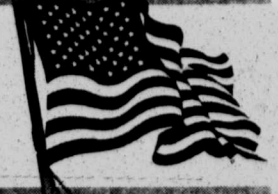


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## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 4	55	44	0.02"
May 5	76	46	0.01"
May 6	77	53	
May 7	82	57	0.12"
May 8	84	58	
May 9	88	54	
May 10	91	56	
Total Precipitation in May:			0.25"
Total Precipitation to date:			3.89"

## Words of Wisdom

It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy. It's your disposition.

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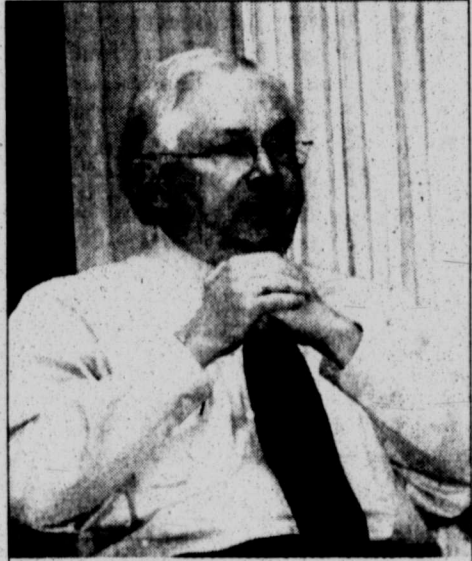
CLOSED FRIDAYS

(Drop Box available by front door)

## Crutcher, Huffaker Elected To Local Hospital Board

Regina Crutcher and Cal Huffaker led a slate of six candidates for the two seats on the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors election held Saturday, May 7. Mrs. Crutcher led the ticket with 197 votes, and W. Calloway Huffaker received 130 votes, to earn the two seats on the board. Both will serve three-year terms.

Two incumbents were seeking re-election, with John Hawthorne getting 77 votes and Mike Rivas receiving 55 votes, and the two other challengers were Stephen Sherrill with 50 votes, and Sherry Tilley with 41 votes.



**CONGRESSMAN VISITS TAHOKA** - U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer spoke to local citizens at First National Bank's community room from 1-2 p.m. Monday, addressing issues of interest to the group including Social Security, agricultural issues, Iraq, lawsuit reform, the energy and transportation bills, and other topics. A good crowd turned out for the informal session. The congressman was traveling to O'Donnell for a similar town hall session after the Tahoka visit. (LCN PHOTO)

## O'Donnell Voters Make Choices

O'Donnell voters had two local elections to mark their choices for on May 7, with six candidates seeking three city council seats on the O'Donnell city council, and two candidates vying for a two-year term on the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees.

Elected on the city council was Wayne Mott with 120 votes, Roger Doss with 99 votes and Willie Luera with 71 votes. They will each serve a two-year term on the council. Challengers were Max Mendietta with 68 votes, Scotty Martinez with 64 votes, and Andy De Los Santos with 34 votes.

Mark Royce won the special election at O'Donnell ISD for an unexpired two-year term. He received 103 votes in the election, while candidate Ben Edwards had 83 votes.

## Spring Concert Is Next Thursday

The Tahoka High School Choir and 3-D Band will present their annual spring concert this coming Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the air-conditioned auditorium. The choir will present a special salute to the unsung heroes who defend and serve this country.

The 3-D Band will play their Sweepstakes winning pieces, plus John Phillip Sousa's 'The Thunderer'. Leading off the program for the band after the traditional Star Spangled Banner will be Tahoka's own march, Tahoka Galop. In addition the band will play music from Harry Potter.

All are invited to this free concert.

## Memorial Day Golf Tourney Set At T-Bar

A Memorial Day Golf Tournament will be held at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka on May 28, 29 and 30. The three-day tournament will be flighted after the first round of the two-person scramble. Entry fee is \$300 per team, and all prizes will be cash.

For more information, or to enter, call Cherry at T-Bar at 998-5305.

### PLAY DAYS

T-Bar Thursday Play Days began last week and continue each Thursday at 6 p.m.

## Four Added To Jail List

Four persons were arrested during the last week, bringing the total Lynn County jail population to 40 as of Wednesday, with 15 of these held for Lubbock County.

Two of the four arrested were on grand jury indictments, for burglary of a habitation and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Other charges bringing incarceration were public intoxication and warrant on parole violation.



**TOP HONOR STUDENTS** - Cade Miller is the Tahoka High School Valedictorian of the Class of 2005, and Kayla Selmon is class Salutatorian. They were presented plaques at the THS Academic Awards Banquet on May 9.

## woodwork

by dalton

LIKE EVERYONE else, I'm always getting catalogs, brochures and other offerings through the mail, trying to sell me something, and often with the lure of something "free," if I'll just order right away.

Last week I got a card which offered me free panty hose from Victoria's Secret. But, I thought, I'm not tough enough to wear panty hose. The only guy I ever heard of who got away with that was Joe Namath. I don't remember why the former quarterback for the New York Jets wore them, but I doubt that he still does.

I looked a bit closer at the card and discovered it was addressed to "The Wood Family," so I guess it really wasn't just for me anyway.

Many catalogs are mailed out to prospective customers who somehow get on their mailing lists, usually offering items which range from things that might be good to own, through things that probably wouldn't work, to things so ridiculous that only an idiot would order them. A catalog from somebody called Dream Products arrived last week, with all those things in it.

Here are just a few of the things offered:

A ring "that actually attracts money," for just \$9.97. "Wear the Good Luck Money Ring...and every day could be your lucky day." How dumb do these people think we are?

There's another ring offered a few pages further on which is billed as "A Ring with Acupressure & Magnetic Benefits!" This is supposed to cause you to lose weight and the advertisement says "Many believe wearing this ring on (1) thumb, reduces fat on the face; (2) index finger, reduces fat on the arm; (3) middle finger, reduces stomach fat; (4) fourth finger, reduces fat of the waist; (5) pinky finger, reduces fat of the thigh. I guess if you ordered five of these it would reduce all of your body, plus the fat of your wallet, and maybe the fat of your head.

Then there is an ad headed "No More Cracked Driveways" which offered for about \$20, some driveway repair tape, 9 feet long and 6 inches wide, which "patches, seals and waterproofs in one easy step and lasts for years." Sounds too good to be true, and probably is.

There is a breakfast cooking set which includes some little rings to keep eggs from running all over, plus a non-stick 11-inch square griddle, all for \$19.97. This sounds pretty good to me (of course, breakfast always sounds good to me).

There are many other items, including house shoes you wear which dusts the floors while you walk around, toenail clippers and a can opener which cuts from the side, all kinds of tools and things for the garden and lawn, plus hundreds of things designed primarily to get your money.

Of course, I will just throw the catalog away now. But first I may order some of that driveway repair tape.

IF YOU read this on Thursday, then tomorrow will be Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, traditionally a time to beware of bad things happening to you, although I really don't know why. I tried to look up Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in my encyclopedia to find out how it all got started, and all it told me about was the movie by that name. Since the first one was made, about a half dozen more movies have been made—Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Part 2, 3, etc.—about stupid teenagers getting murdered (if they were smart, they'd know from the background music that something awful is about to happen). These are all really bad movies, but they didn't tell me why I should be careful on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The worse thing I ever noticed about Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> is that three days later I was faced with another Monday.



**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** - These Tahoka High School seniors were presented local scholarships at the Academic Awards Banquet on May 9. They include, back row left to right, Ashdon Hancock, Cade Miller, Duettin Brookshire, Skylar Owens, Trista Wuensche, and in front, Cassidy Gandy, Krista Norwood, Crystal Gutierrez, Jessica Antu, Sarah Botkin, Jennifer Ceniseros, Kayla Selmon; and not pictured, Mauro Gutierrez.





**A LITTLE HORSE SENSE** - Matt Ray brought his horse for a demonstration and talked to children at Tahoka Elementary School last week, tying in the horse's training and willingness to cooperate with how children can learn more if they are willing to cooperate, and other behavioral issues. (LCN PHOTO)



By Deen McDonald

Saturday, April 30, Tahoka and other area chapters were invited to a luncheon at the Ranchland Country Club, by the Midland chapters of the Red Hat Society.

Twelve chapters were represented. Those attending included Ft. Stockton, Midland, Odessa, O'Donnell and Tahoka, with a reported 140 in attendance.

The hostesses had random setting so you did not sit with just your chapter, and we were able to get acquainted with other Red Hatters. It was an enjoyable day for all that attended.

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**"Texas County Progress" Magazine Publishes Lynn County article in "Why Stop In?"**

"Texas County Progress," the official publication of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, published an article about Lynn County in their April 2005 edition. The article was included in the magazine's "Why Stop In?" section, which featured information about four counties in Texas, including Lynn, Comanche, Trinity and Upton counties.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin worked with magazine officials to provide the information. Following is a reprint of the article:

**Lynn County**  
Standing sentry in the center of the town square of Tahoka for 88 years, the Lynn County Courthouse has long provided a unique historical aspect to the county that celebrated its 100th year in 2003. Tall columns frame the front facade of the courthouse, built in 1916.

Lynn County was named for Alamo defender George Washington Lynn in the legislative act of Aug. 21, 1876; the county was organized a quarter of a century later, and Tahoka was named the county seat.

The cities of Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell are lo-

cated within the county, each with their own unique culture and personalities. The county boasts one of the few remaining locally owned and operated hospitals.

The county has long been an agricultural area, with cotton the leading commodity. Lynn County led the entire state in cotton production in 1942, 1972 and 1975 (the year that 275,800 bales were ginned, a figure that ranked as fifth most productive county in the nation). In 2004, Lynn County had 295,179 acres planted in cotton, leading the South Plains area in terms of acreage.

Much of the county's history is preserved at the Pioneer Museum in Tahoka, and at the O'Donnell Museum, which also features memorabilia about Dan Blocker, O'Donnell's famous son who starred in "Bonanza."

Our annual Harvest Festival is held on courthouse grounds in Tahoka every fall.

The people of Lynn County are friendly and warm-hearted, eager to greet friends and strangers alike, and newcomers are welcomed into the community.

**OBITUARIES**



SARA GONZALES

**Sara Gonzales**

Services for Sara Gonzales, 70, of Hondo, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial will be at O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock. She died Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

She was born January 19, 1935 in Natalia, TX to Joe and Juanita Rizo. She was united in marriage with Roy Gonzales Sr. in July 1962. He preceded her in death May 27, 1993. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include one son, Roy Gonzales Jr. of O'Donnell; one daughter, Martina Martinez of Floydada; one brother, Joe Rizo of Natalia; three sisters, Lupe Soto of Natalia, Amelia Baldarama of Devine, and Francis Perez of San Antonio; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Dominga Nava**

Rosary for Dominga Nava, 83, of Slaton was held Sunday, May 8, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Slaton, with Deacon Phillip Maldonado officiating. Resurrection Mass was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2005 at the same church, with the Rev. Lawrence Hemp officiating. Interment followed in Slaton's Englewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Nava died Thursday, May 5, 2005. She was born Nov. 13, 1921 in Waelder.

She married Blas Nava in Lovington, New Mexico. They moved to Wilson in 1947 and to Slaton in 1978. Blas preceded her in death on May 10, 1996.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, the Guadalupanas and Cursillistas.

Survivors include: a son and daughter, Johnny Nava and Anita Licon, both of Lubbock; brothers; Pedro Nava, of Wilson, Pilar Nava of Wallis and Jose Nava of Waelder; sisters; Petra Arrzola of Houston, Manuela Nava of San Antonio, and Elena Rodriguez of Waelder; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Dillon Duain Patterson**

Services for Dillon Duain "Ge'Dad" Patterson, 83, of Levelland, formerly of Possum Kingdom Lake, were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Chapel at Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., located nine miles south of Whiteface on FM 1780.

Dillon died Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

He was born April 1, 1922 in Estelline to Felt and Jewell Patterson. He was raised in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School in 1941. Dillon served in the Coast Guard during WWII. On April 27, 1947, he married Syble Roe in Floydada. He retired from Energas Corporation in 1985, after 38 years of service. Dillon was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Nita Merle Patterson; and a nephew, Rett Patterson.

He is survived by his wife, Syble;

sons Johnny Patterson of Fresno, Cal. and Jimmy Patterson, of Lubbock; a daughter, Nita White of Whiteface; a brother E.W. (Pat) Patterson of Tahoka; two sisters, Fern Hartsell of Floydada, and Wren Samuel of Topeka, Kansas; three nieces, four grandchildren, three great-grandsons, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials are suggested to Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

**Jim Anderson**

Services for Jim Anderson, 85, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell with the Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Wesley Brown officiating. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

He died May 7, 2005. He was born on April 3, 1919, in Coleman County, Texas to James M. Anderson and Ann Murrell-Anderson. He married Ruby Lois Shook on June 1, 1947. She preceded him in death on May 9, 2003.

Jim was a former resident of Andrews and moved to a farm in Dawson County in 1950. In 1965 he moved to O'Donnell where he was a self-employed electrician for 35 years. He retired in the year 2000.

Jim was a veteran of WWII in the Army Artillery. He was in the invasion of Normandy, France and helped to free France from the German Army. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the EAME Defense service medal along with the Good Conduct Medal.

Survivors include one daughter, Joylene Royce of O'Donnell; a brother, Alfred Anderson of Cisco; one sister, Monterey Grimes of Federal Way, Washington State; one grandson, and one great-grandchild, as well as many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

**Lois Lorene Young**

Funeral services for Lois Lorene Young, 80, of Grand Prairie, Texas were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Officiating was her Pastor, Jill Jackson-Sears of Inglewood United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie, where Lois was a long time member.

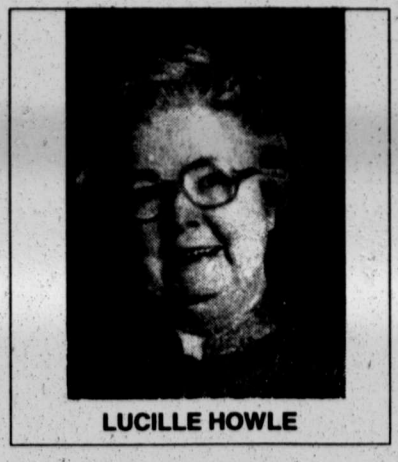
She died on April 28, 2005. Lois was born May 7, 1924 to the late Hayden and Lucy Williams. Also preceding her death were two brothers, Kenneth Williams of Idalou and Clarence Williams of O'Donnell; three sisters, Clodell Aven of Hart, Sadie Thompson of Odessa, and Ruby Jones of Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell M. Young; a son, Michael Young and wife Barbara; a daughter, Katherine Ellington and husband Don; a sister, Joyce Pebsworth and husband J.A., of Tahoka; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lois suffered from a stroke almost two years. She was ready to meet her Lord and Savior, and was a faithful member of the Inglewood United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie.

She and Lowell would have been married 64 years in October. (PAID)

*Volunteer*  
and help others -- it  
will do your heart good!



LUCILLE HOWLE

**Lucille Howle**

Services for Lucille Howle, 91, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Pastor Richard Harbison and Rev. George Ray officiating. Interment followed at Nevils Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. She died Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

She was born November 24, 1913 in Randolph County, Alabama to Asa Ellis Wright and Ammie Ada Messer. She married Emory Astor Howle June 14, 1931. The family moved to Tahoka in 1948. Lucille was a devoted homemaker and a gifted seamstress. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 73 years, Emory Howle, February 4, 2005; and a son, L.C. Howle in 1972.

Lucille is survived by two sons, Morgan William Howle of Sun City, Arizona, and Emory Haynes Howle of Lubbock; two daughters, Bettye Lee Roseberry and Stella Mae Howle, all of Fort Worth; a brother, Ross Wright of Heflin, Alabama; three sisters, Rubie Cavendar of Heflin, Alabama, Willie Mae Rascoe and Laura Brannen, both of Oxford, Alabama; 18 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

**Obituary Notices -- POLICY --**

There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, PO Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: lcn@llano.net.

*Refugia "Cuca" Perez*  
1909-2000



Mother, it has been 5 years since you left us to be with the Lord.

Every minute of every hour of every day since you left us we have all thought of you and miss you.

You were the center of our family. You took a part of all our hearts with you when you left.

You were a good mother, a good provider, and you taught us how to live and survive in this world.

It broke our hearts to lose you. We loved you dearly in life, in death we still love you in our hearts.

The only thoughts that ease our pain of losing you is knowing we will all be together one day with the Lord.  
WE LOVE YOU.

May 14th is a very special day -- it is Mom's 5th Birthday in Heaven. In our hearts you shall forever reside.

Thanks to all of Mom's family for being there for us in our time of sorrow and to all of Lynn County's nice people.

Mrs. Cuca Perez family  
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Benita & Martha Perez  
all the Grandkids  
and Great-Grandkids

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**HELPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD** - Brownie Girl Scout Troop 780 recently earned their "Help Your Neighborhood" patch. In order to earn this patch the girls spent about 2 hours at the Tahoka Mini Park picking up trash, scrubbing the tables and pulling weeds. Pictured are (top row, left to right) Erynn Harris, McKenzie Dimak, Elizabeth Locke, Charlie Duran; (second row) Andrea Garcez, Madyson Rlojas, Anita Silvas; (third row) Caitly Webb, Vanessa Chavarria, Miranda DeLeon; (fourth row) Elizabeth Calzoncit, Abigail Santos; (bottom row) Shelli McMillan, Maci Dimak, Alison Quisenberry. Troop Leaders not pictured are Melody Locke, Elizabeth Tew and Amanda Quisenberry.

### NH Baptist Hosts Special Service Sunday Night

On May 15 at 6:00 p.m., New Home Baptist Church is having a special Sunday evening service on drug and alcohol addiction and how addiction affects families.

"We would like to invite students and their parents to come and hear the drug addiction and recovery story of our New Home graduate, Ross. Ross and his family would like to share their story with 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; how powerful drug addiction can be and that it can invade anyone's home and family," said Jarrell Rial, pastor.

Others from The Trinity Baptist Home for Men, where Ross is a resident, will share their experiences living with addicts or struggling to overcome addictions. Students and parents will benefit from their stories.

There will be a fellowship following the services.

### 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.

### The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The kindergarten class is having a fund raiser. Mrs. Laws is selling "Lip Smacking Good" hot sauce, a 16 oz. jar for \$5.00. Call the school for more details at 924-7524, ext. 26.

**School Calendar**  
 May 14: Area FFA Convention Continues  
 May 17: High School Athletic Banquet  
 May 18: Faculty vs. Seniors at 2:30  
 May 19: K-6 Playday at 1:00; Faculty party at 7:00 p.m.  
 May 20: NO SCHOOL  
 May 21: Senior Party at Mr. and Mrs. Dorsett's

### New Home SCHOOL MENU

**May 16-20**  
**Breakfast**  
*Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.*  
 Monday: Cinnamon French Toast  
 Tuesday: Sausage/ Biscuit  
 Wednesday: Honey Bun  
 Thursday: Granola Bars  
 Friday: NO SCHOOL

**Lunch**  
 Monday: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce/tomato, Corn, Pudding  
 Tuesday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup  
 Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrots, Cucumbers, Apples & Oranges  
 Thursday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Chili Beans, Peach Cobbler  
 Friday: NO SCHOOL

### Sr. Citizens To Serve Sunday Lunch May 15

The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center will have an after church lunch on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Tahoka Tumblers Meet Results

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the Shallowater Tumbling Meet on Saturday, May 7. The following entries awarded were:

First Place: Layney Vega, Nadalie Carrasco, MyKeah DeLeon, Shalee Williams, Ethan Quisenberry, Alyssa Rodriguez, Allison Quisenberry, Caley Bingham, Justin Williams, Austin Taylor, and David Hernandez.

Second Place: Mackenzie Balderrama, Gabby Garcia, Olivia Hammonds, Miranda DeLeon, Andrea Garces, Shelbee Forsythe, Coy Metcfer, and Sarah Freitag.

Third Place: Katelyn Quinn, Madison Moya, and Caitly Webb.



**STATE ACADEMIC QUALIFIERS** - Four O'Donnell High School students competing at the State UIL Academic Meet included, from left, Rebecca Brewer, Lynsey Romine, Jayci Schneider and Jacob Guenther. Rebecca Brewer, junior, placed fourth in Literary Criticism.

### Four O'Donnell Students Compete At State UIL

Four students from O'Donnell competed at the UIL State Academic meet. Rebecca Brewer, junior, placed fourth in Literary Criticism. Brewer tied for third place with a score of 87 out of a possible 100. The winning score was 93.

"This was Rebecca's best score this year," Mrs. Edwards, her sponsor, said. "In conference 2A, 3A and 4A Rebecca's score would have placed second or third."

Brewer also competed in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Jacob Guenther, senior, competed in Calculator for the second year. He placed eighth overall.

"In 2A I would've tied for third place," Jacob Guenther said.

"I figured that there are around 700 students participating in Calculator in 1A [about 700 start at the district level.] For Jacob to finish in the top ten, that is a great achievement," Mr. Clopton, math teacher, said.

Lynsey Romine, junior, competed in Headlines where she placed

seventh. Jayci Schneider, senior, competed in News Writing. She placed seventh.

"Since they only give awards to the first six, the remainder of the students all are seventh. It's an achievement just to be here," Bobby Hawthorne, state UIL coordinator said.

According to Principal Mike Read, to finish in the top 12 at state is an accomplishment that not many students achieve.

"I was extremely proud of our students in the way they performed and conducted themselves as responsible young adults," Read said.

"I need to thank our UIL coaches who spend countless hours working with these students. Thanks for making our children achieve their dreams," Read said.

Former teacher Donna Hopkins attended and served as a judge in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Each school has to furnish a judge. "We appreciate Mrs. Hopkins' experience and time," Edwards said.

### Stroope-Batson Engaged

Todd and Ginger Henry of Tahoka, and Dwight Stroope of Lamesa, 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.

The couple plans to marry at 5:00 p.m. July 30, at First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

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.

### Senior Citizens MENU

**May 16-20**  
 Monday: Baked Ham, Navy or Butter Beans, Carrots, Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Bars

Tuesday: Beef Roast, Potatoes O'Brien, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Crispy Fish, Fried Potatoes, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Fruit Salad

Thursday: BBQ Brisket, Fried Okra, Potato Salad, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler.

Friday: Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Cream Potatoes, Broccoli, Pears, Brownies



LORI AMIN

### Local's Granddaughter Is USAA Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announces that Lori Amin of Lubbock, has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Lori Amin, who attends Atkins Junior High, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Early. Lori Amin will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Lori is the daughter of Brenda Amin of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Elmer and Laura Wilson of Tahoka.

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Thanks again,  
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### Questions and Answers of the Day

1 Corinthians 11:18-34; Matthew 26:26-29

**Question:** What is communion and what is its purpose?

When Jesus was instructing his disciples about taking the bread, he said, "Take, eat, this is my body." He said this after breaking it. He took a cup of wine and He said, "Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." The bread and the blood are representative of the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus' blood was shed on the cross for all of mankind. Many times in the churches, the Lord's Supper becomes a routine ritual, with some of the participants doing it only because it is expected of them.

In 1 Cor. 18-34, the procedure and the expectations of God are described concerning the Lord's Supper. In verses 23-26, Jesus says this is done to show His death or to bring it to our remembrance until He comes back. Verse 27 says something interesting ... [?] *Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.* [?] *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.* [?] *For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body ...* [?] *Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.*

We are supposed to come before the Lord and work out that which we have done with Him. True repentance and love for Jesus must accompany the Lord's Supper.

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### Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

**May 16-20**  
**Breakfast**  
 Monday: Donuts  
 Tuesday: Biscuit w/ sausage patty  
 Wednesday: Cereal w/ Graham Cracker  
 Thursday: French Toast  
 Friday: Breakfast Muffin  
**Lunch**  
*Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entree.*  
 Monday: Pizza Stick w/ Sauce, Salad, Grilled Cheese Sand., Green Beans, Fresh Fruit.  
 Tuesday: Steak Finger Basket, Fish on Bun, Salad, Potato Wedge, Fruit  
 Wednesday: American Sub, Hot Dog, Chips, Salad, Lettuce & Pickles, Fruit.  
 Thursday: BLT Sandwich, Corn Dog, Salad, Peas and Carrots, Fresh Fruit.  
 Friday: Double Meat Cheeseburger, Salad, Potato Wedge, Fruit

The menu for the last week of school will be cook's choice. There will not be a menu in the paper next week. Have a great summer!

### Band Banquet Slated Monday

Tahoka Band Boosters would like to invite the Middle School and High School band students and their parents to the Band Banquet on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at The Center.

The meat, beans and tea will be provided by the band boosters. Seniors, Sophomores and Freshmen are asked to bring a vegetable or salad to the banquet (enough to serve at least 10 people). Juniors and all Middle School band students need to bring a dessert.

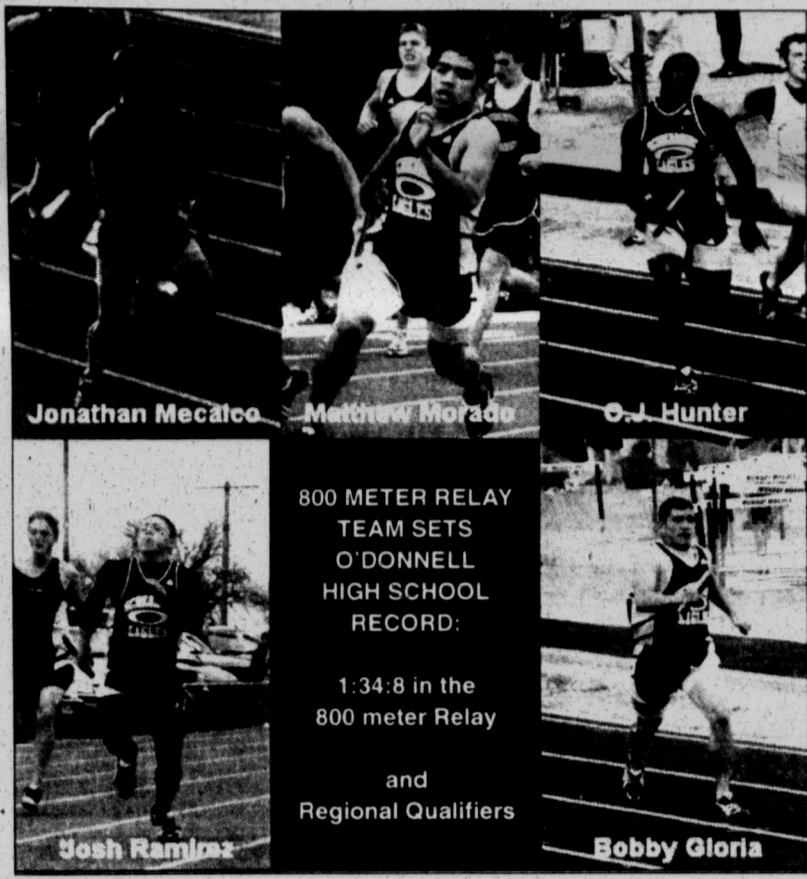
All School Board members and Administration are invited to attend.

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**O'Donnell UIL Awards Banquet Set May 17**

Bobby Hawthorne, State UIL Coordinator from Austin, will be the guest speaker for the UIL Awards Banquet at O'Donnell ISD on May 17.

Hawthorne has been with the state UIL office for 35 years. Before

becoming State UIL Coordinator, Hawthorne was a journalism director for many years.

O'Donnell students will be recognized as the academic and all around spring champions this year. This is the sixth year in a row for the academic district championship and the fifth in a row for the spring.

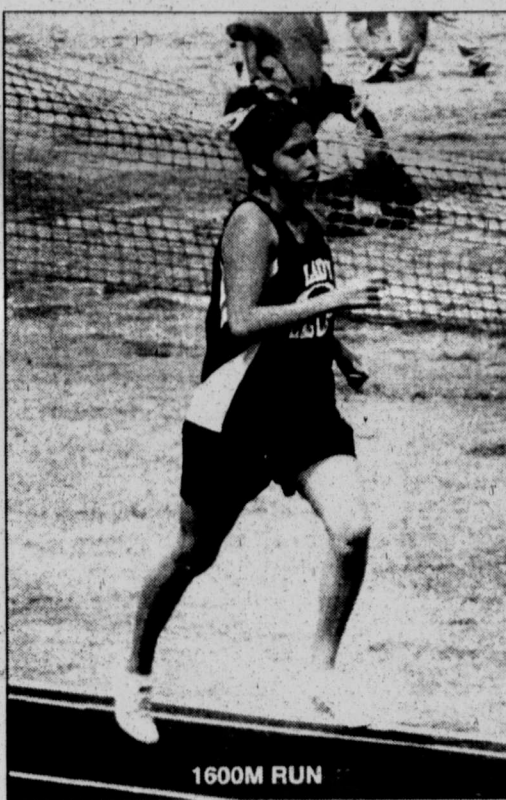
The event will start at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary commons area.

**Health Officials Search For Persons who Handled Puppy at Lubbock Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Thon**

The City of Lubbock Health Department is still searching for a woman who may have been exposed to rabies after bringing in a stray female Australian Shepherd mix puppy. It is urgent that the woman contacts the Health Department to discuss her probable exposure to rabies from the puppy. This puppy was brought in to the Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Thon on Saturday, April 30, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., and stayed at the Animal Shelter until Monday, May 2, at approximately 5:30 p.m. The puppy later tested positive for rabies. It is described as a 7-8 week old, female puppy being black/grey in color, a long tail and medium length hair. Information is also sought regarding the puppy's mother and littermates.

In addition, Health Department officials continue to seek other potentially exposed persons who may have had contact with this puppy during the Adopt-a-Thon. Any person who had contact with this animal may have been exposed to the virus. Any individual who attended the Adopt-a-Thon during the afternoon of Saturday, April 30th, or who may have visited the shelter on Monday, May 2nd, should contact the City of Lubbock Health Department at 775-2935. These individuals need to be evaluated to determine if rabies treatment is necessary. People who attended the Adopt-a-Thon before 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, would not be at-risk for exposure. Again, any person who may have had contact with this puppy needs to contact the City of Lubbock Health Department at 775-2935.

Rabies is most often transmitted by bites, but transmission can occur when saliva from an infected animal enters a person's body. A series of post exposure shots, if given in time, can prevent rabies from developing. Treatment must occur before symptoms appear. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal. In humans, the incubation period for rabies after exposure is usually 3 to 8 weeks, and in rare cases as short as 9 days or as long as 7 years.



1600M RUN



800M RUN

**RECORD BREAKERS** - O'Donnell High School athletes set several school records in track events this year. At left, MARY JO LOPEZ was a Regional qualifier who also set the O'Donnell High School record in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:48 minutes. In the photo at right, BIANCA CALZADA leads the pack in the 800 meter run. She set a school record of 2:33:7 minutes in the 800m run and was a Regional qualifier.



SHOT PUT



TRIPLE JUMP

**SETTING RECORDS** - O'Donnell High School student KAYLEE EAKER set a school record in the Shot Put competition this year, with a distance of 37'8-1/2". She was a Regional third place medalist and an alternate to State. In the photo at right, JACOBI MORADO set the school's triple jump record at OHS with a distance of 42'2", and he was a Regional fifth place winner.

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**ACADEMIC ALL STARS** - Tahoka High School Academic All Stars (students who had an "A" every six weeks this year) were honored at the Academic Awards Banquet on May 9. Pictured, left to right, are (back row) Cade Miller, Brandi Raindl, Jessica McLelland, Garret Autry, Angie Curtis, Laura Saldana, Callie Botkin; (front row) Ashdon Hancock, Cassidy Gandy, Samantha Andrews, Meghan Saldana, Katie Webster, Sarah Botkin, Jessica Antu, Krista Norwood, and Kayla Selmon.

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# THS Students Honored At Academic Awards Banquet



**JASON JAQUESS**

## Jaquess Graduates From WTAMU

Jason Jaquess received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports and Exercise Sciences, Sport and Fitness Emphasis, from West Texas A&M University during the May 7, 2005 Commencement Program held in the WTAMU Event Center in Canyon, Texas. Jaquess, a 2001 graduate of Tahoka High School, also earned his Personal Fitness Trainer Certification and his CPR instructor certification during his senior year.

Jaquess is currently employed as an EMT for BSA ambulance service in Amarillo, and he serves as a volunteer fire fighter for the Canyon Fire Department. In addition to answering local fire calls, he is assigned to their rescue squad, a specialty team trained for high risk responses.

Jaquess' future plans include attending the Amarillo Fire Academy and entering the fire protection service. He is the son of Jack and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka.

## THS Calendar

- May 15: NHS Installation, Auditorium, 2:30-3:30
- May 16: Band Banquet at The Center, 7 p.m.
- May 17: Calculus Six Flags Trip leaving at 1:45
- May 19: THS Band and Choir Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Auditorium
- May 20: Senior Finals: 8-9:30 1st period exam, 9:45-11:15 3rd period exam; 11:30-1:00 7th period exam. Senior textbooks due except those taking finals; senior check out list due to Mrs. Binder by noon. LRC is closed thru the last day of school; all library and textbook fines are due. Baccalaureate practice at FUMC, 1:00 p.m.
- May 21: Senior Party given by parents\*
- May 22: Baccalaureate at First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

Approximately 175 people attended the Tahoka High School Academic Awards banquet on Monday, May 9 at The Center. The banquet was given to honor the outstanding academic students of Tahoka High School, and \$95,000 worth of scholarships were presented to seniors for higher education.

Robert Webb, Principal welcomed the crowd of parents, students and scholarship committees. Cassidy Gandy, student council president led the pledge and Cade Miller gave the invocation. Jimmy Parker, Superintendent recognized the attending board of trustees and their spouses.

Mrs. Rachel Lehman recognized 2004-05 Who's Who of Tahoka High School - Callie Botkin, Sarah Botkin, Angela Curtis, Cassidy Gandy, Crystal Gutierrez, Brandon Jackson: Best All-Around - Ashdon Hancock and Cade Miller.

Mrs. Gayle Binder, district Counselor, presented the Academic All-Stars with a medal (students who had an "A" every six weeks this year): Jessica McLelland, Garrett Autry, Katy Webster, Samantha Andrews, Callie Botkin, Brandi Raindl, Meghan Saldana, Jessica Antu, Sarah Botkin, Angela Curtis, Cassidy Gandy, Ashdon Hancock, Cade Miller, Krista Norwood, Laura Saldana and Kayla Selmon.

Patti Rambo introduced current National Honor Society Members and presented them with a bookmark - Jessica Antu, Sarah Botkin, Jennifer Cisneros, Angie Curtis, Cassidy Gandy, Crystal Gutierrez, Ashdon Hancock, Cade Miller, Kayla Selmon, Samantha Andrews, Callie Botkin, Shelly Gandy, Stacie Green, Carrisa Hall, Brandon Jackson, Porscha Mitchell, Louisa Morales, Maria Perez, Candice Quintero, Brandi Raindl, Meghan Saldana, Mandy Strickland, Delci Willis, and Jessica Wilson.

Mrs. Binder presented the top 10% of every class with trophies - 9th grade - Amy Barrera, Kristin Box, Josh Freitag, Ernest Gomez, Jessica McLelland - 10th grade - Garrett Autry, Sarah Blaylock, Josh Deleon, K'lyssa Selmon, Katie Webster - 11th grade - Samantha Andrews, Callie Botkin, Juan Hernandez, Brandon Jackson, Brandi Raindl, Meghan Saldana - 12th grade - Sarah Botkin, Jennifer Cisneros, Cassidy Gandy, Ashdon Hancock, Cade Miller, Kayla Selmon.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following local scholarships were presented:

**Barbara Cook Memorial Scholarship** for \$500 presented by Sherri McCord to Ashdon Hancock; **Class of 1990 scholarship** for \$75 presented by Cal Huffaker to Skylar Owens; **First United Methodist Church Scholarships** presented by Jeff Bayley to Skylar Owens, Trista Wuensche, Dustin Brookshire, Cassidy Gandy, Krista Norwood, and Cade Miller; **Gerald and Linda Huffaker Scholarship** for \$1,000 presented by John Krey to Jennifer Cisneros; **League of United Latin-American Citizens scholarships** for \$400 presented by Jimmy Parker and Joe Calvillo to Dustin Brookshire, Crystal Gutierrez, and Krista Norwood; **League of United Latin-American Citizens Presidents Award scholarships** for \$1,500 presented by Jimmy Parker and Joe Calvillo to Jessica Antu and Mauricio Gutierrez; **Lynn County Abstract Scholarship** for \$500 presented by Cal Huffaker to Crystal Gutierrez; **Madeline Hegi Scholarships** presented by Jim Solomon to Cade Miller, Cassidy Gandy and Kayla Selmon; **Phebe K. Warner scholarships** for \$1,000 presented by Loretta Tekell to Sarah Botkin and Cade Miller; **Rotary Club scholarships** for \$500 presented by Susan Tipton to Sarah Botkin, Skylar Owens, Cassidy Gandy, and Cade Miller; **Tahoka Athletic Booster Club scholarships** for \$500 presented by Shi Dotson to Ashdon Hancock, Cade Miller and Skylar Owens; **Tahoka FFA Scholarship** for \$500 presented by Bill Binder to Skylar Owens; **Tahoka Elementary Pride Corp Scholarship** for \$100 presented by Tonda Freitag to Trista Wuensche; **Lyntegar Electric scholarship** for \$1,000 presented by Barry Pittman to Cade Miller; **Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen scholarships** presented by Susan Tipton to Cassidy Gandy (\$1,500), Crystal Gutierrez (\$300) and Trista Wuensche (\$200); **Huffaker and Green scholarship** for \$1,000 presented by John Krey to Ashdon Hancock.

Additional outside scholarships that have been offered to THS seniors are as follows: Cade Miller - drama scholarship to Western Texas \$3,000, and valedictorian full tuition for one year at any public university in Texas; Angie Curtis - New Mexico Junior College - full basketball scholarship; Kayla Selmon - Lubbock Christian University - \$2,500 per semester, and salutatorian full tuition at South Plains College; Josh Schwartz - McMurry University - \$3,000 per year; Larry Murphy - Western Texas College - drama scholarship \$1,800.; Cory Corrasco - Western Texas College - drama scholarship \$1,800.; Cassidy Gandy - West Texas A&M University Campus Services scholarship - \$800, WTAMU tuition scholarship \$400, WTAMU - Houston Livestock Show \$800, WTAMU top 10% - \$1,000 and Texas 4-H foundation scholarship -

\$1,500; Candice Quintero - Early High School graduation scholarship for \$2,000.

Totalling local and outside scholarships, THS seniors have been offered over \$95,000 in scholarships for higher education.

**MRS. HEGI HONORED**  
Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced that the school would name the Family Consumer Science Building after Madeline Hegi who taught here for many years. Mrs. Hegi, her sons, John and Fred and their wives were all present for the announcement.

## All-District Softball Players Named

Several Tahoka High School athletes were named to the District 5-AA All District Softball Team, and senior Angela Curtis was named Most Valuable Player. Named to the First Team were Ashdon Hancock, catcher; Sonya Morales, pitcher; and Stacie Green, first base. Marissa Villegas was named to the Second Team outfield, and second baseman Callie Botkin was Honorable Mention.

The Lady Bulldogs won District and advanced to the Area competition where they lost 4-2 to Seymour on May 6.



**MISSIONARY FAMILY** - Bob and Colleen Skinner and their sons, Robby, Michael and Joshua, live in Kyiv, Ukraine. The Skinners will speak at Grassland Nazarene Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17.

## Missionaries To Speak At Grassland Church

Bob and Colleen Skinner, global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in the Ukraine, will speak at Grassland Church of the Nazarene on May 17 at 7 p.m. The Skinners live in Kyiv with their three sons, Robby, Michael, and Joshua.

Prior to their current missionary assignment, they served in the Philippines from 1990 to 1994. They were reassigned to the Ukraine District on the Eurasia Region in June 1994. They are "area directors" for the whole scope of the work of the Church of the Nazarene in the Ukraine. Specifically, they are responsible for planting new churches, leadership training, purchasing and building of properties, and leading the people to Christ.

During their former term of service in the Philippines, the Skinners' responsibilities included administering to existing churches and the planting and establishing of new churches on the Southern Tegalog District. As it was in the Philippines, and now in the Ukraine, much of Bob's time is spent working with and coordinating Work and Witness teams in construction or reconstruction of church properties.

Bob was born and raised in Oregon. Colleen grew up in the Philippines. She is the daughter of long-time-missionaries-to-the-Philippines, Ronald and Neva Beech.

## Parent Meeting Sunday

The final meeting for parents of Tahoka High School seniors will be held Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. in the Lyntegar Meeting Room. The meeting is to discuss final preparations for the Class of 2005 Senior Party.

**Dixie Dog Drive-In** will be closed Sunday, May 15th.



**MADELINE HEGI HONORED** - Madeline Hegi (center), was honored at the Tahoka High School Academic Awards Banquet on May 9, when Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced that the school would name the Family Consumer Science building after Madeline Hegi, who taught here for many years and is a longtime supporter of the school. Her sons, Fred (left) and John (right) and their wives were on hand for the presentation.



**WHO'S WHO** - The 2004-05 Who's Who students at Tahoka High School are, left to right, Cade Miller, Ashdon Hancock, Cassidy Gandy, Callie Botkin, Sarah Botkin, Angie Curtis, Crystal Gutierrez, and Brandon Jackson.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

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**HONORARY MEMBERS** - Named Honorary Members of Tahoka High School FFA were Danny and Amy Preston (couple at left) and Ty and Sharla Askew. They were presented plaques at the annual FFA Banquet on May 5 in appreciation for their dedication to the FFA program.



**OUTGOING OFFICERS** -Outgoing Tahoka High School FFA Officers for 2004-05 include, in front from left, Kami Owens, Skylar Owens, and Delci Willis (President); and in back, James Holdren, Matt Saldana, Kyle Preston and Josh Hawthorne.

## New Phone Number, 2-1-1, Offers Help For Texans

South Plains residents will soon be hearing more about 2-1-1 Texas, the free, three-digit phone number that connects callers with services in their community that can improve their health and quality of life.

2-1-1 Texas is launching a statewide education effort to teach individuals and families about when and why they should call 2-1-1.

"It's the number people should call when they aren't sure where to turn for help," says Kendra Jackson, AIC Manager. "No matter where you live in Texas, you can call 2-1-1 and find information about resources in your local community. Whether you need help finding food or housing, childcare, crisis counseling or substance abuse treatment, one number is all you need to know."

2-1-1 Texas is a free, anonymous information and referral line answered by nationally certified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to area information centers in their region. These trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies and nonprofits that exist in Texas. Information can be provided in almost any language including Spanish.

2-1-1 is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with the South Plains Association of Governments.

2-1-1 Texas South Plains covers a 15 county region: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties.

To help local information centers educate residents about 2-1-1, HHSC developed an awareness campaign that includes radio public service announcements, posters, brochures and other materials used for community presentations. All materials are provided in English and Spanish. The campaign was rolled out in September to 25 Area Infor-

mation Center Directors around Texas.

"When a person dials 2-1-1, their call is usually answered right in their hometown," said Beth Wick, HHSC program coordinator for 2-1-1 Texas. "So it's important the area information centers have the materials they need to promote the service in their communities. This statewide education campaign will give them the tools they need."

The list of resources available through 2-1-1 is extensive. It can also make the job easier for service providers at nonprofits and community organizations, first response personnel like nurses, counselors and police and elected officials and leaders. They can tell clients to call 2-1-1 to get the help they need. 2-1-1 experts can provide information on hundreds of resources, including:

- Domestic violence programs
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- Elder care services
- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
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- Legal help
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- Temporary financial and energy assistance
- Disaster response and relief

2-1-1 Texas is also included in Gov. Perry's Homeland Security strategy as a tool for sharing information and mobilizing resources during local, statewide or national disasters. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks created one of the greatest challenges community information and referral providers ever experienced. Immediately after the attacks, calls increased dramatically to community organizations as families looked for missing loved ones, people were stranded at airports, and the public needed counseling services to cope.

"If we ever face another tragedy like Sept. 11, 2-1-1 Texas will play a vital role, connecting people quickly and efficiently with help and information," said Albert Hawkins, Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner. "2-1-1 will fill a gap to prevent people from falling through the cracks."

In 2003, 2-1-1 Texas received more than 1.5 million calls - more than any other state in the nation - and the number is expected to be even higher this year.

For information and referrals, just dial 2-1-1.



**NEW FFA OFFICERS** - 2005-06 officers for Tahoka High School FFA are, in front from left, Amanda Paredes, Kami Owens, Jessica McLelland, and Delci Willis; and in back, James Holdren, Brandon Tomlinson, Matt McLelland, Kyle Preston, Matt Saldana (President), and Josh Hawthorne.



**STAR AWARDS** - These Tahoka High School FFA students were presented with Star awards at the FFA Banquet on May 5. In front is Delci Willis, Star Lone Star award; and in back is Skylar Owens, Star Ag Student, Matt McLelland Star Chapter FFA member, and Jessica McLelland, Star Greenhand award.



**LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM** - Tahoka High School FFA Livestock Judging Team members include, in front, Lauren Botkin and Waci Barnett; and in back, James Holdren, Matt Saldana, Kyle Preston, Brandon Tomlinson, and Skylar Owens.

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### Booster Club Meeting Set

The Tahoka Booster Club will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the THS Library. All Booster Club members are asked to attend.

### Lynn 4-H Members Win at District Livestock Judging

Lynn County's Senior 4-H livestock judging team won first place recently at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging contest. Trevor White, Wacie Barnett and Corey Smith competed against 4-H'ers from the 20 county area around Lubbock and won high team overall. They will compete at State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in June.

"Senior 4-H members judge classes of cattle, sheep and swine and must defend their placings with oral reasons to justify their decision," said Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension Agent. Trevor White was High Individual Overall, Wacie Barnett was fourth overall and Corey Smith was 12th overall.

Lynn County's Junior I team placed second overall in their division. Team members were Jay Martin, Allison Burenheide, Gretchen Henley and Harley Reynolds. Henley was fourth overall and Burenheide and Reynolds tied for 12th overall individual.

The Junior II team of Trevor Gicklhorn, Graham Henley, Reed Williams and Jynna Askew placed sixth as a team. Gicklhorn placed fourth as an individual.

### Brandie Vasek Honored At SPC

Brandie Vasek, a student from Wilson, was recognized for excellence Thursday, May 5 at South Plains College's annual Awards Assembly in Texas Dome. Brandie was named Who's Who at SPC.

"We honor those students who have achieved scholastic excellence and who have contributed to improvement of student life at South Plains College," said Darrell Grimes, vice president for academic affairs.



**4-H COMPETITORS** — Members of Lynn County 4-H Club that competed at the District Livestock Judging Contest held recently included, from left, back row: Trevor Gicklhorn, Reed Williams, Graham Henley, Trevor White; (front row) Jynna Askew, Wacie Barnett, Corey Smith, Gretchen Henley, Harley Reynolds, Allison Burenheide and Jay Martin.



**CONGRESSMAN WITH THE LADIES** — U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer visited in Tahoka Monday afternoon, taking a moment to take this picture with these "Experience Works" ladies, in celebration of Older Americans Month. The Congressman is shown with, in back, Experience Works Field Operative Coordinator Wendy Brown and assistant Cheryl Brand; and in front, Rosita Alvarado, who works at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center; and Julia Garcia and Mary DeLeon, South Plains Community Action receptionists. Older Americans Month is celebrated in May, encouraging senior citizens to engage in healthful physical activities. (LCN PHOTO)

### WEATHER WHYS

Q: What are some of the worst weather events in the U.S.?

A: This question gets asked a lot, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University, so much so that the NOAA (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) has issued a list of some of the past century's worst weather events. "The worst ever occurred in Texas - it's the Galveston Hurricane of 1900," Curtiss explains. "It killed 8,000 people and leveled the city and is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history." Number 2 on the list is the great Dust Bowl storm period of the 1930s when a large-scale drought wiped out thousands of farms in the Midwest, causing landowners to declare bankruptcy. The third, Curtiss says of the list, is the tornado outbreak that occurred in 1974 when an incredible 148 tornadoes raved the U.S. from the Great Lakes to Mississippi, killing 315 people.

Q: What are some others?

A: Hurricane Camille in 1969 killed 256 people and is still one of the strongest storms ever recorded, Curtiss adds. Others on the NOAA list include the Midwest flood of 1993, the costliest on record, which caused \$18 billion in damage and killed 48 people. Also, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused \$28 billion in damage and killed 23 people in Florida and Louisiana; the New England hurricane of 1938, which killed 600 people and caused millions of dollars of damage in the New York and Boston areas; the Tri-State Tornado of 1925, which killed 695 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana; and the Oklahoma-Kansas tornado outbreak in 1999, which killed 44 people.

Q: What's the difference between a funnel cloud and a tornado?

A: It's really a question of timing, says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. A funnel cloud, he explains, is a swirling mass of air stretching down from a dark cloud, but it has not touched the ground yet. Once it makes contact with the ground, it's then classified as a tornado. "Look for the dust and debris at the ground," Hammer says. "That means for sure that a funnel cloud has become a tornado."



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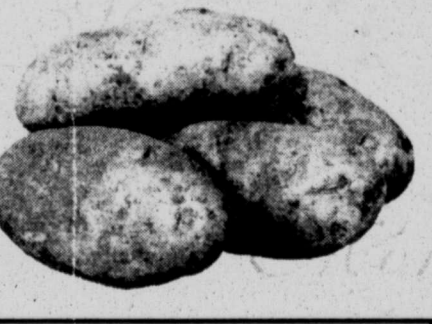


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