Division II and a berth in the state semi-finals.

Colt Lee, a junior at O'Donnell High School, was named Honorable Mention on the All-South Plains 1A Team.

### New Home School Menu

- May 21-25 Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Pancakes w/Syrup, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Smiley Faces, Yogurt, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Waffles or Pancakes, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Cereal, French Toast Sticks, Milk.  
**Friday:** Cinnamon Roll, Milk.

- Lunch**  
**Monday:** Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, Cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Orange Halves, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Sub Sandwich, Pickle Spears, Celery, Carrot, Orange Wedges, Banana, Chips, Sherbet, Yogurt, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Munch Mix, Milk.  
**Friday:** Sack Lunch, Whole Pickle, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Chips, Cookie, Milk.



**DOGS WIN** -- Tahoka Bulldogs baseball players pour from the dugout in the sixth inning of last weekend's second playoff game against Eldorado to congratulate teammates on the game winning at-bat. The Dogs swept the opposition in the best of three series to advance to the regional quarterfinals against Coahoma this weekend.



**PITCHER PERFECT** -- Tahoka Bulldog pitcher Martin Garza is shown in action in the first game of playoff action last weekend. The Dogs swept Eldorado to advance to the regional quarterfinals against Coahoma this weekend. Garza recorded a one-hitter to move his record to 6-3 as a starter. Matthew Benavidez is the second baseman for the Bulldogs.

### Protect Skin From Sun's Damaging Rays

Skin is the body's largest organ and plays a valuable role in survival. It not only covers the internal organs and protects them from injury and bacteria, skin regulates body temperature and helps rid the body of excess water and salts. It also provides for pain, temperature and touch sensation — all three of which are clearly present after the body experiences a sunburn.

As the summer months draw near, the American Cancer Society is encouraging people to remember the importance of skin and to protect it from the sun's damaging rays.

"Most of the 1.3 million cases of skin cancer diagnosed yearly in the U.S. are considered to be sun-related. Those most at risk for skin cancer are people with light skin, fair hair, light color eyes and those who burn easily," says Dr. Ramsdell, a spokesman for the American Cancer Society in Texas. "However, darker-skinned people can also develop skin cancer, including malignant melanoma, the deadliest form," he added.

To reduce the risk of cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends avoiding midday sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest. When outside, protect the skin by wearing protective clothing and a hat. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and wear wrap-around sunglasses that will block both UVA and UVB type rays.

It is also important for parents to promote sun safety with their children and set a good example for children to follow. When children learn early on how to protect their skin and eyes from the sun they are more likely to develop lifelong sun protection behavior.

For more information on UV exposure, skin cancer and ways to protect yourself and your family, visit the American Cancer Society's web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Select "Melanoma" from the Cancer Resource Center's drop down menu on the left and then select skin cancer prevention.

For those without Internet access, the American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their toll-free information hotline at 1-800-ACS-2345. Cancer Information Specialists are trained to provide the latest information related to skin cancer prevention as well as all forms of cancer.

**Skin Cancer Facts from the American Cancer Society**

- Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. One out of every five people in the U.S. will develop skin cancer during their lifetime. Melanoma is one of the most common cancers in people less than 30 years of age.
- The number of skin cancers diagnosed in Texas is higher than in most other states. This year an estimated 3,400 Texans will be diagnosed with the most deadly form of skin cancer — malignant melanoma.
- There are two types of UV rays — UVA and UVB — both are harmful to skin and eyes. Exposure to UV radiation through sunlight or tanning booths increases the risk of all skin cancers.
- Besides skin cancer, the sun's UV radiation also increases the risk of cataracts and certain other eye problems, and can suppress the immune system.
- People with a lot of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease.
- People who have been treated with medicines that suppress the immune system may also have an increased risk of melanoma. Certain medications can make your skin more sensitive to sun damage.
- Exposure to certain chemicals, such as arsenic and coal tars, or to high dose x-ray treatment have been associated with skin cancers.
- Sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher is necessary even on cloudy days when 70-80% of the harmful rays can go through cloud cover.
- The sun's rays can burn in up to three feet of water and can reflect off sand, water, concrete and similar surface.
- Both basal and squamous cell cancers are typically found on exposed parts of the body such as the face, neck, forearms and scalp. Malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, may be found on skin that is always covered.
- Malignant melanoma, like basal cell and squamous cell cancers, is almost always curable in its early stages. Melanoma is much more likely than basal or squamous cell cancer to spread to other parts of the body. Melanoma is found more frequently in adults but can develop in the childhood or teenage years.
- African-Americans and other dark-skinned people usually get skin cancer on the lighter (less pigmented) areas of their body such as palms, soles of their feet and fingernails.
- Self-exams of the skin are recommended every one to three months. Any suspicious skin problems should be checked by a dermatologist.

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• African-Americans and other dark-skinned people usually get skin cancer on the lighter (less pigmented) areas of their body such as palms, soles of their feet and fingernails.

• Self-exams of the skin are recommended every one to three months. Any suspicious skin problems should be checked by a dermatologist.

### Sign Ups Set For Softball

Girls ages 5 to 16 are invited to sign up for the girls fastpitch softball season. Girls 5 to 8 years old will play machine pitch ball.

Registration will be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center; and all day Saturday, May 19 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Tahoka Elementary gym.

Cost is \$25 per player, and \$15 per additional sibling.

For more information, contact Mike Rivas at 924-7510.

### Refugia "Cuca" Perez

One year has gone by, but it seems like yesterday. We miss you, Mom. God looked around His garden and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful -- He always takes the best. He knew that you were in pain, He knew that you would never set well on earth again, so He closed your weary eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine." He then took you up in Heaven with hands gentle and so kind. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone -- for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. May 14th is a very special day. It is Mom's first birthday in Heaven. We love you, Mom.

We would like to say Thank You to all her friends and family for being a big part in Mom's life; to all who loved her and gave of your time to be with us in our time of sorrow -- especially for your prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

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## Little Dribblers Regional Tourney Here This Week

Tahoka will play host to teams from four cities in this week's Girls Little Dribblers American Division Regional Tournament. The tournament runs May 16-19 in the Tahoka High School and Tahoka Elementary School gyms.

Teams from Tahoka, Kermit, Greenwood, Shallowater and Lockney will compete to advance to national competition.

A four-day tournament pass is available for \$15 for adults (12 and over) or \$9 for children under 12. Day passes for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children; Saturday prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. A concession stand will be open throughout the tournament.

## Tahoka Elementary Honors Pride Corp

Officials at Tahoka Elementary School hosted a luncheon on Wednesday, May 9 to show their appreciation for all the hard work and many hours that Pride Corp volunteers have put in to help the school's teachers and staff. Several members of Pride Corp attended the luncheon, held in the Elementary LRC.

Pride Corp members worked on several projects this year, including: Christmas gift wrapping for teachers and staff; making decorations for open house and UIL competition, the annual Tahoka Elementary teacher and staff luncheon, hosting the UIL Hospitality Room, and putting together the Tahoka Elementary Yearbook.

"The Pride Corp volunteers are a wonderful asset to our school and are greatly appreciated," said one school official.

**All great art is the work of the whole living creature, body and soul, and chiefly of the soul.**  
—John Ruskin

**SPC NURSING AWARD** — Mike Ramirez Jr. of Slaton, formerly of Tahoka, received the Medical Surgical Award from South Plains College during a pinning ceremony for associate degree nursing graduates held last Thursday in Texan Dome in Levelland. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Kaitlyn and Toby. He is the son of Janie Ramirez of Tahoka and Mike Ramirez Sr. of Slaton, and grandson of Amalia Arausa of Tahoka. (SPC PHOTO)

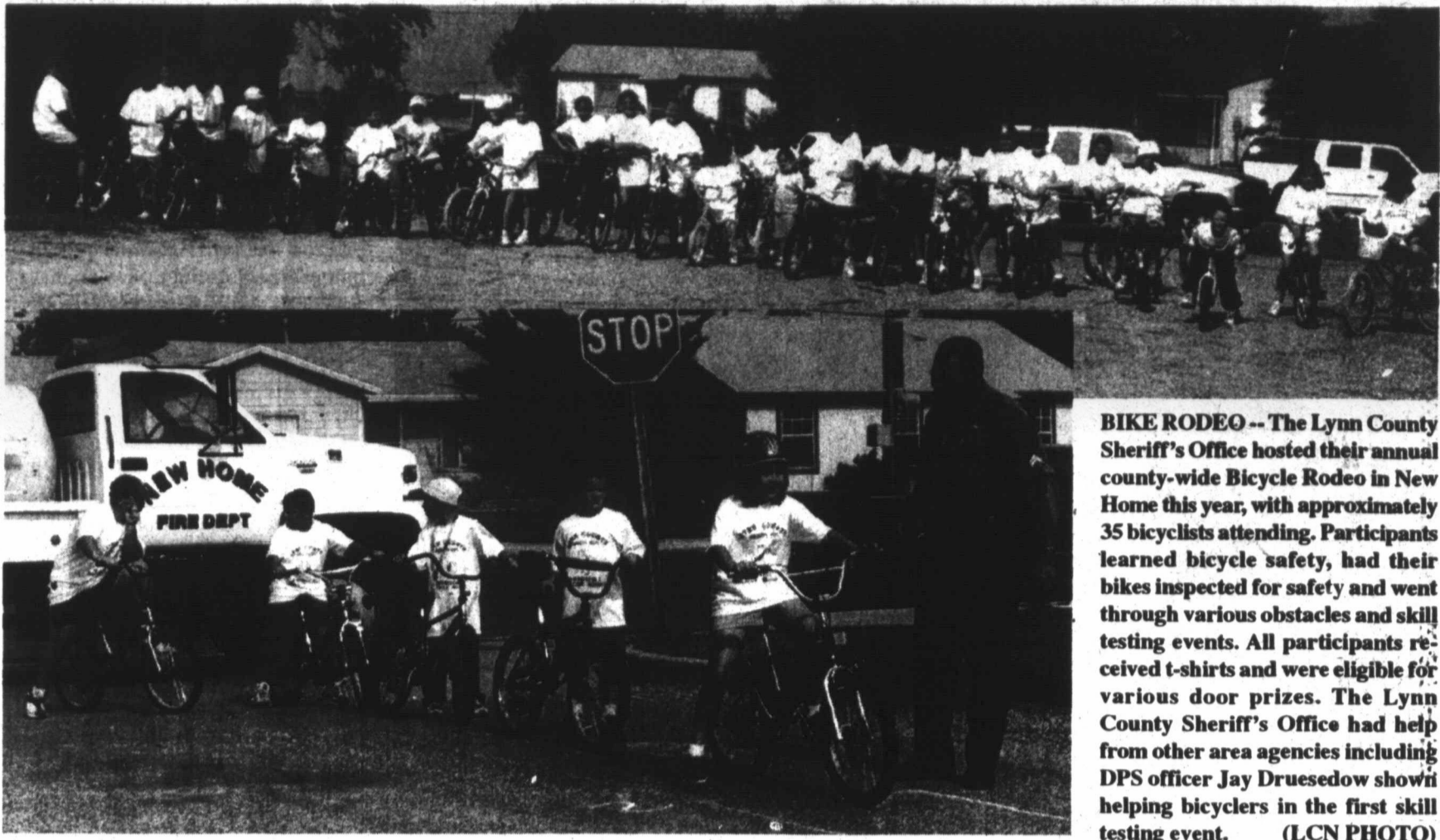
**Tahoka School Menu**

May 21-25  
Breakfast

**Monday:** Waffles or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Baked Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Pancake & Sausage Stick or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Managers Choice.  
**Friday:** No School.

Lunch

**Monday:** Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, French Fries, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles, Peach Cobbler, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Sack Lunch, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Orange or Apple, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Pizza or Corn Dogs, Mixed Salad, Corn, Strawberries, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Managers Choice.  
**Friday:** No School.



**BIKE RODEO** — The Lynn County Sheriff's Office hosted their annual county-wide Bicycle Rodeo in New Home this year, with approximately 35 bicyclists attending. Participants learned bicycle safety, had their bikes inspected for safety and went through various obstacles and skill testing events. All participants received t-shirts and were eligible for various door prizes. The Lynn County Sheriff's Office had help from other area agencies including DPS officer Jay Druesedow showing helping bicyclers in the first skill testing event. (LCN PHOTO)

## News from the Tahoka Care Center

**by Beverly Zuniga**  
National Nursing Home Week is May 13-19. This will be a great week at the Care Center with entertainment, food and fun. Monday was Be-Bop Day Bingo, gospel hour and Coke floats. Tuesday was Fiesta Day with live music and a pinata. Residents had their names and addresses on a slip of paper placed inside a helium filled balloon on Wednesday. The balloons were released at 2:30 p.m. and residents enjoyed banana splits following the release of the balloons. The monthly birthday party will be held Thursday (today) and will feature games, races, and children putting on a skit and tumbling. Friday is Family Cookout Day. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by entertainment in the courtyard at 1 p.m.

We had a great Mother's Day party. Gifts were donated by June and Harry Ford. Refreshments and paper goods were also donated by Hazel Ford's family and the family of Myrl Mathis.

Gifts were given to the "Oldest Mothers," Lois Culp and Myrtle Miller. Employee Shae Rodriguez was named "Youngest Mother," and

Petra Valdez was named the "Mother with the Most Children." Traveling the farthest were Dorothy Pearce's daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Fred Barbee, who came from Houston and Ruth Slough's daughter from Kingsville, Joyce Velseck. Hazel Ford had the most family members present. Mrs. Ford and Buelah Hubbard celebrated with five generations.

We're glad to have Eleanor Hewlett out of the hospital and back home with us.

Get well wishes go out to Estelle Cook who remains at Covenant and Hazel Hogg who is in Lynn County Hospital.

Thank you to Scott Smith. He sent each lady at the Care Center a beautiful red rose in a bud vase for Mother's Day, in honor of Ma Hill. Thank you Mr. Smith for remembering each of these ladies in such a special way and for honoring such a special lady. Ma Hill, we love you.

Thank you to Jessie DeLeon, Dee Dee Harper, Patricia Hogg and the Methodist Fellowship Sunday school class from O'Donnell for the donations of bingo prizes.

If you would like to share in the fun this week, come on down. We look forward to seeing you here.

## Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott  
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

**All-Around Boy, Girl Named**  
Dot Durham and Lynn Halamicek were elected best 'All-Around' girl and boy last week by the Tahoka High School faculty. This is the second straight year for Lynn to maintain this honor.

Dot is a librarian, senior class editor on the Kennel, vice president of the National Honor Society, member of Quill and Scroll, and has been drum major of the THS band for the past three years. She has also been active in all class activities.

Lynn is an outstanding athlete, president of the National Honor Society, and an active member in all class activities.

In addition to their individual achievements in extra-curricular activities, these two seniors maintain a high scholastic average and have been of great service to the faculty and Tahoka High School.

Twelve students were elected to Who's Who for 1951-51 school year.

These members were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. They are Frances Henderson, Dot Durham, Eunice Shepperd, Josephine Raind, Frances Martin, Marjorie Clinton, Richard Havens, Edith Aldridge, Lynn Halamicek, Wiley Curry, and Paxton Hutchison. Jan. 11, 1952

**Tahoka Boxers In Abilene Meet**  
Abilene, Jan. 17 — High school boxers, for the first time in history, will dominate — in numbers at least — the 15th annual Abilene Golden Gloves tournament, officials have announced.

The tournament is scheduled at Rose Field House on the Hardin-Simmons campus Friday, Saturday and Monday night — February 1, 2, and 4.

Collier Parris, sports editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, states that the following tentative entries have been sent in from Tahoka: Harley Schulz, 118; Charley Schulz, 114; Robbie Dorman 135; Ronnie Browning, 114; Brownie Williams, 126; Wayne Brasher, 133; Carroll Smith; Jerry Roseberry, 134; Rollin McCord, 105; and T.D. Dunlap, 152.

An increased interest in boxing as a part of high school athletic programs, as well as the part of individual boys themselves, has resulted in a Golden Gloves entry list in which at least 50 per cent of the contestants are high school athletes. The other half is divided between the Novice and Open classes... Jan. 18, 1952

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**ESSAY WINNER** for placing second in the "Why I Will Stay in Tahoka" contest. The winner is a student at the school. (LCN PHOTO)

**PET TIPS**  
If your dog bleeds, he may not be alone. More and more people are inquiring about new ways to treat their pets' behavior problems. get depressed just like you.  
Two new drugs are only recently approved and Drug Administration and Clomipramine have shown both to be treating certain pet behaviors, according to a veterinary professor and behavior expert at University of College Medicine.

"One of the biggest problems facing pet owners is separation anxiety, especially in dogs. It's a condition that means the dog is distressed, and the animal is distressed," Beaver said. "It tends to happen when we have thought not to be apparent at other things have separation anxiety, underlying problem."  
Veterinarians have been using the condition pills, just as in humans, of the new drugs to treat Parkinson's disease. So what are the risks?  
"One is destruction of things it is not harming. Another is soiling, and others are excessive vocalization, such as barking, so loud that the neighbors complain. Or excessive pacing or even pacing." "Often," she said, "the problems that can be solved, not separation anxiety, can be difficult at best."

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**ESSAY WINNER** - Tahoka eighth grader Cory Carrasco (left) won \$200 for placing second in Region 3 in the Texas Police Chiefs Association "Why I Will Say No To Alcohol and Drugs" statewide essay contest. Tahoka L.S.D. Officer Abraham Vega (right) presented the certificate and check to Carrasco during an awards ceremony Tuesday afternoon at the school. Cory is the son of Genero and Tilda Carrasco of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

**PET TALK**

If your dog Blue has the blues, he may not be alone.

More and more dog owners are inquiring about new drugs available to treat their pets that suffer from behavior problems. Dogs, it seems, get depressed just like people.

Two new drugs on the market - only recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration - include Anipryl and Clomicalm. Studies have shown both to be effective in treating certain pet behavior disorders, according to Bonnie Beaver, a veterinary professor and animal behavior expert at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"One of the biggest problems pets face, especially dogs, is separation anxiety, meaning the owner is away from the dog for a period of time and the animal becomes very distressed," Beaver explains.

"It tends to happen a lot more than we had thought. The signs may not be apparent at first, but after other things have been ruled out, separation anxiety is often the underlying problem."

Veterinarians have begun treating the condition with prescribed pills, just as in humans. One form of the new drugs has been used to treat Parkinson's disease in humans.

So what are the signs that Spot is stressed?

"One is destruction, when a pet tears up things it normally doesn't harm. Another is frequent house soiling, and others could be excessive vocalization, such as loud barking, so loud that the neighbors complain. Or excessive drooling or licking or even pacing back and forth."

"Often," she adds, "these are problems that can mean something else, not separation anxiety. So it can be difficult at times to diagnose."



People who love food love to shop at farmers' markets. Dotted across the state from Paris to Plainview and from Kingsville to Corsicana, more than 57 certified farmers' markets bring fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and other Texas products straight to the folks who adore them.

Certified farmers' markets are an \$8 million industry in Texas. Picked from the ground, plucked from a tree or plucked from a vine, fresh goods like onions, spinach, grapefruit and strawberries are hauled to rural and urban communities by Texas farmers to give people a taste of homegrown commodities.

Although there are many farmers' markets across Texas, certified farmers' markets are associations of local producers who sell their products and who are governed by their local association's bylaws. In fact, certified farmers' markets belong to the member producers. Some cities also have an open market law that prohibits vendors from selling individually, so certified markets provide an outlet for area farmers.

The official farmers' market season runs May 1 to Sept. 30, give or take a month or two depending on the region. Beyond homegrown fruits and vegetables, many farmers' markets offer other products like jams, jellies, plants and gift baskets.

Certified farmers' markets are included in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. The program provides coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables to WIC participants who are nutritionally at risk. The coupons can be redeemed only at certified farmers' markets.

I encourage all Texans to venture out to farmers' markets and get a taste of summer, all while supporting your local agriculture industry. Use TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) for locating information about farmers' markets near you. Or call 1-800-TELL-TDA to request a list.

**Over 450 Trails In Texas Available For Physical Fitness Walks, Says TDH**

Within the 267,277 square miles of Texas are: 122 state recreation parks with more than 1,000 miles of trails; two national parks; five state forests; four national forests; a national seashore; a biological preserve; and uncounted pathways in cities and rural areas.

So why, then, are more people not out walking, biking, jogging, hiking or just strolling?

Perhaps, says Jennifer Smith, director of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), people may not know where these trails are.

With that thought in mind, two years ago TDH began building a database of trails. From the initial 150 entries, TDH now lists more than 450 trails in 89 counties.

"We want people to be aware of what's available, places that they can be out enjoying nature and getting some physical activity, either free or at a low cost," said Mary Guzman, who oversees the TDH registry.

The Texas Trail Registry, available on-line at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/trails/](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/trails/), offers information on public trails by county, from the 25-mile Kiwanis Park Trail in Angelina County to Yoakum County's 1.25-mile Denver City Recreational Trail. Details in the listing include trail name and location, manager, approved activities, estimated difficulty and length, hours, cost, facilities, wheelchair accessibility and scenery.

"We provide exposure to trails already built so they can be used more," Guzman said. "In addition, people may pick up ideas about what kinds of trails they can have in their communities. We have resources to help groups who are considering constructing trails."

The registry gives people a chance to find out about trails in their area or in places they may be visit-

ing. "We want to commit to physical activity and to have healthier lifestyles to prevent chronic disease," Guzman said. "And we certainly want to make it as easy as possible for them to get started and to keep going."

Visiting San Antonio? The Emile and Albert Friedrich Wilderness Park Trail offers 4.5 miles for walking, jogging, hiking and nature study in a nature preserve with Hill Country scenery, windmill and hilltop views at a moderate level of difficulty. On South Padre Island, look up the Isla Blanca Park Trail, an easy two miles with historic statue and marker, wetlands, ships and dolphins.

In Lubbock, look for the Lubbock Lake Landmark Nature Trails for walking, hiking, nature study and wildflowers of the Llano Estacado.

Or in North Texas is the eight-mile Denton Branch Rail Trail along an old MKT railroad for walking, jogging, hiking, road and mountain bicycling, nature study or equestrian activities.

Helping communities develop programs and facilities that support and promote physically active lifestyle is a basic component of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program. Smith points to the need in Texas to get people up, out and moving.

A 1998 physical activity survey by TDH shows that more than two-thirds of adult Texans are not getting a least 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity three times a week - the amount of physical activity recommended for greater health benefits. And 32 percent of adult Texans reported a leading reason for not being more physically active is the lack of enough fitness facilities, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The Texas Trail Registry is a great place to get started. Guzman said. But the list is by no means complete. Planners, managers or those who use Texas trails may submit trail information to the registry on-line. People also may add information about trails that are currently listed.

All information is confirmed before being put on the site. The only exclusion is a trail that is for motorized vehicles, as the goal is for physical activity.



**THS CHEERLEADERS** - Leading cheers for Tahoka High School in 2001-2002 will be these cheerleaders. They are, in front from left, Victoria Charo, Ashanti Hood, Trista Wuensche; middle row, Britni Engle, Kalah Bartley, Chelsey Miller (head cheerleader), Lesley Chapa, and Marissa Chapa; and in back, Ashley McNeely is the Bulldog Mascot. (LCN PHOTO)

**Farmers Speak To Texas As Part Of Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team**

"Telling agriculture's story" is the mission, and the goal of the Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team a group of Texas farmers and ranchers who have taken on the task of spreading the word about Texas' second largest industry.

"We organized the Speakers Team to give Texans a first hand, farmers-eye-view of what it's like to live and work on the land today," said Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. Each member of the Speakers Team is available to discuss current issues and the vital role of agriculture in the Texas economy.

Each team member has a wealth of personal experience from working on his or her own farm or ranch. Through fewer Americans live and work on farms today, agriculture still touches virtually every aspect of American lives - especially in Texas. One out of every five Texans works in some form of agriculture. In addition to farmers and ranchers, jobs are found in processing, market-

ing, and transporting agricultural products.

"The job of the Speakers Team is to promote a deeper understanding of farm life and farm issues and to foster cooperation between urban and rural Texans," Patman said.

From bandages and latex gloves to toothpaste and crayons, agricultural commodities contribute much more than the food found in grocery stores. In fact, agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas and generates \$64 billion dollars per year to the state's economic activity.

The Speakers Team members are available to speak on a variety of agricultural topics including: "Farm Bureau...What it is and what it does," "Agriculture in the Classroom...Bringing the farm home to children," and "The Importance of Agriculture."

Speakers may be reserved through the TFB Field Operations staff, or by visiting the TFB web site at [www.tfb.org](http://www.tfb.org).

**Suicide Hotline Number Available**

Beginning in April of 2001, all calls made to 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) from the 806 area code will be answered by trained volunteers and staff members of CONTACT Lubbock, Inc., a 24-hour listening and crisis line.

Texas ranks 36th in the nation for its suicide rate. But with suicide being the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds, and the eighth leading cause in the United States, help is available.

CONTACT Lubbock will celebrate its 30-year anniversary this summer, marking three decades of crisis intervention service. What began as a local listening line has now grown into a multi-service agency that offered free services to 34,004 Lubbock area callers last year.

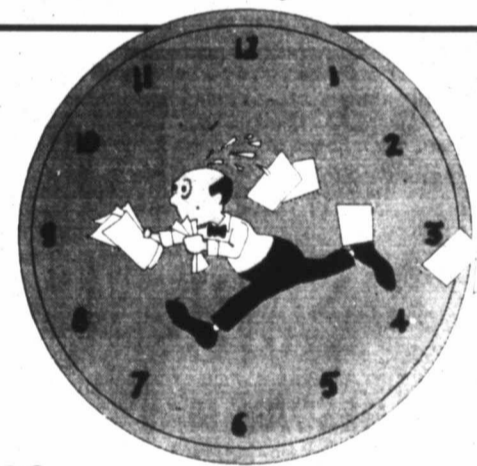
While CONTACT deals with all kinds of crisis calls, such as abuse, loneliness, emotional problems, depression, callers needing assistance and even those having interpersonal relationship problems, CONTACT Lubbock fielded 164 suicide calls in the year 2000. By taking on all 1-800-SUICIDE calls from the 806 area code, the agency expects to at least quadruple its number of calls.

Debbie Frapp, executive director of CONTACT Lubbock said, "We really don't know what to expect, so we're gearing up for at least four times as many suicide calls as we had last year. It may be more, or it may be less. But we're ready for whatever happens." She added, "We also hope to work with other crisis centers in Texas and the National Hopeline Network that started the 1-800-SUICIDE service to ensure that the entire state has support for the important service."

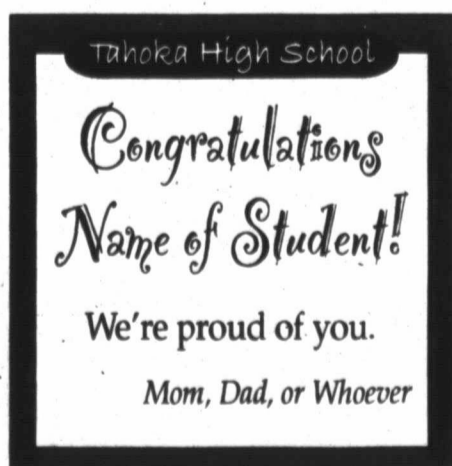
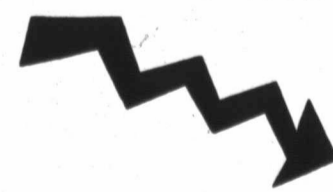
"We've been doing this for 30 years," Frapp said. "I have every confidence in our ability to help people who are in a suicide crisis. Our volunteers are trained to handle these calls, and we are excited about the opportunity to reach out to more people in crisis."

The National Hopeline Network is a toll-free nationwide number, that, to the fullest extent possible relies upon local crisis centers to provide risk evaluation, intervention, information and referral to individuals who are at risk. The goal is to prevent a potential suicide or reduce the risk of suicidal behavior.

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**STAR CHAPTER FARMER** - Wilson FFA member Brent Byrd (right) was named the Star Chapter Farmer at Wilson FFA's annual banquet held Tuesday, May 8. Presenting the award was Aaron Bednarz, chapter president (left).



**STAR GREENHAND** - Wilson FFA member Brady Cross (left) was presented the Star Greenhand award at Wilson FFA's annual banquet held Tuesday, May 8. Presenting the award was Aaron Bednarz, chapter president.

## Wilson FFA Honors Members At Banquet

Wilson FFA held its annual banquet on Tuesday, May 8. Sirloln steak was served to approximately 80 FFA members and supporters. The cost of the meal was covered by the support of those who contributed to the chapter's fund raising events throughout the year. A student committee prepared the meal.

Some of the decorations were designed and grown by the students. They included woodworking projects by the freshman class and flowers grown by the Horticultural Plant Production class. Decorations were set

up by a student committee and volunteers including Angela McDonald and Misty Dakroub.

Awards were presented to the following:

Aaron Bednarz, Jordan Bednarz, Brent Byrd, Briana Fields, Ricky Halford, Blake Talkmitt, and Chance Talkmitt, members of the Senior Chapter Conducting team that placed second in district and qualified for area competition;

Josh Benavides, Justin Brannan and Chris Vasek, members of the

## Leland White, Helen Saldana Gain "Outstanding" Honors

Helen Saldana, an 18-year employee with the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Lynn County producer Leland White were named Outstanding District Employee and Outstanding Conservation Farmer at the Area 1 Awards Banquet held May 1 in Plainview.

White was named Outstanding Conservation Farmer for Lynn County at the local SWCD banquet held in April, and his nomination advanced to Area competition, where he was awarded the Area honor.

Mrs. Saldana has received numerous awards for her superior performance in her duties with the SWCD and is praised for her versatile capabilities, with local directors noting that she is as much at home in the field as she is in the office.

"Helen is extremely knowledgeable and is well known and highly respected throughout the state for her knowledge, skills, and abilities," said Lynn County SWCD Directors in nominating her for the award. "She receives numerous calls from other district employees, directors, and NRCS employees seeking advice or information. She is extremely knowledgeable of District Operations and has been asked to teach a block of instruction on District Operations, at the State SWCD Convention. Helen also has an excellent working knowledge of State Board Programs and NRCS programs as well. Other districts have requested her assistance in providing formal training to their district employees. She has provided formal training to four employees from other districts and on-the-job training to several others," directors

said.

Mrs. Saldana is responsible on a daily basis for coordinating the Lynn County SWCD's conservation program, as well as all aspects of other district functions. She is also actively involved in the Resource Conservation and Development Program, where her efforts were largely responsible for the Lynn County SWCD being named "Outstanding Sponsor."

She coordinates the local Conservation Awards Banquet, and her efforts have helped Lynn County receive numerous Area, State and National awards. She also maintains the Outdoor Learning Center and Wildflower Garden located adjacent to the Lynn County SWCD offices, and is responsible for the sale of grass seed, windbreak trees, and drip irrigation supplies. She serves as the bookkeeper for the district, and also assists the NRCS Resource Team staff with providing technical assistance to SWCD cooperators, including topographic mapping, layout and check-out of various engineering practices.

"The Directors of the Lynn County SWCD and the NRCS Resource Team Staff consider her an invaluable member of the conservation team," directors said. "The unselfish contributions of her time and talents have contributed greatly toward strengthening the conservation ethic and stewardship in Lynn County. The Directors recognize that as a result of her many contributions, the Lynn County SWCD is recognized as one of the premier districts in the state," added directors.



**OUTSTANDING** - Leland White and Helen Saldana were named Outstanding Conservation Farmer and Outstanding District Employee at the Area 1 Awards Banquet held May 1 in Plainview. Area 1 consists of 56 counties in the Panhandle. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor districts and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of natural resources.

## TDA Holds Public Hearing On Boll Weevil Quarantine

The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing in Lubbock on Wednesday, May 30 on proposed changes and new rules established a boll weevil quarantine in Texas. The hearing will be at 10 a.m. at the Godeke Library, 6601 Quaker in Lubbock.

The proposed quarantine regulations restrict movement of regulated items, such as cotton harvesting and hauling equipment, vehicles and raw cotton, from areas of Texas that still have boll weevils into boll weevil eradication zones that have been declared suppressed, functionally eradicated or eradicated.

"Texas cotton farmers are beginning to win the war against boll weevils - one of the most devastating pests in American agriculture," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "The quarantine helps reduce the risk of reinfestation in zones where cotton farmers have devoted their time and effort over the past six to seven years to eradicate the boll weevil."

There are currently 11 active boll

weevil eradication zones in Texas covering six million acres. The Southern Rolling Plains boll weevil Eradication Zone was declared functionally eradicated in Sept. 2000.

Under the proposed changes, functionally eradicated means inspectors have found no evidence of reproducing boll weevils in cotton fields in the zone. A suppressed zone can have some reproducing boll weevils present in quantities of .025 weevils or less per trap per week during the growing season. An eradicated area means inspectors have not found any boll weevils for at least one growing season.

The proposed rule changes were published in the *Texas Register* on May 4. TDA will take public comment through June 4. Written comments can be submitted to Ed Gage, TDA's coordinator for IPM and Citrus Programs, at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711 or fax at (512) 463-1104. For more information, contact Brian Murray or John McFerrin at (512) 463-7593.

Radio team that placed fourth in district;

Aaron Bednarz who place third in district in the Job interview contest;

Josh Benavides, Justin Brannan and Steven De'Anda, the Agricultural Mechanics team that placed second in district and sixth in area;

Brent Byrd, Brady Cross and Kristi Shipley, the Livestock judging team that placed ninth in district;

Aaron Bednarz, Justin Brannan and Brent Byrd, the Cotton judging team that place second in district, 16th in area and 26th in state; and Steven De'Anda, Chance Talkmitt, and Chris Vasek, members of the Entomology team that placed third in district, ninth in area and 16th in state.

Brady Cross was named Star Greenhand, Brent Byrd was named Star Chapter Farmer and Jordan Bednarz was named Outstanding Agricultural Science Student.

Greenhand degrees were presented to Robert Arellano, John Benavides, Justin Brannan and Brady Cross. Chapter FFA degrees were presented to Brent Byrd and Blake Talkmitt.

The Ford Corporation presented Briana Fields a \$1,000 scholarship. Kathy Bednarz, representing Smith Ford in Slaton, made the presentation.

The Mesa District officers from Wilson were recognized. Aaron Bednarz is the retiring District Sentinel and Blake Talkmitt is the incoming District Sentinel.

Junior FFA members Sarah Bednarz, Cody Cross and Trella Rex received membership certificates.

The retiring chapter president, Aaron Bednarz was presented with a plaque and the incoming officers for 2001-2002 were installed. The new officers are Aaron Bednarz, president; Blake Talkmitt, vice-president; Chance Talkmitt, reporter; Justin Brannan, secretary; and Josh Benavides, treasurer.

## Farm Bureau Supports Changes In Farm Bill

Both the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Texas Farm Bureau are proposing that the next Farm Bill provide an expanded public investment in agriculture which includes increased income support for producers. That would include an additional \$12 billion per year for each of the remaining years of the budget Resolution, through 2011. Current farm bill funding stands at \$9 billion.

"We need this extra funding. With \$12 billion more in the next Farm Bill, we can avoid the need for continued requests for emergency assistance packages," said Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau President Milton Edwards.

The 1996 Farm bill expires next year and Congress is already reviewing proposals for the next farm bill.

"We support a number of provisions in the next Farm Bill. One of these is a counter-cyclical program that provides payments to producers. Payment support levels would decline when farm income improves," said Edwards.

Another key area is to establish a structure to connect farm program loan rates to the strength of the U.S. dollar. This would automatically adjust trade distortions caused by dollar valuations.

"Low commodity prices and drought have really hit us hard the last few years. We need a Farm Bill that protects our interests as farmers so we can survive while producing the most inexpensive food in the world," Edwards said.

The House and Senate Agriculture committees have already started the process of hearing from various agricultural organizations, including AFBF, regarding the makeup of the 2002 Farm Bill.

## Girls Fast Pitch Softball Sign Ups

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**  
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DATED May 3, 2001, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 2071, and styled Lynn County Appraisal District vs. Nicholas Saldana and Rosa Saldana, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on May 3, 2001, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in June, 2001, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court-house door of said County, in the City of Tahoka, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in said suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Lynn and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Lot 8, Block 15, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 196, Page 171 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas;

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED May 3, 2001, at Tahoka, Texas.

By Jake Diggs  
SHERIFF, Lynn County,  
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**WILSON MINORS** - The Wilson Minor League Girls Little Dribblers basketball team finished their season with a 9-1 record and finished first in the Wellman tournament, securing a first place finish in the league. Team members are (front) Heather Hare, Sierra Vestal, Jenna Autry, Xia Rios (back) coach Jim Bob Hobbs, Sarah Lindsey, Tiffani Thomas, Samantha Gill, Janet Valdez and Samantha Martinez. Not pictured are Dominique Escobar and Lindsay Bjork.



**Pointillism**, a painting method developed by Georges Seurat, uses dabs of color that are intended to mix in the eyes of the viewer rather than on the canvas.

## Three Resign, One Teacher Hired At Wilson ISD Board Meeting

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting last Thursday, May 10, canvassing the May 5 election and conducting other business, including notification of resignations from Mrs. Marla Bales, Ms. Jennifer Cockerell, and Ms. Cathleen O'Quinn. Trustees approved the hiring of Mrs. Ronda Tilley for an elementary teaching position.

Shelly Livingston, school librarian, was recognized as the district employee of the month. Cody Cross, son of Ricky and Lana Cross, was recognized as the elementary student of the month. Ricky Halford, son of Ronnie and LaDonna Halford, was recognized as the secondary student of the month.

The Board canvassed the May 5th election results and approved them as presented Dennis Bednarz, Doug Bolyard, and Lonnie Donald were administered the oath of office as elected Board members.

Board President, Vanessa Stewart, submitted her resignation as a trustee and the Board approved it.

In reorganizing the Board officers, Clyde Wilke was elected President, Dennis Bednarz was elected Vice-President, and Lonnie Donald was elected Board Secretary.

Superintendent Mike Jones presented Plaques of Appreciation to the outgoing Board members, Roy Isham, Vann Stewart, and Mike Taylor for their service, dedication, and leadership to the school district.

The Board approved a five year Energy Management contract extension with W.D. Wesley, authorized the repair of one stove and replacement of one convection oven, and selected GM - Southwest as the 2001-2002 University Interscholastic League student accident insurance carrier.

In other business the Board took the following actions: adopted policy update 65; approved the district's participation in CHOICES Alternative Campus for 2001-2002; discussed appointing Mike Taylor, past Board member, to fill the vacancy created by Vanessa Stewart's resignation; approved the salary and benefits of the school principal; tabled the item of a stipend for the elementary secretary's additional duties and responsibilities for further consideration; approved the stipend increase for the Agriculture Science Instructor position and tabled consideration of increasing the Agriculture Science teacher's vehicle reimbursement to compare the proposed vehicle reimbursement increase to the cost of purchasing and operating a district vehicle for the Ag Science department.

Superintendent Jones presented the following reports to the Board: The local sick leave policy; 10th grade TAAS results, which showed 100% of students tested passing the Reading and Math portion of the TAAS test and 83% passing the Writing test; a report on the 1999-2000 yearbook cost and future costs; cost projections for staff insurance in 2001-2002; the \$50,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Grant the district received for technology improvements; the E-rate application update; and courses, which will be offered via the Interactive Television (ITV) Lab and Internet next year.

The Board met in closed session to discuss personnel and the sale of the school's property. In open session the Board authorized Superintendent Jones to engage Calloway W. Huffaker of Tahoka to represent and assist the district in selling a vacant house and lots. The Board took no further action and adjourned.

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**GIRL GOLFERS** - These three young ladies competed in the district golf tournament as members of the Tahoka Middle School golf team. They are (from left) Ashdon Hancock, Sarah Box and Melissa Campbell.



**DISTRICT WINNERS** - These five young men, representing Tahoka Middle School, took home first place team honors in the district golf tournament. They are, from left, Colby Gardner (2nd individual medalist), Monte Jolly, Cade Miller, Patrick Dotson (1st individual medalist) and Matt Saldana.



**TMS TENNIS TEAM** - These members of the Tahoka Middle School tennis team competed well in district, taking home several awards. They are, from left, Coach Jody Bolin, Dustin Brookshire (1st place, 8th grade boys doubles), Colby Gardner (1st place, 7th grade boys singles), Cade Miller (1st place, 8th grade boys doubles), Brandi Raindl (1st place, 7th grade girls singles), Jessica Chancy (3rd place, 8th grade girls doubles) and Sarah Box (3rd place, 8th grade girls doubles).

available services and costs will be announced as the plans are finalized.

Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day and as such, area governmental offices, financial institutions, and most businesses will be closed. Most will re-open on Tuesday, May 29 with a normal schedule.

St. John Lutheran Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 8-10. Classes will be from 6:30-9:00 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Pre-registration will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. on May 20 in the education building. The mail-in deadline is May 27, and registration at the door will be held June 8 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Children ages four-years-old through sixth grade are invited to attend.

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

### Informal Review

You may call (806) 998-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing,

you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1636 Ave. J, Tahoka, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

### Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1636 Ave. J, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-5477. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal

because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or the ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

**Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week:** With the end of school approaching, some parents will be looking for temporary help for child care. If the child care provider comes to the parent's home, the parents need to review the home escape plan and other safety information with the provider to make sure that they are aware of how the plans are to work. The provider should also be aware of the location of fire extinguishers and how to operate them. Most of all, a list of emergency numbers including 911 should be posted by each telephone and these numbers should be reviewed with the provider. Parents should also review home safety rules with the provider to make sure that the provider has a working knowledge of common fire safety and first aid rules.

The Wilson ISD jazz band will provide the program for the Wilson Lions Club this Thursday (today).

Graduation for the Wilson Class of 2001 is just over a week away with graduation rites scheduled for Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Graduation ceremonies will be in the new high school gym. There will be a short reception for the graduates just before graduation in the school library. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to attend the reception.

The elementary and junior high awards assembly will be Monday, May 21 in the high school auditorium, beginning at 2 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

The Wilson band will be holding their annual Spring Concert on Monday, May 21. The concert will be in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. All area residents are invited to attend the concert.

The final day of classes for the 2000-2001 school year will be Friday, May 25. Classes will dismiss early that day.

The City of Wilson is working with an area veterinarian to schedule a dog and cat clinic. The tentative plans call for the clinic to be held Saturday, June 9. Times,

## Wilson School Menu

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