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Wilson ISD Earns "Superior" Fiscal Accountability Rating

Wilson Independent School District officials announce that the district has received the state's highest fiscal accountability rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating demonstrates the quality of Wilson ISD's financial management and reporting system. In addition, Wilson ISD also made the required Adequate Yearly Progress under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," initiated by President George W. Bush.

"We are very pleased with Wilson ISD's Schools FIRST rating, and pleased as well that the district has fulfilled the requirements for making the Adequate Yearly Progress list," said Mike Jones, Superintendent at Wilson. "We are doing everything we can to assure our students the best education while maintaining fiscal responsibility," he added.

Supt. Jones said both programs are new for Texas schools this year. The No Child Left Behind Act bases Adequate Yearly Progress requirements on student scores in reading, mathematics and writing with at least

95 percent of students participating, he explained.

Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources; a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement."

School districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended-Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.



WILSON VFD VISITS SCHOOL - Members of the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department presented demonstrations to Wilson Elementary students during National Fire Safety Week, shown here with the new WVFD responder truck. Students pictured here are in the third grade class of Mrs. Autumn Raca, and volunteer firefighters are Jason Wilhite, Fire Chief Curtis Gickhorn, and Kelly Livingston.

O'Donnell Bank Changes Hands

The State National Bank of Big Spring has agreed to acquire the First National Bank of O'Donnell, with completion of the transaction subject to regulatory and shareholder approval.

According to a story by Russel Skiles of the Lamesa Press-Reporter, the deal includes the bank's main location in O'Donnell and its branch facility, both of which will continue in operation, according to Jim Purcell, president of the Big Spring bank.

Open House Set Today At Fitness Center

Area residents are invited to come meet the staff at Lynn County Hospital District's Rehab and Fitness Center during Open House today (Thursday) from 1-4 p.m.

Come and meet the new Physical Therapy Director, Gina Tamplen, and her staff, including technicians Shannon Cowley and Krystle Calvillo, and office manager Shelley Rosas, and take a tour of the fitness center.

The facility is located at 1313 Lockwood in Tahoka.

Sweet Street Baptist To Observe 50th Year

Members of Sweet Street Baptist Church of Tahoka will celebrate the church's 50th Anniversary next week, with anniversary events scheduled on Oct. 25-26, followed by Revival services on Oct. 27-31.

Anniversary events begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 with a musical celebration led by Don Webster at the church, and there are events planned throughout the day on Sunday, Oct. 26. Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m., with a featured class in the auditorium on the second coming, led by Steve Long. Morning worship will begin at 10:55 a.m., with worship and praise led by Don Webster, and Joe Summers bringing the message.

A noon luncheon will follow morning worship, with everyone invited to stay for the meal in the fellowship hall. Afternoon services begin at 2 p.m. with worship and praise led by Steve Long, and Tut Jones bringing the message. Sunday evening worship service begins at 6 p.m., with Don Webster again leading worship and praise, and Danny Jackson bringing the message.

Revival services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly, Oct. 27-31, led by Joe Summers and Don Webster. On Monday, Tut Jones will lead music, and Don Webster is guest speaker; Tuesday, Webster will lead the music and Joe Summers will bring the message; Wednesday, Steve Long will lead

music and Webster will bring the message; Thursday, Webster will lead music and Summers will bring the message; and Friday, Lynn Long, current pastor of the church, will lead music, and Webster will speak.

Although Sweet Street Baptist Church was not organized as an independent church until Aug. 2, 1953, thereby officially celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, the church actually had its beginnings six years earlier.

The first mission of First Baptist Church started in the home of W.A. Reddell, in the spring of 1947. It was located at 1327 Sweet Street, later named Ave. J., sometimes referred to as the "south side group". Joe Webb, a Wayland student, preached

for the first service. His wife, Delores, Willie Cox, Wanda Faye Smith and Rev. Levi Price attended. In 1947, lots were purchased by First Baptist Church, but it was not until 1949 that buildings were moved to the site - one from Amherst, and another was a small house donated by A.L. Smith.

In 1952 the church was officially named Sweet Street Baptist Church, and on Aug. 2, 1953 the church was officially organized into an independent church. Sixty members transferred from First Baptist Church.

Church members in 1958 purchased adjoining lots and built the parsonage, and in 1960 a 5,500 square foot addition was built for the Education Building and 1,200 square feet was added for the porch area.

In February 1971, members paid off the church note and celebrated with a note burning.

A carport was added to the parsonage in 1974, and a church parking area was paved in 1978.

Charter members who are still current include Winnie Kizzlar, Estelle Birdwell, Jimmie McMillan, and Anna Belle Stice. Currently serving as deacons are Wayland Craig, Daniel Thomas and Danny Summers. Called to the ministry through Sweet Street are Lynn Long, Joe Summers, and Donald Webster.

Following is a list of 17 pastors who have served Sweet Street

throughout the past 50 years: W.H. Scantling, Aug. 1953 - Dec. 1953; Bill Wadley, Dec. 1953 - Aug. 1954; Harry Haymes, Sept. 1954 - Oct. 1954; F.E. Woolery, Nov. 1954 - Aug. 1956; Ray Cunningham, Sept. 1956 - Dec. 1957; Joe Webb, Dec. 1957 - Feb. 1964; Phillip Goodrum, Mar. 1964 - Nov. 1965.

Also Shelby Bishop, Feb. 1966 - July 1969; Preston Harrison, Oct. 1969 - Mar. 1970; Lee R. Jones, May 1970 - June 1971; Daniel Rupp, Aug. 1971 - April 1973; Lee R. Jones, July 1973 - Mar. 1977; Grover Hall, April 1978 - Mar. 1981; L.C. Landers, July 1981 - June 1987; James Threadgill, Sept. 1987 - May 1989; Danny Jackson, July 1990 - Dec. 1994; and Lynn Long, Nov. 1995 - to the present.

Three Traffic Accidents Cause Injuries To Two

Two traffic accidents in Tahoka and another on FM 2053 near O'Donnell resulted in two persons being taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries not believed serious, according to reports from law enforcement officers for the last week.

Late Saturday evening at the intersection of N. 7th and Ave. N in Tahoka a 1999 Ford Contour driven by Dustin Lee Brookshire, 16, and a 1999 Dodge Durango SUV driven by Delia Riojas DeLeon, 36, collided. There were no injuries.

Last Thursday on Main St. near S. 1st, a 40-year-old Tahoka woman was struck by a 1999 Lincoln Town Car driven by Teresia Winger Simpson, 60. The pedestrian, Sandra Thompson, who was crossing the street walking west, was taken to Lynn County Hospital emergency room by EMS ambulance, and was treated and released.

A one-vehicle accident near O'Donnell reportedly sent a woman to a hospital for treatment, but no details of the accident were available from the investigating Dept. of Public Safety patrolman.

Tahoka Police were investigating a report from Town and Country store in Tahoka that three teenage boys had stolen six pistol-shaped cigarette lighters, valued at total of \$48, last Wednesday.

THS Gym To Get New Scoreboards

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday to conduct routine business in a meeting that lasted only two hours. Six of seven trustees were present for the meeting, led by President Math Bartley.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker and campus principals presented reports to the board. The superintendent informed trustees that new scoreboards have been ordered for the high school gymnasium, and should be installed prior to the first home basketball game. Two local businesses contributed funding for the project, including First National Bank of Tahoka and Thriftway Grocery, and the district provided some funding as well, he said. He explained that maintenance on the old scoreboards has been difficult because it was so old that it was not easy to find replacement sockets for the light bulbs.

The superintendent said that the baseball/softball field scoreboard is not in good condition and will be considered for replacement, and reported on the proposed band trip next spring, noting that plans have not yet

been finalized. He was to meet with Band Boosters this week for more details on the trip, he told *The News*.

Business Manager Nathan Ehlerth presented the district's financial report, and trustees voted to continue current investment strategies and to adopt a designated fund balance of \$375,000 for several projects, including heating/air conditioning for the cafeteria, football restrooms/concessions, roofing projects, and buses/vehicles.

Supt. Parker told *The News* that the funds were simply designated for projects which may be considered in the future by the district, but that the cafeteria and football restroom/concession projects were most likely to be considered sooner than the other projects listed.

Trustees approved the Principal Appraisal Calendar and Campus Improvement Plans as presented. No personnel issues were on the agenda for consideration.

Present at the meeting were several district personnel as well as trustees Bartley, Jimmy Dorman, Frank McLelland, Carmen Chapa, Leighton Knox Jr., and Walton Stephens, with trustee Joe Calvillo absent.



THIS BAND GOING TO CONTEST - The Tahoka High School Band, under the direction of Carroll Rhodes and assistant Lora Smith, will perform at the UIL Marching Contest this Saturday, Oct. 18 in Plainview. The band is scheduled to march at approximately 5:30 p.m. Bulldog fans are invited to come watch the competition and to support the band, shown here during their halftime performance at the THS Homecoming game.



LAST MONDAY was Columbus Day, and I realized that I don't know just a whole lot about that holiday, other than it honors the man who supposedly discovered America (I think there is some doubt about that; somebody possibly named Americus Vespucci may have been first, but nobody wanted to celebrate Vespucci Day, so Columbus got the credit).

I do know that the banks and the county and state offices always close on Columbus Day, or as near to Oct. 12 as possible, but they will close any time they can because all their employees would rather do something other than work.

What I know about Columbus I learned years ago, and memory is tricky and deceiving. Anyway, here are some things I think I heard or read somewhere:

- Columbus was from Spain, or Portugal, or one of those places few people ever hear about because they have no NBA franchises.
- When he was a little boy he used to sit on the beach and watch the masts of departing ships sink below the horizon, so he figured the earth was round. Therefore he thought he could reach the east (Asia) by sailing west, if he went far enough.
- So he fixed up three ships, the Ninja, full of Japanese karate guys, the Pinto (full of beans in case they ran across a ton of abandoned cornbread), and the Santa Maria.
- On Oct. 12, 1492 his ship docked in what later was to be called America (named after that other guy who did no-telling-what, since I have just barely heard of him). I always figured he must have landed about Key West, FL or maybe Galveston Island.
- Columbus and his men wanted to exchange some Spanish coins for gold, but all the banks were closed for Columbus Day.

Well, that's the way I remembered it, but a check with my encyclopedia tells me it was a lot different, including the fact that he never did get to North America, although he made four voyages.

According to the records, on Oct. 12, 1492 he landed at the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas. So how did this get to be the day that he discovered America? So from there he went to Cuba, and in December the Santa Maria was wrecked near Cap-Haitien. That's in Haiti, and when my wife and I were there in 1986, we observed a large statue of Columbus near the sea.

Columbus made a second voyage with 17 ships and went back to Haiti and Cuba in 1493. A third voyage, in 1498, with six ships, discovered South America.

A fourth voyage left Spain in 1502 went to Honduras in Central America. Columbus was marooned for a year in Jamaica after all of his ships rotted and had to be abandoned.

Columbus died in 1506, still believing he had reached Asia.

I'm still not sure what this has to do with the banks closing in Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell.

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SINCE I owe it to myself and some of you to explain how America got its name, I looked up Americus Vespucci in the same reference source. My grandmother, who was an occasional punster, told me once that his name was Americus Vespucci. But actually, she said, he was just a drunk known as "America's best puker." Even at age 10 I thought that was pretty awful.

Anyway, his name actually was Amerigo Vespucci, and he sailed to Central America and discovered Brazil and Venezuela, and he was the first to declare that he had reached a previously unknown continent. A German mapmaker was the first to use the name America for the region Vespucci had explored.

I'm glad they didn't call this country Vespucci.

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Lynnwood Happenings

Lynnwood Assisted Living Center
Betty Ehlers, Activity Director

Fall is here and cooler weather. We went to the apple orchard last week and picked apples and had lunch there. It sure has been smelling good at Lynnwood with the apple pies and apple bread cooking, needless to say the good eating.

We are still selling tickets for the quilt, see an employee of Lynnwood for tickets or come see us and we will sell you some. They are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. We are having open house November 16 celebrating our second anniversary and this is when we will have the drawing for the quilt.

We want to thank Danny Paris and his dad, Leslie for bringing their horse and carriage the other Saturday for our residents. They enjoyed it even if we did get a little wet. It brought back memories to them.

We at Lynnwood wish the Tahoka band the best at marching contest this week.

Wilson ISD Trustees Approve Property Purchase For District

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday in the Wilson library, with trustees Doug Bolyard, Lonnie Donald, Donna Holdren, Janie Rios, Mike Taylor and Clyde Wilke in attendance. The board considered routine business as well as a property purchase for the district.

Trustees met in closed session to discuss property purchase and personnel, and upon returning to open session approved the purchase of real property. More information on the purchase will be available to *The News* after the district closes on the property. No action was taken regarding the personnel issue discussed in closed session.

In other business, the superintendent presented a preliminary report of the district receiving a "Recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency, adding that more information would be presented at a public

hearing next month. He reported on the status of a roofing insurance claim, and on a new grounds sprinkler. He also explained SB 671 that assigned local property values to the district resulting in a loss of state funding.

Trustees approved the 2003-04 textbook adoption committee, and also discussed revising the annual teacher appraisal policy, but took no action.

Students of the Month were recognized, including Amanda Frausto, daughter of Jennifer Frausto, as Elementary Student of the Month; Billy Kirk, son of Jay and Tonda Kirk, Jr. High Student of the Month; and Nick Simmons, son of Suzie Bjork, High School Student of the Month. Ms. Christy Garcia was recognized as the WISD Employee of the Month.

The next board meeting was set for Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Obituaries



Lela Rodriguez

Prayer services for Manuela "Lela" Rodriguez, 59, of O'Donnell were held Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Primera Mission Bautista in O'Donnell. Services were held Wednesday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the same church with Rev. Samuel Ibarra officiating.

Burial followed at O'Donnell City Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock. She died Sunday October 12, 2003 at Lynn County Hospital. She was born on June 3, 1944 in Dilley, Texas. She married Cruz Rodriguez in 1975 in O'Donnell. She was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell.

Survivors include her husband of O'Donnell; a son, Robert Miller of O'Donnell; three brothers, Tomas of Pharr, Felix of O'Donnell, and Jessie of Georgetown; three sisters, San Juana Renteria, Jesusa Ortiz, and Elida Gutierrez, all of O'Donnell; and two grandchildren.

X. L. Sherrill

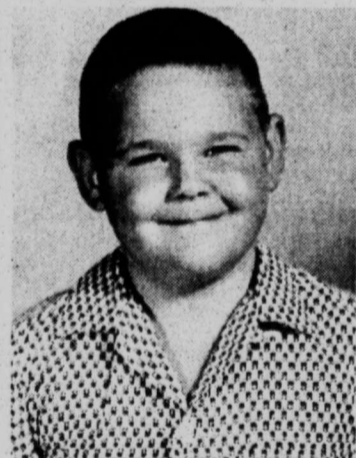
Graveside services for X.L. Sherrill, 95, of Burleson were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 12, at Union Hill Cemetery in Joshua. Reverend Burris Caswell officiated.

He died Thursday, October 9, 2003. He was born May 3, 1908 in Rising Star, Texas to Myrtle E. Porterfield Sherrill and John Sherrill. He was a machinist for a chemical company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Erma Sherrill on March 15, 1999, a son Raymond on June 9, 1989, a grandson, Adam X. on June 10, 2000, and his first wife, Jessie Townsend Sherrill on March 15, 1933.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry of Arlington, and Donnie of Burleson; four brothers, Gus and Paul, both of O'Donnell, Ronald of Tahoka, and J.E. of Bovina; three sisters, Myrl Mathis of Tahoka, Etta Mae Caswell of Abilene, and Bea Brown of San Angelo; ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

After 50 years, you've still got that grin.



We love you, Mark - Happy Birthday!
Vivian, Leigh and Amy



MR. AND MRS. CLIFTON CLEM

Clems To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Clifton and Bernice Clem of New Home will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 19, 2003 with a reception from 2-4 p.m. at the New Home Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Hosting the event are their children, Mark and Georgia Clem of New Home. Friends are invited to attend.

The couple were married October 17, 1953 in New Home Baptist Church. They have three grandchildren.

Methodists Publish New Cookbook

"Feeding The Flock," a new cookbook containing more than 400 recipes from members of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, has been published in commemoration of the church's 100th anniversary. The cookbook is available for \$10 at the church and several businesses in Tahoka, including Tahoka Drug and the Lynn County News.

First United Methodist Church of Tahoka will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Oct. 25-26, with all current and former pastors and members invited to the two-day event. Kicking off the celebration is brisket sandwich meal at 5 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall, followed by a puppet show, with an informal worship service immediately following in the sanctuary. A historical slide show presentation will be given during the service.

Sunday events include registration and visiting at 9 a.m., and a special centennial worship service from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. A time capsule ceremony will be held at the end of the service, and a catered lunch will be served immediately afterwards at The Center for Housing and

Community Development.

In addition to the cookbook, a 50-page historical booklet detailing the history of the church has been published that contains photos of all the pastors who have served the church as well as other historical photos. A pewter cross commemorating the centennial is also available.

Streamers On Highway Signs Must Be Picked Up

Each year, high school students deck the city with school colors, including attaching colorful streamers to highway signs.

While decorating the signs may be fun, it's not so fun when TxDOT crews have to come back later and clean up the mess.

"We spend a lot of time removing the streamers from the highway signs on our right of way," said Ernie Lucero, Tahoka roadway maintenance supervisor. "It costs us a lot of money and manpower to clean up after the games."

Said Lucero, the streamers are great for boosting school spirit, but they become trash when the game is over and they end up on the highway.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct. 8	70	64	0.02"
Oct. 9	80	65	
Oct. 10	73	64	
Oct. 11	74	66	0.08"
Oct. 12	74	58	
Oct. 13	90	58	
Oct. 14	69	48	
Total Precip. in Oct.: 1.18"			
Total Precip. to date: 12.34"			

SPJST Awards \$67,000 In Scholarships In 2003

Every year the SPJST, a Fraternal Benefit Society, awards scholarships to its members. In 2003, SPJST gave \$67,000 in scholarships, awarding 67- \$1,000 scholarships.

SPJST, headquartered in Temple, has been in business for over 100 years, offering life insurance, IRA's, annuities, mortgage loans, and other benefits to members.

Scholarship applications are currently available to SPJST members. Scholarship applications and required information must be submitted to the Home Office and post marked no later than February 1, 2004.

For more information about SPJST call 1-800-727-7578.

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County To Seek Grant Funding For Courthouse Renovation

Lynn County Commissioners Tuesday agreed to seek grant funding for courthouse renovations, through the Texas Historical Commission grant program. John Baker, a local architect, met with commissioners to discuss the grant program, and urged county officials to begin considering options as to how the courthouse facilities could best be utilized, including use of the third floor which is now mostly used for storage.

"This is a building which has been here for many years, and we want to do what needs to be done to keep this facility from 'now on,'" Baker told the court. "I suggest that we look at every single room in this building on a space by space basis, and evaluate how it is being used, and how it could better be used, and then create a master plan to work from," he added.

Baker said the plan should include energy efficiency issues as well as ways to enhance the courthouse while keeping true to its historical aspects. He encouraged county officials to assess the courthouse needs and to work with him in the project. Commissioners voted unanimously to allow Baker to pursue the grant application.

In other business, commissioners approved the new Lynn County Jail Emergency Plan presented by Chief Deputy Jerry Dee Franklin, and approved advertising for bids for three new maintainers for the county, one each for Precincts 1, 2 and 4. Old equipment will be traded in on the purchase of new maintainers. Commissioners agreed that the county would advertise for bids, which would be opened at the Nov. 10 meeting.

A Mutual Aid Agreement for Regional Councils of Government (the SPAG region) was approved, which is basically an agreement that in the event of a disaster Lynn County would assist other counties if needed, and in return would receive assistance if needed.

Action was tabled on accepting Lynn County's cost-share for salaries for 106th Judicial District, including a new position of District Court Bailiff. Commissioners also tabled any decision on the position of courthouse janitor, leaving the position as is until February, when the current employee plans to retire.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin informed commissioners that the county's financial audit is expected to be completed soon, and that auditors expect to present the complete audit at the next regular court session, on Oct. 27. Present at the meeting were all four commissioners and other county officials.



HOME-GROWN PUMPKINS - Dennis Williams sits on his front porch with pumpkins which he grew in his backyard this year. He and his mother, Gloria, made a fall display of the pumpkins at their home at 1812 South 2nd Street in Tahoka.

Former Tahokan To Be Honored

Peggy Atwell of Waxahachie, formerly of Tahoka, will be honored as one of two Distinguished Alumni from Daniel Baker College on Oct. 18. Mrs. Atwell will be honored at the annual DBC Awards Luncheon

in Brownwood, as part of Howard Payne University's Homecoming celebration. The luncheon will be at Constitutional Hall of the Academy of Freedom, the former location of Daniel Baker College.

Mrs. Atwell graduated from DBC in 1953 with a degree in Business Education and a minor in Elementary Education.

She married J.D. Atwell in 1953, and they have two children, Jeff Atwell and Lisa Atwell Jones. She and her husband lived in Tahoka in the 1960s and 1970s, when he was manager of Farm Bureau. She has been very active in the communities where she has lived, including the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, and the YMCA of Waxahachie.

Hunter Education Safety Course Offered In Oct.

A hunter education safety course will be held at Mason's Farm and Ranch Store located 16 miles east of Tahoka on Hwy 380, October 20-22 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening.

Any person born after September 2, 1971 must have a Hunter Education Safety Course before hunting in Texas. Minimum age for certification is 12 years old.

All persons interested in attending must RSVP by October 20 at (806) 495-2276.

STORK REPORT

Macey Rhea Garcia was born to Matt and Lindsey Garcia of Tahoka at 2:38 p.m. Friday, October 3, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She has an older brother, Jaden.

Grandparents are Milton and Geneva Miller of St. Lawrence, and Manuel and Alicia Garcia of Tahoka. Great-grandparents are Felipa Sastre, and Porfirio and Lola Garcia, all of Tahoka.

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WILSON STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Students of the Month at Wilson Independent School District include, from left, Amanda Frausto, Nick Simmons, and Billy Kirk.

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

Elementary Reminder: New socks are being collected for children in child protective services starting today and going until the conclusion of Red Ribbon Week on October 24. Any size new sock will be appreciated. The collection box is setting outside of Mrs. Durham's office.

The students that bring new socks need to show them to Mrs. Durham, and she will write their name down. The student's whose names are written down will be invited to a special snack during break time following Red Ribbon week.

New Home's fifth grade class has been collecting cans to cash in. The funds from these cans will go to help send chil-

children with cancer to a special summer camp called Camp Discovery. The class had a special speaker come to their classroom on the 10th. Kriston Lewis. Kriston is a cancer survivor and she shared some of the different adjustments that children with cancer have to overcome. Kriston is currently attending Southland High School. New Home's fifth grade class will continue to collect cans.

New Home Zaps Mustangs 51-6

New Home evened its season record at 3-3 last Friday when Tyler McAllister scored seven touchdowns to lead the Leopards to a 51-6 win over the Wilson Mustangs in a District 4-A six-man game. McAllister rushed for 216 yards.

The WILSON News
by Carol Yowell • 628-6392
e-mail: cayowell@yahoo.com

Homecoming is fast approaching with many activities planned for a fun and successful week. The Wilson homecoming game will be Friday, October 24 as the Mustangs meet Southland on the field. School plans for each day are as follows:

- Monday: "Shade the Eagles" - Everyone is encouraged to wear sunglasses and crazy hats!
- Tuesday: "Let Your Spirit Shine!" - Wear blue and white-show your school spirit!
- Wednesday: "Scramble the Eagles" - Dress inside out and backwards!
- Thursday: "Make 'Em See Stars" - Dress like a celebrity!
- Friday: "Knock the Eagles' Lights Out" - Dress in black!

An award will be given to the class with the largest percentage of students participating in dress-up days so plan your attire early!

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held at 6:00, Tuesday, October 21st. The parade route will be from the Post Office to the School. This year's theme is "Let Your Spirit Shine!" Wear blue and white to support the team and school.

The Student Council hot dog supper will follow the parade. We will offer a hotdog, chips, a drink and a dessert for \$3.50 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The annual bonfire will follow the parade and hot dog supper. Be sure to make plans to attend these activities and show your Mustang Pride!

There will be an early release day Tuesday, October 21st. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Buses will run at 12:45 p.m.



JAWS OF LIFE - Wilson Volunteer Fire Chief Curtis Gickhorn and volunteer firefighter Jason Wilhite demonstrated the WVFD's new Jaws of Life equipment to Wilson Elementary students during National Fire Safety Week. The Jaws were purchased for the department with grant funding.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

This past weekend, October 2,3,4, my mother, sisters, cousins and I had a garage sale. Many people came by to look, visit and purchase. The proceeds of this sale will help to buy medicines to take on the Zambia Medical Mission in July 2004. We made \$247 on the sale and we thank all who were able to come by and help.

However, during the sale, sometime Friday, someone stole my camera. It is a Samsung Fino 120 Super. It is a small silver colored camera with 35 mm film and my name CAROL is engraved on it. If anyone sees this camera and will return it to my mother, Reno Riddle, I will give \$25 reward.

Sincerely,
Carol Higdon
Maryneal, Texas

New Home School Menu

October 20-24

Breakfast

- Monday- Pancakes
- Tuesday- Biscuit/Sausage
- Wednesday-Cinnamon pastry
- Thursday-Blueberry muffins
- Friday- Rice Krispy bars

Lunch

- Monday-Pizza, lettuce/tomatoes, corn, chocolate pudding
- Tuesday- Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, pear cup, hot rolls
- Wednesday-Grilled ham and cheese, curly fries, carrot/cucumber, mixed fruit cup
- Thursday-Mini corn dogs, breaded okra, lettuce/tomatoes, pork n beans, grapes
- Friday-Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce/tomato, pickles, cookie

O'Donnell Wins District Opener

The O'Donnell Eagles evened their season record at 3-3 and went 1-0 in district as they beat Plains 20-7 in a District 6-A matchup.

O.J. Hunter passed for 153 yards, one of them to Chris Costas and a 22-yard score in the first half. Hunter also ran 15 yards for a touchdown in the third period.

Frank Sanchez ran 22 yards for the Eagles' first score, and Eric Nava kicked the first of his two extra points.



BRENT PARIS

Paris Named To Sul Ross Committee

Brent Paris, a 1999 Seagraves High School graduate, has been elected to serve as a member of the NCAA Student Athletic Advisory Committee for 2003-2004, representing the sport of baseball at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

The NCAA rules require that all athletic teams of NCAA universities provide "SAAC" representatives. This committee is to serve as a link between students, athletic director, athletic department, and administration. The delegates from each sport meet to discuss pertinent matters in regard to student athletes and administration as well as to interact with one another in support of each sport.

Brent is a senior Sports and Science/Education major and pitcher for the Sul Ross Lobos baseball team.

He is the son of Pug and Pam Paris of Seagraves, grandson of Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka, Bob and Betty Stewart of Lubbock, and great-grandson of Mrs. Elmer Stewart, also of Lubbock.

Tahoka School News

Varsity Football

By Cade Miller

The Dogs fell to Idalou in their district opener 48-8 on Friday, Oct. 10. The dogs, now 0-6, made a promising showing against the top ranked team on the South Plains. In the opening possession, the dogs rallied into Idalou territory for a chance to score, but came up just a few yards short. The Wildcats then scored 21 unanswered points to bring the halftime score to 21-0.

Early in the second half, the Tahoka defense stopped all-world Idalou quarterback Shae Reagan and Reagan had to leave the game. It later was determined that he would need surgery. But Matt Garcia took over the running chores for Idalou and scored four touchdowns.

The second half boosted over 100 yards in total defense for the dogs, Patrick Dotson completed 12 passes out of 19 attempts. The dog's main target was Colby Gardner, who had over 70 yards in receiving and 4 first downs. Kevin Elmore was the lone scorer for the Dogs after catching a pass from Dotson and rushing 24 yards into the endzone.

The next district game will be at New Deal at 7:30 p.m.

JV Football

By Colby Gardner

On October 9, the JV dogs played their first district game against the Idalou Wildcats here at Kelly Field. After the first quarter the score was tied 8-8.

Going into halftime, the Wildcats had an 8-15 lead on the Dogs.

In the 3rd quarter the Dogs scored and were successful on the 2-point conversion, which put the Dogs up 16-15 going into the fourth quarter.

During the fourth quarter Tahoka and Idalou both scored, but the Wildcats were the only ones to convert on the extra point. The final score of the game was 20-22.

Tailback JaVaen Tillman played a big role in the close game against the Wildcats, said Coach Lane Hyde. Tillman rushed for over 150 yards, and scored three touchdowns.

"The deciding point in the game was the last play, when the Idalou quarterback threw a 30 yard pass to one of his receivers downfield who ran into the endzone after the catch," Ja Vaen Tillman said.

Coach Hyde also recognized fullback Jon Norris, and wingback Damon Moore as playing a role in the close game, rushing for 50 yards apiece.

Quarterback Kyle Preston completed 4 passes, and Byron Moore caused and recovered a fumble.

8th Grade Football
by Jessica Antu

The 8th grade Bulldogs played the Idalou Wildcats Thursday, October 9. The dogs were defeated 40-0.

Their next game will be Thursday, October 16, against the New Deal Lions in New Deal.

7th Grade Football
by Jessica Wilson

The 7th grade Bulldogs lost Thursday, October 9 to Idalou 34-0.

They will play in New Deal on October 16.

Varsity Volleyball
By Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldog Volleyball team played their first district game against Colorado City Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

They were defeated 21-25, 18-25, 23-25.

They traveled to Dimmit Saturday, October 11; they won 26-24, 25-8, 25-8.

JV Volleyball

By Brandi Raindl

The JV Lady Bulldogs began district play on Tuesday, October 7 against the Colorado City Wolves.

The girls defeated the Wolves 25-18 and 25-22. The Bulldogs' record is 7-7, and their district record is 1-0.

On Saturday, October 4, the Lady Bulldogs were defeated by the Plains Cowgirls 17-25, 10-25.

Tuesday, September 30, the Lady Bulldogs were very close to victory against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs, but couldn't pull it out, losing 23-25, 21-25. Sonya Morales served 12 points in the first game and Christyn Chapa added 9 in the second.

Cross Country

By Cade Miller

The varsity and middle school cross country teams competed well at the "Rompi in the Park" held at Lamesa on October 11.

In varsity division, Cade Miller ran 3,3 miles placing 33rd out of 90 competitors.

Five middle school runners competed in the 2 mile run. Adrian Webster placed 5th respectively. Other runners were Tyler Pebsworth, Jacob Stephens, Corey Vega and Marissa Gomez.

The runners will compete this week at South Plains College.

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October 20-24

Monday- Biscuit and gravy
Tuesday- Egg, sausage burrito, juice
Wednesday-Breakfast pizza, juice
Thursday-Egg, Hash Browns, toast, juice
Friday- Breakfast pocket, juice

Lunch

Monday- Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, fruit
Tuesday- Hamburger Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, TX toast, fruit
Wednesday-Stew, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, fruit
Thursday-Chili cheese dog, tator tots, carrot sticks, fruit
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October 20-24
Breakfast

Monday- Cinnamon rolls w/ glaze
Tuesday- Rice Krispy treat
Wednesday- Egg and cheese biscuit
Thursday- Cinnamon toast w/ fruit cup
Friday- cereal w/ graham cracker

Lunch

Monday-Nacho supreme, ham & cheese sandwich, PBJ sandwich, shaker salad, campfire beans, corn bread, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday- Pepperoni Pizza, BBQ Sandwich, Buffalo fries, Apple Sauce
Wednesday- Beef tacos, BN and cheese burritos, PBJ sandwich, shaker salad, santa fe rice, fruit salad
Thursday- Bacon cheese burger, patty melt, PBJ sandwich, Caesar ham salad, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, pear half w/ cherries
Friday- Chicken Pot pie, BLT chicken sandwich, PBJ sandwich, shaker salad, tossed salad, Choc. Chip cookie

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Bishop Named To TTU Dean's List

Ashley Camille Bishop of Tahoka, a senior English major at Texas Tech University, was named to the Dean's List for the summer 2003 session.

To be on the Dean's List, a student must have taken at least 12 semester hours and maintain a 3.5-3.09 grade point average.

Senior Citizens MENU

October 20-24

Monday- Roast beef, brown gravy, rice, zucchini, tossed salad/French, frosted cake-white
Tuesday- Baked fish, French fries, hush puppies, tartar sauce, orange half, wheat roll, lemon pie or bars
Wednesday-Turkey and Dressing, green beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, hot roll, cranberry sauce, apple cobbler
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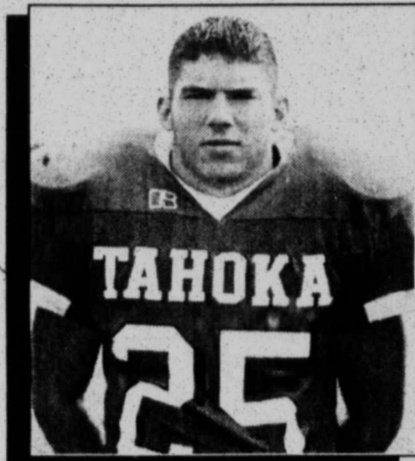


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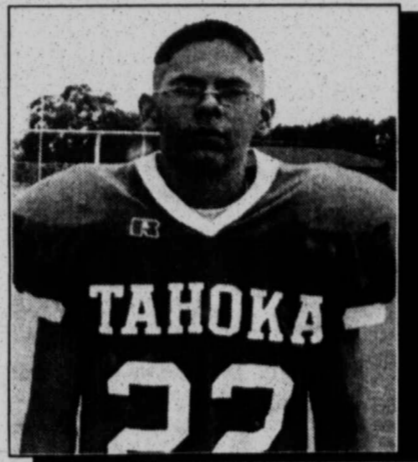


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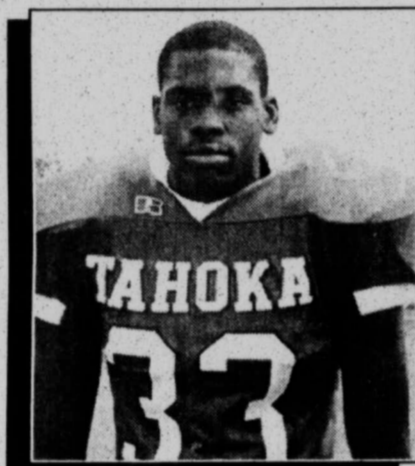
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EVERY Entry (whether you win or lose each week) is Entered In Both the Grand Prize Drawing and the Second Prize Drawing to be held at the end of the season.
Choose the name of ONE of these sponsors and write in the designated space on the contest form (must have an original entry form -- no copies accepted). Several sponsors each week will be randomly drawn as the Secret Sponsors for the football contest. If the winner correctly names one of the Secret Sponsors, The Lynn County News will double their prize money!



LAST WEEK'S CONTEST WINNER -
Kent Bartlett won \$10!

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- Higginbotham-Bartlett
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All entries in the football contest are eligible for the **Grand Prize Drawing!**
You may win a **Color TV with Remote from ...**



PLUS -- you will be eligible to win a **Second Prize Drawing** of a **DVD Player from ...**



Two Prizes to Win!



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Put an "X" in the team's box you think will win. Pick a score for the tie-breaker game.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tahoka at New Deal	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sundown at O'Donnell	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilson at Meadow	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Home at Ropes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Iowa at Ohio State	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Missouri at Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas Tech at Oklahoma State	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas A&M at Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Colorado at Kansas State	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Bay at St. Louis	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee at Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denver at Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	TIEBREAKER (PICK SCORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Choose 1 Secret Sponsor: _____
Your Name & Phone: _____
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