

# Commencement Ceremonies

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Tahoka High School



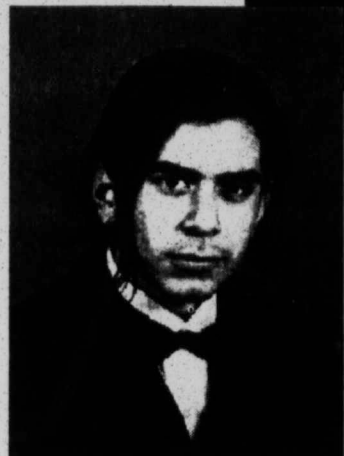
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Tahoka High School



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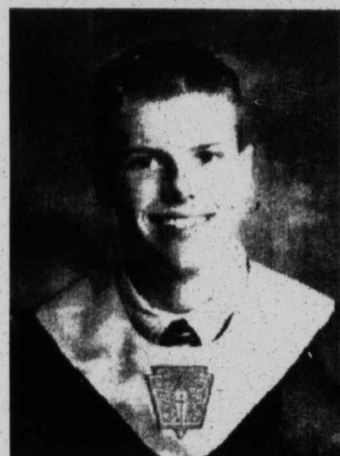


Jamie Cavender  
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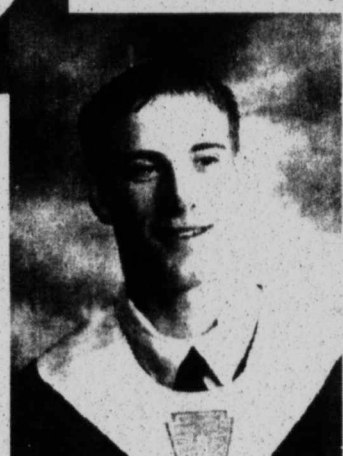
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Keaton Askew  
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Nathan Wright  
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O'Donnell High School

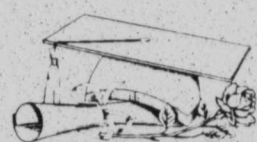


Shaun Wied  
Salutatorian  
New Home High School

OHS



Jenna Bessire  
Salutatorian  
O'Donnell High School



This week will mark the end of high school days for 139 seniors in Lynn County.

Tahoka High School has 57 seniors graduating, O'Donnell High School has 31 seniors, New Home 27 seniors, and Wilson 24 seniors.

All four county schools have scheduled commencement exercises this Friday night.

**Congratulations Graduates!**

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## Bulldog Nine To Take On Holliday In Region Semis

It took two days to do it, but the Tahoka Bulldogs varsity baseball team overcame a close first-game loss to Sonora and then came back strong to win the regional quarterfinals three-game series and advance to the regional semifinals this week.

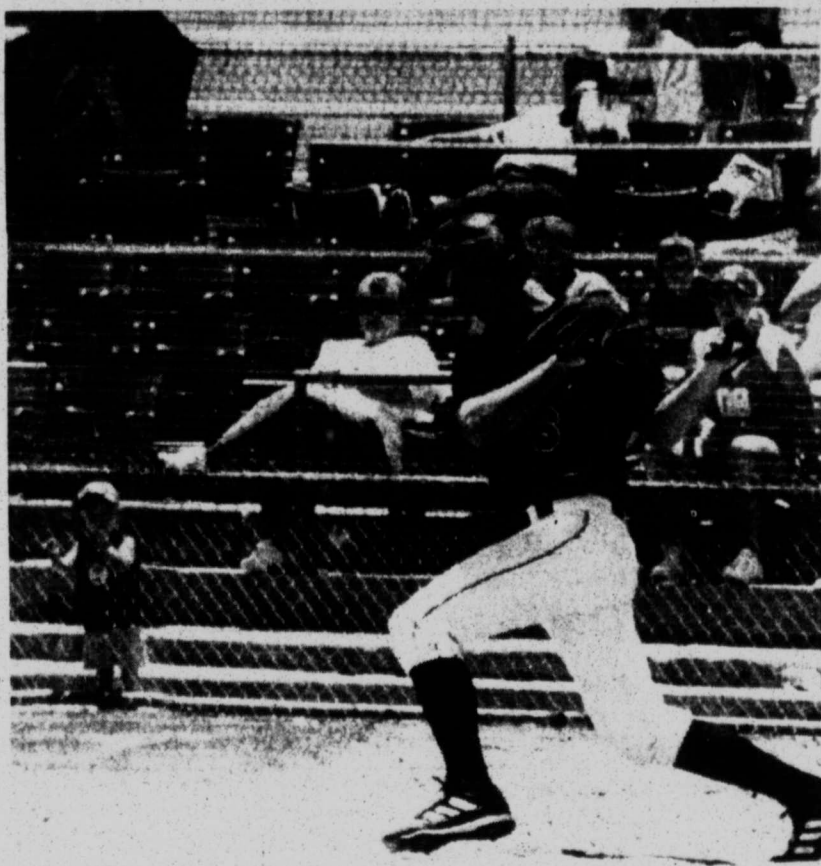
Tahoka will play Holliday, which beat Lockney in straight games last weekend, 7-0 and 9-2. The two-out-of-three series will start at 5 o'clock Thursday (today) in Abilene, at McMurry University's Driggers Field. The Bulldogs will return to the McMurry field Saturday morning at 11 o'clock for game two, with game three following if needed.

Coach Brent John's Bulldogs

battled Sonora for 10 innings Friday in the first game of the quarterfinal round at Midland, and finally lost the game 7-6. But the Dogs came back in the second game to tie the series, with a big 12-7 victory, setting up the deciding game for Saturday, which Tahoka won 8-2, capitalizing on five Sonora errors to score four unearned runs.

Martin Garza drove in two runs for the Dogs, while Matthew Benavides pitched a complete game. Derrick Barrientez and Garza hit back-to-back doubles to spark a 4-run third inning for Tahoka. Kellen Flowers also had a double for the winners.

Tahoka's season record now is 18-11. Holliday is 20-4 for the year.



**I WANT TO PLAY, TOO!** - Little Brock Howard (far left) watches intently from behind the fence as Bulldog player Brandon McCord makes a hit in regional quarterfinal action against Sonora last week. Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard of Tahoka, is an avid Bulldog fan, and watched his team claim the quarterfinal trophy to advance to the regional semifinals.

## Honor Graduates Named For Lynn County Schools

Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell High Schools have named their high honor students for the class of 2002, with commencement exercises slated for Friday night.

Tahoka High School's ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Mandy Sanders is the THS Valedictorian with a GPA of 97.24. She is the daughter of Steve and Judy Sanders. THS Salutatorian is Nicole Green, with a GPA of 96.25, daughter of Ricky and Jackie Green.

Other high honor graduates of the THS Class of 2002 include Chelsey Miller, daughter of Steve and Carol Miller; Nina Follis, daughter of Bobby and Karen Follis, and granddaughter of Eva Chapa; Ren Ellis, son of Valton and Gena Stephens and the late Rusty Ellis; and Adam Salinas, son of Frank and Mary Ann Salinas; all of whom earned GPAs in the top ten percent of their class.

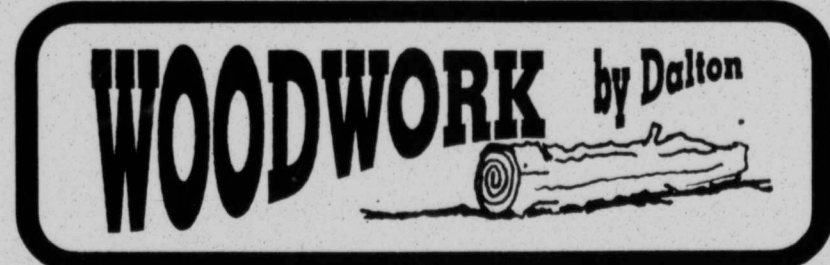
Wilson High School seniors will graduate in ceremonies at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Jamie Cavender is WHS Valedictorian with a GPA of 98. He is the son of Carla Cavender and Mark Cavender. WHS Salutatorian is Miguel Ortega, with a GPA of 95, son of Oscar and Anita Ortega.

New Home High School's ceremonies will also be held in their gymna-

rium, beginning at 8 p.m. Keaton Askew, son of Eddie and Carolyn Askew, is the class Valedictorian with a GPA of 3.90. Salutatorian is Shaun Wied with a GPA of 3.81, son of Keith and Susan Wied. Other honor graduates include Michael Wied, also son of Keith and Susan Wied; and Kaci Wied, daughter of David and Nan Wied.

O'Donnell High School seniors will graduate in ceremonies beginning at 8 p.m. in the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Auditorium. Nathan Wright, son of Lonnie and Janet Wright, is the OHS Valedictorian with a numerical average of 97.33 and a weighted average of 3.4. Class Salutatorian is Jenna Bessire, daughter of Randy and Jana Bessire. Her numerical average is 96.00, and weighted average of 3.34.

Other OHS students graduating with high honors (GPAs of 3.25-3.49) include Jena Willis, daughter of Danny and Billie Willis; and Susan Bartsch, daughter of Mary Bartsch. Honor graduates (those with GPAs of 3.00-3.24) include Lena Guenther, daughter of John and Katharina Guenther; Chastity Gass, daughter of Benny and Cindra Gass; Kayla Thompson, daughter of Donna Vaughn and the late Chipper Thompson; Wade Smallwood, son of Eddie and Vicky Smallwood; and Casey Gandy, son of Ricky and Teresa Gandy.



LAST SUNDAY I decided I would read the entire comic section of the daily newspaper, and I couldn't remember how long it had been since I had done that. I figured it had been at least 30 years, so I didn't expect to find more than a couple of characters I remembered.

But I was wrong. Of the 20 different comic strips in that issue, I found three or four which have been around a long time, and only four I didn't remember at all: For Better or Worse, Mark Trail, Non Sequitur and Hagar the Horrible.

Those I remembered very well were Beetle Bailey, Snuffy Smith, Archie, Blondie, Dennis the Menace and B.C.

Hank Ketchum died not long ago, but Dennis the Menace still has his name on it; apparently he drew up a bunch of stuff in advance.

The thing is, there was a time years ago when I read the comic strips (also called the "funny papers") every day. And so did just about everybody else, and comic strip characters like Pogo Possum and some of the people in the L'il Abner strip were primary topics of conversation at restaurants and visits with friends.

As many adults as children would discuss Marrying Sam, Sen. Jack S. Fogbound, Hairless Joe and others from L'il Abner, as well as Popeye and Wimpy, Skeeze and his girl friend, Nina Clock, the Katzenjammer Kids, Smoky Stover, Out Our Way, Mutt and Jeff, Jiggs and Maggie and lots of others who aren't around any more. Even Mickey, Pluto and Goofy, who still are pretty popular.

Incidentally, Mickey Mouse was created about the same time I was. We are the same age, only he is holding up a lot better and still looks just the same (like Dick Clark and the picture of Dorian Grey).

Comic strips and comic books later became less comical, and somewhere along the line I stopped reading them. But in contrast to the day when nearly everybody read all of the comics, it seems to me that hardly anybody does any more.

I wanted to ask my teenage and almost-teenage grandchildren if they ever read the comic strips. I could be wrong, but I'd bet that no self-respecting teenager would be caught reading that stuff.

But I doubt that many adults are reading them, either. I am hereby conducting a survey of all my readers to find out how many read the comics.

Will all three of you please call me and let me know?

## Burglaries, Criminal Mischief Investigated

Another major burglary in the county, a burglary in the city of Tahoka and incidents of vandalism were reported to law enforcement officers during the last week.

On FM 212 at County Rd. 3 in the northeast part of the county, burglars entered the home of Clint Davis between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and noon last Friday, taking items valued at a total of \$1,564.

Among articles stolen were Hitachi VCR and DVD players, a gun case, leather jacket, handcuffs, \$20 in change, VHS and DVD movies, Panasonic cordless phone, Kenetic wrist watch, a game table and a Eureka vacuum cleaner.

Tahoka Police Dept. was advised of the theft of an Emerson stereo and 19-inch Zenith TV set Sunday from the home of Kathy Shelton on N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Total loss was estimated at \$209.

Dennis McGeehee, whose farm is near the intersection of FM 212 and CR 18, near Southland, reported two stock tanks had been damaged by gunshots, apparently a .22, on May 15. Damage was listed at \$100.

Also two window panes, valued at \$40, were reported broken at the residence of Blas Gutierrez, of S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. in Tahoka.

In jail during the week were two persons for public intoxication, one for failure to appear on vehicle theft charges, one for DWI first offense and one for motion to adjudicate on a warrant for theft.

*Congratulations!*  
to the  
O'Donnell, New Home,  
Wilson and Tahoka  
Class of 2002

## City Pool To Open Tuesday

The Tahoka City Pool will open Tuesday, May 28, for the summer season. Admission prices and days of operation have been changed, with the pool to be open Tuesdays through Sundays, and closed Mondays. Pool hours are 12:30-5:30 p.m., with private parties available for booking during the evenings as well as on Mondays when the pool is normally closed. General admission to the pool will be \$2 across the board, for children and adults.

Senior lifeguards at the pool will be Clay Pittman and Warren Baker, with Michael Nance, Brandon McCord and B.J. Andrews serving as junior lifeguards. Suzanne Baker will be on-site supervisor, and the concessions area will be staffed by Meredith Pittman and Lindsay Preston.

Pool passes may be obtained at city hall.

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The Lynn County News  
office will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday, May 27  
in observance of  
**Memorial Day**  
News Deadline will be extended  
until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.  
Phone: 998-4888 Fax: 998-6308  
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**City Drop Box  
Being Refurbished**  
Tahoka residents paying city water payments may have noticed that the city's drop box, which normally is in place in front of city hall, has been removed. The drop box is being refurbished and will be back in front of city hall within two weeks.

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**ALL STARS** - These Tahoka Junior Little Dribbler All Stars participated in the Regional All Star Tournament in Shallowater May 17-8, winning the tournament to qualify for the National Tournament in Georgetown June 5-9. Team members include (back) Shannon Lawson (coach), Kalee Wuensche, Kyra Helms, Abby House, Morgan Lockaby, Linsey Munoz, Brooke Inklebarger, Meghann Rivas, Mike Rivas (coach), (bottom) Kenzie Angeley, Stephanie DeLeon, Sabrina Morales, Taylor Ford, and Kaitlyn Reno, and Tina Wuensche (coach).

**All-Stars Headed To National Tournament**

The Tahoka Junior Little Dribbler All Stars participated in the Regional All Star Tournament in Shallowater May 17-8, winning against Midland Greenwood and Kermit to qualify for the National Tournament to be held in Georgetown June 5-9.

Team members include Kalee Wuensche, Kyra Helms, Abby House, Morgan Lockaby, Linsey Munoz, Brooke Inklebarger, Meghann Rivas, Kenzie Angeley, Stephanie DeLeon, Sabrina Morales, Taylor Ford, and Kaitlyn Reno. The team is coached by Shannon Lawson, Mike Rivas, and Tina Wuensche.

This is only the second junior Little Dribbler team from Tahoka to qualify for the national tournament.



**APRIL SALDANA**  
**Saldana To Graduate From Southland High**

April Saldana, formerly of Tahoka, will graduate from Southland High School this week. She is the daughter of Primitivo and Delores Comancha of Slaton and the late Bibian Saldana. April plans to attend South Plains College in the fall.



**SHAUNA CRAIG**  
**Craig Graduates With High Honors**

Shauna Craig of Lucedale, Miss. will graduate with high honors from George County High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Randy W. Craig, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craig of Tahoka and Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Cole of Lucedale, Miss.

She is an All American Cheerleader whose squad won the Mississippi State Co-ed Championship and is also a two-time All State soccer player on a team that was Mississippi State Championship Runner-up. Shauna is ranked 25th out of a class of 220 students. She has earned a full scholarship to play soccer for Jones County Junior College in the fall.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

May 24-31

- Monday: Closed for Memorial Day.
- Tuesday: Green Chili Chicken, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Dressing, Crackers, Fruit Salad.
- Wednesday: Lasagne, Broccoli, Tossed Salad/Ranch, Garlic Bread, Brownies.
- Thursday: Pork Chops, Potatoes, Wax or Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lemon Cake.
- Friday: Fish Nuggets, Tarter Sauce, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Fruit Salad.

Remember happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends solely upon what you think.  
—Dale Carnegie

**This little cowboy's good with numbers ... now he can count to 40!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Love -- your family!

**Obituaries**

**Benita Quintana**

Rosary services for Benita "Bennie" Quintana, 67, of O'Donnell were held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at White Funeral Home Chapel in O'Donnell.

Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with Father Rey Sorgon officiating.

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

She died Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

She was born Dec. 10, 1934 in Laredo. She married Eugenio Quintana on April 29, 1956 in Laredo. He died Oct. 8, 1995. She was the owner and operator of a child day care center for 35 years before retiring in 2000. She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Gene of San Antonio, three daughters, Elsa Losoya and Chasity Saenz, both of Lamesa, and Esther Smith of O'Donnell; four brothers, Gregorio Cantu, Cristobal Cantu, and Veto Cantu, all of Laredo, and Carlos Cantu of San Antonio; seven sisters, Nena Cantu, Blanca Perez, and Zula Martinez, all of Laredo, Pola Addison of San Antonio, Dora Johnston of Schertz, Rebecca Perales of Snyder, and Cruz Cantu of California; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to O'Donnell EMS, Box 548, O'Donnell 79351; or to a favorite charity.

**Faye Flowers**

Services for Faye Flowers, 80, of Robert Lee were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee with Frank Daniels officiating.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery.

She died Saturday, May 11, 2002 in Kermit.

She was born Sept. 25, 1921 in Knott. She had lived in Lamesa for several years before moving to Robert Lee in 1982. She married Grady Clyde Flowers on Oct. 29, 1938 in Stanton. He died Nov. 7, 1995. The couple were custom harvesters until retiring in 1982.

She is preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Witt, grandsons Benny Flowers and Monty Witt, and one great-grandson, Mason Witt.

Survivors include four sons, James of Odessa, Ronnie of Kermit, John of Hobbs and Steve of Coahoma; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



**SENIOR TEAMMATES** - Enjoying a good season during their senior year at Tahoka High School are these baseball teammates, from left, Martin Garza, Stephen Solorzano, Matthew Benavides, Coach Brent John, Blandon Hancock and Derrick Barrientez. The team claimed district runnerup, bi-district, area and regional quarterfinal titles, and continue in the playoffs this weekend.

**OBITUARIES**

**Ora Faye Pyron**

Services for Ora Faye Pyron, 86, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 20 at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Lynn Long officiating.

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

She died Saturday, May 18, 2002 in Tahoka.

She was born Oct. 3, 1915 in Comanche County. She moved to Lynn County from Jones County in 1935. She married Claude L. Pyron on Dec. 28, 1935 in Jones County. He died June 14, 1980. She was a homemaker and a senior companion. She was a member of the Sweet Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Larry of O'Donnell; a daughter, Darlene West of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



**BUSTER ABBE**

**Buster Abbe**

Services for Robert E. "Buster" Abbe Jr., 59, of Wilson were held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson with Rev. Jason Gackle officiating.

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

He died Saturday, May 18, 2002 at his residence.

He was born April 29, 1943 in Chicago, Ill. and moved to Lubbock from Chicago in 1950. He graduated from Monterey High School in 1961 and Texas Tech University. He moved to Tahoka in 1965 and Wilson in 1972. He married Reda Lehman on Nov. 3, 1972 in Wilson. He was owner and operator of a bookkeeping and tax service in Wilson.

He was involved in Wilson Lions Club, Wilson Volunteer Fire Department, American Cancer Society, TAFTS, Wilson ISD School Board, St. John's Church Council, Lynn County Appraisal District and was a Sunday school teacher and an election judge. He was the Wilson reporter for the Lynn County News and the Slatonite newspapers.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Kevin Wayne of Wilson; a daughter, Loretta Jo of Liberal, Kan.; his mother, Mildred Abbe of Lubbock; a brother, Donald Ray of Lubbock; and a sister, Barbara Joann of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert Abbe Sr. in 1977.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, Wilson Lions Club or St. John Lutheran Church.

**Neva Fralin**

Graveside services for Neva Fralin, 99, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at City of Lubbock Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

She was born Oct. 31, 1902 in Itasca. She married Bernie Fralin on April 8, 1928 in Crosbyton. He died in 1968.

She was a homemaker and former member of First Baptist Church. She was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Gene Singleton of O'Donnell and Pat Rogers of Lubbock; a son, Ben of Midland; two brothers, Rhea Campbell of Shallowater and John Campbell of Crosbyton; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice, 7606 University Ave. Ste. C, Lubbock 79423.

**TISD To Dismiss Early On May 24**

Officials at Tahoka ISD have announced that students will be dismissed for summer vacation at 12 noon on Friday, May 24. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m.

**Shop In Tahoka!**

On June 4, 1922

**J.A. Pebsworth, Jr.**

was born ...  
So on June 1, 2002,  
He will celebrate his  
**80<sup>th</sup> year.**

Please join him, along with Joyce, Teri, Tim, Todd and his family, for a bit of birthday cake as we celebrate this happy occasion.

**Saturday, June 1, 2002**  
**2 until 5 p.m.**

Come and Go  
Church of Christ Annex  
2023 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas

No gifts, please -- just your presence and birthday wishes will make the day complete.

Best Wishes to the  
Class of 2002

Pray for our Nation

**MEGA MEMORIAL DAY AT THE BALLPARK**

**MONDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GAME WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M.**

**MONDAY'S SCHEDULE:**

- BASEBALL** ★★★★★
- 10 am Mets vs Reds
- 12 noon Phillis vs Marlins
- 5 pm Rockies vs Braves
- 7 pm Cardinals vs A's

★ ★ **HOME RUN DERBY** ★ ★  
2 pm at High School Field

- SOFTBALL** ★★★★★
- 11 am Rockies vs Dodgers
- 1 pm Rangers vs D'Backs
- 5 pm Rockies vs Dodgers



Raffle Prizes Given  
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Tickets are \$1/chance!

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Make plans to participate in the  
**HOME RUN DERBY** at 2:00 for  
contestants of all ages!

The **HOME RUN DERBY** will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in three divisions: Ages 9 & under; Ages 10-12; and Ages 13 through adults. Three balls for \$1 pitched by a machine. Most home runs or longest ball will win a prize in each division. Held on the High School field. Sign up to participate at the Bar-B-Q pit between the two other fields!

Hamburgers and Sausage Wraps along with all the regular concession fare will be available!



**NEW PIANO AT LYNNWOOD ASSISTED LIVING**  
Marvin Gregory, and

**Lynnwood In 'Apprec**

By DALTON WOOD  
Earl Kiser, a retired who was the first person Lynnwood Assisted Living when it opened in January pressed his appreciation considers top-quality ca a baby grand piano to operated by Lynnwood Kiser went to Lubbock the piano, which was Jen's Music Co. a couple "I just wanted to get back to this place." Kiser have been so good to me believe I'm an old retiree living in a beautiful place. Kiser, who loves music "big band" tunes, was the piano was delivered it played immediately. Gregory of the Tahoka Church, who happened Lynnwood at the time.

**Correction**

Coaching stipends per week's article about Tal incorrect. Head basketball receive \$6000 stipends; head baseball, track, go ball coaches will receive \$5,000 each, not \$5,250 week, and assistant coaches \$4,500 stipends. \$100 \$4,600 stipend reported. The News regrets this

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**NEW PIANO AT LYNNWOOD** - Earl Kiser, right, stands behind a new baby grand piano he donated to Lynnwood Assisted Living Center, where he has been a resident since January. Playing the piano is Rev. Marvin Gregory, and holding a clarinet is Dalton Wood, Lynn County Hospital board member. (LCN PHOTO)

### Lynnwood Resident Donates Piano In 'Appreciation For Good Care'

By DALTON WOOD

Earl Kiser, a retired cotton farmer who was the first person to move into Lynnwood Assisted Living Center when it opened in January, recently expressed his appreciation for what he considers top-quality care by donating a baby grand piano to the new facility operated by Lynn County Hospital.

Kiser went to Lubbock to pick out the piano, which was delivered by Jen's Music Co. a couple of weeks ago.

"I just wanted to give something back to this place," Kiser said. "They have been so good to me here... I can't believe I'm an old retired cotton farmer living in a beautiful place like this."

Kiser, who loves music, especially "big band" tunes, was on hand when the piano was delivered and got to hear it played immediately, by Rev. Marvin Gregory of the Tahoka Methodist Church, who happened to be out at Lynnwood at the time.

The first resident of Lynnwood, who likes to show off his apartment to visitors, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday April 15. "I was born the same day the Titanic hit the iceberg," he said. (The Titanic struck an iceberg just before midnight April 14 and sank about three hours later, on April 15, 1912).

Kiser said he does not play the piano. "I did play a little when I was young," he said, adding with a laugh that "at our wedding years ago, I played 'Come Sit By My Side, Little Darling' about 40 times."

Kiser reiterated that "I wanted to do something to show my appreciation to the nice folks here at Lynnwood... they treat me so well."

And the gesture of appreciation is appreciated too. Susie Sosa, director of Lynnwood, said "This piano is a beautiful instrument which looks and sounds great in our dining area."



**AWARD WINNER** - Cory Whitley, son of Curtis and Glenda Whitley of Tahoka, was recently honored with the GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award in ceremonies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy on May 10. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree May 11.

### Jones, Whitley Named To President's List

Two Tahoka residents have been named to the President's List at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford for the spring semester.

Casey Jones, son of Gary and Juanell Jones of Tahoka, earned the honor as did Cory Whitley, son of Curtis and Glenda Whitley of Tahoka.

An undergraduate who earns all A's in 15 or more hours during a semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll.



**ALICIA GUZMAN**  
Guzman Graduates From Lubbock High

Alicia Guzman of Lubbock will graduate with honors from Lubbock High School on Saturday, May 25. She is the daughter of Manuel and Diane Guzman of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka.

While in high school, she participated in volleyball, Student Council, and was on the yearbook staff. She was selected for membership in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Alicia will attend Texas Tech University in the fall, and will major in Mass Communications.

### Red Raider Day Rescheduled

The annual Red Raider Day golf tournament, originally set for May 21, has been rescheduled for Monday, June 24, at T-Bar Country Club.

For more information, or to sign up, call Cherry at T-Bar, 998-5305.

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## WWII Vet To Get Diploma With THS Class Of 2002

Crossing a timespan of nearly 60 years, World War II veteran Tull Ray Chancey will finally receive his high school diploma from Tahoka High School this Friday night - and he will share the stage with his great-nephew, Tahoka High School senior Clayton Chancey, who will also receive his diploma during THS Commencement ceremonies in the high school gymnasium.

Ray would have received his diploma in 1943, but was drafted into military service just one month before his class graduated from Tahoka High School. While his classmates were receiving their diplomas, Ray was undertaking basic training, eventually serving as a military policeman for a year in Nebraska before shipping out to France to serve overseas in the European theater of operations as a foot soldier.



**RAY CHANCEY**  
1943

Taking advantage of new legislation which offers high school diplomas for WWII veterans who never received them because of serving their country in the military, Chancey will be presented his Tahoka High School diploma this Friday night - 59 years after he expected to receive it. Another veteran, Grady Herrin of Borger, whose health reportedly prevents him attending the THS Commencement ceremonies, will receive his THS diploma in the mail.

Chancey, brother of Bill Chancey of Tahoka, was 18 years old on Jan. 12, 1943, and attending classes at Tahoka High School. He received a notice very soon after his birthday to appear before the draft board, and on April 23, 1943 he answered the call to serve his country in the Armed Forces. He was one of thousands of young men who undertook one of the most severe tasks one can be called upon to perform, and says he was proud to be able to do it.

Before he left home, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Alice Hines. She was living with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bell, while attending school at Tahoka High School. Ray and Mary started dating the summer before school

started in 1942, and attended high school together. Knowing that all boys turning 18 would be drafted into the Armed Forces, they decided to marry before he left, marrying Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1942.

Chancey left his very young bride of three months and went to Ft. Sill, Okla. to be inducted into the United States Air Force. He was then sent to Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls for basic training. After completion of his training he was ordered to Buckley Field, Colo. to gunnery school as a gunner on B-24's. His training mission: to destroy enemy personnel and to assist in the capturing and holding of enemy positions.



**RAY CHANCEY**

He was shipped to McCook, Neb. and served as a military policeman, assisting in the enforcement of military laws and regulations, maintenance of order and control traffic, guarding enemy prisoners and guarding property air defense areas against sabotage. After a year, he was sent to infantry basic training at Camp Howse, Texas, and then placed with the 13th Armored (Black Cat) Division which was on the left flank of General George Patton's 3rd Army and shipped to Le Havre, France to serve as a foot soldier.

"After leaving France our division went into Germany and Austria and fought from the day we marched down the gangplank at Le Havre, France until the bright seventh day of May 1945, when the German High Command surrendered unconditionally," Chancey says.

He returned to the United States on July 25, 1945, stationed in San Francisco, Calif. at Presidio until his discharge. On Feb. 20, 1946 he was given Honorable Discharge at Fort Bliss, TX.

Chancey returned to Tahoka to a wife and son. He moved his family to Levelland (Mary's hometown), and was very fortunate to find a job because jobs were very hard to find at that time.

"Almost all the men who had been

gone were now coming home, and jobs were very scarce," Chancey remembers. "And without a high school diploma it was tough."

He went to work as Treating Engineer with The Western Company, attending night classes until 1952 to enable him to do a better job with the company. He then went to work for Standolind Oil and Gas Company, which was later AMOCO Production Company. He again attended classes at South Plains College in Levelland and assisted the instructor in teaching Basic Oil Field Instrumentation. Ray took Basic Production Operations Training Program 1 and 2 (Petroleum Extension Service, University of Texas) in Hobbs, N.M.

After 33-1/2 years with AMOCO, Chancey retired in 1986. After retirement, he and Mary moved to Roswell, N.M. where he went to work at New Mexico Military Institute as the Commandant Driver. He retired from that position in 1997.

Both Ray and Mary Alice now enjoy a much slower pace of retirement in their Roswell home near their son, Velton 'Sonny' and Betty Chancey. They have two granddaughters, Cheryl and Terry Kruse of Winters, and Jenna and Brandon Whatley of Roswell, N.M.; and a great-granddaughter, Camille Kruse of Winters.

"Getting a diploma from Tahoka High School means more to me than words can ever say," Chancey says. "Many times I thought about how great it would have been to graduate and receive a diploma from my school. I appreciate the people who cared enough to make this possible - a dream of almost 60 years and much thought and desire finally came to pass!" he adds.

"I say 'Thank You' to everyone who had a part in making this happen. A special thanks to [TISD Counselor] Sherri McCord who put in many extra hours to help get the necessary work done to enable me to graduate with the Class of 2002!" Chancey says, adding, "And, to my great-nephew, Clayton Chancey, I am a little slow, that's all. Congratulations!"

### Correction

Coaching stipends presented in last week's article about Tahoka ISD were incorrect. Head basketball coaches will receive \$6000 stipends as reported, but head baseball, track, golf and volleyball coaches will receive stipends of \$5,000 each, not \$5,250 as reported last week, and assistant coaches will get \$4,500 stipends, \$100 less than the \$4,600 stipend reported last week.

The News regrets the error.

### Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 15	89	52	
May 16	96	59	
May 17	72	61	
May 18	75	49	
May 19	80	49	
May 20	82	51	
May 21	79	54	
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The annual Red Raider Day golf tournament, originally set for May 21, has been rescheduled for Monday, June 24, at T-Bar Country Club.

For more information, or to sign up, call Cherry at T-Bar, 998-5305.

### Ericksons, Brewer Win T-Bar Tourney

T-Bar Country Club hosted a Two Jacks and a Jill golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, with the team of Shayla and Curtis Erickson and Shawn Brewer finishing first in the Championship Flight. They shot a 67

the first round and a 65 the second, for a total of 132.

The second place team of Joy and Jimmy Bragg and Guy Griffin won in a playoff against Gary Jones, John Krey and Vendell Elliott, with a score of 67-

67-134.

In the First Flight, the winning team was Elaine Burns, Bill Prince and David Kirkland, shooting 69-66-135. Bridget and Randy Taylor and Mike Webster were second with 69-69-138.

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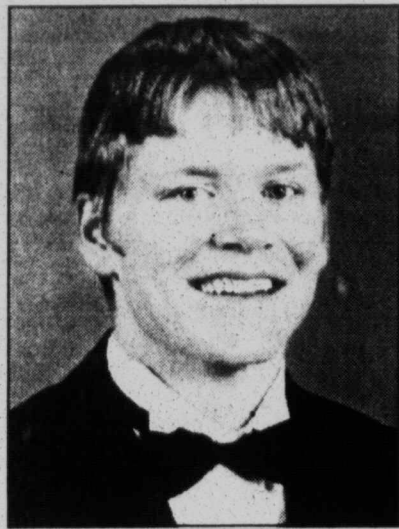
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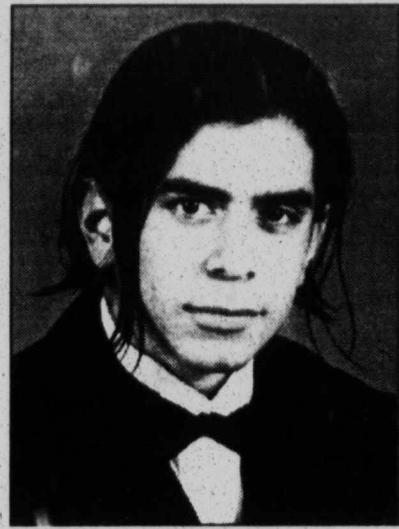
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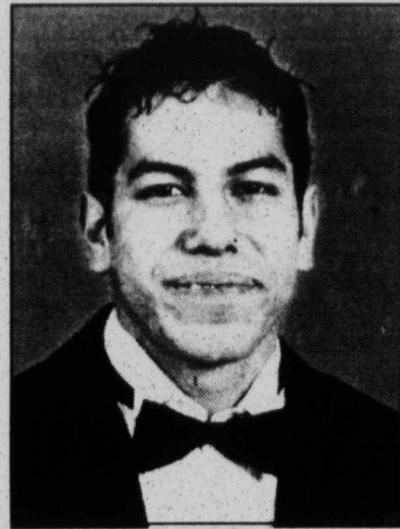
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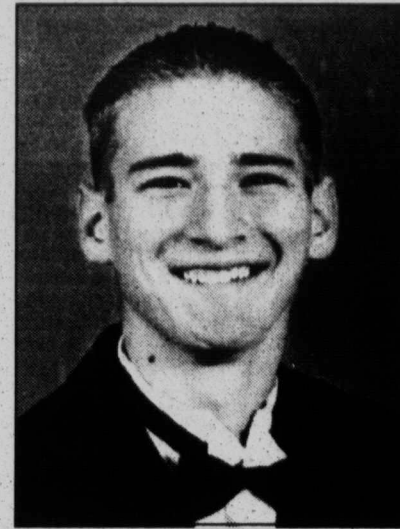
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WHS Valedictorian



**Miguel Ortega**  
WHS Salutatorian



**Brian Arellano**



**Aaron Bednarz**



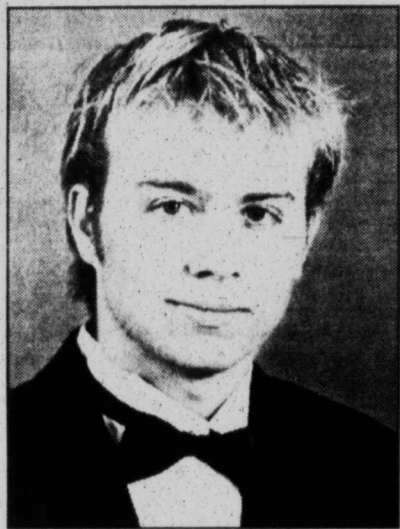
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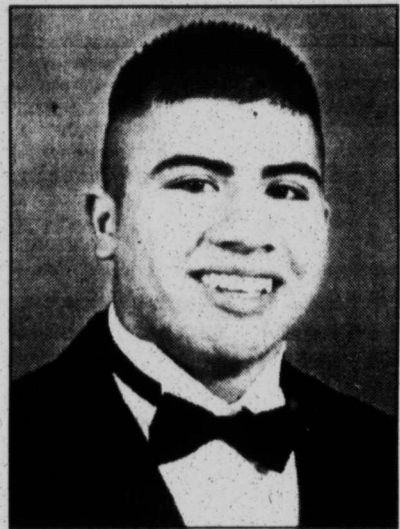
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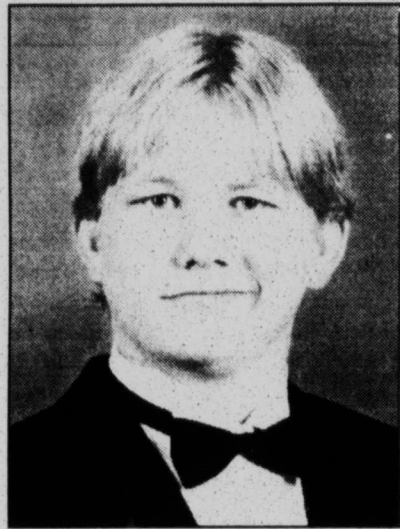
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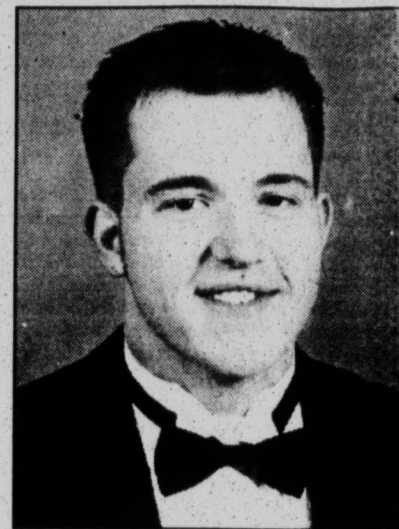
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**Jessica Hernandez**



**Cody Wayne Kirk**



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## Wilson High School

### SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

#### WHS VALEDICTORIAN

##### Jamie Cavender

Jamie Cavender is the son of Carla Cavender and Mark Cavender. He has attended Wilson schools for the past 11 years. He participated in basketball, football, track, band, tennis, baseball, One Act Play, and UIL. He was a class officer and a member of Student Council. Jamie was named Honorable Mention in football two years and was named First Team All District as a senior. He received awards in Math and English and was named a National Merit Award winner and to Who's Who.

Jamie plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will pursue a dual degree in Architecture and Civil Engineering.

#### WHS SALUTATORIAN

##### Miguel Ortega

Miguel Ortega is the son of Oscar and Anita Ortega. He has attended Wilson schools for 13 years. While in high school, he participated in football, music and One Act Play. Miguel plans to obtain a degree in Sound Technology and Electronics.

#### Brian Arellano

Brian Arellano is the son of Tony and Eva Arellano. He has attended Wilson schools for 12 years. He was involved in basketball and track for two years and varsity football for four years. He was also a member and officer of the Student Council. Brian will join the United States Marines and attend M.S.G. school in Virginia after he completes boot camp in San Diego.

#### Aaron Bednarz

Aaron Bednarz is the son of Dennis and Kathy Bednarz. He has attended Wilson schools for 12 years. He participated in band, football, basketball, track, FFA, baseball, UIL academics and Student Council. He was named FFA Star Greenhand and Star Farmer and was also Outstanding Agriculture Student. He was Second Team All District in Football and Honorable Mention in basketball and was named Outstanding Chemist at science fair. Aaron plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Pre-Veterinary.

#### Josh Benavides

Joshua Benavides is the son of Jody Flores and Sammy Benavides. He has attended Wilson schools for six years. He was involved in One Act Play, FFA, football, basketball, UIL academics, track and was a class officer. He was also an officer for FFA and was named Honorable Mention in football. Josh plans to attend Texas Tech and study law and psychology.

#### Lexana Bloom

Lexana Bloom is the daughter of David and Ales Bloom and Larry and Jodi Waggoner. She has attended Wilson schools for the past four and one half years. She was a member of the band for four years and was athletic manager three years. Lexana plans to major in English and receive a teaching certificate for Secondary Education.

#### Justin Brannan

Justin Brannan is the son of Vernan and Barbara Brannan. He has attended Wilson schools for 12 years. He participated in football three years, basketball four years, track four years, tennis one year, and golf two years. He was also a member of FFA for four years, serving as an officer one year. Justin will enroll in the nursing program at South Plains College.

#### Steven DeAnda

Steven Alan DeAnda is the son of Maria Quezada and Anares DeAnda. He has attended Wilson schools for 13 years. He was involved in football, track, basketball, UIL academics, FFA, and OAP. Steven was named First Team All District in football, was a class officer and served on the Student Council. He was a member of Who's Who and received the National Merit Award in English. Steven has joined the Marines and will begin boot camp in July.

#### Christopher Donathan

Christopher Donathan is the son of Gary and Cheryl Donathan. He has attended Wilson schools for the past 13 years. He was active in football, golf, One Act Play, and band, and was named to Who's Who four years. Chris was a member of the All Region Band three years, went to state with the ensemble band his senior year, and received a "1" in solo competition as a sophomore. Chris plans to join the Air Force and get a degree.

#### Tiffany Hair

Tiffany Hair is the daughter of Roger and Kathy Hair. She has attended Wilson schools for the past two and one half years, moving from Post. She participated in basketball, FFA, and cheerleading. She was a class officer two years and Class Favorite two years. She was also named Homecoming Queen. Tiffany plans to attend college and become a nurse.

#### Jessica Hernandez

Jessica Hernandez is the daughter of Joe and Susan Hernandez. She has attended Wilson schools for 15 years. Jessica is undecided about her future plans.

#### Cody Wayne Kirk

Cody Wayne Kirk is the son of J.B. and Tonda Kirk. He has attended Wilson schools for 13 years. He was involved in football, basketball, track, FFA, OAP, and was Student Council president. Cody was elected Best All Around and Most School Spirit and was a Homecoming King nominee. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. Cody plans to attend Texas Tech University to study law or education.

## Wilson FFA Students Honored At Annual Banquet May 7

### by Leticia Hernandez Chapter Reporter

Wilson FFA held its annual banquet on Tuesday, May 7. Sirlon steak was served to the approximately 110 FFA members and supporters attending. The cost of the meal was covered by the generous support of those who contributed to the chapter's fund raising events throughout the year. A student committee prepared the main course. Mrs. Verna Talkmitt prepared the bar-b-que sauce for the meal. Fried pies from the Slaton Bakery were served for dessert. The Slaton Bakery also donated the bread for the meal.

Faith Chapel in Wilson provided the sound system for the banquet.

Some of the decorations were designed and grown by the students. They included woodworking projects by the 102 classes and flowers grown by the Horticultural Plant Production class. Decorations were set up by a student committee and volunteers including Angela McDonald and Cindy Chapman. The program included a variety of events including recognition of the past year's officer teams and the Leadership Development Event teams and Career Development Event Teams which are listed as follows:

**Public Relations Team:** first in district and qualified for area-Amber Autry, Leticia Hernandez, Megan Noles, Kourtney Schoor, Landon Wilke; **Radio Team:** second in district and area qualifier-Josh Benavides, Justin Brannan, Leticia Hernandez; **Job Interview:** Aaron Bednarz, third in district; **Senior Creed Speakers:** Erica Taylor and Quinn Whisner; **Junior Creed Speaker:** Kourtney Schoor; **Agricultural Mechanics Team:** second in district-Josh Benavides and Justin Brannan; **Livestock Team:** fifth in district-Aaron Bednarz, Brady Cross, Erica Taylor; **Cotton Team:** 16th in state-Kimberly Alcalá, Erica Taylor.

lor, Josie Valdez, Richard Valdez; **Entomology Team:** third in district-Kourtney Schoor, Blake Talkmitt, Chance Talkmitt; **Prepared Public Speaking:** Leticia Hernandez, third place.

Erica Taylor was presented the Star Greenhand award and Brady Cross was given the Star Chapter Farmer award. The Outstanding Agricultural Science Student award went to Aaron Bednarz.

Junior FFA members Cody Cross, Brady Evans, Billy Kirk, and Trella Rex were recognized, as was Blake Talkmitt as the retiring Mesa District Sentinel. Justin Brannan was recognized as the district proficiency winner in Agricultural Mechanics and Aaron Bednarz was recognized as a Lone Star Degree candidate for this year.

The chapter presented a United States flag to school principal Twilla Rex. The flag will be flown in front of Wilson ISD.

The program for the evening was presented by a few of the Wilson FFA members. The Public Relations team and the Creed Speakers, including Tiffany Benavides, made the presentations for their respective skills.

The retiring president, Aaron Bednarz, was presented with a plaque. Finally, the incoming officers for 2002-2003 were installed. The new officers are Blake Talkmitt, president; Brady Cross, vice president; Sarah Bednarz, secretary; Erica Taylor, treasurer; Leticia Hernandez, reporter; and Amber Autry, sentinel.

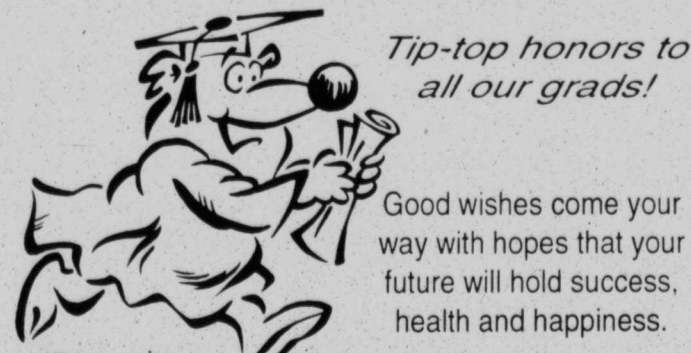
"I would like to express my appreciation to the parents and students that helped to make the banquet and the year a success," said chapter sponsor Brent McDonald. "The assistance of these individuals and everyone that supported Wilson FFA throughout the year ensures the continued success of the organization."



**OUTSTANDING AG STUDENT - Wilson FFA Advisor Brent McDonald (left) presents the Outstanding Agricultural Science Student award to Aaron Bednarz at the FFA Banquet. He was also a Lone Star Degree candidate and is the retiring FFA President at Wilson High School.**



**STAR CHAPTER FARMER - Brady Cross (left) was presented the Star Chapter Farmer award by Wilson FFA Advisor Brent McDonald during the FFA Banquet recently.**



Tip-top honors to all our grads!

Good wishes come your way with hopes that your future will hold success, health and happiness.

**Congratulations, Wilson Seniors of 2002**  
Best wishes on your future plans!

**Amanda Donald**  
Wilson Lynn County News Correspondent

Hats Off to you, Wilson High School Seniors!

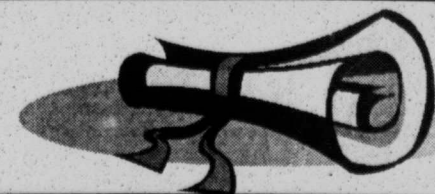
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## Wilson

### SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

#### Brian Martin

Brian Martin is the son of Shirley Martin. He has attended Wilson schools for the past 13 years. He participated in football, baseball, tennis, track, academics. Brian was named Team All District and All District and was also named A Honorable Mention as a senior. Brian will attend Texas Tech and major in Industrial Engineering.

#### Veronica Martin

Veronica Rivera Martin is the daughter of Alfredo and Erica Martin. She has attended Wilson schools for past nine years. While in high school, she participated in basketball, track, country, track, and FFA for four years. Veronica plans to attend College-Reese and get her nursing certificate.



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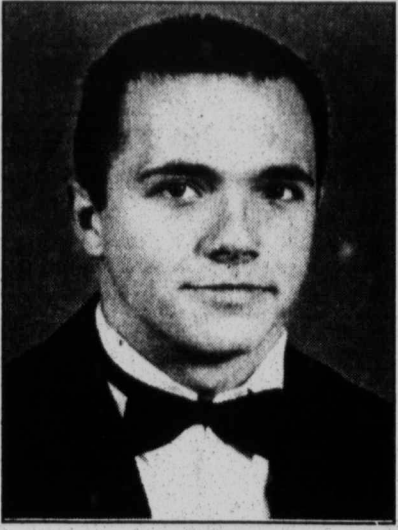
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We wish you the best days, great memories, our best wishes for your bright future.

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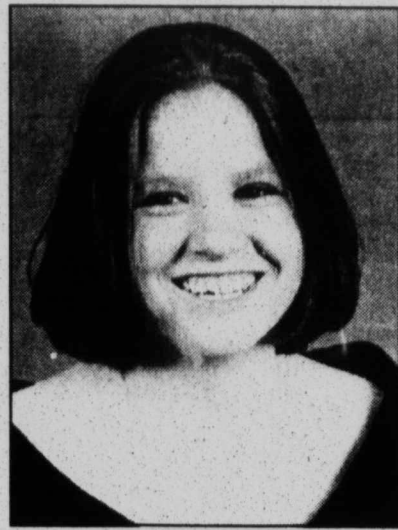
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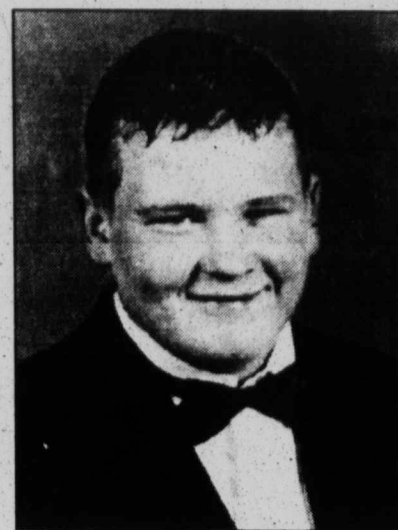
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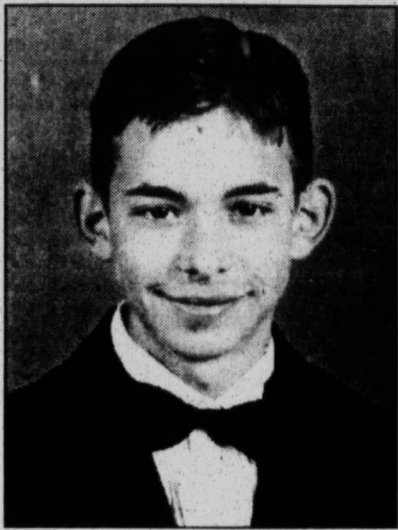
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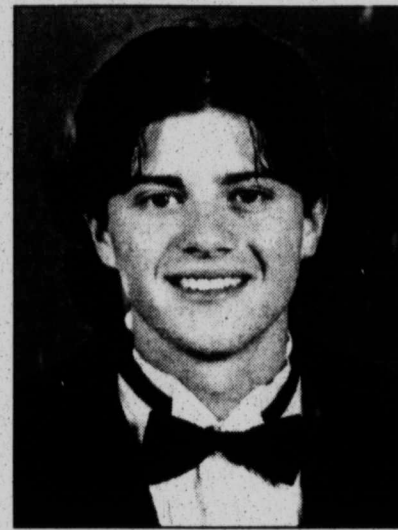
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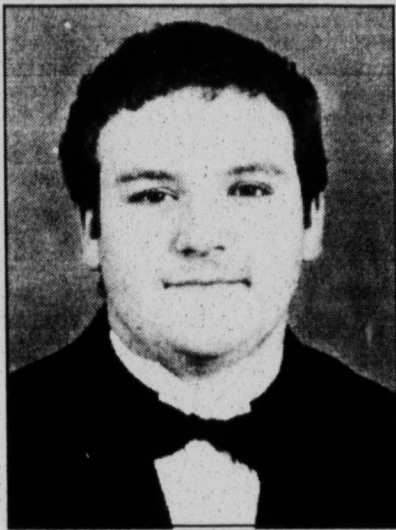
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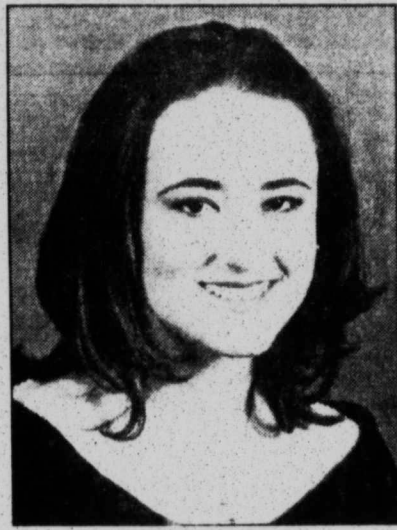
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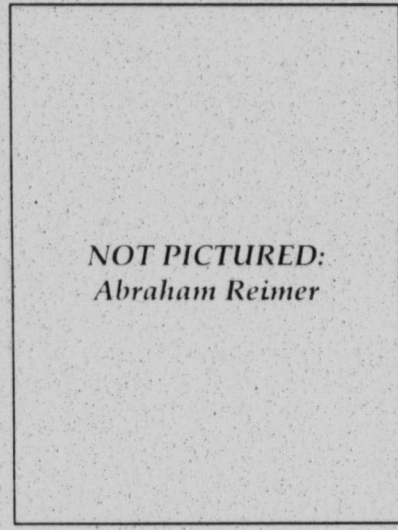
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## Wilson High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Brian Martin

Brian Martin is the son of Charles and Shirley Martin. He has attended Wilson schools for the past 13 years.

He participated in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, OAP, and UIL academics. Brian was named Second Team All District and All District in football and was also named All South Plains Honorable Mention as a receiver.

Brian will attend Texas Tech University and major in Industrial Engineering.

### Veronica Martinez

Veronica Rivera Martinez is the daughter of Alfredo and Erma Martinez. She has attended Wilson schools for the past nine years.

While in high school, she participated in basketball three years, cross-country, track, and FFA two years, and band four years.

Vero plans to attend South Plains College-Reese and get her child care certificate.

### Jana Marie Phillips

Jana Marie Phillips is the daughter of Billy Phillips and DeDe Lambricht. She has attended Wilson schools for the past eight years.

She was involved in basketball and track two years, and band and FFA one year.

Jana will attend South Plains College. She plans to become an LVN and eventually an RN.

### Renee Phillips

Renee Phillips is the daughter of Billy Phillips and DeDe Lambricht. She has attended Wilson schools for the past three years.

Renee plans to further her education by going to college and becoming an I.C.U. pediatric nurse.

### Ruben Rodriguez

Ruben Rodriguez is the son of Arthur and Janie Castillo. He has attended Wilson schools for the past four years.

He was active in football, basketball, track, tennis and golf. In football, he was named Honorable Mention his freshman, sophomore and senior years. He qualified for the finals at district in tennis.

Ruben plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech. He would like to become a coach.

### Joshua Sadler

Joshua Sadler is the son of Teresa Spencer. He has attended Wilson schools for the past year, transferring from Southland.

While in high school, he was involved in FFA, basketball, football, and UIL academics. He received the Greenhand award and was named to Who's Who.

Josh will attend college following graduation.

### Zachary Schoor

Zachary Schoor is the son of Rickey and Debbie Schoor. He has attended Wilson schools for one year, transferring from Estacado High School.

He was a member of ROTC, serving as battalion commander and participating in drill teams and color guards. He was also involved in FFA and NHS and was named to Who's Who Among American High School students.

Zack plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech where he will major in Business Management and Fiber Optic Engineering. Following college, he plans to join the Air Force as an officer and become a pilot.

### Chance Talkmitt

Chance Christopher Talkmitt is the son of Doyle and Verna Talkmitt. He has attended Wilson schools for 13 years.

During high school, he was involved in football, basketball and track. He was also a member of FFA and Student Council.

Chance will attend Texas Tech and major in Landscape Architecture.

### Gerardo Valdez

Gerardo Valdez is the son of Tomas and Sofia Valdez. He has attended Wilson schools for the past seven years.

He participated in basketball, football, track, OAP, and UIL academics. He earned a Who's Who award, a National English Merit Award and a National Mathematics Merit Award. He was named to the All District First and Second Teams and All South Plains Honorable Mention in basketball and was an All Star alternate. He earned Honorable Mention honors in football.

G.V. plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in Landscape Architecture and minor in Business.

### Chris Vasek

Christopher David Vasek is the son of Mary and Craig Nevelle. He has attended Wilson schools for two years, transferring from New Deal High School.

He was a member of the band and marching band, and was involved in the French Club three years. He also participated in One Act Play, swimming and UIL Academics.

Chris plans to join the Air Force and then start his own computer software company.

### Quinn Whisner

Amy Quinn Whisner is the daughter of Susie Crowson and Charlie Whisner. She has attended Wilson schools for the past nine years.

She was involved in cheerleading, basketball, track, tennis, golf, cross-country, and FFA. She was a Texas All Star Cheerleader as a junior, was named Outstanding Female Golfer her sophomore year, and was Class Favorite as a sophomore. She was Homecoming Princess as a junior and FFA Sentinel her sophomore year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Wilson.

Quinn will attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi where she will study to become a marine biologist.

## WISD Trustees Approve Resolution Honoring LCN

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution honoring two area newspapers for their coverage of WISD events and news. The *Lynn County News* and *The Slatonite* were honored for their positive contributions to the Wilson school district and students by responsibly and fairly covering school district stories that served to better inform the public about WISD news.

Superintendent Jones publicly thanked *Lynn County News* Editor, Juanell Jones for the balanced supportive news coverage of the four school districts in Lynn County.

Mrs. Jones has served as a school trustee and she understands the workings of school districts and education in Texas and has consistently treated WISD fairly in reporting the school news," said Superintendent Jones.

He echoed the same sentiments about *Slatonite* editor, Jim Davis. Both newspapers were added to the Media Honor Roll and will be recognized at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)/Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) state convention in Dallas next September.

*Congratulations, Graduate*

### Congratulations

To the 2002 Graduates of Lynn County

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# Tahoka High School

## SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### THIS VALEDICTORIAN

#### Mandy Sanders

Amelia Renee Sanders is the daughter of Steve and Judy Sanders. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She participated in UIL Academics, FCA, captain, Student Council (vice president), NHS (president), FCCLA, track, basketball, and volleyball. She qualified for the state Star Event contest in FCCLA as a class officer, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, Miss THS, and Most Likely to Succeed. Mandy was named All-District in volleyball and earned the International Foreign Language Award for Spanish two years. She was an All-American Scholar, Rotary Club Swell with a member of the First Baptist Church, and earned several academic awards.

Mandy plans to attend South Plains College for one year and then transfer to Texas Tech. She plans to major in Education and minor in Math.

### THIS Valedictorian

#### Nicole Green

Nicole Renee Green is the daughter of Rex and Jackie Green. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was involved in NHS, UIL, FCCLA, FFA, volleyball, basketball, track, and cross country. Nicole won Tahoka's academic awards, was named a Student of the Six Weeks, won the International Foreign Language award, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, and was an All-American Scholar. She was active in the First Baptist Church Youth Group, Crossroads Rotary Group, and the choir group at FBC.

Nicole plans to attend Wayland Baptist University. She is undecided on a major at this time.

### Daniel Arenas

Daniel Arenas is the son of Jose Luis and Margarita Arenas. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past three years.

While in high school, he participated in FCCLA and FFA his senior year. Daniel plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech to major in Law Enforcement.

### Kalah Bartley

Kalah Renee Bartley is the daughter of Math and Linda Bartley. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She was Harvest Festival Queen in 2001, was a varsity cheerleader for four years, competed in UIL News Writing two years and was on the yearbook staff for three years. She participated in FFA and 4-H throughout her high school career and showed both steers and pigs for four years. She was a band member two years, played basketball two years, and ran track for three years. She participated in Student Council, volleyball, and cross country one year.

Kalah plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Journalism and minor in Photo Journalism.

### Matthew Benavides

Matthew Roy Benavides is the son of Nieves Benavides. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He participated in baseball, cross-country, football, track, and powerlifting. He was named Honorable Mention in baseball and was named First Team All-District and Honorable Mention in football. He was a district and regional medalist in cross-country, and a district medalist in powerlifting and track.

Matthew plans to attend TCU where he will play baseball. He hopes to become an X-ray technician.

### Melissa Bernal

Melissa Bernal is the daughter of Paul and Louisa Bernal. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school, she participated in band, FCCLA, and choir. Melissa will attend South Plains College and major in Child Development.

### Riley Barnett

Riley Jay Barnett is the son of Russel and Jolene Barnett. He has attended Tahoka schools for four years.

He participated in FFA events such as livestock shows and judging contests. He received the Greenhand award as a freshman. Riley also played basketball his freshman year. He is involved in many community and church activities.

Riley plans to attend Howard Junior College and then transfer to Texas Tech where he will major in Ag Education.

### Ann Marie Barrientez

Ann Marie Barrientez is the daughter of John and Sharon Barrientez. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She has been involved in FCCLA for two years, was a member of NHS, and was a Student Council representative for two years. She was a member of the 3-D Band for over three years, serving as junior representative and vice president. She was named an All-American Scholar, Student of the Six Weeks on two occasions, and won awards for International Foreign Language, Spanish I, Personal and Family Development, and Music Appreciation.

Annie is enrolled in the LVN program at South Plains College. After becoming an LVN, she plans to continue her education to become an RN.

### Derrick Barrientez

Derrick Joe Barrientez is the son of Joe and Linda Barrientez. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

He participated in track, powerlifting, basketball, FCCLA, football, and baseball. In football, he was named All-District at the wide receiver, linebacker, and middle linebacker positions. He was named second team All-District in baseball.

Derrick will attend South Plains College and then transfer to a university.

### Keely Boone

Keely Brooke Boone is the daughter of Sam and Elaine Ashcraft. She has attended Tahoka schools for Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She participated in varsity volleyball and was named First Team All-District two years; and played varsity basketball, and was named Second Team All-District one year. She was on the varsity track team and was district champion in shot-put and qualified for regionals two years. She was co-captain of the basketball and volleyball teams and was named the Most Outstanding Lady Bulldog Athlete two years and won the track MVP award. Keely was a member of NHS, FCA, and was Student Council Treasurer. She was a class officer for three years, was named class favorite as a sophomore, and is co-editor of the yearbook. She was nominated for basketball and homecoming queen and participated in UIL Feature Writing, Editorial Writing and Headline Writing.

Keely will attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech University.

### Kristi Dawn Campbell

Kristi Dawn Campbell is the daughter of Donald and Lynette Webster and Bobby and Christy Campbell. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past three years.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, the New Horizon Baptist Church youth group and choir and was a member of the THS 3-D band. She received the AP Biology Academic Award and the Preparation for Parenting Academic Award.

Kristi plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Exercise and Sports Sciences and minor in Nutrition.

### Gabriel Castro

Gabriel Castro is the son of Carmen Castro. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past six years.

He was a member of the 3-D band which won many awards and was named to the ATSSB All Region Band four years. He was the first tuba player in THS history to make ATSSB Band all four years. Gabriel played football for four years, and was named Second Team Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore. He also participated in basketball, baseball, track, and powerlifting during his high school career.

Gabriel plans on extending his education in music at TCU.

### Clayton Chancy

Clayton Chancy is the son of Jabo Chancy and Donna Chancy. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He is co-captain of FCA and very active in the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. He participated in FCCLA by presenting a Star Event and advancing to state for the past two years. He also advanced to regionals in tennis as a junior. He is involved in NHS, the American Red Cross Association, FFA, and UIL Reading Writing.

Clayton plans on becoming a youth minister and sharing the word of God through his cartoons.

### Lesley Chapa

Lesley Ann Chapa is the daughter of David Chapa and Sylvia Chapa. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She has been a varsity cheerleader for four years, and was named Band Sweetheart, Most School Spirit, and 2001-2002 Harvest Festival Queen. She was a regional qualifier in tennis four years, and was a member of the 3-D band, serving as representative four years and drum major her senior year. Lesley was a state qualifier in FCCLA, was a Student Council representative and officer and was a member of NHS, serving as vice-president as a senior. She received the Outstanding Tennis Player award two years and was a Homecoming Queen nominee as a freshman.

Lesley will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio where she will major in English.

### Shannon Cowley

Shannon Del Cowley is the son of Tricia Porterfield and Ronnie Cowley. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past three and one half years.

While in high school, he participated in football, basketball, track, cross-country, and FCA. He qualified for regional competition in cross-country and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students three years. He attends the First United Methodist Church.

Shannon plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder where he will study golf course landscaping and then transfer to Wichita Falls for his B.S.

### Jeremy Dailey

Jeremy Levar Dailey is the son of Nancy Rodriguez and Jimmy Dailey. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

He was selected by his peers as "Most Unpredictable" three years and played football for the Bulldogs his senior year. He also participated in FFA.

Jeremy plans to enter a technical school to study for a future in the computer industry.

### Anna DeLeon

Andreana Ann DeLeon is the daughter of Ambrosio and Martha DeLeon. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She has been a four year member of the 3-D band which has won numerous awards including "1" in concert and marching contests. The band earned two awards on a trip to Disneyland this year: first place in the small school division, and the Esprit de Corps award. Anna received the Algebra 1 award as a freshman.

Anna is planning to attend South Plains College where she will major in Early Childhood Development.

### Ren Ellis

Ren Ellis is the son of Valton and Gena Stephens and the late Rusty Ellis. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past seven years.

He participated in Student Council, NHS, FFA, 4-H, FCA, football, basketball, golf, and track. He qualified for regionals in golf and track, was named All-District in basketball, and received the THS Basketball Defensive Player award as a senior. Ren was named a Student of the Six Weeks, to the All A Honor Roll, won the Algebra 1 award and the Speech Class award, and was a class officer. He received the All American Scholar Athlete Award, was a US National Award Winner in Honor Roll, was named to Who's Who Among American

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High School Students, and was nominated to the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington D.C. He is in the top 10% of his graduating class and is active in the First Baptist Church Youth Group.

Ren will attend the Texas Tech University College of Business Administration.

### Tonya Elrod

Tonya Elrod is the daughter of Pam and Allen Elrod. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She has been involved in NHS, BPA, track, powerlifting, band, and UIL academics. She has been named Student of the Six Weeks, to Who's Who Among American High School Students and the United States Achievement Academy and received the National Merit Award in Science. Tonya was a member of the All Region Band and Solo and Ensemble. She is also a member of the Sweet Street Baptist Church Youth Group.

Tonya plans to attend college and major in Pre-Med.

### Lorenzo Escobedo

Lorenzo Escobedo is the son of Sally and Lorenzo Escobedo. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 10 years.

Lorenzo's future plans are undecided at this time.

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Congratulations  
Tonya Elrod!

We're proud of you.

Mom, Dad,  
Michael & Mitchell

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Congratulations  
Lorenzo (Cordo)!

We're proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Lana,  
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Derrick Barrientez!

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and Megan Alvarado

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Love - Mom, Dad  
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Nicole Green...  
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David, Elaine and kids

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Congratulations  
Anna Marie  
Barrientez!  
We're proud of you.  
Love --  
Mom, Dad & Lisa

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Congratulations  
Nicole Green!  
We are so proud of you.  
Dad, Mom, Eric, Stacie  
and Grandma Betty

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Congratulations  
Kalah!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Bubba

CONGRATULATIONS to Tahoka High School  
graduate Derrick Barrientez and  
all his classmates!  
We are so proud of you and wish you good luck!  
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Congratulations  
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We're proud of you.  
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future endeavors!  
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# Tahoka High School

## SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Nina Follis

Nina Follis is the daughter of Bobby and Karen Follis.

She was active in volleyball, basketball, track, NHS, BPA, FCCLA, OAP, FCA, UIL academics, Chrysalis Reunion Group, First Baptist Church choir and drama. She was named Student of the Six Weeks, and to Who's Who Among American High School Students; and received the American Scholar Award and the International Foreign Language Award. She was named to the OAP All Star Cast and placed fourth and fifth in UIL Poetry Interpretation and Persuasive Speaking, respectively, as a junior and third in Poetry Interpretation her senior year.

Nina plans to attend South Plains College-Reese and then get her RN from South Plains' Technical Program. She then plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in nursing from Texas Tech.

### Glaforo Antonio Garcia

Glaforo Antonio Garcia is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcello Resendez. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past eight years.

While in high school, he was involved in ag and OCP.

Firo will work full time at Consolidated Gin Machinery following graduation.

### Cory Gardner

Cory Jay Gardner is the son of Clint Gardner and Cindy Gardner. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He has been involved in FFA for four years and FHA for one year; was a class officer and member of the Student Council for three years. Cory participated in football, golf, tennis, track, cross-country, and basketball. Cory was named to the All District basketball team two years. He received the All American Merit Scholar award and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Cory will attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in Business Management.

### Martin Garza Jr.

Martin Garza Jr. is the son of Debbie and Jesse Rodriguez. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past six years.

He participated in track, powerlifting, basketball, FCCLA, FHA, football and baseball. He was named Honorable Mention in football and earned several baseball honors including All District Pitcher, All-District Outfielder, All South Plains Outfielder, and Honorable Mention Super Team.

Martin plans to attend Lubbock Christian University.

### Miguel Garza

Miguel Garza is the son of Ramiro Garza and Maria Herrera. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He has participated in football and track at THS and was also involved in FCCLA and NHS.

Miguel plans to get a job and save money for college.

### Matthew Lynn Gilbert

No information available.

### Odilón Granados

Odilón Granados has attended Tahoka schools for the past four years, moving here from Mexico.

He was active in football earning First Team All District honors as a kicker and Second Team All District honors as a punter during his senior year. He also participated in track during high school. I am proud of my teachers and would like to thank them for all they did for me — thanks to them I can now speak English.

Odilón plans to attend college after graduation.

### Sarah Griffing

Sarah Elizabeth Griffing is the daughter of Bill and Rubeth Griffing. She has attended Tahoka schools for one year, transferring from O'Donnell.

While at OHS she participated in cross-country, and was on the regional qualifying track team for two years. She participated in FFA, and science club and attended three national science competitions. She was active in 4-H, placing third in the Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Show in Memphis, Tenn. in 2001. She was also a member of NHS. As a senior at THS, Sarah participated in the school work program.

Following graduation, Sarah plans to marry and later attend nursing school.

### Blandon Hancock

Blandon Reid Hancock is the son of Eddie and Alecia Hancock. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school, he participated in basketball, football, track, baseball, and Student Council. He earned several awards for baseball including: All District, All South Plains, All State, and All South Plains Super Team.

Blandon plans to attend Navarro Junior College where he will play baseball.

### Sarah Hawthorne

Sarah Hawthorne is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Hawthorne. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was involved in NHS, FCA, FCCLA, UIL academics, band, cross-country, track, and volleyball. She is a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group choir and drama and participated in Road Races. We was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, received the American Scholar Award and won awards for Spanish II, World Geography, Journalism, Housing, band, and cross-country. Sarah participated in UIL Science and Literary Criticism, qualified for regional competition in track and cross-country and competed in the Ruidoso and Texas Tech Road Races. She volunteered with the Victims Assistance Program and received the Beulah Fay Pridmore Scholarship.

Sarah plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech to get her degree in Interior Design.

### Pablo Herevia

Pablo Herevia is the son of Alberto and Maria Herevia. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

He participated in track and powerlifting for one year and dodgeball for two years.

Pablo plans to go to college and train to be a body builder.

### Aubrey Kieth

Aubrey Michelle Kieth is the daughter of Bobby Kieth and Brian Kieth. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She has been active in NHS and the 3-D band and participated in UIL Math and Literary Criticism. She was named a member of Who's Who for the past two years.

Aubrey will attend Angelo State University and major in Pre-Law.

### Lupe Liendo

Lupe M. Liendo is the son of Joe Liendo and Janie Menchaca. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past four and one half years.

While in high school, he was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Lupe plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in either Architecture or Art and would like to become a cartoon animator.

### John Mark Long

John Mark Long is the son of the Rev. Lynn and Denise Long. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past seven years.

He is a three year letterman in varsity football and was named Second Team All District as a sophomore. As a senior he was selected to the All District and All South Plains First Teams. He was named THS Defensive Football Player of the Year. Mark also played basketball three years and participated in powerlifting one year. He also received the Animal Science award.

John Mark plans to enroll at South Plains College or West Texas A&M University, where he would like to try out for the football team.

### Jon Luna

Jonathan Paul Luna is the son of Juan and Delia Luna. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He was named All District Honorable Mention in football and was a state qualifier and regional winner in BPA. He has been a member of NHS for the past two years and has been class president all four years in high school. Jon has been a representative, vice president and president (two years) in Student Council and held the same offices in the 3-D Band. He also received many USAA awards, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who at THS.

Jon will attend Texas Tech University beginning the first summer session and will major in Business Administration/Management.

### Colton McNeely

Colton McNeely is the son of Todd and Rhonda McNeely. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school, he participated in 4-H trap shooting and FFA Dairy Cattle Judging. He was involved in the school's work program and worked part-time at Allsup's Convenience Store.

Colton plans to attend a junior college for two years and then transfer to Texas Tech and major in Computer Programming.

### Victoria Medina

Victoria Anavel Medina is the daughter of Joey and Mary Helen Barrientez. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was involved in FCCLA and the high school choir. She was an active member of the 3-D Band which received a "1" in various contests.

Victoria's future plans are still undecided.

### Lorena Mendez

Lorena Mendez is the daughter of Yolanda and Julio Mendez. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 8 years.

While in high school, she participated in FCCLA for two years and athletics for three years.

Lorena plans to attend South Plains College.

**Chelsey Miller**  
Chelsey Miller is the daughter Steve and Carol Miller. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was active in NHS, FFA, UIL academics, Student Council, FCA, 4-H, golf, cross-country, track, volleyball, and basketball. She was a member of the yearbook staff and was a cheerleader. Chelsey was named Best All Around Girl, Most Versatile, and to THS Who's Who. She was named All District in volleyball, and was a regional qualifier in golf. She earned awards as Most Valuable Defensive Player in volleyball, Most Valuable Girl Athlete, and the Fighting Heart Award. Chelsey is a member of the National Honor Roll, Outstanding Students of America, All American Scholars, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is also active in the First Baptist Church youth group. She is ranked third in her class and received the Bulldog Booster Club scholarship, the J.J. Jackson scholarship and the Gerald & Linda Huffaker scholarship.

Chelsey will attend Texas Tech University and major in Communications/Public Relations and Business.

**Crystal Shay Moseley**  
Crystal Moseley is the daughter of Janet Porterfield. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past two years, moving here from Idalou.

She was involved in basketball for four years, track three years, cheerleader two years, and FHA for one year. She was elected Class Favorite three years, class officer four years and was a Student Council member three years. Crystal was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and received the English III and Keyboarding I classroom awards. She was a student of the six week, and was involved in UIL Accounting and NHS.

Crystal will attend Texas Tech in the fall where she will major in Exercise and Sport Science.

### Itza Mary Nambo

Itza Mary Nambo is the daughter of Ruben and Elsa Nambo. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past three years.

She was involved in basketball, cross-country, track and FCCLA. She was elected Class Favorite as a freshman and participated in UIL Ready Writing. She received the International Foreign Language-Spanish award, the Lubbock Arts Festival Young Writers award, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Itza plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in physical therapy.

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- Mom, Dad, Karen, Brenda, Rudy Jr., Danvy, Randy, Krista, Kyle & Kimmie

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Cory Gardner!  
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**Congratulations**  
Cory Gardner!  
We are so proud of you and your successes.  
We love you -- Mom & Colby

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Cory Gardner!  
I am so proud of you.  
Love, Grandpa Stone

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**Congratulations**  
Cory Gardner and Chelsey Miller  
We're proud of you.  
Love - Nanny & Grandad

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We're proud of you.  
Mom and Tracey

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We love you - Mom, Dad, & Sis

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Mom and Dad, Connie, Jeremy, Roman and Grandma

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Chelsey Miller!  
I'm proud of you.  
Love -- Papa

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Crystal Moseley!  
We are proud of you.  
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# Tahoka High School

## SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Lucinda Olveda

Lucinda Ruth Olveda is the daughter of Lucio Rodriguez Sr. and Becky Rodriguez. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

While in high school, she was involved in FCCLA and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Lucinda plans to attend South Plains College where she will major in Cosmetology.

### Michael Angel Resendez

No information available.

### Lisa Rodriguez

Lisa Rodriguez is the daughter of Becky and Lucio Rodriguez. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was involved in FCCLA, BPA and band. She also participated in DCP, which allowed her to hold down a full time job at Rosa's Cafe.

Lisa plans to attend South Plains College and major in Cosmetology.

### Frank Rodriguez

Frank Rodriguez is the son of Debbie and Ray Rodriguez. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school, he was involved in football for three years, track for two years, and powerlifting for one year. He was also involved in FCCLA.

Frank will attend South Plains College and then transfer to a university. He plans to major in Surgical Technology.

### German Rojo Jr.

German Rojo Jr. is the son of Mary Ann Valverde and German Rojo Sr. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

He participated in football, track and FFA during his high school years.

German plans to attend South Plains College to study Auto and Diesel Engineering.

### Laura Salazar

Laura Salazar is the daughter of Eliseo Salazar Jr. and Noemi R. Salazar. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past four years.

Laura plans to get a job and help her husband Danny raise their daughter Jennifer Alonzo.

### Adam Salinas

Adam Joe Salinas is the son of Frank and Mary Ann Salinas. He has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

He has received awards for Physical Science, World History, Algebra I, Agricultural Science, Band, and Choir. Adam was named Student of the Six Weeks twice, was a member of NHS and received the American Musical Foundation Band Honors. He was a member of the 3-D Band that won many honors and was named the Band Beau as a senior.

Adam will attend college to study Sound Engineering and hopes to work in the music industry.

### J.J. Scott

Jonathan Jermain Scott is the son of Rebecca and Kenny Scott. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past three years.

While in high school, he participated in football, basketball and track.

J.J. plans to play basketball at Wayland Baptist where he will study to become a teacher/coach.



**BAND GARNERS LOTS OF AWARDS** - THS band seniors are pictured here with the many awards the band has won since they were in the seventh grade. They are (front) Kristi Campbell, Annie Barrientez, Lesley Chapa, Angie Segovia, (middle) Vickie Medina, Anna DeLeon, Aubrey Kieth, Adam Salinas, Gabriel Castro, Jon Luna, (back) Leslie White, and Tonya Elrod. (LCN PHOTO)

### Angelina Segovia

Angelina Marie Segovia is the daughter of Melissa and Waldo Segovia Sr. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She participated in band for three years, FCCLA for two years and choir for four years. She was named junior class favorite and won the Child Development Academic Award and the USAA Foreign Language Award.

Angelina's future plans are undecided.

### Stephen Solorzano

Stephen Raul Solorzano is the son of Roy and Diana Solorzano. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

While in high school, he was involved in football, baseball, powerlifting and track. He received many honors in those sports including All District and All South Plains in football his senior year and the THS Fighting Heart award.

Stephen will attend LCU.

### Jessica Stephens

Jessica Christine Stephens is the daughter of Valton and Gena Stephens and Eunice and Roger McMillan. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past two years, transferring from Frenship High School.

She has been involved in the First Baptist Church Youth Group, UIL Academic Speaking, Feature Writing and One Act Play. Jessica was also a member of 4-H, FCCLA, FCA, French Club and Student Council. She was active in FFA and was on the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Jessica plans to attend the University of North Texas where she will major in Photography and Advertising. She plans to be a commercial advertising photographer.

### D'Lynn Stone

D'Lynn Amanda Stone is the daughter of Dan and Donna Stone. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

She participated in volleyball, basketball, track, band, NHS, and FCCLA. She was a class officer three years and a Student Council officer/representative four years. D'Lynn received the Spanish II and English II awards, was a first place winner in science fair, and was a state qualifier in FCCLA Applied Technology, UIL Accounting and Computer Applications.

D'Lynn will attend Texas Tech University and major in Mass Communications.

### Brandi Tekell

Brandi Lané Tekell is the daughter of Mark and Charlsie Tekell. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

She was Student Council Parliamentarian; NHS Public Relations; 4-H President and was a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group. She was named Homecoming Queen 2001-2002 and won many FFA awards including 6th place at state in Livestock Judging and Outstanding 4-H member; won the 4-H Gold Star Award and the 4-H I Dare You award.

Brandi will attend Texas A&M University where she will major in Agricultural Journalism.

### Josh Thompson

Joshua Brent Thompson is the son of Kevin Elmore, Helen and Sandra Payne and Valton and Gena Stephens. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 12 years.

He was senior class vice president and participated in football, basketball, and track. His honors for football include All District and All South Plains his junior and senior years and he was named to the AJ Super Team as a senior. He was also named All District in basketball his junior and senior years. Josh competed in the regional track meet three years and the state track meet two years. This year he received the THS Track Award and was named Most Outstanding Male Athlete.

Josh will play football at West Texas A&M University and will major in Computer Technology.

### Jordan Vega

Jordan Vega is the son of Tamara O'Connor and George Vega. He lives with his grandparents, Alton and Wanita Kelley.

While in high school, Jordan was a member of the Bulldog football team.

Jordan's future plans are undecided.

### Leslie White Jr.

Leslie Charles White Jr. is the son of Leslie White Sr. and Beatrice White. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past six years.

While in high school, he participated in football, basketball, track, tennis and baseball. He was also a member of the 3-D band.

Leslie plans to attend college.

## Stephen Solorzano Receives Honor

Tahoka student athlete Stephen Solorzano, son of Roy and Diana Solorzano of Tahoka, earned 1st Team Honorable Mention recognition as one of the top high school Christian student athletes in America.

More than 7,200 student athletes nationwide were nominated from 20,000 high schools for this prestigious award and top honors were given in four categories: First and Second Team All-American and First and Second Team Honorable Mention.

Athletes were selected for their academic accomplishments, athletic achievements, and Christian character to represent some of the brightest and most accomplished high school student athletes in the nation.

"Solorzano is a student athlete that is truly making a difference and should be recognized not just because he makes good grades or because he is a star athlete but for a greater reason: because he made a commitment to serve others and live a life of character and integrity based upon her personal relationship with Jesus Christ."



## JEFFREY GANDY Gandy To Graduate From Floydada High

Jeffrey Gandy, formerly of Tahoka, will graduate from Floydada High School Friday, May 24.

While in high school, he was active in athletics, FFA, band and the First Baptist Church Youth Group. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Delayed Entry Program as a junior and will report for training in San Antonio this summer.

Gandy is the son of Berry and Pam Gandy of Floydada and the brother of Jared Gandy of Vernon. He is the grandson of Clifford and Dorothy Gandy, former Tahoka residents; Harold and Sue Sheppard of Lubbock; and Travis Scott of Wichita Falls. His great-grandmother is Mildred Brown of Lamesa.

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# Congratulations to the Tahoka High School 2002 Graduating Class!

**Daniel Arenas**  
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Ann Marie Barrientez  
Derrick Joe Barrientez  
Kalah Rene' Bartley  
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Melissa Bernal  
Keely Brooke Boone  
Kristi Dawn Campbell  
Gabriel Castro  
Clayton Chase Chancy  
Lesley Ann Chapa  
Shannon Del Cowley  
Jeremy Levar Dailey  
Andreana Ann DeLeon  
Dustin Ren Ellis  
Tonya LeAnn Elrod  
Lorenzo D. Escobedo  
Nina Nicole Follis  
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Cory Jay Gardner  
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**REGIONAL QUARTERBACK** against Sonora to clinch team advances to regional.



**PINATA PROJECTS** completed a piñata celebration. Best Over (right) with Mary Wied and Rudy Port.



**PERFECT PINATA** completed a piñata celebration. Best Over JoAnna Garza (right) projects are (from Gonzales).

## TLR Advice Speaks To Rotary Club

Jay Lawrence, attorney for Lawsuit Reform in Tahoka last Thursday addressed the business owners and community members who came involved in the justice reforms.

Speaking to local Tahoka Rotary Club area residents that face other tort reform Texas business owners dearly.

"Lawsuit abuse toll on all Texans: employees, families, workers, large businesses." "Every single excessive settlement."

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**REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPIONS** - The Tahoka High School Baseball Team won two of three games against Sonora to claim the Regional Quarterfinals championship trophy last week. Coached by Brent John, the team advances to regional semifinal action tonight (Thursday), playing Holliday in Abilene.



**PINATA PROJECTS** - Students in Spanish classes at New Home High School completed a piñata project in conjunction with recent Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Best Overall Second Place went to Heather Kieth and Erin Miller (right) with Mary Weather. Best Overall Third Place was won by Michael Wied and Rudy Portales (left) with Snoopy. Also pictured are Danielle Garza (front) and Shaun Wied (center) with Keroppi.



**PERFECT PINATA** - Students in Spanish classes at New Home High School completed a piñata project in conjunction with recent Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Best Overall First Place winners were Christina Vitolas and JoAnna Garza (right) with their gumball machine. Also pictured with their projects are (from left) Miranda Rodriguez, Stephanie Kieth and Serena Gonzales.

### TLR Adviser Speaks To Rotary Club

Jay Lawrence, an adviser to Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR) was in Tahoka last Thursday to encourage Tahoka community leaders, business owners and consumers to become involved in the fight for civil justice reforms.

Speaking to local citizens at the Tahoka Rotary Club, Lawrence told area residents that frivolous lawsuits and other tort reform issues cost Texas business owners and consumers dearly.

"Lawsuit abuse extracts a terrible toll on all Texans: consumers, retirees, families, workers and small and large businesses," Lawrence said. "Every single excessive judgement, excessive settlement, excessive legal

fee, and unnecessarily filed lawsuit raises the price of things we buy, and reduces the value of our savings, investments, and retirement. It also erodes the confidence in our court and our government."

Emerging tort issues include the growing threat of class action lawsuits; laws that don't allow Texas juries to assign fault to all guilty parties, and excessive legal fees. Although these reforms have resulted in saving to Texas consumers of up to \$2.8 billion in insurance premiums, Lawrence said additional reforms are still needed in Texas.

"Serious abuses like meritless class action lawsuits and laws that don't allow Texas juries to assign fault to all guilty parties still plague our system and cost our state dearly," he said. "New challenges to our legal system require ongoing vigilance."

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### Wright, Bessire Receive Increased Clayton Scholarships

O'Donnell High School Valedictorian Nathan Wright and Salutatorian Jenna Bessire have been chosen as this year's Jessie Clayton scholarship recipients.

The family of Jessie Clayton has increased this year's award to a total of \$7,000. Wright will receive \$3,600 and Bessire will receive \$3,400.

Jessie Clayton was a long time resident of O'Donnell and an avid supporter of education. All of her children and her son-in-law graduated from OHS. After Clayton's death, her children established the scholarships in her name.

Clayton was instrumental in getting the bond passed for the renovations to the high school in 1978. "She worked long and hard to see that all students had an equal chance to be educated," said Dale Read, Superintendent of O'Donnell ISD.

Both Wright and Bessire have been in the Eagle band, UIL academic competitions, track, and National Honor Society.

Wright qualified for state in piano, calculator, and computer applications. He also made it to the state science fair two years in a row and will be competing in the International Science Fair this year.

Bessire was a member of the girls' basketball team for four years and a cheerleader for four years. The past two years, she has headed up the cheerleading squad.

Following graduation, Wright will be attending Harding University and Bessire will attend Texas Tech University.



**RESIDENT OF THE MONTH** - Betty Rogers was named Resident of the Month for May at Tahoka Care Center. She has been a resident of the Center since Aug. 2001.

### News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Connie Riojas  
The Center had a fun week. Residents bowled last Tuesday. L.C. Burleson, Christene Brent, and Nicolasa Perez bowled while other residents watched. Burleson took the win with 102 points, Brent had 88 points and Perez had 71 points. Great game!

On Wednesday and Friday, residents played bingo. Warren Hardt and Avis Henry won with the black out game.

The monthly birthday party will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. Residents celebrating are Myrl Mathis and Sue Garrett. Employee Sylvia Riojas will celebrate her birthday also.

We would like to thank Mini Honesto for making bibs for the residents. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or making donations may call me at 998-5018.



**DISTINGUISHED HONOR** - O'Donnell High School has been selected the only public high school in Texas to receive the 2001-2002 National Title I Distinguished School award. The banner proclaiming the award was unfurled at a school assembly last Wednesday morning. (Photo courtesy of Lamesa Press-Reporter)

## OHS Wins National Recognition

By Jeffrey Patterson  
Lamesa Press-Reporter  
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O'Donnell High School can count itself as the only public high school in Texas to receive recognition as a 2001-2002 National Title I Distinguished School.

"Everybody in Texas knows O'Donnell High School exists and the great accomplishments you have here," Texas Education Agency representative Anita Villareal said during a recognition ceremony last Wednesday morning at O'Donnell.

Villareal said out of more than 4,500 school districts, 11 schools statewide met eligibility criteria to be considered for the award. Of those 11 schools, 10 made application for the award and five were selected as recipients.

Nationwide, Villareal said 81

schools received the distinguished school award.

Schools receiving the award in Texas are O'Donnell High School; Edgemere Elementary, Ysleta ISD, El Paso; High School for Health Professionals, South Texas ISD, Mercedes; Walter Mathtys Elementary, Pasadena ISD, Pasadena; and Wildorado Elementary, Wildorado ISD, Wildorado.

To be eligible for the award, a campus had to:

- Have had 50 percent or more students meet low-income criteria for 2001-2002;
- Have earned an exemplary rating based on spring 2001 TAAS scores;
- Have been recognized as a Title I Distinguished School in 2000-2001;
- Be below the state average for exempting special education students from taking the TAAS test;
- Be below the state average for exempting limited English proficient students from taking the TAAS test;
- Have had at least 90 percent of students enrolled take the TAAS test over a three year period from 1999-2001.

O'Donnell High School Principal Mike Read said he was somewhat surprised when he was first contacted about the award selection process in October last year.

To be considered, Read said, essay questions were required to be answered that gave the committee an overview

of programs at OHS.

A peer review team then visited the school Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to speak to faculty and students and to review records. In January, award recipients were named, Read said.

"When I was contacted I was very humbled. This speaks highly of our school system and community," he said, noting that parental and community-wide support provide a good educational atmosphere at OHS.

"It all works for the betterment of the student," Read said.

Mike and Traci Read, and Shirley Kountz traveled to the National Association of State Title I Directors convention in San Francisco, Calif. to accept the award at an April 30 ceremony.

O'Donnell ISD Superintendent Dale Read, Mike Read's father, said the accomplishment speaks highly of the entire school district.

"I'm extremely proud and happy. This is not something that just happened," he said. "It happened over a period of years."

Dale Read added that as the only public high school in Texas to receive the National Title I Distinguished School award, O'Donnell High School has proven that size is not the only determining factor in a quality education.

"We were in competition with lots of big schools. That says something for small schools - that we can compete," he said.

### STORK REPORT

Congratulations to Cameron and Rebecca Childress of O'Donnell on the birth of a son, Haden Beckham, born Monday, May 6, 2002 at 3:55 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center, in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz., and was 19 1/2" long.

Haden has a sister, Hannah, 2 1/2 years old.

Paternal grandparents are Alton and Angie James, of Tahoka. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Jeanette Pyron of O'Donnell.

Great-grandparents are Ora Faye Pyron of Tahoka, Charlie and Jackie Beckham of Stonewall, and Elton and Fern Childress of Tahoka.

Great-great-grandmother is Frances Cox of Johnson City.

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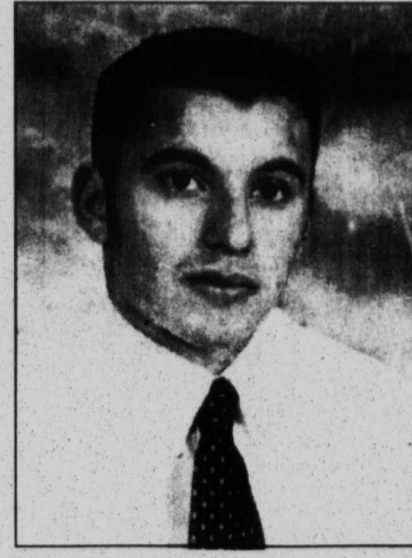
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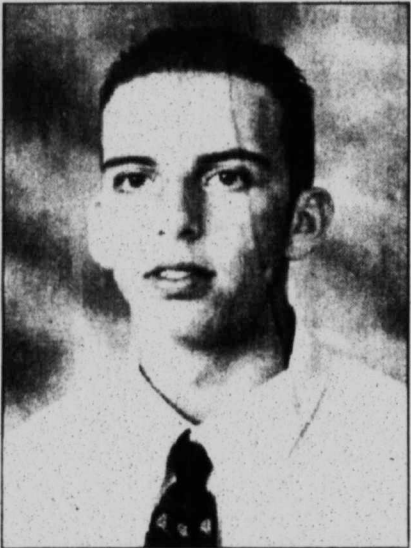
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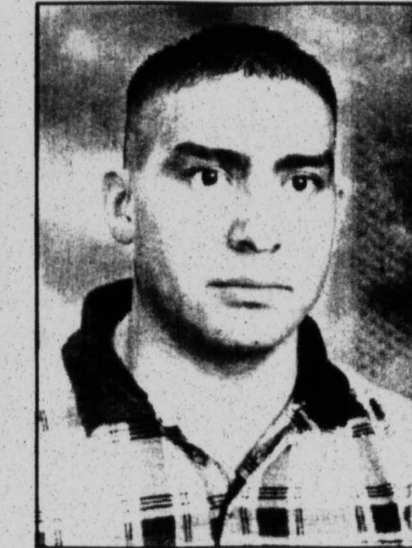
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
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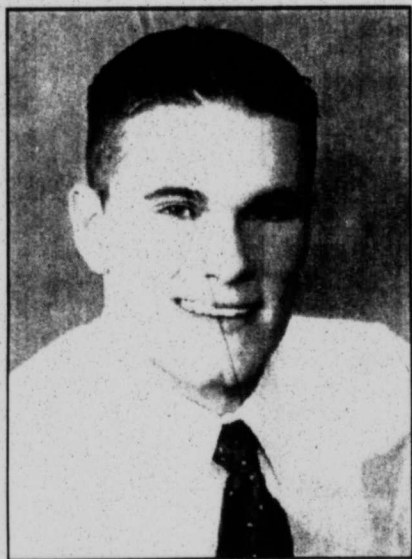
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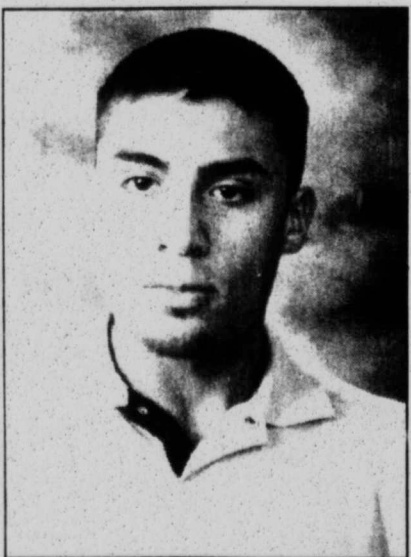
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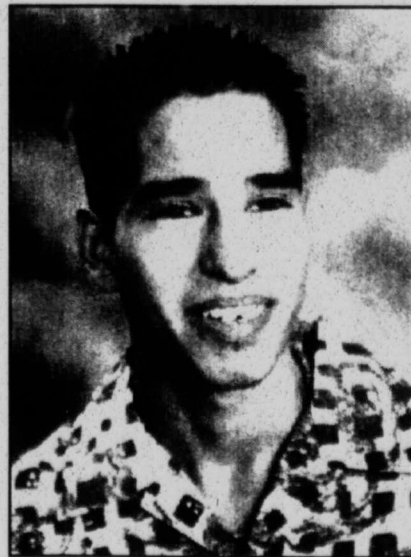
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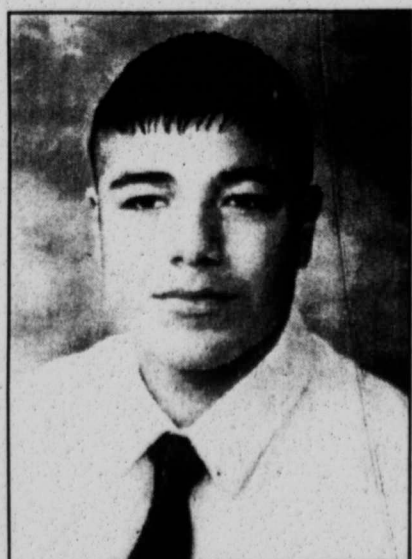
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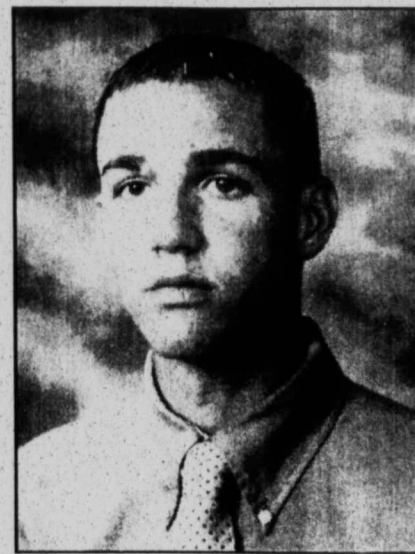
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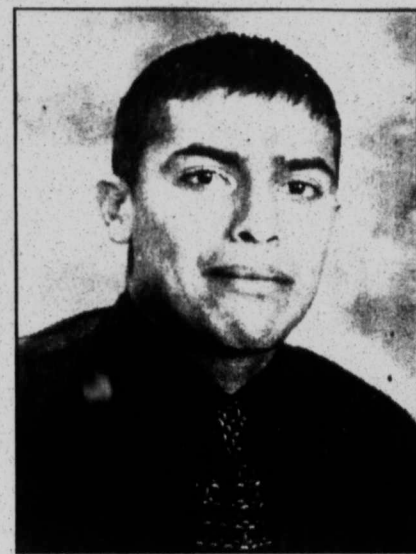
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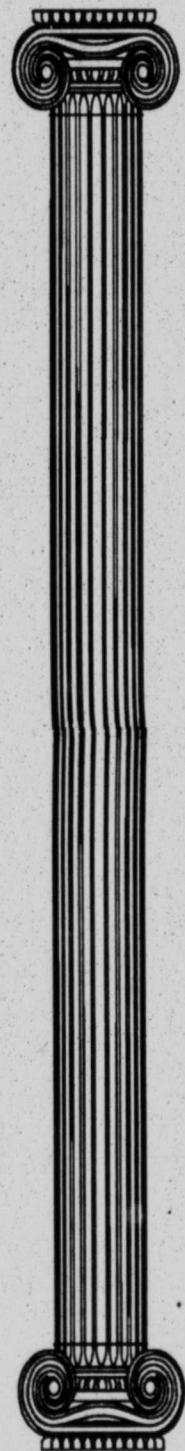
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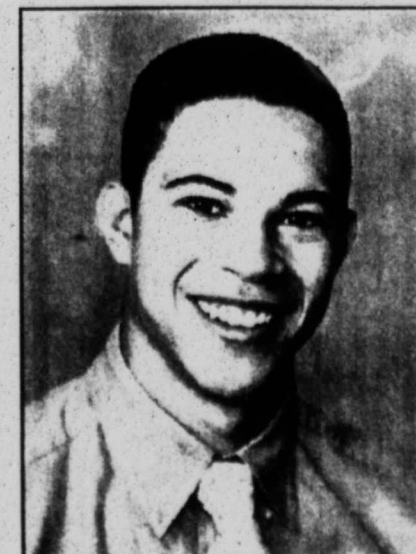
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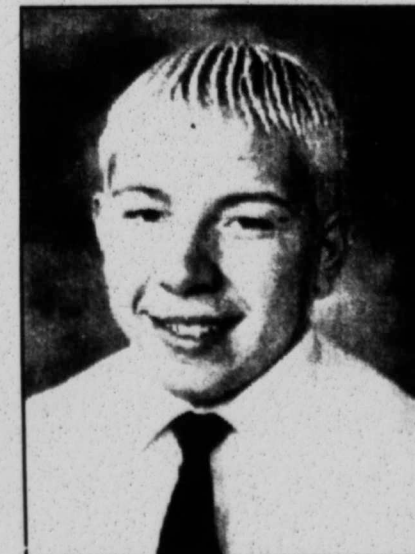
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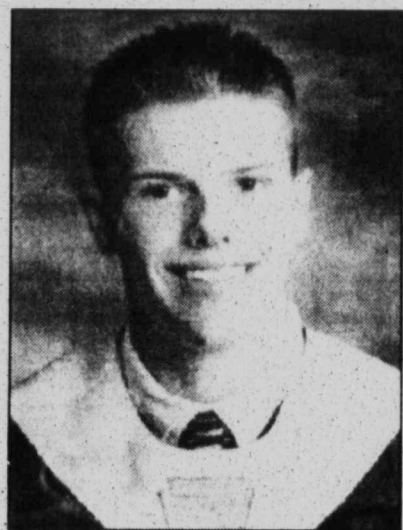
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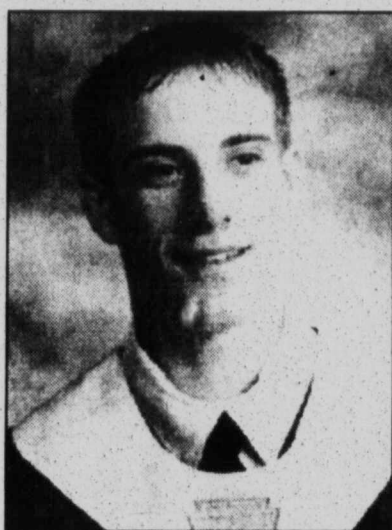
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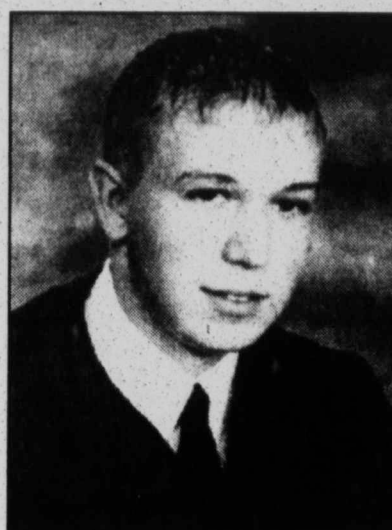
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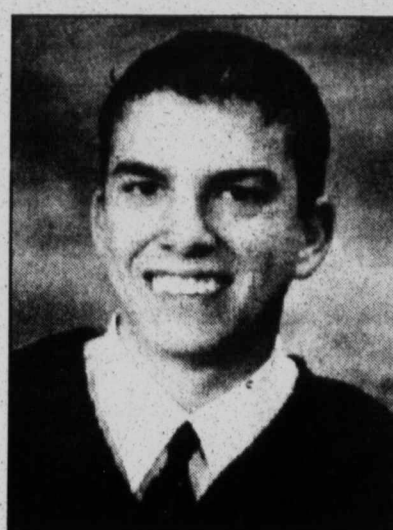
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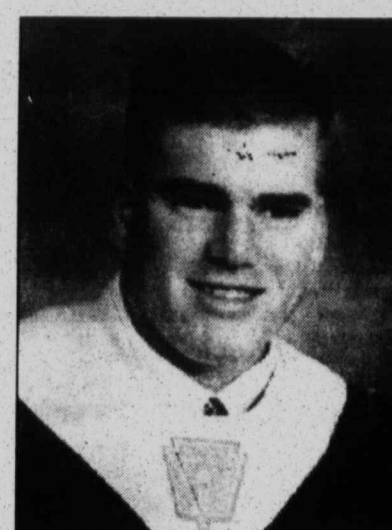
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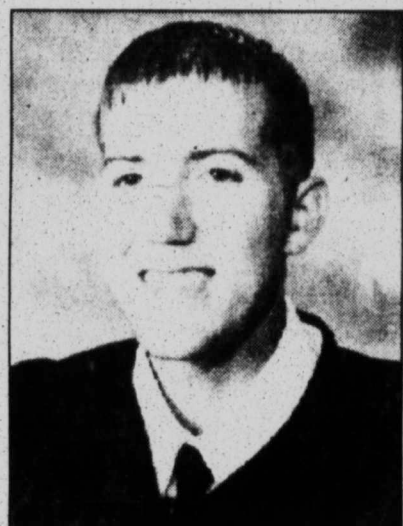
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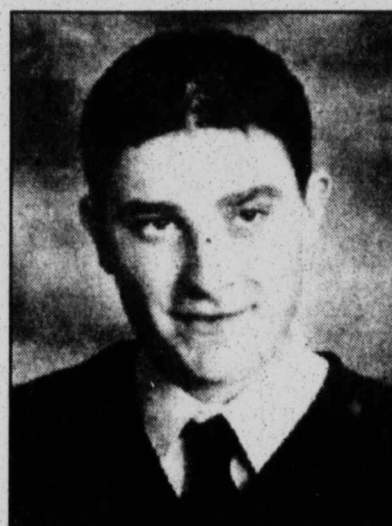
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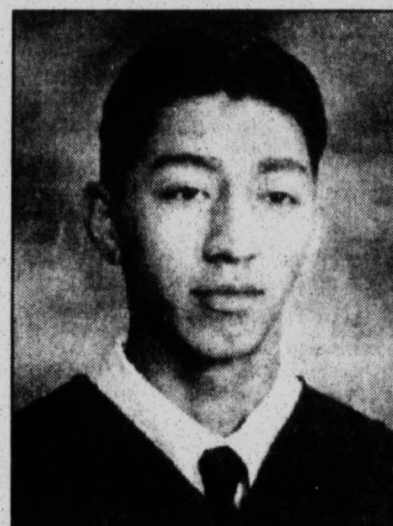
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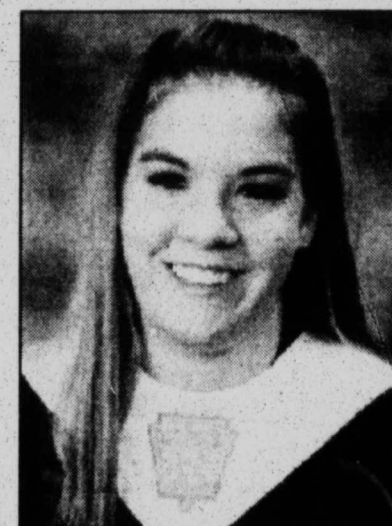
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## New Home High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### NHHS VALEDICTORIAN

#### Keaton Askew

Keaton Askew is the son of Eddie and Carolyn Askew. He has attended New Home Schools for 13 years.

He is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2002 and was NHS president, student body president, class president, Mr. NHHS and a member of Who's Who. Keaton was actively involved in FFA and has been Area II president, Mesa District president, Chapter president, Mesa District sentinel, Outstanding Ag Student, Chapter Conducting president and National Convention Delegate. He was second in area in FFA Job interview and qualified for state as a member of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. Keaton also participated in football, basketball, track and golf. In football, he was named team captain, All State Academic Team, First Team All District Offense and Defense, First Team All Region, All State, and District All Star. He was First Team All District in basketball and was a regional qualifier in track.

Keaton will attend Texas A&M University where he plans to major in Ag Business and hopes to get a Master's in Marketing.

### NHHS SALUTATORIAN

#### Shaun Wied

Shaun Wied is the son of Kieth and Susan Wied. He has attended New Home schools for the past four years.

He was active in football, basketball, cross-country and track. He was a team captain and was named to First Team All-District in football; and was First Team All State, TABC Second Team All Region and District MVP in basketball. Shaun qualified for regional and state competition in cross-country and track, winning the state championship in the 800m as a senior. He was involved in FFA on the Chapter Conducting team, chapter president and vice president, and earned the Lone Star Farmer Degree. He was a class officer and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Shaun plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Ag Engineering.

### Nathan Black

Nathan Black is the son of Jeff and Menette Black. He has attended New Home schools for the past three years.

He was involved in football, basketball, tennis, golf and UIL academics. He qualified for regional competition in UIL Headline Writing and was a regional qualifier in golf, claiming second in district as a junior and first in district his senior year.

Nathan will attend Texas Tech University.

### Danielle Garza

Danielle Garza is the daughter of Pedro and Antonia Garza. She has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

She was a member of the yearbook and Planet NHS staffs and was named to the Honor Roll. She participated in UIL academics, placing fifth in Editorial Writing.

Danielle plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Southwest Texas. She will major in Photo Journalism.

### Aaron Burrow

Aaron Burrow is the son of Sid and Wanda Burrow. He has attended New Home schools for the past three years.

Following graduation, Aaron plans to become a fire fighter.

### Matthew Cramblet

Matthew Cramblet is the son of Gary and Melita Cramblet. He has attended New Home schools for six years.

He played football and basketball and was active in FFA and the Texas High School and Tri State High School Rodeo Associations. During his career in FFA, he was named Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer and showed the Reserve Grand Lamb at the '99 American Royal Stock Show and the Grand Champion Lamb at the 2000 Houston Stock Show. Matthew was president of the Texas High School Rodeo Assn. Region I and qualified for the finals in team roping, steer wrestling, and ribbon roping. He was a member of NHS and Who's Who for two years.

Matthew received a full rodeo scholarship from South Plains College.

### Ryan Gill

Ryan is the son of Stacy and Pat Gill. He has attended New Home schools for the past two years.

He was home schooled his freshman and sophomore years and then transferred to NHHS. He participated in football and was a member of the regional qualifying golf team.

Ryan will attend Tarleton State University.

### Jorge Gomez

Jorge Gomez is the son of Chano and Maria Gomez. He has attended New Home schools for 12 years.

Jorge's future plans are undecided.

### Heather Kieth

Heather Kieth is the daughter of Mickey and Kelly Kieth. She has attended New Home Schools for the past 13 years.

She participated in basketball, track, golf, cheerleading, FFA, and NHS. She was 2001 Homecoming Queen and was a regional qualifier in golf. Heather was named First Team All District, District MVP and Second Team All Region in basketball.

Heather plans to attend West Texas University.

### Chris McAllister

Chris McAllister is the son of Vickie McAllister Ford and Scott and Cindy McAllister. He has attended New Home schools for the past six years.

He was named First Team All District in football and played varsity basketball. He was sixth in district golf competition as a junior and was third his senior year. He participated in horse judging and cotton judging, placing sixth his senior year.

Chris plans to attend Texas Tech University as a Pre-Med major.

## Keaton Askew Awarded Scholarship

New Home High School graduating senior, Keaton Askew, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the fourth annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program by Monsanto Company and American Farm Bureau.

Askew is one of 100 high school seniors from across the United States that received this award due in part to their outstanding commitment to the field of agriculture. Askew is expected to attend Texas A&M University in College Station in the fall. He is the son of Eddie and Carolyn Askew.

The Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program was open to high school seniors from all 50 states and was offered by Monsanto in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. This year's award recipients were chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders.

"Providing scholarships to help students with farming backgrounds prepare for careers in agriculture will help ensure the future of U.S. agriculture as a growth industry," said Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. "Most young people who grow up on farms already hold a deep commitment to agriculture, and these scholarships will provide them an added boost so they can ultimately give something back to their agricultural heritage."

## New Home Seniors Earn Scholarships

Several graduating seniors from New Home High School have been awarded scholarships to help defray college expenses.

Danielle Garza was presented the COKE Scholarship, which is worth \$500. Chris McAllister was given the Lynn County Abstract and Title Co. Scholarship, worth \$250.

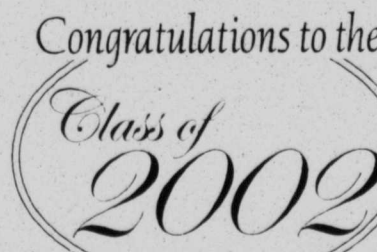
Three students received \$300 each from the New Home Methodist Church Scholarship. They were Tiffany Nettles, Heather Stark, and Jonathan Rodriguez.

Michael Wied was awarded a \$250 scholarship from Sharp Plumbing and Kaci Wied received two scholarships of \$25 each from Mesa Irrigation and Eddins-Walcher.

## Car Wash Today In New Home

The New Home High School varsity cheerleaders will hold a car wash today (Thursday) from noon to 3 p.m. The car wash will be held in the west parking lot of the school.

Funds raised will go to help with camp and cheerleading expenses.



### New Home High School

Congratulations  
**Matthew Cramblet**  
We're so proud of you.  
We love you -- Mom and Dad

### New Home High School

Congratulations  
**Keaton Brannon Askew**  
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Carolyn & Eddie Askew  
Shane, Kara & Kenadee Stewart

Way to go --

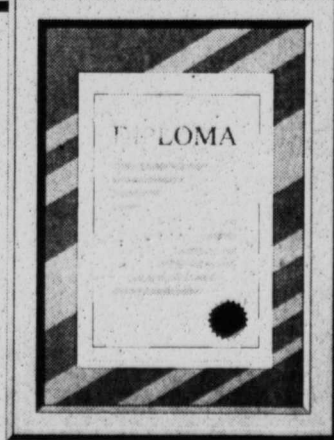


Congratulations to the 2002 New Home High School Grads!

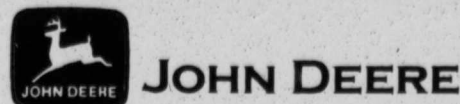


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To the  
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Class of 2002 graduates --

*Thanks for sharing your lives with me!*

Mrs. Karon Durham

## BEST WISHES

We're proud of the 2002 New Home High School Graduates, and wish all seniors a wonderful and prosperous future!

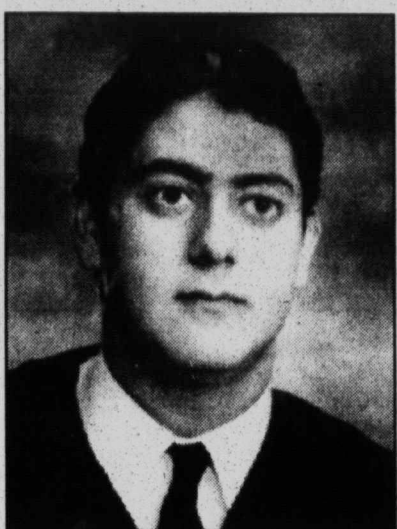
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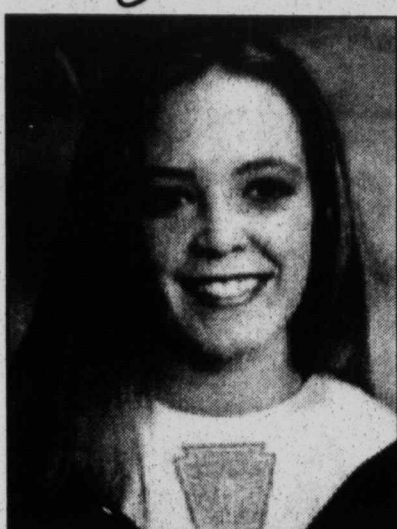
# New Home High School Class of 2002



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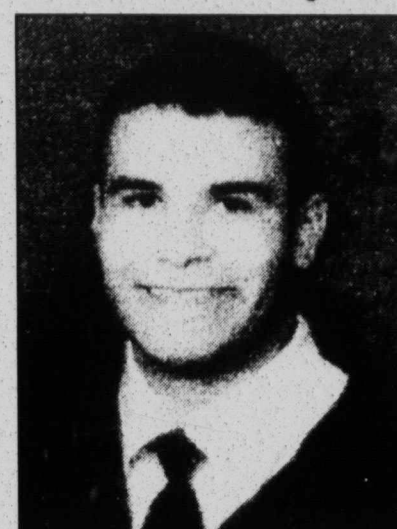
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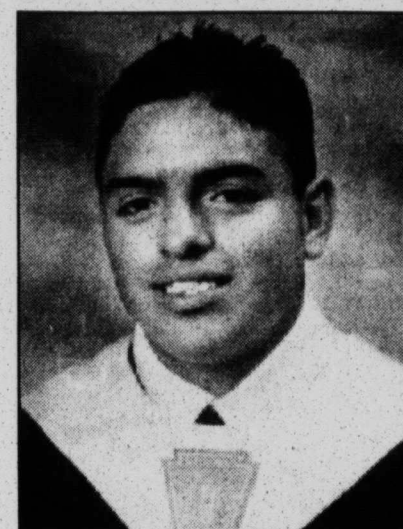
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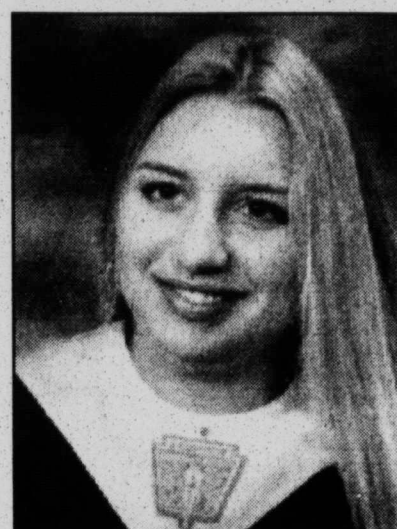
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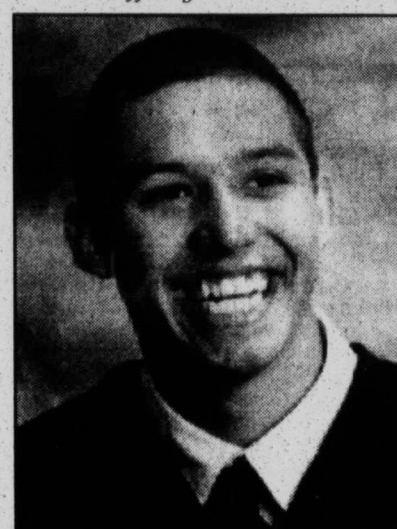
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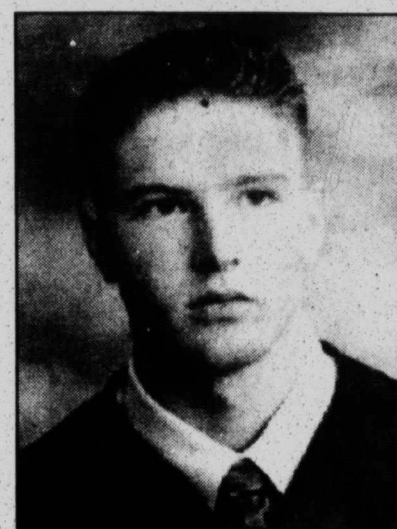
Jonathan Rodriguez



Katie Schoppa



Angel Silva



Trey Smith



Heather Stark



Dana Swartz

## New Home High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Erin Miller

Erin Miller is the daughter of Rhonda Miller and Danny Scroggins. She has attended New Home schools for the past four years.

Erin will attend South Plains College.

### Carlos Miranda

Carlos Miranda is the son of Concepcion and Claudio Miranda. He has attended New Home schools for the past four years.

He was involved in FFA, Student Council and theatre and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He received awards for Exemplary Assistant Director and FFA participation.

Carlos plans to attend ITT Tech in Albuquerque.

### Tiffany Nettles

Tiffany Nettles is the daughter of Alan and Sheree Nettles. She has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

She was a varsity cheerleader and was an All American nominee two years. She was a member of the bi-district championship basketball team and was named Honorable Mention two years. Tiffany was a regional quarter-finalist in tennis and was a member of NHS. She won the Senior Feeder Award in FFA.

Tiffany plans to attend South Plains College and Texas Tech University.

### Paul Portales

Paul Portales is the son of Leopoldo and Maria Portales. He has attended New Home schools for the past five years.

Paul's future plans are undecided at this time.

### Rudy Portales

Rudy Portales is the son of Leopoldo and Maria Portales. He has attended New Home schools for the past five years.

Rudy will attend college and major in Architecture.

### Jason Reyes

Jason Reyes is the son of Jesus and Nora Reyes. He has attended New Home schools for the past three years.

He was very active in sports qualifying for regional in cross country and track three years, and area in track as a senior. Jason placed third in district ten-

nis as a senior and was named Second Team All District two years in football. In basketball, he was named First Team All District and Second Team All Region TABC three years; First Team All State Six Man Region and Texas Basketball Magazine Third Team All State as a senior; and was a Six Man All Star game participant.

Jason plans to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University.

### Jonathan Rodriguez

Jonathan Rodriguez is the son of Mario and Elsa Rodriguez. He has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

He was a member of NHS and was Student Council secretary/treasurer. He was FFA chapter vice president and was named First Team All District in football and All District Honorable Mention in basketball.

Jonathan will attend South Plains College and major in Ag Science.

### Katie Schoppa

Katie Schoppa is the daughter of Harvey Schoppa and the late Linda Schoppa. She has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

She was a member of the Planet NHS and yearbook staffs and was an officer for NHS and Student Council. Katie was named Miss NHHS and Most Reliable as a senior. She was AASP&RC Lubbock Rangers Queen, participated in UIL academics, and was involved in her church youth group. She was the film technician for the football team for four years.

Katie plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will major in Elementary Education.

### Angel Silva

Angel Silva is the son of Vincent and Delia Silva. He has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

He was named 2001 Homecoming King and participated in several sports including tennis. He was an area qualifier in track two years and was named All District in basketball for two years. He was named All District and All Region in football.

Angel will attend South Plains College.

### Trey Smith

Trey Smith is the son of Brad and Donna Smith. He has attended New Home schools for 13 years.

While in high school, he was a member of FFA and participated in football, being named First Team All District.

Trey plans to attend South Plains College.

### Heather Stark

Heather Stark is the daughter of R.T. and Gail Stark. She has attended New Home schools for the past year.

During high school, she was a member of Who's Who and was president of the SPIST Youth Club.

Heather plans to attend Texas Tech University on a full scholarship and major in Broadcast Journalism.

### Dana Swartz

Dana Swartz is the daughter of Mary and Micky Graves. She has attended New Home schools for 12 years.

She received the Leopard award and was named First Team All District in basketball.

Dana will attend South Plains College.

### Randi Thornhill

Randi Thornhill is the daughter of Ron and Stacy Thornhill. She has attended New Home schools for the past seven years.

She participated in cross country, track, basketball, golf and tennis and was a member of FFA. She was the varsity mascot for three years and was named All American all three years. She was named National Champion Mascot in 2001.

Randi will play soccer for Wayland Baptist University. She plans to become a high school coach.

### Kaci Wied

Kaci Wied is the daughter of David and Nan Wied. She has attended New Home schools for the past four years.

She was a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Planet NHS staff. She played basketball and was a class vice president and a member of FFA, Student Council, and NHS.

Kaci plans to attend Texas A&M University where she will major in Ag Journalism.

### Michael Wied

Michael Wied is the son of Kieth and Susan Wied. He has attended New Home schools for the past four years.

He was NHS secretary/treasurer, FFA chapter reporter, and class secretary/treasurer and qualified for area competition in FFA Parliamentary Procedure three years. Michael was active in football, having been named Second Team All District at two positions as a junior, and First Team All District and Second Team All Region as a senior. In basketball, he was named District MVP and Second Team All State two years, and Second Team All District as a sophomore. He was a regional qualifier in cross-country and a regional and area qualifier in track.

Michael plans to attend Texas A&M University where he will major in Ag Engineering.

**Congratulations 2002 Grads!**

We wish you all the best in the future.

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New Home High School

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Mom, Dad, Grandpa and Tiffany

**Congratulations**

*You did it!*

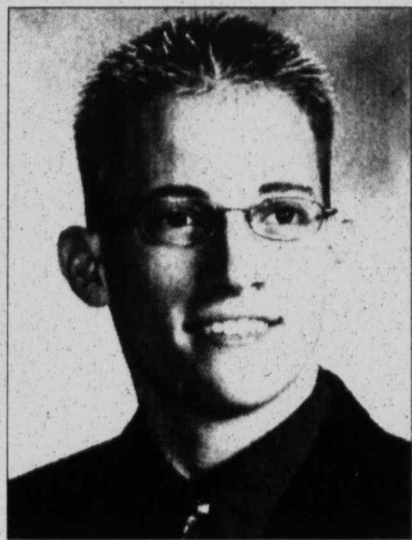
You've studied hard and worked hard ... now go out and reap the rewards!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LYNN COUNTY GRADUATES**

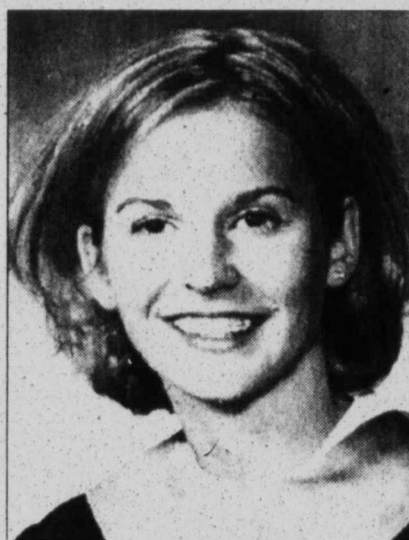
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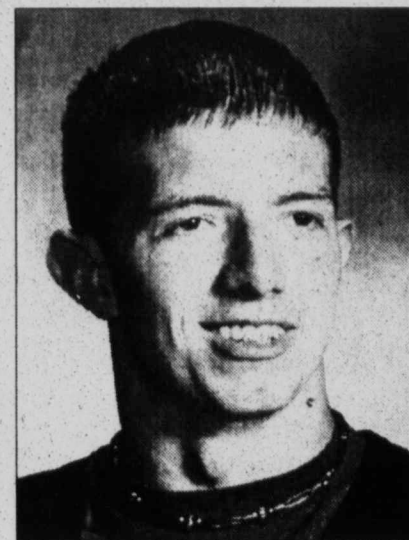
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**OHS SALUTATORIAN**  
Jenna Leigh Bessire



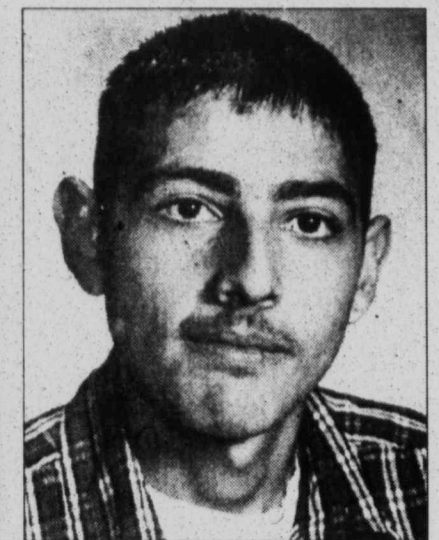
Fernando Acosta



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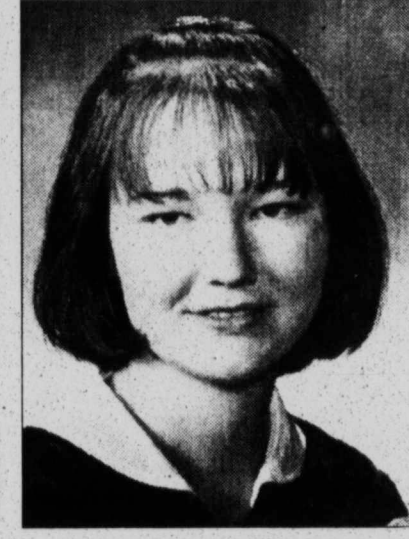
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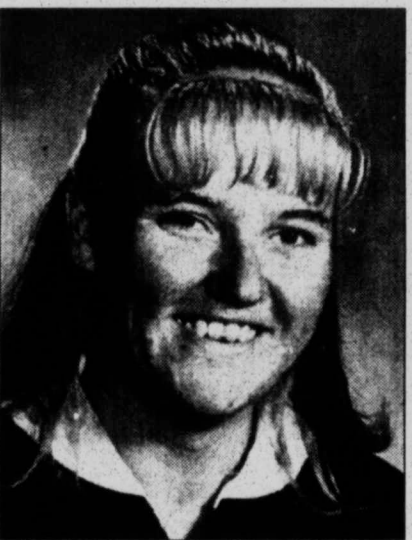
Chasity Gass



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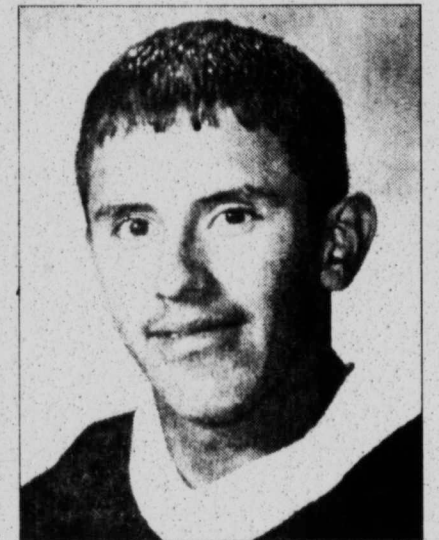
Colt Lee



Maxie Mendieta



Travis Landon Mires



Fidel Morado

## O'Donnell High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

**OHS VALEDICTORIAN**  
Nathan Wright

Nathan Wright is the son of Lonnie and Janet Wright. He has attended O'Donnell schools for the past four years. He will graduate as class Valedictorian with a weighted GPA of 3.44. He was nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Students and Personality Plus the past two years and has also served as class president. He was a member of NHS and was a member of the Eagle band, serving as drum major for the past two years and participating in All Region Band for three years. He competed in UIL academics, qualifying for regional contests all four years and the state contest one year. Nathan also competed in UIL piano contests, qualifying for regional and state competitions four years. He qualified for regional, state and international competition with his science project and played basketball and ran track for the Eagles, qualifying for area, competition in track. He is a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ, serving as youth leader through song leading and classroom activities. Nathan plans to attend Harding Uni-

**OHS SALUTATORIAN**  
Jenna Bessire

Jenna Leigh Bessire is the daughter of Randy and Jana Bessire. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. She will graduate as Salutatorian of her class with a GPA of 3.34. She participated in basketball, track, cross-country, golf, tennis, OAP, FFA and band. She was named Honorable Mention All-District in basketball as a senior and was a varsity cheerleader for four years, serving as head cheerleader her junior and senior years. Her senior year she was named Homecoming Queen, served as president of the Student Council and NHS and was senior class representative. Jenna served as vice president of her class her freshman and junior years. She competed in UIL academics, earning a trip to regionals in mathematics as a senior. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, All American Scholar and Outstanding Students of America. Jenna plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Sports Medicine.

**Fernando Acosta**  
Fernando Acosta is the son of Josephine Gilead. He has attended O'Donnell schools for the past year. He participated in JROTC and received multiple awards in JROTC his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He received first place in the state ROTC exhibition with the drill team. Fernando will attend Texas Tech University and participate in the Air Force ROTC. He plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

**Cody Anderson**  
Cody Anderson is the son of David and Terri Anderson. He has attended O'Donnell schools for five years. He participated in football for four years and was a member of FFA and FCCLA. He also participated in track, powerlifting, band, and OAP for two years and basketball one year. Cody plans to attend South Plains College.

**Michele Lynne Armagost**  
Michele Lynne Armagost is the daughter of Paul Armagost and lives with Ernie and Amber Cruz. She has attended O'Donnell schools for the past four years. She was a member of the Screamin' Eagle Band all four years of high school. She has also been a part of FCCLA for the past three years.

**Matthew Casarez**  
Matthew Casarez is the son of Mark and Melida Casarez. While in high school, he participated in football for four years and basketball for two years. He also participated in track and powerlifting. Matthew plans to attend Texas Tech University. He is undecided on a major at this time.

**Casey Gandy**  
Casey Gandy is the son of Ricky and Teresa Gandy. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. He participated in journalism, science fair, FCCLA, OAP, football, basketball, tennis, and baseball. In football, he was named All South Plains Honorable Mention, and First Team All District as a senior and Second Team All District as a junior. He was named Honorable Mention All District in basketball as a junior and as a senior was named First Team All District and Honorable Mention All South Plains. He advanced to district in tennis three years and to regional competition as a senior. He participated One Act Play, and was named to the all star cast as a sophomore, honorable mention as a junior, and Best Actor as a senior. He qualified for regional competition in UIL Spelling and News Writing two years and was a class officer for two years. Casey plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in Business. He hopes to eventually get into the field of Computer Graphics and Imaging.

**Chasity Gass**  
Chasity Gass is the daughter of Benny and Cindra Gass. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. She earned a fourth place medal in UIL Newswriting at state this year. She participated in UIL four years, qualifying for regional competition three years. She participated in basketball and was awarded New Corner of the Year as a freshman and All District for three years. She qualified for regionals in tennis three years and also participated in FCCLA, FFA, cross-country, and band. She was secretary of the junior class, and was a member of the journalism staff for three years, serving as editor for the past two. She participated in One Act Play, and was named Honorable Mention All Star Cast as a senior. She competed in science fair two years, qualifying for state as a junior. Chasity will attend South Plains College and major in Public Relations.

**Annette Fast Guenther**  
Annette Fast Guenther is the daughter of Jacob and Susana Guenther. While in high school, she participated in the Eagle band for four years. Annette plans to either become a physical therapist or enter the U.S. Air Force.

**Franz Fehr Guenther**  
Franz Fehr Guenther is the son of Jacob and Susan Guenther. He was a member of the Screamin' Eagle Band his senior year of high school and also competed in track. Franz plans to attend a technical school.

**Lena Guenther**  
Lena Guenther is the daughter of John and Katharina Guenther. She has attended O'Donnell schools for the past five years. She was a member of the Eagle band for four years, and during her junior and senior years, she participated in UIL Accounting. She had a perfect attendance record as a junior and was inducted into the All American Scholar Achievement Academy.

**Caleb Barron**  
Caleb Barron is the son of Mary Jane Barron. He participated in football and served as class representative his freshman year of high school. Caleb plans to work at the Wal-Mart Warehouse in Plainview following graduation.

**Susan Bartsch**  
Susan Bartsch is the daughter of Mary Bartsch. She has attended O'Donnell schools for eight years. She was a member of the Eagle band, NHS, the yearbook staff, and FCCLA. She was named highest-ranking student in Spanish her junior year, and competed in UIL Literary Criticism all four years. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and an All American Scholar. She was awarded the Poka Lambro Scholarship this year. Susan plans to attend Howard Payne University in Brownwood and major in Secondary Education.

**Maxie Mendieta**  
Maxie Mendieta is the son of Max and Carmen Mendieta. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. He participated in football for three years and was a member of the varsity squad for two years. Maxie played golf as a sophomore and won second place in district competition. He also played basketball his senior year. Maxie plans to enlist in the United States Marines.

**Travis Landon Mires**  
Travis Landon Mires is the son of Travis and Terri Mires. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. He participated in football for four years and was a member of the varsity team for three years. During his senior year, he was named District MVP and All South Plains Player of the Year. He was also named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal TA SA Super Team. He also played on the tennis team for four years, qualifying for regional competition as a senior. Colt is undecided about his future plans.

**Fidel Morado**  
Fidel Morado is the son of Fidel and Rosa Morado. He has attended O'Donnell schools for eight years. He participated in basketball four years and was the varsity team for three years. During his senior year, he was named District MVP and All South Plains Player of the Year. He was also named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal TA SA Super Team. He also played on the tennis team for four years, qualifying for regional competition as a senior.

**Amy Gutierrez**  
Amy Gutierrez is the daughter of Ricky and Cynthia Gutierrez. She has attended O'Donnell schools for the past seven years. While in high school, Amy participated in FFA and FCCLA. Amy plans to take a break following graduation and later attend South Plains College.

**Colt Lee**  
Colt Lee is the son of Susan Lee and Doyle Lee. He has attended O'Donnell schools for eight years. He participated in basketball four years and was the varsity team for three years. During his senior year, he was named District MVP and All South Plains Player of the Year. He was also named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal TA SA Super Team. He also played on the tennis team for four years, qualifying for regional competition as a senior.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

Congratulations to the O'Donnell and other Lynn County graduates!  
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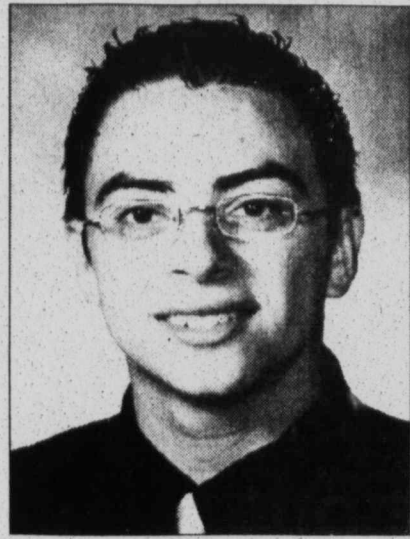
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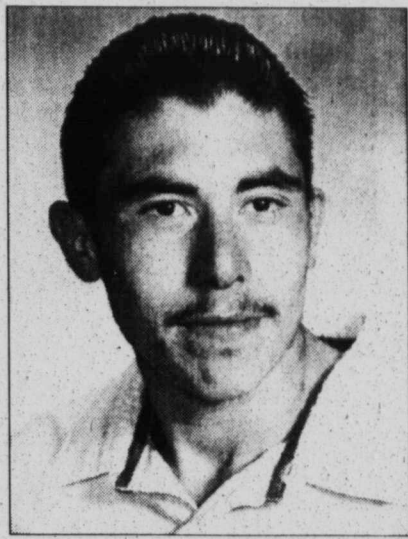
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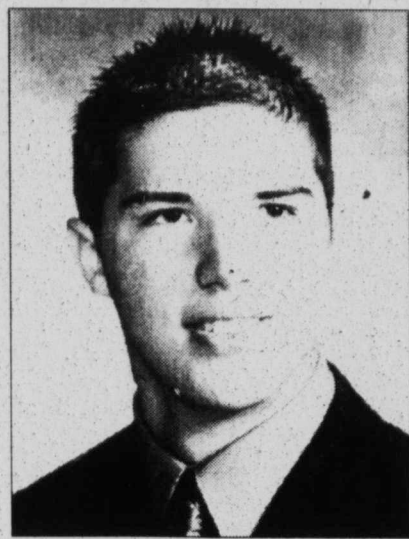
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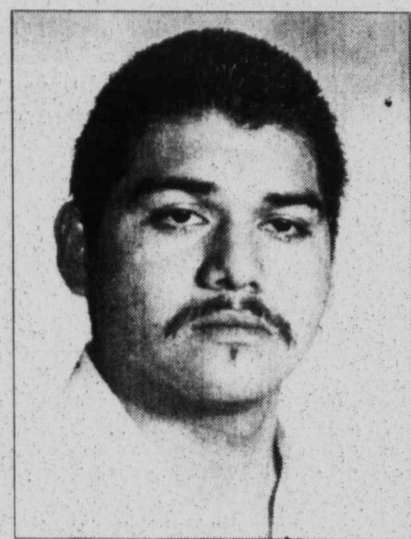
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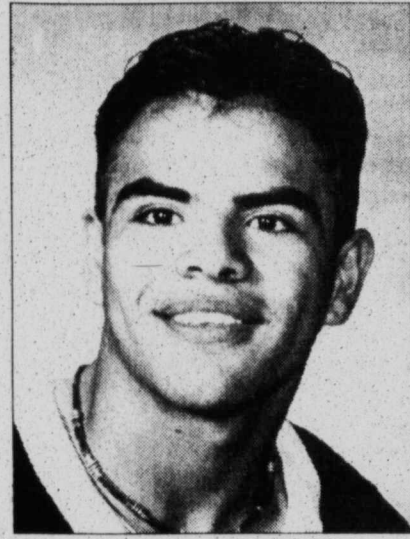
Kerry Romine



Jessie Santos



Wade Smallwood



Jeremiah Soto



Kayla Thompson



Janna Vasquez



Debra Velasquez



Jenae Willis



Adam Ybarra

## O'Donnell High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Travis Landon Mires

Travis Landon Mires is the son of Travis and Kay Mires. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

He participated in football for four years and was named Second Team All District as a senior. He played golf for two years, qualifying for regionals as a sophomore. Landon participated in FFA throughout high school, serving as president his junior and senior years. He won Reserve Breed Champion American Steer at the Fort Worth Stockshow his senior year. He was also involved in basketball, track, UIL Accounting, and science fair, making it to the state science fair as a junior. He was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Landon will attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon where he will major in Agribusiness.

### Fidel Morado

Fidel Morado is the son of Arthur and Louisa Morado. He has attended O'Donnell school for 13 years.

He has participated in football for four years, and was on the varsity team for three years. He was named Second Team All District as a senior. Fidel participated in basketball for four years and was a member of the varsity team for two years. He was named First Team All District his senior year. He also played baseball his senior year.

Fidel is undecided about his plans after high school.

### Martin Nava

Martin Nava is the son of Martin and Minerva Nava. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 12 years.

He has been a member of the Eagle band and FCCLA for four years. He was also a member of FFA for three years.

Martin plans to become a massage therapist.

### Salena Renee Olvera

Salena Renee Olvera is the daughter of Frank and Diana Olvera. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

She has participated in basketball, track, cross-country, and band while in high school. She was also a member of FCCLA.

Salena plans to attend South Plains College. Her major is undecided.

### Anthony Rodriguez

Anthony Rodriguez is the son of Joe and Rita Nava. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

While in high school, he participated in FCCLA.

Anthony plans to work and then go on to college.

### Kerry Romine

Kerry Romine is the son of Jimmy and Jeralynn Romine. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

He participated in football and was on the varsity team for three years. He was a member of the baseball team his senior year. He was a member of the Journalism staff for three years, was co-editor as a senior, and qualified for regional competition in UIL Journalism three years. Kerry participated in a joint science fair project and earned the Intel Computer Science Award and Naval Distinguished Excellence Award for his project. He has also been awarded the Carr ROTC Scholarship for Angelo State University.

Kerry plans to attend Angelo State University and major in Computer Science.

### Jessie Santos

Jessie Santos is the son of Samuel Cantu Santos and Joann Santos. He has attended O'Donnell schools for eight years.

While in high school, he participated in the FCCLA work program. He played football his sophomore year.

Jessie plans to finish school and join the Marines.

### Wade Smallwood

Wade Smallwood is the son of Eddie and Vicky Smallwood. He has attended O'Donnell schools for the past seven years.

He has been involved with stock shows since age nine. He was a member of the Eagle band for four years, and the band earned Sweepstakes two years. Wade also participated in football all four years in high school.

Wade plans to attend Angelo State University.

### Jeremiah Soto

Jeremiah Soto is the son of David and Rosalinda Soto. He has attended school for 13 years.

He played football for four years and was a member of the varsity team for three years. He participated in track for four years and was a member of the Eagle band his freshman and sophomore years. He was also a member of the powerlifting team.

Jeremiah plans to join the United States Marines after high school.

### Kayla Thompson

Kayla Thompson is the daughter of Donna Vaughn and the late Chipper Thompson. She has attended O'Donnell schools for seven years.

She was a member of the Eagle band for four years, earning a spot on the All Region Band three of those years. She participated in NHS, One Act Play and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Kayla will attend Angelo State University where she will major in Speech Pathology or Interior Design.

### Janna Vasquez

Janna Vasquez is the daughter of Joe Vasquez and Donna Miller. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 12 years.

She participated in UIL Science and Spelling her junior and senior years. She also participated in Ag, FCCLA, and was voted Class Favorite her junior and senior years.

Janna plans to attend South Plains College and major in Radiology.

### Debra Velasquez

Debra Velasquez is the daughter of David and Ruth Velasquez. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

She competed in UIL Spelling her freshman year, placing second in district and qualifying for regional competition. Her spelling team placed first in district. She was also a member of FCCLA.

Debra's future plans include being a good mother to her children.

### Jenae Willis

Jenae Willis is the daughter of Danny and Billie Willis. She has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

She played basketball for four years and was named All District as a junior and All District and All South Plains Honorable Mention her senior year. She was a varsity cheerleader, ran cross-country and track and was a member of FFA and the Eagle band. She participated in UIL academics her junior and senior years; was a member of NHS, serving as vice president her senior year; and served as Student Council vice president as a senior. She went to the World Championship in Sun City, South Africa her sophomore year, where she and her sister placed tenth in synchronized trampoline.

Jenae will attend Lubbock Christian University where she will major in Child Psychology.

### Adam Ybarra

Adam Ybarra is the son of Lupe Ybarra and the late Albert Ybarra. He has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years.

He played football for four years and was named All District his senior year. He has been invited to play football in Australia in a promotion to start high school football in that country. Ybarra also played on the Eagles district champion, bi-district champion, and area qualifying basketball team. He also played on the Eagles inaugural baseball team.

Adam is undecided on his future plans.

### Alexandra Castillo

Also graduating is Alexandra Castillo.

She is the daughter of Ramon and Trinidad Castillo.

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**ZAC MORRIS**  
**Morris Named Area President**

Zac Morris, a junior at New Home High School, was elected Area II President of Future Farmers of America at their annual Area Convention held May 18-19 in San Angelo.

Area II is one of the 10 area associations in the state and is comprised of 81 high school FFA chapters subdivided into seven districts. Zac, along with his ag teacher, James Tabor, will be involved in several leadership camps throughout the year as well as the State and National FFA conventions.

Zac is the son of John and Connie Morris of New Home.



**LINDSAY PRESTON**  
**Preston Earns USAA Honor**

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Lindsay Preston of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

Lindsay, who attends Tahoka High School, was nominated for the national award by Stephen Butler, a teacher/coach at the school. Her name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Lindsay is the daughter of Amy and Danny Preston of Tahoka. Her grandparents are Jody and Willis McNiel of Tahoka and Donald and Sylvia Preston of Wolfforth.

## Scholarships Awarded To THS Seniors

Tahoka High School students were honored at the annual Awards Assembly on Thursday, May 16, with several seniors receiving much appreciated scholarships.

The Madeline Hegi Scholarship went to Nina Follis, Crystal Moseley, and Mandy Sanders while the Phebe K. Warner Club presented the Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship to Nicole Green and the Maurice Bray Scholarship to Jon Luna.

The Gerald and Linda Huffaker Scholarship was awarded to Chelsey Miller while the Huffaker, Green, and Huffaker Scholarship went to Nicole Green.

Crystal Moseley and Shannon Cowley were presented scholarships from the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka and D'Lynn Stone earned the Barbara Cook Scholarship. Crystal Moseley was awarded the scholarship from the THS Class of 1990.

The Tahoka Booster Club Scholarships went to Chelsey Miller, Cory

Gardner, Mandy Sanders, and Kalah Bartley.

The Lynn County Abstract and Title Co. Scholarship was awarded to D'Lynn Stone, and Cory Gardner was presented the Texas Electric Cooperative Job Training and Safety Scholarship. Gardner, Nina Follis and Mandy Sanders also received the Tahoka Rotary Club Scholarships.

Clayton Chancy, Mandy Sanders, Chelsey Miller, Nicole Green, Jon Luna, Nina Follis and D'Lynn Stone were the recipients of the J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarships. LULAC Scholarships went to Ann Marie Barrientez, Lesley Chapa, and Jon Luna, and Riley Barnett was presented the Tahoka FFA Scholarship.

Dr. and Mrs. Ted Pridmore presented the Roy Lemand Nursing Scholarship to Sarah Griffing in memory of Mrs. Pridmore's late father. They also presented the Beulah Pridmore Scholarship to Sarah Hawthorne in memory of Dr. Pridmore's late mother.

## Barbara White, W.I.F.E. Members Visit With Legislators About Farm Bill

W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics) members across the nation, including Barbara White of New Home, converged on Washington D.C. in April to visit with legislators and conferees (aides researching, writing, and arguing points for the farm bill) to emphasize that the "Economic Crisis is real in Rural America."

"Agriculture and our rural communities are finding it much more difficult to survive — without economic recovery for U.S. farmers and ranchers, rural communities and other economic areas of the U.S. are suffering. The economic security of the U.S. is closely tied to the economic benefits of the U.S. farming and ranching — the source of a safe, secure food, fiber and renewable energy sources," said Mrs. White.

W.I.F.E. members reminded the legislators that the first criteria of any language in the farm bill should be, "Will this keep the family farmer and rancher on the land?"

W.I.F.E. defines a family farm as a form of business enterprise in which the management decisions are made by a family engaged in the production of food and fiber for profit, which is intended to provide the major source of income and capital for investment.

Other topics of discussion — flex acres, ampta payments, county counterecyclical payments, maximum funding for promotion, enforce trade legislation, support packer ban, support country of origin labeling, and put nothing in bill that would sacrifice one commodity against another.

"W.I.F.E. received warm welcomes from all the legislators and aides we visited and listened to our suggestions and was proved by some of the changes in the farm bill after our visit to 'The Hill,'" said Mrs. White.

"Congressman Larry Combest was highly commended by this aides and fellow legislators as being fair-minded and his diligent work on the farm bill. W.I.F.E. also shares their views. Others are working diligently, but everyone seems to have high praise for Combest," she said.

Mrs. White is South Plains Chapter treasurer and is W.I.F.E. National Cotton Commodity Chairman and writes monthly articles for the WIFEline.

Women interested in joining W.I.F.E. can contact Mrs. White at 806-924-7326.

"We need more members so we can continue to promote agriculture — after all it is our lifeline," she added.

## Romero Graduates From Ruidoso High School

Joshua Paul Romero, son of Don and Pauline Romero, graduated as Valedictorian of Ruidoso High School in ceremonies held May 18.

He will attend Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif. on a full tuition scholarship. He plans to major in Medicine.

Joshua is the grandson of John and Janie Antu of Tahoka.

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## Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

The Phebe K. Warner Club met at the First United Methodist Church on May 5 with Bennie Carter, Barbara White, Sherree Martin and Pat Park as co-hostesses.

The group heard a book review by Carol Headrick, daughter of Lucille Smith. She reviewed *The Tale of Beatrix Potter* and informed the audience that this author's works are being celebrated in various cities throughout this year. Ms. Headrick enacted Mrs. Potter's life as she told her story.

Approximately 50 members and guest attended the presentation. The final meeting of the club year was an installation luncheon held May 18 at the Life Enrichment Center. It was hosted by Betty Green, Loretta Tekell, and JoAnn Dickson.

Officers for the 2002-2004 term were installed by Lovene Moore of Floydada. They are Betty Green, President; JoAnn Dickson, First Vice President, Parliamentarian; Loretta Tekell, Second Vice President; Danna Curry, Secretary-Reporter; and Pat Park, Treasurer.

It was announced that the club won 26 awards at the recent TFWC Convention in San Angelo.

Two graduating seniors from Tahoka High School, Jon Luna and Nicole Green, were awarded the Maurice Bray and Lady Dobbins Stewart scholarships at the high school's annual awards assembly on May 16.

"The members of the Phebe K. Warner Club would like to express our thanks for the community's support in fund raising efforts for these scholarships," said one member.



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**76 TROMBONES (OR AT LEAST 6)** — The trombone section of the Tahoka High School band is shown here during last Tuesday night's Spring Concert at the school auditorium. Trombone players include Randy Chapa, Mandi Benivedes, Ty Stone, Amy Garcia and Jamie Madore. Featured at the concert was the first public performance of "And My Spirit Lives On," a song commissioned by the 2001-02 band in celebration of the life of their former bandmate, Meg Flynn, who would have been a senior this year. (LCN PHOTO)



**ACCELERATED READERS** — These students were the top ten point earners in the Accelerated Reading program for Tahoka Middle School this year. They were treated to a limousine ride to Lubbock and lunch at the 50th Street Caboose last week. Pictured are (back) Porscha Mitchell, K'Lyssa Selmon, Katie Webster, Stephanie Lara, Meghan Saldana, Daniel Baker; (front) Shamar Autry, Ashley Pendleton, Amanda Truelove, and Kathryn Reno.

## 4-H Members Win At Photography Contest

District 2 4-H held their first Photography Contest in April with four members of Lynn County 4-H and Lucky Leaf 4-H Club entering photos in the competition. Twelve counties participated in the contest with a total of 130 entries. The pictures were displayed at the Southwest Collection on the Texas Tech campus and awards were presented at District Round-up May 4.

Brad Davis, Rhonda Dalton, and Roxanne Evans were instrumental in putting together a junior contest for District 2.

The results of the Lynn County entries are as follows:

Overall Results: Jr. 2 Best of Show Color Picture-Christopher Dalton; Jr. 1 Best of Show Color Picture-Brady Evans; Jr. 1 Best of Show Black and White Picture-Trevor Gicklhorn; Jr. 1 Best Composition Black and White Picture-Trevor Gicklhorn; Jr. 1 Juror's Choice Color-Kourtney Sodd.

Class Results: Jr. 1 Color: 1st place People-Brady Evans; 1st place Landscape and Scenic-Brady Evans; 1st place Texan's Building Character-Trevor Gicklhorn; 2nd place Career-Trevor Gicklhorn; 2nd place Plant and

## Tahoka Little League Now Raising Funds

Tahoka Little League baseball players and girls softball players are currently involved in fund raisers to earn money needed for equipment and uniforms.

The baseball players are selling beef jerky for \$12 a can (24 sticks) or for 50¢ per stick. Contact any Little League baseball player to purchase the jerky.

Softball players will be selling raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at closing ceremonies on June 15. Prizes include a Lyntegar smoker, a satellite dish with installation, and a prize from Ray's TV and Appliance.

"We are having a great year and would like to thank the City for all their help on the parks and concession stands and the Community Service group and Rick Cloe for their assistance," said one Little League official.

Flora-Trevor Gicklhorn; 5th place Promote 4-H-Trevor Gicklhorn; Participant Humor-Brady Evans; Participant Animals-Kourtney Sodd.

Jr. 1 Black and White: 1st place Animals-Brady Evans; 1st place Landscape and Scenic-Brady Evans; 1st place Humor-Trevor Gicklhorn; 1st place Career-Trevor Gicklhorn; 1st place Promote 4-H-Trevor Gicklhorn; 2nd place People-Trevor Gicklhorn; 3rd place Plant and Flora-Trevor Gicklhorn.

Jr. 2 Color: 1st place Career-Christopher Dalton; 1st place Landscape and Scenic-Christopher Dalton; 1st place Humor-Christopher Dalton; 2nd place Plant and Flora-Christopher Dalton; Participant Animals-Christopher Dalton.

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
Seventeen (17) days after this publication the City of Tahoka intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), for Project No. 722759 to be used for the following project: Construction of 9,750 feet of waterline, 17 fire hydrants, and 122 service reconstructions in the central portion of town.

**Finding of No Significant Impact**  
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Tahoka has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Tahoka which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the office of the City Secretary, City of Tahoka, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas 79373 and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Public Comments on Finding**  
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**  
The City of Tahoka will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant under Title I from its program year 2002 under grant numbered 722759 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Tahoka is certifying to ORCA that Mike Mensch in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Tahoka may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than one of those stated above will not be considered by ORCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA. The Chief Executive Officer of the City of Tahoka is Mike Mensch.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Tahoka Independent School District is taking Competitive Sealed Proposals for the following item(s):

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Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2002. Sealed proposals should be mailed to: Tahoka ISD/Jimmy Parker, P.O. Box 1230, 2129 North Main Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

Facsimile proposals will not be accepted. Tahoka ISD reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and/or all bids. 20-2tc

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS:** The Commissioner's Court of Lynn County Texas will accept sealed bids until 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2002 for Precinct 2 to purchase one (1) new articulation motor grader. Lynn County will offer as partial payment, one (1) Caterpillar 140H motor grader which may be inspected by contact Mike Braddock at 998-5003. Bids will be accepted on a total cost bid basis, with five (5) years or 5000 hours guaranteed repurchase including financial options. For specifications, contact Mike Braddock or Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon. Bids will be opened on Friday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Lynn County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

By order of the Commissioner's Court of Lynn County.

J.F. Brandon  
Lynn County Judge  
20-2tc

**NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that Tahoka Independent School District intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services, prior to 1994-1995 school year. These records are located at Tahoka High School, 1925 Ave. P, Tahoka, phone 998-4538.

Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records at the school.

21-4tc

**AVISO:** Aviso esta dado que La Escuela de Tahoka tiene intencion de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Educacion Especial. Documentos que deben ser destruidos son para personas que recibieron educacion especial, incluyendo servicios de terapia de lenguaje hasta el año escolar 1994-1995. Los años de documentos que van estar destruidos son los que estan localizados en Tahoka High School, 1925 Ave. P, Tahoka, phone 998-4538.

Padres/guardian legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisicamentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos en la escuela. 21-4tc

**CITATION:** THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOSE A MEDINA

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The accompanying petition was filed on the 16 day of May, 2002, in the indicated court of LYNN County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with this citation and accompanying petition.

The suit is an action to establish paternity of, and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following child subject of the suit:

Name Sex DOB SSN Birthplace  
JEREMY J BARRERA M 5/5/92 634-30-5159 LUBBOCK, TX

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

The suit is entitled: CAUSE NUMBER 02-05-05997

IN THE INTEREST OF JEREMY J BARRERA A MINOR CHILD

IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

Other parties to the action: THE STATE OF TEXAS HENRY BARRERA MARY HELEN BARRIENTEZ

ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 16 day of May, 2002.

JIMMY F DAVIS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SANDRA LAWS, District Clerk LYNN County, Texas  
State Bar No. 05510500 P.O. BOX 939  
CHILD SUPPORT UNIT 0121E TAHOKA, TX 79373  
P. O. BOX 2747 /s/ Lonnetta Hudgens, Deputy  
916 MAIN SUITE 900 LUBBOCK, TX 79408

Phone (806) 763-3981  
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Attorney for Petitioner  
Jake Diggs Sheriff of Lynn County  
/s/ Miguel Reyna Jr., Deputy  
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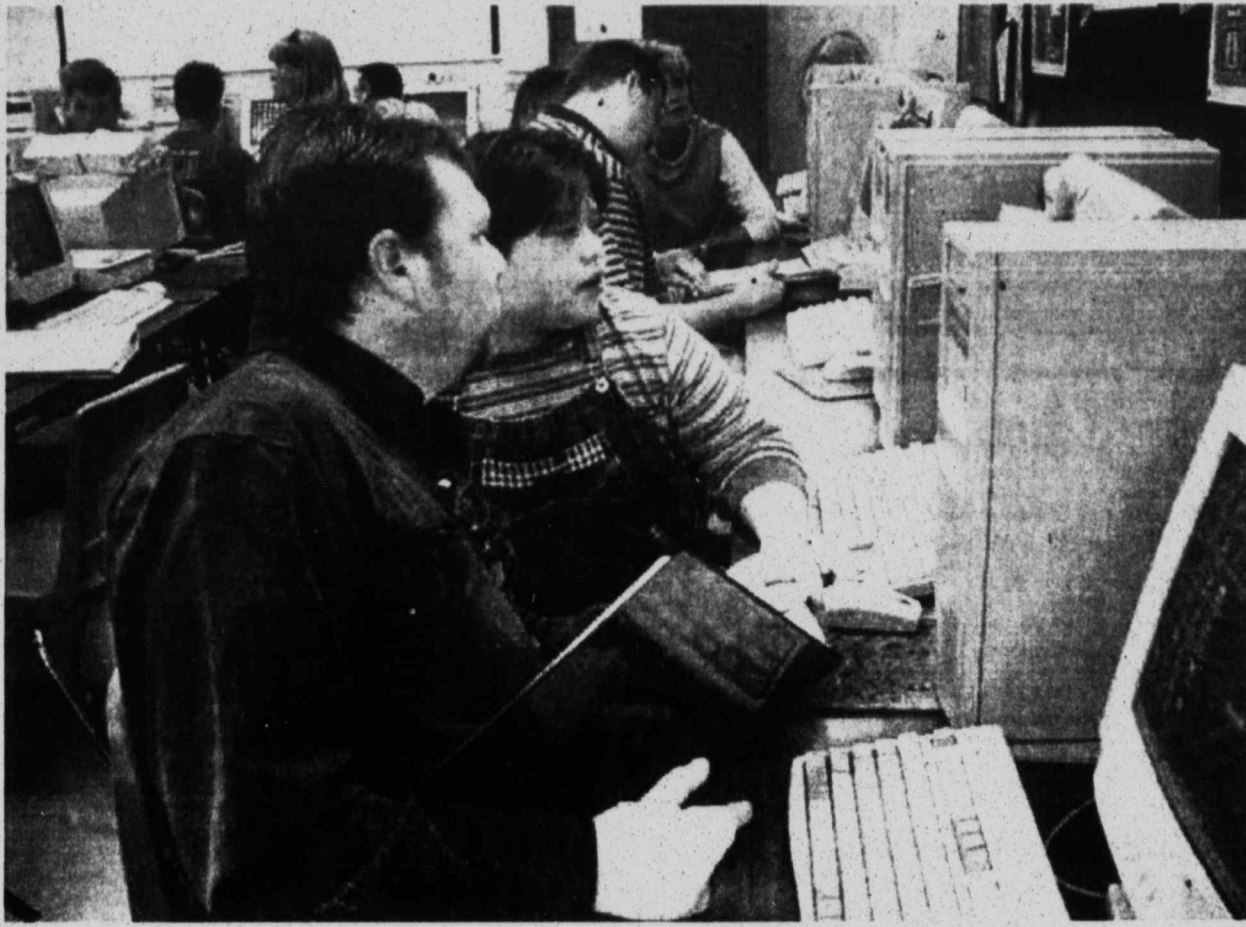
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**AND THIS IS MY WEB PAGE** - Tahoka High School student Jessica Paredes shows her stepfather, Jerry Alvarado, one of her web page designs on the computer and her personal portfolio during Open House Tuesday morning. Students of Mrs. Barbara Jaquess invited parents and other guests to view work they had accomplished throughout the year. (LCN PHOTO)



**CHORAL PERFORMANCE** - The Tahoka High School Choir, under the direction of Carroll Rhodes, performed several numbers in their Spring Concert, including a tribute to the heroes of Sept. 11. Choir members include Adam Salinas, Miguel Garza, Gabriel Castro, Kristy Alvarez, Ana Balderas, Anna DeLeon, Danielle Ruiz, Laura Saldana, Adriana Segovia, Angie Segovia, Vanessa Torres and Tonya Elrod. (LCN PHOTO)

### THS Students Design Web Pages, Student Portfolios

The students of the Business Computer Information Systems II and Web Design classes of Tahoka High School hosted open house Tuesday for their parents, family, administration and other staff members as a way to showcase their employment portfolios and web design projects.

Each BCIS II student's employment portfolio was an on-going project from September through May; its development was structured to coordinate with classroom content and focused on presenting a student's employable skills. The funding for this project was provided by a South Plains Tech-Prep/School-to-Careers Partnership grant. This grant provided all the necessary materials to make this project possible for 44 students.

The Web Design classes spent the spring semester learning how to write HTML tags to create web pages. Students also learned how to make and insert a 360° panoramic video by stitching digital camera pictures as an alternative for using a 15-second digital video. Their final project was to create their own web page with hyperlinks and pictures.

"It was great fun teaching web design and the advanced concepts that are associated with web pages," stated Barbara Jaquess, instructor. "The students are very creative and the results were outstanding. I think the students enjoyed showing their portfolios or web pages to others, plus it gave them a great sense of pride in their computer skills."



**NICHOLAS SIMMONS Wilson Student Invited To Attend D.C. Conference**

Nicholas Simmons has been selected to attend the 2002 Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Simmons, a student at Wilson High School, was selected as a student who has demonstrated academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and strong leadership skills.

This summer, approximately 700 academically talented and motivated high school students from around the country will attend several sessions of the CSLC in Washington D.C. Through special interactive workshops and activities, they'll learn and practice leadership skills, including: effective communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, team building and time management. "They'll develop confidence and maturity while gaining skills that will help them achieve success in college and life," says Dr. Gilbert Morris, Director of Academics.

## The Wilson News

by Amanda Donald • 628-0048 • camp\_amanda@hotmail.com

I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Buster Abbe. He was a wonderful addition to the Wilson community and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Please note that the Wilson Graduation location, originally slated to be held in the gymnasium, has been changed to the high school auditorium. The doors will open to the public at 6:00 p.m. and the commencement exercises for the Class of 2002 are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Crystal River will be performing live at Faith Chapel Community Church Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to a free concert!

The Men's Group from Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will be serving a BBQ lunch on Sunday, May 26th from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. BBQ is \$7.50 per pound or \$6.50 per plate. Plates will be served with potato salad, beans, cole slaw, tea & desert. Carry out is available. Proceeds will go towards the Catholic Church. Everyone is invited.

#### WISD News

Wilson Band gave their annual concert last Monday night at the High School Auditorium. Pieces were selected from their contest music. It was a great success! What talented youths we have in our community.

If your church is having vacation bible study or other fun summer activities, please let me know so I can announce it in the Wilson News.

**WVFD Tip of the week:** Scented candles are very popular right now. Never leave candles burning unattended. Always remember to blow candles out when leaving your house. Remember children are curious and unwatched imaginative children can turn over candles and start a fire in minutes. Enjoy candles, just do so safely.

"Leadership is not just for those in our government and businesses," says Chris M. Salamone, Esq., Founder and Executive Director of the CSLC. "Leadership begins with our young people — in their homes, their schools, and their communities — as they seek knowledge and understanding and work to improve the world around them."

"The CSLC commits itself to providing youth with unparalleled opportunities for personal growth, leadership and educational advancement. It's my hope that the CSLC will give our young leaders the skills to help them along the road toward a successful and rewarding life of leadership and service."

### Lending Hands Elects Committee Members

The Lending Hands program met on Thursday, May 16 to discuss future projects and elect committee members. They are: George Sepeda, Chairperson; Roger Locke, Vice Chair; Yolanda Aleman, Treasurer; Ricarda Salinas, Public Relations; and Sara Alvarado, Contact Person.

There was a good turn out on Sunday, May 19 as the volunteers cleaned up a few yards and a house owned by Sandy Autry. They also picked up a few branches from the property of Roger and Melody Locke.

Present for the clean-up were George Sepeda, Roger Locke, Odellia Sastre, Josh Sastre, Sara Alvarado,



**STAR GREENHAND** - Erica Taylor of Wilson FFA was presented the Star Greenhand award at the FFA Banquet May 7. Presenting the award is FFA Advisor Brent McDonald.



**DISTRICT SENTINEL** - Blake Talkmitt (left) of Wilson FFA was honored as the retiring Mesa District Sentinel at the Wilson FFA Banquet held May 7. Shown with him is FFA President Aaron Bednarz.

### Four County Residents Graduate From SPC

Three students from Tahoka and one from Wilson received diplomas Friday, May 10, during commencement exercises at South Plains College, Levelland.

Sonia Colon of Tahoka earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business, and Certificate of Proficiency in Business Management. Amy Sanchez of Tahoka also earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business, and Shayla Lawson of Tahoka earned her Certificate of Proficiency in Vocational Nursing.

Juan Perez of Wilson received both an Associate of Applied Science Degree and a Certificate of Proficiency in Computer-Aided Drafting and Design.

A record total of 476 students participated in the ceremonies and 735 students applied for graduation.

Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs, certified graduates, and Mike Box, chairman of the Board of Regents, presented diplomas and certificates.

Megan Alvarado, Ricarda Salinas, Robert Cruz, Aurora Cruz, Kerri Cowley, Jennifer Ceniseros, Joe Barrientez, Linda Barrientez, Lindsey Barrientez, Joanna Saldana, Shelsi Aleman, Sandy Autry and Shamara Autry.

Lending Hands next project will be cleaning a yard at 1201 North 6th Street. The project will take place at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Interested volunteers are urged to help with the clean-up.



## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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.



**TAHOKA CHEERING SQUAD** - Tahoka High School Cheerleaders for the 2002-03 school year have been named. They are, clockwise from front left, Callie Botkin, Samantha Andrews, Marissa Chapa (head cheerleader), Victoria Charo, Ashanti Hood, Carissa Hall, Britni Engle and Trista Wuensche. The Bulldog Mascot is Heather Parsons. (LCN PHOTO)

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