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## BOOK SALE

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## Hand tools stolen in county burglary Friday

Hand tools valued at a total of \$500 were reported stolen in a burglary of a garage in the north part of the county last Friday.

The owner of the garage, E.G. Wickstrom, told sheriff's officers that burglars entered the garage located on County Rd. 2, just off U.S. 87.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 20	82	54	
May 21	82	54	
May 22	79	54	
May 23	75	57	
May 24	75	59	0.75"
May 25	87	60	
May 26	86	59	0.12"

Precipitation for May:	1.32"
Total Precipitation Jan:	0.03"
Total Precipitation Feb:	0.64"
Total Precipitation Mar:	0.35"
Total Precipitation Apr:	0.91"
Total Precipitation To Date:	3.25"

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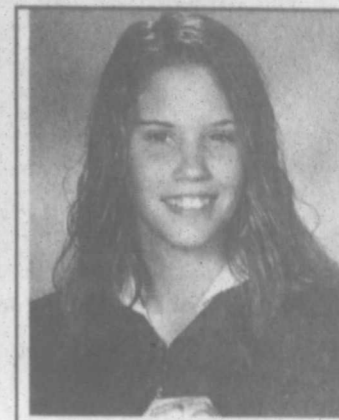


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O'DONNELL HIGH SCHOOL



MIKAELA WALLACE  
NHHS VALEDICTORIAN



MARY MAEKER  
NHHS SALUTATORIAN

NEW HOME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2009

## Honor graduates named for Lynn County schools

A total of 86 seniors from Tahoka, Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home schools will graduate in commencement exercises Friday night, May 29. Officials from the four schools have released the names of their top honor students, as follows.

Tahoka High School has 46 seniors graduating in ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. THS Valedictorian is Morgan Lain

Fisher, daughter of Rick and Tammy Fisher, who is graduating with a 4.4565 grade point average (GPA). Salutatorian is Valerie Melaina Sosa, daughter of Robert and Susie Sosa, who is graduating with a GPA of 4.3124.

Other THS high honor graduates who are graduating in the top ten percent of their class include Jennifer Angelica Marquez, daughter of Oscar and Patricia Marquez; Brandon Doug-

las Moss, son of Thomas and Barbara Quinn; and Vicente Luis Salinas, son of Louis and Sylvia Salinas.

Wilson High School has 9 seniors graduating in commencement exercises at 8 p.m. in the Wilson Gymnasium. Dominique Escobar is the WHS Valedictorian with a GPA of 4.268. She is the daughter of Dale Robinson. Xia Rios, daughter of Petra Vasquez and Jacinto Rios Jr., is the WHS Salutatorian with a GPA of 3.675.

New Home High School commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. at the high school gymnasium, with 17 seniors graduating. Class Valedictorian is Mikaela Marie Wallace,

daughter of Bill and Rebeca Wallace, who has a 100.333 GPA. Salutatorian is Mary Jenise Maeker, daughter of Andy and Monica Maeker, with a GPA of 97.543.

O'Donnell High School is graduating 14 seniors in commencement exercises starting at 8 p.m. in the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Memorial Auditorium. OHS Valedictorian is Nickolaus Hoy, son of Steve and Mara McDaniel, with a GPA of 3.43. OHS Salutatorian is Alicia Patridge, daughter of Steve and Sharon Patridge, with a 3.32 GPA.

The third high honor student at OHS is Tyler Furlow, son of Cody and Lisa Furlow.



Standing ovation ... Tahoka High School Band Director Carroll Rhodes received a standing ovation during a presentation by Vera Reno (right), representing the Band Boosters, who commissioned a song to be written in honor of Rhodes. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## "Carroll's Tribute"

# Song written to honor Tahoka band director

by JUANELL JONES  
Two years is a long time for a community to keep a secret from one person, but Tahoka ISD Band Director Carroll Rhodes was completely surprised and humbled when he was presented with a song composed in his honor last week at the end-of-year band concert. The song, "Carroll's Tribute" was a project initiated two years ago by the Tahoka Band Boosters that was quickly taken to heart by community members as a way to honor the longtime director who has set high standards for Tahoka bands for many years.

Band Booster Vera Reno made the presentation during last Thursday night's concert. "This really isn't a booster project as much as it is a community project," Mrs. Reno told *The News*. "Carroll is well thought of by our entire community and has done so much for our 3-D band program and our kids, and we thought it would be a great idea to honor him. He has had several pieces composed for the school and we thought this would be a neat way to give back by having a composed piece of music that he will (See *Carroll's Tribute*, page 10)

## woodwork

by dalton



IF YOUR FAMILY has time and money for a few days of vacation this year, where would you like to go? Assuming that Tahiti, Alaska or Europe are not feasible, you may want to visit someplace closer, possibly right here in Texas.

Like Fort Davis, for example. Yeah, I know—it's hot and dry down there, but there are lots of things to see and do at Fort Davis and the nearby McDonald Observatory, where they have a domed telescope (362 inches) capable of seeing anything (except maybe a glimpse of common sense in Washington).

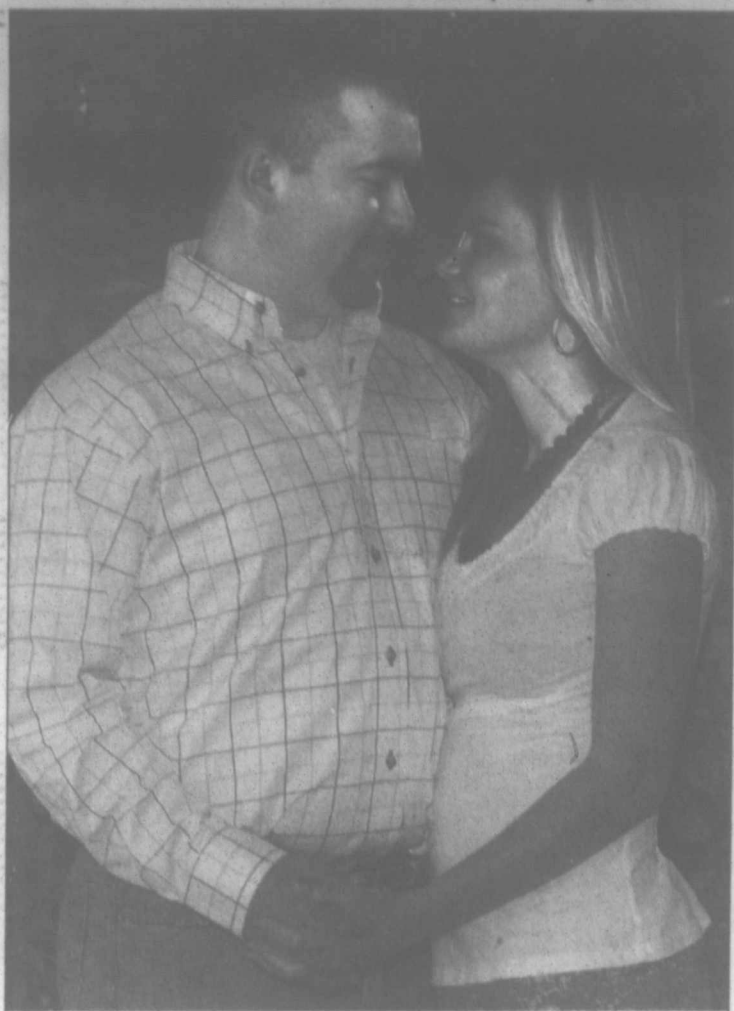
Several years ago, our family stayed at a bed and breakfast in Fort Davis, toured the historic old fort itself, and took part in the "Star Party," which happened to be scheduled that night. At that time, they had several telescopes set up and already aimed at the stars. No, we didn't see Madonna or John Wayne; these are constellations. We saw Saturn and its ring, and planets and such.

This fascinating program, with a skilled narrator, is presented every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from May 1 through Aug. 31 at 9:30 p.m. and at other times during the year listed on their website [mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://mcdonaldobservatory.org).

A magazine called *Texas Summer Events* lists a lot of things to see and do in the state and reminded me of how much we enjoyed gazing into space at Fort Davis.

About the only mention of Fort Davis was that there will be a Summer Butterfly Count there on July 3. That doesn't sound too great to me, but maybe to some folks. Unless I intended to see some of the other things around there, rather than go count butterflies, I'd just as soon stay home and count all those stupid black birds messing up my driveway.

Be sure to take along some warm clothing if you go to look at the stars, because the star show is on top of a mountain, where it gets cold even in summer. The terrain is a bit rugged, too. If you fall and hit your head on a rock, you could see lots of stars.



Jeremy Victor Baker and Eden Annette Orman

### Couple announces engagement

Vernon and Victoria Baker of Tahoka announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy Victor Baker to Eden Annette Orman of Roscoe, Texas, daughter of Lonnie Orman of Roscoe and Lynette Toland Ramirez of Odessa.

Jeremy is the grandson of Victor and Lely Medina of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Margaret Baker of Livermore, California. Eden is the granddaughter of Arlon and Janelle Orman of Roscoe and Yandell Toland of Sweetwater, Texas.

Jeremy is employed by Orman Farms of Roscoe, Texas.

The couple will be married June 20, 2009, at the Double S Ranch south of Roscoe.

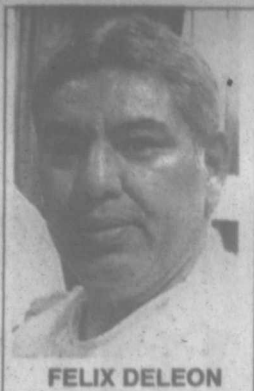
### Monty Hancock named OISD Board President

Monty Hancock, a newly-elected member of the O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees, was elected President of the Board at the regular meeting of the OISD Board on May 21. Two newly-elected members, incumbent Sharmye Jonas and Hancock, took the oath of office, and then

the board elected Hancock as President, Mark Roye as Vice President and Cody Furlow as Board Secretary.

Trustees also approved the 2009-10 school calendar at the meeting. Supt. Randy Allen, recently named interim superintendent for OISD, was also at the meeting.

### Obituaries



FELIX DELEON

### Felix Deleon

Rosary for Felix Deleon, 49, of Tahoka was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Funeral mass was held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Burial was at O'Donnell City Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

He died on Friday, May 16, 2009 in Galveston. He was born on December 28, 1959 in O'Donnell to the late Lino (1999) and Meguila Deleon.

He was a mechanic by trade, and moved to Tahoka in 2005 from Dallas. He was a Catholic.

He is preceded in death by a brother, David Guzman, on July 27, 1992.

Survivors include his mother Meguila Gomez, of Tahoka; one son Zachery Collins of Munford, Tenn.; three daughters, Angelita Contreras of Kentucky, Sandy Luna of Mansfield, and Mickey Deleon of Tahoka; three brothers Steve Gomez of O'Donnell, Michael Arriaga of Tahoka and Ray Deleon Sr. of Big Spring; four sisters Silvia Deleon and Michelle Torrez both of Tahoka, Linda Cota of Midland, and Lena Roman of Junction, and eight grandchildren.

*Congratulations to all Lynn County Graduates!*

### Former Tahoka resident killed in car accident

A former Tahoka resident, Douglas Gene Barham, 47, of Victoria, was pronounced dead at 8:41 p.m. Sunday, May 24 at the scene of a one-car vehicle wreck near El Campo. A 14-year-old girl, Alyssa Burleigh, who was traveling with the Barham family, was also killed.

According to information from the Victoria newspaper website, the Barham family and friends were traveling in a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban which left U.S. Hwy. 59 South just outside of El Campo, striking a guard rail and causing it to go into a side skid. The Suburban then skidded off an overpass, rolling several times and coming to rest underneath the overpass.

The group was coming back from a family gathering in Houston and shopping in Katy when the crash occurred. DPS officials were not certain what caused the driver, Garrett James Barham, 17, to drift to the right. A total of seven people were inside the vehicle. Seatbelts were reportedly worn by all in the vehicle, except possibly Doug Barham, who was the only one thrown from the vehicle.

Garrett and the other passengers, Doug's wife, Maritia, 46, daughter Maddie, 14, son Carson, 11, and his friend Chase Weaver, 11, were all transported to hospitals. Garrett was listed in stable condition with leg injuries, and Carson was listed in stable condition with cuts and bruises. Maddie, Chase and Maritia were listed in stable condition with internal injuries and possible broken bones, and it was reported in Tahoka that Maritia may have suffered a broken vertebrae in her neck.

Both Doug and Maritia graduated from Tahoka High School, and their children attended school here before moving to Victoria.

No information was available at press time regarding funeral services for Mr. Barham.



**Overall winner...** Everett Scott Stidham, 3-year old son of Courtney and Mandy Stidham, competed in the finale of the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant on May 17 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. He brought home a total of four trophies and other prizes. He won trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> in photo and 1<sup>st</sup> in Beauty and a Personality. He was the Overall winner in the Royalty Division and named Supreme King. He received a large trophy, battery powered vehicle and a \$50 gift card from ToysRUs for Supreme King. He is the grandson of Jackie and Daria Stidham and Alton and Anglia James.

### FROM CITY HALL...

#### Grant for the Tahoka Police Department

The Tahoka Police Department has submitted a grant application to the Department of Criminal Justice. The amount of the grant is \$27,938.21. This money is part of the Federal Government's stimulus package and is being administered by the South Plains Association of Governments.

The police department plans to use the money to purchase a new vehicle, bullet proof vests, and a video camera. The awarding of grant funds will be made sometime after October 1, 2009.

**Recycling Program** — It seems our recycling program has really taken off. We are currently looking into getting some bigger containers as we have outgrown the existing ones already. Keep up the good work! You bring plastics and paper and we will find a container to put them in.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact city hall at 561-4211.

### Senior Citizens MENU

June 1-5

**Monday:** Chili & beans, onions & cheese, tossed salad, crackers, fresh fruit medley

**Tuesday:** Chicken strips w/ white gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, biscuits, bananas & strawberries

**Wednesday:** Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato salad, empanadas

**Thursday:** BBQ ribs, potato salad, lima beans, homemade rolls, banana split dessert

**Friday:** Beans & cornbread, fried potatoes w/ onions, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot cake

\* Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in!

\* Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook - *Timeless Treasures*. Great to keep or give as a gift. They are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

### Pleasant Grove MENU

**Open Friday from 11:00-5:30 and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.:** Fried Chicken, Hamburgers and Cheese Burgers, Pork Chops, Chicken Fried Steak.

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# Congratulations TO THE Tahoka High School 2009 Graduating Class

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| Daniel Lee Alvarez           | Veronica Marie Lopez              |
| Antonio David Baker          | Jennifer Angelica Marquez         |
| Jacob Nathaniel Bingham      | Annabel Arguajo Mojica            |
| Tyler Blane Borkoon          | Monica Lynda Morales              |
| Sarah Danielle Catrillo      | Brandon Douglas Moss              |
| Arlyn Hernandez Castaneda    | Lindsey Marie Muiroz              |
| Mitchell Craig Chupa         | Kimberly Ann Perez                |
| Kaleb Clay Collins           | Maria de la Luz Perez             |
| Charles Ray (Trey) Daves III | Samantha Danielle Fridmore        |
| Aniljongi Gabriel DeLeon     | Alexandre Christian Hall Robinson |
| Paris Apollonia Rane Duran   | Martin Lee Rosas                  |
| Morgan Lain Fisher           | John Edward Salazar               |
| Albert James Flores          | Billy Ray Saldaña                 |
| Crystal Dawn Flores          | Jose Miguel Saldaña               |
| Michael Benjamin Gonzales    | Victor Saldaña                    |
| Ronnie James Gonzales        | Ashley Victoria Salinas           |
| Heriberto (Eddy) Gonzalez    | Vicente Luis Salinas              |
| Brittney Payge Alyson Hair   | Beth LeAnn Shuey                  |
| Allen Neil Henderson         | Valerie Melaina Sosa              |
| Graham Lee Henley            | Jaime Soto                        |
| Tiffany Michelle Lam         | Cori Xae Vega                     |
| Kyle Randall Larpenter       | Adrian James Webster              |
| Amanda Nichole Lopez         | Sarah Marie Zuniga                |

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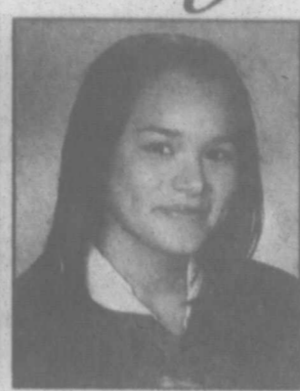
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OHS Salutatorian  
**Alicia Patridge**



**Mercedes Antuna**



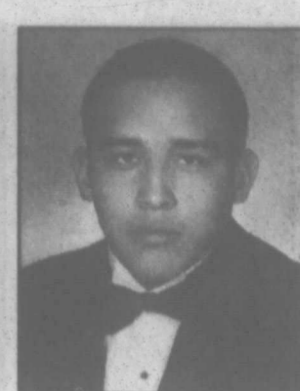
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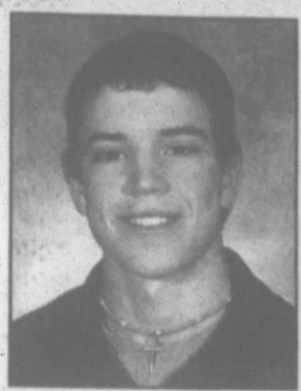
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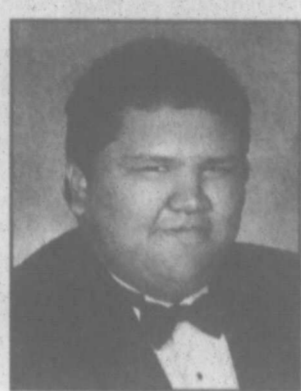
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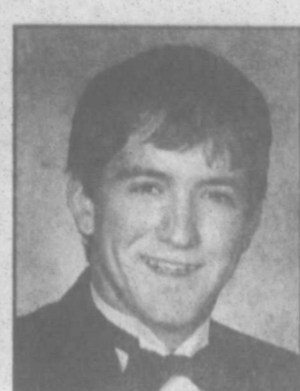
**Gabino Escobedo**



**Tyler Furlow**



**Santiago V. Garza**



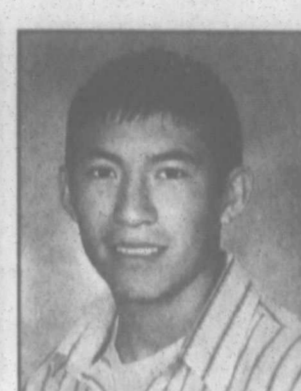
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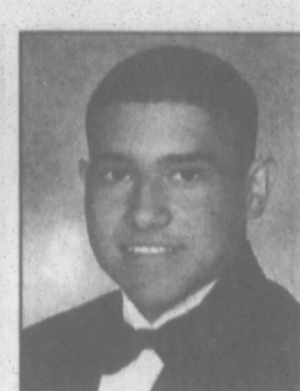
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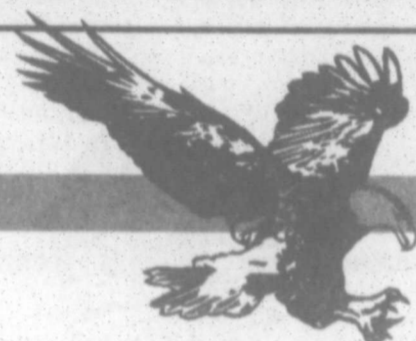
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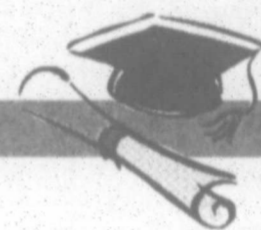
**Justin Ramirez**



**Simon Reyna**



## O'Donnell High School Senior Biographies



### Nick Hoy

#### OHS VALEDICTORIAN

Nick Hoy has attended O'Donnell schools for 4 years. While in high school he was active in golf, NHS, One Act Play, basketball, newspaper, UIL, and band. He plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Business/Law.

He is the son of Steve and Mara McDaniel.

### Alicia Patridge

#### OHS SALUTATORIAN

Alicia Patridge has attended O'Donnell schools for 14 years. While in high school she was active in basketball, cross-country, track and field, band, UIL, All-Region Band, and was Student Council President, and 2009 Basketball Sweetheart. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College and transfer to Texas Tech and get her Real Estate License and major in Teacher Education.

She is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Patridge.

### Mercedes Antuna

Mercedes Antuna has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school she was active in basketball, track, and One Act Play. She was also Varsity cheerleader, Homecoming Queen, Class Favorite and class Vice-President. She plans to attend South Plains College and get her basics done and later move to Dallas to attend fashion school.

She is the daughter of Greg and Delores Antuna.

### Bailey Paige Brewer

Bailey Paige Brewer has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school she was active in FFA, Gifted and Talented, UIL, One Act Play-Area qualifier 1 year, Science Fair-State qualifier 3 years, band, journalism staff, and yearbook staff. She was also All American Varsity cheerleader, and Lynn County FFA Sweetheart. She plans to attend Amarillo College and become a Dental Hygienist.

She is the daughter of Randy and Lindy Brewer.

### Junior Castillo

Junior Castillo has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in football and was 1st Team Receiver, Defensive back and Honorable Mention All-State, basketball, baseball, and track. He plans to attend South Plains College.

He is the son of Juan and Rosa Castillo.

### Taylor Decker

Taylor Decker has attended O'Donnell schools for 6 months. While in high school she was on the yearbook and newspaper staff and NTHS. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College.

She is the daughter of Tim Decker and Steve and Melissa Bell.

### Gabino Escobedo

Gabino Escobedo is the son of Juanita Escobedo and Gabino Escobedo. During high school he participated in football. His future plans are to work.

### Tyler Furlow

Tyler Furlow has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in football, All District Honorable Mention, basketball, 1st team All-District, golf, track, NHS President, UIL, One Act Play, newspaper and band. He plans to attend Lubbock Christian University in the pre-dental program and major in Biology.

He is the son of Cody and Lisa Furlow.

### Santiago V. Garza

Santiago V. Garza has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in football, UIL and track. He plans to work after graduation.

He is the son of Vince and Josie Garza.

### Tanner Lee Hancock

Tanner Lee Hancock has attended O'Donnell schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in baseball and during his Sophomore and Junior years, made 1st team All-District, Sophomore year 2nd team All South Plains, Junior year, 1st team All South Plains, and his Senior year, Honorable Mention All State, all infield. In football he made 2nd Team All District QB his Senior year, and he was active in basketball, UIL, FFA and track. He plans to attend South Plains College.

He is the son of Monty and Gina Hancock.

### Michael Miller

Michael Miller has attended O'Donnell schools for 6 years. While in high school he was active in baseball, where he was 2nd Team All District outfielder, advancing to play-offs 3 years, track, regional Qualifier 1 year, Cross Country, Regional Qualifier 4 years and Area qualifier 3 years, football 2nd team All-District and play-offs 1 year, UIL Accounting 4th place, and basketball. He plans to attend a 2-year college for his basics and then transfer to a larger college to earn a coaching degree.

He is the son of LaJean and Walt Van.

### Christopher Nava

Christopher Nava has attended O'Donnell schools for 14 years. While in high school he was active in football and was nominated 1st team All District running back his Junior year and 1st Team All District fullback and nose-guard his senior year; baseball, making 1st team All District catcher his Sophomore year and 2nd team All South Plains. His plans after graduation are undecided.

He is the son of Lee Sanchez and Rosa Perez.

### Justin Ramirez

Justin Ramirez has attended O'Donnell schools for 14 years. While in high school he was active in football, where he made 2nd team All-District; basketball and baseball, making 1st team All-District in both; band and track. He plans to attend South Plains College and become a coach.

He is the son of Simona Ramirez.

### Simon Reyna

Simon Reyna has attended O'Donnell schools for 14 years. While in high school he was active in football, where he was 2nd team All-District as center; basketball, named All-District Honorable Mention; and track. He plans to attend Grayson Community College in Dallas to get his associates degree in Criminal Justice.

He is the son of Miguel and Odelia Reyna.

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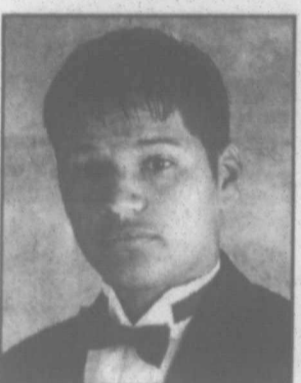
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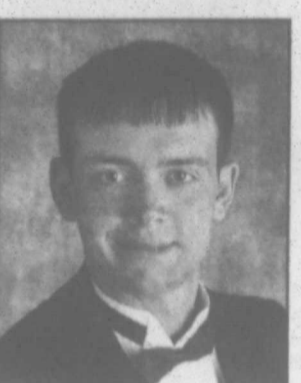
April Torres



Joel Torres



Ashley West



RH Whitten



**Mikaela Wallace**  
**NHHS VALEDICTORIAN**  
Mikaela Marie Wallace is the daughter of Bill and Rebeca Wallace and sister of Olivia Perry. She has attended New Home, ISD for eight years. She has been involved in cheerleading, basketball, Student Council, Red Ribbon Week, SUMMIT, Who's Who, and FFA. She plans to attend Incarnate Word University to receive a degree in Biology. She later hopes to receive a degree in medicine and pursue a career in a medical field.

**Mary Jenise Maeker**  
**NHHS SALUTATORIAN**  
Mary Jenise Maeker is the daughter of Monica and Andy Maeker. She attended New Home ISD for 13 years. During this time she was involved in basketball, track, one act play, smaCd, student council, and FFA. Mary is also very active in her youth group at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Lubbock. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College where she will be enrolled in the Pre-Engineering programs. She will then transfer to Texas Tech University and attend the Whitacre College of Engineering and major in either Civil or Mechanical Engineering.

**David Alvarado**  
David Daniel Alvarado is the son of Eddie and Lisa Alvarado. David has attended New Home Schools for 12 years. During this time he was involved in football, named all district running back, 1st team all district corner back, and MVP offensive back, also was involved in basketball, track, and cross country. He attends Saint Jude's Catholic church in Tahoka. He plans to attend South Plains College where he will earn his associates degree in welding.

**Stephanie Castro**  
Stephanie Shea Castro is the daughter of Bill Castro and Angie Torres. She attended New Home Schools for 7 years. During her time at New Home High School, she was involved in basketball and yearbook. She plans to attend South Plains College where she will be enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program and later plans to transfer to Texas Tech University and further her education and receive her Bachelor and Masters degree in nursing.

**Kali Gonzales**  
Kali Nicole Gonzales is the daughter of Joe and Shannon Gonzales. Kali has attended New Home ISD for five and a half years. Kali attends church at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She has participated in varsity basketball, varsity track, varsity cheerleader/mascot for the past two years, New Home FFA, Student Council, and smaCd. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College in the fall to train to become a registered nurse. After graduating from South Plains College she plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will obtain her degree to become a Nurse Practitioner.

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Congratulations to the  
**Class of 2009**

**Rebekah Bartley**  
Rebekah Bartley is the daughter of Randy and Zeldia Bartley. She has attended New Home School for six years. She attends church at Slide Baptist Church where she is a leader in the youth group and sings on the praise team. She played basketball for all six years and the last three years played varsity basketball. She is part of a group called smaCd (students making a COMPLETE difference). She is part of the FFA and plays golf. Her future plans are to go to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and College and get a Bachelors of Humanities then a Masters of Missiology. She would like to be a foreign missionary and would like to work with Muslims.

**Brittany Cruz**  
Brittany Leann Cruz is the daughter of Roel and Leticia Cruz. She has attended New Home ISD for 10 years. Brittany has been involved in basketball, track, student council, and yearbook. She plans on attending South Plains College to pursue a career in nursing. She will then transfer to the Covenant School of Nursing.

**Trinidad Santana Mendoza**  
Trinidad Santana Mendoza is the daughter of Raul and Sharee Mendoza. She attended New Home ISD for the past five years. She was active in FFA creed speaking all four years of high school. Her future plans include going to college to pursue a career in Massage Therapy or Occupational Therapy.

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**Caul Blakley**  
Caul Blakley is the son of Jimmy and Sheila Blakley. Caul has attended New Home for the past 13 years. He has participated in Journalism and One Act Play. He plans to go to South Plains College and pursue a degree in Commercial Music.

**Whitney Decker**  
Whitney Decker is the daughter of Quinn and Tandy Decker. She has attended New Home ISD for five years. Whitney has been involved in varsity cheerleading track and cross-country through out high school. She is a member of the FFA and participated in livestock showing. Whitney plans on attending ASU in the fall and later plans on pursuing a career in elementary education.

**Jett Rodgers**  
Jett Rodgers is the son of J.W. and Jamie Rodgers. He is the brother of Jacki, Jori and Jayton Rodgers. He has attended New Home ISD since first grade. He played basketball, football, baseball, and golf. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall to pursue a degree in mass communication.

**Hector Fiscal**  
Hector Fiscal is the son of Miguel and Rosa Fiscal. He has attended New Home Schools for 13 years. He was involved in basketball and track. He is also an active church member at San Ramon Catholic Church. He will be attending South Plains College to pursue a career in physical therapy.

**Nichole Taylor**  
Heather Nichole Taylor is the daughter of Randy and Bridget Taylor. She has attended New Home High School for three years. Nichole has been involved in basketball, track, golf, cheerleading, student council, and FFA. She was first team all district in basketball her junior and senior year. She plans on attending Texas Tech University to pursue a career in medicine.

We're proud of all of the GRADUATES of the Class of 2009!

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## New Home High School Senior Biographies

### April Torres

April Torres is the daughter of Leo and Martina Torres. She has attended New Home ISD for 13 years. She ran cross country and track, played basketball and golf. She is also active in Student Council and is the Editor for the School Yearbook. After high school April plans to attend SPC to do basics and get an associate's degree in Criminal Justice, then transfer to San Angelo State and major in Criminal Justice, and she wants to attend law school.

### RH Whitten

RH Whitten is the son of Jerry and Cathy Whitten. Activities RH has been involved in include football, basketball, track, and rodeo. His favorite sport is rodeo. His accomplishments include: 2006-2008 inducted into the Wrangler All-Star Rodeo Team, 2006 RA Region 1 Champion Header as a freshman as well as Tri-State Champion Header, and in 2007, THSRA Region 1 Champion Heeler. He also placed 4th in the three round average at the IFYR in 2007 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. In football, he received the Newcomer of the Year and First Team All District Spreadback his Sophomore year and was nominated in the Lubbock AJ's Make Kids Count program and was featured on FOX34 and in the Lubbock AJ as a sophomore. His future plans include attending New Mexico Junior college in Hobbs, NM on full scholarship competing in rodeo. He will compete in Team Roping and Tie-Down Calf Roping. After NMJC, he plans to continue his education at West Texas A&M and get a degree in Ag Business. RH also wants to become an equine dentist and his number one goal is to compete at the National Finals.

### Joel Torres

Joel Torres is the son of Leabardo and Otilia Torres. He attended New Home ISD for seven years. While in high school he participated in football, basketball, track, baseball, and yearbook. He plans to attend South Plains College and get a degree in Diesel mechanics.

### Ashley West

Ashley Lucia West is the daughter of Greg and Kim Harrell. She has attended New Home ISD for six years. She was involved in varsity cheerleading and track, FFA and One Act Play. Ashley plans on attending Angelo State in the fall to pursue a career in psychology.



**Rotary program ... Tahoka Elementary Gifted and Talented Students were invited to present their Science Fair projects to the Rotary Club. The students representing the GT program were, from left, Bentley Harblison, Sophie Thomas, Shelby Meeks, Aly Dotson, Miranda Deleon, and Andrea Garcez.**

## Library book sale starts Monday

The City-County Library Book Sale will be held June 1-6 in the small classroom adjacent to the library at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

The sale will open on Monday, June 1 and will run during regular library hours which are Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

and 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon.

Prices will range from 25-cents to \$5 per item.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the City-County Library.

For more information, contact Claudia Guin, Library Director, at 561-4050.

## Heflin-Authored Economic Development Bill Passes Texas House

(Austin, TX - May 15, 2009) - An economic development bill authored by State Representative Joe Heflin passed the Texas House of Representatives on a vote of 143-0 today. Rep. Heflin's House Bill 3676 extends a portion of the Texas Economic Development Act that was set to expire in 2011. Rep. Heflin said the extension is absolutely critical to keeping Texas "open for business" and for keeping the state's economic development climate among the best in the nation.

"This legislation is about job creation and capital investment," Heflin explained. "It will help both businesses and workers, and it will help ensure property tax fairness for individual property owners. It's truly a win-win-win for everyone."

According to Rep. Heflin, the Texas Economic Development Act, originally passed in 2001, has been one of the state's most valuable economic development tools in bringing new investments and jobs to Texas. Heflin's HB 3676 leaves the intent of the original economic development program in place to spur economic development in all parts of Texas and in all industries, while clarifying certain tax abatement and funding issues that have arisen since original passage.

"My bill will help Texas remain the number one spot in the nation for business expansion," Rep. Heflin continued. "In addition, the bill promotes greater accountability and transparency for businesses receiving tax abatements. It will help ensure that promised investments and new jobs are realized, or re-

quire that companies receiving tax abatements pay applicable property taxes."

HB 3676 was one of a very small number of bills carried on the major state calendar in the Texas House of Representatives this session, and it is unusual for a second-term representative such as Rep. Heflin to carry a major state bill. HB 3676 now must pass the Texas Senate before being sent to the Governor.

Rep. Heflin represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Trion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry Counties. He may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512-463-0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806-675-1583, or in Big Spring, at 432-213-2897.

## Click it, or Ticket

Texas law enforcement wants you to click it, not risk a ticket.

From May 18 to May 31, law enforcement officers across the state are conducting the eighth "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization to remind drivers and passengers to buckle up.

"We continue to participate in "Click It or Ticket" because there are still about 9 percent of Texans who are not buckling up," said Texas Highway Patrol Chief David Baker. "That may not sound like many, but for every percent increase in safety belt use, 25 fewer Texans will be killed in traffic crashes."

When people don't buckle up, it costs everyone. Since 2001, the use of safety belts in Texas has saved the state and society an estimated \$8.25 billion in wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, insurance rate increases, travel delays and administrative and other associated costs.

Who is not buckling up? Front seat passengers don't wear their safety belts as often as their drivers, even though they face just as great a chance of being thrown through the windshield during a crash. Wearing a safety belt increases the odds of surviving a serious crash by 50 percent, and for pickup trucks, the odds are better with an increased chance of survival at 60 percent.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. The law also states that all children under 17 must be secured with a safety belt, or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or in the back seat. A child less than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. Drivers can be stopped and ticketed for a safety belt violation if they, or any of their passengers under the age of 17, are not buckled up or properly restrained. Traffic fines for failing to use a seat belt or secure a child in a safety seat can run from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has had a zero-tolerance policy regarding seat belts and child safety seats since 1999.

## Letters To The Editor

### Band Director appreciates sneaky, wonderful Tahoka

Dear Tahoka:

What a bunch of sneaky, conspiring, wonderful, loving people you are. There are not enough words to express my surprise and feelings about the wonderful tribute that was given me at the Tahoka 3-D Band Spring Concert last Thursday night. It is an extremely moving and humbling feeling to receive such an outpouring of love and appreciation. I will always treasure the composition that was written in my honor, "Carroll's Tribute" by Clayton Baker, which incorporated snippets of music special to the 3-D Band and also to the H-SU Cowboy Band, the two musical loves of my life.

"Thank you" does not adequately convey the feeling I have towards you and the love I feel, but it will have to do. Thank you to the Tahoka Band Boosters who initiated the project, to the ex-band members and present band members who contributed, and to the community of Tahoka who not only contributed but has had a large part in bringing it to fruition. I know there were many individuals who were actively involved in getting this all together. To each of you, a sincere, heart-felt thank you.

It is amazing to me that a secret like this could be kept for two years where so many people knew about it and I never realized it. Of course, my being "Mr. Oblivious" did help. You are really good about being sneaky and keeping it "under cover."

The turnout for the concert was amazing, especially the large number of my former band students who will always be "my kids." Having my daughter, Allison, there made it even more special.

Thank you for honoring me in such a special way. Thank you for allowing me to work

with such a wonderful group of students, your children. I love them and I love Tahoka.

Humbly yours,  
Carroll Rhodes

### Main Street Clean Up was great time!

Dear Editor,

I would like to give a big special "Thank You!" to all those who participated or sponsored the Main Street Clean Up. Main Street, the Mini Park, and Lockwood Avenue that were spruced up now looks great and everyone should be proud how much better our town looks. I think that we should vote our town as the "Best Little City In West Texas" and work toward letting everyone know how great this community really is.

For those who missed it - they missed a great time and it was a wonderful opportunity to get together with others from our community in a positive setting.

Saturday is a shining example that good things can happen when a community pulls together to accomplish a goal. It would be great if Tahoka was a city with more capital resources to keep up it's appearance and fix the many problems it has. I would like to think this is just the beginning, and who knows what else we can accomplish by going forward.

Frances Truehart

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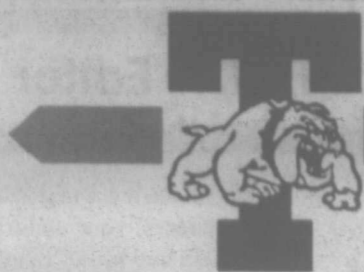
**Hats Off**

to all Lynn County graduates!

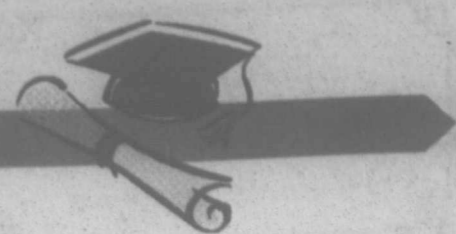
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## Tahoka High School Senior Biographies



Tahoka High School

*Morgan ...*



**... We are so proud of you!**  
You set your goals, worked hard toward them, and now you have attained them. We pray that you will continue down the path that God leads you. Follow in Him and you will always be successful.

**WE LOVE YOU,**  
Dad, Mom, Braiden, Cort, Granny, Uncle Robert, Aunt Becky and Evelyn

**Morgan Fisher  
THS VALEDICTORIAN**

Morgan Fisher is the daughter of Rick and Tammy Fisher. Throughout her high school career, Morgan was involved in many extra-curricular activities. She was a member of Student Council for four years and served as Secretary her senior year, was also a member of NHS two years and was elected President her senior year; and she was the Vice President of her class for three years and was Treasurer her freshman year. She was a member of the 3-D Band all four years and served on Band Council as junior and senior representative. Morgan was a member of the UIL Academic Team participating on the Math and Science teams all four years, and in her senior year, Morgan was a regional qualifier as a member of the Math Team. She was a member of FCCLA her senior year and was the Luminaria Committee Chairman for the 2009 Relay for Life.

Morgan is the valedictorian of her class, and will graduate with 30 college hours. Her future plans are to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Education.

**Valerie Melaina Sosa  
THS SALUTATORIAN**

Valerie Melaina Sosa is the daughter of Robert and Susie Sosa. Valerie is the salutatorian of her class, and will graduate with 30 hours of college credit from South Plains College. Valerie was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall of 2008 from South Plains College. During her time in high school Valerie has participated in many extra-curricular activities. She has been a member of the 3-D Band; played varsity softball, competed in UIL events, was a varsity cheerleader, and was a member of FCCLA where she placed 6th in the state competition with her FCCLA Star Event project. She has also been a member of NHS where she held the office of Public Relations and Secretary.

Her future plans include attending Texas Tech University and majoring in Psychology.

**Daniel Lee Alvarez**  
No information available.


**Antonio David Baker**

Antonio's accomplishments in high school were varsity football, basketball, baseball, track, golf, and the Tahoka 3-D Band. This year he was accepted to Siena College in Loudonville, NY, and he plans to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine. His plans are to become a sports trainer for the University of Southern California.

He is the son of Bianca Baker and the late David Baker.

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Antonio Baker!*



**Play hard, work even harder...and don't forget to visit!**

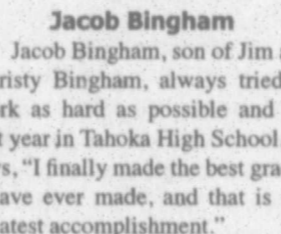
WE LOVE YOU ANTONIO,  
Mom and Kordell

**Jacob Bingham**

Jacob Bingham, son of Jim and Christy Bingham, always tried to work as hard as possible and his last year in Tahoka High School, he says, "I finally made the best grades I have ever made, and that is my greatest accomplishment."

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Sarah!*



**We love you so much and we're proud of you!**

Mom, Dad,  
& Tommy

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Jacob Bingham!*



**We love you!  
We are proud of you!**

Dad, Mom,  
Jamie & Caley

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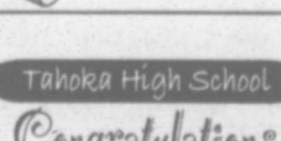


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Good Luck!**

Memaw & Papa  
Grandmother &  
Granddaddy

Tahoka High School

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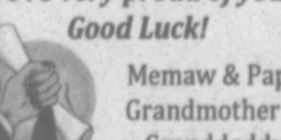


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**Blane Bovkoon**

Blane Bovkoon, new at Tahoka High School, played varsity basketball. He is the son of Sam Williams and Kristie Bovkoon and the grandson of Berry and Susie Surratt.

*Congratulations*  
to the  
O'Donnell, Wilson,  
New Home and Tahoka  
*Class of 2009!*

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Sarah Calville!*



**We are so proud of you!**  
Love -- Grandma Naomi,  
Debbie & Noelani

**Sarah Danielle Calville**

In high school Sarah served as a member of Student Council all four years of high school and was elected reporter her senior year. She was class officer-serving as vice president her freshman year and president her sophomore and junior year. She was active in UIL events; feature writing and news writing and as a senior placing 1st in feature writing and 3rd in news writing at the district meet advancing to regionals. At regionals, she placed 6th in news writing. She has been a member of the Kennel Staff for three years and was editor of the Kennel as a junior and a senior. As editor her junior year the kennel was recognized

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Sarah!*




**We love you so much and we're proud of you!**

Mom, Dad,  
& Tommy

Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Sarah!*



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Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
Antonio Baker!*



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May you always be blessed  
with success as you work  
your way through life.**

LOVE TO OUR GRANDSON!  
Pa & Grandma Joni

by Taylor Publishing Company for best yearbook. As a senior she was elected FCCLA Region I Vice President of Membership. She was part of the Lynn County Relay for Life, serving as Chairman her senior year and was the Luminaria Chairman her junior year. Sarah was senior Homecoming Queen nominee and a Lynn County Harvest Festival queen candidate.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Apparel Design and Manufacturing with a minor in journalism. She is the daughter of Mary Alice Calville and Danny Calville.

**Arthur Castaneda**

"While in high school I wasn't really involved in extra-curricular activities because I worked a lot, but I am proud of myself because I passed the TAKS test. I learned a lot while I was working. I learned how to be responsible and that life is not easy, but if you work hard, it will get easier as time goes by," says Arthur.

After graduation, Arthur plans to keep his job as a Nurse's Aide and later become an Engineer Technician.

He is the son of Maximo and Elida Castaneda.


We're proud of all of the  
GRADUATES of the  
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Tahoka High School

*Congratulations  
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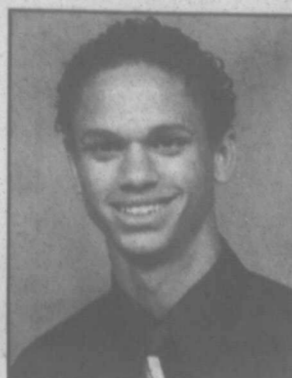
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**MORGAN LAIN FISHER**



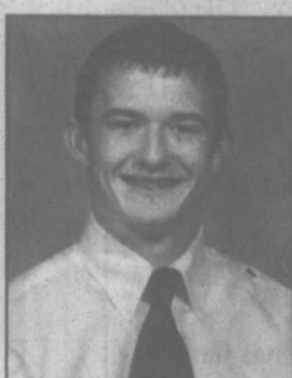
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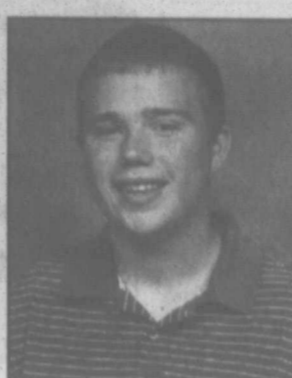
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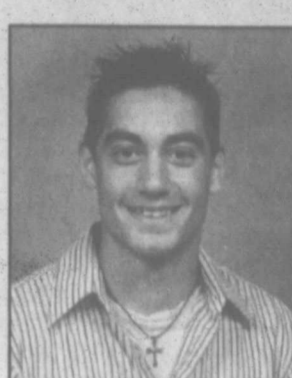
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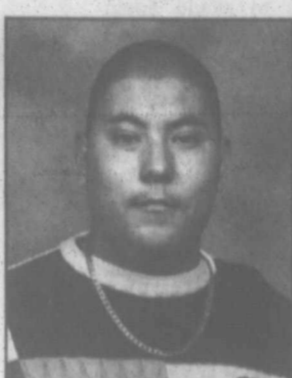
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**Anthony Gabriel DeLeon**



**Paris Duran**



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**Crystal Dawn Flores**



**Michael Gonzales**

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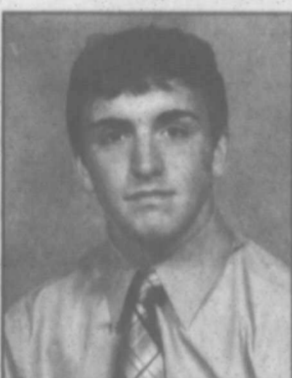
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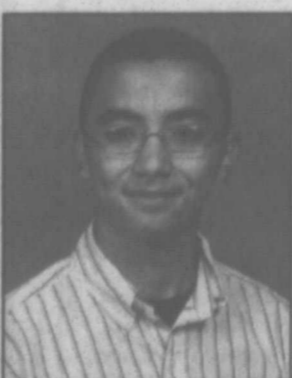
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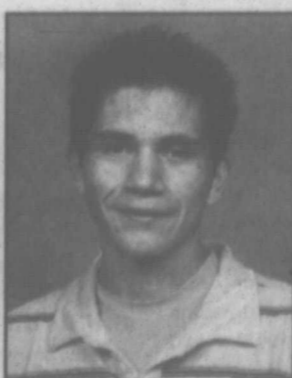
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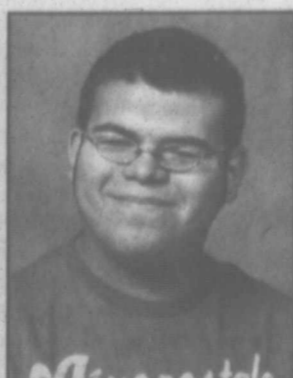
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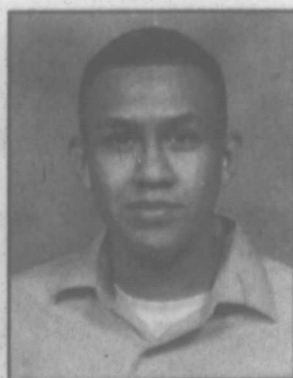
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## Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

### Mitchell Chapa

Mitchell's accomplishments in high school were: 3-year letterman in football and track, and a 2-year letterman in basketball. He was named 2nd team All-District secondary, 1st Team All-District running back unanimous, 2-year team football captain; 1 year basketball captain; Regional qualifier in track, 2006-2009, District Champ in the 1X400 and 4X 400 relay 2008, Area qualifier, District 400m champ in 2009, Area 400m Champ 2009; Regional UIL Academic Mathematics qualifier in 2009; One Act Play Regional Up play, Zone OAP Best Actor, District and Area OAP All-Star cast; BPA State Champ Website Design team; State Solo and Ensemble qualifier 2007 and 2009; Tahoka 3-D Band Sweepstakes 2006-2009, State Marching Band qualifier in 2007; Prom King 2008-2009, Mr. THS, Class President and STUCO Senior Representative.

After graduation, he plans to attend Texas Tech University for a degree in Exercise and Sports Sciences. He is the son of Andrew and Lisa Chapa.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Mitchell Chapa!**



**We are so proud of you!**

LOVE YOU ...  
Mom, Dad,  
Grandpas, Grandmas,  
Aunts, Uncles,  
cousins & sisters

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Kaleb Collins!**

We know that God has great things in store for you. It is incredibly exciting to watch you transition to this next phase of your life as you get closer each day to all that He desires for you. *Congratulations & remember, "we win!"*  
LOVE -- Mom & Dad

### Kaleb Clay Collins

Kaleb Collins is the son of Bill and Doris Collins. He was a five-year member of the state ranked Tahoka 3-D Band. He also qualified for state solo and ensemble contest twice and advanced to the ATSSB area band auditions. He was a member of FFA where he served as an officer for 3 years and participated in horse judging for 4 consecutive years where his team qualified for state contest in 2008. He was a two-year member of NHS and vice president for the 2008-2009 school year. He also participated in football and one act play. He competed in UIL academics where he won the district ready writing competition. Kaleb was also a member of the state champion BPA website design team for 2009 that will compete at the national level in June.

After graduating Kaleb plans to attend West Texas A&M University where he will major in Environmental Science.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Trey Daves!**

*Congratulations to you for all your accomplishments. I know you will go far using all your wonderful talents. Remember to keep God ahead of everything. Good luck and I love you.*  
LOVE, NANNY

### Charles (Trey) Ray Daves III

Trey Daves is the son of Sheri Gwin, and the grandson of Mike and Gail Quisenberry. While in high school he was an active member of the Tahoka 3-D Band for four years. He set numerous first time records

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Trey!**



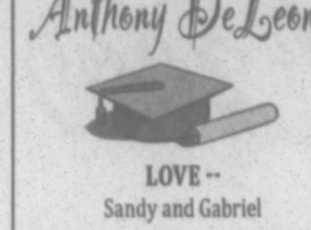
Love, Papa

in Tahoka for choir in all four years of high school.

After high school Trey plans to attend McMurry University in Abilene, where he will major in vocal performance.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Anthony DeLeon!**



LOVE --  
Sandy and Gabriel

### Anthony Gabriel DeLeon

While in high school Anthony was an active member of the Tahoka High School Band for three years, and was a member when they went to state.

He plans to attend South Plains College and hopes to get his license for auto and diesel mechanic. He is the son of Gabriel and Elsie DeLeon and grandson of Mike and Sara DeLeon of Tahoka and the late Pedro and Frances Flores.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Anthony DeLeon!**



LOVE -- Dad, Mom, Kim & Eric

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Paris Duran!**

*We know what we are, but know not what we may be.*  
--SHAKESPEARE  
Go discover your future!  
Claudia

### Paris Apollonia Rane Duran

In high school Paris received an award in Teen Leadership. Her plans after graduation are undecided.

She is the daughter of Reggie and Alicia Moore and Luis and Sylvia Hernandez.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Paris Duran!**



Congratulations  
Baby!

LOVE --  
Mom,  
Reggie  
& the  
boys

### Albert James Flores

A.J. Flores was a 2-year letterman in football, and was an active member of the Tahoka 3-D Band. His future plans are to attend South Plains College and to live a happy life.

He is the son of Albert and Diane Flores.

### Crystal Dawn Flores

Crystal was a member of the 3-D Band, UIL Calculator Team for the past three years, and was on the Relay for Life committee and FCCLA for the past year.

After graduation she plans to attend Lubbock Christian University, with the multiple scholarships she has received. She will be majoring in Restaurant/Hotel Business Management.

She is the daughter of Charline Flores.

### Michael Benjamin Gonzales

Michael was active in baseball, power-lifting and was played varsity football 2 years. His future plans are to attend South Plains College and major in Fire Technology and Fire Academy and become a certified fire fighter.

He is the son of Rosemary Rodriguez and Juan Sanchez.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Ronnie Gonzales!**



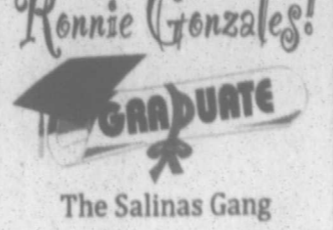
**I am proud of you!  
Grandma Mary**

### Ronnie James Gonzales

Ronnie is the son of Riggo and Lupe Avila. His future plans are undecided.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Ronnie Gonzales!**



**The Salinas Gang**

### Heriberto Eddy Gonzalez

Eddy plans to attend South Plains College and study Creative Arts and obtain a Sound Technology Certificate.

He is the son of Joel and Martina Gonzalez.

### Brittney Payge Alyson Hair

Brittney played on the Lady Bulldogs basketball team, making it to the playoffs all 4 years, and was a Student Council member and class officer all 4 years. She plans to attend Austin Community College for two years and transfer to a university in California where she will major in Physical Therapy.

She is the daughter of Nancy Rodriguez and Steve Hair.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Allen "Squirrely"  
Henderson!**



**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**  
Love -- Dad, Mom, Abi, Laura  
Mimi & Donnie

### Allen Neil Henderson

Allen Henderson was active in football 2 years and was named Honorable Mention Defensive Back his Junior and Senior years. He played baseball 4 years, was a Regional qualifier in power lifting in 2008, and ran track 2 years. He plans to attend South Plains College in Lubbock to be a Certified Electrician.

He is the son of Paul and Cara Henderson.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Graham!**



**Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do, and  
your plans will succeed.**  
-- PROVERBS 16:4

LOVE --  
Dad, Mom & Gretchen

### Graham Lee Henley

In his high school career Graham has been active in FFA, where he was a member of the first Horse Judging Team to make it to state in 20 years. He has been active in various stock shows since seventh grade, and has been involved in many leadership activities through FFA. He was active in athletics up to his junior year, participating in basketball and track. After graduation he plans to attend West Texas A&M to obtain a degree in Agricultural Education.

He is the son of Greg and Becky Henley.

### Tiffany Lam

Tiffany is the daughter of Bethal Faye Lam and the late My Chi Lam.

Her plans are to attend South Plains College and major in Pre-Veterinarian Medicine.

### Kyle Larpenter

Kyle was a 2-year letterman in football, and a member of the Tahoka 3-D band, going to State Solo and Ensemble band competition, and is a member of the Nationals-bound BPA website design team. He plans to attend South Plains College and major in Business Management to start and own his landscaping company, then enter seminary to become a youth pastor.

He is the son of Kevin and Angela Larpenter.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Kyle Larpenter!**



**You're an outstanding  
young man and we are  
proud of you!**

MOM, DAD,  
KADI & KARA

### Amanda Nichole Lopez

In high school, Amanda was active in the award winning 3D band. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College and major in RN/Vet, and to raise her son to be a healthy man.

She is the daughter of Freddy and Teresa Lopez.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Veronica Lopez!**

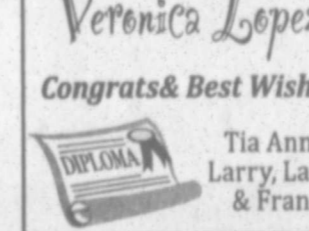


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Roman, Vickey,  
Raul, Sara, Hope,  
Fabien, Rene &  
Krystal

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Veronica Lopez!**

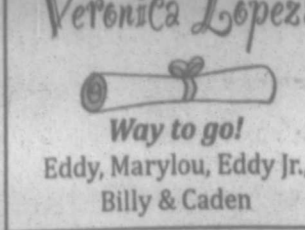


**Congrats & Best Wishes!**

Tia Anna,  
Larry, Laura  
& Frank

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Veronica Lopez!**



**Way to go!**  
Eddy, Marylou, Eddy Jr.,  
Billy & Caden

### Veronica Lopez

She is the daughter of Raul Lopez and Esperanza Toscano and the granddaughter of Jesusa and Salome Saldana.

### Jennifer Angelica Marquez

Jennifer Angelica Marquez is the daughter of Oscar and Patricia Marquez. While in high school she was an active member for the Tahoka 3-D Band for four years. She was a member of FFA her freshman year and a member of FCCLA her sophomore year.

After high school Jennifer plans to attend Angelo State University for a few years where she will major in Pre-Pharmacy, and then transfer to the University of Oregon.

### Annabel Mojica

Annabel's accomplishments in high school included high scores in choir in UIL, and Solo and Ensemble during her freshman through junior years, and scored a "commended" on her English TAKS test. Her future goals are to complete college and become a massage therapist.

She is the daughter of Celia Arguigo and Armando Mojica, and granddaughter of Petra and Felix Arguigo.

### Monica Lynda Morales

While in high school Monica was active in the award winning 3-D band for four years, basketball manager for 3 years and the softball manager for 4 years. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and major in Physical Therapy then later transfer to Angelo State to finish her courses.

She is the daughter of Mary Alice Sosa and A.R. Morales.

### Brandon Douglas Moss

Brandon Douglas Moss is the son of Thomas and Barbara Quinn. While in high school he was a member of NHS for two years, an active member of the Tahoka 3-D Band for four years, and an OAP member for four years.

After high school Brandon plans to attend Angelo State University where he plans to become a videogame programmer.

### Lindsey Marie Munoz

Lindsey is an early graduate from THS, and she participated in the Tahoka 3-D Band her freshman and sophomore years.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech University. She plans to become a high school teacher in a small town, and raise her eight month old son, Jaren.

She is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Munoz.

We're proud of the  
*Class of 2009*  
... may you attain every goal  
you strive for!  
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*Congratulations and  
best wishes to all  
Lynn County graduates.*

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## Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Kimberly Ann Perez**  
Kimberly Ann Perez is an early graduate from THS. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College for her basics, then transfer to a university.

She is the daughter of Lupe Pérez and Amador Liendo, granddaughter of Rosa and Felix Perez, and great-granddaughter of Ramiro Perez.

**Maria de la Luz Perez**  
In high school Maria was a member of the 3-D Band, advancing to State last year, and she participated in Solo and Ensemble two times; was awarded for Perfect Attendance, Spanish II and Preparation for Parenting. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College to study Child Development.

She is the daughter of Juan and Maria de la Luz Perez.

**Samantha Danielle Pridmore**  
Samantha Danielle Pridmore is the daughter of Sammy and Dee Dee Pridmore. While in high school she was a member of NHS for two years, a class officer for three years, and a member of Student Council for three years and served as parliamentarian her senior year. Samantha was also involved in

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Samantha Pridmore!



*It has been an absolute delight watching you grow into the woman you are.*  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.  
Love, Mom & Dad

sports, was a four-year regional qualifier in track, and was a varsity cheerleader all four years as well, and she also played basketball.

After high school Samantha plans to attend Covenant School of Nursing to become a registered nurse.

**Martin Lee Rosas**  
In high school Martin was an active member of the Tahoka High School 3D Band for 4 years, and was a 3 year varsity baseball player and he received a perfect attendance award. He plans to attend South Plains College and major in sound technology.

He is the son of Martin and Mabel Rosas.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Billy Ray Saldana!



Congrats & Best Wishes!  
Tia Anna, Larry,  
Laura & Frank

**Billy Saldana**  
Billy has been an active member of the Tahoka 3-D band for four years, advancing to state in solo and ensemble in San Marcos in May 2009. He was also crowned Band Beau for the year 2008-2009. He was the logistics chairman for two years of the Relay for Life. As a junior and senior he was the class treasurer.

His plans are to attend South Plains College to major in nursing. He is the son of Eddy and Mary-Lou Saldana, and the grandson of Salome and Jesusa Saldana of Tahoka and the late Esmael Cantu Sr. and Francis Cantu.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Billy Ray Saldana!



We're proud of you!  
WE LOVE YOU!  
Dad, Mom,  
Eddy Jr. & Caden

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Billy Ray Saldana!



You did it!  
Esmael Jr., Esmeralda,  
Gabby & E.J. Cantu

**Joe Saldana**  
Joe was in athletics for 3 years of high school, and advanced to regionals in cross-country. He plans to attend UTI and get his mechanic license. He is the son of Ernesto and Leonarda Saldana.

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**John Edward Salazar**  
John Edward Salazar is the son of Tina Leal.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
John Edward Salazar!



We are very proud of you!  
LOVE ALWAYS --  
Mom, Jose, Jenn, Jamie,  
Malery, Javen and Maximo

**Victor Saldana**  
No information available.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Ashley Salinas!



We're very proud of you!  
DIPLOMA  
MOM & DAD

**Ashley Salinas**  
Ashley Victoria Salinas has attended Tahoka ISD for 13 years. She is the daughter of Victor and Debbie Salinas.

After graduation, she plans to attend Cosmetology School.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Ashley Salinas!

We're so proud of you!  
LOVE YOU LOTS,  
Annie & Serenity

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Ashley Salinas!



I'm very proud of you!  
Blayze Ryan Salinas

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Ashley Salinas!



I'm very proud of you!  
Serenity Campbell

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Vicente Salinas!



We love you  
MOM, DAD, & DEMI

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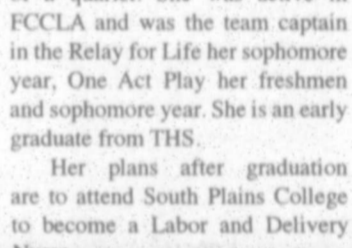
Congratulations  
Cori Xae Vega!



We love you!  
DAD, MOM & MARCUS

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Cori!



From Pete, Aunt Felicia,  
Danielle & Danalyn

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Class of 2009

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All Grads ...**

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future endeavors!

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Way to go, Sam!



Greg, Paige, Brennon, & Treg  
Greg Mc & Courtney  
Aunt Caroline

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Congratulations  
Samantha Pridmore!



We are so proud of you!  
NANA & POP

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Samantha Pridmore!



You made it!  
Shea, Jerid, Josh, Hagan & Brody

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
Samantha Pridmore!

We are so proud of you!  
NANA & POP

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As the Seniors look forward to their future ... we look  
with them with confidence in their knowledge and ability.

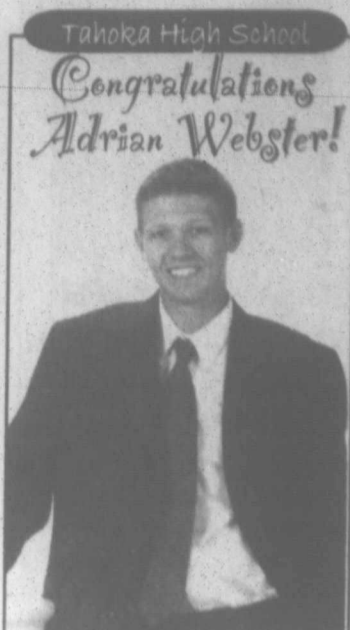
**Our Best Wishes To All  
The Graduating Seniors!**

**Farmers Co-Op Association #1**  
TAHOKA, TEXAS

## Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Adrian James Webster**  
Adrian has been active in football, 2-year letter, named Honorable Mention All-District and 2nd team All-District offense and defense; a 3 year letter in basketball, named Honorable Mention All-District and 1st team All-District and was basketball captain; a 3 year letter in golf finishing 3rd at District individually and won the District Championship as a team; a 2-year letter in track advancing to Regionals the last 2 years and advanced to Area this year.

His future plans are to attend Wayland Baptist University and play basketball for the JV basketball team and major in coaching. He is the son of Jerry Webster and Jimi Webster.



Tahoka High School  
*Congratulations  
Adrian Webster!*

**ADRIAN**  
*The day you took your first step,  
I knew this day would come.  
You would continue on your path,  
And I would stay at home.  
Your world will become bigger now,  
New friends, new memories to make.  
Adventures wait at every turn,  
Different paths to take.  
No matter where you go my son,  
Know I'm your biggest fan.  
I am so proud of all you have become,  
A very fine young man.*

LOVE -- DAD & CISSY

**Sarah Zuniga**  
Sarah was active in the high school 3D band, and played softball, advancing to the play-offs, and was chosen first team All-District first baseman last year as a junior.

Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College or a school in Colorado to major in Criminal Justice and to start her career after that as a successful adult.

She is the daughter of Nancy and Javier Zuniga.

Lubbock High School  
*Congratulations  
Maria D. Hernandez!*

Maria, daughter of Mike Jr. and Rosemary Hernandez of Lubbock, graduated from Lubbock High School. She was awarded the "Midland College Trainer" scholarship. She plans to attend Midland College, and later attend Texas State University to get a degree in athletic training. She is the granddaughter of Mike Hernandez of New Home.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
from Aunt Mary Jane Garcia & family

Cooper High School  
*Congratulations  
Brewster Guin!*

*You have brains in your head,  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself in any  
direction you choose. —DR. SEUSS*

Go out and explore the world;  
we're behind you all the way!  
Love, Grandma & Aunt Sissy



**Band seniors ...** Tahoka High School 3D Band seniors are pictured here with all the awards and trophies earned during their years in the band. They are, in back from left, Kaleb Collins, Vicente Salinas, Jannifer Marquez, Lucy Perez, A.J. Flores, Billy Saldana, Martin Rosas, and Kyle Larpenfer; and in front, Mitchell Chaps, Trey Daves, Monica Moralez, Sarah Zuniga, Amanda Lopez, Morgan Fisher, and Brandon Moss.



**Gilmore award ...** Tahoka High School seniors Vicente Salinas (left) and Kaleb Collins (right) were presented the Patrick Gilmore award for the 3-D Band at the Band Banquet held recently, presented by band director Carroll Rhodes. The award is given for outstanding contribution to the band through example, leadership and hard work throughout the year.



**Top band honor ...** Tahoka High School senior Brandon Moss was presented the highest award for the 3-D Band at the Band Banquet held recently. Band director Carroll Rhodes (right) presented Moss the John Phillip Sousa award for accumulating the most awards and making the greatest contribution to the band throughout the year.

### Carroll's Tribute... (continued from page 1)

own the copyright to and can do with what he wants. We have kept it secret and had a fund at the First National Bank for donations," she explained.

Originally, the intent was to have some of the THS band alumni back to perform the piece at the concert last week, but time restraints made that impossible. The composition, a musical score composed for performance by a high school band, has been completed and sent to the printers for sheet music, but printing is not yet complete. Mrs. Reno gave Rhodes a presentation copy of the actual score and a CD of the song from composer Clayton Baker. The CD was played for the crowd at the band concert and Rhodes was, for perhaps the first time in his 14-year career at TISD, speechless, with tears, streaming from his eyes and a smile on his face.

The author of the piece is

Clay Baker of Stafford, Virginia, a composer known by one of the band parents. He told *The News* that the Band Boosters specified three songs to be incorporated into the piece, including the Tahoka Alma Mater, the Hardin-Simmons University School Song (with the tune of I've Been Working On The Railroad), which is Rhodes' alma mater, and "Oh What A Beautiful Morning," which any band student would know because Rhodes sings it to his band kids on every band trip — usually at full blastissimo on the school bus.

"I took the approach of composing an overall theme (melody) for the piece and then working those three songs in," Baker explained. The Band Boosters named the piece 'Carroll's Tribute', and the piece is approximately three minutes long. The piece also features a clarinet solo at the Booster's request.

"One thing that really struck me was the amount of respect and support that Carroll has in his program," said the composer. "Not many Booster organizations take it upon themselves to commission large works as a tribute to their director. I think the following sums up the community's feeling about Carroll: when I was obtaining permission to use the Hardin-Simmons school song (Parade of the Purple and Gold) I ended up corresponding with Bill McClure who is the composer's son. Part of his response was, 'My father thought a lot of Mr. Rhodes and I am sure he would be honored knowing that he had been able to make a contribution to this effort,'" said Baker. "Tahoka is a very fortunate school," he added.

Rhodes told the crowd at the concert that he was humbled by the tribute. "Tahoka has always been very special to me and after 21 years feels like home (he was choir director at First Baptist Church before becoming the band director at TISD in 1995). Most of all I love all my wonderful kids with whom God has blessed me," said Rhodes.

He told the crowd he has no plans to retire anytime soon, which brought a big round of applause. The concert ended with Rhodes making presentations to band seniors and expressing his appreciation for the support the band receives from the community.

### Online video helps homeowners protest property appraisals

(AUSTIN) — A new slide show on the Texas Comptroller's Web site can help homeowners who are protesting their property tax appraisals.

County appraisal districts establish the taxable value for residences, but in most counties, homeowners have until June 1 to file a protest.

How to Present Your Case at an Appraisal Review Board Hearing: A Guide for Homeowners makes the property tax process more transparent by providing easy-to-understand information about what to expect at a property appraisal protest hearing.

"Homeowners are empowered by understanding the protest process, knowing what information to present to the local Appraisal Review Board and how to present it," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "It helps homeowners make convincing appeals and helps the review boards make better decisions."

Appraisal review boards generally hear property appraisal protests between May 15 and July 25, except in major urban areas with extended protest periods.

Harris County Appraisal District Chief Deputy Sands Stiefer said the slide presentation is a welcome new resource for property taxpayers.

"We plan to link our Web site to the Comptroller's video, and we are considering running the video in the waiting room at our ARB hearings," Stiefer said.

To view the narrated slide show and read much more information about the property tax appraisal and appeal process, visit the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/proptax/index.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/proptax/index.html).

us to Water. We haven't had too much of that between January and now, but the promise of rainfall in coming weeks coupled with residual moisture from Fall and Winter 2008 brings expectations that this little corner of Texas will produce the lion's share of the 2009 U.S. cotton crop.

### Do We Have The Ingredients For A Good 2009 Crop?

by Roger Haldenby  
Plains Cotton Growers Inc.

It takes a number of factors to start, and grow, a cotton crop. These include: Dirt; Seed; Sunshine; Water. How are we doing with these on the High Plains of Texas with the 2009 crop?

**DIRT** - The High Plains is blessed with a lot of dirt. In PCG's 41 county area, we calculate there are approximately 25,000,000 acres of dirt. Some of this is covered in roads, rails, and towns. We've also got some sizable public lands, such as Rita Blanca National Grasslands, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. When you take all this out of the 25 million, and subtract Conservation Reserve Program acreage, ranch and pastureland, playa lakes, gullies, draws and dirt roads, along with land planted to crops other than cotton, we end up with around 3,500,000 acres to accommodate the 2009 cotton crop.

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**SUNSHINE** Sunshine over the past couple of months has raised soil temperatures to the needed level that will allow germination of cotton seed. Cotton plants are little solar powerhouses. Through photosynthesis they take energy from sunlight, pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, mix with a little water and create cellulose (that's cotton lint). While doing all this, they put oxygen back into the air and also make seed that can keep the cycle going, or be turned into oil for food, feed or fuel.

**WATER** - 55% of the acres planted to cotton in PCG's 41 county area is Dryland. That means it's totally dependent on rainfall. The other 45% is under irrigation, but is more correctly described as supplemental irrigation. It doesn't take a huge amount of water to raise a cotton crop when compared to other plants. That's a good thing because the High Plains is classed as semi-arid, having relatively low annual rainfall between 10 and 20 inches. Timing of that rainfall makes all the difference between an average crop and a bumper one.

So, as planting of the 2009 cotton crop progresses, we've got all the ingredients - but do we have the right proportions? Dirt - it is what it is. Other than fertility management, what you see is what you get. Seed - the choice is yours, and you can't go far wrong with some careful study. Sunshine - that's life on the High Plains of Texas. Which brings

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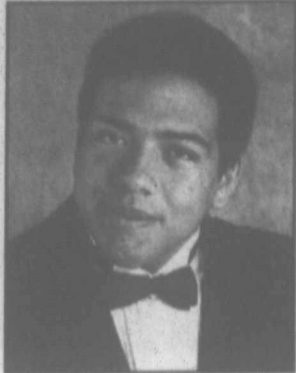
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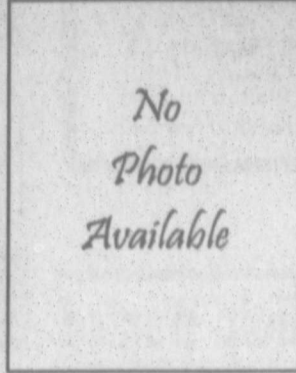
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## Wilson High School Senior Biographies



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**Domenique Escobar  
WHS VALEDICTORIAN**

Domenique Escobar attended Wilson schools for 12 years and is the WHS Valedictorian. During high school she was Student Council President, Class President, and FFA Vice-President. She was active in basketball, track, tennis, golf and cross-country.

She is the daughter of Dale Robinson. After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Bio-Chemistry.

**Xia Rios  
WHS SALUTATORIAN**

Xia Rios has attended Wilson schools for 11 years and is the WHS Salutatorian. During high school she was active in cheerleading, basketball, track, tennis, golf, baseball, and student council.

She is the daughter of Petra Vasquez and Jacinto Rios, Jr. After graduation she plans to attend college and go into the medical field.

**Anthony K. Abernathy**

Anthony K. Abernathy attended Wilson High School his Senior year. He is the son of April Abernathy of Bedford, and William Abernathy of Trinidad. He is the grandson of Clyde May and the late Jerold May.

He plans to attend college and study Radiology.

**Samantha Gill**

Samantha Gill attended Wilson schools for 12 years. During high school she was active in FFA, basketball, track, cheerleading, One Act Play, tennis, golf and softball.

She is the daughter of Virginia and Pete Bustillos. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College and get an associates degree in Nursing.

**Krystal Elizabeth Loftis**

Krystal Elizabeth Loftis has attended Wilson schools for 3 years. During her years at Wilson, she played football and basketball.

She is the daughter of Shon and Charlotte Loftis. After graduation she plans to move to Ft. Worth.

**Jesus Lopez**

Jesus Lopez has attended Wilson schools for 4 years. He was the manager for the football team.

He is the son of Saturnino and Juana Lopez. His plans after graduation are undecided.

**Andres Martinez**

Andres Martinez has attended Wilson schools for 13 years. He was active in football, track and tennis during high school.

He is the son of Alfredo and Elma Martinez. He plans to attend South Plains College after graduation.

**Samantha Martinez**

Samantha Martinez has attended Wilson schools for 14 years. While in high school she was active in cross-country, track, and basketball. She was Junior Princess and Homecoming Queen.

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**Gabrielle Vergara**

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