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## O'Donnell Teen Makes Hole-In-One

Macy Mires, a member of the girls golf team at O'Donnell High School, scored a hole-in-one at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Mires aced the #3 hole with a five-iron, knocking the ball in the cup from 127 yards.

Witnesses to the ace included OHS Golf Coach Billy Wilson, Josh Dorman, Tamara Wilson, Korie Wilson, Andy Miers, Brenon Eaker and Tate Gass.

## Weather

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## Words of Wisdom

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.

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**NEW COUNTY AGENT** - Amy Baugh (right) will be the new Family and Consumer Sciences extension agent in Lynn County beginning in June, serving as a joint agent between Lynn and Crosby counties. She is shown here with Lynn County Agent Bryan Reynolds (left) and District Extension Administrator Jett Majors, at the Lynn County Courthouse. (LCN PHOTO)

## New County Agent Hired To Join Reynolds Here

A new county extension agent will join agent Bryan Reynolds in the Lynn County Extension Office in June, filling the Family and Consumer Sciences position which has long been vacant in the county's extension program. Amy Baugh, currently serving as county agent in Terry County, was unanimously approved for the position by Lynn County Commissioners in their meeting here Monday morning.

District Extension Administrator Jett Majors recommended Mrs. Baugh to fill the position in a new venture in the extension district, sharing an agent with two counties. Mrs. Baugh will serve both Lynn and Crosby Counties in a joint position as Family and Consumer Sciences agent. She will begin her duties here on June 1, contingent upon Crosby County approving the arrangement in their May commissioners meeting.

Mrs. Baugh is a Texas Tech University graduate with a clothing/textiles degree, and is close to finishing her master's degree. She has served as a county agent in two south Texas counties, and was Crosby County agent at one time. Currently she is in Terry County. Her husband, Brant Baugh, is the Integrated Pest Management agent in Lubbock County, and the couple will continue to live in Lubbock as she works in Lynn/Crosby counties.

"Amy does an excellent job on programming in both the adult and youth extension programs," Majors told commissioners at the meeting. "We wanted somebody key in this new joint position, and we are excited that Amy is willing to do this. Our goal is for her to provide a very equal amount of time with each county. It's hard to put down on paper exactly what her schedule may be, but she is very aware of spending time equally in both counties," he added.

"I am eager to start here on June 1st," Mrs. Baugh told commissioners. "I will try my hardest to get the job done and sharing time equally in both counties. There may be some things that deserve some extra attention for one week in one county, and then extra attention another week in the other county, but I will try my best to share my time," she said.

Lynn Co. Agent Bryan Reynolds told *The News* that Mrs. Baugh will be good for the extension program here. "We look forward to Amy joining us in Lynn County. She is hard working and well-respected among extension staff and clientele. I have known Amy for the last five years and certainly look forward to her enthusiasm she brings to the program."

In other business at Monday's meeting, commissioners approved a grant application for the Justice of Peace offices, in the amount of \$13,500 for Pct. 1 and \$4,000 for Pct. 4, to be used in acquiring new computers, software and maintenance in the two offices.

The county employee retirement program was discussed, and monthly bills were approved. A one-mile section of road will be closed in Commissioner Pct. 2, with the final approval in the process okayed by commissioners at the meeting. The section of road is located on CR 27, in a section that bottoms out in an area where no houses are located, referred to locally as Sherwood Forest. The road will be closed off to traffic.

Three commissioners were present at the meeting, including Don Blair, Don Morton and Mike Braddock, with commissioner J.T. Miller absent. County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting that adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

## Two Teachers Hired For Tahoka ISD

Two new teachers were hired and one resignation was noted at the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting held April 14. Mary Heryford was offered a professional probationary contract for an elementary teaching position, and Rockie Coates was offered a similar contract for a teacher/coach position at TISD. Both were approved unanimously.

Jennifer Andress, a Middle School math teacher, will resign at the end of this school year, Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced.

Middle School Science Fair participants presented their projects to the board at the beginning of the meeting, before trustees began the business agenda.

Trustees canceled the May 7 trustee election for Precincts 3 and 4, declaring Math Bartley and Frank McLelland winners as both candidates were unopposed. Two surplus school buses will be sold at the bus auction in Abilene, trustees directed. Local TASB Board Policy was adopted as presented, and board members also passed an annual TASB resolution to nominate Juanel

(See **TAHOKA ISD**, page 3)

## Baby Dies After Pickup Overturns

A 7-month old infant, Benny Frouse, was killed Tuesday morning when a pickup driven by his mother, 21-year-old Tina Frouse, went out of control and rolled over onto its side in a ditch.

The accident happened about a mile south of O'Donnell, on Dawson County Rd. W, at approximately 10 a.m., according to the investigating Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Ron Mann of Lamesa.

Trooper Mann said the mother and another child, 2-year-old Jonny Frouse were properly secured with seat belts and a child safety seat, but that the baby boy apparently was just lying unstrapped in an infant carrier in the 1984 Chevrolet pickup.

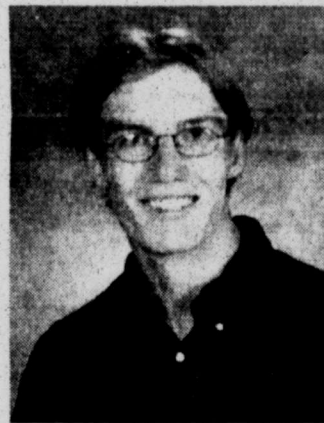
After the accident, the mother walked about a mile, carrying the baby, to a house near O'Donnell seeking help. They were taken to O'Donnell city hall and Lynn County EMS was called from Tahoka. Attempts were made to resuscitate the baby as the ambulance came to a point about four miles south of Tahoka, where they were met by a helicopter which took the baby on to Lubbock. The child was pronounced dead at 11:49 a.m. in Lubbock, Trooper Mann said.

Maurice Jackson, mayor of O'Donnell, drove his vehicle to carry the distraught parents of the child, Henry and Tina Frouse, who live south of O'Donnell, and an interpreter to Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. The parents are Mennonites, and funeral services are scheduled at a Mennonite church at Seminole.

During the last week, police and sheriff's officers in Lynn County also were called to assist in preparing cases for a 106<sup>th</sup> District grand jury, which returned indictments in felony cases against suspects unnamed because District Judge Carter Schildknecht refuses to allow newspapers to list names of those indicted.

Henry Pina, 74, of Tahoka was arrested Friday for felony possession of firearms and possession of marijuana under two ounces after Lubbock DPS and Lynn County sheriff's officers conducted a search of his home at 1604 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Tahoka Police investigated a report of eggs being thrown at vehicles in the city, and also a report that a 16-year-old had assaulted his mother last Wednesday.



JACOB GUENTHER



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## Advancing to State UIL Events

These O'Donnell High School students qualified for State UIL Academic competition in May. See story, page 3.



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WHAT DO Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, O.J. Simpson and Michael Jackson have in common? Well, I'm sure most of us can think of several things, but what I am referring to is this: Each has been the number one topic of the news for a time, then all at once you don't hear anything about them.

Michael Jackson, for instance, has not been mentioned lately on any of the TV newscasts I saw, or in the daily newspaper I read. So far as I know, his trial is still going on, but I guess even the frenzied media has grown tired of the hype surrounding the pop star and his lengthy trial.

Actually, he is not a human, anyway. He is an alien, as is evident just by looking at him. Maybe they will just deport him to some distant planet.

(The day after I wrote the above, I heard that Jackson's ex-wife was about to testify, so obviously his trial is still going on. He is supposed to be a singer, although I never heard him because I couldn't stand to look at him that long. Now he's facing the music, so to speak. Maybe he will wind up in Sing Sing).

Okay, so I don't read most of the big newspapers, and don't watch most of the news reports. But it still seems like we're not hearing much about Bin Laden and Saddam.

Saddam, last I heard a few months ago, was in jail in Iraq, either on trial, or awaiting trial, but suddenly we get no news of him at all. Same for Bin Laden, whom we would dearly love to see hanging upside down in New York City. With all of this nation's resources, we can't seem to catch and punish one poisonous terrorist.

For all I know, Saddam and Bin Laden are alternating the day and night shifts at some 7-11 store, or maybe a motel just outside Dallas.

THE PROCRASTINATOR on Ave. P says the trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.





**IT TAKES A COMMUNITY** - So many folks help with the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Festival that it is hard to name them all, but it really does take a community to support the local hospital in its fundraising efforts. April 16th was the 25th annual Fun/Food Fest sponsored by the Auxiliary. Shown here from left at the table are long-time Auxiliary members Betty Owens and Dean Bartley, and at the podium is Cal Huffaker, always gracious to serve as emcee, and Auxiliary President Betsy Pridmore. In the background from left are several who are always willing to help, including Bryan Reynolds, Jimmy Woodard, Amy Preston, and Tommye Nance. (LCN PHOTO)

**Miller Competes In Regional Academic Contest**

Tahoka High School senior Cade Miller competed in Informative Speaking this past Saturday, April 23, at the Region 1-AA Academic Contest held in Abilene. He finished third in the preliminaries, however, only the top two finishers advance to finals.

Miller won the District 5-AA Informative Championship three weeks ago at Shallowater.

"Cade has had a very successful high school career," said Ronny Powell, Theatre Director. "He was named to the Class AA All State All Star Cast in 2003 in One Act Play as well as numerous athletic and class awards. He will be missed next year but we all wish him well in college," said Powell, adding that Miller has been accepted to the University of Texas at Austin and the highly regarded UT School of Business.

Miller is the son of Steve and Carol Miller of Tahoka.



**TAHOKA PTK INITIATE** - Justin Spearman from Tahoka was among students recently inducted into Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at South Plains College. PTK is the international honor society for students in two-year colleges. (SPC Photo)

**Revival Set May 1-4**

Ambassadors For Christ will have a Revival beginning Sunday evening, May 1 and continuing through Wednesday, May 4; Bob Ferguson will be guest speaker.

Services will be held at 701 N. 1st Street in Tahoka, at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday evenings. All are welcome to attend.

**Band Boosters Golf Tourney Set May 14**

Tahoka High School Band Boosters are sponsoring a 4-person scramble Golf Tournament at T-Bar Country Club on Saturday, May 14. A 9 a.m. shotgun start is scheduled, and all golfers are welcome to enter. Cost is \$160 per team, and mulligans are 2 for \$10. First place prize money is \$400, and a driver will be given away for closest to the pin, as well as a putter for the longest drive. A putting contest will offer \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Door prizes will be offered.

A hamburger meal will be provided after the tournament. All proceeds benefit the THS 3-D Marching Band.

To enter, call Cherry at T-Bar, 998-5305.

**Obituaries**

**Ronny Walker**

Graveside services for Ronny Walker, 60, of Tahoka, will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005 in the Tahoka Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in Lubbock, Texas.

**Lawrence "Larry" Neil Monk**

Services for Lawrence "Larry" Neil Monk, 66, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with Reverend Marvin Gregory officiating and Reverend Jeff Bayley assisting. Interment followed in Nevils Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Larry Monk was born on June 19, 1938 in Plainview, Texas to the late Marvin and Mary Zella Gilliland Monk. He passed away April 23, 2005 in Lubbock, Texas at the age 66.

Larry graduated from Abernathy High School in 1956 and attended West Texas State University and L.C.U. He served in the US Marine Corp for 8 years. Larry married Nancy Watson on June 1, 1963 in Lakeview. He worked for Energas for 35 years, before retiring in 1995. After retirement he worked at the 4th Street Wal-Mart as a door greeter in the Garden Center. He was a member of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, Auxiliary Police Department, Lions Club, Jaycees and 4-H Leader. Mr. Monk was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka and served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Monk of Tahoka; daughters, Cara Henderson and husband Paul of Tahoka, and Lanae Gwin and husband Terry of Midland; brother and sisters-in-law, Leon and Shirley Manley of Breckenridge, Gerald and Barbara Watson of Amarillo, and Gaye Monk of Graham; one sister, Linda Koch of Dimmitt; six grandchildren, Abi, Allen and Laura Henderson of Tahoka, Reilly, Mikaylee and Paxtyn Gwin of Midland; 11 nieces and nephews and 13 great-nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother Steve Monk.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka or the Joe Arrington Cancer Center. (PAID)



**LYNN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OBSERVES SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK** - Helen Saldana, District Secretary assisted the 5th grade class of Mrs. Cam Johnston at New Home ISD in the celebration of Soil Stewardship Week. In the classroom, Mrs. Johnston informed her class that Soil & Water Stewardship Week is one of the world's largest conservation-related observances. She explained that the concept of stewardship involves personal and social responsibility. She stated that we have a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely. By doing this we can achieve material and spiritual growth in our own lives, and leave a rich legacy for future generations. She explained to her students that Soil & Water Stewardship Week helps remind us of the power of each person to conserve our natural resources and improve the world. Mrs. Saldana explained that when people work together with their local conservation districts, that power grows and grows, and that as these good deeds multiply across the nation's network of conservation districts, the results can be spectacular. Mrs. Johnston's students presented Soil Stewardship Book markers to all the elementary students at New Home ISD. The bookmarkers were provided by the Lynn County SWCD.

**Selmon Inducted In Honor Societies**

Kyndra Selmon accepted membership and was initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies for First Year Students at Texas Tech University on Sunday, April 17. The ceremony was held at the Frazier Pavilion on the Texas Tech campus. Dr. Bobby Dagnel, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the keynote address.

A Tahoka High School graduate, Kyndra is the daughter of Wendi Curry of Tahoka.

Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first-year students. Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma is open to full-time freshman students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Kyndra has taken an oath to continue to "maintain high scholarship and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation, and the world in which we live."



SONNY BENITEZ

**Local's Grandson Wins Beauty Pageant**

Sonny Benitez, son of George and Leticia (Antu) Benitez, recently participated in the San Diego County Gold Coast Beauty Pageant that was held March 20, 2005. He was in the toddler (2-year old) boys division. He won the title of King and advanced to the California State Finals to be held October 14-16 in Los Angeles.

Grandparents are John and Janie Antu of Tahoka, Jorge and Yolanda Benitez of Austin. Great-grandparents are Alex and Frances Herrera of Austin.

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**PARENTS MUST BRING:**

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- Social Security Card
- Proof of Income

It is critical that everyone in the Tahoka ISD come to the pre-registration meeting or call us at 561-4350.

We hope to see you there!

**Tahoka SCHOOL MENU**

March 28-April 1 Breakfast

Monday: Elementary- Fruit Cup w/Graham Cracker- M.S. and H.S.- Cheese Toast

Tuesday: Cereal w/ Graham Cracker

Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito

Thursday: Cinnamon Toast

Friday: n/a

Lunch

Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entree.

Monday: Pizza Stick w/ Sauce, Salad, Tortilla Roll-up, Steamed Vegetables, Chocolate Cake, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Ham Sandwich, Bread Stick, Cheese Broccoli, Apple Sauce.

Wednesday: Frito Pie, Salad, Soft Taco, Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Chocolate Padding, Fruit.

Thursday: Pizza, Salad, Turkey & Cheese, Mexicali Corn, Jello w/ whipped topping, Fresh Fruit.

Friday: n/a

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### Join Conservation Celebration During Stewardship Week

For 50 years, a national network of conservation districts has helped Americans learn to conserve natural resources. This year join the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District and America's conservation districts as they "Celebrate Conservation" during Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Stewardship Week takes place April 24 to May 1, 2005, with the theme Celebrate Conservation.

Conservation practices in the United States have helped Americans achieve an historic standard of living. Americans enjoy a wide variety of fresh, healthy foods. Drinking water supplies are clean and mainly free from disease. Lakes, rivers, and streams are much cleaner than 30 years ago. Air quality has greatly improved in the last 50 years.

"Conservation of natural resources has helped create an amazing way of life for Americans. That is why we want to celebrate conservation during Stewardship Week," said one sponsor.

Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. Lynn County SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts which oversees the national program. This week NACD and Lynn County SWCD celebrate 50 years of Stewardship Week.



**PROCLAMATION SIGNING** — Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin signs a proclamation designating April 24-May 1 as Soil Stewardship Week. Pictured with the Judge are Helen Saldana, District Secretary, Todd Lockaby, Vice Chairman Lynn County SWCD, and Mario Avila, District Conservationist, NRCS.

### Pre-Registration Set For TISD Headstart, Pre-K Programs

The Tahoka Independent School District officials will be hosting a pre-registration for a full-day Headstart program for the 2005-2006 school year. This program will be open to all three-year-olds in the district with consideration for those who meet income qualifications.

"If you have a child that will be at least three years of age by September 1, 2005, and would be interested in a full-day Headstart program, please come to the pre-registration. The registration will be held on Thursday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria," said Elementary Principal James Baker.

Pre-Kindergarten pre-registration for four-year-olds will also be conducted at the same time. This program is for children who will be at least four years of age by September 1, 2005, and would be interested in a full day Pre-K program. This program will be open to all four-year-olds in the district with consideration for those who meet income qualifications being enrolled first.

Games and fun activities will be provided for the children while the parents register. Parents must bring the child's certified birth certificate, updated immunization records, so-

cial security card, and parents' verification of income.

If there is a child who is eligible for Kindergarten, the parent/guardian may come by the elementary office beginning April 29 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to get the child registered for school.

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



**KELSI RODRIGUEZ**

### Local's Granddaughter Makes Cheer Squad

Kelsi Rodriguez, the 4-year-old daughter of Eric and Cassandra Rodriguez of Ropes, has been selected as part of the Raider Elite Mini Cheer Squad. The squad consists of 24 girls ranging in age from 5-7. Kelsi is one of the four flyers.

The Squad performs locally in various exhibitions, as well as some of the Texas Tech basketball half-time shows.

The Raider Elite Mini Cheer Squad will compete in the ASC Competition on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and AB Competition October 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Lubbock. They will also compete in National Competition in Dallas on January 23-29.

Kelsi has been involved in tumbling for over a year. She is currently training at Ready, Set, Go and Air Extreme in Lubbock.

Kelsi is the granddaughter of Tony and Angie Rodriguez of New Home, Andrew Sr. and Eva Estobedo of Ropes, and the great-granddaughter of Sofia Estrada of Wilson, and Maria Martinez of Ropes.

She is currently selling cookie dough as a fundraiser. If interested, call Angie at 924-7310 or Eric at 562-2162.

## Four O'Donnell Students Qualify For State Events

O'Donnell High School qualified four students in five events at the Regional Academic Meet in Levelland on Friday. Rebecca Brewer, Jacob Guenther, Jayci Schneider and Lynsey Romine will compete in the State Meet May 4-6 in Austin.

Overall, thirteen students earned 62 points at the regional meet, which was sixth best.

"I'm proud of everyone, the students did a good job of trying their best in all events," Principal Mike Read said. "Earning 62 points at the regional level is quite a compliment to the OHS students and academic coaches."

Junior Rebecca Brewer won third place in both Literary Criticism

and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

"I am the first person to qualify for state in Literary Criticism out of OHS," Brewer said. "This was my third straight trip to regionals, but my first year to advance to state."

Brewer debated five rounds to earn third place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. "Rebecca has worked very hard in this difficult contest," speech coach Traci Read said.

Senior Jacob Guenther will be advancing to state for the second year in a row after finishing third in calculator.

"I am very proud of Jacob," math teacher Bill Clopton said. "He has given me four good years in the UIL math events and I hope that he can finish his high school career on a good note with a top six finish at state."

Jayci Schneider, senior, will also return to state for the second year in a row after finishing third in News Writing.

"It is very difficult to advance from our region in journalism," English teacher Sarah Edwards said. "I am glad that both Jayci and Lynsey will be able to compete at state."

Junior Lynsey Romine finished third in Headlines to advance to state. "I was very excited when I found out I qualified," Romine said. "When Mrs. Edwards walked up to me with her kool-aid smile, I knew that I was advancing."

Schneider also placed fifth in

Feature Writing and Guenther also placed fifth in mathematics.

The calculator team, consisting of Guenther, Susie Guenther, Mandy Forbis, and Kalynn Jacobson, tied for second but was defeated in a tiebreaker.

"I get to go to state for the second consecutive year, this time, though, I won't be nervous when taking the test," Guenther said.

Senior Sara Olvera placed seventh in Persuasive Speaking.

### Tahoka ISD...

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Jones and Vo dell Elliott of The Lynn County News to the Media Honor Roll.

Campus principals and Curriculum Director Sherri McCord presented reports, and Supt. Parker informed trustees of the South Plains Assn. of School Boards Meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at the ESC 17 service center. The Spring Workshop will be held May 17 at the service center, and Parker reminded trustees of the annual board member/spouse dinner.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for May 12.

All seven trustees were present for the meeting, including Board President Matt Bartley, Frank McLelland, Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens, Carmen Chapa, Joe Calvillo and Kent Kahl. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10 p.m.

### Shelf Life of Everyday Yard Care Products

Spring means it's time to clean out the garage. But, how do you know what to toss and what to store? We've uncovered some general guidelines for many common gardening and lawn care products.

**Gasoline** - Gas has a shelf life of around 30 days. Gasoline formulations have been changing for many years. It does not store as well as the gasoline we used even just a few years ago. Using old gas may significantly harm a lawnmower's life span. The old fuel can clog the carburetor making the mower hard to start. If the stuff in your tank is older than 30 days, dispose of it and get fresh gas.

**Oil** - Oil can have a shelf life of up to three years, but it is important to change mower engine oil at least once a year. Check your owner's manual for exact specifications.

**Grass Seed** - Depending upon the storage, grass seeds can last two to three years. In order to test its vitality, plant a few seeds in a small flowerpot, keep them moist and cover them with a plastic bag. Good seeds will germinate within a week or two.

**Fertilizer** - Fertilizer never goes bad. Even when it becomes compacted and hard, all you need to do is take a hammer and break it apart.

**Important Reminder:** When discarding old fuel or oil, make sure to dispose of it properly in places such as a service station or waste disposal station.

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Our hearts were blessed by the beautiful flowers, thoughtful cards and visits, gifts of food, and gentle encouragement extended to us during the recent loss of our husband and father, George Hansard. We were all overwhelmed with the tremendous support given to our family over the recent weeks. A special thank you is extended to Mary Alonzo for her gracious care of George, Dr. Ray for his medical advice and care, Odyssey Hospice for making things so much easier for George, and all the wonderful hospital staff for their endless hours of attention. Thank you again for your kind thoughts and prayers.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Family Unhappy With Law Enforcement

Have you ever been robbed? Not a good feeling. Never feel totally safe in your home again!

We had gone home to Colorado for our yearly Christmas holiday. This year we also lost our mother very unexpectedly and had just laid her to rest when the call came in. YOU HAVE BEEN ROBBED! Our good friend that was doing our chores and watching the place called. He was just sick to have to report that. But what is even sicker is the lack of caring on the part of our Lynn County Law Enforcement Officials. We were robbed on January 4, 2005 and it is April 26<sup>th</sup> and one of the men responsible has not been charged yet. He was arrested after I found one of the items stolen in his possession (all the way from Colorado) and he confessed. But he was bailed out January 15<sup>th</sup> and has remained a free man since. We have been told (when we call) that Grand Jury was cancelled til April so we have waited. Now that day came and I called again to see the status and guess what? Our case never came up before the Grand Jury because the deputy or sheriff of Lynn County never got the case to the District Attorney's Office! Remember, we were robbed January 4, and it is now April 26, and they have a confession! We have never recovered most of the stolen items, including brand new diamonds and money.

We just found out this week that the next Grand Jury does not meet until the end of June, and we hope our case will come up then.

It seems funny to me that our Lynn County Law Enforcement Officials can't do anything to help the victims. If you aren't being told their hours were cut, you are being told the DA's office has them just watching and documenting the events. Guess if you want to break the law, come to LYNN COUNTY. They won't do a thing to you here.

This whole case has been a joke - other than we were robbed and have lost thousands of dollars worth of items. When we got the call, I asked if they had taken fingerprints. No? Should we? Duh...

Next I had an idea of who may have taken the 2004 Dodge Dually 4 door truck, so I called the mother. Sure enough... that is where it was found. The Lubbock County Law Enforcement Officials recovered that and also the guns and generator we had been robbed of. My husband and I returned from Colorado in an ice storm and went to pick up the stolen items and were never even asked how or why we could pick up a stolen vehicle that was not even registered in our name! It belonged to the girlfriend of our son. Guess they did not even look to see who's name was on the registration! Also, we got the truck home and found a cell phone in the front seat! It belonged to one of the robbers BUT they did not know that. They had not even searched the truck for any fingerprints or other evidence to be used to convict our robbers.

A deputy from Lynn County came to our house to fingerprint (only because I insisted) when we returned from Colorado. He did not print the entrance door or any door in our house nor the dresser drawers

that the robbers had been through. He said the surfaces were too small. Boy TV must be all wrong! He did fingerprint our wood window seat (and ruined it) and the gun safe that had been pried open. Nothing ever came of that since one of the robbers caught said they wore gloves! And I am sure the robbers always tell the truth! Especially since we know that this robber caught has told at least three versions of the story before his lie detector test!

Our deputy knows the name of the other robber, BUT do you think we have caught him yet? NO. He hasn't turned himself in I guess. This robber even called Lynn County and told them he left part of our stolen merchandise at his attorney's in Lubbock, TX and guess where it still is? We can't get our stuff back because the robber himself has to pick it up and return it to the Lynn County Sheriff's office according to the Deputy handling our case. So again the victim suffers. The deputy has repeatedly told us that this attorney is being "documented" for his wrong-doing and that they can't get our stolen merchandise from them.

The latest from our deputy is that they now know that the second robber is living back in Lubbock but "his man watching the place hasn't seen him come home." What is this? Justice for who?

We were robbed of over \$45,000. I guess that doesn't warrant any real justice. I am not sure but I do know what is happening to us in Lynn County is wrong. I guess we voted for the wrong Sheriff, because we are not getting any justice. Just ask any of our friends, they all are in disbelief of what is happening. The robber goes about his business as if he never broke into our place and we are still missing money, diamonds, collectibles and other merchandise plus our feeling of security in our rural home. We only recovered the pickup, guns, and generator and a few other items because we or another friend did the work. Just pray you aren't the next one robbed or move to another county - we are!

This is only one of the jokes

happening in Lynn County. Our good friend was robbed shortly after us and the same thing happened with him. NOTHING! We have lived here since 1996 and you can't imagine the criminals allowed to wander our community!

Melita and Gary Cramblett

### Children First: Safe and Secure

Dear Editor:

It's a tragic fact that nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year; don't walk away.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised.

We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse—those in which a child died—Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. Maybe it was a

situation that people outside the family couldn't see. Possibly the child's parent didn't realize that their own action, or lack thereof, put their child's life at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and not walk away from it.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site [www.itsupto.org](http://www.itsupto.org) contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from Tahoka High School, School-Age Parenting class are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must work to put our children first, safe and secure.

Sincerely,

Bianca Gutierrez & Connie Medina  
Tahoka High School

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**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS FROM OHS -** These O'Donnell High School athletes will compete in the Regional 1-1A Track Meet in Levelland after placing at Area competition. They are, in back, Jacobi Morado, Heath Goad, Josh Ramirez, Matthew Morado, Jonathan Mecalco, and Jeren y Valadez; and in front, Brent Furlow, Mary Jo Lopez, Bobby Gloria, Korie Wilson, Kaylee Eaker, O.J. Hunter and Bianca Calzada.

## Thirteen O'Donnell Tracksters To Compete At Regionals

Thirteen O'Donnell High School students will be able to compete at the Region 1-1A Track Meet held at South Plains College in Levelland after putting on a good show at the area meet.

The boy's team finished second overall and the girl's team finished eighth.

"Our kids competed really well in this meet," Coach Rick Price said. "They really answered the bell."

Senior Jonathan Mecalco will represent OHS in three separate events. Mecalco won first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.2. Mecalco also will compete in the 800 meter relay and the 400 meter relay, with those two relays finishing second and fourth, respectively. Other members of the 800 meter relay include O.J. Hunter, Josh Ramirez, and Bobby Gloria and the other members of the 400 meter relay include O.J. Hunter, Heath Goad, and Bobby Gloria. Also, Matthew Morado is a part of the relay teams. Any combination of the six members will be used at regionals.

The other guys that will be competing at the regional level will be Brent Furlow, Jacobi Morado, and Jeremy Valadez. Furlow finished second in the discus throw, Morado scored a second in the triple jump with a new school record of 42-2, and Valadez finished third in both the discus throw and the shot put.

For the girls, the regional qualifiers are Korie Wilson, Kaylee Eaker, Bianca Calzada, and Mary Jo Lopez. Wilson took the gold in the 400

meter dash with a time of 65.78. Eaker finished second in the shot with a new school record throw of 35-8. Calzada earned third place in the 800 meter run, and Lopez advances with a pair of fourth place finishes in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

Other students placing at area were Gavin Ramirez with a fifth place showing in the 110 meter hurdles, Luis Miranda finished 6th in the 1600 meter run and 8th in the 3200 meter run, and Mandi Morales finished sixth in the 300 meter hurdles.

### Senior Citizens MENU

May 2-6

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**Wednesday:** Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Corn, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Cake

**Thursday:** Pepper Steak, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Pumpkin Bar

**Friday:** Meatloaf w/ tomato sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini, Jello Salad

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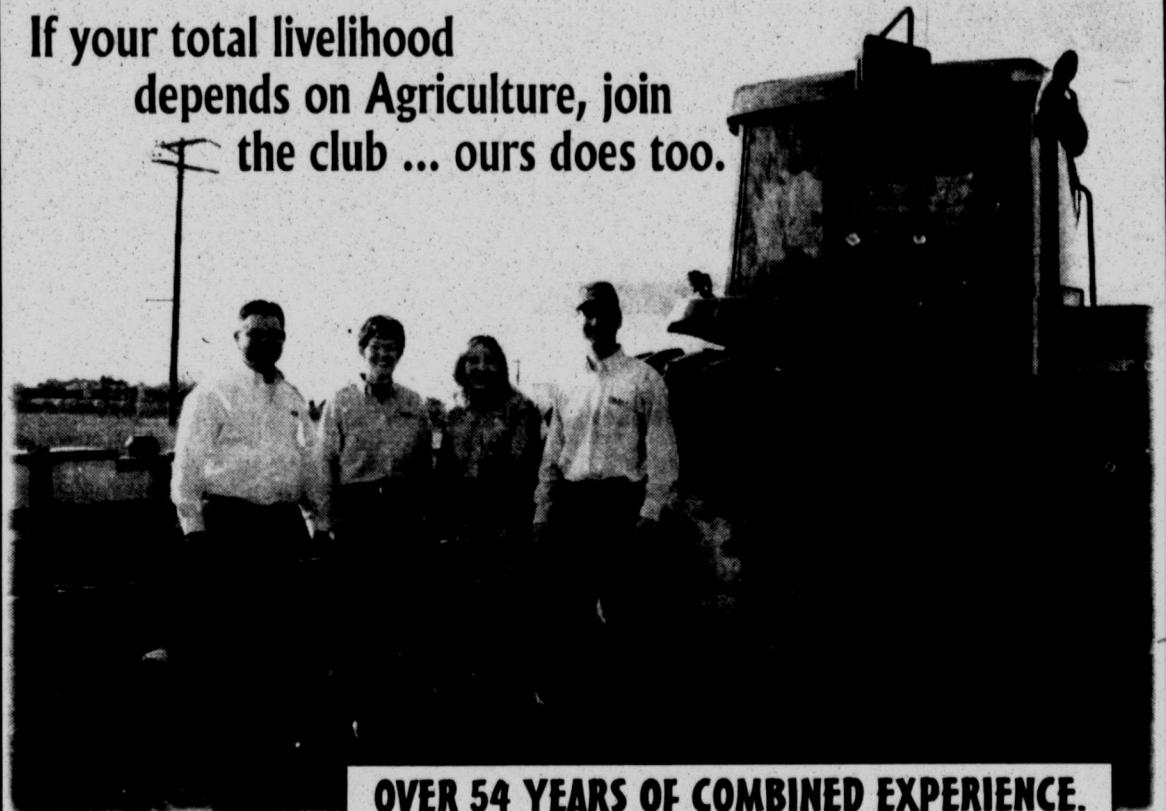
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**SOFTBALL TEAM WINS DISTRICT** - The THS Lady Bulldogs Softball Team claimed the District Championship title in their first year of play, beating Idalou 4-0 in their final district game. They drew a bye in bi-district, and advance to Area, but playoff information was unavailable at press time. Team members include, back row from left, Coach Liz Boyd, Callie Botkin, Kathryn Reno, Marissa Villegas, Skylar Owens, Angie Curtis, Abi Henderson, Stacie Green, Sasha Rodriguez, Bailey Hall, and Amy Barrera (manager); and in front, Christyn Chapa, Sonya Moralez, Cindy Marquez, Whitee Anderson, Ashdon Hancock, Jessica Chancy, Jessica Wilson and Tawnyee Murillo. (LCN PHOTO)

## Lady Bulldogs Softball Team Wins District Title In First-Ever Season

The Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs softball team, which opened play in their first-ever season this year, has claimed the District Championship title and a bye in bi-district round to advance to Area competition. The rookie team ended the season with an impressive 7-1 district record and 11-5 overall season record. Area playoff information was unavailable as of press time.

Coach Liz Boyd's team started their rookie season with a couple of huge losses against Lubbock Estacado, 11-1, and Lamesa, 13-0. Their first win came against Ralls, 8-1, and the Ladies entered their first tournament with a 1-2 record. The team suffered three losses in pool play and had to face Midland High JV for their first game in the tournament.

against Denver City, 13-12. Murillo finished with a 2-2 record, pitching three shutout innings in the final home game against Idalou. Jessica Chancy had a 1-1 record, and won 19-5 over Seagraves.

Top hitting average (in district play only) included senior Ashdon Hancock (.857), junior Stacie Green (.566), junior Tawnyee Murillo (.550), senior Angie Curtis (.469), and freshman Marissa Villegas (.440).

"These girls have taught me how important it is to not give up. Even when I thought secretly to myself 'we're supposed to lose,' some way, somewhere, they found a way to win. It has been incredible to watch. I've hated them for the stress they have put me through but will always love them for their fight. I will miss them tremendously!" added Coach Boyd.

Ready to open district play with a 5-4 record, the Ladies headed to Post. "We made five errors and lost 9-5. The Lady Bulldogs showed a ton of heart through the rest of district, winning seven straight games with three of those come-from-behind victories in the bottom of the 7th inning," said Boyd.

Pitchers for the Lady Bulldogs were Sonya Moralez, Tawnyee Murillo and Jessica Chancy. Moralez finished regular season play with an 8-2 record, 28 strikeouts, and 54 walks, and she pitched 8 solid innings for a come from behind win



**JOSH SCHWARTZ**

## Schwartz Named To Football Classic

Josh Schwartz, a football standout for Tahoka High School who was unable to play due to injuries his senior year, has been selected for the West Texas Football Classic. He will play tight end for the North All Star Team in the Football Classic set for June 4 at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Schwartz, a 6'2" 220-pound senior this year, was injured two days before football practice began, blowing out his knee playing flag football. Coach Troy Hinds said the injury was enough to keep Schwartz from playing the entire season and was a big impact on the Bulldog team.

"Josh is a great kid. He hasn't played football in a year, but every coach in the selection committee knew how good he was and voted unanimously to put him in the classic," said Hinds. "Josh was averaging a letter a week from Texas Tech until he blew out his knee. I am really pleased that he was selected for the West Texas Football Classic," he added.

Hinds said each athlete on the team must provide \$150 in sponsorship, which will be used to help young men who have been permanently injured from playing the game of football.

Schwartz is the son of Rick and Diane Schwartz of Tahoka. He will be graduating in May from Tahoka High School, and expects to play football for McMurry in Abilene.



**CHAMPION LAMB** - Kyler Livingston with New Home FFA is shown with his Champion Medium Wool, medium weight Lamb at the Houston Stock Show in March. He is the son of Kelly and Shelly Livingston of Wilson.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE CITY/CO. LIBRARY

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## Notice

**ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION**

New Home School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2005. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2005. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2005. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration form. Complete and return the form by JUNE 13, 2005.

**DISCLAIMER:** New Home School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

**ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION**

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un ESL programa por LEP (Experto Ingles Limitado) estudiantes durante el verano de 2005. El programa estara programado por un minimo de 120 horas y conclurá previamente de agosto 1, 2005. El programa está diseñado para estudiantes que entrará Jardin de Infantes o Primer Grado en el otoño de 2005. Los padres de niños elegibles será responsable de (transportation).

Se usted conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifica Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 par solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por junio 13, 2005.

**LA DENEGACION:** New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican. 17-11c

**PREKINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR**

New Home School will offer a prekindergarten program during the 2005-2006 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2005. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements: 1) Be economically disadvantaged, 2) Be limited English proficient (LEP), or 3) Be homeless.

If you know a child who qualifies for the program notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration form. Complete and return the form by July 1, 2005.

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**LA NOTIFICACION DE PREKINDERGARTEN PARA LOS 2005-2006 AÑO ESCOLAR**

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un (prekindergarten) programa durante los 2005-2006 año escolar. El programa estara para estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años adultos en o antes de septiembre 1, 2005. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa se encontrando al menos uno de los siguientes requisitos: 1) Esten perjudicado económicamente, 2) Esté limitado experto Ingles (LEP), or 3) Sea desahuciado.

Si usted conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifica a Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 para solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por julio 1, 2005.

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**Notice To Bidders**

The O'Donnell I.S.D. will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. (CDT), May 10, 2005, for the bank depository contract for the 2005-07 biennium under the provision of Subchapter E, Chapter 23, Texas Education Code. The bids shall be for a period beginning September 1, 2005, to August 31, 2007. The O'Donnell I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all technicalities, and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of the District. All bids will be opened on May 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the business/tax collector's office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas.

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The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2005 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Southern High Plains/Caprock zone and the Western High Plains zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2005 in the SHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 19, and payment is due September 30. Growers who pay by September 15 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

The Western High Plains zone encompasses Yoakum, Gaines and Andrews counties and parts of Terry and Lynn counties. The Southern High Plains/Caprock zone encompasses Cochran, Hockley and Lubbock counties and parts of Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Lynn and Terry counties.

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**TUFFGUYS**-The Tuffguys softball team shown here recently placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lubbock Gunz Spring Shoot-out held in Lorenzo. 14 teams competed with teams from all over the South Plains. Three weeks prior they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Texas Super Series Wild Birth NIT qualifier held at the Burl Huffman Complex in Lubbock. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish qualified the Tuffguys for a World Birth to be held in Carencro, Louisiana in late September. The team will be competing again this weekend at Mackenzie Park in Lubbock. The team is currently in search of a sponsor as this is their first year as a team. Team members are standing left to right: Mike Resendez, Auggie Cantu, Jordan Vega, Gary Chapa, Bradley Rangel, Jeff Antu; and kneeling from left, Julian Resendez, Gene DeLeon, Jeremy Vega, and Martin Garza. Not shown are Ben Stroope, Steven Solorzano, and Greg Resendez.

### Wilson Honor Roll For Fifth-6 Weeks

First Grade: Mrs. Thompson- "A"- Courtney Bingham, Katie Jones, Jr. Lerma, Tatyana Marquez, Bryan Pena. "B"-Marjah Garza, Skyler Munoz, Jordan Wilhite.  
 Second Grade: Mrs. Livingston- "A"- Julian Garza, Mercedes Lerma, Roman Parmer. "B"- Jasmine Frausto, Dillon Gonzales, Megan Lehmann, Destinee Benavides.  
 Third Grade: Racca-"A" Lacy Caballero, Jesse Garza, Krista Lehmann, Chris Nino, Ray Parmer, Alex Rodriguez. "B"- Cedric Aguirre, Adrian Ramirez, Leann Garces.  
 Fourth Grade: Mrs. Reed "A"- Kaitlin Garcia. "B"- Mayra Gonzalez, Peggy Jackson, Ricka Taylor.



May 3- AP Calculus Test 8:00; Ropes Camp Jr's leaving around 11:00  
 May 4-Ropes Camp- Jrs.; StuCo 3:30  
 May 5- AP Literature Test-8:00  
 May 6-Snow Day/ Student Holiday  
 May 7-SAT I and II Test



What is CATCH? CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach to Childs Health. It is a state approved health program designed to prevent sedentary behavior, poor dietary choices, and tobacco use. It is a multi-component health promotion targeting children's behaviors and the school environment thru classroom curricula, food service, physical education, and family reinforcement. CATCH is being provided to New Home Schools thru Salton Grant Funding. The total grant received by Mrs. Durham for New Home was in the amount of \$2600.00. CATCH will be implemented in grades K-6 during the 2005-2006 school year.

#### 9-1-1 Addresses Needed

New Home Schools needs current 9-1-1 addresses of students. Most students need to update their address. Please call Monica Maeker, Karon Durham, or send written correction to school.

#### New Home Baptist VBS Set June 13-17

The New Home Baptist church has scheduled Vacation Bible School from June 13-17, from 9:00-12:00 noon.

This year the theme is "Beach Blast". Everyone is invited to come and join the fun.

#### New Home Honor Roll 5<sup>th</sup>-6 Weeks

A- Honor Roll: 1<sup>st</sup> - David Gomez, Lea Gustafson, Chelsi Rodriguez, Kade Sherwood, and also Leopard award. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Isabel Gomez, and outstanding student, Kaylan Lehman, Joarit Mireles, D.J. Ussery. 4<sup>th</sup> - Charles Kieth, Leopard award- Madison Gass. 5<sup>th</sup> - Allison Burenheide, Rikki Earnest, Justin Laseman. 6<sup>th</sup> - Jacobi Ford, Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy.  
 95+ Above- Tyler McAllister, Meghan O'Rourke, Katie O'Rourke.  
 A- Honor Roll High School-Evan Clem, Romica Cordova, Heath Link, Mary Maeker, Krystal Muniz, Mandy Portales, Maricela Rodriguez, Corey Smith, Mikaela Wallace, Chris West, and Eddie Alvarado.

A & B Honor Roll-1<sup>st</sup> - Tamer Heatley, Camryn Nieman, Felicia Portales, and Mike Torres.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Abel Portales, Jaime Rodriguez, Michael Silva, Jesus Cruz, Kegan Gibbins, Paige Ford, and Brady Kennedy. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lindsey Burenheide, and Merritt Mitchell. 4<sup>th</sup> - Madison Gass, Maranda Hymes, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Joshua Paul, Zachary Paul, and Katlin Thompson. 5<sup>th</sup> - Quincy Decker, Linzee Gibbins, Caitlyn Kieth, Naomi Nevarez, and Sammy Olsen. 6<sup>th</sup> - Steelie Feaster, Kari Maeker, Naomi Rios, and Travis Thompson.

A & B Honor Roll High School: Rebekah Bartley, Natalie Bruton, Rachel Bygel, Jordan Clem, Sarah Clem, Chase Collinsworth, Tanner Comey, Josh Correa, Adam Fiscal, Hector Fiscal, Daniel Ford, Allison Gibbins, Joslyn Harmonson, Keaton Hutto, Matthew Hymes, Monte Jolly, Jacob Laseman, Karen Muniz, Tyler Nieman, Tyler Nieman, Mark Overman, Irma Portales, Nick Ramirez, Harvey Silva, Kris Silva, Freddy Tello, April Torres, Hannah Warren, Stephanie White, Trevor White, Halley Wilkinson, and Ashley Zuniga.



**WINNING SEASON** - The New Home Little Dribblers Minor Girls finished their season 6-1 winning second in the end of season tournament last weekend. Team members are (bottom, l-r) Maranda Hymes, Lindsey Burenheide, Merritt Mitchell, Alexis Torres, Daniela Cruz and Madison Gass. Top Row (l-r) Katlin Thompson, Audra Bruton, Asst. Coach Tara Lehman, Haley Lehman and Coach Annette Burenheide.



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** - Pictured, right to left, are WISD Board President, Clyde Wilke; along with students of the month Rachel Chancy/high school student, granddaughter of Margaret Crispin and daughter of Tracy Kendrick; Heather Hare/junior high student, daughter of Freddy and Stacy Hare; Katie Jones/Elementary student, daughter of Mike and Debbie Jones; and Mike Jones, WISD Supt.

#### Wilson School Menu

May 2-6 Breakfast  
 Choice of cereal and toast or hot entree daily.  
**Monday:** NO SCHOOL  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast Bar  
**Wednesday:** Donut  
**Thursday:** Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy  
**Friday:** French Toast Sticks, Syrup  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** NO SCHOOL  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Fried Steak on a bun, Fries, Fruit  
**Wednesday:** Hot Pocket, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit 6-12 grade same as salad  
**Thursday:** Beefy Nachos, Beans, Salad, Fruit  
**Friday:** Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit  
 The menu for May 9-May 27 is all Manager's Choice. No menu will be printed in The News.

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#### Tahoka School News

Varsity Boys Baseball by Ashdon Hancock  
 The Dogs played Roosevelt for their last district home game on April 23. Unfortunately the boys came up short in a 1-11 loss.  
 The Dogs played Slaton earlier in the week, but the Tigers were just too much for the Dogs defeating them 3-18.  
 The Idalou Wildcats came to Tahoka for a visit and went away with a 0-18 victory.  
 The Boys played the Post Antelopes and it resulted in a 1-15 loss.



#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

|                                   | Current Bill (L) | Proposed Bill (L) | Difference |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Residential Customer using 6 Mcf: | \$13.99          | \$15.12           | \$1.13     |
| Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf: | \$43.05          | \$43.10           | \$0.05     |

(L) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

| Description   | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Increase |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>DURING BUSINESS HOURS:</b>   |                |                 |          |
| Turn on new service (with meter set)  | \$23.50        | \$32.00         | \$8.50   |
| Turn on service (shut-in test required)                                       | \$19.00        | \$23.50         | \$4.50   |
| <b>DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):</b>  |                |                 |          |
| Turn on service (meter read only required)                                    | \$10.50        | \$15.00         | \$4.50   |
| Miscellaneous service calls   | \$10.50        | \$11.25         | \$0.75   |
| Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request | \$29.50        | \$37.50         | \$8.00   |
| Dishonored Check Charge   | \$25.00        | \$25.00         | \$0.00   |
| <b>AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:</b>  |                |                 |          |
| Turn on new service (with meter set)  | \$35.25        | \$48.00         | \$12.75  |
| Turn on service (shut-in test required)                                       | \$28.50        | \$35.25         | \$6.75   |
| Turn on service (meter read only required)                                    | \$15.75        | \$22.50         | \$6.75   |
| Miscellaneous service calls   | \$15.75        | \$16.88         | \$1.13   |
| Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request | \$39.00        | \$56.25         | \$17.25  |

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section  
 Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)  
 Railroad Commission of Texas  
 P.O. Box 12967  
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967

#### Questions and Answers of the Day

Colossians 3:15-24

**Question:** What should our conduct be, according to God?

In verses 15-17, Paul instructs us to let the word dwell in us. It says Jesus' word. It tells us to sing songs and hymns. It tells us to sing with grace in our hearts. In verses 18-23, He tells the wives to "submit themselves to their husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands love your wives and be not bitter against them. Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers don't provoke your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." It even says for servants to obey their masters with singleness of heart, fearing God. It says "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Paul is instructing us to do our best at whatever we do. If it's parenting, marriage, work, simple conversation, friendship or anything in life -- we are supposed to do it like we had God standing right in front of us in visible sight. Our God is not only everywhere, but is also watching our every move. He is seeing inside our thoughts. From the heart, we must love God and live life. *In Jesus name, give to us a pure heart and spirit to love God and live life.*

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