LIKE THIS, ONLY A LOT BIGGER-Paul Kiser of Tahoka, who flew 157 combat missions as a fighter pilot in World War II, holds a model of a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane like the one he flew most of the time in combat.

**By DALTON WOOD** 

tounding 157 combat missions as a was born and reared in Fisher County, fighter pilot in the Pacific area during World War II, remembers with emotion-especially on Memorial Days-all of the people he served with during those missions. Of course, he recalls fondly those in his unit who, like Paul Kiser, came home intact, and who mostly have since died. But he gets even more emotional telling the tragic stories of some young men who died very early in the war.

One of these, he recalled, died in a training flight accident. Another, who died very early in combat, had already arranged for flowers to be sent to his wife in Buffalo NY whenever she gave birth to their child. The baby was born shortly after she was notified of her husband's death, and the flowers from him then were delivered, as he had arranged.

graduating in 1935 at the small school in Sylvester, near Roby, the county seat. "That's where I met Grace two forces raided and bombed each (eventually his wife), who was teach-

EUN HWE :

He then earned a bachelor of science degree in dairy manufacturing at Texas Tech, graduating in 1940. "I was drafted for a year before the war, tions. in January of 1941, and I did a veterinary course until the war started. 1 went into the Air Corps cadets and graduated from that course in 1942."

"They then gave us 30 days of combat flying training in Cross City. Florida, near Tampa. We got 60 hours of combat training and then we were sent overseas. I joined my outfit in Australia, where they had dropped back for recuperation. Most of the time we were in New Guinea-our

Kiser, who now is 87 and lives main mission was to protect Austra-A Tahoka man who flew an as- just northwest of the Tahoka airport, lia and keep the Japanese from going on in there.

The Japanese had bases in New Guinea, as did the Americans, and the other's airfields as well as meeting in aerial combat. Kiser's unit mostly was stationed at Port Moresby. They also escorted bombers and supply planes and attacked other enemy installa-

The young airman's 157 combat missions may have been the second. most such missions flown by an American pilot during that war. "One man, L.E. Witt Jr. of Bowden GA, who stayed over there after I came back, had 326 combat missions, the most of any pilot in the war. .. I never heard of any others having more than the 157 I flew, but it is possible." Kiser said.

(See PAUL KISER, page 3)

# Lynn County News

TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004

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Tahoka High School Principal Cliff Gardner is resigning his position after serving just one year here, to accept a position as superintendent at Baird Independent School District, a Class A school.

Gardner submitted his resignation to TISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker on Tuesday, May 18.

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ALTHOUGH I have visited 25 or 30 of the United States. I have lived in only two which were listed on any map: Texas and Indiana. I have lived in several other states not listed on any map, including the states of Ignorance, Confusion, Anxiety and even Contentment.

There was, according to the South Plains Genealogical Society at Lubbock, another real state which existed for four years in this nation, and is known today as "the lost state."

Between 1784 and 1788 some records show citizens from the State of Franklin, a small area which tried to break away from North Carolina and become the 14th state in the union. Its most famous citizen was Davy Crockett, born in Franklin in 1786.

The state was named for Benjamin Franklin, mostly to solicit his support, said a recent genealogy newsletter. It had first been named Frankland, and during its four-year existence had a governor, legislature and court system. Since the State of Franklin broke away from North Carolina, they failed to get that state's support for statehood, and approval for statehood was denied by one vote in Congress in 1789. North Carolina ceded its western lands in 1796. Tennessee became the 16th state and included the Franklin territory, which now is 14 counties in northeast Tennessee.

The same issue of the Genealogical Society newsletter notes that "most families are like fudge-mostly sweet, with a few nuts."

MOST WHO KNOW me understand that I am far from the typical television watcher. I do watch TV probably a couple of hours each evening, but usually late, not in what they call prime time, because in prime time, I haven't had my evening meal yet, especially during daylight savings time.

Consequently I was pretty unimpressed with newspaper stories and late night newscasters who referred to the big deal of a couple of apparently well-known programs winding up their series in recent weeks. One was "Friends," and I can say rather proudly that I never saw even one episode of that, have no idea when it was on or who was in it, nor will I miss it.

Then I saw another story last week about another show ending. I had to go back to the paper to look it up to see which one; I thought it was the last of Seinfeld, or maybe Rumsfeld, but it turned out to be Frazier. It had run for 11 years. I think I had actually seen bits of that program, but don't recall seeing all of one. I do remember seeing Kelsey Grandma or whatever his name is in some movie about the Navy, and it wasn't too bad

l just don't watch sitcoms much. There are funnier things happening with most families I know, and I don't have to sit through endless advertisements to learn what is going to happen next.

Occasionally I watch Ted Koppel, because he looks like Howdy

### NHISD Voters OK \$700,000 Bond

# **Voters Make Choices** In City, School Races

Incumbents held a slight edge in city and school elections held throughout Lynn County Saturday, with about two-thirds of the incumbents retaining their seats, and others falling to challengers; and New Home Independent School District voters approved a \$700,000 bond for improvements to school facilities, with 122 voting for the proposal and 32 against. This was the first bond election the school has called since 1963. Funds will be used to add four new classrooms on the east side of the high school building, and for removing windows on the north and south sides of the elementary building for energy conservation.

In Tahoka, all three incumbents reclaimed seats on the City Council; and two of three incumbents regained their school board seats. Clara Calvillo was the only contested incumbent in the Tahoka City Council election, and she mustered 56 votes to 23 for challenger Jeanie Stone to win the District 2 race. Jay Dee House was unopposed to regain his seat with 39 votes in District 4, and Ray Box had 92 votes, unopposed,

in the At-Large District 5 election. All three incumbents in the Tahoka ISD election were challenged in their respective precincts. Challenger Kent Kahl claimed the Precinct 1 trustee seat after receiving 32 votes to 24 for incumbent Leighton Knox Jr. Joe Calvillo will again represent Precinct 2 after receiving 57 votes over challengers Danny Paris with 20, Mike Rivas with 12, and Kelly Draper with 1 vote. Carmen Chapa keeps her seat in Precinct 5, with 31 votes over 1 vote for challenger Carlos Moralez.

In addition to the bond election, New Home ISD had eight candidates for three seats on the board of trustees. Incumbent Kevin Mitchell led the ticket with 84 votes, and also elected were Angie Kieth with 75, and incumbent Michael White with 70 votes. Also running were Paula Ford with 60 votes, Danny Nettles with 53, Leo Torres Jr. with 30, Tommy Harmonson with 27, and Debi Maloney with 17 votes.

There were an unusually large

number of candidates in the New Home City election as well, with seven candidates for three council seats. Incumbent Louis Rodriquez led with 55 votes, followed closely by Roger Martin with 51 and another incumbent, Dale Clem with 40 votes, to win the election. LaVonne Sharp had 38 votes, Billy Ray Smith had 33, Mario Rodriguez had 11, and Jesús Ramirez had 9 votes.

In the O'Donnell City election, Maurice Jackson narrowly edged out incumbent mayor James Williams by a mere 2 votes to win that race. Jackson had 87 votes, Williams had 85, and Jamie Casillas had 24 votes in the mayoral race. Four candidates were vying for two council seats, with the two incumbents reclaiming their seats. Harry Howell led the ticket with 192 votes and Anita Guajardo had 71 votes to win the election, and challengers Max Mendieta and Willie Luera each had

Two of three incumbents were reelected in the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees election, with candidate Ben Franklin leading the ticket with 229 votes to claim a seat on the board with incumbents Kirby Williams, who had 181 votes, and Willie Villarreal, who had 170 votes. Incumbent Dan Mott was edged out of the election with a respectable 159

Mike Buckner won the Wilson ISD Special Election to fill a twoyear unexpired term. He had 31 votes over 16 for Janie Zepeda. This was the only ballot offered to Wilson ISD voters, as the three seats open for regular three-year terms on the board were unopposed. Incumbent Lonnie Paul Donald, and J.B. Kirk and Janie Rios, will be declared elected for those terms. Wilson City officials canceled the city election because of unchallenged candidates, and will declare Mayor Jackie Bishop and council members Oscar Follis and Cody Donald elected

Lynn County Hospital District officials also canceled their election, and will declare unopposed incumbents Dalton Wood and Joan Knox



OUTSTANDING FARMERS AT AREA -David and Kieth Wied (center) who operate Wied Farms were named Outstanding Conservation Farmers at the SWCD Area 1 Awards Banquet held May 6 at Plainview. Area 1 consists of 56 counties in the Panhandle. Also shown are Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (left) and W.R. Steen, Lynn Co. SWCD Director. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor individuals, districts, and businesses who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of our natural resources.

# **O'Donnell Commencement Exercises Set Friday Night**

Lynn County schools begin this Friday night, when O'Donnell High School seniors graduate in ceremonies in the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Auditorium at 8 p.m., May 21. Tahoka, Wilson and New Home seniors will graduate the following Fri-

day, May 28. All Lynn County graduating seniors will be featured in next week's annual Lynn County News Gradua tion Edition.

Baccalaureate services are scheduled for three county schools, including Wilson ISD grads at 3 p.m. Sun-'day in the school auditorium, for

#### **Open House Held** At O'Donnell Clinic

The O'Donnell Clinic operated by Lynn County Hospital District, with expanded hours of service now in effect, had open house at its facilities at 501 5th St. in O'Donnell Wednesday morning.

The clinic is open to patients five mornings a week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9, a.m. to noon, Dr. Griffith Thomas is there, and on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon, Physicians Assistant John Benson is seeing patients

Commencement exercises for Tahoka seniors at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and for New Home seniors at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at New Home First Bap-

This year's OHS valedictorian is Tiffany Hernandez, daughter of Aurelio and Anita Hernandez. She graduates with a weighted average of 3.32307 and a numerical average of

Debbie Trevino, daughter of Richard and Norma Trevino, is the class salutatorian. She has a weighted average of 3.32063 and a numerical average of 93.90476.

From the O'Donnell High School graduating class of 26, four students graduate with high honors -Hernandez, Trevino, Aaron Escobedo and Coty Isbell. Escobedo is the son of Altredo and Delma Escobedo, and Isbell is the son of Charles and Tracy Isbell.

Other honor students are Sloan Smallwood, son of Eddie and Vicky Smallwood; Jerrod Childress, son of Joe and Christy Childress; and Jeremy Villarreal, son of Victor and Janie Enriquez and Jason Villarreal.

Karen Wells, daughter of John and Sharon Wells; Cassie Price, daughter of Rick and Tammy Price: and Tina Guenther, daughter of John and Katharina Guenther, are also honor students at OHS.



#### KATY JOAN HUFFAKER and JAMES MCGOVERN Couple Announce Engagement

Mike and Beth Huffaker of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter. Katy Joan Huffaker, to James McGovern, son of the late Rosa

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Maurice and Grace Huffaker of Tahoka

She is a graduate of Tahoka High School and West Texas A&M and is employed by Southwest Airlines. The future bridegroom is a graduate of San Diego State University and is employed by McDonalds Corp and United States Navy Reserves.

The couple plan to marry August 21, 2004 at Tahoka First United Meth-

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# One Dead, Two Unhurt **In Highway Accidents**

A Lubbock delivery driver died last Thursday afternoon after a highway patrol pursuit which began in Lynn County and reached speeds of 100 mph before the man overturned on U.S. 87 north of Lamesa.

Richard Lee Rushing, 54, was killed after trying to avoid tire spikes laid by troopers to stop his truck, according to Dept. of Public Safety Sgt. Larry Campbell. Trooper Rynn Sappington started chasing Rushing four miles north of O'Donnell, when Rushing's 1993 Chevrolet pickup traveling at an estimated 90 mph, passed the officer southbound on

Officers found no outstanding warrants on Rushing's record, and Campbell said that as of last weekend, "we haven't determined why he ran."

On Monday morning about 3:15 a.m. Trooper Wanda Raney investigated an accident on U.S. 87 three miles north of O'Donnell where a 1998 Ford Escort driven by Jacob Anderson, 22 of Big Spring, traveling south, went out of control and struck two highway signs. Anderson, traveling alone, was not injured.

Also escaping injury was Heather Gillis, 20, of Clovis, who ran off the road on U.S. 84 in Lynn County just before noon Tuesday and wiped out two more highway signs in the median, according to Trooper Raney. The driver was headed northwest in 2003 Mitsubishi Spyder, which did not overturn.

Theft of a cell phone and vandalism to a city vehicle were among incidents reported to Tahoka Police during the week.

Antonio Coronado Silvas Jr. told police that while he was at Allsup's Tuesday someone took his cell phone from the counter. The Audiovox phone was valued at \$45

City Manager Jerry Webster reported Tuesday that the back window was broken out of a gray 2003 Dodge pickup owned by the city.

A 19-year-old Tahoka man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after police were called to his home in regard to a complaint of loud mu-

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A grand jury in 106th District Court Monday returned 22 indictments for felonies. Judge Carter Schildknecht ordered that none of the names of those indicted be released to the media or to the public.

Eleven persons were added to the jail population during the week, bringing the total in jail to 45 by Wednesday, including 16 for Lubbock County and 8 for Garza County. The new detainees were arrested on the following charges:

Application to revoke probation on DWI first offense conviction, driving while license suspended plus invalid, drivers license, possession of marijuana under two ounces plus open container of alcohol, possession of marijuana plus failure to identify to a peace officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, parole violation on burglary conviction, DWI first offense, warrant on theft by check, no drivers license, Ector County warrant on theft by check, and public intoxi-



#### PATRICK WELLS Patrick Wells Is "Outstanding" Pianist At State Festival

Patrick Wells, 10-year-old son of Haney and Tanya Wells of Tahoka, competed in the Texas Federation of Music Clubs 29th Annual State Festival at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on May 15. The young pianist was awarded the highest rating of Outstanding for his performance of Turkish Bazaar, a piano

There were 1500 entrants in the festival. Patrick played in the Elementary Class III division. He qualified for the State Festival by winning a Superior rating on Feb. 28 at the Federation's Pastorale Festival at Texas Tech University.

He is a piano student of Jenny McClendon of Lubbock, and has studied piano since the age of 3.

#### SPC Summer Registration Is Set For May 26-27

Registration for South Plains College's first summer term is May 26-27.

Sign-up for SPC Levelland campus classes will be 1-5 p.m. May 26 at SPC Levelland's Administration Building.

Lubbock class enrollment will be 1-6 p.m. May 27 at the SPC Reese Center campus, Building 1, Administrative Offices. Classes are offered at the SPC Reese Center campus and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock

Registration permits are required. Classes begin June 1, and late registration is June 1-2. A late fee of \$15 and an add/drop fee of \$5 will

Additional information can be found on SPC's, website at www.southplainscollege.edu.

Registration for SPC's second summer term is July 5-6. Classes begin July 6.

To obtain a registration permit, contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572 or the SPC Reese Center at 885-3048, ext. 2902 or

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**ALTON AND JOYCE COOK** 

#### Cooks to Celebrate 35th Wedding Anniversary

Joyce and Alton Cook of O'Donnell will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell with a reception hosted by their children. The couple requests

Cook married the former Joyce Anderson on May 21, 1969 in Lamesa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born in Lamesa. He was raised in O'Donnell and she is a Lamesa High School graduate. The couple has resided in O'Donnell throughout their marriage. He is a farmer and she is employed by O'Donnell Independent School District.

The couple have four children: Bruce Cook, Randy Cook, Wayne Cook and Julie Cook. The Cooks are active in the O'Donnell First Baptist Church and in O'Donnell schools.

#### **June 26 Auction To Benefit Local** Sr. Citizens Center

Auction items are currently being accepted at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka for a live auction slated for June 26, with all proceeds benefitting the local center.

The annual fundraiser begins with a pancake/sausage/bacon breakfast before the live auction begins.

"We are in need of auction items/ funds in order for our center to remain open," says Nancy Guilliams, Director. "Any donation is greatly appreciated!" she added.

The Pioneers Center serves nutritious noon meals on Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the county, as well as providing an outlet for social recreation.

#### **Senior Citizens MENU**

May 24-28

Monday- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, French fries or tots, p!ums

Tuesday- Pork or beef roast, lima beans. Harvard beets, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, pumpkin pie

Wednesday-Turkey and dressing, green beans, tossed salad/1000 island, hot roll, cranberry sauce, apple

Thursday-Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra, apricots, cornbread, oatmeal cookie

Friday-Chicken w/mushroom sauce, blackeye peas, asparagus or green beans, grapefruit sections, wheat rolls

# STORK REPORT

Kyler Matthew Evans was born to Matt and Brooke Evans of Lubbock on Thursday, May 13, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 21 inches

Grandparents are Mark and Charlsie Tekell of Tahoka, Terry and Lisa Bixler of Canyon and Greg and Tammy Evans of Amarillo. Greatgrandparents are Wayne and Loretta Tekell and Della Clark, all of Tahoka, and Beverly Carter of Canyon. Greatgreat-grandmother is Geneva Tekell of Lubbock.

#### Child Care Workshop Offered for Youth

A Child Care Workshop will be co-sponsored by Girl Scouts of Caprock Council Covenant Health Systems on Tuesday, June 8, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Girls will have the opportunity to earn their Child Care certification. They will receive information and training on babysitting skills, household and medical emergencies and first aid. Additionally, demonstrations and hands-on practice in infant as well as child CPR will be available.

Registration deadline for the event is May 25. The cost to attend is \$5.00 per girl, which includes snacks, lunch and materials. This workshop is open to the public so register early to reserve your space. Contact Tina Mann at (806) 745-2855 ext. 212 for more information.

Friends are an aid to the young, to guard them from error; to the elderly, to attend to their wants and to supplement their failing power of action; to those in the prime of life, to assist them to noble deeds.

-Aristotle



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## Paul Kiser Remembers WWII...

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"We were green second lieutenants when we first went into combat," but quickly the pilots were promoted to first lieutenant, and soon to captain, a rank held by Kiser until his separation from the Army Air Corps in 1946.

Kiser was never shot down, but twice "my plane was shot up pretty bad and I had to return to base and land with the (landing) gear up," he said, On the worst of those occasions, he had to fly about 300 miles on one engine of the twin-engine P-38 he was piloting.

Four times he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and has several Air Medals and copies of commendations for his unit, the 35th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group. Kiser first flew a P-39 fighter plane, then a P-40, very briefly a P-47 and then, for most of the war, the twinengine P-38. One of the Presidential Citations he has a copy of states, in

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"The 35th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action. against the enemy. On 16 January, 16 planes of the 35th Fighter Squadron were assigned to protect a convoy of service vessels carrying reinforcements, supplies and equipment to Saidor, New Guinea, where our forces had established a beachhead...When a formation of 30 to 40 enemy fighters was sighted approaching the convoy, the U.S. pilots, although outnumbered two to one, climbed in a head-on attack to meet the diving Japanese aircraft. They shot down four enemy planes in the first wave and forced the rest into dogfights before they could regroup for further attack. Outmaneuvering and outfighting the enemy, the 35th destroyed 18 aircraft without the loss of one of its own.

Despite the high-risk job of combat pilot, Kiser never was wounded. "They wanted to give me a Purple Heart once after I hurt my finger slightly diving into a ditch under fire," he laughed. "But I told them 'No way'. If my mother had been notified I'd got a Purple Heart, she'd have been sure I had lost both arms and both legs."

He officially was credited with shooting down two Japanese planes, and two more were unconfirmed.

In 1944 Kiser came back to the states on an extended leave, and in June 1944-"during the Normandy invasion"-he and Grace Montgomery were married in the Will Montgomery home place which still is next door to Kiser's present home. They were married for 59 years before her death in 2003. They had three children.

Kiser said that when he first got back from overseas, the Army sent

many of its returning personnel to Miami Beach for reassignment in the states. "They had taken over all the better hotels in Miami for the Air Corps and all of us who came back went either there or to Santa Monica, California, for what they called redistribution...I got down there and

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they found out how many missions I had, and no one had ever come back with that many missions.

"So I got to see every head shrinker they had out there," he

For anyone who never experienced a similar period of time in their lives, it is difficult to truly understand the feeling of "family" between the young men who risked their lives daily for many months fighting for their country. Kiser still has no good feelings for the Japanese, who he says were fanatics, willing to die in kamikaze attacks just to kill Americans, much like the Arab terrorists of to-

"They considered it an honor to die in combat, and we tried to accommodate as many of them as we could." He did say he was treated very well on a trip to Japan with his wife some years ago.

There were lighter moments in their grim existence on New Guinea, and Kiser recalled that when the group's only barber left the unit, it wasn't long until all the approximately 250 men on the base were getting "pretty shaggy...I remember the squadron commander calling us all together and asking if anyone had ever had any experience cutting hair, and nobody responded." The commander then insisted that surely someone could cut hair, and finally a man (from Ozona, TX) volunteered that he "never cut anybody's hair, but have sheared about a thousand sheep." The unit leader pointed at him and said, "You're it."

He mentioned that in one place his group was stationed for a brief time, camping in tents on the side of a mountain, it rained about 5 inches every day.

Before leaving the service, he was a recruiting officer in El Paso for a few months. After leaving the service in 1946, Kiser ran a couple of businesses. From 1947 to 1955 he

P-39 FIGHTER-Shown here is Paul Kiser of Tahoka (at top), with a P-39 fighter plane, the first type he flew in combat during WWII. The other young man in the photo made in 1943 is not identified. The guns in the P-39 fighter plane fired directly through the propeller, a remarkable feat of synchronization for that time.

operated Kiser Creamery in Graham, and later owned and ran a men's clothing store in Roswell for 10

"The place was called Hub Clothiers, and anyone going to Roswell from the east can see the building, now a western store. It is diagonally across from Denny's.'

Kiser moved to Tahoka in 1965 to oversee the farming operations here and in the area.

For many years. Kiser kept his pilot's license current, but later allowed it to lapse. He did fly in small planes in later years, including flights with his brother, Earl, who had his

Over the years, Kiser had attended reunions of his wartime companions and kept in touch with many. Most have died-"I know of only one other survivor from our group"-but

he still recalls nearly all of them fondly. They live in his memories as part of a remarkable period in the nation's history and in his own life-

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## Obituaries

#### Ernest E. Morrison

Funeral services for Ernest Morrison, 84, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 14, at Sunset Church of Christ with Dan Rouse officiating. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Van Alstyne Cemetery in Van-Alstyne.

Morrison died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Lubbock.

He was born September 19, 1919 in Van Alstyne. He graduated from Van Alstyne High School in 1937. While attending Texas Tech University, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving as a pilot during WWII and the Korean War. He married Sibyl Pirtle July 31, 1949. He graduated from Tech with a bachelor's degree in Business Management in 1949. He retired from the Air Force as a major in 1965. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis, the Dedalion Club, and an active member at Sunset Church of Christ. He enjoyed flying his Comanche 250 Plane.

He is preceded in death by his wife; a sister, Virginia Yoder; and a brother, Raymond Morrison.

Survivors include a son, Gary Morrison, of Lubbock; two granddaughters; two sister-in-laws, including Jean Pirtle of Tahoka; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Central Lubbock Church of Christ, 1409 23rd St., Lubbock, TX 79411.

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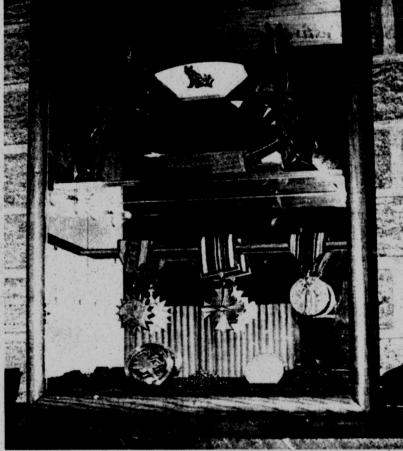
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Mistie Kahl, owner



WWII MEDALS-Kept under glass at his home near Tahoka are these medals earned by Capt. Paul Kiser when he was a fighter pilot during World War II. The three medals hanging just below the center of the display are an air medal at left, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Clusters in center, and the WWII Medal. The round object at lower right is what's left of his "lucky silver dollar," worn down very thin with no image left, which he carried with him on all of his flights into combat during the war. (LCN PHOTO)

Happy 50th Birthday, Ricky **Barnes May 19** 



Mama's Boy (Got a bicycle every Christmas!) Farm Boy (Electric) Only Boy (Three lucky sisters) We love you Brother-man!



# **Charlie Stenholm** works tirelessly to keep our promises to Veterans!

Dear Friends.

As a Congressman representing West Texas, I've worked hard to make sure our values are heard and understood in Washington. I strongly support the war against terrorism and back our troops and veterans 100%.

. I've worked tirelessly to make sure that our veterans receive all of the benefits they've been promised. I successfully fought to restore funding for the veterans health care system and to keep VA health care facilities open, including the Big Spring VA Hospital.

As your Congressman I'll continue to fight for our men and women in uniform and for the veterans benefits they so richly deserve.

May God bless our men and women serving the cause of freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPION -Tahoka seventh grader Nichole Taylor was District Champion in the Middle School Girls District Golf Tournament held in Idalou recently. She shot a 56 in the 9-hole event, competing against 16 girls from four schools. Nichole is the daughter of Randy and Bridget Taylor of Tahoka.

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# Four Resignations Announced, Two Hired At TISD Meeting

Two new elementary teachers were hired, and four staff resignations were announced at the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting held last Thursday, and trustees took the first step in considering new restroom/concession facilities at the football field

Trustees unanimously approved teaching contracts for Rebecca Dimak and Torey Ehlert, both of Tahoka. Mrs. Dimak will teach first grade, and Mrs. Ehlert will teach fifth grade, according to Superintendent Jimmy Parker. He also announced the resignations of two coaches, Lane Hyde and Brent Lucus, both of whom also teach Social Studies at the high school, and Middle School Special Education teacher Elizabeth Hadzic, and Technology Assistant Eric Nelson. The superintendent also noted that Jimmy Garcia had been hired in the maintenance department.

A motion to select the designbuild contracting method for the construction of restroom facilities and concession stands for the football field was adopted unanimously, as the first step in considering plans for a new facility on the north end of the football field in what is currently the bus parking area (on North 4th Street). Supt. Parker said the district will advertise for anyone interested in the project to show a statement of qualifications, and that "if the project comes in where we think we can swing it, then we will probably do

Some discussion was held by the board on the cost of continuing to retain attorneys for legal advice/representation, and trustees considered several proposals. Currently, the district pays \$1000 per month to retain the law firm of Huffaker-Furlow, which allows unlimited access for the district as well as a legal representative attending every board meeting. After some discussion, trustees voted 5-1 to approve a proposal of \$300 per month with Huffaker-Furlow that includes limited access (up to two hours per month free, and billable hours at a reduced fee for further consultation/research) and attendance at one board meeting of the district's choice. Trustee Valton Stephens was the fone dissenting vote, with trustees Math Bartley, Frank McLelland, Leighton Knox Jr., Carmen Chapa and Jimmy Dorman voting for the proposal. Trustee Joe Calvillo was absent from the meeting.

In other business, trustees approved a resolution to nominate Juanell Jones and Vondell Elliott at the Lynn County News to receive TASB's Media Honor Roll, and Business Manager Nathan Ehlert presented a report of the district's finances. A meeting was set for noon Monday, May 24 to canvass the results of the trustee election.

The board met in closed session for a half hour before returning to open session and announcing personnel decisions. Campus principals and Supt. Parker presented reports on several issues, and the next board meeting was scheduled for June 10. Board President Math Bartley will present diplomas to 54 graduating seniors at Commencement exercises on Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. in the THS gymnasium, and Baccalaureate services will be held this Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

#### Lynn Co. Students **Are SPC Graduates**

Students from the Lynn County area were among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises Friday, May 14 in Texan Dome. A record 901 students applied for graduation.

Tahoka graduates are Guadalupe Meza and Cynthia Ramirez, Associate of Arts Degree; Jessie Meurer, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Child Development; Maria Carrasco, Associate of Science Degree, and Certificate of Proficiency recipients Jessie Meurer, Child Development Early Childhood Administrator; Briana Norwood, Vocational Nursing, and Christopher Craig, Diesel Service Technology Engines and Drive Systems.

Wilson graduate is Gregory Castillo, recipient of the Associate of Arts Degree.

New Home graduate is David Lamb-Vines, recipient of the Associate of Arts Degree.

O'Donnell recipient of the Associate of Arts Degree is Chasity Gass. O'Donnell recipients of the Certificate of Proficiency are Cody Anderson, Automotive Collision Repair Basic Skills, and Debbie Ortiz, Vocational Nursing.

#### **Lynn County Students Awarded At SPC**

Two students from the Tahoka area were recognized Thursday, May 6 during South Plains College's annual Student Awards Assembly in Levelland.

Chris Craig from Tahoka won bronze medals in the Skills USA State Championship Diesel Information and Quiz Bowl contests earlier this spring. He is the son of Al and Sherri Craig and a member of Skills

USA-VICA. Greg Castillo from Wilson was named Outstanding Male Student in Physical Education. He is the son of Arthur and Janie Castillo and is married to Rebecca Castillo.



WATERFALL BUILDERS - The Landscape/Design Class designed and built a cascading water pond and added grass, flowers and benches to the atrium at Tahoka High School, under the direction of agri-science teacher Bill Binder. Shown here, clockwise from left, is Lindsay Preston, Meredith Pittman, Chuck Hernandez, Juan Calsoncit, Ty Stone, Jessie Resendez, Chris Ashbrook, Danny Moore, Mr. Binder, Dorothy Perez and

# Landscape Class Builds Water Feature, Adds Flowers/Grass To THS Atrium

A new class offered at Tahoka High School this year has made an eye-catching difference at the school, designing and building a cascading water pond and planting grass and flowers in the atrium which can be seen from the hallways of Tahoka High School. The "curb appeal" project - or "window appeal" in this case - was the culmination of the landscape/design class offered by agri-science teacher Bill Binder.

The L-shaped atrium offers a peaceful setting with the sound of water cascading over rocks, and flowers planted in two corners, with grass carpeting the remaining area. The waterfall is designed around a tall pine tree that has stood sentry for years in the atrium, but little had been done in recent years to offer eye appeal in the atrium.

NOW AT THE LIBRARY

The Conspiracy Club By Jonathan Kellerman

When his brief romance with nurse Jocelyn Banks is cut short by her kidnapping and brutal murder, Dr. Jeremy Carrier is left emotionally devastated, haunted by her grisly demise and warily eyed by police still seeking a suspect in the unsolved slaying. To escape the pain, he buries himself in his work as staff psychologist at City Central Hospital - only to be drawn deeper into a waking nightmare when more women turn up murdered in the same gruesome fashion ... and the suspicion surrounding Jeremy intensifies. Now, the only way to prove his innocence is to follow the trail of a cunning psychopath.

Available at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St., Tahoka. Open Mon. & Wed. 9-5:30 (closed 12:30-1:30 for lunch); Tues. & Thurs. 2-7 pm; Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm.

Binder said his students researched planting materials and designed the layout of the atrium before beginning the actual construction and planting phase. His students collected rocks from Llano and Alpine areas after attending judging contests, bringing back a good variety of stones weighing anywhere from 30-40 pounds, up to one large stone estimated to weigh 300 or more pounds. How did they carry the stones to the atrium, which has entry only from a doorway leading into one of the high school halls? "Very carefully," says Binder with a laugh.

"We loaded them on dollies and brought them in (one dolly broke under the weight) and we knew we wanted the biggest stone to be a part of a cascading waterfall with at least two levels," said Binder.

Students arranged the stones and built a recycling waterfall/pond that operates on a timer, and added water lilies t to the pond. Fish may be an

addition next year, Binder said. Before laying the sod and planting flowers, the class installed an underground sprinkler system, and then laid out flowerbeds on the southern and northern ends of the atrium. The southern bed features more flowering plants and the northern bed features a more southwestern look. Welding students built three benches for the area, and Binder says they plan to add a pienic table as well.

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Binder said about \$700-\$800 has been invested in the project, including approximately \$400 for plants. \$170 for the grass sod, and about \$120 for the water feature.

Students in the landscape class included Lindsay Preston, Meredith Pittman, Dorothy Perez, Chuck Hernandez, Juan Calsoncit, Ty Stone, Jessie Resendez, Chris Ashbrook. Danny Moore and Gabriel Espinoza.

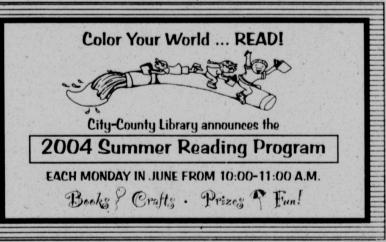
Binder says he hopes to offer other classes next year at THS. in cluding a class in wildlife and hunter safety, and home repair.

#### Tahoka Tumblers Compete In Meet

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the Shallowater Tumbling meet on Saturday, May 15. Entries awarded

First place: Natalie Stice: Peyton Lowdermilk, Layney Vega, Mykeah DeLeon, Kendra DeLeon, Bryan Williams, Kyle Jones, Brailey McMinn, Bianca Resendez, Grant Garvin, Andrea Garcez, Kimmie Jones, Kristal Devine, A'Leesha

Second place: Morgan Zapata. Haley Stephens, Elizabeth Calzoncit, Olivia Hammonds, Kirsten Stice, Shelbee Forsythe, Caley Bingham. Lacey Devine.





FIRST DAY OF CAMP. 2004 LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL CAMP FORM Child's Name: Emergency Phone (during camp hours): (Parent/Guardian Signature)

LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL CAMP

For more info, call High School Gym, 561-4538 or Coach Fancher, 998-1264

by sending registration form to Coach Fancher, Coach Sessums or Carol

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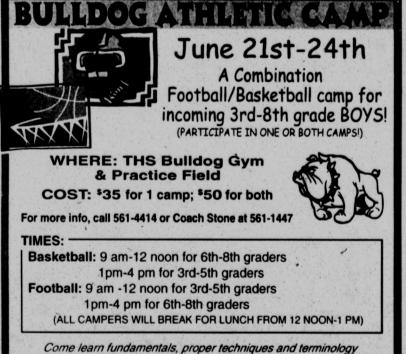
**NEW DATE: June 28th-July 2nd** 

TIME: 9 am-12 noon

For incoming 3rd-9th grade GIRLS only!

WHERE: THS Bulldog Gym

(Concession stand available during morning break.)



Return Registration Form BY MONDAY, JUNE 14th to Mrs. Wiseman in Elementary Room 113, Coach Hinds or Coach Stone

in the games of football and basketball!

in the High School; make checks payable to Bulldog Athletic Camp.

2004 BULLDOG ATHLETIC CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name:	Age (as of 9 / 1 / 2004)
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I hereby grant permission for my son to attend the Buildog Athletic ( therefore expect my child to abide by these terms. Furthermore, I re Camp Coaches, and all persons involved from any and all liability for participation in the Buildog Athletic Camp.	elease the Bulldog Athletic Camp, Tahoka ISD,
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Make checks payable to Bulldog Athletic Camp	p • Register by Monday, June 14.
Return camp forms to Mrs. Wiseman-Elementary Room 113 School: For more into, call the High School Field House,	



LOTS OF DONATIONS - Hilton Wood (right), President of Hochheim Insurance, offered through Sandra Stringer Insurance Agency, presented checks to several local organizations this week. Accepting the donations were, from left, Tom Quinn and son Brandon Moss, representing Tahoka Boy Scouts; Angie Gutierrez, Lynn County Senior Citizens Center; Dalton Wood, Tahoka Pioneer Musem; Shirley Draper, City/County Library; Jeanie Stone, Lynn County EMS; and Steve Sanders, Tahoka (LCN PHOTO) **Volunteer Fire Dept.** 



TFWC RECEIVES DONATION - TFWC Caprock District President Gerald-Deane Wood of Tahoka is shown with O'Donnell 1946 Study Club President Mazell Little, and Special Project Committee members Donna Forbes and Carole Edwards, as they accept a check for \$75.00 as the second place winner in Community Improvement at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC) State Convention.

# \$22.8 Million In Grants Available For Renewable Energy Initiatives

Veneman announce the availability ciency Improvements program must of approximately \$23 million in be agricultural producers or rural grants that will support President small businesses, U.S. citizens or le-Bush's energy plan to develop renewable energy systems and promote energy efficiency improvements.

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"President Bush wants to bring greater energy independence to our country through expanded use of renewable energy," said Veneman. These grants will help America's farmers, ranchers and rural businesses meet this need."

Bryan Daniel, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Texas said, "With the abundant natural resources available in Texas, farmers. ranchers and rural businesses can benefit from our renewable energy systems and energy efficiency program. Not only can we help develop alternate energy sources, USDA Rural Development can assist with bringing increased economic opportunities to rural communities throughout rural Texas.

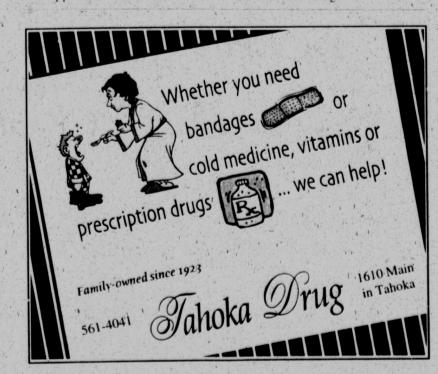
and Energy Efficiency Improvements program was created as part of the 2002 Farm Bill to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations. In 2003, the Bush Administration invested \$21.7 million to assist 114 applicants from 24 states develop or improve wind power, anaerobic digester, solar, ethanol and other bioenergy related systems or energy efficiency improvements.

Applicants for the Renewable

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Energy Systems and Energy Effigal residents, and have demonstrated financial need. Rural Development grant funds may be used to pay up to 25 percent of the eligible project costs. Eligible projects include those that derive evergy from a wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source, or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, solar, or geothermal energy sources. Applications must be completed and submitted with a postmark no later than 75 days from the may 5, 2004 Federal Register publication of the notice of funding availability. Detailed information about program requirements and information on how and where to apply is included in the funding notice. Awards will be made on a competitive basis for the purchase of renewable energy systems and make energy improvements.

USDA Rural Development's The Renewable Energy Systems mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity. Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.



#### **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.

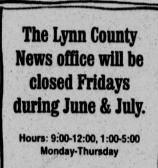
For more information, call Tahoka Elementary at 561-4350 or 561-4233.



#### **Athletic Banquet Slated Friday Night**

Tahoka High School athletes will be honored at the annual Athletic Banquet this Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at The Center for Housing and Community Development. Tickets are \$7.50, available from Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds, or Bulldog Booster Club members Cathy Ross or Tina Wuensche.

Space is limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Athletes' meals are provided, but parents and other family members are welcome to purchase tickets for the event. Chicken strips/steak fingers will be served. Any tickets remaining after pre-sell will be sold at the door, if available.



STATE COMPETITORS - Tahoka High School seniors Michael Nance (left) and Colby Williams competed in two events at the State Track Meet in Austin last weekend. Colby won 7th place in the 200 meter run. with a time 54.35, and Michael placed 8th in the Long Jump with a distance of 20'3". Colby won his event at Regional to advance, and Michael placed 4th at Region but was invited to the State competition after two others from region dropped out before state.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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South 4th & Ave. M . Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-4436

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Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

#### A Message From: Victor Ellison, Minister **New Home Church of Christ**

The story is told of a young man who was given the opportunity to acquire a great amount of land. The owner of the land told the ambitious young man that he could have all of the land which he could run around in one day's time. With great anticipation, the young man began his quest. Running in the hot sun was not easy, but he wanted to become rich. As the day passed and as sunset drew closer, the young man, tired, thirsty, and out-of-breath, neared the finish line. But then, he saw it. A beautiful lake. He just had to have it. After all, he thought, it would go well with the rest of his land. Almost too tired to walk, he set out to include this one last piece of land in his day's quest. The sun was sinking, time was running out, but the finish line was near. Finally, he made it. Crossing the finish line, he fell on his face - dead! The landowner who began this charade said, "Give him a piece of land, six feet long, two feet wide, and six feet deep. That is all he needs!" By trying to get too much, the young man ended up with nothing. Jesus said, "What will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul?" (Matt. 16:26)

We live in a world where getting ahead is important, but there is more to life than acquiring riches or fame. There is death. If death were the end of man, then "eat, drink and be merry" might be a philosophy worth considering, but death is not the end. Death is the beginning of something that will not end. It is the beginning of life within the presence of God; therefore, Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." (Matt. 6:20). What do we need more than anything else in this world? We need riches laid up in heaven. Riches which have been acquired as a result of our Christian walk. That is all we need!

How much do you have deposited in the bank of Heaven?

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Church Rt. 5 Box 360 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

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350 N. Main w Home. TX 79383 (806) 924-7549

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. **Youth Activities** 

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Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-5317 • Parsonage 561-5520

PASTOR: REV. CHARLIE STICE

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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.

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**Methodist Church** 

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357

or Fem Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. KEN PETERSON

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m **Sunday School following** 

#### Gethsemane **Baptist Church**

(806) 561-4577

PASTOR: REV. MINGO CHAPA Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. Free Christian Movies Shown the Last Saturday of Each Month! Pot Luck Lunch Every Sunday - All Welcom **MATTHEW 11:28** 

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#### St. Paul Lutheran Church 6th & Houston St . Box 136 . Wilson TX 7938

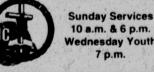
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.

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Faith Chapel Evangelical **Methodist Church** 1105 Green St. • Box 18 • Wilson, TX 79381 806) 628-6612 • email: Fcpastormichael@aol.com

CO-PASTORS: REV. FRANK TAYLOR



**Wednesday Youth** 

#### O'Donnell St. Pius X Catholic Church

Nassau Road . O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3490 • Hall: 428-3691 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON CANDIDATE: SIMON RESENDEZ

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

#### Pride Corp To Offer School Supplies For 04-05 School Year

School supplies for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year will be offered by the Tahoka Pride Corp. The packets are available for grades P-K thru 6th grade at costs ranging from \$17 to \$38, depending on grade level and will include teacher approved supplies custom packed for each student. The P-K may pick up an order form at the Elementary School Office during school business

Avoid shopping hassles and save time and money by contacting Tammy Fisher with Pride Corp or by looking for the order form in your child's Tuesday packet no later than Friday, May 21.

#### Two Named To LCU President's List

Stephanie Gregory of Tahoka and Jerrid Sanders of Wilson have been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2004.

Students must take a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the entire semester to make the President's List.



FIRST PLACE -Cori Vega of Tahoka holds the first place trophy from the West Texas Regional AAU **Basketball Tournament held May** 8th and 9th in Amarillo. Her team, the Lubbock Lady Hawks, won the 13 and under age division which qualifies them to play in the National AAU tournament to be held in Rochester, Minnesota July 9-17. Cori is the daughter of Abraham and Lisha Vega of Tahoka.

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## **4-H Members** Compete At **District Contest**

Thirteen Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Over 150 4-H members from the 20 county area around Lubbock competed in Junior I, Junior II, and Senior divisions. Results for Lynn County 4-H members were

Junior I Team: Gretchen Henley, Allison Burenheide, Smith McLelland, and Harley Reynolds placed seventh overall as a Team and were third team in swine, sixth team in sheep, and ninth team in beef. Individually, McLelland was 14th overall, 2nd in swine; Burenheide was 9th in swine and Reynolds was 6th in

In the Junior II division the of Corey Smith, Graham Henley, Trevor Gicklhorn, and Trevor White were 7th overall, 4th in beef, and 8th in swine. Kyler Pebsworth also competed in the Junior II division. The team of Wacie Barnett, Brandon Tomlinson, Jordon Clem, and Reed Williams placed 9th overall, 7th in sheep, and 10th in swine. Individually, Barnett was 13th overall and 10th in beef; Henley was 6th in beef; and Tomlinson was 12th in sheep.

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BREK PARIS

#### Brek Paris Is Cheerleader For Lubbock Lonestars

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They performed at the first home game against the El Paso Rumbles at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum May 14, 2004. The next home game will be on June 12th against the Ama-

Brek is a 2001 graduate of graves High. She is currently a junior elementary major at Lubbock Christian University and works at USDA Crop Research Station in Lub-

She is the daughter of Pug and Pam Paris of Seagraves, granddaughter of Bob and Betty Stewart of Lubbock, and Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Elmer Stewart of Lubbock.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!

LIVESTOCK JUDGERS—Lynn County 4-H members competing at the South Plains 4-H Livestock Judg-

ing Contest back row (left to right): Graham Henley, Kyler Pebsworth, Brandon Tomlinson, Trevor White,

Jordon Clem, Reed Williams, Trevor Gicklhorn; Front row: Smith McLelland, Gretchen Henley, Harley

Reynolds, Allison Burenheide, Wacie Barnett, Corey Smith, and Lynn County Ag Agent Bryan Reynolds.

#### **Notice**

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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# **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

 the unequal appraisal of your property the inclusion of your property on the appraisal

· any exemptions that may apply to you • the qualification for an agricultural or timber

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

· any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies

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#### You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your

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#### 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 saving 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) 561-5477. 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

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.

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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 linquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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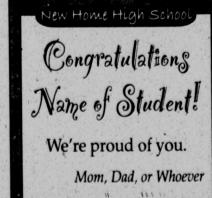
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# Both Tahoka Little Dribbler Girls Teams Going To Nationals

Both the Juniors and Majors All-Star Girls Little Dribbler teams from Tahoka have claimed the Regional Champion titles – a first in Tahoka's history for both teams to win the same year – and both teams are going to the National Little Dribbler Tournament together in Fairfield, Texas. The tournament is a weeklong event, June 8-12.

The Juniors team, comprised of girls in 3rd-4th grades, won in three rounds at the Regional Tournament in Brownfield last weekend to advance to the National tourney. In the first round, the Tahoka Juniors beat Midland Greenwood 22-14, then faced down Shallowater 36-20 to advance to the finals, where they beat Kermit 43-28 to claim the championship.

The Tahoka Majors (5th-6th graders) also won in three rounds at the Regional Tournament, beating Shallowater in the first round 48-47, then winning 32-14 over New Deal, and facing Brownfield in the finals, winning 30-17 for the championship title:

The girls and their coaches and parents have begun working fundraisers to raise enough money to send 24 girls and sponsors to the weeklong tournament. King Ranch Casseroles and Chicken Spaghetti Casseroles, are being sold, at a cost of \$20 for the large size and \$10 for small, available by calling Rochelle

Both the Juniors and Majors Allr Girls Little Dribbler teams from noka have claimed the Regional ampion titles – a first in Tahoka's Wednesday, May 26, so call soon to order.

The girls will be selling snow cones beginning at 2:30 p.m. this Friday at school, for 75-cents each, and will also sell snow cones at the elementary track and field day. A teacher's brunch will be sold at school Friday, May 28, for \$5 per plate.

Also, team members will be going door-to-door selling Quick Quack Car Wash gift cards for \$10 (good for one car wash). Other fundraisers are also being considered. All proceeds will benefit both teams for the National Tournament.

Members of the Majors Team include Kelee Pillow, Brooke Inklebarger, Kyra Helm, Griselda Lopez, Kalee Wuensche, Stephanie DeLeon, Skyler McCleskey, Kaitlyn Reno, Morgan Lockaby, Taylor Ford, Kadi Larpenter and Kenzi Angeley. Coaches for the Majors are Alecia and Eddie Hancock, and Mike Rivas.

Members of the Juniors Team include Gretchen Henley, Stormee Martin, Payton Howard, Ariana Monsivais, Maddie Barham, Wendy Arellano, Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, Kayla Long, McKenzie Smallin, Nancy Munoz and Larissa Garcia. Juniors coaches are Jimmy Howard, Toby Taylor and Tonda Freitag.



CNA CLASS COMPLETES STUDY – The Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) class successfully completed their classroom study recently, and is now working 21 clinical hours to complete their certification, and will take the state exam soon. Pictured in back from left are Diana Villanueva, Lisa Rodriquez, Andrea Montez, Shea Pridmore, Chelsea Morales, Angela Valdez and Jessie Moya, and in front are Cleta Hobson, Crystal Gutierrez, Manuela Chavarria, Melissa Bernal and Francis Lopez. Claudia Flippin taught the class at Tahoka Care Center.



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**PITA SANDWICH** 



GOING TO NATIONALS – For the first time ever, both Tahoka All-Star Girls Little Dribbler teams are Regional Champions in the same year and are going to the National Little Dribbler Tournament together. The Juniors (3rd-4th grade) and Majors (5th-6th grade) are having fundraisers to pay their way to participate in the weeklong tournament, June 8-12, in Fairfield, TX. Pictured here are both teams, in back from left: Skyler McCleskey, Taylor Ford, Kalee Wuensche, Morgan Lockaby, Brooke Inklebarger, Meghann Rivas, Kyra Helm, Kelee Pillow, Griselda Lopez, Stephanie DeLeon, Kadi Larpenter, Kenzie Angeley; middle row, Maddie Barham, Wendy Arellano, Ariana Monsivias, Payton Howard, Kaitlyn Reno, Gretchen Henley, Stormee Martin, McKenzie Smallin; and front row, Larissa Garcia, Nancy Munoz, Kayla Long, Taya Bishop and Sarah Freitag.



LET'S RIDE IN A STRETCH LIMO – The top 10 point earners in the Tahoka Middle School Accelerated Reader program this year were awarded with a trip to Lubbock in a limousine and treated to an afternoon at 50th St. Caboose. Winning the trip were Kristin Box, Paris Duran, Tiffany Lam, Morgan Fisher, Shon Overton, Nate Jackson, Demi Salinas, Marissa Gomez, Steven Lara, and Kyle Simms.



SOIL STEWARDSHIP - Observing Soil Stewardship Week, Mrs. Mary Short distributed Soil Stewardship bookmarkers to all of the Elementary students at Wilson ISD. Shown in this picture is Mrs. Short and Mrs. Shelly Livingston's class with their bookmarkers.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As coaches of the Junior & Major girls, we would like to let the readers of the Lynn County News know how proud we are of the two Tahoka All Star Teams. For the first time in the history of the Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers Organization, both teams won the Regional Championship and will advance to the National Tournament in Fairfield, Texas. Not only have they worked hard, put in long hours, and endured many wind sprints, (not to mention the loud voices barking out commands) to make themselves better players and better teams, but they have done it with a determination to start their basketball careers not only as winners but CHAMPIONS! They are not only learning the game of basketball but also lessons in life that will be with them for the rest of their days

Research has proven when kids are involved in organizations outside the classroom they are more successful in school and in life: Goal setting and having to answer to teammates and coaches keeps them focused, responsible, off the streets and out of trouble. In today's society, this is extremely valuable. The opportunity that has been earned by this group of 23 young ladies is one that very few of them will ever experience again. They are very hardworking, dedicated individuals and are willing to put forth great effort into working to raise the money needed to attend the National Tournament.

The Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers have not had the opportunity to host a Regional Tournament the past few years. This event raises a great deal of money and affords the host town funds to send teams to the National Tournament. Tahoka has sent a team to the National Tournament for the past three years without the luxury of hosting a Regional Tournament. Thanks to the generosity of our great community, sufficient funds have been raised. We are once again asking for your support of their fund raising efforts. With your support, they will be able to get down to business and show Fairfield, Texas what the little West Texas town of Tahoka is made of!

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Thank you for your support,
Jimmy Howard
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Eddie & Alecia Hancock

#### Tahoka School Menu

May 24-28
Breakfast & Lunch
Manager's Choice all week

### New Home School Menu

May 24-28 Breakfast

Monday- Donut
Tuesday-Hash brown/pop tart
Wednesday-Manager's choice
Thursday-Manager's choice
Friday-Biscuit/Sausage

Lunch
Monday-Chicken Fried steak, sliced
pickles, carrot/cucumber, fries
Tuesday- Sub sandwich, pickles
spears, carrots, cucumbers, orange

Wednesday-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, Texas toast Thursday- Individual pizza, lettuce/ tomato, corn pudding cup Friday-Burrito basket, lettuce/tomato, hot sauce, fresh fruit

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As the school year comes to an

Wilson High School seniors will be

held Sunday afternoon, May 23rd at

3:00 pm in the Wilson High School

end we congratulate the students of

Wilson High School who will be

graduating Friday night, May 28th at

7:00 pm in the High School Gymna-

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Manager's Choice all week

Mable Morgan
Mary Beth McKibben
Eunice McMillan
Linda Newsom
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Sammy Pridmore
Carl & Diann Reynolds
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