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STAR RECIPIENTS - Star recipients at the Tahoka High School FFA Banquet recently included, in front from left, Matthew Saldana (Star Chapter FFA Award), Kyle Preston (Star Greenhand Award), and in back from left, Chris Ashbrook (Ag Student Award), and Tyler Hawthorne (Star Lone Star Award).

THS Awards Program Set Monday, May 17

The annual Tahoka High School Awards Program will be held next Monday, May 17 at 1 p.m. in the high school gym. All parents and interested friends are invited to attend. Seniors will be presented scholarships at this time. Departmental academic achievement, attendance, and UIL awards will also be given.

County Gets Clean Audit

Lynn County Commissioners Monday heard a report by Melvin Eaker, representing the firm of Gary, Bowers, and Miller, CPA, on Lynn County's finances for 2003. Eaker gave the county a clean opinion, and commissioners accepted the audit in a unanimous decision.

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 5	91	54	
May 6	91	54	
May 7	87	64	0.01"
May 8	87	58	0.66"
May 9	80	64	
May 10	89	62	Trace
May 11	88	62	
Total Precipitation in May:			0.67"
Total Precipitation to date:			10.09"

New Home Teenager Dies Of Wreck Injuries

A popular New Home High School junior and outstanding athlete died Saturday night about three hours after his 1994 Jeep Wrangler overturned and rolled over three times on a dirt road near his home.



CODY KIETH

Cody Kieth, 17, who successfully participated in just about all varsity boys sports at NHHS, and who had played in a golf tournament at Tahoka earlier Saturday with his father and two uncles, was driving north on County Rd. J in Lynn County about two miles north of FM 211 when he lost control of his vehicle as it struck a steep dirt embankment and then overturned, coming to rest in a plowed field, according to investigating State Trooper Wanda Raney.

Trooper Raney said Kieth was wearing a seat belt, but that it broke at the anchor during the rollover. She said alcohol and excessive speed were not a factor, although speed in conjunction with the condition of the dirt road could have been a factor. "Some sort of distraction may have been involved, but the nature of that distraction would be pure speculation," she said.

Officer Raney said Kieth was conscious and lying in a ditch when she arrived about 7 p.m., and was

talking coherently. He was airlifted to Lubbock Covenant Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 10:05 p.m. Saturday.

Funeral services for the teen, son of Murray and Angie Kieth of New Home, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at New Home Baptist Church, where an overflow crowd was expected to pay their respects. Kieth is also survived by a sister, Stephanie, who graduated from New Home High School last year.

Counselors were available at New Home schools this week to help students and staff deal with the loss of their classmate and friend.



T-Bar Airport To Get Update

The City of Tahoka has been awarded a \$665,000 Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Capital Improvement Grant to update the small city-owned airport, including rebuilding the runway, apron and taxiway, and replacing the entire lighting system on the run and a new beacon light. See story for more information. (LCN PHOTO)

City Gets \$665,000 Grant For Airport/Runway Repairs

Most of the runway lights no longer work, and the beacon to guide incoming airplanes only works occasionally, but replacement parts have been unavailable for years and the cost of replacing with newer equipment is astronomical for a small town airport. That's the bad news. The good news is that the City of Tahoka has been awarded a \$665,000 Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Capital Improvement Grant to update the small city-owned airport. City Council members Monday night approved the city's participation in the grant program, which will require ten percent matching funds from the city of \$66,500. City Administrator Jerry Webster said the matching funds will have to come from the city's reserve funds.

speed internet service to the area. Council members took no action on the request, but told city attorney Philip Mack Furlow to look into the matter on the city's behalf. The council may consider the issue at a later meeting.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Jimmy Woodard and former chief Steve Miller, as well as member Jeff Martin, presented an update to council members on the VFD activities, and Tahoka Police Officer Hippolito Zuniga presented a report on the Tahoka Police Dept.

Present at the meeting were council members Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Rudy Fuentes and Clara Calvillo, Webster and others. Absent were councilwoman Amy Preston and Mayor Mike Mensch.

"This grant will allow us to basically rebuild the runway with a 2-inch overlay, and mark it as well as replacing the overlay on the taxi-way and the apron, and to completely replace the entire lighting system on the runway and replace the old beacon light," Webster told *The News*.

He said the city should complete the planning and design phase by the end of this year, and the construction phase of the grant should begin in the latter months of 2005. When construction actually begins, Webster said the work should be completed within 60-90 days.

The city-owned airport, located west of Tahoka near T-Bar Country Club, is mostly used by ag-industry related businesses, for holl-weevil planes and other spray planes, but is also used by individual citizens who own small airplanes, including a few individuals who own hangars at the airport to house their planes. Hogg Flying Service manages the airport facilities for the city.

In other business at Monday night's council meeting, Webster told city officials that the steering committee, in which Tahoka was a member along with 66 other cities, had negotiated a change in the Atmos Energy rate increase. Atmos had originally sought a 7.6 percent increase in rates, but the steering committee negotiated down to a 2.93 percent increase for the cities involved in the committee. City council members accepted the rate increase, which will take effect June 1.

James Bishop, representing Pegasus Communications, presented a request to the council to allow Pegasus to purchase antennae space on the water tower in order to offer high-

Thefts, Arrests On Warrants Reported Here

Tahoka Police investigated a report of a theft of lawn equipment and arrested two persons on outstanding warrants during the last week. Police also assisted the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in a raid on an establishment on S. 3rd St. in Tahoka Saturday. Several customers reportedly were drinking beer.

The owner of the place was arrested and charged with operating an unregistered club.

Jacob Hernandez of Wilson reported that someone took a gray Craftsman tiller from his property over the weekend. The tiller was valued at \$300.

Forty-four persons were in jail as of Wednesday, with 11 of these held for Lubbock County and eight for Garza County. During the last week four persons were jailed for possession of marijuana and 10 others on these charges:

Open container of alcohol, application to revoke probation on conviction for DWI first offense, application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of a controlled substance, Lubbock County warrant for theft over \$1500, assault/family violence, operating unregistered club, possession of alcoholic beverage with intent to sell in dry area, fleeing police officer, running stop sign, and failure to identify to a peace officer.

Voting Box Locations For Elections In Lynn County Saturday, May 15

(Polls Open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.)

- City of Tahoka: Tahoka Elementary School Cafeteria
- Tahoka ISD: Tahoka Elementary School Cafeteria
- Wilson ISD: Wilson City Office
- City of New Home: New Home School Library
- New Home ISD: New Home School Library
- City of O'Donnell: O'Donnell High School Commons
- O'Donnell ISD: O'Donnell High School Commons

Polls Open Saturday For City, School Elections

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15 for all city and school elections in Lynn County. See the accompanying list for all polling locations in the county.

Following is a list of all candidates filing for elections in Lynn County, with incumbents listed with an (I). Lynn County Hospital District and City of Wilson entities both cancelled their elections due to uncontested races.

City of Tahoka: 3 single-member district council seats, 2-year terms. District 2 - Clara Calvillo (I), Jeanie Stone; District 4 - Jay Dee House (I); District 5 At-Large - Ray Box (I).

Band, Choir Concert Slated On May 20

The community will have a chance to hear the award-winning Tahoka High School 3-D Band next Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the newly air-conditioned high school auditorium.

The high school choir will sing at 7 p.m. and the 3-D Band will follow immediately afterwards, playing a wide selection of music in addition to their contest tunes, from Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho to The Stars & Stripes Forever to Oye Como Va to Pirates of the Caribbean.

Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Tahoka ISD: 3 single-member district seats, 3-year terms. Precinct 1 - Leighton Knox Jr. (I), Kent Kahl; Precinct 2 - Joe Calvillo (I), Kelly Draper, Danny Paris, Mike Rivas; Precinct 5 - Carmen Chapa (I), Carlos Morales.

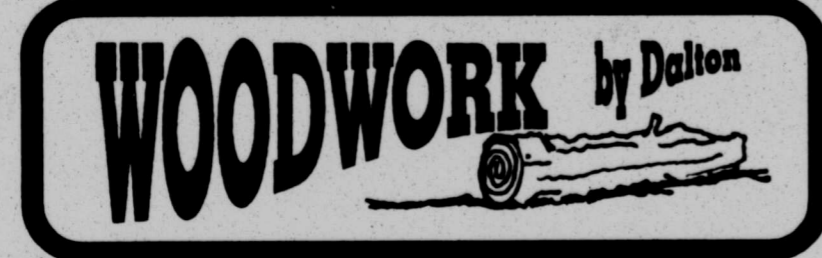
Wilson ISD: Special election for a 2-year unexpired term. Two Candidates: Janie Zepeda, Mike Buckner (The 3 full-term positions are unopposed, therefore no ballots will be offered for those positions to be filled by Lonnie Paul Donald, J.B. Kirk, and Janie Rios.)

City of New Home: 7 candidates for 3 council seats, 2-year terms. Candidates: Dale Clem (I), Jesus Ramirez, LaVonne Sharp, Billy Ray Smith, Mario Rodriguez, Louis Rodriguez (I), Roger Martin.

New Home ISD: Bond Election; and Trustee Election, 8 candidates for 3 seats, 3-year terms. Candidates: Michael White (I), Angie Kieth, Leo Torres, Jr., Kevin Mitchell (I), Paula Ford, Danny Nettles, Debi Maloney, Tommy Harmonson.

City of O'Donnell: Mayor and 2 council seats, 2-year terms. 3 Candidates for Mayor: James Williams (I), Maurice Jackson, Jamie Casillas; 4 Candidates for Council: Harry Howell (I), Max Mendieta, Anita Guajardo (I), Willie Luera.

O'Donnell ISD: 4 Candidates for 3 seats, 3-year terms. Candidates: Kirby Williams (I), Ben Franklin, Willie Villarreal (I), Dan Mott (I).



STATE TROOPERS will give you (and me) a ticket if you are speeding several miles over the posted limit. But they will also help you if you're stranded on the highway. All you have to do is ask.

Recently I received an e-mail announcing with some evident astonishment that there is a toll-free phone number on the back of your Texas drivers license which you can call for assistance, free I assume. The person who sent me the e-mail said it was news to him, and he got out his drivers license, and sure enough, the 800 number was really there.

It was news to me, too, so I looked at my license and there it was, in small print, but definitely there. I was a bit surprised that mine didn't have a disclaimer below the number saying "No assistance provided for newspaper people who sometimes write bad stuff about the Dept. of Public Safety." Maybe it's because I quit doing that once I realized troopers all carry guns.

Anyway, I talked to one of the really nice troopers I know and she advised me that help will be sent out to anyone who calls that number. She also pointed out that the same number is printed on the back of your vehicle inspection sticker. It's on mine, too, but my eyes are sort of like Mr. Magoo's and I still can't read it. But here is the number: 1-800-525-5555.

The number can be called for emergency assistance on the highway or wherever you might have trouble while in your car (but not in your driveway). A service truck will be sent to you. The service is state-operated and supposedly paid for with your tax dollars. And almost everybody has a cell phone when they are driving.

"Hello, DPS? I'm having trouble out here on U.S. 62 west of Lubbock. Could you send somebody out to move all these stupid orange barrels so I can get on down the road?"

SAMUEL JOHNSON is credited with the statement that "the true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."



LOTS OF MUSIC AWARDS - Shown are Tahoka 3-D Band Seniors with the many awards the band has won during the past four years of their band career. Those shown are Cristal Amador, Mandi Benavidez, Sarah Box, J. C. Garza, Susana Garza, Amy Garcia, Corey Green, Dianna Marquez, Amy McAfee, Ashley McNeely, Keiva Norwood, and Kyndra Selmon.

Band Seniors "In A Class Of Their Own," Says THS Band Director Carroll Rhodes

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band Seniors have earned many awards during the past four years, and are "in a class of their own," according to Director Carroll Rhodes. There are a dozen seniors, including Cristal Amador, Mandi Benavidez, Sarah Box, J. C. Garza, Susana Garza, Amy Garcia, Corey Green, Dianna Marquez, Amy McAfee, Ashley McNeely, Keiva Norwood, and Kyndra Selmon.

"These seniors have accomplished many things that no other Tahoka senior class has accomplished, starting with three large Sweepstakes in four years and back to back Sweepstakes the past two years. There have only been four in Tahoka's history with the first in 1952. They missed by one judge having four consecutive years of Sweepstakes for their sophomore year when they earned a I, II, II, in Marching, thus denying them a large Sweepstakes for I's in Marching, Concert, and Sightreading," said Rhodes.

Their class has earned a total of 11 Superiors in their competitions. They earned I's three years in Marching and were the first ever Tahoka Band to advance to the Area Marching Contest. They have carried on the tradition of six consecutive years of I's in Concert and five consecutive years of I's in Sightreading. In addition, at the Music in the Park festival at Disneyland in 2002 they helped the 3-D Band earn 1st Place in 2A competition and the Esprit de Corps Award for outstanding spirit and overcoming obstacles.

Cristal Amador, Mandi Benavidez, Sarah Box, and Ashley McNeely have each made the ATSSB Region Band. Cristal Amador has made the ATSSB Honor and Area Bands two years in a row; Kyndra Selmon and Ashley McNeely have made the ATSSB Honor and Area Bands for three years in a row with Ashley McNeely making the ATSSB All-State Band this year and Kyndra the ATSSP All-State Band the past three years. Five of them, Cristal, Corey, Dianna, Ashley, and Kyndra will be participating in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest May 31 at San Marcos. This is the second year in a row for Ashley and Kyndra and the fourth year in a row for Cristal.

"Needless to say, we are very proud of this outstanding class of seniors," stated directors Rhodes and Lora Smith. "They will be sorely missed but we have a great crop of 8th graders coming up."

The community will have a chance to hear the award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band this coming Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the newly air-conditioned auditorium. The high school choir will sing at 7 p.m. and the 3-D Band will follow immediately afterwards playing a wide selection of music in addition to their contest tunes: from Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho to The Stars & Stripes Forever to Oye Como Va to Pirates of the Caribbean.

THS Girls Place At Regional Track Meet

Tahoka High School's Ashanti Hood placed fourth in Shot Put with a distance of 35'9-1/4" at the Class AA Regional Track Meet held in Abilene. Sixth place finishers included Haley Hall in the 1600 run, and the 800 meter Relay Team; Kyndra Selmon was 7th in the 100 meter run, Haley Hall placed 8th in the 3200 meter run, and the 400 meter Relay Team also finished 8th.

"It was a very tough week for the track girls. I am very proud of what we accomplished as a team this track season," said Coach Todd Sessums, who provided the information this week for *The News*.

Band Boosters To Raffle Golf Club, Smoker

Tahoka Band Boosters will be selling tickets for a drawing for a smoker and for Hippo (John Daly) 5 Wood, with the winners' names to be drawn at the Band Banquet on May 17. The winner need not be present to win, and will be contacted by Jerry Webster.

To purchase tickets, contact any member of the Band Boosters or band members.

Pre-Register For Kindergarten At Tahoka Now

Tahoka Independent School District officials are currently conducting pre-registration for Kindergarten for the 2004-05 school year, which is open to all five-year-olds in the district. Anyone who has a child who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2004 should come by the Tahoka Elementary Office anytime from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, to complete the paperwork necessary for pre-registration.

Parents must bring a certified birth certificate for the child, immunization records, and social security card for the child when registering.

For more information, call Tahoka Elementary at 561-4350 or 561-4233.



MR. and MRS. W. CALLOWAY HUFFAKER (nee Gretchen Heisser)

Heisser-Huffaker Vows Exchanged

Gretchen Heisser of Lubbock and W. Calloway Huffaker of Tahoka exchanged marriage vows Saturday, May 1, 2004 in Columbus, Texas, with the Rev. Bill Johnson of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus officiating. The bride is the daughter of John & Karen Heisser of Lubbock. Huffaker is the son of Wayne & Rachel Huffaker of Tahoka.



FOX FAMILY IN CONCERT - The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will host The Fox Family of Nashville, Tenn. at their church on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. They invite anyone to come and worship with them. The church is located at 212 FM Road, Tahoka. For more information, call 327-5656.

API Chapter Contributes Scholarship Check To SPC

The South Plains chapter of the American Petroleum Institute has contributed \$7,000 to the South Plains College Foundation, bringing the total to \$290,000 the chapter has given in scholarship funds since 1970.

The scholarships assist SPC students in pre-engineering and technical programs.

"Thanks to the hard work of many people over the years, the API scholarship has become one of the largest scholarship programs established at the college," said Russell Hall, director of development. "They have helped many students achieve their educational goals, and the college is very grateful for their support."

API representatives and scholarship recipients were honored at a luncheon hosted Wednesday (May 5) by SPC.

API recipients for 2003-2004 include David Lamb-Vines from New Home, Computer Information Systems; and Chris Craig from Tahoka, Diesel Service Technology.



SCHOLARSHIP - Christopher Craig from Tahoka was one of several students in the automotive and diesel service technology programs at South Plains College who received a scholarship for the school year from the South Plains chapter of the American Petroleum Institute.

THANK YOU ...

to the following for volunteering at the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Festival!

The following were inadvertently omitted from our list printed in last week's paper. We are so thankful for everyone who participated in any way.

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Another year has yet gone by since you had to leave our side. Though unable to have you here with us, in our hearts you shall forever reside.

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered, come with me. With tearful eyes, we watched her go and saw her fade away.

Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

May 14th is a "sad" but yet a very beautiful day. It has now been four years since our Mom made the journey into the Lord's everlasting arms.

WE LOVE YOU, MOM.

Special thanks go out to Mom's family, friends and neighbors and all the Tahoka community for being there for us on a most sad and difficult time.

Mrs. Refugia Perez Family
Anna & Arturo Romero
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Benita & Martha Perez
and all your Grandkids and Great-Grandkids

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Steven Harvey

Funeral services for Steven Harvey, 20, of Olney were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at the Olney High School Auditorium with Scotte Clark, minister of the Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment followed in Restland Cemetery.

He died Friday, May 7, 2004 in an automobile accident near Muleshoe, TX.

Harvey was born March 27, 1984 in Olney. He graduated from Olney High School in 2002. While in high school he played football, basketball, and baseball. He was currently attending South Plains College in Levelland, and he was a lineman for the Bailey County Electric Cooperative in Muleshoe. He was a member of the Hamilton Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, W.T. "Dub" Elvington on Nov. 12, 2002, Gwen Harvey on Aug. 14, 2002, and his grandfather, M.C. Harvey, Jr. on July 11, 2001.

Survivors include his father, Jeff Harvey of Olney; his mother, Ava Harris of Olney; two brothers, Justin Harvey of Tahoka and Cody Harvey of Olney; one step-sister, Shalena Henderson of Wichita Falls; grandparents, Helen Elvington of Pilot Pointe, LaRue Herebia of Denton, and Bill and Donna Roberts of Lewisville; great-grandparents, Dorothy Minor of Abilene and Alice Elvington of Pilot Pointe.

Pallbearers were Dusty McElroy, Brett Philipp, Jeff Snyder, Scooter Philipp, Tyler Whitsitt, Jeff Philipp, Raul Barrientes, Mike Roberts, and Kim Black.

Honorary Pallbearers were members of the OHS class of 2002, the Olney Volunteer Fire Department, linemen from the Fort Belknap Electric Coop, the Bailey County Electric Coop in Muleshoe, and the



Joyce Terry Stanley

Funeral services for Joyce "Babe" Terry Stanley were held at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring on Monday, May 10, with Pastor Gordon Smith officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Stanley died May 5, 2004, after a lengthy illness with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born August 25, 1923, in Bangs, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Jettie Terry; siblings: Jonanna "Doodle" Underwood, Clarice "Scooter" Nance, and Rick Terry. She married Earl O'Neal Stanley, in 1939. At 26 years of age she was widowed with three children, yet became a successful local funeral home director and businesswoman in Tahoka. She later ventured into real estate in Ruidoso, New Mexico and El Paso.

She is survived by three children: T.O. (Terry) Stanley of El Paso, TX, Chere Brisbin of Phoenix, AZ, and Pat Stanley of Alamogordo, NM; seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 or www.alz.org.



ALL-STARS WIN TOURNEY - The Tahoka Majors All-Star Team were the champions at an AAU Tournament in Shallowater recently, in the 11-and-under age group. The Tahoka girls advanced through four rounds to win the championship. They are, in back from left, Kelee Pillow, Brooke Inklebarger, Kyra Helm, Griselda Lopez, Kalee Wuensche, and in front, Stephanie DeLeon, Skylar McCleskey, Kaitlyn Reno, Morgan Lockaby, Taylor Ford, Kadi Larpenter, and Kenzi Angeley. The All-Stars will play in Brownfield this weekend in the Regional Little Dribblers All-Star tournament, where the top two teams will advance to Nationals in Fairfield.



Cody Swade Kieth

Funeral services for Cody Swade Kieth, 17, of New Home were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at New Home Baptist Church with Rev. Jerrell Rial officiating and Terrell McReynold assisting. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, May 8, 2004 in Lubbock.

Kieth was born Feb. 4, 1987 in Lubbock, Texas to Murray and Angie Wilke Kieth. He was a student at New Home High School, and was actively involved in sports, including tennis, and he was a regional qualifier for basketball, football and golf. He was a member of FFA, FCA, the National Honor Society, New Home Baptist Church and the First Baptist Youth Group.

Survivors include his parents, Murray and Angie Kieth of New Home; a sister, Stephanie Kieth of New Home; paternal grandparents, Jimmie and Joann Kieth of New Home; maternal grandfather, Delmar Wilke and wife Lynn of Slaton; maternal grandmother, Barbara Wilke of Lubbock; and his paternal great-grandfather, Garland Peck of New Home.

The family suggests memorials to Cody Kieth Memorial Fund, c/o Wilson State Bank, P.O. Box 177, Wilson, TX 79381.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS JUNIOR ALL-STARS - The Tahoka Little Dribblers All-Stars came in third place in an AAU tournament in Shallowater recently and will play in the Regional Little Dribblers tournament this week in Brownfield. They are (top, l to r) Gretchen Henley, Stormee Martin, Paxton Howard, Ariana Monsivais, Maddie Barton, Wendy Arellano. (Back row, l to r) Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, Kayla Long, McKenzie Smallian, Nancy Munoz and Larissa Garcia.

Brisket Dinner Sunday To Raise Funds For Dotson

A Brisket Dinner will be served Sunday, May 16 at 12 noon at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center to raise funds for Tahoka High School student Patrick Dotson, who has been invited to Australia with the Coast-To-Coast baseball program this summer. The meal includes brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, drink and dessert, for \$5 a plate. The Center is located at 1400 Ave. K.

Dotson is the son of Shi and Brenda Dotson and Yolanda Dotson, all of Tahoka.

Mandi Tejada Is TTU Grad

Mandi Lea Tejada of Amarillo will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a minor in English at Texas Tech University Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 15, at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Tejada, a graduate of Tahoka High School, is the daughter of Debbie Jolly and Tommy Tejada. Grandparents are Bobby and Peggy Jolly, and Rudy and Mercy Tejada, all of Tahoka.

STORK REPORT

Bryson Lee was born to Drew and Shelly Stone of Tahoka on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 22 inches long.

He has an older brother, Braden. Grandparents are Dan and Donna Stone of Tahoka and Steve and Shirley Burleson of Spur. Great grandparents are Robert and Wilma Edwards of Tahoka, Ershel and Mary Johnson of Plainview and Elma and Wyoma Burleson of Lubbock.

Jr. High Tennis Teams Play In Post

The Tahoka Junior High tennis teams played singles matches in Post on Saturday May 8. The results are as follows:

8th grade boys: Josh Freitag; won 1st round game 8-1 lost second round 2-8; Britt Wuensche; lost 1st round 5-8; Shon Overton; won 1st round game 8-3 lost 2nd round 2-8; Alex DeLeon; won 1st round game 8-2 lost 2nd round 3-8 won 3rd place game 8-2; Vincent Cowan; won 1st round game 8-2 lost 2nd round 3-8 lost in the 3rd place match against Alex DeLeon (2-8); took 4th place.

7th grade boys: Brandon Moss; Drew a bye in 1st round match lost in 2nd round 0-8 lost in the 3rd place match 0-8 - Took 4th place.

8th grade girls: Tawnyce Murillo won 1st round game 8-2 won 2nd round 8-4 won championship 8-6 in 3rd round match; Lindsey Barrientez won 1st round game 8-2, won 2nd round 8-1, lost in championship match against Tawnyce Murillo 6-8 - 2nd place Jessica McLelland; won 1st round game 8-2 lost 2nd round 4-8 won 3rd place match 8-4; Lauren Botkin won 1st round game 8-2 lost 2nd round 1-8 lost in 3rd place match against Jessica McLelland 4-8 - 4th place.

7th grade girls: Cori Vega - won 1st round game 8-1, won 2nd round 8-6, won championship 8-2 in 3rd round match; D'Maris Murillo won 1st round match 9-8 won 2nd round 8-2 lost in championship match to Cori Vega 2-8 - 2nd place.

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If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 27, send \$5, the name of the student, high school, and parents name to Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or come by the News Office at 1617 Main St.

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The graduation issue includes New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!



NEW FFA OFFICERS - FFA Officers for 2004-05 at Tahoka High School were inducted at the May 4 FFA Banquet, including (in front from left) Jamie Holdren, Kami Owens, Skylar Owens, Delci Willis; (in back) Kyle Preston, Matthew Saldana, and Josh Hawthorne.



HONORARY FFA MEMBERS - Honorary members of the Tahoka High School FFA program include, in front from left, Vicki Ashbrook, Paula Reynolds, Mary Belew; and in back, Charles Ashbrook, Bryan Reynolds and Denny Belew.

FFA Awards Presented During Annual Banquet

Tahoka High School FFA awards were presented at the annual parent/membership FFA Banquet on May 4. Kyle Preston was presented with the Star Greenhand Award, and Matthew Saldana received the Star Chapter FFA Award. Tyler Hawthorne was presented with the Star Lone Star Award, and the Ag Student Award went to Chris Ashbrook.

Awards from the past year's activities were presented, as follows: Creed Speaking Team - Justin Holmes, Amanda Parades, Kami Owens, Kasey Draper; Radio Team - Lindsay Preston, Meredith Pittman, Chris Ashbrook; Senior Quiz Team - Tyler Hawthorne, Casey Hall, Skylar Owens; Junior Quiz Team - Josh Hawthorne, Kyle Preston, Matthew McLelland; Livestock Judging Team - Matthew Saldana, Chris Ashbrook, Lindsay Preston, Skylar Owens, Josh Hawthorne, Kyle Preston; Horse Judging Team - Delci Willis, Hailey Hall, Kasey Draper, Matthew McLelland; Cotton Judging

Team - Amanda Paredes, Melissa Marques, Linda Salazar.

Craig Campbell, a senior agricultural communications major from Hereford, was guest speaker at the banquet.

Miss Shock was presented with a plaque as the second semester student Ag teacher, and Bill Binder, sponsor, presented his retiring officers with plaques, as follows: Lindsay Preston, President; Meredith Pittman, Vice President; Matthew Saldana, Secretary; Brady Askew, Treasurer; Skylar Owens, Reporter; Tyler Hawthorne, Sentinel; Chris Ashbrook, Student Advisor; Casey Hall, Student Council Rep.; and Kyle Preston, Parliamentarian.

New FFA officers for the 2004-05 year were inducted at the end of the meeting. They are: Delci Willis, President; James Holder, Vice President; Skylar Owens, Secretary; Kyle Preston, Treasurer; Matthew Saldana, Reporter; Josh Hawthorne, Sentinel; and Kami Owens, Student Advisor.



OUTGOING FFA OFFICERS - Tahoka High School FFA Officers for 2003-04 were honored at the FFA Banquet recently. They are, in front from left, Lindsay Preston, Meredith Pittman, Skylar Owens, Matthew Saldana; and in back, Kyle Preston, Tyler Hawthorne, Chris Ashbrook, Casey Hall and Brady Askew.

Storm Shelter Funding Announced By USDA Rural Development Agency

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency is offering low interest Section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

Eligibility requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, an applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible

rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

State Director Daniel encourages individuals interested in USDA Rural Development's Section 504 loan program to contact their local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

Water Conservation: It is For Everyone

By Bryan Reynolds, CEA Lynn County, Agriculture

The availability of water, now and in the future, should be a concern for everyone. In most areas of the country and cost of the time, water has been readily available. The situation is changing. There are constantly new demands on our water supply. Sometimes that supply may be less than at other times because of climatic conditions such as a drought, a disaster, or just a breakdown in the water system.

Conserving water also conserves other resources - energy and money. It costs money to pump water and make it available in our homes, for irrigation, and for business and industrial uses. Energy is required to pump, move, and to purify water. Both energy and money are required to heat water-whether it is the water we heat and use, or the water we heat and waste through poor management practices.

By becoming more aware of your water use habits - both old and new - you can reduce water use (consumption), eliminate waste, and save energy and money.

How much water do you use in a day? A gallon? Do you use 25, 50, or even 100 or more gallons? Few people know how much they use. Studies show wide variation in the amount of water used by rural and urban households. Water use ranges from 66 to 118 gallons per person per day, with urban households using larger amounts.

Imagine what it would be like to turn on the tap and not get at least a drop of water. People in some parts of the country know this does happen. They are learning how to conserve water. They know that water is a limited resource. Water shortages are now a local or regional problem. Some day they may be a national problem. It is wise to learn now how

to conserve water.

The following tips are designed to help you start conserving water now. Additional water conservation tips will follow throughout the Summer.

- Inspect the plumbing system to see that there are no leaks.

- Install reduced-flow showerheads (2.5 gal./min.).

- Check to see how often your home water softening equipment regenerates and backwashes. It can use as much as 100 gallons of water each time it does this. You may want to cut down on the use of such equipment. Reserve softened water for kitchen use, bathing, and laundry. Use unsoftened water for all other purposes.

- Check all faucets, inside and out, for drips. Make repairs promptly. These problems get worse - never better.

- Teach children to turn water faucets off quickly and tightly after each use.

- A toilet leak can waste lots of water. Put a small amount of food coloring into the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, there is a leak and repairs are needed.
- Replace existing toilets with 1.6 gal./flush toilets.
- Water required to flush some older 3.5-7 gal./flush toilets can be reduced. Experiment by placing a quart plastic (not glass) bottle filled with water in the flush tank to save 1 quart of water per flush. (Don't use a brick to fill space in your toilet flush tank. Particles from the brick could damage the valve.

For more information, contact Texas Cooperative Extension at 806/561-4562.

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The Second Chair
By John Lescrowt

To the outside world, it looks like Dismas Hardy is finally on top. A managing partner at his thriving, newly reorganized law firm, he's a rainmaker and fix-it guy for clients leery of taking their chances in a courtroom. But what the world sees is a mirage. For beneath the surface bravado and the lucrative deal-making, Hardy has lost his faith in the law.

Now Hardy's young associate, Amy Wu, suddenly rootless and grieving over the recent death of her father, brings the firm a high-profile and challenging case: Andrew Bartlett, the 17-year-old son of a prominent San Francisco family, has been arrested for the double slaying of his girlfriend and his English teacher. The D.A. wants to try him as an adult, but Wu cuts a deal to keep him in juvenile court - a deal that she's forced to break.

Overwhelmed by the mounting evidence against their client, and hoping to salvage his firm's reputation in the face of the D.A.'s righteous wrath, Hardy sits second chair with Wu in Bartlett's defense.

Hardy's search for the truth takes him and Wu down a path that becomes more perilous with each step.

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Tahoka School Menu

May 17-21

Breakfast

Monday-Banana Bread Mini Loaf, apple
Tuesday-Ham & Cheese biscuit, fresh fruit
Wednesday-Breakfast bar
Thursday-Donuts, fresh fruit
Friday-Banana w/ graham cracker

Lunch

Monday-Chicken fajitas, bean burrito, tossed salad, sweet corn, pears
Tuesday- Beef & mac, BBQ sandwich, carrot stix tossed salad, fresh fruit
Wednesday-Pizza burger on bun, beef burrito, tossed salad, chilled fruit
Thursday-Turkey & cheese sand, BBQ on bun, rancho beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples
Friday-Frito pie, ham & cheese sandwich, fiesta rice, lettuce & tomato, chocolate pudding

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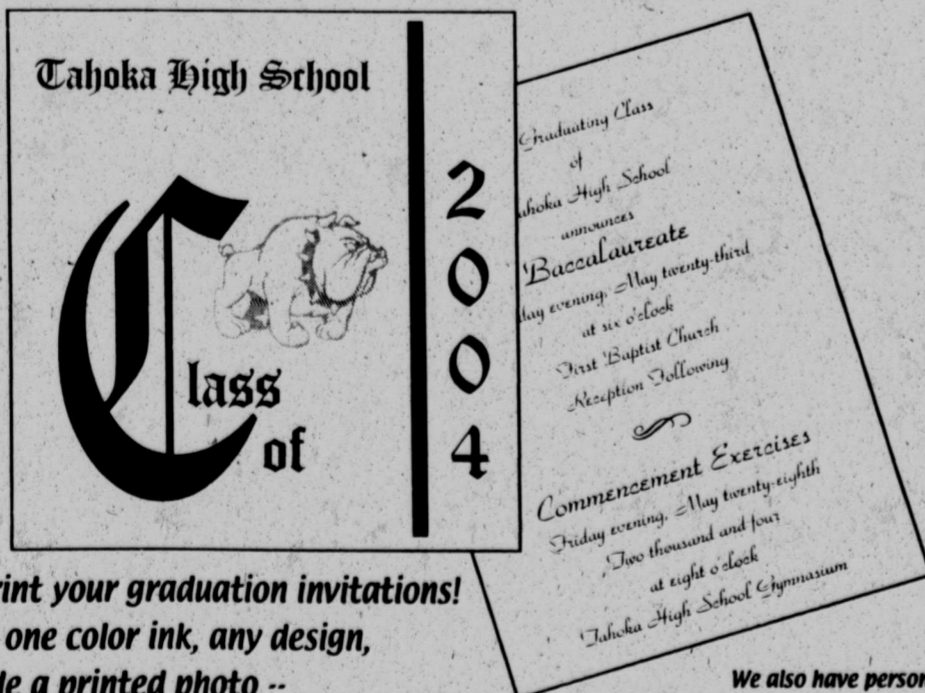
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-Tahoka Band Boosters 20-1tp

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\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP - Chris Ashbrook (center), a Tahoka High School senior, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Smith Ford-Mercury of Slaton, and Ford Motor Company, represented here by Annette Sykora (left) and Paul Etheredge (right). Ashbrook, son of Charles and Vicki Ashbrook of Tahoka, plans to study Agricultural Business at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He received the scholarship through the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program.



SUPERIOR MUSICIANS - These Tahoka Middle School band students played solos and duets at the Floydada Band Festival and earned Superiors on their performances. Pictured are Lindsey Barrientez - clarinet solo & duet, Kristin Box - piano & duet, Erica Chavarria - flute, Trey Daves - horn, Kyle Larpenter - bari sax, Brandon Moss - trombone, & Jacob Stephens - piano. Not pictured is Vincent Cowan - tenor sax solo & duet. These students along with the 6th Grade Beginning Band, the M.S. Concert Band, & the M.S. Symphonic Band will be presenting their annual Spring Concert this coming Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The public is encouraged to come enjoy this evening of music and support these young musicians.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People often ask why we live in a small town. Sometimes, we even forget why we put up with the inconvenience of having to drive to Lubbock for a gallon of milk or a movie. But then, tragedy happens and we are shaken back into vivid reality of knowing why. We do not live here for convenience. We live here for the camaraderie, the fellowship, the knowledge that we will never have to suffer alone.

We lost our Cody Saturday night (5/8). He belonged to all of us. Though total comfort is unachievable at a time like this, and your legs are weak with grief, it is the town that picks you up and carries you through. It is the people of this small community that come together to love the family, to love each other. Are we exclusive in our grief? No. Our neighbors, Ropes, Meadow, Wilson, Tahoka, Wellman, and others join us because they knew and loved Cody too. They also understand what it is to lose one of your own. People talk about "small town mentality." We don't apologize for it, we just wish everyone had it.

We love you Murray, Angie, Stephanie, and Cody.

The Johnston, Rodgers, and Jolly Families
New Home, TX

To the employee's and staff of Poka-Lambro,

I would like to express my gratitude at your company's commitment to the Tahoka Pre-Kindergarten Classes. Your company and staff provided entertainment and support throughout the 2003-2004 school year and I know the teaching staff and parents were so pleased. As a parent of a Pre-K child, I know first hand the excitement the field trips brought my child.

From trick or treating at your main location to an Easter egg hunt where the kids couldn't hardly see grass because the field was so covered with candy, you provided an excursion the children and teaching staff won't soon forget.

In a day and age where business economy is difficult, I know big companies often look for a way to cut costs and overhead. Please continue your support for our children, it is an investment that you may not see at the end of the fiscal year, but an investment they will reap for a lifetime. Your commitment to our community is outstanding and if you don't hear Thank You often enough, it is not because we don't mean it.

Aimee Jackson
Tahoka



A FINE DAY FOR A PICNIC - Lynn County Courthouse employees and some of their family members gathered under the trees of the courthouse Friday for a noon picnic, to enjoy the fine weather and take a break from their busy schedules. This is the second annual picnic for the county group, who brought lots of homemade goodies to supplement the meat provided by the Probation Office. (LCN PHOTO)

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

The Varsity Cheerleaders will be selling breakfast burritos at the election on May 15. They will also be having a car wash in the school parking lot. Both events will be from 7:00 until 11:00.

New Home School Menu

May 17-21
Breakfast

Monday - Pancake pup
Tuesday - Waffles/pancakes
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza
Thursday - Biscuit/Sausage
Friday - Blueberry muffins

Lunch

Monday - Sausage wrap, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, pear cup
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, grapes, hot roll
Wednesday - Chopped brisket sand, pickle spears, pinto beans, carrot/cucumber, fruit cup
Thursday - Chicken Quesadilla, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, pineapple chunks
Friday - Chili cheese dog, tator tots, chili beans, cherry cobbler

Wilson School Menu

May 17-21
Breakfast Lunch

Monday-Friday: Manager's Choice all week

Landowners Should Check Property For Open Abandoned Wells, Cave-Ins

Open, abandoned water wells are problems often associated with rural areas. However, as residential development makes its way onto former agricultural land, it is extremely important for landowners and developers to inspect their property for open abandoned water wells and cave-ins.

"When a landowner or developer purchases property, they become responsible for any open, abandoned water wells and cave-ins on that land," said Arnold Husky, compliance and permitting division director. "The High Plains Water District is here to guide landowners and developers in the proper closer of these wells."

Recently, workers reported a water well cave-in at a new southwest Lubbock subdivision to district personnel.

"Those preparing the site for construction became concerned about this cave-in. The well was originally equipped with a 14-inch steel casing, which is rusting away beneath the land surface. The concrete pump base had been removed which increases chances of a cave-in occurring. Over time, the well had deteriorated to the point where it poses a danger to the public, and especially children playing in the area. It also could have allowed contaminants direct access to the ground water stored in the Ogallala aquifer," said Husky.

He added that an open, abandoned water well, covered only by a wooden pallet, was found just a block away in the same new housing development. "Persons could easily lift this wooden pallet to reveal the open well. Also, contaminants could easily flow between the slats and enter the well," he said. Both the landowner and developer are working with district personnel to properly close these wells.

Husky added that he has seen

open, abandoned wells in the 15-county water district covered with crumbling sheet metal, barbed wire, screen wire, wheels, tires, plow disks, and even the kitchen sink. While these methods may be quick fixes, these objects can be easily removed and this creates safety issues.

"Two children have fallen into open, abandoned water wells within the High Plains Water District since its creation in 1951. Thankfully, both were rescued unharmed. The district does not want that to happen again so we encourage landowners and developers to inspect their property and properly close any wells they may find," said Husky.

State law and High Plains Water District rules state that "Every owner and operator of land within the district upon which is located any open or uncovered well is, and shall be, required to close or cap the same permanently with a covering capable of sustaining weight of not less than four hundred (400) pounds, except when said well is in actual use by the owner or operator thereof and no owner or operator shall permit or allow any open or uncovered well to exist in violation of this requirement."

A brochure discussing the proper closure of abandoned wells is available free of charge to residents within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area.

"The water district strongly recommends that landowners contact a licensed well driller or pump installer to properly close these wells so that they comply with state law and district rules," said Husky.

If an open, abandoned well or cave-in is discovered, please contact the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79411-2499 or call (806) 762-0181.

Questions and Answers of the Day

Philippians 4:13, 19, Hebrews 13:5, 6, James 1:6, Hebrews Chapters 11-12

Question: What is too much responsibility?

Answer: I don't know the answer. All I know is, God knows. We don't live in a society that allows you to slow down. Some days we drive along, on our cell phones conducting business, with not one person but two, thanks to good old cell waiting. Our post office box is crammed full of things to take care of. Often we look at our calendars and realize we have accidentally ambushed ourselves by booking not one, but three things to do at the same time. We travel with our PDA's because we must carry our appointments and agendas with us. There are days with not enough time, money or rest. Even as we fly and race through our days and do all we can, sometimes we close the day with the knowledge that we still didn't get everything done. At this point we then have to solve the world's problems, figure out what to do for tomorrow and worry over what didn't get done today. Unfortunately most of this is worked out while we should be sleeping. Each minute we spend in worry we take away something precious from ourselves. Matthew 11:28-30 says come to Him for rest. I have always heard that He wouldn't put more on us that we could stand. How much of our agenda is God-given and how much is self-given? I pray for rest in the midst of responsibility.

God bless you all.

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