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CLASS OF 2015!

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and **stronger** than you seem,  
and **smarter** than you think.  
—A.A. MILNE, author, *Winnie-The-Pooh* series  
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Jeremiah Fabian DeLeon

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The City of Tahoka will test its **Tornado Sirens** AT 1 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 29TH (unless inclement weather)

## ART EXHIBIT SET AT LIBRARY THIS EVENING

The City-County Library is hosting a Spring Art Exhibit today (Thursday, May 28), from 5-6 p.m. inside the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The public is invited to come view artwork created by students in the library's free art programs. Refreshments will be provided.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 19	87	61	0.03"
May 20	84	58	0.44"
May 21	58	47	
May 22	56	47	0.51"
May 23	67	54	0.03"
May 24	82	54	0.16"
May 25	82	59	0.02"

(Precipitation measured as of 8 a.m. that day)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.10"
Total Precip for May:	11.65"
Total Precip. for 2015:	16.87"

## Commencement ceremonies set for county students

Three high schools in Lynn County will graduate 82 seniors in commencement ceremonies this week, and one school, Wilson ISD, will instead have a reception for the school's only two seniors this year, both of whom actually graduated early, in December.

Wilson ISD officials told *The News* that the two seniors finished their high school requirements and graduated in December, and therefore no commencement ceremonies will be held, and the district is not naming a valedictorian or salutatorian. The public is invited to a reception honoring the two graduates at 7 p.m. May 28 in the high school library.

Tahoka High School has 47 seniors in the Class of 2015, with this year's commencement ceremonies slated for Saturday morning, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the high school gymnasium.

New Home High School has 17 seniors graduating in ceremonies to be held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 29 in their high school gymnasium. And at O'Donnell High School, 18 seniors are graduating in commencement ceremonies set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 29 at the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Memorial Auditorium.

The Tahoka High School 2015 Valedictorian is Jeremiah Fabian DeLeon, son of Jesus and Melanie Moya, graduating with a grade point average

(GPA) of 4.3946. Jeremiah plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Petroleum Engineering with a minor in Mechanical Engineering. Michael Dane Rivas is THS Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.3072. He is the son of Mike and Paige Rivas. Dane plans to attend Texas Tech University Honors College to study animal science and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

Kaylan Lehman is the NHHS New Home High School Valedictorian with a GPA of 100.053. She is the daughter of Tara Timmons and Todd Lehman. Kaylan plans to attend Wayland Baptist University to major in Intercultural Missions and possibly minor in

art to become an overseas career missionary. NHHS Salutatorian is Isabel Gomez with a 98.816 GPA, and she is the daughter of Francisca and Jesus Gomez. She plans to attend South Plains College to get her degree in general studies and then transfer to Midland College for her associate's degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

OHS The O'Donnell High School 2015 Valedictorian is Kristyn Tyra Edwards, daughter of Ben and Sharla Edwards. She graduates with a 3.61875 GPA. Kristyn plans to attend Angelo State University to pursue a business degree and then attend law school at Texas Tech University. Alyssa Brooke Barton is Salutatorian with a 3.61406 GPA, and she is the daughter of Wayne and Kathy Barton. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and earn her major in the field of Business.

## New TISD trustees sworn in, approve teacher contracts

The four newly-elected members of the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees were officially sworn in last Tuesday night at the TISD Board meeting, including two At-Large trustees, Dr. Cathy Box, who was re-elected for another three-year term, and new trustee Clay Taylor; District 2 trustee Abraham Vega; and District 4 trustee Matt Woodley.

The seven-member Board then elected officers, choosing to keep current leadership roles in place for another year, with Dr. Box as president, Jim Bingham as vice president, and Scott Dimak as secretary.

The board approved contracts for teachers as recommended by the superintendent, and approved a teacher and campus principal compensation plan for 2015-16 that includes a 2.5% pay increase, with the adoption of a new salary scale that includes pay steps up to year 25. The current salary scale has pay steps up to year 30.

"The new salary scale that stops at year 25 will only apply to employees hired from this point on. Teachers who are currently with the district

will have access to the steps that go up to year 30," explained Dr. George McFarland, Superintendent.

The board also approved a process to design and implement a district-wide sick leave bank.

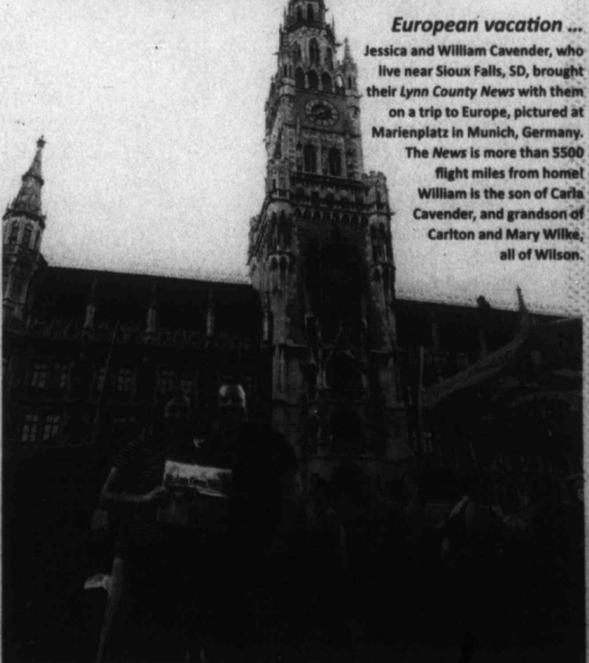
"The sick leave bank would allow employees the opportunity to voluntarily donate personal leave days into a pool which could then be accessed by other employees (or themselves) on an as needed crisis basis where the employees would get docked pay for missed days," said Dr. McFarland.

In a move designed to allow school districts more local authority regarding graduation requirements, the board adopted a resolution that allows the district to proceed with the implementation of the newly signed legislation known as SB 149.

"SB 149 allows districts to locally decide if seniors should be able to graduate and receive a diploma if they have completed all requirements for graduation with the exception of a state end of course exam," the superintendent explained. "Current policy

(See TISD TRUSTEES, page 3)

## Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



### European vacation ...

Jessica and William Cavender, who live near Sioux Falls, SD, brought their *Lynn County News* with them on a trip to Europe, pictured at Marienplatz in Munich, Germany. The *News* is more than 5500 flight miles from home! William is the son of Carla Cavender, and grandson of Carlton and Mary Wilke, all of Wilson.



Words of Inspiration: "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

—MICHAEL JORDAN

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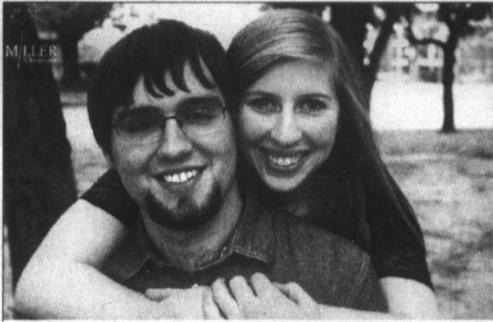
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DAVID SPRUIELL and JENNY WHEELER

**Couple announces engagement**

Bruce and Patti Spruiell of Tahoka announce the engagement of their son, David, of Abilene, to Jenny Wheeler, daughter of Jon and Linda Wheeler of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Larry and Joyce Wheeler of Arlington, and Charles and Loretta Haire of Lubbock. She will be pursuing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy this fall at HSU. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Lindell and Jean Bell of Tahoka. David and Jenny are both 2014 graduates of Hardin-Simmons University.

The couple plans to marry June 27 at First Baptist Church in Midland.

**Band Boosters elect officers**

The Tahoka 3-D' Band Boosters recently elected a slate of officers to serve in 2015-2016. Virginia Herrera was elected President, Carlos Moralez was elected Vice-President, Jacqueline Starkey is Secretary, and Alicia Stephens is Treasurer.



**Newsom graduates from Brownfield HS**

David Richard Newsom, son of Ray Newsom, formerly of Tahoka, graduated from Brownfield High School, on Friday, May 22.

He is the grandson of Dennis and Linda Newsom, formerly of Tahoka, and great-grandson of J.C. and Ruby Leverton of Levelland.

**REMINDER:**  
The Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector office is located on the west side of the square across from the Courthouse at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka. 561-4112



Kristin Rae Goen

**Goen graduates from TTUHSC**

Kristin Rae Goen, daughter of Ray and Cathy Box of Tahoka, graduated from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine on May 22, 2015 in ceremonies held at the City Bank Auditorium in Lubbock, Texas. Dr. Goen will practice Family Medicine in Amarillo, Texas during her residency program. She was a recipient of the Potter Randall Medical Alliance Scholarship.



MELANIE MOYA

**Melanie Moya named Covenant Nurse of the Year**

Melanie Bernal Moya, of Tahoka, was awarded the Nurse of the Year at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock on May 7, during Nurses Week May 6-12.

Melanie and her husband, Jesse Moya, have three children - Jeremiah DeLeon, and Madison and Makayla Moya. She is the daughter of Paul and Louisa Bernal. Her grandparents are Porfirio and Lola Garcia, Consuelo Bernal and the late Alfonso Bernal.

The "Sister Maureen Van Der Zee Excellence in Nursing Award" is given to nurses who demonstrate knowledge and competency in performing nursing skills. The nurse who receives this award also acts as a role model for other nurses, continues to seek professional growth, and displays excellence and professionalism in the performance of their duties.

by Dalton **Woodwork** Dalton Wood

**C**HILDREN catch on to the latest developments and trends in technology much faster than adults, as is illustrated by this story related last week by a close friend in Slaton, Alan Lewis:

"My daughter was teaching Bible Study and they were talking about Esther being called by God to do something. They were reviewing last Sunday, and she asked the class why Esther didn't do what God had called her to do.

"So my little 5-year-old grandson raised his hand and said, 'It's probably because God should have texted her and not CALLED her, because no one answers the phone anymore.' My 8-year-old granddaughter is in the class also, and my daughter said she just rolled her eyes and said, 'That's my dumb brother'."

Grandchildren are one of the greatest rewards of growing older.

THE FOLLOWING story about gambling and husband-wife relationships was posted on the Internet.

John, Sam and Abe, three retired friends, would get together every night, rain or shine, to play poker, a nice way to pass the time and the men enjoyed it immensely.

John's wife was not so fond of her husband's poker playing. She thought it was a lousy way to spend his time, but she had long ago resigned herself to the situation, although inside her was always a flame waiting to erupt.

One night, the game got more exciting as John and Abe, each convinced they had a winning hand, put their life savings into the pot. Intensity built as John, out of cash, added his car and house to the pot.

They finally showed their cards. As soon as John saw Abe's hand and realized he had lost, he had a heart attack and died.

Sam asked Abe, "How are we going to tell his wife?" And Abe said, "Don't worry—I'll take care of it."

Abe knocked on John's door and said to John's wife, "John just lost all of your life savings in a poker game, and now he's afraid to come home."

"He DID WHAT!" she screamed. "Tell him I don't ever want to see his face again! Tell him to just drop dead!"

"Okay," said Abe, nodding. "I'll tell him just that."

**Congratulations, Class of 2015!**

Ask what makes *you* come alive, and **go do it.** Because what the **world needs** is people who have come alive. ~ Howard Thurman

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**Congratulations TO Tahoka High School Seniors CLASS OF 2015**

**Valedictorian**  
Jeremiah Fabian DeLeon

**Salutatorian**  
Michael Dane Rivas

Elvia Maria Aguilar  
Megan Nicole Alvarado  
Gabriella Lauren Alvarez  
Amanda Justine Anderson  
Ashlee Gabrielle Anderson  
Kohl Stephen Angeley  
Isaiah Ray Arce  
Jordan Matthew Arriazola  
Caley Beth Bingham  
Jessie Aaron Calvillo  
Peyton John-Alois Curry  
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Laura Leeann Henderson  
Briana Hernandez  
Daniel Marcus Hernandez  
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Amanda Reyghn Hill

Kimmie Renea Jones  
Kara Elizabeth Larpenter  
Breanna Danielle Littrell  
Santiago Martinez  
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Paxton Blake McCleskey  
Ryan Aaron Jesse Mendez  
Vanessa Mendez  
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Roman Luke Parmer  
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Xavier Rha, AóShod Pinkard  
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Karen Elaine Strickland  
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Dillon Leland Trevino  
Marcus Ryan Vega

**DO MORE THAN BELONG: PARTICIPATE. DO MORE THAN CARE: HELP. DO MORE THAN BELIEVE: PRACTICE. DO MORE THAN BE FAIR: BE KIND. DO MORE THAN FORGIVE: FORGET. DO MORE THAN DREAM: WORK.**  
- WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

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**Congratulations!**  
to all Lynn County Graduates

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and staff

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TAHOKA, O'DONNELL, WILSON AND NEW HOME

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**Academic All-Stars...** Tahoka High School Academic All-Stars students are pictured here, front row from left, Alicia Broun, Laura Garcia, Sonya Gonzales, Briana Hernandez, Miranda DeLeon and Coy Mercer; and in back from left, Grant Tekell, Gabriella Alvarez, Amanda Anderson, Roman Parmer, Jeremiah DeLeon, Dane Rivas, Dillon Trevino and Luke Fleenor.



**Top 10 percent...** Tahoka High School students honored in the top 10 percent of their classes are, in front from left, Sarah Fleenor, Averi Starkey, Sonya Gonzales, Serena Ayala, and Miranda DeLeon; and in back from left, Jeremiah DeLeon, Klynn McCleskey, Grant Tekell, Roman Parmer, Dane Rivas, Luke Fleenor, and Patrick Herrera. Not pictured are Olivia Hammonds and Clarissa Lopez.

**From City Hall**

**Mosquitoes:** City workers are spraying for mosquitoes every day, weather permitting. But, we need you to help us in the fight against mosquitoes. Empty all rain water around your house that has accumulated in old pools, buckets, tires, etc. Standing water is a breeding ground for them. Mow your yards including the alleys. Mosquitoes love to hide in the weeds.

We will continue to spray as long as there is no chance of rain and the wind speed is less than 20 miles per hour.

**Cottonseed stolen out of planter**

About 12 bags of cottonseed were stolen out of a planter west of Tahoka, sheriff's officers were advised last Wednesday, May 20. The planter was located about four miles south of Lakeview, according to owner Mark Clem.

Sheriff's officers also were called to scenes of three domestic disturbances during the week, including two calls to the same location in Draw Monday. On the second call, a male suspect was arrested.

Also on Monday was a call from a woman in a vehicle traveling on U.S. 380, who used a cell phone to report her husband had assaulted her while they were driving. Officers located the vehicle three miles east of Tahoka, but no arrest resulted.

A domestic disturbance call to a residence west of Tahoka Tuesday morning also resulted in no arrests.

Tahoka police arrested two persons for driving while license was suspended or invalid during the week.

In jail early this week were 37 inmates, including 23 held for Ector County, 3 for Dawson County, and one for Gaines. Latest arrests included persons charged with harassment, evading arrest and possession of marijuana.

*Volunteer... and help others!*  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR WORLD.**

**TISD Trustees ...**

*(Continued from page 1)*

dictates that students cannot graduate unless they meet all requirements for graduation, including successfully passing all End of Course state exams. By passing the resolution, we can now legally take action to implement SB 149 without it being in contradiction to our board policy," he added.

In other action, the board approved the allocation of funds to purchase equipment for career and technology programs, and approved the purchase of district technology equipment which includes: replacement projectors for the THS/TMS classrooms, HS teacher laptops, and computers to replace both elementary campus computer labs.

The board approved a contract through Covenant Health that allows TISD to have access to an athletic trainer, and approved a 2015-2016 contract with Southwest Food Service for the operation of the district's cafeteria/food service

Trustees took action to nominate Dr. Cathy Box as the candidate from the Tahoka ISD school board to run for the TASB Board of Directors Region 17 seat that is coming up for election.

Prior to the business session, school officials took an opportunity to recognize several students and teachers, including: Athletics- Hadley Reynolds (state golf participant), Serena Ayala (state powerlifting participant), and Dillon Trevino (Academic All State-track); One Act Play (OAP) members were recognized for their advancement to the area competition: Haley Stephens, Emit Quintero, Kyle Jones, Selena Arroya, Yancy Draper, Devin McCleskey, Daniel Hernandez (and not present but part of OAP- Jordan Fowler, Railee Moore, Alexis Moore, and Caitlynn Adams); UIL par-

ticipants- Roman Parmer and Emit Quintero.

Teachers and Students of the Month for the past three months were recognized: High School: teacher Rachel Lehman and student Grant Tekell, teacher Whitney Wilson and student Gabriella Alvarez, and teacher Kaci May and student Taylor Morin; Middle School: paraprofessional Bam Bam Tomlinson and students Alex Tew and Bianca Garcia; Elementary School: teacher Emilia Garcia and student Isaac Garcia, teacher Rebecca Dimak and student LeZariah Rodriguez, and teacher Tiffanie Garvin and student Charles Mayes.

The board will have a board workshop on June 2, at 6:00 p.m., and the next regular board meeting will be Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Prior to that meeting the board will conduct a budget workshop that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Free camp offered here June 1-4, 8-11**

Children in grades 1-6 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 1-4 and June 8-11. The camp will be held each afternoon from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will run through May 29, at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office. Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 p.m.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of door prizes.

Volunteers are also needed. Anyone interested may sign up with Gracie at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, or call 561-5244.

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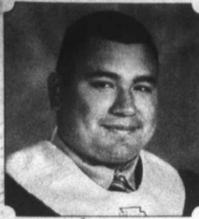
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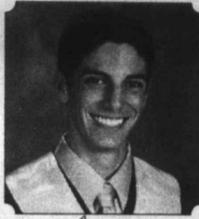
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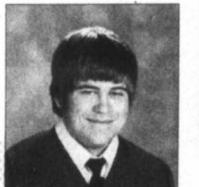
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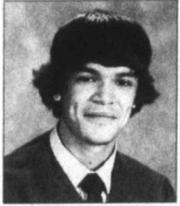
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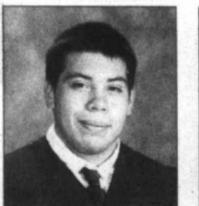
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**Marcus Ryan Vega**

### Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

#### VALEDICTORIAN: Jeremiah DeLeon

Jeremiah DeLeon, son of Jesus and Melanie Moya, is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2015. While in high school, Jeremiah was a member of the Varsity football team for all four years, a member of the powerlifting team for four years, and a member of the Tahoka 3-D Band for three years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been a member of the Tahoka Chapter of FFA. Jeremiah has also competed in Academic UIL for all four years of high school in the Mathematics and Science events, and the Number Sense event for two years.

After high school, Jeremiah plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Petroleum Engineering with a minor in Mechanical Engineering.

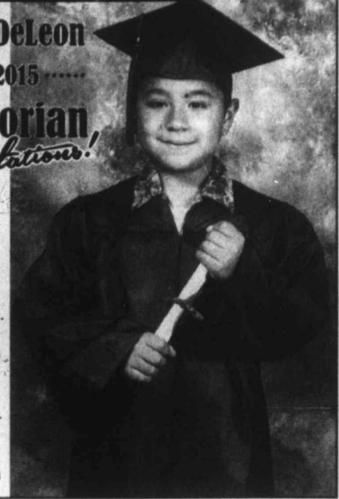
#### Tahoka High School

**Jeremiah DeLeon**  
..... Class of 2015 .....  
**Valedictorian**  
*Congratulations!*

**We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!**

Reach for the stars ...  
Don't stop believing ...  
You can do anything you put your mind to and we cannot wait to see what you will become in the future.

**WE LOVE YOU!**  
--DAD, MOM,  
MADISON & MAKAYLA



#### SALUTATORIAN: Dane Rivas

Dane Rivas is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2015. He is the son of Mike and Paige Rivas.

While in high school he was a member of Tahoka FFA and Student Council all four years, NHS his junior and senior year and served in office his senior year of each of these organizations. He also participated in Academic UIL, played basketball and ran track for three years.

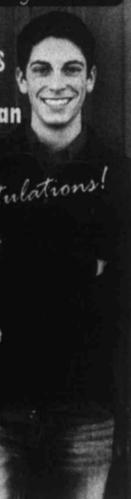
After high school, Dane plans to attend Texas Tech University Honors College where he will study animal science and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

#### Tahoka High School

**Dane Rivas**  
Class of 2015  
**Salutatorian**

**We are so proud of you & look forward to many great things to come!**

**WE LOVE YOU!**  
Jason & Claudia Alvarado



#### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations,**

**Elvia Aguilar!**

*from - your family*

**Elvia Maria Aguilar**  
Elvia Maria Aguilar is the daughter of Francisco and Elvia Aguilar.

In high school she was active in band- 2011 State Marching Contest Qualifier and 2013 through 2015 State Solo & Ensemble Qualifier. In FCCLA she was a State Event Qualifier in 2013 and 2014.

She plans to attend South Plains College and major in nursing.

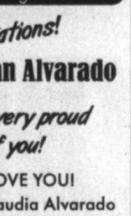
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**Congratulations!**

**Megan Alvarado**

*We're very proud of you!*

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**Megan Alvarado**

**Congrats!**



#### Tahoka High School

**Megan Alvarado**



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**We are PROUD of you!**  
Dad & Mom

#### Tahoka High School

*Congratulations Megan!*

**We are so proud of you!**  
Love -- Felix, Yollie,  
Pinkie & Jazlynn,  
Dillon & Lizzie

#### Tahoka High School

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

**Congratulations, Megan!**  
Love -- Fabian, Gracie,  
Morgan & Logan

**Tahoka High School Senior Biographies**

**Gabriella Lauren Alvarez**  
Gabriella Lauren Alvarez is the daughter of Jacqueline Salinas. She was active in FCCLA, advancing to state. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College.

**Amanda Anderson**  
Amanda Anderson is the daughter of Keith Anderson and Mary Angel Bertreaux.

While in high school, she participated in softball for two years, basketball for two years, and cross country for one year. She received her CNA certification her senior year.

After graduation, Amanda plans to attend South Plains College for two years and then transfer to Angelo State where she will be pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

**Ashlee Anderson**  
Ashlee Anderson is the daughter of Keith Anderson and Mary Angel Bertreaux.

While in high school, she played one year for the varsity softball team, and was a varsity cheerleader for two years. She received her CNA certification her senior year.

After graduation, Ashlee plans to attend South Plains College and obtain a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

**Isaiah Ray Arce**  
Isaiah Ray Arce is the son of Melissa Cruz and Juan Charon. In high school he was active in baseball, advancing to playoffs all four years. After graduation he plans to attend welding school.

**Tahoka High School  
Isaiah Arce**



I wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully. I wish you adventure on your journey. Listen to your heart and take risks carefully. Remember how much you are loved. We are so proud of you, son!!

Love - Mom, Juan, Daxyn, Nicholas, Annamarie & Faith

**Tahoka High School  
Congratulations!!  
Jordan Arriazola**

May God bless you in the journey you are about to begin.

We are so PROUD of you!!

Love, Dad, Mom, Josh, Jessica, Jacob, Janel, Abri & Jaziyah

**Jordan Matthew Arriazola**  
Jordan Matthew Arriazola is the son of Manuel and Carmen Arriazola. He plans to join the workforce after graduation.

**Tahoka High School  
Caley Bingham**



So very proud of you!  
Love You Bunches!  
Dad, Mom, Jacob, Jamie

**Caley Beth Bingham**  
Caley Beth Bingham is the daughter of Jim and Christy Bingham. She was active with the Lady Bulldog Softball team during high school. Her future plans are to attend college.

**Jessie Aaron Calvillo**  
Jessie Aaron Calvillo is the son of Felix and Pat Calvillo. The highlight of his high school career was making it to the playoffs in football. His future plans are to join the U.S. Army to become an Infantry soldier and later advance on to Special Forces.

**Peyton John-Alois Curry**  
Peyton John Curry is the son of John and Tammy Curry. The highlight of his high school career was FFA stock shows, Livestock Judging and the State Convention. After graduation he plans to attend Murray State in Oklahoma and participate in Livestock Judging.

**Tahoka High School  
Congratulations,  
Peyton Curry!**

We are so proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chantz & Ethan

**Yancy Maegen Draper**  
Yancy Maegen Draper is the daughter of Kelly and Kim Draper. She was very active with Tahoka 3D Band, going to State Solo & Ensemble 4 years, All Region Band, 2 year Area Qualifier (trumpet) Marching Band, going to State in 2011 and Drum Major in 2014. She was the recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award in 2015. She was also a part of One Act Play, Student Council, Varsity Softball Track and UIL in Number Sense, Science and Poetry Interpretation. Her plans after graduation are to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Music.

**Tahoka High School  
Jessie Calvillo**

We are proud of you!  
Have a safe journey.  
Love -  
Mom & Dad

**Charlie Danielle Duran**  
Charlie Danielle Duran is the daughter of Sylvia Hernandez and Luis Duran. She was a cheerleader for three years and was active in the Tahoka Band going to State in 2011. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in nursing after graduation.

**Tahoka High School  
CONGRATULATIONS  
Graduate**

**Tahoka High School  
Yancy Draper**

WE LOVE YOU!  
Dad and Mom

**Tahoka High School**

"And now we have these three: faith and hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."  
- 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

**Charlie Duran**

We love you, Charlie!  
So proud of you! Cannot wait to see what the future holds for you!  
Love you - Mom & Mikey

**Tahoka High School**

**Congratulations,  
Charlie Duran!**

Cannot believe you have grown up so quickly. Beyond proud of you! Always follow your heart.  
John & Yolanda  
Kids & Grandkids

**Tahoka High School**

**Ashlee and Amanda Anderson**

Behind you all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad & Pam  
MawMaw & PawPaw  
Corey, Whitlee,  
Brody, Averees,  
Aubree & Trenton

**Kohl Stephen Angeley**  
Kohl Stephen Angeley is the son of Michael and Tammi Angeley. In high school he was active in football and golf. After graduation he plans to attend the Wolforth Fire Academy.

**Tahoka High School**

**Kohl Angeley**

We are proud of you!  
Mom, Dad, Keelia, Rowdy, Keapers & Clint

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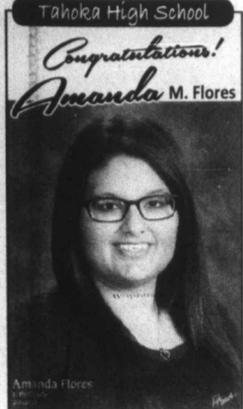
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**Amanda Marie Flores**  
Amanda Marie Flores is the daughter of Albert and Diane Flores.

She was active in FCCLA and Student Council during high school. Her plans after graduation are undecided.

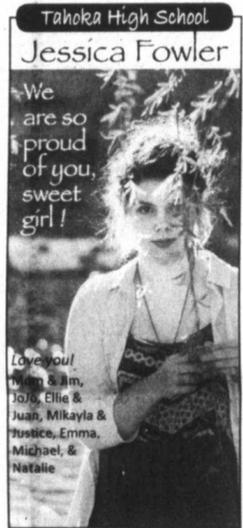


**Congratulations!**  
*Amanda M. Flores*

We are proud of you!  
Terry Ceniseros & Jesus Regalado

**Jessica Fowler**  
Jessica Fowler is the daughter of Jennifer McLamore and Brent Fowler.

She was a member of the Kennel-yearbook staff for 2 years and an NHS member her senior year. Jessica plans to attend the University of North Texas after graduation.



**Congratulations!**  
*Jessica Fowler*

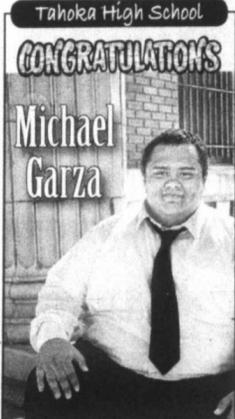
We are so proud of you, sweet girl!

Love you!  
Diana & Jim,  
Toby, Ellie &  
Juan, Mikayla &  
Justice, Emma,  
Michael, &  
Natalie



**Congratulations!**  
*Zachary Ryan Garcia*

We are PROUD of you!  
Mom, Dad, Tim & Isaac



**Congratulations!**  
*Michael Garza*

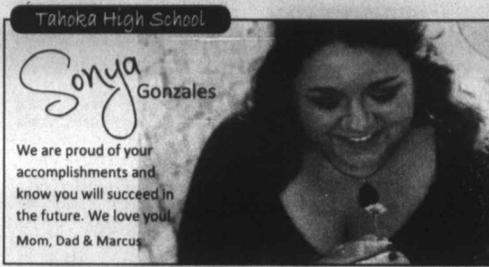
We are very proud of you and we love you!  
Mom, brothers & sisters

**Michael X. Garza**  
Michael X. Garza is the son of Susie Garza.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing to the playoffs in football. His plans are to go to UTI in Dallas after graduation.

**Sonya Gonzales**  
Sonya Gonzales is the daughter of Julio and Amelia Gonzales.

While in high school, she was a member of the Tahoka 3-D band for four years, the Kennel Yearbook staff for two years, the National Honor Society for two years and she was the manager for the Varsity Boys' Basketball team. Sonya plans to attend West Texas A&M University after graduation.



**Congratulations!**  
*Sonya Gonzales*

We are proud of your accomplishments and know you will succeed in the future. We love you!  
Mom, Dad & Marcus

**Congratulations!**  
*You did it!*

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."  
— WINSTON CHURCHILL

**Laura Leeann Henderson**  
Laura Leeann Henderson is the daughter of Paul and Cara Henderson.

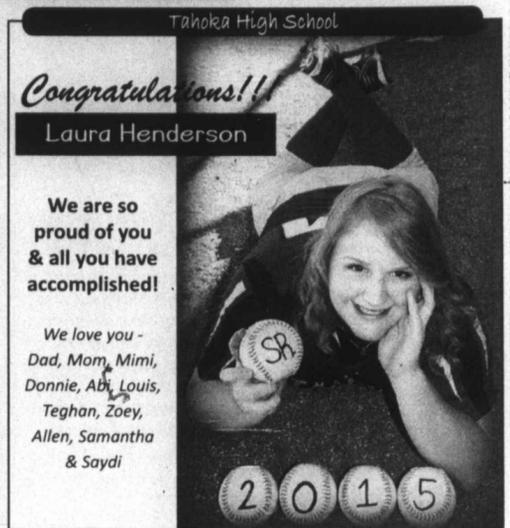
She was active in the Tahoka Band, going to State in 2011, and the Lady Bulldog Softball team. She became a certified GNA through high school and plans to work for Covenant or UMC after graduation.



**Congratulations!**  
*Laura Leeann*

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
— JEREMIAH 29:11

We are so proud of you!  
Love - Uncle Terry, Nae Nae, Rolly, Mikayla & Pax

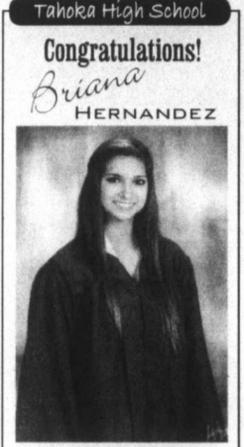


**Congratulations!!!**  
*Laura Henderson*

We are so proud of you & all you have accomplished!

We love you -  
Dad, Mom, Mimi,  
Donnie, Abi, Louis,  
Teghan, Zoey,  
Allen, Samantha  
& Saydi

2015



**Congratulations!**  
*Briana Hernandez*

We are so proud of you!  
Love - Dad, Mom,  
David Jr., Steven & Anthony

**Briana Hernandez**  
Briana Hernandez is the daughter of David and Brenda Hernandez.

She was a cheerleader for two years and was active in powerlifting, softball, FCCLA advancing to State, Student Council, UIL in Science, and served as Senior Class Officer. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and major in Criminal Justice.

**Victor Dominique Herrera**  
Victor Dominique Herrera is the son of Victor and Virginia Herrera.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing to the playoffs and winning the District Champion title in baseball in 2012 and 2015. His plans are to go St. Mary's University with a baseball scholarship after graduation.



**DOM Herrera**  
GO Spires

We're proud of you!

Love -  
Dad, Mom,  
Patrick & Joey



**Dom Herrera**  
"We are what we believe we are."  
- C.S. Lewis

We believe in you.  
Congratulations!  
Uncle Paul & Aunt Gloria,  
Tawnyee, D'Maris & Kyra



**Congratulations, Dom Herrera**  
PROUD OF YOU!  
WE LOVE YOU!

Grandma & Grandpa,  
Lorenzo,  
Corbin  
& Gracie

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**Congratulations, Daniel Hernandez!**

Love - Mum, Dad,  
Michael, Amanda, Ayden,  
Andrew Jr., & Grandma Flores

**Daniel Hernandez**  
Daniel Hernandez is the son of Robert and Diana Hernandez.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing past District in One Act Play. His plans are to join the work force and attend college after graduation.



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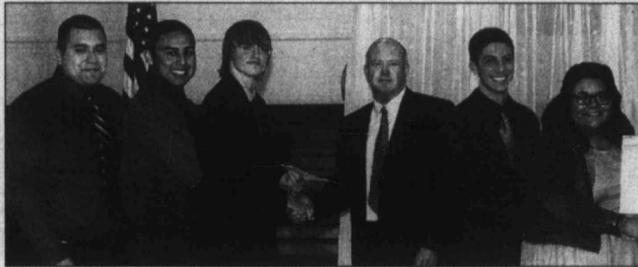
# Congratulations TO THE TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL 2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**THS Valedictorian - JEREMIAH DeLEON**  
presented by Jeff Perez



**THS Salutatorian - DANE RIVAS**  
presented by Jeff Perez



**Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship** presented by Worth Whitworth  
JEREMIAH DeLEON, DILLON TREVINO, ROMAN PARMER,  
DANE RIVAS and SONYA GONZALES



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COY MERCER and KARA LARPENTER  
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presented by W. Calloway Huffaker



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JEREMIAH DeLEON (Bulldog Scholarship)  
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CHARLIE DURAN  
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DILLON TREVINO  
presented by Jon Luna



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JEREMIAH DeLEON, KARA LARPENTER, MACON THORNTON,  
SONYA GONZALES and DANE RIVAS



**Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarship**  
ROMAN PARMER  
presented by Delores Short



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ELVIA AGUILAR, GABRIELLA ALVAREZ, COY MERCER  
and DILLON TREVINO presented by Sammy Pridmore



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DANE RIVAS and COY MERCER  
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JESSICA FOWLER and COY MERCER  
presented by Leighton Knox



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Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Amanda Hill**

Amanda is the daughter of Rusty and Mandy Cook and Jeff and Norma Hill.

While in high school, Amanda was a member of FFA for four years, played varsity softball for four years and powerlifting for three years. After high school, Amanda will attend Lubbock Christian University and study photography.

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations,**  
*Amanda Hill!*  
 We are proud of you!  
 Kent, Mistie, Trevor,  
 Jace, Corlee & Kash

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations,**  
 Kara Larpenter



We are very proud of you. May God continue to bless you and your abilities. Love you bunches!  
 Dad, Mom and family

**Kara Elizabeth Larpenter**

Kara Elizabeth Larpenter is the daughter of Kevin and Angela Larpenter.

She was active in FCCLA, advancing to State, and was on the varsity softball team. She plans to attend South Plains College to study Child Development.

**Kimmie Renea Jones**

Kimmie Renea Jones is the daughter of Brenda Norwood and granddaughter of Eva Chapa.

She was active in FCCLA, FCA, basketball and Cross Country. She plans to attend South Plains College and earn her Associate Degree in nursing.

Tahoka High School

We love you and are so proud of you!



Mom, Mommy,  
 Ben & Krista Spears,  
 Brock & Lily, Kyle, Danny,  
 Nina, Rainey, and Jake

**Breanna Danielle Littrell**

Breanna Danielle Littrell is the daughter of Diane Vega.

She enjoyed going to high school and being an encourager to others to finish high school. She plans to attend South Plains College next Spring.

Tahoka High School  
 We are very proud of you & love you!  
 Mom, Gabby, Isaac, Isiah,  
 Angel, Adrian, Grandpa Carlos,  
 Grandma Mary, Ruben Nambo,  
 Chuck & Elijah, Martin &  
 Joanna, and Mabel

**Santiago Martinez III**

Santiago Martinez III is the son of Jimmy Martinez and Erica Flores.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing to the playoffs and winning in baseball. His plans are to become a pipeline welder after graduation.



"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."  
 - Derek Jeter

"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team."  
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."  
 - Michael Jordan

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations,**  
 Devin McCleskey



Good luck on the next chapter of your journey.

WE LOVE YOU!  
 Mom, Dad & Klynn

**Devin McCleskey**

Devin McCleskey is the son of Corey and Bre McCleskey.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing past District in One Act Play, earning Honorable Mention All-Star Cast at Bi-District. He plans to move to Lubbock after graduation.

Tahoka High School

**Blake McCleskey**



We are proud of you!  
 Love you bunches ~  
 Dad, Mom, Skyler & Bek

**Paxton Blake McCleskey**

Paxton Blake McCleskey is the son of Aaron and Melissa McCleskey.

The highlight of his high school career was going to State Round-Up for Consumer Decision Making and the Houston Stock Show. His plans are to attend the Wolf-forth Fire Academy.

**Coy Elizabeth Mercer**

Coy Elizabeth Mercer is the daughter of Joe and Kim Mercer.

Coy was active in 4-H and FFA as an officer, two time state qualifying livestock team member and stock shows. She was awarded Reserve Champion American Steer at the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Grand and Reserve Champion Steer at the Lynn County Stock Show. She was active in yearbook and U.I.L. She was awarded the 4-H Gold Star, Champion Senior Showman, Outstanding 4-H member and FiberMax Ag Student of the Week.

Coy will continue her passion for the livestock industry at West Texas A&M University, majoring in Animal Science.

**Ryan Mendez**

Ryan Mendez is the son of Jesse and Kathleen Mendez.

The highlight of his high school career was advancing to Regionals three times in Shot-Put, winning a District Championship and a Bi-District Championship, and also winning two play-off games in basketball. His plans are to attend South Plains College for track after graduation.

**Vanessa Mendez**

Vanessa Mendez is the daughter of Julio and Yolanda Mendez.

The highlight of her high school career was going to State for Cosmetology and receiving Blue Ribbons. She plans to work in a salon after graduation.

Tahoka High School  
**Coy Elizabeth**  
 MERCER



So proud of you!  
 PROVERBS 31:25  
 Love you! Mom & Dad



**Alexis Marie Moore**

Alexis Marie Moore is the daughter of Stephanie Lynn Moore.

She was active in Art and was a District Advancer in One Act Play in 2015. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College to become an Art teacher.

Tahoka High School



All our DREAMS CAN COME TRUE ... IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM.  
 - Walt Disney



We are so proud of you!  
 WE LOVE YOU!

from ...  
 Mom, Dad, Trish, Cesar, Luz and Lorena

**Congratulations to all Lynn County graduates!**  
 We salute your achievements and wish you years of success and happiness.

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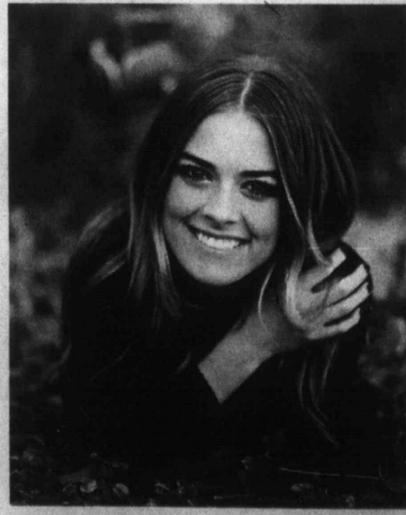
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*Congratulations,*  
*Amanda Hill*

It's been a great senior year and we look forward to your bright future.



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Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Roman Parmer**  
Roman Parmer is the son of Rhonda and Billy Parmer. While in high school, he played varsity football for two years, varsity basketball for three years, ran varsity track for two years, and was a member of the Kennel yearbook staff for his senior year. Roman plans to attend Texas Tech University after graduation.

**Yajaira Marlene Peña**  
Yajaira Marlene Peña is the daughter of Stephanie Lynn Moore. She was active in Art and made jewelry. She plans to attend college at a later date.

**Alyssa Marie Pesina**  
Alyssa Marie Pesina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vega and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Pesina.

She took the CNA class offered in high school and became certified and also became engaged. After graduation she plans to get



Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey.  
-Michael Josephson

Love... Michael, Kim, Jonathan, Miranda, Janelle & Kyler

married in July and attend the Rad Tech program at South Plains College to receive her Associates Degree. She plans to become a Radiologist sometime in the future.

**Xavier Rha'shod Pinkard**  
Xavier Rha'shod Pinkard is the son of Brandy Burleson. He plans to work after graduation.

**Mia Saldana**  
Mia Saldana is the daughter of Sandy Alvarez and Tony Alvarez. In high school she participated in marching band for four years, was in band, council representative for 3 years, was a part of the Kennel yearbook staff for 2 years, a manager for athletics for 2 years, and was a member of Student Council for 3 years. After graduation, Mia plans to attend South Plains College, and then transfer to Angelo State University.



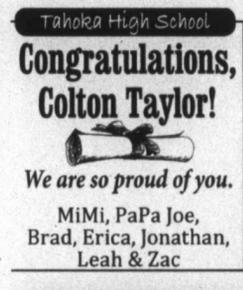
**Karen E. Strickland**  
Karen E. Strickland is the daughter of Jim and Nicki Strickland. She was active in the 3D Band and was Band Manager her senior year. Her plans after graduation are undecided.

**Kayla Jaye Strickland**  
Kayla Jaye Strickland is the daughter of Jim and Nicki Strickland. She was active in Student Council and band. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College and major in Early Childhood Development.



"We love you for all that you are, all that you have been and all you're yet to be"  
Dad, Mom, & Jon Anthony & Marcella & Kids

**Colton Taylor**  
Colton Taylor is the son of Jeff and Carrie Long. While in high school Colton competed in Basketball and Baseball all 4 years. He was also a member of FFA and 4-H. After high school he plans on playing college baseball, and majoring in Sports Management.



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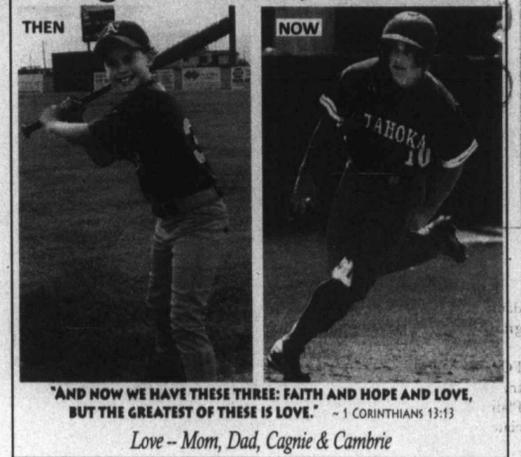
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We love you!  
Robin, Wayne, Trey & Meliah



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**Congratulations, Coco Bear!**



"AND NOW WE HAVE THESE THREE: FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE, BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE." - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13  
Love -- Mom, Dad, Cagnie & Cambrie



We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.  
LOVE, Grandma & Grandpa



**Military personnel addresses sought for local project**

Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center in Tahoka is seeking names and addresses for active military personnel from Lynn County. Lynnwood residents and staff will be doing their Stockings for Soldiers project again this year, and would like to include all military personnel with ties to this area. Call Lynnwood at 806-998-1226, or email Lynnwood Director Diane Osborn at Diane Osborn at dosborne@lchdhealthcare.org, with any addresses.

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**Congratulations to all area Graduates!**

Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination.  
-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Thank you ...  
to the Tahoka ISD teachers, administration, classmates, Lynn County community members, friends, and everyone associated with Tahoka ISD that has supported me and our school over the past six years.  
I would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Howell for all her extra time and to Coach Hopper for his guidance and leadership in my life these past few years and the opportunity to represent Tahoka ISD in athletics and academics.  
Thank you and God bless!

**THIS Class of 2015 - Roman Parmer**  
We love you and are proud of you!  
~ Rayley, Ray, Rebekah, Raquel, Rocky, Mom and Dad

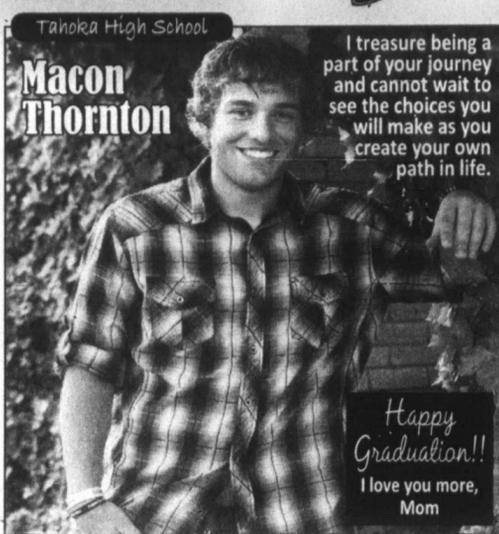
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Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Macon Haskell Thornton**  
Macon Haskell Thornton is the son of Scott Thornton and Tanya Cerovski.  
The highlight of his high school career was football and baseball, winning three District Championships, and making new friends. His plans are to attend South Plains College and major in communications.

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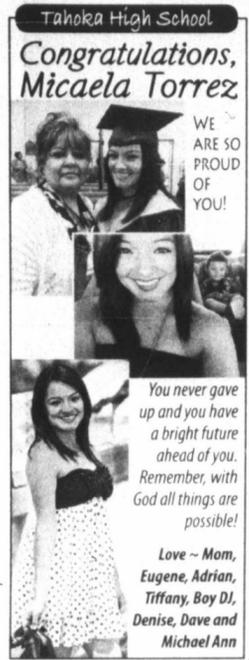
**Macon Thornton**

I treasure being a part of your journey and cannot wait to see the choices you will make as you create your own path in life.

Happy Graduation!!  
I love you more,  
Mom

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**Congratulations, Micaela Torrez**



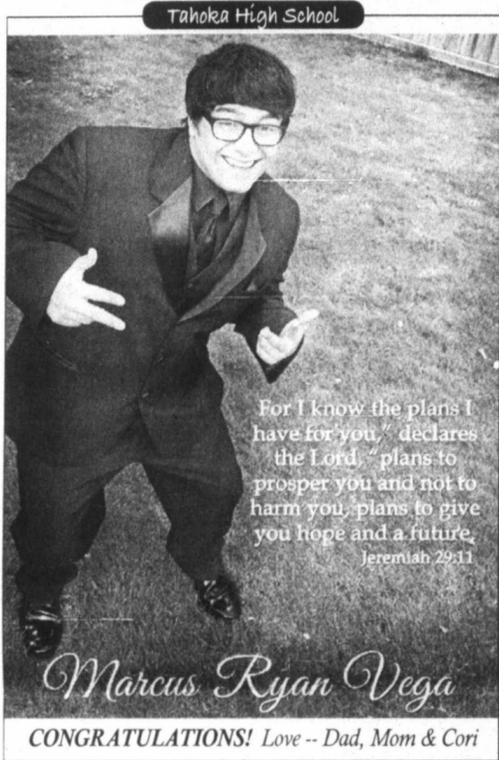
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

You never gave up and you have a bright future ahead of you. Remember, with God all things are possible!

Love -- Mom, Eugene, Adrian, Tiffany, Boy DJ, Denise, Dave and Michael Ann

**Micaela Mary-Anna Torrez**  
Micaela Mary-Anna Torrez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Montez and Dory Torrez.  
She was active in band, going to State in 2011 and was nominated for 2015 Band Sweetheart. She made it to Regionals in tennis and track. She plans to attend South Plains College to earn her Associates Degree in Emergency Medical Services.

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11

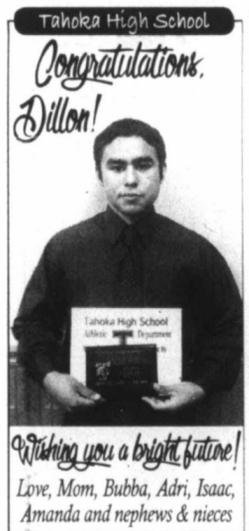
**Marcus Ryan Vega**

CONGRATULATIONS! Love -- Dad, Mom & Cori

**Marcus Ryan Vega**  
Marcus Ryan Vega is the son of Abraham and Lisha Vega.  
The highlight of his high school career was playing football in the Greenbelt Bowl in Childress.  
His plans are undecided after graduation.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations, Dillon!**



Wishing you a bright future!

Love, Mom, Bubba, Adri, Isaac, Amanda and nephews & nieces

**Dillon Trevino**  
Dillon Trevino is the son of Yolanda and Gilbert Trevino.  
While in high school he played varsity football and varsity basketball for three years, ran varsity track for two years, and played varsity tennis for one year. He was part of NHS and a STUCO member.  
After graduation, Dillon plans to attend either Texas Tech or Lubbock Christian University and major in Business.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations Marcus Vega**



We are proud of you. Good luck in your future. Love ya!  
Uncle Pete, Aunt Felicia, Danielle, Danalyn & Bella



**Spring Band Concert ...** Carroll Rhodes, Director of the Tahoka High School 3-D Band, directs the band during their Spring Concert, presented in May. The band's trophies and numerous other awards lined the stage.

COLLECTED QUOTES FROM ALBERT EINSTEIN

"I want to know God's thoughts; the rest are details."  
"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character."  
"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."  
"If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play, and z is keeping your mouth shut."



**This is fun! ...** Wilson ISD students in PreK-1st grade (pictured above) visited the City-County Library on a field trip last week, where the youth were entertained with a puppet show presented by Judith Miller and her puppet, "Jimmy" (pictured at left).

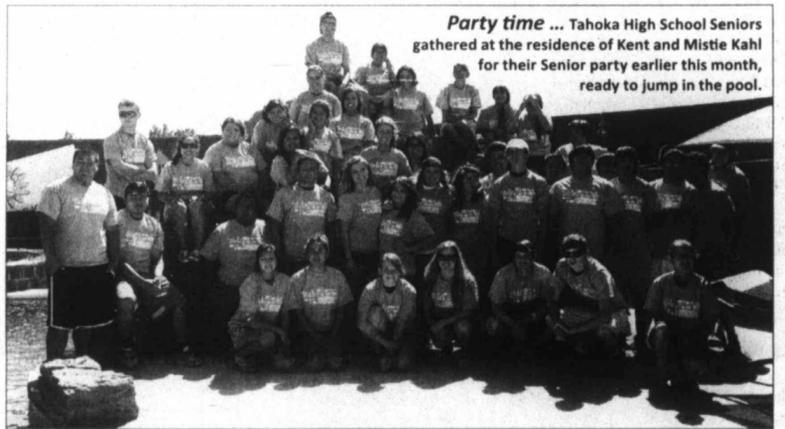


Wilson High School Senior Biographies

**Taylor Denise Hernandez**  
Taylor Denise Hernandez, daughter of Joe and Tracy Hernandez of Wilson, graduated early, in December 2014. She has gone to Wilson school since Pre-K. In high school she was on the yearbook committee and was also involved in the Lynn County and Houston stock shows.  
Taylor plans to go to college to become a Cosmetologist.

**Cedric Louis Aguirre**  
Cedric Louis Aguirre is the son of Louis and Martha Aguirre. He graduated early, in December 2014.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**  
"Either you run the day, or the day runs you."  
-JIM ROHN



**Party time ...** Tahoka High School Seniors gathered at the residence of Kent and Mistie Kahl for their Senior party earlier this month, ready to jump in the pool.

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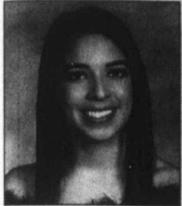
## Class of 2015



**Valedictorian**  
**KRISTYN EDWARDS**



**Salutatorian**  
**ALYSSA BARTON**



**Brooklyn Balague**



**Savas Ray Barrioz**



**Alexis Costa**



**Jack Franklin**



**Federico Hernandez Gonzalez III**



**Krislynn Harris**



**Jerrod Jaquess**



**Devon Luna**



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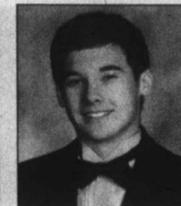
**Izia Rios**



**Michael Rivas**



**Freddy Rodriguez**



**Sterlyn Wilkie**

**OHS VALEDICTORIAN**

**Kristyn Tyra Edwards**  
Kristyn Tyra Edwards, daughter of Ben and Sharla Edwards, is the Valedictorian for the O'Donnell Class of 2015.

In high school she was a cheerleader and was active in sports, UIL, FFA, Student Council, Science Fair and One Act Play, and was Prom Queen. She received many Academic All Star awards and All District awards. She participated in the State CX Debate and multiple FFA events.

After graduation she plans to attend Angelo State University to pursue a business degree and in the future going to law school at Texas Tech University.

**OHS Salutatorian**

**Alyssa Brooke Barton**  
Alyssa Brooke Barton, daughter of Wayne and Kathy Barton, is the Salutatorian for the O'Donnell Class of 2015.

In high school she was a cheerleader and was active in sports, UIL, Science Fair and One Act Play, 4-H and National Honor Society. She was awarded 1st Team All District, 1st Team All Region and 2nd Team All State honors in basketball. She was the O'Donnell 2015 Homecoming Sweetheart.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University and earn her major in the field of Business.

**Brooklyn Diane Balague**

Brooklyn Diane Balague is the daughter of Speedy Balague and Amy Balague.

In high school she was active in Band, FFA, One Act Play, Science Fair and sports. She received 1st Team All District and 2nd Team all Region. She was also crowned Basketball Sweetheart.

After graduation she plans to attend Angelo State University and major in Kinesiology. She hopes to become a Physical Therapist in the future.

**Savas Ray Barrioz**  
Savas Ray Barrioz is the son of Lupe Barrioz.

He was active in Band, track, basketball, football and baseball. His plans after graduation are to attend Texas State Technical School.

**Alexis Brook Costa**  
Alexis Brook Costa is the daughter of Israel and Anita Costa. In high school she was active in Band, Business classes, Culinary Arts and Art class.

After graduation, her plans are to enroll in photography classes and travel the world.

**Jack Benjamin Franklin**

Jack Benjamin Franklin is the son of Ben and Debbie Franklin.

In high school he was active in Band, FFA, the 2015 Champion ABC Jr. Market Steer at Houston and many other awards, National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, One Act Play, golf, football and baseball. He was active in many community services such as World Changers, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Youth, O'Donnell Missions Outreach and a youth football and baseball coach volunteer. He was a mentor to neighborhood boys.

After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Agricultural Economics.

**Federico Rene Hernandez Gonzalez III**

Federico Rene Hernandez Gonzalez III is the son of Lupe Carrasco and Fred Gonzalez.

He was active in Band, One Act Play, UIL, Meat Judging, and sports during high school. After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College and major in nursing.

**Krislynn Brooke Harris**

Krislynn Brooke Harris is the daughter of Ofilia Rios of Lamesa and Russell Gerald Harris of Ozona. In high school she was

active in track and horse judging, Band, and 4-H. She received her Welding Certification and OHS Salutes in Science award.

After graduation, her plans are to enroll in a six-month EMT-B course and later become a forensic pathologist.

**Jerrod Emry Jaquess**

Jerrod Emry Jaquess is the son of Jerry and Missy Jaquess.

In high school he was active in Band, FFA-earning Area Qualifier in many events; One Act Play- Area Qualifier; State Science Fair-earning numerous awards; golf, track, football and basketball. He was nominated Most Fun, Best Smile and Personality Plus nominee.

After graduation he plans to attend Angelo State University and major in Physical Therapy/ Sports Medicine.

**Devon Desha Luna**

Devon Desha Luna is the daughter of Stephanie Luna. After graduation, her plans are to attend South Plains College.

**M'Kayla Grace Motley**

M'Kayla Grace Motley is the daughter of Donna and Bryan Brownlow and Ronnie Motley. In high school she was active in National Honor Society, Student Council, cheerleading, One Act Play, Academic UIL and tennis.

After graduation, her plans are to attend Angelo State University.

**Hanna Naumann**

Hanna Naumann is the daughter of Patty and Tom Ed Vestal of O'Donnell and Kenneth and Melody Naumann of Spicewood.

In high school she was active in sports, receiving Honorable Mention in District in basketball, Area in shot put and 800m relay; UIL, Student Council, FFA, qualifying for Area many times; and was the 2014 O'Donnell Rodeo Queen, and was selected by the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District as the Outstanding Ag Student of OISD for 2015.

After graduation she plans to attend West Texas A&M in Canyon where she will major in Agricultural Business/Animal Science.

**Adrian Lee Perez**

Adrian Lee Perez is the son of Rosalinda Perez.

He was active in Band and track during high school. His plans after graduation are to work and attend South Plains College.

**Matthew Jake Piña**

Matthew Jake Piña is the son of Suana Moya and Hugo Piña.

He was active in track, CC, Culinary Arts and Art during high school. After graduation he plans to become a diesel mechanic.

**Izia Rios**

Izia Rios is the son of Jose and Sylvia Moreno.

In high school he was active in sports, band, Science Fair, UIL, CX Debate, Congressional Debate, and was part of the journalism and yearbook staff. He qualified for Regional in Calculator Applications and for 1st in District UIL in Number Sense and Persuasive Speaking.

After graduation he plans to attend Angelo State University.

**Michael Gregory Rivas**

Michael Gregory Rivas is the son of Guadalupe and Lupe Rivas.

He was active in track, basketball, baseball, football and band. Michael plans to attend Angelo State University to major in Kinesiology.

**Jesus Alfredo Rodriguez**

Jesus Alfredo Rodriguez (Freddy) is the son of Ma Del Rosario Luera and Valentin Leonel Luera.

He was active in Cross Country, making it to State as well as breaking the school record being the first boy in O'Donnell history to make it to State Cross Country. He was active in basketball, track, OAP, Band and was the school Mascot for three years.

He plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Computer Science.

**Sterlyn Wilkie**

Sterlyn Wilkie is the son of Brian and Robin Wilkie.

He was active in baseball, football-All District Wide Receiver, golf and band. He was selected All Region and All District in basketball and baseball as well as Academic All District. He was the Free Throw Champion in the Borden County Tournament, and is lead in the region (points per game) in basketball. In golf he was 2nd Place Medalist and Regional Qualifier. He was nominated OHS Prom King.

After graduation he plans to attend Angelo State University and become a Medical Lab Technician.



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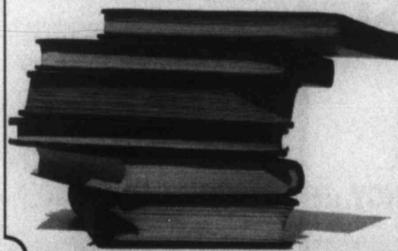
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OHS Valedictorian

*Alyssa Brooke Barton*  
OHS Salutatorian

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# New Home High School

## Class of 2015



**Salutatorian**  
**ISABEL GOMEZ**



**Lindsey Nicole Cobb**



**McKenzie Taylor-Raye English**



**Anabel Gomez**



**Brianna Haley Laseman**



**Victor Martinez**



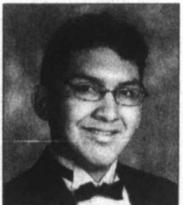
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**Patrick Daniel Overman**



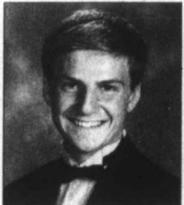
**Madyson Marie Polozola**



**Jamie Rodriguez**



**Michael Omar Silva**



**Ryan Maverick Thomas**



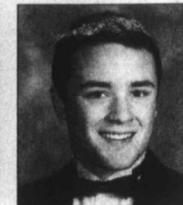
**Mariano Torres, Jr.**



**David Jay Ussery**



**Bradley Wayne Walden**



**Blaine Andrew Watts**

**NHHS VALEDICTORIAN**

**Kaylan Marie Lehman**

Kaylan Lehman is the New Home High School Valedictorian of the Class of 2015. She is the daughter of Tara Timmons and Todd Lehman.

The highlights of her high school career include participating in varsity basketball and serving as FCA and student council president, as well as traveling to Spain on a mission trip.

After graduation her plans are to attend Wayland Baptist University to major in Intercultural Missions and possibly minor in art in to become an overseas career missionary. She hopes to eventually become a mission trip coordinator for other students who also feel called to share the gospel of Christ overseas.

**NHHS SALUTATORIAN**

**Isabel Rodriguez Gomez**

Isabel Gomez is the New Home High School Salutatorian of the Class of 2015. She is the daughter of Francisca and Jesus Gomez.

The highlights of her high school career include participating in basketball and track where I advanced in track to Area in the mile relay, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Student Council, Texas Tech University Upward Bound program and Yearbook/Journalism.

After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College to get her degree in general studies and then transfer to Midland College and receive her associate's degree for Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

path at a major university, majoring in animal science.

**McKenzie Taylor-Raye English**

McKenzie is the daughter of Jason and Casey English.

The highlights of her high school career include: playing basketball and making it to playoffs two years; Junior year she was named all district; Senior year she was named All District and Academic All-District. She made the regional golf team her Sophomore year and to regional golf as an individual her Junior and Senior year. She was the 2015 Homecoming Queen.

After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College to become a Registered Nurse.

**Anabel Gomez**

Anabel is the daughter of Miguel and Alicia Gomez.

During high school she was a member of Texas Tech Upward Bound for 4 years; participated in Yearbook/Journalism for 2 years and was the Editor. She was active FCA.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech over the summer with Upward Bound then transfer to South Plains College for their Cosmetology program with hopes of owning her own business one day.

**Brianna Haley Laseman**

Brianna is the daughter of Sherri Laseman-Graham and the late Danny Laseman.

During high school she was on the basketball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, Student Council and One Act Play.

After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College and get her associates degree in nursing then transfer to Texas Tech to get her Bachelor of Science in health administration.

**Victor Martinez**

Victor is the son of Jose and Gloria Martinez.

Victor was on the "A-B" Honor Roll throughout high school, and was named 1st team All District and Regional Center, and 2nd team All District Linebacker.

After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College then

transfer to Texas Tech University to be an Electrical Engineer.

**Joarit Mireles**

Joarit is the daughter of Sonia Loera and Jose Manuel Mireles Ortiz.

She was active in cross country, competing in the Regional meet for 3 years and State this year. She competed in the Regional meet all 4 years of high school in track.

After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College for general studies.

**Patrick Daniel Overman**

Patrick is the son of Eddie Overman and the late Randy Overman.

Patrick was a member of the New Home High School Robotics FTC team for two years and was in journalism working on the school yearbook for two years. He was also part of the FFA quiz team for two years.

After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College to join the medical field and become an X-ray technician.

**Jaime Rodriguez**

Jaime is the son of Victor and Maria Rodriguez.

He was on the journalism team, and a part of the Ag quiz team and joining New Home's FTC robotics team.

After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College to further his education.

**Michael Omar Silva**

Michael is the son of Javier and Lydia Silva.

Michael was on the Yearbook staff through high school. After graduation he plans to make a career as a stand up or television comedian.

**Ryan Mavrick Thomas**

Ryan is the son of Wally and Sandy Reeves.

Ryan was on the team winning Bi-District in basketball, and went to Area his Junior and Senior year in track. He was named 1st Team All District Offense in Football and Academic All-District in Basketball, and was on the golf team, winning Regional Golf his Senior year. He was the 2015 Homecoming King.

After graduation he plans on joining the Fire Academy at South Plains College, and becoming a Lubbock fireman.

**Mariano Torres Jr.**

Mariano is the son of Mariano Torres Sr. and Rosalinda Torres.

Mariano was active in football, being named All District defensive tackle, All Region defensive tackle, Honorable mention Spread back, Honorable mention in Basketball, District & Bi-District Football Champions. He participated in Ag Welding and Area Track.

After graduation he plans on

going to welding school and getting certified as a welder or going to the Marines for infantry.

**David Jay Ussery**

David is the son of Jay and Becky Ussery.

In high school, David was active in football, winning District and Bi-District championships his sophomore and junior years. He advanced to State in cross-country his Senior year.

He plans to attend the Fire Academy at South Plains College after graduation.

**Bradley Wayne Walden**

Bradley is the son of Darel and Dianna Walden. The highlights of his high school career include playing football and winning district and bi-district in both his sophomore and junior years. He was named 2nd team all district special teams and 2nd team all district defensive linemen as a sophomore. During his junior year, he was named 1st team all district tight end, 1st team all district line backer, and 2nd team all region line backer.

His plans are to attend South Plains College, then transfer to Texas Tech to become a civil engineer.

**Blaine Andrew Watts**

Blaine is the son of Kimberly Watts and Bryan Watts.

Blaine played football and basketball, making the playoffs in football and basketball. He also made it to Regional in Golf and was named All-State Punter.

After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College and join the Law Enforcement program.

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### Farmers must certify conservation compliance by June 1 deadline

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers to file a Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form (AD-1026) with their local USDA Service Center by June 1, 2015. The 2014 Farm Bill requires producers to have the form on file in order to remain eligible, or to become eligible for crop insurance premium support.

Many farmers already have a certification form on file since it's required for participation in most USDA programs. However, farmers who only participate in the federal crop insurance program must now file a certification form to receive crop insurance premium support.

"USDA is making every effort possible to get the word out about this new Farm Bill provision," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We've deployed a variety of informational documents and online resources including fact sheets, frequently asked questions and brochures to help farmers understand what they need to do. We've also conducted informational meetings and training sessions for nearly 6,000 stakeholders across the country. We want to make sure that those



**Ready to roll ...** Bill Chancy sits on the lawn mower at B&E Implement that he won in a raffle sponsored by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. Pictured with Chancy is his wife, Francis, Shane Huffaker, representing the Volunteer Fire Dept., and Brian Sellers, Store Manager for B & E Implement. The Z425 EZtrak Series John Deere was contributed by B & E Implement of Tahoka.

who are required to act do so by the June 1 deadline. We want all eligible producers to be able to maintain their ability to protect their operations with affordable crop insurance."

While there are procedures in place to correct good faith errors and omissions on certification forms, the deadline cannot be waived or extended and a form must be filed by June 1.

The Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form AD-1026 is available at local USDA Service Centers or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/AD1026form](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/AD1026form). When a farmer completes this form, USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff will identify any additional actions that may be required for compliance with highly erodible land and wetland provisions. USDA's Risk Management Agency, through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, manages the federal crop insurance program.

### One of the best fields for new college graduates? Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a new report showing tremendous demand for recent college graduates with a degree in agricultural programs with an estimated 57,900 high-skilled job openings annually in the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, and environment fields in the United States. According to an employment outlook report released recently by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and Purdue University, there is an average of 35,400 new U.S. graduates with a bachelor's degree or higher in agriculture related fields, 22,500 short of the jobs available annually.

"There is incredible opportunity for highly-skilled jobs in agriculture," said Secretary Vilsack. "Those receiving degrees in agricultural fields can expect to have ample career opportunities. Not only will those who study agriculture be likely to get well-paying jobs upon graduation, they will also have the satisfaction of working in a field that addresses some of the world's most pressing challenges. These jobs will only become more important as we continue to develop solutions to feed more than 9 billion people by 2050."

The report projects almost half of the job opportunities will be in management and business. Another 27 percent will be in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) areas. Jobs in food and biomaterials production will make up 15 percent, and 12 percent of the openings will be in education, communication, and governmental services. The report also shows that women make up more than half of the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, and environment higher education graduates in the United States. The report was produced by Purdue University.

### Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

**June 1-5**  
**Monday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli & seasoned corn, mandarin orange  
**Tuesday:** Shepard's Pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach/pea salad, fruit cocktail  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veggies, broccoli, Autumn Jell-o

**Friday:** BBQ Beef sandwich, tots, carrots & zucchini, Ambrosia  
*Mark your calendars...*  
• Donations to benefit the Center are needed and greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.  
• "Like" our Facebook page ... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center with the latest information and upcoming events!  
• BINGO will be May 26 beginning at 1:40. Come and enjoy fun, prizes and fellowship!

### SPAG Aging rep to present program at Lynnwood Tuesday

Roxana Lopez, a representative from South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging, will be at Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center in Tahoka on Tuesday, June 2 at 10 a.m.

She will be available to answer questions about Medicare/Medicaid, or to provide referrals to services that may be needed.

The program is free and open to anyone. Lynnwood is located at 1801 Country Club Drive.

**"STF" at the Tahoka HS Baseball Field**  
**Baseball Camp**  
**Thursday & Friday June 4 & 5**  
**Cost: \$25**  
T-shirt included.  
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PLEASE do not let money be an issue... we will work something out - just contact Coach Overstreet at 806-777-5754 beforehand ... this is for kids!

**AGES:** (based on 2014-15 school year)  
• Session 1: K-3rd Grades - 8:30 to 10:00 am  
• Session 2: 4th-6th Grades - 10:16 to 11:45 am  
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**Alley oop! ...** One of the Tahoka High School Seniors performed some high-flying antics jumping in the pool at the THS Senior party, with a little encouragement shouted from the girls in the hot tub. The party was held at the home of Kent and Mistie Kahl.



**We won these bikes! ...** Tahoka Elementary second semester award winners of the Sconiers Superhero white ticket winners are pictured here. In the top photo are the 3rd-5th grade winners, Cagnie Long, Maylaysia Washington and Sean Reed; and in the bottom photo are pre-K-2nd grade winners, Sam Kessler, Janelle DeLeon and Xayden Prieto-Pesina. "Monetary donations that bought the bicycles were from Cal Huffaker Law Firm, First Bank and Trust and Tahoka Elementary PTO. We at Tahoka Elementary would like to thank each of these organizations for supporting our young students that have gone above and beyond in their behavior," said a sponsor.



The City of Tahoka Centennial celebration will start off with a tour of historical sites at Tahoka Lake Pasture.



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