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Area Softball Game Set Friday Night

The Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs Softball team will play Seymour in the Area Playoffs this Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in Sweetwater. The Lady Bulldogs will be the home team.

Bulldog fans attending the game in Sweetwater should take the Business 20 Exit, turn left at the second red light (Elm Street) and follow the signs. The softball field is across from the Mustang football stadium.

VOTE

Saturday, May 7
in 3 local elections:

- Lynn County Hospital District**
- O'Donnell City**
- O'Donnell ISD**

See story inside for polling locations

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 27	84	46	
April 28	86	53	
April 29	75	53	
April 30	64	42	
May 1	74	42	
May 2	53	47	0.09"
May 3	49	44	0.02"
Total Precipitation in Apr.:			0.19"
Total Precipitation to date:			3.75"

Words of Wisdom

There are enough targets to aim at without firing at each other.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another..." Eph. 4:32

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DEVASTATING SCENE AT HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT REAL - Parents who may have been alarmed to hear sirens approaching Tahoka High School just after classes began Monday morning were reassured that the scene was a simulation to teach students about the consequences of the choices they make. A mock drunk-driving accident involving two vehicles and several students was staged at the school at 8 a.m. with the cooperation of local law enforcement, EMS, fire department, funeral home and others. The THS National Honor Society sponsored the "CHOICES" event to remind students of the real dangers of drinking and driving, especially with prom night approaching soon. Pictured here are several members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department in the aftermath of the mock wreck, watching the ambulances and funeral hearse drive away with the "injured" and "dead." See more photos of the event on page 8 of this issue. (LCN PHOTO)

Running For State!

Troy Price Is Champion In Regional Quarter Mile Event

Tahoka High School junior Troy Price will compete in the Class AA State Track Meet in Austin May 13-14, after claiming the Region 1-AA Championship title in the 400 meter run in Abilene. Price ran the 400m dash in 48.88 seconds, his personal best, edging out Cody Martin of Seymour with a time of 49.39.

"Troy currently has the fastest time in the state in class 2A competition," said TISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds. "He is a very good kid and a dedicated athlete. I expect him to come back to Tahoka with the gold medal around his neck," he added. The 400 meter event is scheduled to begin at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in Austin.

Although this is Price's first trip to the state track meet, it is by no means his first time to win the 400 meter running event in competitions. Price has won every quarter mile run in every track meet he entered this year, and according to a comparison in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal recently, he has the best time in the 400m run of any athlete in the South Plains in any classification - from Class 1A to 5A.

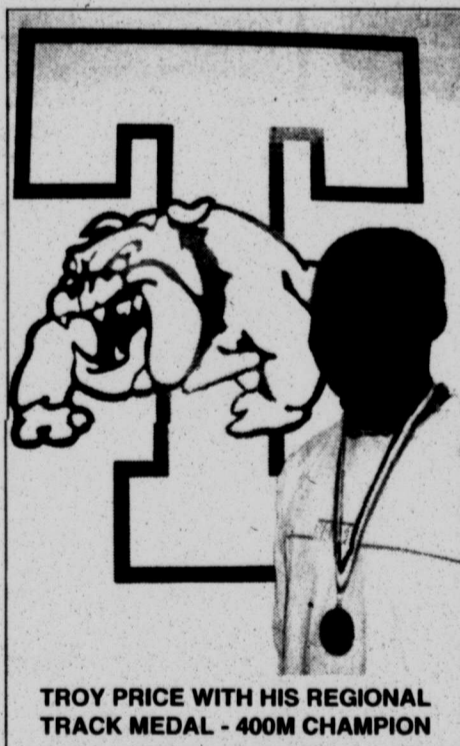
The son of Patricia Price, Troy also ran in the sprint relay and mile relay this season, and competed in the triple and long jump events. He has medalled in all these events at track meets this year.

"This year, Troy has earned 21 medals in the five track meets we participated in during regular season. He blew everybody away at district in the 400, and the regional track medal makes the seventh first place quarter mile medal he's gotten this year," said Hinds. "This guy is just amazing to watch."

Price said he kept pace with the runner from Seymour in the regional competition, and then "I kicked in during the last turn and took off" to win the championship medal.

When asked if he is nervous about the state track meet, Price says, "Actually, I run better when I'm nervous, so that's okay."

Tahoka sent several athletes to the Region 1-AA competition in Abilene. Price was a member of the 400m sprint relay team that made it to the finals and placed sixth with a time of 45.02. Other team members were JaVaen Tillman, Lance Murphy and



TROY PRICE WITH HIS REGIONAL TRACK MEDAL - 400M CHAMPION

Damon Moore.

JaVaen Tillman competed in the triple jump but did not make the finals. Josh Schwartz competed in the discus but did not make the finals in that also. Tillman also ran the 100m and got 11th. The 1600m relay (Damon Moore, Jessie Monsivias, Kyle Preston, Troy Price) ran in the prelims and got 10th overall.

In the girls competition, the 400 m sprint relay team of Skylar Owens, Bailey Hall, Angie Curtis and Carissa Hall placed 10th. Haley Hall was 15th in the 800 meter dash and 23rd in the 1600m run. In the pole vault competition, Callie Botkin placed 15th and Jeni Hammonds was 20th. Carissa Hall was 15th in the 100 meter dash, but she scratched in the 400m dash. Angie Curtis also scratched in the 200m dash.

District tennis champion Brandi Raindl, a junior at Tahoka High School, competed in the regional tennis tournament. She won her first round of play against a girl from Crane, but lost in the quarterfinal round to a player from San Saba.

And, THS sent junior Colby Gardner to the regional golf tournament in Baird, where he shot an 84-85, but did not advance.

Congressman Neugebauer Sets Town Hall Meetings In Tahoka, O'Donnell

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer will meet with Lynn County citizens in two Town Hall meetings slated for Monday, May 9 in Tahoka and O'Donnell.

The Congressman will be at First National Bank of Tahoka meeting room from 1-2 p.m. Monday to discuss issues important to District 19, and then he will be in O'Donnell from 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the State National Bank lobby. All interested citizens are invited to attend.



Six Arrested On Grand Jury Indictments

Six persons who recently were arrested on grand jury indictments for felonies in Lynn County have since been arrested and are either in jail or out on bond. Names released on recent indictments, and the charges for which they were indicted include:

Sebastian Paul Guerrero, 22, of Post, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, and also possession of methamphetamine.

Jose Antonio Moya, 54, Tahoka, driving while intoxicated, two or more offenses.

Gilbert Garcia, 46, of Lubbock, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, and tampering with a governmental record.

Ruben Pina Lovington, 38, of Lubbock, DWI second offense or more.

Christopher R. Montemayor, 26, Tahoka, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, and possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

Janie Miranda, 26, of Lubbock, DWI with a child passenger.

Another grand jury is scheduled this week in Tahoka.

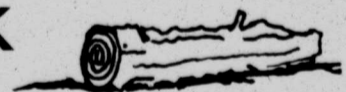
A Tahoka police officer spotted an illegally parked 2004 Honda Civic on Ave. K early Wednesday morning and a check determined it had been stolen in Lubbock. A 24-year-old Slaton man was questioned in the case and the car was impounded.

During the month of April, dispatchers at Lynn County sheriff's office answered 270 calls, including 111 for the City of Tahoka, 108 for the county, 22 for O'Donnell, 25 ambulance calls and four fire alarms.

Don't Forget Mom!
Mother's Day
is
Sunday, May 8th

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by dalton



A FEW MONTHS AGO somebody gave me some information about how I could go online and get a free credit check to see if anyone had messed up my records, and also there was something in there about how to avoid identity theft, like when somebody learns your credit card numbers and charges a zillion dollars worth of something you never received.

I remember putting the printed information about all that in a safe place, right after I tried part of it with not much luck. The place I put the papers is very safe, especially from me, because I have not found them since.

However, I did go online with my computer to try to see my free credit check. It wasn't free, so when I got to the point where they wanted my credit card number, I just quit looking. I didn't want them to have my credit card number anyway, because I had already been reading about identity theft.

I am reminded of the guy whose wife's credit card was stolen, and a few weeks later a friend was surprised to learn that the man had never reported the theft, canceled the card and applied for a new card. The guy explained that whoever stole it was using it a lot less than his wife did.

One thing I read recently advised that the next time you order checks, omit your first name and have only your initials and last name put on them. "If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know." (But what if you can't remember your name unless it is printed on the checks? . . . This also reminds me of something: Two elderly ladies were sitting on a park bench when one of them said hesitantly, "Listen, I know we have been friends for a long time. But I'm having a little memory problem. Could you tell me your name?" The other lady was silent for a minute, then she asked, "How soon do you need to know?")

Just last week I received a check for \$10 from Chase Bank offering me a program of "privacy guard" to protect me from identity theft. If I cash the check, I'm signed up for a year of the program at 12 bucks a month. No, thanks.

I really am not too worried about identity theft, anyway. I don't know anybody who wants to be me.



ADAM EWELL BATSON and MARY ANNA STROOPE

Stroope-Batson Announce Engagement

Todd and Ginger Henry of Tahoka, and Dwight Stroope of Lamesa, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Anna Stroope, to Adam Ewell Batson, of Lubbock. Adam is the son of Randy and Janice Montgomery of Coahoma, and Bruce and Jamie Batson of Dallas.

Anna is a 1998 graduate of Tahoka and is employed by Vista Care Hospice of Lubbock. Adam is a 1997 graduate of Coahoma and is currently attending Lubbock Christian University and is employed by Rehab Works in Lubbock.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local Pharmacist Appreciated For Extra Efforts

Dear Editor,

Just a note to let the people of Lynn County know how lucky we are to live in a small town where everybody looks out for each other.

Recently my wife was in the hospital. We knew the medications that she was taking, but unsure of the dosage. The doctor really thought it best to know the correct dosage.

My daughter called our local pharmacist, at home late one night, to see if he remembered. He had gone to bed. Becky told Tanya to just have him call the next morning. A few minutes later Haney called the request right back to the hospital. The doctor was very impressed and thankful to get the medication correct.

How many pharmacists in Lubbock would get out of bed at 10:30 p.m., dress, and go down to the pharmacy to get the information?

Haney, we appreciate your loyalty to your customers and know how lucky we are to still have a home owned and operated pharmacy in our county.

Thanks Tanya and Haney!
H.G. Franklin

Citizen Appreciates Flower Garden

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly acknowledge the corner of Lockwood and Ave. P. Trudy Schuknecht has worked very hard to make "her" corner such a beautiful flower garden for all to admire.

Thank you, Trudy for your gift to our community!

Sincerely, Nancy Guilliams

Sr. Citizens To Serve Sunday Lunch May 15

The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center will have an after church lunch on Sunday, May 15th, from noon until all is gone. The menu will include Turkey and Dressing, Sweet potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Strawberry Shortcake.

The cost will be \$5.00 per plate, and carry out will be available. It is asked that for the carry out that you call in advance, before May 15th, at 561-5264. You may call anytime during the week to order your carry out.

We now have a dumpster across the street from the Sr. Citizen's building (east vacant lot) for aluminum can donations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Senior Citizens MENU

May 9-13

Monday: Hamburgèr Steak, Navy Beans, Peas, Salad, Cornbread, Pine-apple Gelatin

Tuesday: Chicken w/ Squash, Refried Beans, Mexican Corn, Cinnamon Bananas

Wednesday: Liver & Onions, Hamburgèr Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Chocolate Pie

Thursday: Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Cabbage, Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

Friday: Chicken Spaghetti, Zucchini / Yellow Squash, Cucumber Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheery Crisps

Lynnwood Happenings

Lynnwood Assisted Living Center
Betty Ehlers, Activity Director

Here it is May and school will be out before we know it! We at Lynnwood would like to wish all the Seniors of 2005, the best of luck. We will certainly miss the Diversified Career Preparation Class, by Donna Stone, that has been coming every Thursday to play games with the residents. We will look forward to next fall when school starts back.

We would like to thank Bill Binder and his landscaping class that came out and cleaned our flower beds, and to the First Baptist Church G.A.'s that came out and brought each resident a flower pot with petunias. We are now putting them in pots on our patio. We are looking forward to the warmer weather where we can sit outside and enjoy the flowers and the water fountain.

We will be having a mother-daughter dinner at PJ's on May the 9th, and this is a very enjoyable time to visit us anytime or come play games with us as we love to play Dominoes, Skip-Bo, Chicken Foot and Bingo on Monday afternoons.

Band Boosters To Meet May 10

The Tahoka Band Boosters will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Band Hall to discuss the upcoming Band Banquet and elect officers for 2005-2006.

We strongly encourage all parents of any in-coming freshman who will be participating in the band, to attend this meeting.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



MR. AND MRS. BRADY RAINDL (nee TANIA LEAH HAND)

Hand-Raindl Wedding Vows Exchanged

Tania Leah Hand and Brady Lynn Raindl were united in marriage on March 12, 2005 at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Russell Frazier, former basketball coach and friend of the groom, of Del Rio, presided over the nuptials.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Gail Hand of Friona. She is the granddaughter of John and Billie Jo Hand, also of Friona, and the late Bill and Tera McGlothlin. Tania was a graduate of Friona High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 2004 from Lubbock Christian University.

Brady is the son of Mitch and Donna Raindl of Tahoka. He is the grandson of R.F. and Juanell Fort of Midland and the late Bland and Quinn Draper. He is the great grandson of Truiett Slone of Tahoka. Brady is a 2000 graduate of Tahoka High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University. He is employed as the General Manager of Perryton Activity Center in Perryton, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride selected an elegant gown created by the designers of 2BE bridal. The strapless bodice of the romantic styled gown featured satin richly adorned with imported lace appliques encrusted with pearls and crystals. The float waistline was a shaped basque over a full ball gown skirt of English Tulle. The hemline of the gown was a deep satin band adorned with the same lace as the bodice. For her hair, she selected a crystal tiara complimented with a dual layer veiling edged in beading.

The bridal attendants wore strapless black chiffon full length dresses accented by a red floor length sash.

The bride carried a clutch style bouquet featuring Black Magic and Charlotte roses with crystals and rhinestones. Tania carried a handkerchief belonging to her maternal grandmother and pennies from the bride and groom's birth years and wore a blue garter. Her attendants carried smaller versions of her bouquet.

Serving their sister as matrons of honor were Tamara Outland of Abilene and Trista Stallings of Rockwall. Bridesmaids were Lynette McCleery of Lubbock, Brandi Raindl, sister of the groom of Tahoka, and Jena Grimsley of Abilene. Friends of honor were Valerie Bandy, Olivia Mendez, Brek Paris, Jamie Slagle, Alisha Ward, Deanna Bird and Taylor Washburn.

Taylor and Graci Stallings, nieces of the bride from Rockwall, and Caroline and Hannah McLaren, cousins of the groom from Lubbock showered rose petals before the bride, and her nephews Cason Stallings and Colton Outland were ring bearers.

Brent Raindl of Dallas honored his brother as Best Man and groomsmen were Jordan Sarchet, David Densmore, and Mel McRee, all of Lubbock, DJ Sims of College Station, Gary Gandy of Cleburne, and Michael Cole "brother" of the bride of Schertz. Ushers were Brandon Boyles of Abilene, Chris Cavazos and Matt Chancy of Lubbock.

The double ring ceremony took place before the unity candle and an abundant bouquet of Charlotte roses and assorted candles and candelabras.

Guests were greeted by Sherri Jubay, Shayli Reed and Krista Graham, who also served at the bride's reception table.

A reception was held beneath a canopy of white tulle and twinkling mini-lights in the church activity center. The bride's table featured a white cake with raspberry filling and adorned with Charlotte roses. The groom's table was serviced by Nicole Nettles, cousin of the groom and Lezli Gandy, both of Lubbock, and featured a red velvet cake made by Pam Miller, cousin of the groom, and accented with Charlotte Roses, Punch, coffee, ham and heart biscuits and chocolate covered strawberries were served to guests before the couple left in a limousine for a night at the Broadway Manor Bed & Breakfast. Following a honeymoon to Solidaridad, Mexico, the couple will reside in Perryton.

Mitch and Donna Raindl hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Lubbock Club. Highlighting the evening was a video pictorial of the couple in their growing up years. The bridal party was honored with a breakfast at the Raspberry Tea Garden in Lubbock, hosted by the bride's mother and sisters and given by her grandmother.

Brady and Tania were honored with a wedding shower in the home of Karen Huffaker of Tahoka and also in the home of Jyl Grimsley of Friona. Her sisters and friends hosted a lingerie shower and a party in Lubbock and Brady's aunt and cousins, Linda Linder, Cherie Nettles, Cindy Thornton and Christi Vinson hosted a tool shower for the couple.

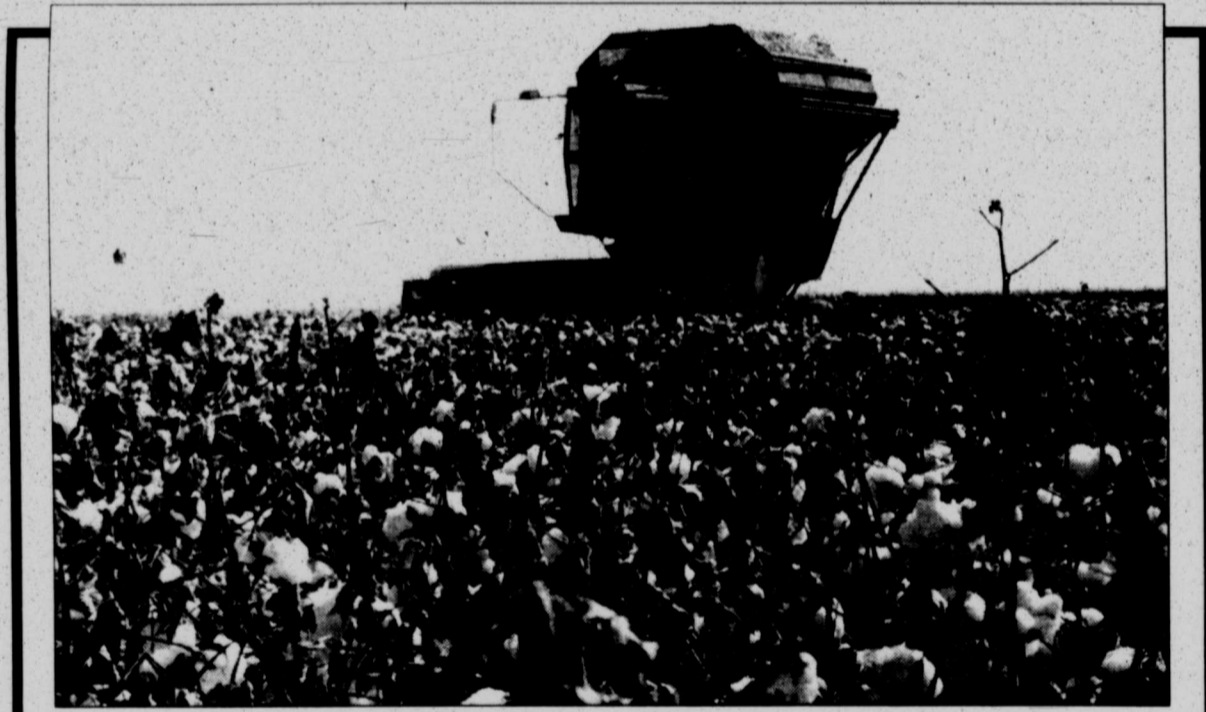
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Vote O'Do

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Historic Present Offers

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Vote Saturday In Hospital Board, O'Donnell City/School Elections

Registered voters in Lynn County who didn't vote during the early voting period April 20-May 3 may vote in the May 7 elections, including the Lynn County Hospital District board of directors election, and two elections in O'Donnell. Other city and school elections in Tahoka, New Home and Wilson have been cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

Six candidates are on the Lynn County Hospital District ballot for two seats on the hospital board, including incumbents Mike Rivas and John Hawthorne, as well as candidates Regina Crutcher, Stephen Sherrill, Cal Huffaker and Sherry Tilley. One candidate, Steve Sherrill, has recently told hospital authorities he can not serve as a director even if elected because his wife has accepted a position with the hospital. His name remains on the ballot, however, because the withdrawal date has passed and the ballots were al-

ready printed. Four polling locations in the county will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. In Tahoka, vote at Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center, located adjacent to the hospital; in Wilson, vote at the Mercantile building; in O'Donnell, vote at the O'Donnell High School commons area; and in New Home, vote in the New Home High School Library.

All registered voters in Lynn County may vote in the hospital board election. Cumulative voting is used in this election, which means there will be two boxes beside each candidate's name on the ballot. Voters may check two boxes beside one candidate's name if they want to place both their votes for one person, or may check one box each beside two different candidates' names.

O'Donnell also has a city and school election, with all voting conducted at the O'Donnell High School commons area.

Six candidates are named on the city council election ballot in O'Donnell, for three seats on the council. Candidates include Scotty Martinez, Willie Luera, Andy DeLosSantos, Max Mendieta, Roger Doss and Wayne Mott.

The O'Donnell ISD special election to fill a two-year unexpired term on the board of trustees is also being held. Mark Royce and Ben Edwards have filed for the seat. The election for two regular three-year terms on the OISD board of trustees was cancelled because those candidates were unopposed.

Grant Writing Workshops Offered In Austin

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission are sponsoring grant writing workshops in June to help increase your organization's chance of becoming a grant recipient.

The Annual Texas Grant Writing Workshops will offer a two-day and a four-day session held at the Hogg Foundation Library in Austin. The seminars cover all aspects of fund raising, including where to find funding, how to approach foundations and how to write convincing proposals. The Basic Grant Writing Two-Day Workshop is June 20-21 and costs \$150.

The Intensive Research and Grant Writing Four-Day Workshop is June 20-23. The sessions offer in-depth training on research, targeting appropriate foundations and writing the basic proposal. Cost is \$300.

Participants are urged to bring current grant projects and actual funding needs, laptop computer, power supply and extension cords. For more information or to download an application, visit www.the.state.tx.us and select grants and incentives, or call Mae Zapata at 512/463-6092.

Historic Cemetery Preservation Workshop Offered In Waco

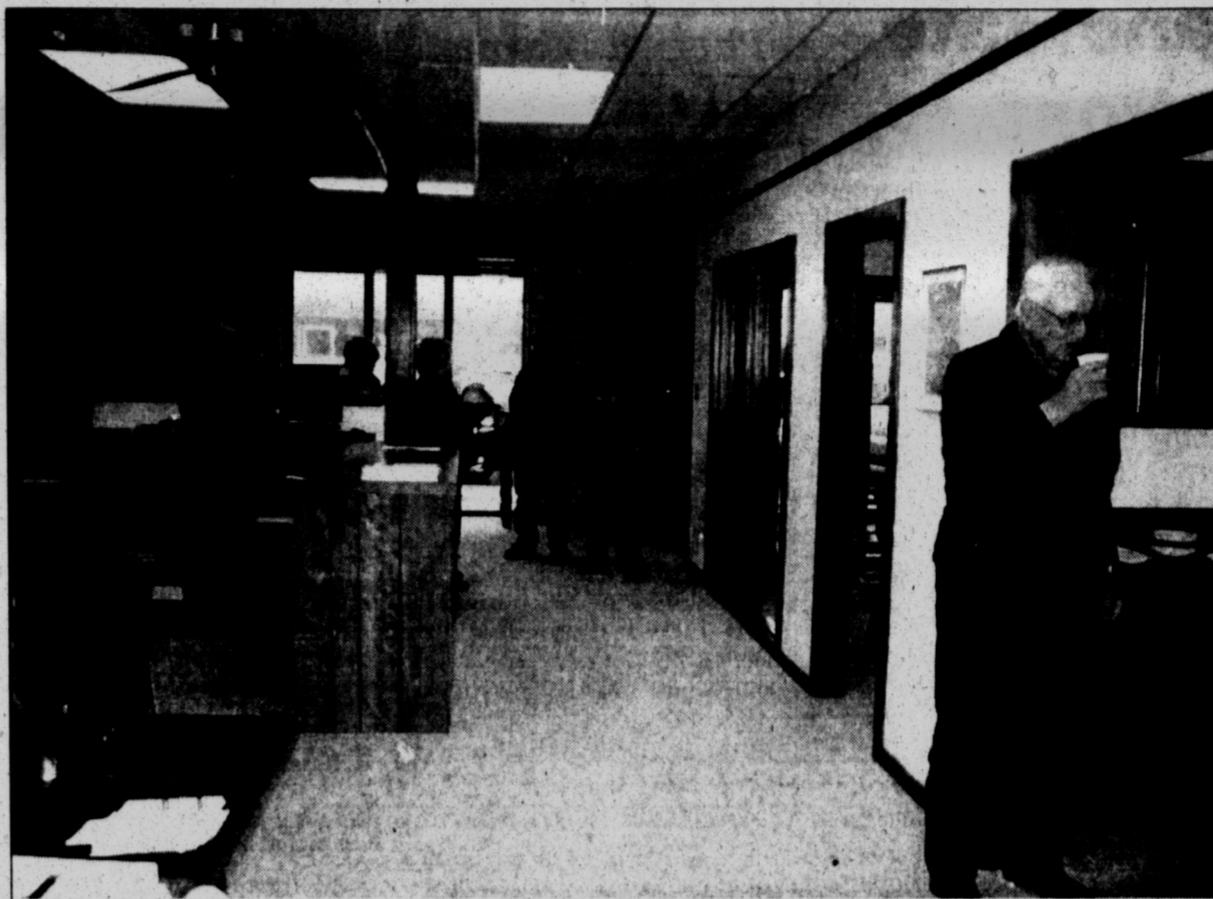
Many Texas cemeteries are threatened by the specters of theft, vandalism and neglect because they are poorly marked, not well maintained and have lost original landscaping or other identifying features. The Texas Historical Commission (THC), in cooperation with the Waco-McLennan County Library, McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group (MCCIG) and the Central Texas Library System (CTLS) invites preservationists from across the state to attend a special workshop, "Gone But Not Forgotten: A Texas Cemetery Workshop" on May 21 at the Austin Avenue United Methodist Church in Waco.

The THC's Cemetery Preservation Coordinator, Geron Hite, is a featured speaker and will discuss the THC's efforts to preserve historic cemeteries through two programs, the Historic Texas Cemetery designation and the Record, Investigate and Protect (RIP) survey program.

Other speakers include Roy Bessire, fundraising strategist; B.F. Hicks, attorney; Mary Kemp, coordinator of the Abandoned Cemetery Association of Parker County; and Jarret Perkins, attorney.

Advance registration is suggested; on-site registration is limited. Call 800/262-4431 or 512/974-3610 to register by phone. Email registration is available through jane@ctls.net, or visit www.ctls.net/document/wssignup.asp.

For more information on the Historic Texas Cemetery designation program or the RIP program, contact Geron Hite at 512/475-4167, email gerron.hite@the.state.tx.us, or visit the web site at www.the.state.tx.us.



OPEN HOUSE AT APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Lynn County Appraisal District hosted an Open House Wednesday morning, May 4, at their new location at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka. Shown in this photo are Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott (at right in background) and Joy Bragg (left), with several guests, including (in back) Linda Wilke, Jeanette and Wes Owen, and far right in foreground, James Mitchell with the High Plains Water District. (LCN PHOTO)

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

Health Fair
New Home Schools would like to thank the members of the community that came to the school health fair on April 28th. Their participation was greatly appreciated. Attendance was great at the hot dog cook-out and book fair as well that day. We would also like to thank the members of the county that came to serve our students at the health fair with valuable information. There were a total of 30 booths available for the students and community to visit.

Top of Texas Ads
New Home Varsity Cheerleaders are currently selling ads for the Top of Texas Football magazine. The Top of Texas is a yearly publication of all of the football teams in the state of Texas. Ads will be on sell until May 19th. The profits help send the cheerleaders to camp and purchase new uniforms and supplies.

Talent Show
New Home Student Council sponsored a school wide talent show on May 2nd. Winning the talent show was soloist Keaton Hutto, who performed a song that he had written. Second place went to Madison Gass and Haley Lehman who put motions to the words of a Christian song. Kris Silva and Sterling Ford placed 3rd. The Varsity Cheerleaders sold brownies and ice cream at the talent show and sold raffle tickets to win one of the two buckets of summer treats. Winners of the raffle were Madison Gass and Jett Rodgers.

New Home School Calendar
May 9: Site-Base Committee Meeting at 3:30
May 10: Jr. High Athletic Cookout
May 11: Honor Roll Award Day
May 12: Playday (K-6) at 1:00; Faculty Party at 7:00

May 13: NO SCHOOL - Area FFA Convention in Midland

New Home SCHOOL MENU

May 9-13
Breakfast

Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.

Monday: Donut
Tuesday: Mini Corndogs
Wednesday: Cheese Omelet
Thursday: Biscuit / Sausage
Friday: NO SCHOOL Lunch

Monday: Chicken Quesadilla, Carrot/Cucumber, Lettuce/ Tomato, Orange Half
Tuesday: Sub Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Apple/ Orange Wedges
Wednesday: Fiesta Salad, Refried Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Pineapple Slices
Thursday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Chili Beans, Peach Cobbler
Friday: NO SCHOOL

Drug Addiction Recovery Story To Be Told May 15

Area citizens are invited to hear the drug addiction and recovery story of Ross, a New Home graduate, and his family. Ross, a resident of the Trinity Baptist Home for Men, will speak at New Home Baptist Church on Sunday, May 15 at 6 p.m.

Ross and his family would like to share their story with other families so that some of the grief that they have experienced might be avoided in other families. It is a heart-touching story of a small town boy and his family, and how powerful drug addiction can be and that it can invade anyone's home and family.

Those who attend the service are asked to bring a nonperishable food item as a donation.

Lynn County Merchants Appreciate Your Business!

Mecalco Places At Regional Track

Jonathan Mecalco of O'Donnell High School placed sixth in the 200 meter run at the Region 1-1A Track Meet held in Levelland last weekend. His time was 23.83 seconds.

Couple Receives Wayland Degrees

Kyle and Michelle Bueermann received their degrees during commencement exercises from Wayland Baptist University on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

Kyle, a 2001 graduate of Tahoka High School, received a Bachelor of Art in Religious Education.

Michelle graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

The couple will reside in Crosbyton where Kyle is the Youth and Music Minister at First Baptist Church.

Ford, Nieman Place At Reg. Track

New Home High School track athletes Daniel Ford and Tyler Nieman placed in three events at the Region 1-1A Track Meet held in Levelland last weekend. Ford placed third in the 1600 meter run, with a time of 4:40.76, behind runners from Bovina and Iraan. He was sixth in the 800m run with a time of 2:06.29. Nieman placed fourth in the 400m run with a time of 51.35 seconds.

Tahoka High School Weekly Calendar

May 9: Academic Banquet at the Center-7:00 p.m.
May 11: Awards Day in the Auditorium- 2:30
May 13-14: State Track- Austin - Good Luck Troy Price
May 14: Jr. - Sr. Prom at The McInturff

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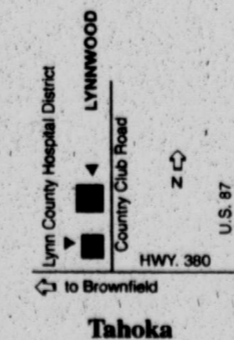
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Hospital Candidate Won't Take Post

Steve Sherrill, one of six candidates for two places on the Lynn County Hospital board of directors, has advised hospital authorities that even if elected, he cannot serve on the board.

Sherrill's wife has accepted a position with the physical therapy department of the hospital and consequently his being on the board would be a violation of the nepotism law. Administrator Dan Powers told board members at last Thursday's meeting. Powers noted that it is too late for Sherrill to withdraw from the race, but that if Sherrill should be elected, the hospital board then may appoint someone to the position.

Powers reported that a bill with new requirements on attendance at meetings of the board, sponsored by Sen. Robert Duncan, has passed the

state senate and now is subject to house passage in Austin. The bill, which applies only to Lynn County Hospital, also would require that board members be current in payment of all federal, state and local taxes.

Powers reported that Lynnwood Assisted Living Center is down to 21 residents.

The May meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, May 31.

Billy Tomlinson, president of the board, presided. Other board members present were Jerry Ford, Mike Rivas, Virginia Griffing, John Hawthorne and Joan Knox. Board member Dalton Wood was absent.

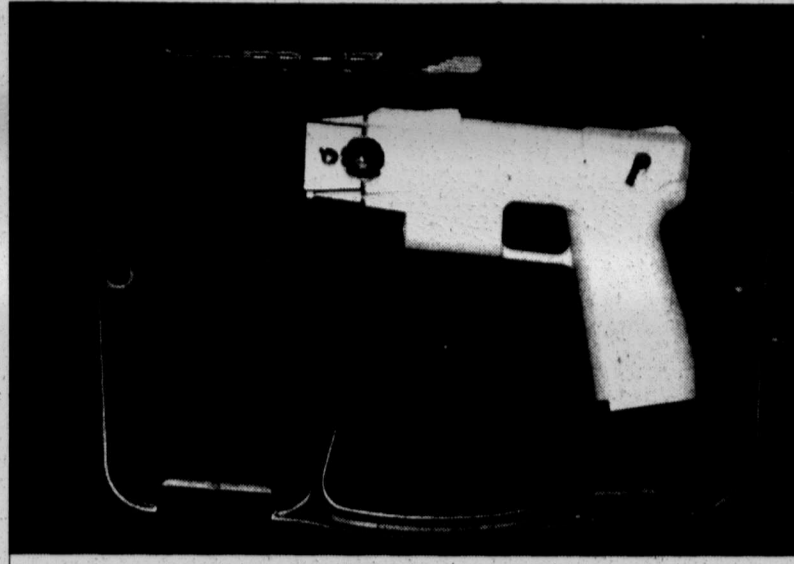
Also present were Powers and Jimmy Morris, the district's chief operations officer.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Fourteen members met in the home of Suzanne Baker on Tuesday, April 26th to hear a program about organization of important documents. Suzanne Baker presented an interesting program featuring a notebook that contained all important legal documents accented with scriptures.

Two new members, Shirley Draper and Grace Campbell, were elected to the group. Guests are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled for May 10th, 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Carol Headrick, daughter of Lucille Smith, will be giving a book review.

Shop in Tahoka!



TASER GUN - This bright yellow M-26 Taser Gun is now being carried by officers in the Tahoka Police Department. The taser delivers a charge of 50,000 volts, causing a loss of muscle control.

Tahoka Police Officers Now Carry Taser Guns

Officers of the Tahoka Police Department are now carrying taser guns as a less-lethal option to resolve dangerous situations safely, without causing permanent injury to any person. Police Chief Doyle Lee says the department is constantly seeking less-lethal options in carrying out their duties, and the Taser M-26 provides such an appropriate tool.

The Taser M-26 resembles and has the handling characteristics of a pistol - but the Tahoka PD chose a model that is a bright yellow color so that citizens can recognize the difference between their taser guns and their regulation weapons. The taser delivers an electric current that interferes with the body's neuromuscular system, temporarily incapacitating them.

"Each officer received specialized training to achieve certification before being allowed to carry the Taser - and each officer was shot with the Taser so that they could better understand the effects of the weapon, as well as for expertise as a court witness," the Police Chief explained.

Certification consisted of the theory and practical training necessary to safely and effectively operate the Taser M-26 weapon as a non-lethal option.

The Taser M-26 is laser sighted and uses cartridges attached to the end of the barrel. The cartridge

projects a pair of barbs, which attach to the skin or clothes, and delivers an electrical charge. The output of the device is 26 watts, which delivers a charge of 50,000 volts. The Taser also has a stun mode, where it can be operated without firing the barbs.

The charge from the Taser causes a loss of voluntary muscle control, resulting in the subject falling to the ground or "freezing" on the spot. The effects are instantaneous and only lasts for as long as the charge is applied.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcycle enthusiasts—both experienced and inexperienced—to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to hone their skills.

"More than 700,000 people in Texas are licensed to operate a motorcycle," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. "Operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of special mental and physical skills. Riders can attain these skills by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses, as well as through personal experience."

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training in 64 permanent locations. In addition, the unit offers basic and advanced training in nine rural locations by utilizing two self-contained mobile training units. Last year, 26,260 Texans took either the basic or advanced course.

The basic motorcycle operator training course is for inexperienced or unlicensed motorcyclists, and the advanced course is for more experienced riders. The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test, and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts.

While Texas does not require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets, the DPS strongly encourages riders to wear helmets to increase safety and save lives. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course or be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries.

Information about the Motorcycle Safety Unit classes can be found on the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb. For additional information on motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787.

Obituaries

Lucille Howle

Services were pending Wednesday morning for Lucille Howle, 91, of Tahoka. Mrs. Howle died early Wednesday morning, May 4.

Arrangements will be under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Ronny Walker

Graveside services for Ronny Walker, 60, of Tahoka were held Thursday, April 28, 2005, in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka with the Rev. Lynn Long officiating, under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He was born on September 10, 1944 in Dallas. His parents, Ernest and Ora Marie Owens Walker, preceded him in death. He died on April 26, 2005 in Lubbock, Texas.

He was a lifelong resident of Tahoka, and worked as an equipment operator for the Texas Highway Department. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Also, he was an avid collector of Indian Arrowheads and other artifacts.

Survivors include two daughters, Felicia Davis of Tahoka, and Michelle Davis of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and uncle and aunt, Elmer and Betty Owens of Tahoka.

Margaret Garland Noble

Services for Margaret Garland Noble, 93, of Lubbock, formerly of O'Donnell, were held Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell with Rev. Kenneth Peterson officiating. Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

She died Friday, April 29, 2005 in Lubbock. She was born September 30, 1911 in Lamesa, to Joseph Edward and Ethel Garland, who were early pioneer settlers in Dawson and Lynn Counties. She married James Mack Noble, Jr. January 1, 1933 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death in 1961. Two brothers, James and Edward, also preceded her in death.

Margaret was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. She belonged to Tuesday Bridge and Study Club in O'Donnell.

Survivors include two sons, Edward Garland of San Francisco Bay Area, California and James Mack, III of Longview; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the O'Donnell Cemetery Association or a charity of choice.

MDA Spotlights ALS During May

As the recognized world leader in research and services for people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the Muscular Dystrophy Association marks the 14th annual national ALS Awareness Month this May.

Attacking the nerve cells that control muscle cells, ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease) weakens muscles until they're non-functional and paralysis takes place. Though mental function is generally untouched, death usually occurs within two to five years of diagnosis. ALS affects more than 30,000 American adults.

By providing support groups, educational materials, medical equipment loans and more, MDA shows its dedication to families affected by ALS. MDA's ALS Division Web site, at www.alsmdausa.org, holds Internet chats and posts cutting-edge information about the disease.

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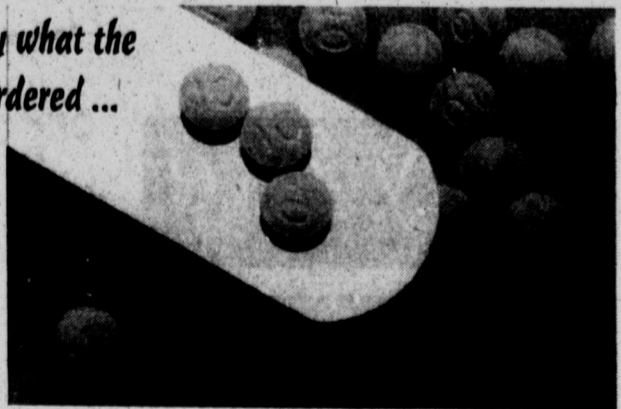
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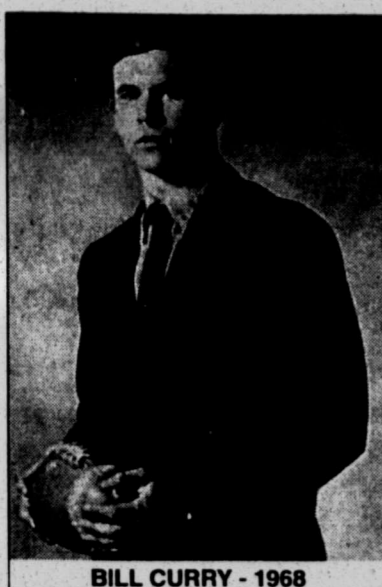
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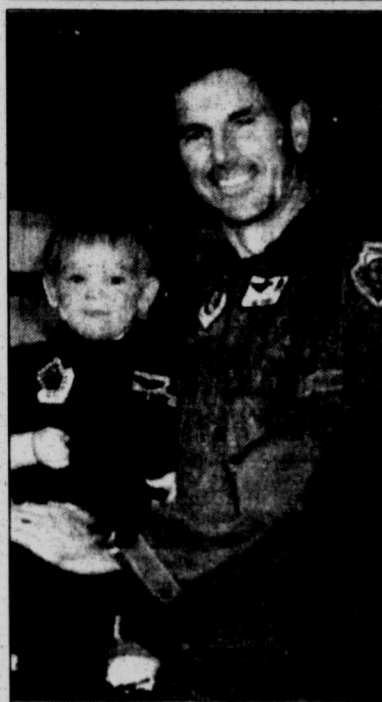
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Whatever Happened to... Bill Curry & Janice Renfro



BILL CURRY - 1968



BILL CURRY AND GRANDSON MATTHEW

by JAMES HOLLARS
While Jimmy Efrid was having hair-raising experiences as a bush pilot in Alaska (*Lynn County News*, Mar 24, 2005) another Tahoka graduate was up in the clouds doing some hair-raising flying of his own.
Colonel Billy Curry, THS '69, was an F-15 fighter pilot during a twenty-seven year career in the Air Force. He not only flew the supersonic jets, but he was also a squadron commander for seven years at the Air Force Weapons School - the Air Force equivalent of the Navy's Top Gun.

Most of us can only imagine riding along with Col. Curry while he put his jet through the high speed maneuvers used to prepare his students for F-15 combat missions. He calls the young men he taught *the cream of the crop*.

In his years in the Air Force he flew the world over from home bases in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Korea and Okinawa. In 1996 he led four F-15's on flight to Russia where they spent a week visiting with Russian pilots who had once been their enemies before the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Bill capped off his Air Force career by being awarded the Legion of Merit. Created by an act of Congress in 1942, the Legion of Merit is "awarded ... for exceptionally outstanding conduct in the performance of meritorious service to the United States ... performed in a clearly exceptional manner."

Bill got his commission through the ROTC program at Texas Tech. He signed up for ROTC because he thought being an engineer might be boring and he wanted to fly. In addition to his degree from Tech, he earned a masters degree from the University of Southern California.

When asked which of his accomplishments has brought him the greatest joy he said being married to his wife Janice for 34 years is number one on the list.

The former Janice Renfro was also in the class of 1969. She was a good student, a class officer, National Honor Society member, and a majorette and saxophone player in the band. She graduated from Tech with an education degree in learning and language disabilities and

taught school for several years wherever the Air Force sent them. She was often active in the officers' wives club helping the military community through activities such as raising money for college scholarships.

Years of military moves have them looking forward to staying put in a home they bought in Pecan Plantation near Lake Granbury. They plan to have their fishing tackle out and their boat in the water often.

In the process of moving from Nevada to Granbury, they spent several weeks in Tahoka with Novis Curry, Bill's mom. Both value their Tahoka roots. Janice remembers the security of her childhood. She says growing up in Tahoka gave one a sense of who they are that does not change no matter where they are or the situations encountered. Bill credits playing football for the Tahoka Bulldogs with developing the competitive nature, discipline, and team work that it took to succeed in the Air Force.

Bill and Janice Curry married in 1971. They have a daughter (Amanda) and three grandchildren living in Hamburg, New York. They live at 6116 Nutcracker Lane, Granbury, Texas, 76049. Their e-mail address is janice.curry@gmail.com.

About the Author:
James Hollars may be contacted at hollars@sbcglobal.net. He says, "Tahoka is a small town of amazing people. I lived there only eight years and have been gone since 1969, yet those incredible people made an indelible impact on me that has lasted for 35 years. People in Fort Worth, Texas, and Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo, Ohio, kneel all about Tahoka people because, no matter where I have lived, I have never stopped talking about them."



BILL and JANICE CURRY

May Is National Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation declared May as Preservation Month to provide a greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse heritage of our nation and this year features themes of preservation at home, historic travel, diversity of preservation and heritage education.

Historic preservation begins at home and the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Visionaries in Preservation (VIP) program gives communities the potential to shape the future of their historic preservation efforts through visioning and planning, and provides training and assistance tailored to achieve local preservation goals.

A vital part of a community's future, the VIP program helps create new jobs, provide affordable quality housing, increase economic development and revitalize downtown business districts. The VIP program fosters partnerships among diverse groups and interests, including preservation leadership. The program helps develop solid preservation goals and action plans. VIP communities receive priority status for local training and assistance from the THC and help to secure grants and funding for preservation projects.

For more information on the VIP program please contact Josh Lasserre at 512/463-3345 or visit the THC website at www.the.state.tx.us.

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The Closers by Michael Connelly
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Marker by Robin Cook
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Good Yarn by Debbi Macomber
Velocity by Dean Koontz

Due in June
Cross Bones by Kathy Reichs
11 on Top by Janet Evanovich
Devils Corner by Lisa Scottoline
High Plains Tango by Robert James Waller
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"Their method of operation doesn't really change from year to year; however the BBB has learned that they are not only doing a poor job, but they have their 'targets' picked out before they drive up to the house; and they are known to intimidate the consumer into paying more for the shoddy job than was agreed upon in the first place", stated Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains. "They will tell the consumer that they are with the 'county' or 'state' road crew and have all this material left over and can make them a good deal, but when done, they come back claiming it took more materials than they first thought and they need more money. It's kind of hard for a person to say 'no' when they have three or four big, burly guys surrounding them", Campbell stated.

According to the local office of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the crew, driving brand new equipment (a surefire tell-tale sign of a scam) picked up their materials this morning and is headed West. Here is a description of the trucks as far as we know:

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Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

**May 9-13
Breakfast**
Monday: Banana Mini Loaf
Tuesday: Morning Sausage
Wednesday: Breakfast Sandwich
Thursday: Pop Tart
Friday: NO SCHOOL Lunch

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Wednesday: Pizza, Chef Salad, Mix Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday: Turkey and Cheese Sand., Salad, Chips, Lettuce & Pickles, Fruit
Friday: NO SCHOOL

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Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373
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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
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1403 13th St • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381
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PASTOR: BILLY FARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Rt. 5 Box 360 • Tahoka, TX 79373
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PASTOR: DAVID PARKER

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.

Wilson First Baptist Church

1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org

PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON

First Service - 8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Youth - 5:15 p.m.
Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Message From: Rev. Jeff Bayley, Tahoka Methodist Church

GOD'S HELP IS NEAR (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good ... It is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into the shadows and responds to gestures of faith.

Faith is belief that God will do what is right. God says that the more hopeless your circumstance, the more likely your salvation. The greater your cares, the more genuine your prayers. The darker the room, the greater need for light.

God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.

Peace and Mercy -- Jeff Bayley

Gethsemane Baptist Church

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Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.
Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future!"
-JEREMIAH 29:11

New Home United Methodist Church

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

PASTOR: RICK WOLFE

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

Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373
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PASTOR: LYNN LONG

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)
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Wildlife Management Days Set May 10, 11

Two Wildlife Management meetings are set for May 10th and 11th. All persons are invited to attend and learn more about one of the fastest growing sources of income for rural Texas.

Sustainable Wildlife will be presented on May 10th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Medlock Ranch. The ranch is located 11 miles East of Post on US 380 and 2 miles North on FM 2008. Topics to be covered include hunting opportunities, exotic animals, high fence management and dove management.

A Feral Hog Appreciation Day will be held on May 11th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Post Community Youth Center located at 115 West Main in Post. Topics will focus on feral hog biology, impacts of hogs, diseases, regulations and trapping.

Each program has a \$15.00 registration fee, which includes lunch. All participants must RSVP by May 9 to the Lynn County Extension Office, at (806) 561-4562.



VICE PRESIDENT - Clay Pittman has been elected for a second term as Vice President of the West Texas A&M University Geological Society. Pittman is a senior Geology major at WTAMU. Clay is the son of Barry and Retha Pittman of Tahoka.

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"Choices" Program Shows Drunk Driving Consequences

by Juan Hernandez and Samantha Andrews
THS Journalism Students

On May 2, 2005, Tahoka High School National Honor Society sponsored a very special day called "Choices," which focused on the various effects of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Guest speakers and a mock wreck were just a few of the things that helped the students visualize the reality and magnitude of drunk driving.

The mock wreck consisted of six specially chosen students: Cassidy Gandy, Jessica Antu, Sonya Moralez, Jaci Hammonds, Robert Baker, and Larry Murphy. The four girls were victims in a car crash caused by drunk driving. Robert and Larry were the intoxicated drivers who caused the horrible wreck.

Not only did the students of THS witness the horrific wreck, but they were also given an inside look of what goes on in the heart of a traumatic accident. They saw what the paramedics, firemen, and families of the victims experienced throughout the whole grueling process. The wreck was definitely a great way to demonstrate the penalties of drunk driving.

"Having to lay there motionless as I watched my family and friends cry was extremely difficult, but it truly showed the effects that one bad choice can have," Jaci Hammonds said.

The whole day was dedicated to giving the students facts and figures that would help them see the harshness of the mistakes they make.

when it comes to drugs and alcohol. Guest speakers varied from law enforcers to people who experienced it first hand.

Inmates described their knowledge on how hard it is to overcome addiction and how to cope with the consequences they brought upon themselves. They gave students a sneak peak of what life is like in rehab. DPS officers and an attorney explained to the students the extremities of DWI's and various alcohol-related charges.

"The day was a big success," said participants. Students left with new knowledge of the reality that comes with their weekend "fun." At the end of the day, hearing all the stories, looking at statistics, and witnessing the mock wreck permanently sank in the actuality of driving under the influence.



HOOP DAWGS WIN AT TOURNEY — Abilene Youth Sports Authority recently hosted the Prime Time Sports Spring Shoot-Out Basketball Tournament, and the Tahoka Hoop Dawgs won the 12-year-old division. The 2-day, April 9-10 event was held at the Wylie High School Gymnasium with 25 teams from Abilene, Big Country, South Plains, West Texas and the D-FW Metroplex participating. The top three teams in each age division qualified for the National Prime Time Sports Tournament to be held in the Metroplex in July. Tahoka Hoop Dawgs include, from left: Morgan Lockaby, Payton Howard, Kyra Helm, Coach Eddie Hancock, Meghann Rivas, Brooke Inklebarger, Stephanie DeLeon, Coach Alecia Hancock, Kalee Wuensche, Kenzie Angeley, Taylor Ford, Kaitlyn Reno, and Stormee Martin.

International Cotton School Announces Session Date At TTU

The Texas International Cotton School has announced its next session will begin Aug. 22 at the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University.

For more than a decade, hundreds of students, managers and textile workers from more than 32 countries have joined top cotton and textile experts for the school's intensive two-week sessions.

The program is a cooperative effort between the textile center and the Lubbock Cotton Exchange. It comprises hands-on instruction of all phases of cotton production, harvesting, ginning, classing, testing, preparation and processing and provides its students with an integrated understanding of the U.S. Cotton industry and how it interacts with the global cotton/textile complex.

School officials hope to receive all applications by the end of July. For more information, or to apply for the next session, visit the school at www.texasintcottonschool.com.

Tips Given For Preparing Lawnmowers For Spring

As Old Man Winter departs, many start to put shovels and snowthrowers into hibernation, only to trade them in for the lawnmower and a bag of fertilizer. It is estimated that more than two-thirds of all lawnmowers do not receive the annual tune-up necessary to run in tip-top shape. Regular tune-ups reduce fuel consumption and emission levels and help to increase mower life and reliability. With springtime quickly approaching, now is the time to get your mower ready for the season with a few simple tune-up tasks.

Hopefully you remembered to run the gas tank empty before the mower was stored away last fall. If not, drain the old fuel. After completing the following maintenance items, replace with fresh gas. Gasoline older than 90 days can gel and clog the carburetor, hindering engine start up. Once the fuel tank is empty and the spark plug wire is disconnected, you're ready to get started.

Sharpen or replace the blade.

It is a good idea to get the blade sharpened once a year. A dull blade can harm the grass and make it more susceptible to disease. Have the blade professionally sharpened or replaced if there are large nicks or dings. Please refer to your owner's manual for additional information.

Change the oil.

Fresh oil keeps the engine properly lubricated and ensures that clean oil is continuously distributed to critical engine components, reducing friction. Manufacturers may recommend specific oil removal techniques so refer to your owner's manual before starting this process. Clean the oil fill area, remove the dipstick and place a catch can under the mower. Allow the oil to drain completely and if necessary, replace the drain plug. Refill the engine with oil.

Change the spark plug.

Replacing the spark plug every spring ensures a consistent spark, reliable starting and improved fuel economy. Remove the old spark plug. Before installing the new plug, be sure to check its gap (refer to your owners manual for specifications). Once you have checked for proper gap, screw it in tight with your fingers. Then give it a "turn more with a socket.

Replace the air filter.

A clogged air filter reduces the air/fuel ratio, resulting in higher fuel consumption and a rough running engine. The air filter should be cleaned or replaced each spring and checked periodically throughout the season. Check your owner's manual to see which type of filter your mower requires. There are generally two types: paper or foam. If your mower requires a foam filter, be sure to saturate the filter with fresh engine oil, wrap it in a clean rag and then squeeze out the excess oil before installing.

Lubricate moving parts.

Spray all linkages, cables and wheel areas with WD-40. Do not use oil to do this because oil will retain dirt and eventually clog the area. Visit your local outdoor equipment dealer or hardware store for the necessary parts. When the tune-up is completed, replace the spark plug wire and fill the gas tank with fresh fuel. Your mower is now ready for the mowing season.

Shelf Life of Everyday Yardcare Products

• Gasoline — Gasoline has a shelf life of around 90 days. Like milk, gasoline can go bad and may significantly harm a lawnmower's life span.

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

• 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. However, spread the compacted pieces sparingly to not destroy the roots. *Store all products in your garage. Do not keep in a shed or other type of outdoor storage, due to weather extremities (i.e. too hot in summer, too cold in winter), for this may alter product shelf life.

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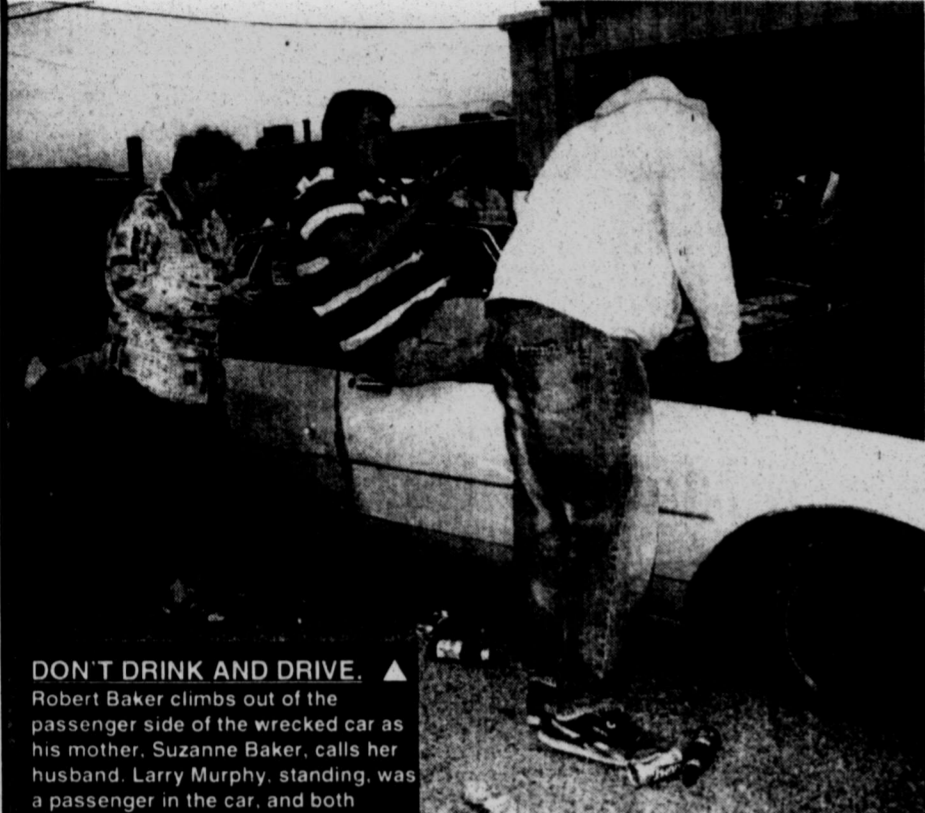
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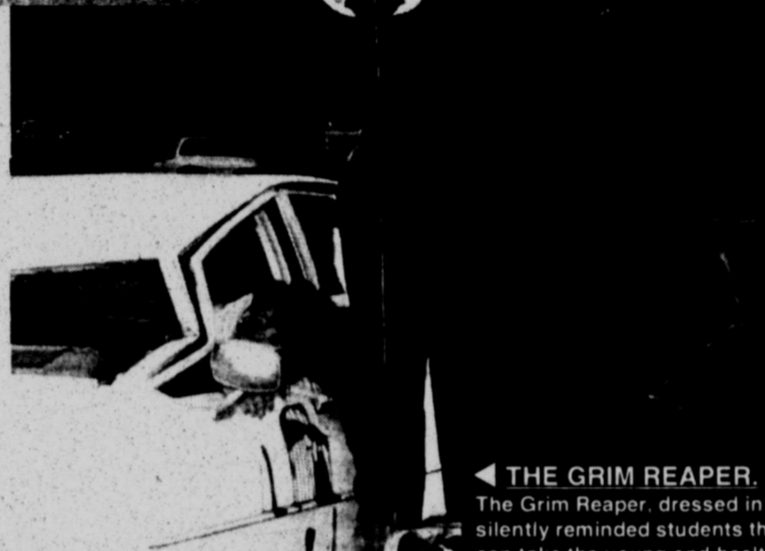


DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. ▲ Robert Baker climbs out of the passenger side of the wrecked car as his mother, Suzanne Baker, calls her husband, Larry Murphy, standing, was a passenger in the car, and both climbed out the passenger window. Evidence of the teens' drinking was scattered around the vehicle.



DPS ARRIVES. ▲ Local DPS officers David Hoard and Joel Callaway arrive at the scene as THS students watch the story unfold.

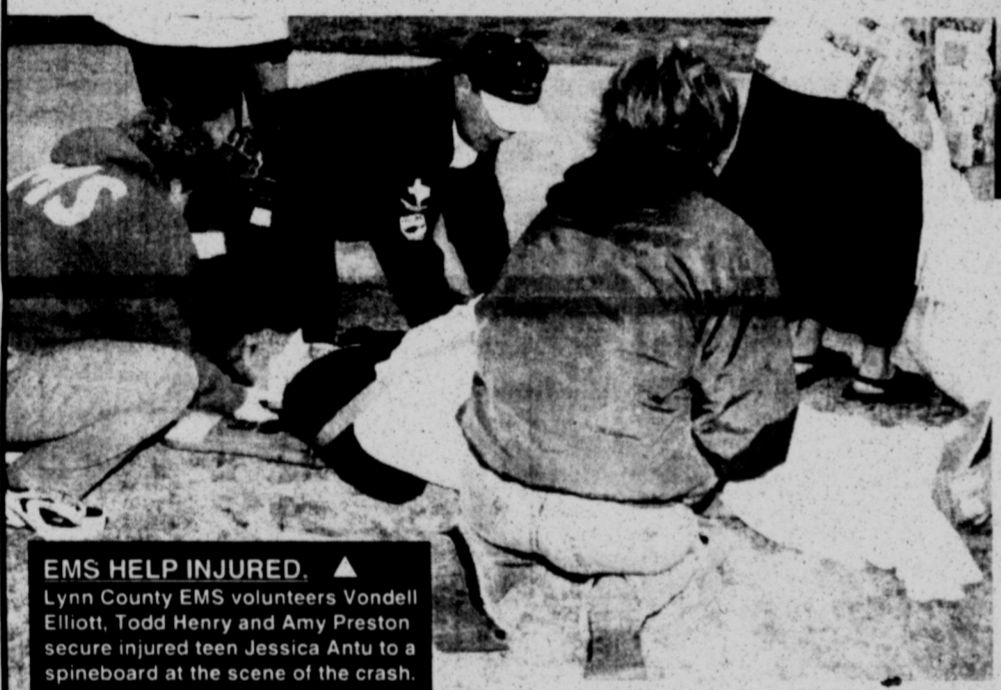
CHOICES, a program using mock wreck situations to realistically show teenagers the dangers of drinking and driving, was presented to Tahoka High School and Middle School students Monday, with the assistance of local EMS, law enforcement, and others. Students participated in the day-long event which emphasized how the choices that teens make can affect the lives of others. Tahoka NHS sponsored the event.



THE GRIM REAPER. The Grim Reaper, dressed in black, silently reminded students that death can take the young and healthy in a drunk driving accident - even if it's not their fault. Here, Cassidy Gandy hangs out the driver's side door, a "fatal victim" of the crash caused by another teenager driving drunk.



JAWS OF LIFE. Tahoka Volunteer Firefighters use the Jaws of Life to remove a car door, allowing EMS access to another victim inside the car.



EMS HELP INJURED. ▲ Lynn County EMS volunteers Vondell Elliott, Todd Henry and Amy Preston secure injured teen Jessica Antu to a spineboard at the scene of the crash.

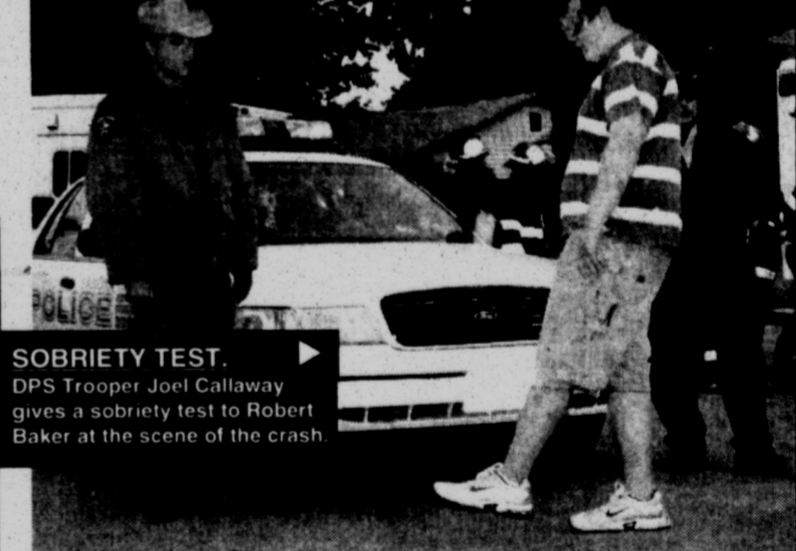


CRITICAL. ▲ Teenager Jaci Hammonds, a passenger in one of the cars, is critically injured and unresponsive. She dies later from her injuries in the crash.



PARENTS GRIEF-STRICKEN. Brad Hammonds, a firefighter called to the scene, grabs his wife Kim as they learn their daughter is one of the critically-injured teenagers in the wreck.

FIREMEN ASSIST. Tahoka Volunteer Firefighters, after gaining access to the car with the Jaws of Life, assist in removing passenger Jaci Hammonds from the vehicle. Jaci was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

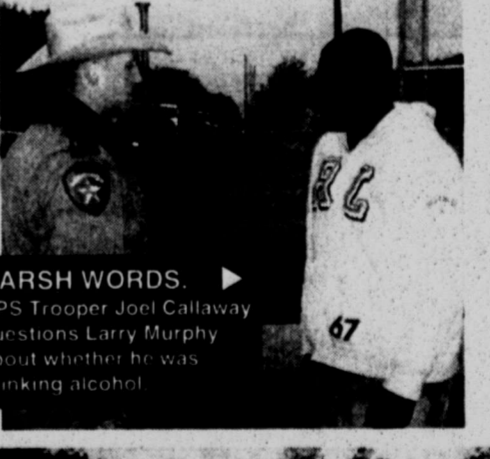


SOBRIETY TEST. DPS Trooper Joel Callaway gives a sobriety test to Robert Baker at the scene of the crash.

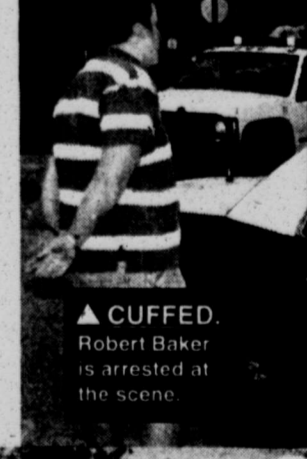
AFTERWARDS. Tahoka Police Officer Steve McKay talks with Larry Murphy and Robert Baker, who were in one vehicle, while Suzanne Baker and DPS Trooper David Hoard comfort Jessica Antu, one of the victims of the crash.



HEART-WRENCHING MOMENT. White Funeral Home's Jimmy Howard carries Cassidy Gandy, a teenager who was declared dead in the crash, to be placed in a body bag and transported to the funeral home. Rudy Tejeda is at left.

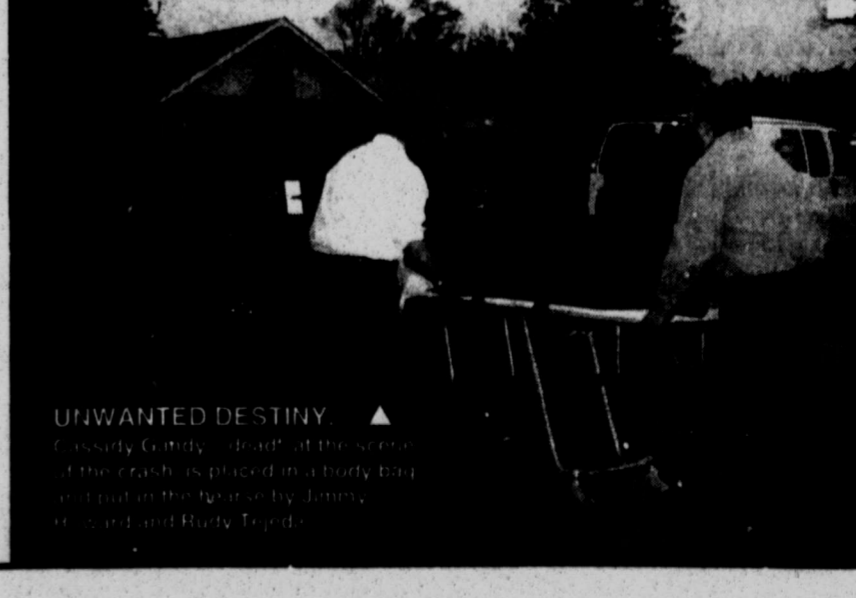


HARSH WORDS. DPS Trooper Joel Callaway questions Larry Murphy about whether he was drinking alcohol.



▲ CUFFED. Robert Baker is arrested at the scene.

MOCK DRILL: None of the students were injured or killed in this realistic simulation of a drunk driving accident.



UNWANTED DESTINY. ▲ Cassidy Gandy, "dead" at the scene of the crash, is placed in a body bag and put in the truck by Jimmy Howard and Rudy Tejeda.

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