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Citizen of the Year ... Janie Rios, right, is presented a plaque naming her as the 2007 Wilson Citizen of the Year, presented by Wilson Lions Club President Mike Jones. She is a longtime resident of Wilson, and very involved in the school, community and church.

Janie Rios Named 2007 Wilson Citizen of the Year

Janie Rios was named the 2007 Wilson Citizen of the Year by Wilson Lions Club during ceremonies held recently. In presenting the award, Lions Club President Mike Jones said that Mrs. Rios has a lifelong commitment to serving others.

"The Lions Club motto is, 'We Serve' and that has truly also been a most fitting descriptor when I think of the many special qualities of Janie Rios and her lifelong commitment to serving others," said Jones.

"Growing up in Moody, Texas she left school after the ninth grade to help raise her siblings, though this was probably not the first time Janie had begun to show her compassion and hard work ethic by serving others or her family. Years later she returned to complete her Grade Equivalency Diploma, which showed the importance Janie had in her education and is another thread woven in her character, which continues to this day," said Jones.

Janie and her husband Guadalupe were married for 41 years until his passing. The couple has four children, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

"Janie was a longtime employee of Wilson ISD, working with students as a paraprofessional. She demonstrated her calling to serve others by working with and loving some of our most challenging and severe needs students, however Janie never saw them as severe needs. She saw them as her kids and showered them with her love and abounding warmth. Her students knew in their own way that they could count

on seeing her warm smile, hearing her gentle laugh, and feeling her tender embrace to help them through each day. Janie has devoted herself to serving students in Frenship, Wilson, Roosevelt and Slaton schools. She continues to serve our Wilson students by greeting them each day with her warm laugh and smiling eyes and driving them to their respective schools," said Jones, who is also the Superintendent of Wilson ISD.

"Janie serves our community by volunteering her time and talents for her church, to helping individuals, and serving organizations in our community. She drives people to their doctor's appointments and on other errands. She is always taking, making, or baking yummy things for friends and organizations," Jones added.

Mrs. Rios is Vice President of the Board of Trustees for Wilson ISD, and she is also secretary of the Lions Club.



- 13 - **TMS Band Concert**, 7 pm
THS Auditorium
- 16 - **"A Christmas Tapestry"** 6 pm
First Baptist Church Choir
- 17 - **THS Band/Choir Concert**,
7 pm, THS Auditorium
- 20 - **Open House**, 10 am-3 pm
First National Bank, Tahoka
(live music 12:30-3:00 pm)
- 20 - **Open House**, 8 am-3 pm
Sam Ashcraft Insurance Agency
1930 Lockwood, Tahoka
- 20 - **"Polar Express"** movie, 6 pm
City/County Library
- 20 - **Open House**, 6 pm,
Lynn Co. Senior Citizens Center
- 24 - **Candlelight Service**, 6 pm
First Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**, 6 pm
First Methodist Church, Tahoka
- 24 - **Children's Christmas Eve Program**, 6 pm, St. John
Lutheran Church, Wilson
- 25 - **Christmas Day Worship Service**, 10 am, St. John
Lutheran Church, Wilson

Area Bale Count Surpasses 200,000

The *Lynn County News* weekly bale count from area cotton gins surpassed the 200,000 bale mark this week, with eight gins reporting a total of 216,702 bales.

The 2007 cotton crop outlook is very promising, far surpassing last year's ginning total of 163,241 bales for the same eight gins last year.

Most gins are expecting to work at least through March getting the 2007 crop processed.

See weekly bale count totals in the left column on the front page of *The Lynn County News* each week.

County Schools Listed Among Best High Schools In America

All four schools in Lynn County made a national magazine's list of the best high schools in America, according to the *U.S. News & World Report*, who ranked schools in a recent issue.

Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell high school campuses all were awarded the Bronze Medal, among 1,086 schools identified for Bronze awards in the United States.

The *U.S. News & World Report*, in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, a K-12 education and data research and analysis business that provides parents with education data on schoolmatters.com, analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 18,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country. These top schools were placed into gold, silver, or bronze medal categories.

Analysis used data from the 2005-06 school year, using a three-step process. The first two steps ensured that the schools served all of their students well, using state proficiency standards as the measuring benchmarks. In the case of Texas schools, TAKS scores were used in Reading and Math, comparing economically disadvantaged student passing performance with non-economically disadvantaged students.

"To my understanding, the methodology wanted to see if the two groups performed at around the same passing rate," said Wilson ISD Superintendent Mike Jones. "The final threshold examined college readiness of students, and used dual credit course work and

SAT/ACT scores to determine college readiness. None of the schools I saw listed on the South Plains, including Lubbock-Cooper, were scored high enough in this area to merit a silver or gold medal designation," he added.

Tahoka Superintendent Jimmy Parker said the school district has not received any information regarding the award, but that apparently the analysis used figures from state reports made by the school district.

"We are pleased to be among the Bronze Medal schools awarded in a national magazine, but we have not received a letter, or any specific information other than what is available at the *U.S. News & World Report* website, about how schools were ranked," said Supt. Parker.

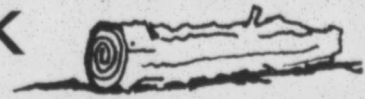
According to the magazine's website, the Top 100 schools in the nation, based on college readiness index analysis, received Gold Medal awards. Silver Medal designations were awarded to schools with a college-readiness index of at least 20, but that are not in the top 100 nationally. Bronze Medal designations were awarded to schools who either did not offer Advanced Placement courses, or who do not achieve a college readiness index of at least 20, but successfully met other two key performance indicator criteria.

Wilson school enrollment was listed at 181, with 66.3% of that enrollment designated as minority enrollment, and 69.6% as economically disadvantaged, according to the *U.S.*

(See *SCHOOLS*, page 3)



woodwork by dalton



IT NOW IS LESS than two weeks until Christmas, so even the last-minute people need to start thinking seriously about what gifts to buy. I only buy one gift a year any more (in November I get something I want for myself, buy it, wrap it up and by Christmas, I am delighted because I have forgotten what it was).

It's a good thing I don't have to buy for children, because after reading some of the letters to Santa which will be in next week's edition, and looking at some advertisements for gifts in the paper, I realize that I am way out of touch.

We do have grandchildren we need to get gifts for, but they already have everything they could possibly need and almost everything they could want, so I mostly leave that problem up to my wife.

Judging from their letters, elementary and pre-school kids are wanting Santa to bring them something called Wi, X-Bot, and other stuff I never heard of, but they must have seen on TV.

One store's newspaper supplement last weekend was pushing things like Bratz, Hyperslide, Spin Me Elmo, V-Flash and Barbie, and yes, I recognized that last one.

USA Weekend, a magazine supplement which gets stuffed into your *Avalanche-Journal* on Sunday along with 35 pounds of advertising supplements, had some suggestions for gifts which left me clueless. Things like T-Mobile Sidekick LX, Ripstik (I think that's a skateboard, just the thing for Grandma or Aunt Susie), Spizman, PSP 2000, and such.

There was even a suggestion that if you want to buy yourself something, you might want to consider an Apple iPod Nano. I'm not sure what that is, either. I thought apples and nanos were things you cut up to put on your bowl of Post Toasties.

One new gadget for adults which is being heavily advertised this season is a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS), and I'd sort of like to own one of those. A friend had one in his car when I went with him to Colorado City recently, and it's neat. It will tell you exactly where you are, how to get where you are going and also can lead you to gas stations and Big Macs along the way.

I can't justify buying one, though. They cost too much, and besides, I hardly ever go anywhere any more that I have not been to before. Still, this doesn't mean I can remember where I am going.

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Relay For Life Committee ... Tahoka High School students are once again sponsoring the Tahoka Relay For Life this year, set for April 18. Local committee members include (in back from left) Luis Barrera, Kyle Larpenner, Brooke Inklebarger, Val Sosa, Billy Saldana, Rebecca Pando, Jessica McLelland, Kristin Box, and Matt Taylor; and in front, Jackie Arista, Sarah Calvillo, Amy Barrera, Anissa Alvarado, Raquel Pesina, Jynna Askwew, and Amanda Hernandez; and not pictured, Ryan Rios. The Relay For Life is an American Cancer Society fundraiser, a 12-hour event that lasts overnight, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.

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OBITUARIES



GERRY WILLIAM GEORGE

Gerry W. George

Memorial Celebration services for Gerry William George, 69, of San Antonio, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at St. John's United Methodist Church in San Antonio.

Gerry William George, beloved brother, uncle, cousin and friend, lost his heroic battle with cancer on December 5, 2007. Gerry was born August 9, 1938 in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from New Home High School in 1956 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock from 1956-1959. Gerry worked for Hemphill-Wells in Lubbock for several years before moving to Dallas to work for Select Imports and Frederick Cooper Lamps in the Dallas Trade Center. In 1984, he moved to San Antonio to work with his brother and sister-in-law at Elton George & Company. In 2002, Gerry joined St. John's United Methodist Church, where he became active on the Board of Trustees and other committees. Gerry was also a founding member of the Alamo Business Council, where he held several positions over the years. One of his favorite hobbies was gardening, and he loved traveling and spending time with his family and friends, especially at Lake LBJ. He also loved playing bridge, dancing, as well as being surrounded by all of his dogs. Gerry had a hearty laugh and a twinkle in his eye that made people smile. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Gerry was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elton and Callie Neville George of New Home, Texas, and Ben and Buelah King of Lamesa, Texas; his parents, Grayam and Floy Ben King George of New Home, Texas; and his stepmother, Irene Adams Wilson George of Paducah, Texas.

He is survived by his best friend and partner of 19 years, Jim Rhodes of San Antonio; his brother, Elton George and wife Leslie, also of San Antonio; his nephew, Tommy George, wife Amanda and their daughter Lillian of Amarillo; his niece, Jennifer George Hargis and her husband Charlie of San Antonio; his cousins, Jay Wiginton and wife Laverne of Canyon Lake, and Lauren and Lindsay Wiginton of San Antonio; plus many loving extended family members and special friends.

The family is very grateful of the true dedication and sincere support given by the staff at The Cancer Center, the entire second floor staff at Northeast Methodist Hospital, plus the wonderful and vigilant friends that called and rallied around the hospital for the

past 12 days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those desiring to give memorials in loving memory of Gerry, contribute to the Handicap Accessibility Fund at St. John's United Methodist Church 2002 Bandera Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78228. This was the last personal project that Gerry was extremely involved with at his church, and one that he knew would help many people in his congregation. (PAID)



GENEVA ELIZABETH COOK

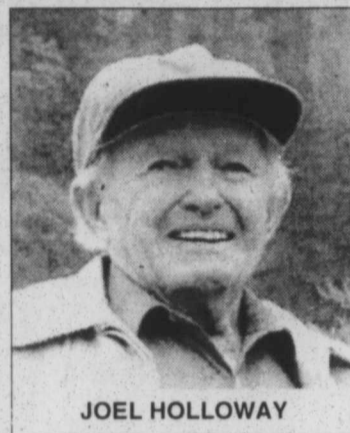
Geneva Cook

Celebration of Life Services for Geneva Elizabeth Cook, 86, of Lubbock, formerly of O'Donnell, were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at the White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Interment followed at the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Cook died on December 6, 2007. She was born on May 10, 1921 in Iron City, Tennessee to Edward Hamilton Taber and Bertha Mae (Chapman) Taber. Geneva attended Roosevelt High School and then Draughn's Business College. She moved to O'Donnell from Lubbock in 1941. She married W.H. "Punk" Cook on November 18, 1941 in Roswell, NM; he preceded her in death on January 7, 1983. Mrs. Cook, a housewife, was very involved with her children, in church, school and home activities. Geneva was a member of the Church of Christ in O'Donnell.

Those left to cherish her memory are, four daughters, Libby Beach and husband Durwood of Kilgore; Harriet Cottrell and husband Stan of Houston; Charla Knight and her significant other, Donald Noggler, of Brownfield; Cindy Parchman and husband Jay of Lubbock; one son, Richard Lee Taber of Lubbock; one brother Eugene Taber of Mesquite; 8 grandchildren, Jason Beach and wife Angela of Ore City, Elissa Wilson and husband Aaron of Conroe, Brandon Cottrell of Houston, Lauren Cottrell of Houston, Bobby Knight, Jr. of O'Donnell, Heather Sterba and husband Rob of Albuquerque, NM, Crystal Taber of Gentry, AR, and Geneva Lynn Taber of Waldron, AR; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock at P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408 and to the Alzheimer's Association of Lubbock at 6630 South Quaker, Ste E, Lubbock, Texas 79413. (PAID)



JOEL HOLLOWAY

Joel Holloway

Funeral services for Joel Holloway, 82, of Olney, Texas will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at the chapel of Lunn Funeral Home in Olney with the Rev. Andy Graham, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Restland Cemetery in Olney.

He died Tuesday, December 11, 2007 in Arlington, Texas. Holloway was born February 5, 1925 in Lynn County, to Wilbur E. and Molly (Smith) Holloway. He and Mary E. Luttrell were married on May 23, 1943 in Draw, Texas. She preceded him in death on November 21, 2006. He was a retired truck driver and farmer. He moved to Olney in 1963 from Tahoka. His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Leah Hawley of Wichita Falls, and Becky Westerlage and husband Bill of Arlington; one son, Keith Holloway and wife Yvonne of Sherman; one brother, Edward Holloway of Austin; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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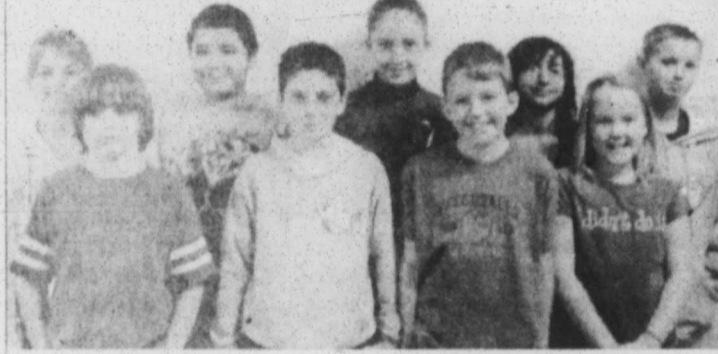
These Tahoka Elementary students were winners in the UIL Elementary Academic Meet, held Dec. 4 in Idalou.



3rd Grade UIL Winners ... Brit Lockaby (5th Oral Reading), Colton Stice (8th Storytelling), Emit Quintero (5th Music Memory), Klynn McCleskey (1st Creative Writing), Averi Starkey (6th Oral Reading), and not pictured, Perry Brickley (4th Music Memory).



4th Grade UIL Winners ... Maci Dimak (8th Oral Reading), Tony Garcia (6th Music Memory), Miranda DeLeon (1st Ready Writing, 6th Spelling); and not shown, Kaci Rodriguez (1st Music Memory).



5th Grade UIL Winners ... (front from left) Sky Hager (4th Maps, Graphs, Charts), Dane Rivas (3rd Dictionary), Jackson Harbison (2nd Oral Reading), Lauren Raindl (6th Music Memory); and back from left, Amanda Hill (6th Ready Writing, 6th Spelling), Jeremiah DeLeon (1st Maps, Graphs and Charts, 4th Music Memory), Kara Carpenter (2nd Dictionary), Briana Hernandez (1st Music Memory), and Blake McCleskey (7th Oral Reading).

27th Annual KLLL Country Christmas Blood Drive Set

KLLL and United Blood Services invite the citizens of Tahoka to be a part of the 27th Annual Country Christmas Blood Drive. The drive will be in Tahoka at the Life Enrichment Center on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1717 Main Street. United Blood services will be there from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Each donor will receive a 27th Annual KLLL Country Christmas T-shirt and a pint of Blue Bell ice cream. They will also be registered to win some great prizes. One donor every day will receive a digital camera courtesy of Best Buy. At the end of the drive one lucky donor will get a 51-inch Hitachi high definition big screen television.

To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. UBS asks that donors bring some form of photo ID.



Ronnie and Virginia Dulin

Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Ronnie and Virginia Dulin of New Home will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 2007. A celebration dinner and a trip to Branson, MO will be hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Ronnie and the former Virginia Smith married on December 14, 1957 in New Home at the New Home Church of Christ. They are the parents of Jim and Tamera Pope of Lubbock and Tommy and Tawn Carpenter of Abilene. They have four grandchildren.

Schools...

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News & World Report website. The state test proficiency rate was listed as 89.1 for non-disadvantaged students, and at 78.8 for disadvantaged students.

Tahoka ISD's enrollment was listed at 216, with 62.5% minority enrollment and 59.3% disadvantaged student enrollment. The state test proficiency rate was listed as 92.4 for non-disadvantaged students, and at 82.8 for disadvantaged students.

New Home ISD's enrollment was listed at 196, with 44.9% minority enrollment and 54.6% disadvantaged student enrollment. The state test proficiency rate was listed as 92.6 for non-disadvantaged students, and at 78.4 for disadvantaged students.

O'Donnell ISD's enrollment was listed at 121, with

54.5% minority enrollment and 74.4% disadvantaged student enrollment. The state test proficiency rate was listed as 91.5 for non-disadvantaged students, and at 77.3 for disadvantaged students.

Analysis figures on the U.S. News & World Report website also listed a state test performance index and a poverty-ad-

justed performance index for the schools.

In the South Plains area, the four Lynn County schools were among 16 high schools that made the list, including Lubbock-Cooper, Cotton Center, Meadow-Ralls, Ropes, Roosevelt, Southland, Springlake-Earth, Sudan, Sundown, Wellman-Union and Whitharral.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 17-21

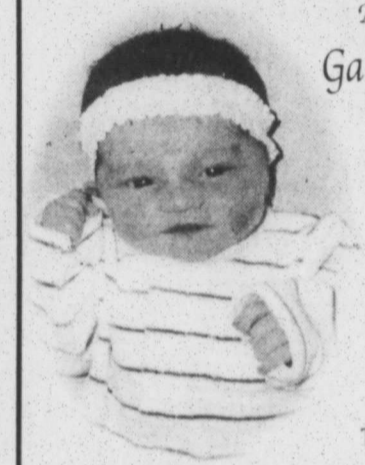
Monday: Steak fingers, white gravy, mashed potatoes, fried squash, bread, pears

Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, chips. German chocolate cake

Wednesday: Chicken Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread, dry jello

Thursday: Pork chops, baked beans, broccoli & cauliflower, rolls, lemon bar

Friday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, tomato soup and crackers, applesauce w/ cinnamon



Announcing the arrival of Gabriella Rhiley Balderas

daughter of Ben & Shelley Balderas of Lamesa at 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 7 lbs., 11 oz. • 19 1/2 inches

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Bulldog Shirts For Sale

The Tahoka Athletic Booster Club is having a Winter Sale of Bulldog apparel, including long sleeve t-shirts (\$15), sweatshirts (\$18) and hoodies (\$24). The shirts are royal blue with a white design. The design includes "BULLDOGS" in large

letters across the front and a large paw print underneath the lettering.

Order forms for these "By Order Only" shirts are available in the elementary and high school offices, in the basketball concession stand, or by contacting Tonda Freitag at 998-4928.

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Accident, Stripper Fire Investigated

A cotton stripper fire which possibly was arson and a traffic accident with no injuries were among incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in the county during the last week.

The stripper parked at a location about two miles north of U.S. 380 on FM 212 and owned by Roy Josey of Post, was on fire Dec. 6, causing an unknown amount of damage to the engine and front tires. Investigation is continuing to determine the cause of the blaze.

At N. 2nd and Ave. L in Tahoka Tuesday a 1999 Nissan Altima driven by Glenda Jane Puente, 43, of Tahoka and a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Heriberto M. Chavarria, 55, of Tahoka collided.

A Tahoka woman reported harassing text messages related to her daughter.

Thirty-six persons were in jail as of Tuesday, with 12 of

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

Tahoka Lunch Menu December 17-21

- Breakfast**
Monday: Cereal w/ graham cracker
Tuesday: Breakfast bar
Wednesday: Sausage biscuit
Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls
Friday: Manager's Choice
- Lunch**
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli, strawberries & banana
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, corn, salad, French bread stick, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Chicken Patty Sandwich, tots, western beans, orange smiles
Thursday: Burrito, Spanish rice, fruit, sugar cookie
Friday: Manager's Choice

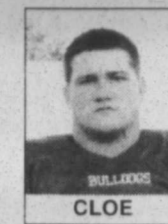
those held for Lubbock County. Most recently arrested were two persons for driving while intoxicated and one on a grand jury indictment for injury to a child.

Tahoka Athletes Named To All-District Football Lists

Tahoka High School football athletes have been named to the Class 2A All-District Football honors list, including two players



WUENSCH



CLOE

Spriuell was Defensive End, and Mitchell Chapa was Defensive Back. Eleven

players were named on the Honorable Mention All-District list, including: Troy Alvarado, offensive tackle; Josh Freitag, offensive guard and linebacker; David Spriuell, center; Adrian Webster, receiver; Michael Gonzales, running back; Ridge Hall, tight end; Luis Barrera, defensive end; AJ Curtis, defensive tackle; and defensive backs included Allen Henderson, Antonio Baker and Brandon Tomlinson.

On the 2nd Team All-District honors list, Cloe was named at Offensive Tackle, Ben Freitag was Offensive Guard, David



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HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 by Joey Quintana, RN, DON • Jeanie Stone, EMT-J, EMS Director

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)

MRSA is a type of staph infection that is resistant to methicillin and other commonly used antibiotics in the same class such as penicillin, amoxicillin, and oxacillin. Staph bacteria normally live on your skin and in your nose, usually without causing problems. MRSA is different from other types of staph because it can't be treated with certain antibiotics.

MRSA is known as the "Super Bug" and is now by far the most common hospital-acquired staph infection in the U.S. and throughout the world. The MRSA "Super Bug" has also been reported to have a high prevalence of community-acquired MRSA. Health-care associated infection is much larger than that of community-acquired infection, but data suggests that both are increasing.

The CDC (Center of Disease Control) reported just over 94,000 cases of life-threatening MRSA infections in 2005. Nearly 19,000 of these MRSA cases lead to death.

MRSA can be spread from one person to another through casual contact or through contaminated objects. It is commonly spread from the hands of someone who has the MRSA infection. This could be anyone in a health-care setting or in the community. MRSA is usually not spread through the air like the common cold and flu virus, unless the infected person has MRSA pneumonia and is coughing.

Community-acquired MRSA often appears as a pimple or boil that can be red, swollen, and painful. The lesion may also have pus or other drainage. Often, people think they have been bitten by a spider or insect. MRSA infections can become serious in a short amount of time. It is important to see your doctor right away if you notice a pimple, boil, or other skin problem.

MRSA can be diagnosed by sending a sample of your infected

wound, blood, or urine to a lab for testing. The lab will then grow the bacteria and then test to see which kinds of antibiotics will kill the bacteria.

MRSA is treated with the appropriate antibiotics. Treatment varies depending on the severity of the infection. You may be treated at home with topical and oral antibiotics or you may be treated in the hospital with IV antibiotics in an isolated private room with extra precautions.

As more MRSA develops, hospitals are taking extra care to practice "infection control," which includes frequent hand-washing and isolation of patients who have MRSA infections.

You can also take steps to protect yourself from MRSA:

- Practice good hygiene
- Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer frequently
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages
- Do not share personal items such as towels, clothing, or razors
- Take antibiotics as prescribed
- Do not save antibiotics and do not use antibiotics prescribed to someone else
- If you are in the hospital, remind nurses and doctors to wash their hands before touching you
- Keep your environment clean by wiping frequently touched surfaces with a disinfectant
- Be smart about using antibiotics. Know that antibiotics can help treat bacterial infections but they cannot cure viral infections. Always ask your doctor if antibiotics are the best treatment and avoid pressuring your doctor into prescribing antibiotics when they won't help you get better.

MRSA can be controlled when proper procedures are followed. So, please take the steps and protect you and others from the spread of MRSA.

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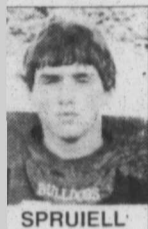
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EMT-I, EMS Director

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The family of Jessie Rodriguez Sr. would like to thank everyone for the words of support, food, flowers, cards, and especially your prayers and all other acts of kindness shown to us during our loss.
A special thanks to Father Teo for his inspiring church service, the Ladies of the church that prepared the delicious meal, and to Eddie and Ruben for the beautiful, spiritual music at the church and cemetery.
Lillie Calvillo & Family
Narciso & Lisa Sanchez & Family
Jessie & Nicole Rodriguez & Family

We have been blessed by the many acts of kindness shown to our families during our time of loss. Thanks for the food, cards, flowers, calls, and visits; most of all your love, friendship and prayers.
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2nd Grade UIL participants ... (front, from left) Katie McCullough, Bentley Harbison, Katelynn Quinn, Natalie Stice; back row, Gavin Doyle, Patrick Herrera, Daniel Arriaga; and not pictured, Carrie Rose McDaniel.

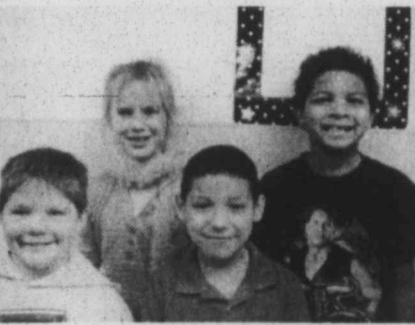


5th Grade UIL participants ... (in front) Coy Mercer, Tori Ford, Mia Saldana, Devin McCleskey; and in back, Gabriella Alvarez, Kayla Strickland, Juztice Perry, Yancy Draper, Kohl Angeley; and not shown, Shelbee Forsythe.



4th Grade UIL participants ... (front, from left) Grant Garvin, M'Lin Hill, Kelsi Hilger, Slade Brown, Andrea Garcez, Johnny Rosas, Hadley Reynolds; and in back, Xenia Charon, Katharina Nickel, Joseph Hernandez, Traven Rodriguez, Clarissa Lopez, and Sarina Ybarra.

UIL Participants ... These Tahoka Elementary students participated in the UIL Elementary Academic Meet held in Idalou, Dec. 4.



3rd Grade UIL participants ... Braden Cook, Olivia Hammonds, Alfredo Martinez, Rainbow Duran, and not pictured, Grant Tekell.

Mustangs Named To All-District Football Teams



Ruben Balderas, a junior at Wilson ISD, was named Newcomer of the Year in Class 1A All-District Football selections, and several other Mustangs were named to the first and second team lists, according to information released this week from Wilson ISD.

Defensive Lineman, and 2nd team Fullback. All are seniors at Wilson ISD.

Named to the 1st Team Offense and Defense were Nathan Bassinger, as Wide Receiver, Safety, and 2nd team Punter; Marcus Martinez, Running Back, Kicker, and Linebacker; and Rene Ramirez, Special Teams,

Mustang All-District Football 2nd Team Offense players include sophomores Artie Castillo, Noseguard; Rito Martinez, Running Back, and Defensive Utility Player; Felipe Ortega, Tight End, and Cornerback; and Brandon Bassinger, Wide Receiver.

Named to the All-District 2nd Team Defense are sophomores Artie Castillo, Noseguard; and Johnny Valdez, Safety.



Artists of the Month ... Wilson School Artists of the Month for December 2007 are (left to right) Issac Massingill, Skyler Clark, Nicole Ramirez, Samantha Valdez, and Kylie Martinez. (Not pictured-Filberto Perez.)

Letters To The Editor

I will continue with this goal. May we continue our motto "We Serve" and may God bless each and everyone this Holiday Season.

Janie Rios

Honored Citizen Expresses Thanks

Dear Mike Jones, Fellow Lions, Lioness, my children and all persons who helped gather information for the presentation of my award as "Citizen of the Year." It was truly a surprise and a great honor. When I was growing up we did not have much so it makes me happy to see people happy with the little I can give.

God put us here on this earth to help and serve each other and

Senior Citizens Experience Generosity Of Cub Scout Project

The Christmas season is upon us and Monday when I arrived at my office it was certainly evident that the generosity and goodwill of this Christmas season had visited the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

There in our Domino Room were bags and bags and bags and bags - well, you get the idea - of canned and dry goods, which had been delivered to our Center on Saturday by our local Cub Scouts Troop 782 under the direction of their troop leader Eden.

The Cub Scouts of Troop 782 are: Sebastian Pedroza, Javier Zuniga, Bryan Williams, Patrick Herrera, Bryson Resendez, Tanner Roberts, Perry Brickley, Matthew Diaz, Miguel Granados, Corbin Escobedo, Mark Yackeschi, Andrew Forsythe and Peyton Lowdermilk. These wonderful young boys spent a good part of this past weekend collecting food items from the very generous residents of Tahoka.

I truly cannot express how much we appreciate the thoughtfulness and service of the Tahoka Cub Scouts of Troop 782 for their recent gift to the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

I would invite each and everyone to see any of these young boys around our community to thank them for their most welcomed donation to our Center.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bianca Baker, Director
Lynn Co. Senior Citizens Center

Enjoy The News

To the Editor
I enjoy the paper from our hometown. I like to keep up with all the kin-folks and my classmates. Keep up the good work.
Thanks Again,
Gwendolyn (Austin) Fallin

Cub Scouts Thank Local Citizens For Food Donations

Dear Editor,
Tahoka Cub Scout Troop #782 would like to thank the citizens of Tahoka for helping with the Scouting for Food Campaign. Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to donate slightly over 400 lbs of can goods to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. The boys were further excited when they learned from the South Plains Boy Scout Council Office that they collected much more than some of the larger towns and troops. Thanks, we could not have done it without your help.
Eden Williams
Cubmaster

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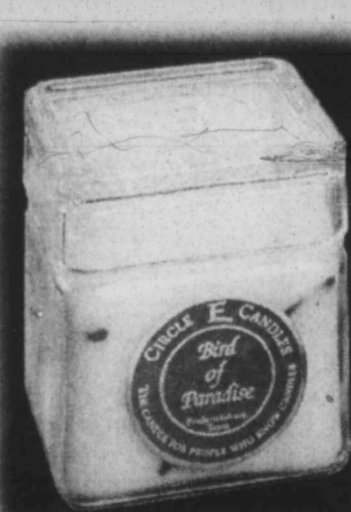
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