
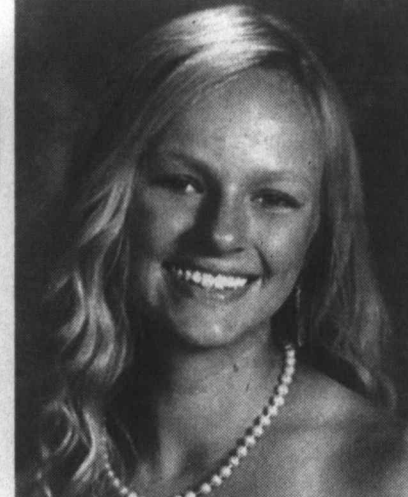
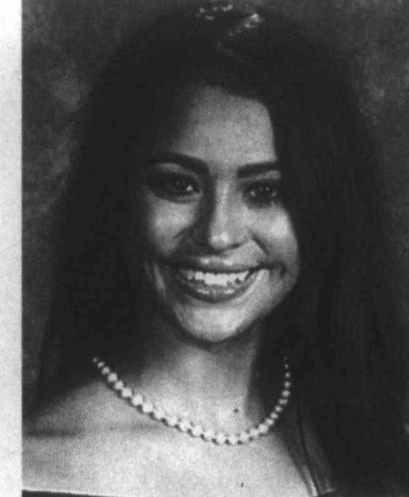
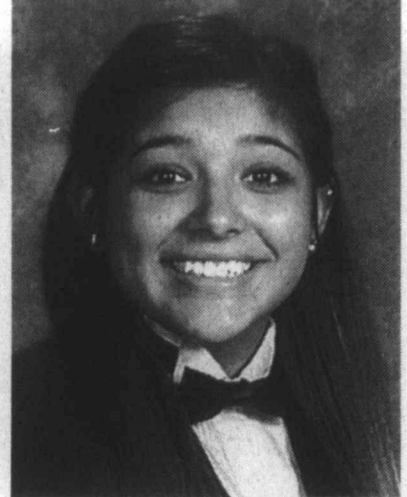
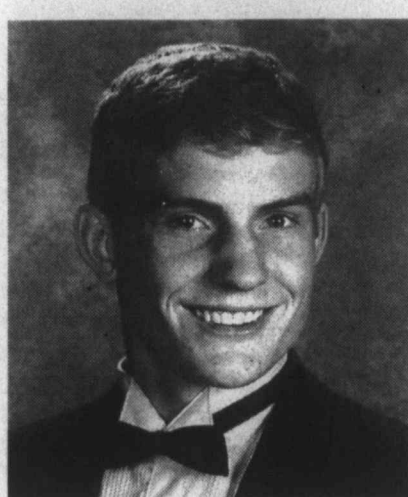

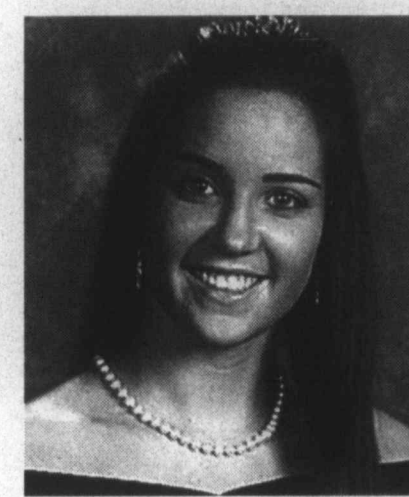
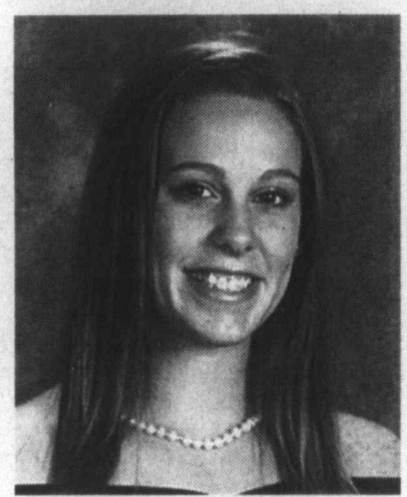


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**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017**

## Memorial Day honors those who died in service of the USA

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to our nation.

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The Lynn County News office will be closed on Monday, May 29. Tuesday deadline extended to 3 pm

### What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 16	92	62	
May 17	92	54	
May 18	84	57	
May 19	89	59	
May 20	85	48	
May 21	77	48	
May 22	75	52	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0"
Total Precip. for 2017:	6.76"

## Willow Ridge residents air complaints at County Commissioners meeting

by JUANELL JONES

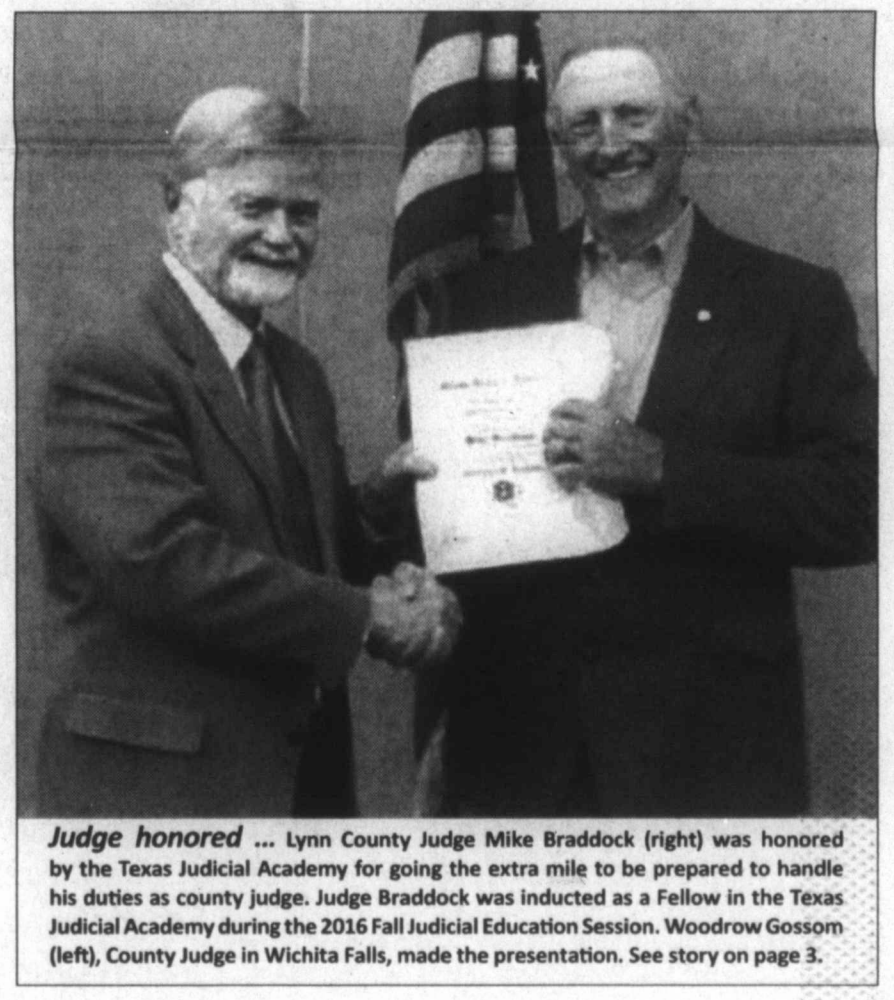
A group of about 20 residents of Willow Ridge, a subdivision north of New Home in Lynn County, attended the Lynn County Commissioners meeting Monday morning, telling county officials that they felt their area was unfairly targeted with a high increase in the market values of their homes, and also complaining that the county was not maintaining the roads in their subdivision.

Koby Reed, who said he had lived in Willow Ridge for 10 years, and appeared to be acting as spokesperson for the group, said, "Our community pays more in county taxes with the least in services, and it seems like we're being punished for building our homes here," he said, explaining that he and other residents in the Willow Ridge community believed that a recent increase by Lynn County Appraisal District in the market values of their properties unfairly targeted their area with a higher increase in market values than in other areas of the county. The group was there to ask the county to consider lowering the tax rate if possible to help offset the value increase.

In addition, he said, the county roads in the subdivision were not being maintained by the county. "We are asking for some simple maintenance on our roads," he said.

Rick Kliber, one of the developers of Willow Ridge, was present at the meeting, and he told commissioners that the developers followed guidelines that had been furnished at the time of the development (2006), and built the roads to those specifications at that time, with the understanding that the road maintenance would be turned over to the county after a certain number of years.

"In our eyes, we felt we fulfilled our part regarding the roads, and after



**Judge honored ...** Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (right) was honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge. Judge Braddock was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy during the 2016 Fall Judicial Education Session. Woodrow Gossom (left), County Judge in Wichita Falls, made the presentation. See story on page 3.

## Commencement ceremonies set for county students

One of life's important milestones is marked by graduation ceremonies. Four high schools in Lynn County will hold commencement ceremonies this week, with three set for Friday night, and one scheduled for Saturday morning. In all, 81 seniors from four school districts are receiving high school diplomas in the county.

Tahoka High School has 40 seniors in the Class of 2017, with this year's commencement ceremonies slated for Saturday morning, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. New Home High School has 15 seniors graduating in ceremonies to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 26 in their high school gymnasium, and 8 seniors are graduating from Wilson High School in ceremonies also set for 7 p.m. Friday,



in the high school gym. At O'Donnell High School, 18 seniors are graduating in commencement ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday in the OHS gym.

The Tahoka High School 2017 Valedictorian is Averi Starkey, daughter of Steve and Jacqueline Starkey, graduating with a grade point average (GPA) of 4.4377. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Speech,

Language and Hearing Sciences. Grant Tekell is THS Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.4288. He is the son of Lane and Heather Tekell. Grant plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in Mechanical Engineering.

NHHS Katherine Elizabeth Barrington, daughter of Matt and Lisa Barrington, is the New Home High School 2017 Valedictorian with a GPA of 4.20. Katherine plans to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in industrial engineering. NHHS Salutatorian is Abbie Jackson with a 4.17 GPA. She is the daughter of Brian and Kristi Jackson. Abbie plans to attend Lubbock Christian University to pursue a degree in Exercise and Sports Science, and later enroll in Covenant School of Nursing.

WHS Makayla Joplin is the Wilson High School 2017 Valedictorian with a GPA

of 3.93. She is the daughter of Wes Joplin and Teresa Joplin. Makayla plans to attend South Plains College in the LVN program. WHS Salutatorian is Alyssa Matthews with a 3.87 GPA, daughter of Alicia Matthews. Alyssa plans to attend South Plains College for her basics, then transfer to West Texas A&M to study psychology.

OHS The O'Donnell High School 2017 Valedictorian is Alexis "Lexi" Villarreal, daughter of Willie and Denise Villarreal. She graduates with a 3.84687 GPA. Lexi plans to attend South Plains College to earn her Associate's degree before transferring to Texas Tech University to earn her Nurse Practitioner license. Brooklyn Wilkie is OHS Salutatorian with a 3.77619 GPA, and she is the daughter of Brian and Robin Wilkie. Brooklyn plans to major in Radiology at Angelo State University.



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**KAITLYN LEHMAN**  
**Lehman graduates Cum Laude from Texas State University**

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lehman graduated Cum Laude from Texas State University on May 11, 2017 with a degree in Family and Child Development. She is a 2014 graduate of Tahoka High School.

She is the daughter of Bruce Lehman and Rachel Lehman of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Leonard and Janice Dube of Wilson, Zane and Danna Curry of Tahoka, and the great-granddaughter of Dan Turner of Tahoka.

## Two men arrested on grand jury indictments

by **JUANELL JONES**

Two males have been arrested in Grand Jury indictments from proceedings in 106th District Court held here on May 1. Arrested May 8 for felony indictments were:

- Pedro Hernandez, 57, of Lubbock, charged with Driving While Intoxicated with two or more previous convictions for the same type offense;
- Anthony Vera, 31, of Brownfield, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine).

Four fires were reported during the past week, but no structures were damaged. At about 7 p.m. last Tuesday cotton burrs were reported on fire one-half mile south of the Tahoka cemetery off a nearby county road. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was called, but the burrs were allowed to burn out.

At 4:40 p.m. last Thursday a small grass fire was reported 2 miles east of Tahoka on US

380 on the north side of road. Tahoka VFD responded to the call.

Another small grass fire was reported about an hour later that same day, at 5:35 p.m., north of CR 13 on the east side of US 87. Wilson VFD responded to this call.

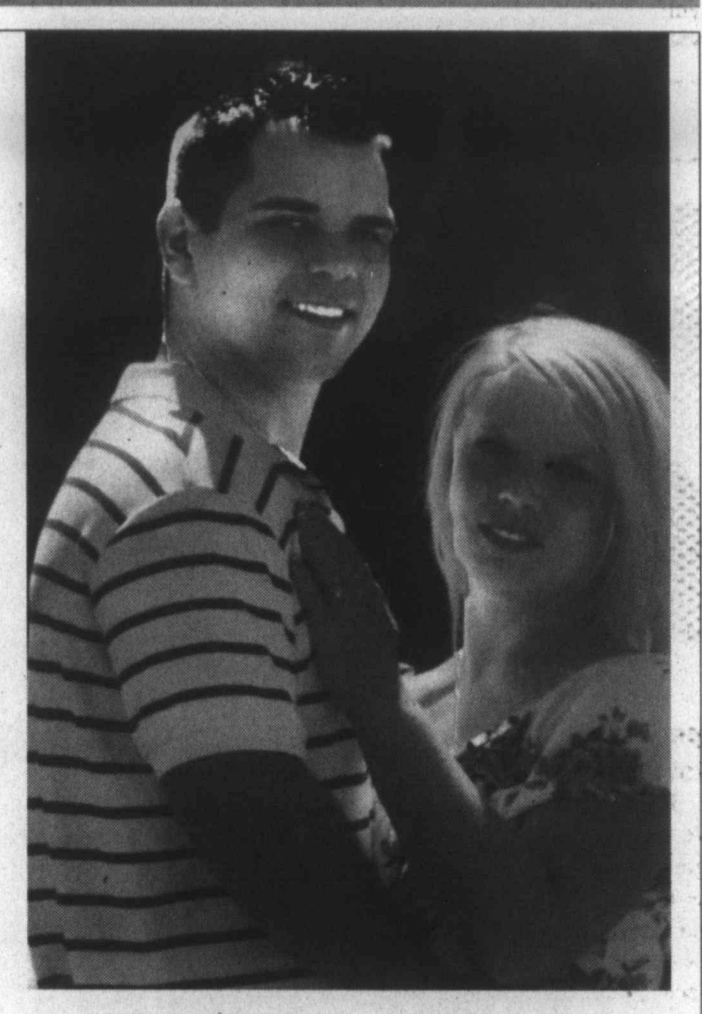
At 10:22 p.m. last Friday, a small grass fire was reported 1 mile south of New Moore, east of FM 213. O'Donnell VFD was called to the scene.

Last Wednesday night, Sheriff's Deputies were called for a welfare check at 7:47 p.m. 3 miles north of Tahoka on US 87 for a man laying in the east side ditch. The responding deputy requested an ambulance for the man, but he refused treatment. The report indicated the man seemed severely dehydrated and said he had low blood sugar. The man told the deputy that he was trying to get to Lubbock after his car broke down, and the vehicle was also reportedly repossessed. The man refused any assistance from the deputy, but later called 9-1-1 at 4 a.m. requesting help.

Saturday night about 10:30 p.m., a theft was reported at a convenience store in O'Donnell, when a man allegedly took a pack of cigarettes without paying for them.

On May 10, Roddy Gandy reported theft of tools from his property near the cemetery road in Tahoka. Reported missing were a Craftsman gas weed eater valued at \$190, Husky portable air compressor valued at \$100, Skill chain saw (\$400), and a nail air gun and nailers, valued at \$800. Also damaged was a barn door, which had reportedly been kicked in to gain access to the barn where the tools were stored. Tahoka Police Dept. continues investigation in this case.

Lynn County Jail held 40 inmates during the past week, including 18 for Ector County, 16 for Lynn County, and 6 for Dawson County. Local charges included one for FTA-Possession of a Controlled Substance, one for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd offense, one for Driving While Intoxicated, one for Failure to Yield Right of Way, one for Theft of Property with previous conviction, and one for Duty on Striking Unattended Vehicle.



**JARROD RYAN CABARUBIO and KELLI RENAE WHITLEY**  
**Couple announce engagement**

Curtis and Glenda Whitley of Tahoka are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Renae Whitley of Tahoka, to Jarrod Ryan Cabarubio, of Ft. Worth, son of the late Jim Cabarubio of San Angelo and Sonya Cabarubio of Ft. Worth. Cabarubio is the grandson of Carmen Wirt and step-grandmother Helen Wirt.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Covenant School of Nursing with a Registered Nursing Degree. She is employed by Fresenius Medical Group. The future groom is attending South Plains College pursuing a degree in Computer Information Technology. He is employed by Scoggin-Dickey Chevrolet.

The couple will wed June 10, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

**Shallowater High School**  
**Congratulations Brody Barnes**

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~Gramps and Gran

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Shae, Traven, Alyssa, Jon Dylan

**Congratulations Amber Garrard**  
**NURSING SCHOOL GRAD!**

**Congratulations on your great accomplishment!**  
**Love you & proud of you!**  
~Nanny

## Free Summer Camp offered here June 5-15

The Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office will be offering free summer camp June 5-8 and June 12-15, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Elementary School Gym for students in grades 1-6.

Registration is through June 2, at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, or youth can register at 12:30 p.m. at the school on June 5th.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gracie at the Lynn Co. Probation office, located at 1629 Ave. K, or call 806-561-5244.

# Congratulations TO Tahoka High School Seniors

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# Love Those Grads.

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# Letters to the Editor



**CARL R. FRANCIS**  
US Army Green Beret  
**Special Forces cap stolen from vet here**

**Proud to be an American!**  
We are blessed to live in the "greatest country in the world" the United States of America - and the "greatest state in America - Texas." Tahoka is a great place to live, a place where most of the residents know each other or at least someone in the family.

I am new in Tahoka, but most of you know my sister, Ima Robinson. So you know that my family tree has been represented for a long time.

I served my country in the United States Army Green Beret, Honorably Discharged 100% Disabled. Not knowing that I had made any enemies, but apparently I have. Someone took my Special Forces Cap with some pins on it, at the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka.

The person that took the cap probably has no idea what these pins represent, but to me they have a special meaning, and I have earned the right to wear them. It is not the intrinsic worth or value, but very special to me.

Even with this person in our midst, Tahoka is still a great place to live and raise a family. To the person that took my cap, I just Bet Your Mother is real proud of you.

-- Carl R. Francis

**What are the odds?** Philadelphia Phillies baseball star Richie Ashburn (1927-1997) fouled off two consecutive pitches that hit the same woman twice in the stands. The first foul ball broke the woman's nose. While medics were attending to her, Ashburn hit a second foul ball that hit the same woman as she was being carried off on a stretcher.

## Wilson students visit Tahoka Lake Pasture; Objects found in dig

On Thursday, May 11, Wilson Elementary School students in grades 2-5 took a full day field trip. They began with a stop at Tahoka Lake Pasture, where Dr. Stance Hurst and his crew from the Lubbock Lake Landmark at the Museum of Texas Tech University talked to them about archaeology and history.

The students were shown the current "dig" underway and other historical sites. Each student and Wilson ISD staff signed the guest book at the TLP Visitors' Center before continuing their excursion on to the Pioneer Museum in Tahoka.

As usual, the folks at Tahoka Lake Pasture were delighted to have young people visiting. We hope to see public school students, their teachers, and administrators, as well as home-schooled classes of all grade levels visiting frequently, both for pleasure and as "lab-like" adjuncts to their school studies.

According to Dr. Stance Hurst, Tahoka Lake is one of only 40 salinas on the Southern High Plains. The Landmark field crew since 2001 has recorded 24 archaeological areas within the overall large site 41LY52 (at Tahoka Lake). For the past two field seasons, the field crew has focused on excavation at Area 11, located along the western side of Tahoka Lake, that contains a campsite occupation located on terrace that overlooks the salina.

Most of the objects found at Area 11 thus far has consisted of hearth-stones and hundreds of small flakes that resulted from the resharpening and maintenance of stone tools. The large number of objects found suggests the campsite was occupied by several hunter-gatherer families. The age of the site is unknown because no diagnostic objects had been found and no organic (e.g., charcoal hearth fill) recovered for radiocarbon dating.

This past summer, several local volunteers helped the Landmark team excavate at Area 11 in the second week of May. The field crew continued to work within four 1x2m units that were established the



**Tahoka FFA awards ...** Pictured here are the 2016-17 Tahoka FFA Banquet award winners.



**Fun at the library ...** Tahoka Elementary first grade students and teachers visited the City-County Library in Tahoka last week. They enjoyed a variety of fun activities and learned about the library's Summer Reading Program, as well as the upcoming Petting Zoo.

## County Judge Mike Braddock honored for education efforts

The Hon. Mike Braddock, Lynn County Judge, has been

honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Braddock was inducted on November 17 as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy during the 2016 Fall Judicial Education Session. The Texas Judicial Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, recognizes judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law as Fellows each year.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

-- Clyde May  
Tahoka Lake Pasture

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT: The City of Tahoka, Advancing the Community of Tahoka (Type B) Corporation (ACT Board) shall hold a public hearing on funding of the following proposed community development project: Funding towards the Tahoka Town Crier Signage. Information concerning the proposed project is available for public inspection at the Tahoka City Hall, 1807 N. Main St., Tahoka, TX, 79373. The City Council has approved the ACT Board proposal to set aside an expenditure of \$10,000 towards the purchase of the new signage. A public hearing will be held by the ACT Board on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. City of Tahoka Community Room, 1807 N Main St., Tahoka, Texas, 79373. 21-1tc

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**Academic All-Stars Seniors...** The Tahoka High School Academic All-Stars of the Senior Class of 2017 are, in back, Brit Lockaby and Grant Tekell; Middle row, Alicia Broun, Averi Starkey, Olivia Hammonds, and Jordan Fowler; kneeling, Julian Cotto; Front row, Caitlynn Adams, Mikaylee Gwin, Blanka Resendez. Not pictured is Braden Cook.

### Head boys basketball coach, two more teachers hired at TISD

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Monday at 6 p.m., approving three teacher hires and discussing superintendent candidate qualifications.

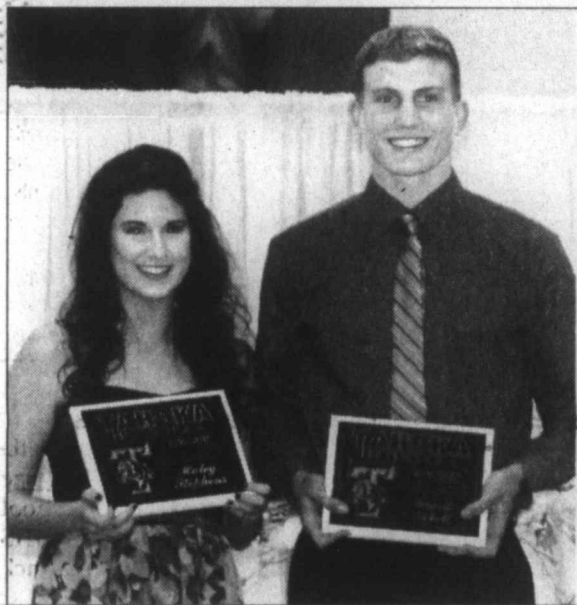
The board approved the following hires for teachers on probationary contracts: Diane McLaurin (HS ELA), Terrill Amburn (Head Boys Basketball/Social Studies/PE), and Richard Thomas (Four-County Coop Diagnostician).

Coach Amburn is a graduate of Tulia High School and Texas

Tech University. He has been teaching and coaching for ten years, with his first two years at Dalhart and the last eight in Monahans. He has been the head basketball coach in Monahans the past three years.

Trustees also approved service contracts with Education Service Center 17 for the 2017-18 school year.

The board entered into closed session at 6:25 to discuss superintendent candidate qualifications, reconvening into open session at 7:50, and then adjourning at 7:51 p.m.

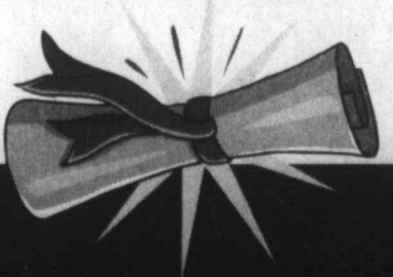


**Mr. & Miss THS...**  
Haley Stephens and Grant Tekell were named Mr. and Miss Tahoka High School for 2017.

### CONGRATULATIONS 2017 TAHOKA GRADUATES

Best of luck in your future endeavors.



  
*Congratulations and best wishes to all Lynn County graduates.*  
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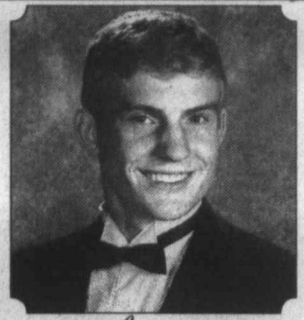


**Valedictorian**  
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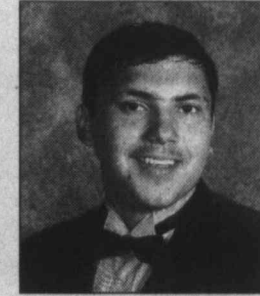
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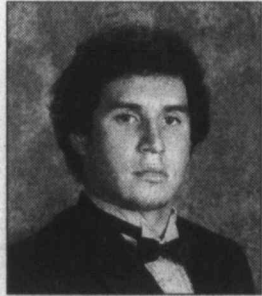
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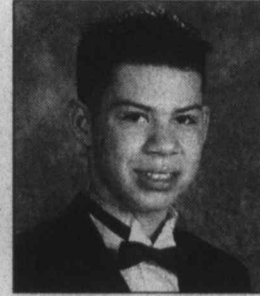
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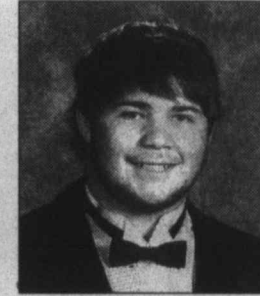
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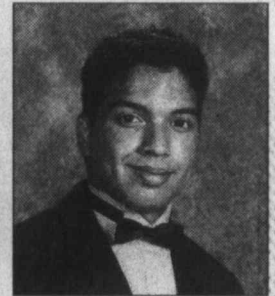
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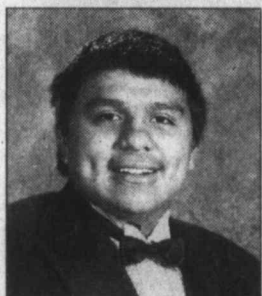
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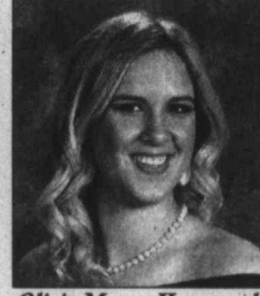
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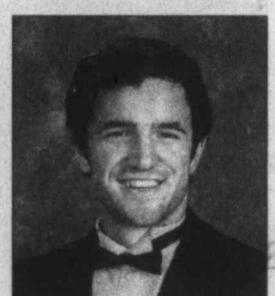
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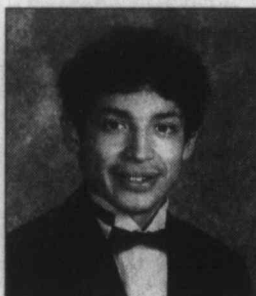
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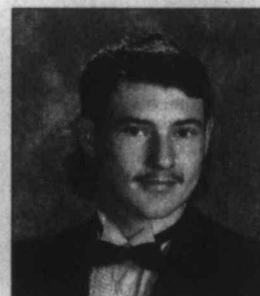
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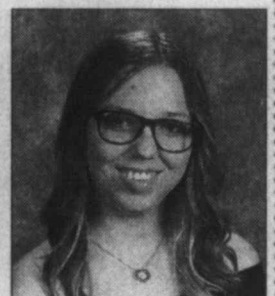
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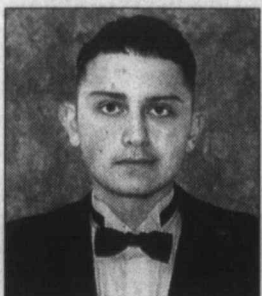
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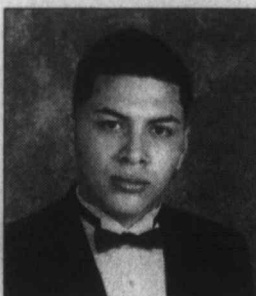
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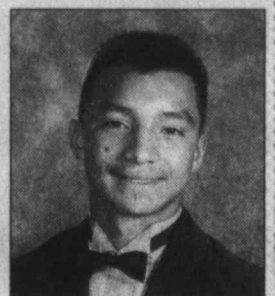
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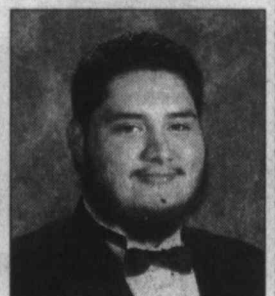
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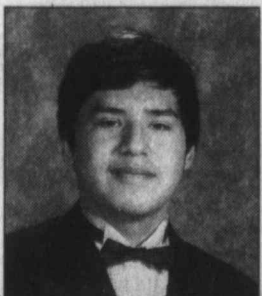
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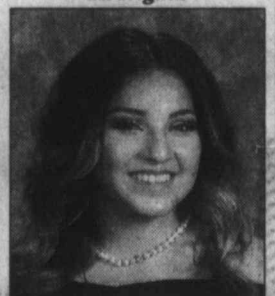
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Valedictorian THOMAS TEKELL

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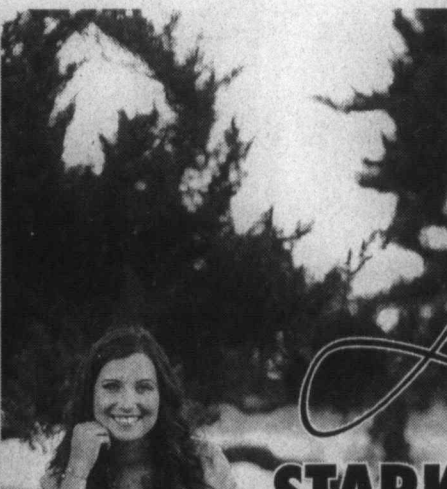
Dora Marie Legas



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- MAYA ANGELOU

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU! we love you - Mom, Dad & Kash



Averi STARKEY

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

- MATTHEW 6:34



Top 10% - Seniors... Pictured from left are Haley Stephens, Kylynn McCleskey, Grant Tekell and Averi Starkey, who ranked in the top 10% of the Tahoka High School senior class.

BEHIND YOU, all your memories.

BEFORE YOU, all your dreams.

AROUND YOU, all who love you

WITHIN YOU, all you need.

Congratulations to all Lynn County graduates!

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Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

VALEDICTORIAN Averi Starkey

Averi Starkey, daughter of Steve and Jacqueline Starkey, is the THS Valedictorian for the Class of 2017.

She has been in the Top 10% of her class all four years of high school and is graduating with a GPA of 4.4377. While at Tahoka High School, Averi has participated with the Tahoka 3D Band, cheerleading, academic UIL, and Lady Bulldog athletics. Through athletics, Averi has participated in basketball, powerlifting, track, and tennis, advancing to Regionals twice in tennis. She has been a member of Student Council for 3 years and is the current President, and has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and is the Vice-President.

Averi plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

SALUTATORIAN Grant Tekell

Grant Tekell, son of Lane and Heather Tekell, is the THS Salutatorian for the Class of 2017.

He has been very involved as a student at Tahoka High School, participating in many events and student organizations. Grant has been highly involved in the Bulldog's athletics program. He has been awarded numerous honors during his high school athletic career, ranging from academic all-district in every sport, to earning all-district honors in every sport he played. He earned an All-State honor in baseball. He has participated in multiple academic UIL events from his freshman to his senior year. Grant has been in the Top 10% throughout the entirety of his high school career. Grant has been named Who's Who and Best All Around Boy two years

Tahoka High School

Congratulations, Grant Tekell!



You are the best! So proud of you.

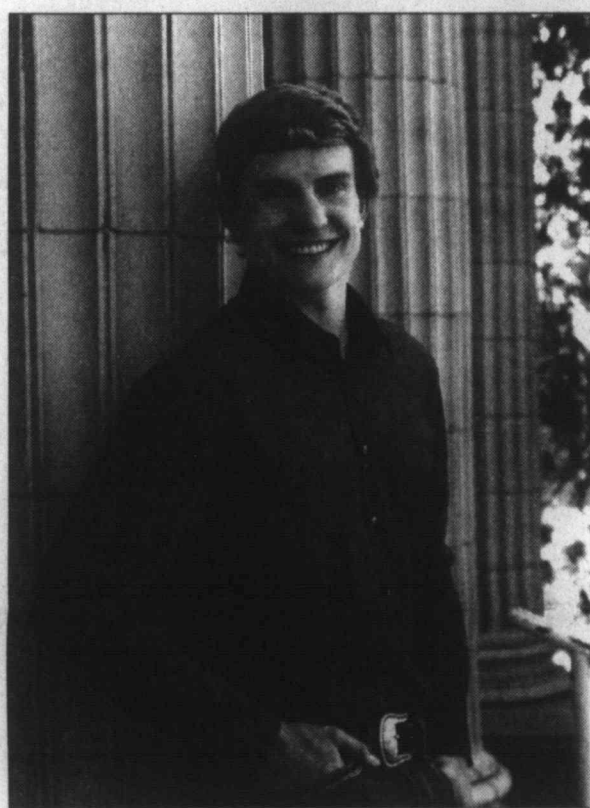
- Nonnie

in a row, and was named Mr. THS this year.

Grant will graduate from Tahoka with a GPA of 4.4288, and plans to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations! Grant Tekell



We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!

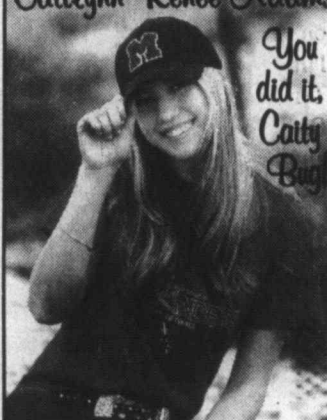
Love - Mom and Dad Logan, Nikki, Grayson and Cameron

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."

- JAMES 1:17

Tahoka High School

Caitlynn Renee Adams



You did it, Caitlynn!

You are such a talented, intelligent and beautiful young woman. We are so proud of your accomplishments and this is only the beginning! Remember - don't look back because you're not going that way!

>>> Our Warrior

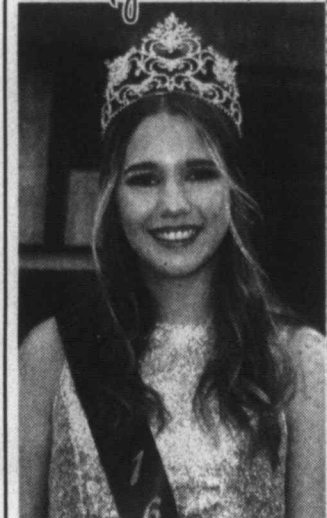
Love - Daddy, Momma and Briar!

Caitlynn Adams

Caitlynn Adams is the daughter of Brandi and Michael Adams. While in high school, Caitlynn participated in NHS, basketball, cross-country, track, softball, One Act Play, UIL, a CNA course, dual credit classes, and the Harvest Festival Queen Scholarship contest. Caitlynn received her CNA certification, the Harvest Festival Queen Scholarship, and all district academic team in basketball. After graduation, Caitlynn will play college basketball at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. She plans on majoring in Pre-medicine while working as a CNA. After graduating college, Caitlynn plans to attend medical school to become an Anesthesiologist.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations, Caitlynn Adams



We're proud of our 2016 Harvest Festival Queen

Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee

Make a DIFFERENCE in your world.

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default.

- J.K. ROWLING



to all Lynn County graduates!

We wish all good things and bright futures for you.

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# Congratulations TO THE TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Over \$231,132 total amount in scholarships earned by graduating seniors! (not including free tuition for our Valedictorian)



**THS Valedictorian  
AVERI STARKEY**  
presented by Jeff Perez



**THS Salutatorian  
GRANT TEKELL**  
presented by Jeff Perez



**AVID Scholarship - HALEY STEPHENS, MERCEDES PEREZ, LETICIA OLVERA, KENDRA DeLEON**



**Michael Calvillo  
Memorial Scholarship**  
presented by Mary Harrison  
OLIVIA HAMMONDS



**Class of 1990 Scholarship**  
presented by Lana Martinez  
JORDAN FOWLER



**GENTEX  
Scholarship**  
AVERI STARKEY



**24 or more College Hours from South Plains College: GRANT TEKELL, HALEY STEPHENS, AVERI STARKEY, KYLYNN McCLESKEY, OLIVIA HAMMONDS, JORDAN FOWLER, JULIAN COTTO, ALICIA BROUN, CAITLYNN ADAMS**



**Tahoka FFA Scholarship presented by Shelbi Hannum (far left) and Matt Woodley (far right)  
COLTON STICE, BRIT LOCKABY, OLIVIA HAMMONDS, NIKOLAS DeLEON**



**First United Methodist Church Scholarship: HALEY STEPHENS, AVERI STARKEY, EMIT QUINTERO, SHELBI McMILLAN, KYLYNN McCLESKEY, BRIT LOCKABY, OLIVIA HAMMONDS, JORDAN FOWLER, ALICIA BROUN, MIKAYLEE GWIN**



**Harvest Festival Queen &  
HF Madison Lockaby  
Memorial Scholarship**  
presented by Amy Rodriguez  
CAITLYNN ADAMS  
YULISSA VILLEGAS (not pictured)



**Huffaker Farms  
Scholarship**  
presented by Lana Martinez  
OLIVIA HAMMONDS



**John & Suzanne Baker/  
Baker Properties Scholarship**  
presented by Suzanne & John Baker  
COLTON STICE



**Lynn County Abstract  
Scholarship**  
presented by Lana Martinez  
BRIT LOCKABY



**Lyntegar Electrical Cooperative Scholarship**  
presented by Blake Moore  
KYLYNN McCLESKEY, AVERI STARKEY



**Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship presented by Worth Whitworth  
GRANT TEKELL, AVERI STARKEY, EMIT QUINTERO, KYLYNN McCLESKEY, BRIT LOCKABY**



**Phebe K. Warner Club  
Scholarship**  
presented by Loretta Tekell  
GRANT TEKELL



**Tahoka PTO Scholarship**  
presented by Shea Askew  
GRANT TEKELL



**Poka Lambro Scholarship  
HALEY STEPHENS  
OLIVIA HAMMONDS**



**Pridmore, Adams & Knox Family Memorial Scholarship**  
presented by (far left) Sammy & DeeDee Pridmore (far right)  
SHELBI McMILLAN, MICHAELA LOPEZ, OLIVIA HAMMONDS



**Tahoka Rotary Club Scholarship presented by Blake Moore  
HALEY STEPHENS, CAITLYNN ADAMS, EMIT QUINTERO, GRANT TEKELL**



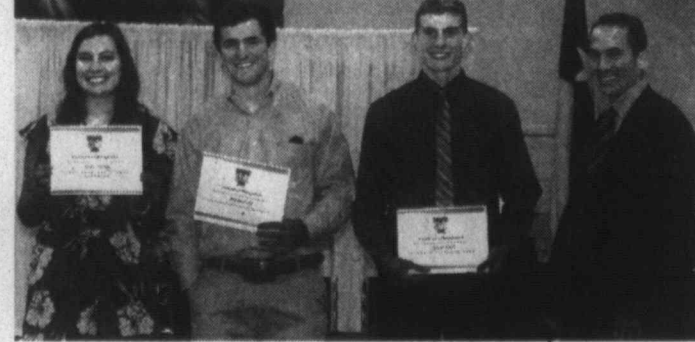
**Tahoka StuCo Scholarship**  
presented by Klyssa Woodley (center)  
KYLYNN McCLESKEY, AVERI STARKEY



**Tahoka Masonic Lodge  
Scholarship**  
OLIVIA HAMMONDS,  
KYLYNN McCLESKEY



**Texas Electric Co-op Scholarship**  
presented by Jeff Perez  
BAYLE JOLLY



**South Plains Association & Tahoka WIN Scholarship**  
presented by Dr. George McFarland  
AVERI STARKEY, BRIT LOCKABY, GRANT TEKELL

**Joell Lowdermilk  
Memorial  
Scholarship**  
presented by  
Jana Lowdermilk  
JULIAN COTTO



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**Walker & Solomon  
Insurance Agency  
Scholarship**  
ALICIA BROUN,  
GRANT TEKELL



**Tahoka High School Senior Biographies**

**Christian Aleman**  
Christian Aleman is the son of Sandra Aleman. Christian participated in the work program, where he has worked at Wildcat Manufacturing for the past two years.

Christian plans to attend Lubbock Christian University, where he will major in Mathematics and Pre-Engineering.

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Christian Aleman**  
We are so very proud of you!  
Love you ~ Grandpa John & Grandma Trina Castillon

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations Christian Aleman**  
We are so very proud of you!  
Love you!  
~Joe, Mom & Shelsi & kids

**Daniel Alvarado**  
Daniel Alvarado is the son of Nikky Leal and Danny Alvarado. While in school, Daniel participated in JV football his freshman year, and was part of the Tahoka 3-D Band his junior and senior year.

After graduation, Daniel plans on attending South Plains College.

**Andrew Alvarez**  
Andrew Alvarez is the son of Victoria Deleon and Jose Alvarez. Andrew has participated in football and powerlifting and was also an active member of the Tahoka FFA Chapter, where he served as an officer.

Andrew plans on joining the Marines and then becoming a Game Warden.

Tahoka High School  
**Braden Cook**  
Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you and love you!  
Mom, Dad and Riley

And now go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for your being here.  
-NEIL GAIMAN

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Braden Cook!**  
We are proud of you!  
Love ~ Grandma & Pappy

**Congratulations, Class of 2017!**  
Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.  
~ Howard Thurman  
**WITT BUTANE**

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Tahoka High School  
**Keni Brennon Mickie**  
TAKE PRIDE IN HOW FAR YOU'VE COME AND HAVE FAITH IN HOW FAR YOU'LL GO.  
Love ~ Nana & Papa

**Brennon Samuel Castillon**  
Brennon Samuel Castillon is the son of Trisha Rodriguez and Michael Castillon. Grandparents are Tony and Angie Rodriguez and Armando and Trina Castillon.

Brennon has attended Tahoka schools since Pre-K and was involved in youth football, basketball, and baseball. During his high school years, his main interest became music.

His plans are to join the Navy after graduation and will also continue with his music.

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Brennon Castillon**  
We are so very proud of you!  
Love you! Grandpa John & Grandma Trina

**Braden Cook**  
Braden Cook is the son of David and Lisa Cook. While in high school, Braden played football and golf and was very active in the Tahoka FFA Chapter. After graduation, he plans on attending South Plains College to earn his welding certificate.

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations Braden Cook**  
We're all very proud of you!  
~Danny & Marla, Connor, Lainece Kathy, Taylor, Kayla

**Kendra DeLeon**  
Kendra DeLeon is the daughter of Sharon and Anthony DeLeon.

While in high school, Kendra participated in the AVID program for two years. She was also a part of the Tahoka JV girls' basketball team and was involved in FCCLA during her junior and senior year as well as being a part of the Tahoka 3-D Band throughout high school.

After graduation, she plans to attend South Plains College to become certified in teaching to become a preschool teacher.

**Michael Farrell**  
Michael Farrell is the son of Veronica Herevia and Frank Lopez.

Michael has attended Tahoka ISD for thirteen years. After graduation, Michael plans to attend South Plains College and major in Law Enforcement.

Tahoka High School  
**Jordan Fowler**  
So proud of you, JoJo!  
Mom, Jim, Jessica, Ellie & Juan, Mikayla & Justice

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations Michael Christian Farrell**  
YOU DID IT!  
We are so proud of you! We know you have a bright future ahead of you! We all love you very much!  
Love - Mom, Dad, Brandon, Grandma & Grandpa

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Brennon Castillon**  
We are so proud of you!  
Love you lots! Mom, Brayden & Bradley

**Julian Cotto**  
Julian Cotto is the son of Darybell Garcia and Selvin Garcia.

He has been a part of the 3D band and participated in basketball, powerlifting, track, and baseball. Julian will be attending Texas Tech University, majoring in STEM.

**Nikolas De Leon**  
Nikolas De Leon is the son of Manuel and Jennifer De Leon.

While in high school Nik played football and baseball and was active in the Tahoka FFA Chapter. After graduation, he plans on attending West Texas A&M for Agriculture Business and Economics.

Tahoka High School  
**Nik DeLeon**  
Congratulations on your graduation Nik. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We wish you the best of luck in your future. Just remember that the process of learning never ends. Remember with God you will succeed in all you do.  
Love, Popo and Momo

Tahoka High School  
**Nik DeLeon**  
You have reached another milestone in your life, and we are proud of you!  
Love -- Dad, Mom, Bongs & Madde

Tahoka High School  
**Jordan Fowler**  
Jordan Fowler is the daughter of Jennifer McLamore and Jim McLamore. While in high school, Jordan participated in Student Council, NHS, and the 3-D Band. She was involved in ATSSB Region Band, Honor Band, Area Band, Jazz Band, and the ATSSB 4A All State Band. After graduation, she plans on attending Hardin-Simmons University and majoring in Music Education.

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Nikolas DeLeon!**  
We are proud of you!  
Uncle Raymond and Aunt Janet

Tahoka High School  
**Congratulations, Jordan Fowler!**  
We're so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future plans!  
Make some music & all that jazz!  
Lenda Wood, Juanell Jones, Vondell Elliott

When people tell you not to believe in your dreams, and they say, "Why?", say "Why not?"  
-BILLIE JEAN KING

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Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try. May your future be paved with success, health and happiness.

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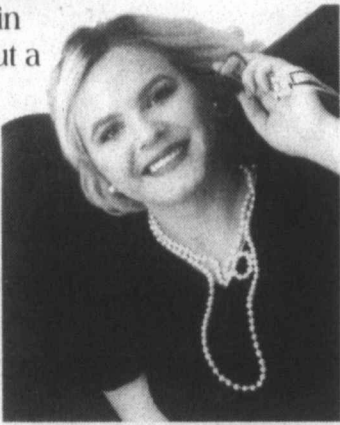
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*Madison Fowler*

Set out each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for great things and wherever you go, go with all your heart. We are so proud of you. You are loved more than mermaids love water.

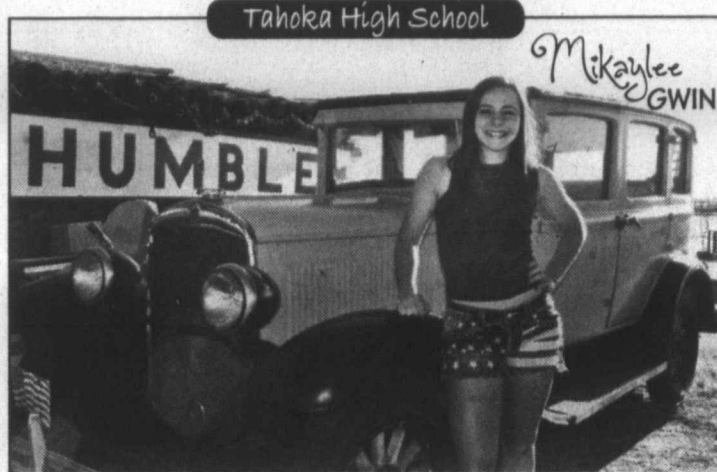
Mom, Oscar, Aubrey, Eihan, Riley, Lenae, Kinsler & Kason



**Madison Fowler**  
Madison Fowler is the daughter of Ashley Stice and granddaughter of Shirley Fowler and Curtis Stice. While in high school, Madison participated in Slaton Cosmetology School and will be graduating with her Cosmetology License. After graduation she plans to start her own business as a hair stylist.

**Mikaylee Gwin**  
Mikaylee Gwin is the daughter of Terry and Lanae Gwin. While in high school, Mikaylee Gwin ran track and cross-country, competed in band and choir her freshman year, played basketball, and was into powerlifting. She advanced to Regionals in cross-country, powerlifting, and track her senior year.

Tahoka High School




*Mikaylee GWIN*

Congratulations! We are so proud of you!!!  
Love ~ Uncle Paul, Tata and Laura

Tahoka High School

Congratulations, Mikaylee Gwin

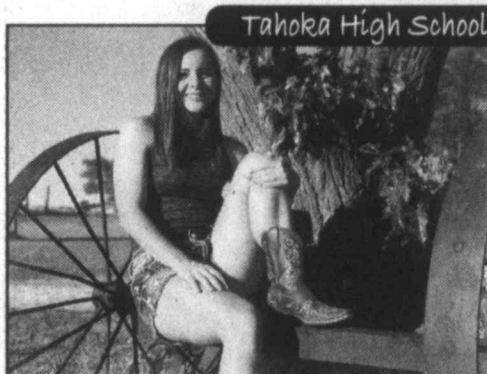
We are so proud of you. We can't wait to see what race God has for you next!  
Love ~ Dad, Mom, Reilly & Pax



She was active in FCA, the First United Methodist Church youth group in Midland, and Trinity youth group in Tahoka.

After graduation, Mikaylee plans on attending two years at Western Texas College on a cross-country/track scholarship then transferring to Tarleton State where she plans to major in History and minor in Kinesiology.

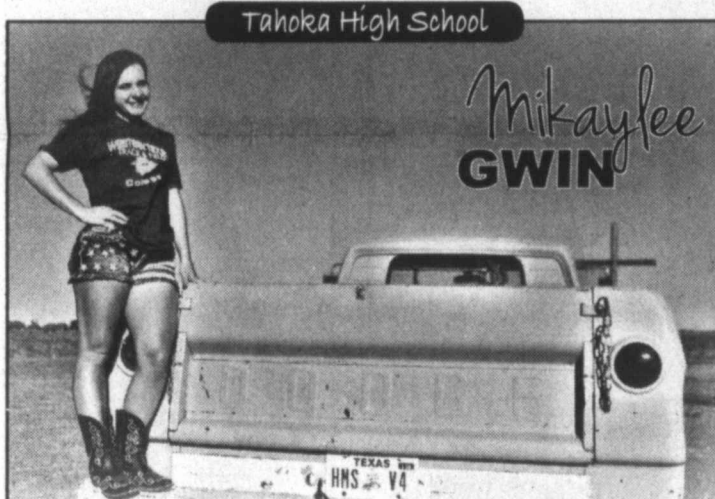
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*MIKAYLEE GWIN*

Start each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for great things. We are proud and love you to the moon.  
Nanny and Papa

Tahoka High School



*Mikaylee GWIN*

Congratulations. I'm so proud of you. I love you, PaPa

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*Mikaylee Gwin*

We are so proud of you. Fly high!  
~Pops & MiMi

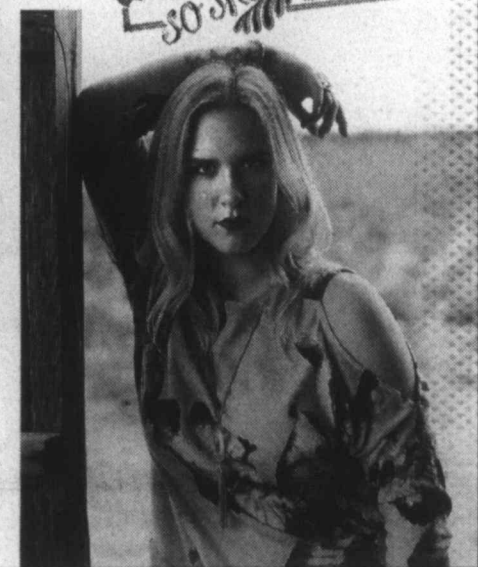
RULE no. 1 is:  
Do't sweat the small stuff  
RULE no. 2 is:  
It's all small stuff.  
~ ROBERT ELIOT

Tahoka High School



*Olivia Monea Hammonds*

GO chase your dreams!  
LOVE -- DAD, MOM AND SWADE



Con-Grad-ulations!

to all  
**Lynn County Graduates.**  
Best Wishes On Your Future Plans!

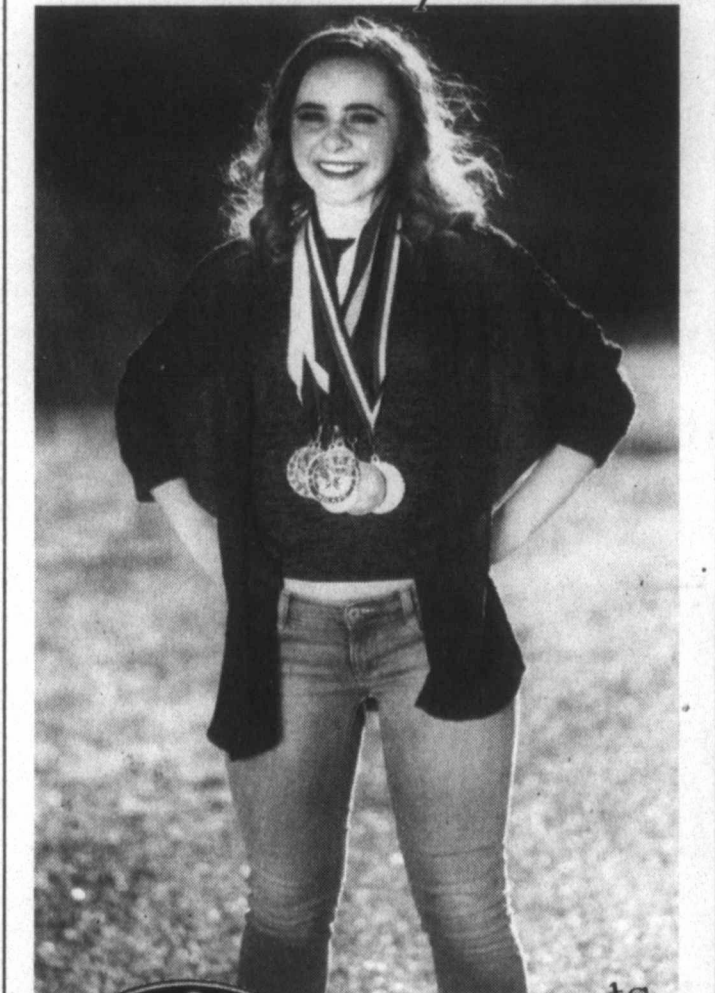
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We wish success to all  
Lynn County graduates.

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."  
~ William Arthur Ward

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Congratulations TO Mikaylee Gwin



& Congrats to all other Lynn County graduates!

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Way to go ...  
Class of  
**2017!**

We wish all Lynn County Graduates a life of success and happiness.

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### Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

Tahoka High School



**Bayle JOLLY**

Congratulations!  
We love you!  
We are so proud of you!

Bretton, Karla, Kylie & Logan


**Bayle Brook Jolly**  
Bayle Brook Jolly is the daughter of Bobby Jolly and Jana Engle.

Athletes (FCA), and attended First Baptist Church Youth Group.

After graduation, she plans on attending South Plains College in the fall. Later, she plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in early childhood education.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!  
Proud of you!




**Bayle Jolly**

Love you!  
Dad, Sis & Traci

**Matthew Briton Lockaby**  
Matthew Briton Lockaby is the son of Todd and Kristi Lockaby. He has attended Tahoka Schools for 13 years. Throughout high school, Brit has been involved in football, baseball, and FFA. Throughout high school, Brit has been involved in football, baseball, and FFA. He has shown market steers and Angus beef heifers, served as a local and district FFA officer and will be receiving his Lonestar Degree this year.

After graduation, Brit will be attending Texas Tech University majoring in Agricultural Economics.

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**Brit Lockaby**

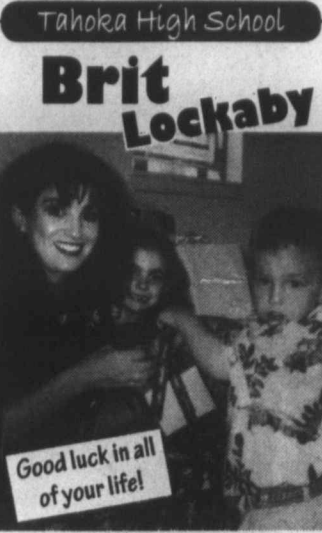
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME,  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME,  
CHOCOLATE TOO!

Brit celebrated with his own chocolate cake. He is now being hosed down!

Love ~ Uncle Jack & Aunt Peg

Be Santa Claus when you can. -- JIMMY BUFFET

Tahoka High School



**Brit Lockaby**

We Love You!  
We're proud of you!

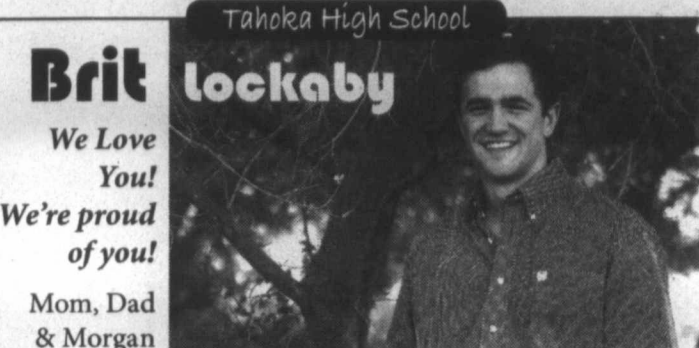
Mom, Dad & Morgan

Good luck in all of your life!

Here, Aunt Jac, I'll unwrap it for you.  
Brit was a big help.

Love ~ Uncle Lee, Aunt Jacqui, Luke & Mark

Tahoka High School



**Brit lockaby**

We Love You!  
We're proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Morgan

Tahoka High School

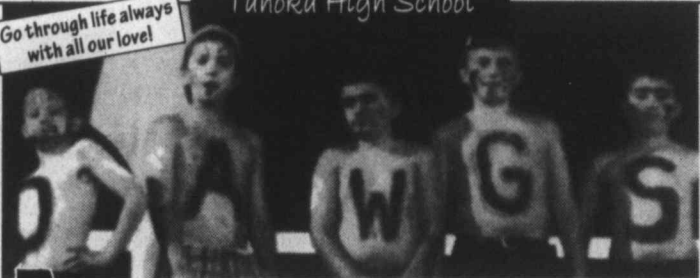


**Brit Lockaby**

Brit - why is that kid tackling you by your face mask?

Love ~ Uncle Gordon & Aunt Melba

Tahoka High School



Go through life always with all our love!

**BRIT LOCKABY**

Who is the "A" in DAWGS?  
Love ~ PePe and MeMe

Pursue whatever it is that you want to do with your life. It is the only secret to happiness that I know, except for maybe true love.

-- LEWIS BLACK

**Michaila Jeniese Lopez**  
Michaila Jeniese Lopez is the daughter of Rita and Robert Lopez.

While in high school, Michaila participated in various organizations such as Student Council, FCCLA, the Tahoka 3-D Band, the CNA program, One Act Play, basketball, cross-country, UIL, softball, and was also enrolled in Dual Credit courses. Michaila is also currently the 2017 senior class president. She obtained her CNA certification as well.

After graduation, Michaila plans to attend South Plains College to pursue a career in nursing while working as a CNA.

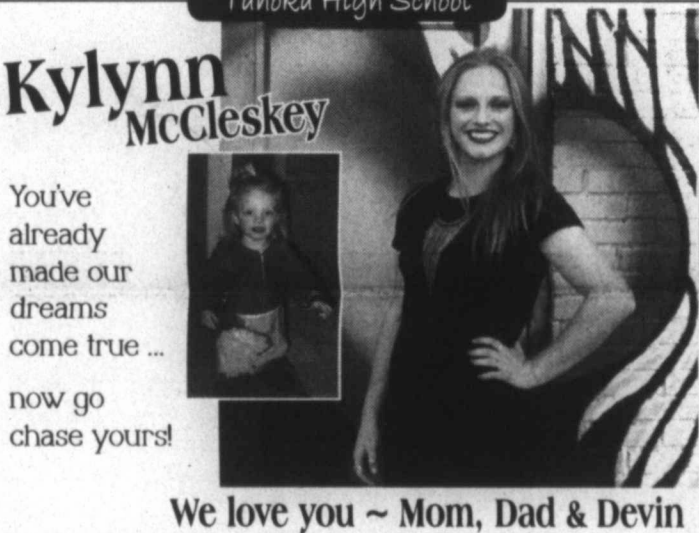
**Kylynn Raegan McCleskey**  
Kylynn Raegan McCleskey is the daughter of Corey and BreAnne McCleskey.

Kylynn will be graduating in the Top 10% of her class. Throughout high school, Kylynn has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, cheerleading, track

and field, and powerlifting. She has acquired her CNA license after successfully completing the program, and will also graduate high school with 36 college hours.

After graduation, Kylynn plans to attend Angelo State University to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Tahoka High School



**Kylynn McCleskey**

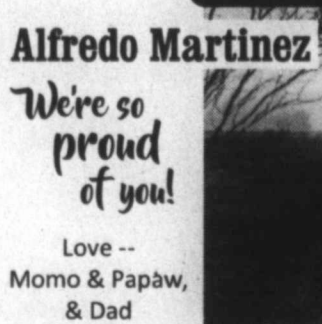
You've already made our dreams come true ... now go chase yours!

We love you ~ Mom, Dad & Devin

**Alfredo Martinez**  
Alfredo Martinez is the son of Jimmy Martinez.

Alfredo has participated in FFA and welding all four years of high school. After graduation, Alfredo plans to attend South Plains College to obtain his welding certificate.

Tahoka High School



**Alfredo Martinez**

We're so proud of you!

Love -- Momo & Papaw, & Dad

Live in that sweet spot. Be present.

-- WYNTON MARSALIS



be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire

We're so proud of you and we love you!  
Mom, Dennis and Papa

**THIS AREA'S FUTURE IS INSURED**

With such great young persons graduating from our schools!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
from all of us at


**WALKER-SOLOMON INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**

As you get older, you realize that no one has all the answers. It turns out that life is an exercise in living with the certainty of uncertainty.

-JASON KILAR

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

**Justyn McCarty**  
Justyn McCarty is the son of Dean and Debbie McCarty.

During his time at Tahoka High School, Justyn served as FFA Parliamentarian and Reporter, and also showed livestock. He played football and threw discus for 4 years and advanced to Area in discus his senior year.

After graduation, Justyn plans to attend South Plains College to major in Diesel Service Technology with a minor in Business.

**Shelbi Marie McMillan**  
Shelbi Marie McMillan is the daughter of Dennis McMillan and Leisha Nickens, and granddaughter of Janey McMillan.

While in high school, Shelbi was a representative in Student Council, a member of FCCLA, and the yearbook staff and was very active when it came to her class. Shelbi was also a faithful member of the First Baptist Church youth group, and worked at the local grocery store.

After graduation, Shelbi plans on becoming a Veterinary Technician and a Photographer.

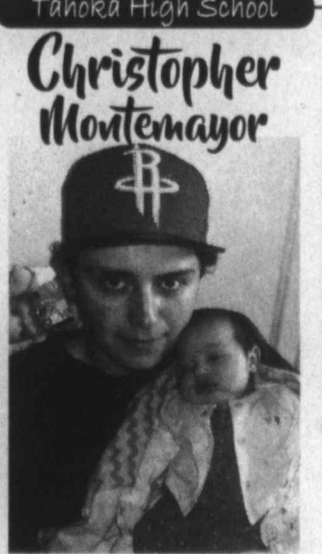
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Congratulations **Shelbi McMillan**

Proud of your accomplishments & all you have done!

Love you! Memaw, Dad & Mom

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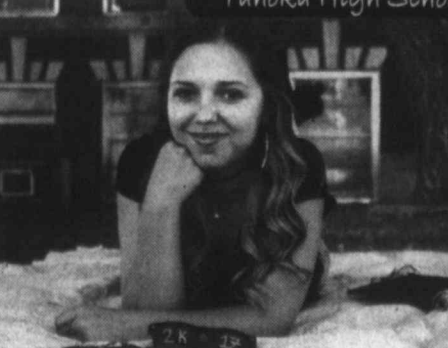


**Christopher Montemayor**

Congratulations, Bubba!  
You did it! We are very proud of you!

Love ~ Mom, Dad, Amaris, Alexis, Sky, Chloe, & Grandma Dora

Tahoka High School



We're proud of you

**Shelbi McMillan**

Love you! Allen & Pam

**Christopher Reyes Montemayor**  
Christopher Reyes Montemayor is the son of Chris Montemayor and Heather Wheat.

While in high school, Chris participated in baseball and powerlifting. After graduation,

he plans on working and taking care of his daughter.

**Jaime Morales**  
Jaime Morales is the son of AR Morales and Mary Alice Sosa.



Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

**Chevy Morin**

Chevy Morin is the son of Adam and Janie Morin. Chevy participated in the work program where he worked for Gordo & Sons Trucking as well as Victor's Tractor Shop, where he worked as a mechanic on diesel engines. Chevy plans to enter the workforce.

**Leticia Mercedes Olvera**

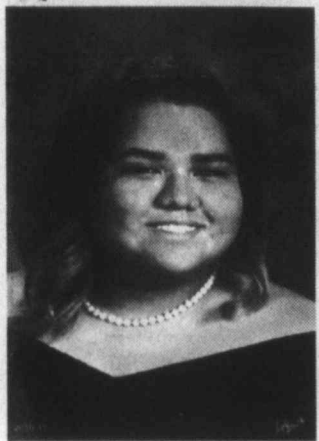
Leticia Mercedes Olvera is the daughter of Lucinda and Juan Olveda.

Throughout high school, Leticia was involved in FCCLA, Band, One Act Play, UIL, the CNA program, and is also currently the Treasurer of the 2017 class. Leticia has obtained her certification as a CNA.

Leticia plans to attend Texas State University in the fall of 2017 to major in Biology or Clinical Laboratory Science. She plans to continue work as a CNA.

Tahoka High School

**Leticia Olvera**



**Congratulations on your achievements!**

~Dad, Mom, Nöe, Iris, Juanita G-ma Becky, Lisa, Allieson, Elias

**Colbe Perez**

Colbe Perez is the son of Jesse Perez and Julie Valro. While in high school, Colbe participated in football, basketball, baseball, and FFA.

After graduation, he plans on attending South Plains College for two and a half years and getting his degree in Law Enforcement and Technology, then plans to move to Austin for a year and graduate from the Academy and become a State Trooper.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations Emit Quintero**



So proud of you & wishing you the very best in all you do!  
Love - Uncle Robert, Aunt Susie and all the kids

**Mercedes Perez**

Mercedes Perez is the daughter of Irasema Jerez and granddaughter of Dora and Mario Moreno.

Mercedes has held multiple leadership positions as an FCCLA Vice-President, Student Council Representative as well as Band Council Representative and Vice-President. She has participated in the 3-D Band throughout high school, has run track for two years, was an active member in the AVID program and has had the privilege to be an NHS member. Mercedes also volunteers every Thursday night to play music with the Lubbock Community Band.

Tahoka High School

**CONGRATULATIONS JOHN QUINONEZ JR**



To our first born, John Quinonez Jr. ... We are very proud of you. Good luck in the future!  
Love - Dad, Mom, Ruben, Josiah & Paige

**John Cande Quinonez**

John Cande Quinonez is the son of John and Josie Quinonez.

John has played football, basketball, and baseball while in high school. After graduation, John plans on attending South Plains College for two years.

**Emiterio Ramon Quintero**

Emiterio Ramon Quintero is the son of Ramon and Virginia Quintero.

He has held leadership positions as President of FCCLA, Vice-President of the Senior Class, Head Drum Major of the 3-D Band, Captain of the Speech Team, and served as representative for both Student Council and National Honor Society. Emit has also been involved in AVID and Upward Bound programs. He has competed in Tahoka's One Act Play every year of high school.

He will attend Texas State University in the fall to study Fine Arts and Communications.

Tahoka High School

**Emit Quintero**



Love always and forever, Mom, Dad, Dylan & Hope

"The end of high school isn't an ending at all, it's the beginning of your journey to making all your dreams come true."

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations Bianka Resendez**



We are so proud of you!  
Love ~ Dad, Amanda, Nate, Klaudia, Cooper & Zander

**Bianka Marie Resendez**

Bianka Marie Resendez is the daughter of Julian Resendez and Denise Garza.

While in high school, Bianka participated in the organization of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and is the Vice-President of Service Learning. In February, she competed in a STAR event for Teach and Train and placed second and advanced to State.

After graduation, she plans to attend West Texas A&M, majoring in education to become a Family and Consumer Science Teacher.

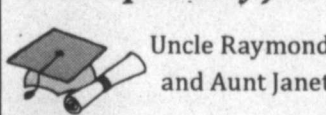


**Tahoka High School Class of 2017 Commencement Exercises will be held Saturday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the High School Gym**

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations, Emit Quintero!**

We are proud of you!



Uncle Raymond and Aunt Janet

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations! TRAVEN RODRIGUEZ**



May God Bless You! & I love you!  
~Nana Josie Rodriguez

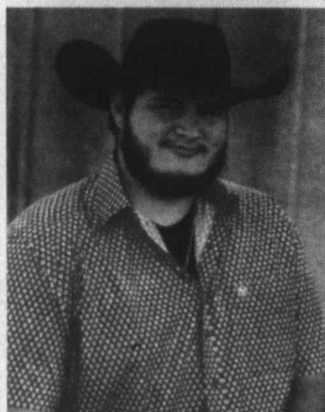
**Traven Rodriguez**

Traven Rodriguez is the son of Johnny and Shea Rodriguez.

He has been involved in football and FFA. Traven plans to enter the workforce as an Electrician and receive his Journeyman license.

Tahoka High School

**CONGRATULATIONS, TRAVEN RODRIGUEZ**



Traven, we are so proud of you.  
We love you ~ Mom, Alyssa, Jon/Dylan, Mema, Popo, Lala, Brayden

**Jared Rain Santos**

Jared Rain Santos is the son of Joey Santos and Christine Santos.

Jared was part of the Tahoka 3-D Band for two years. At this time, Jared's plans for after graduation are undecided.



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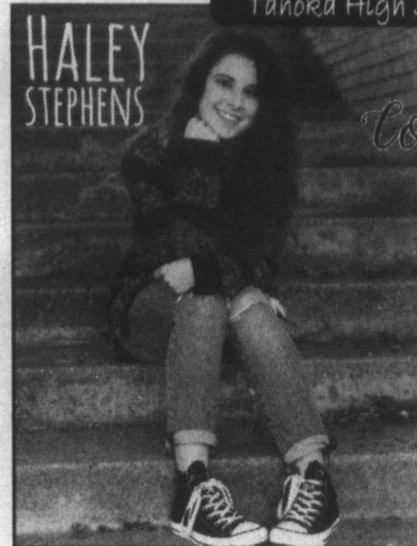
**Yulissa Villegas**

So proud of the independent and goal driven young lady you have become. You have reached every goal so far that you have set out to accomplish! I am so proud of you!

"IF GOD IS WITHIN HER, SHE WILL NOT FAIL."

I love you! You are my sunshine!  
Love - Mom

Tahoka High School



**Congratulations!**

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.  
WE LOVE YOU!

Mom & Dad, Grams, Erica & Gramps

**Haley Stephens**

Haley Stephens is the daughter of Stacy and Alicia Stephens.

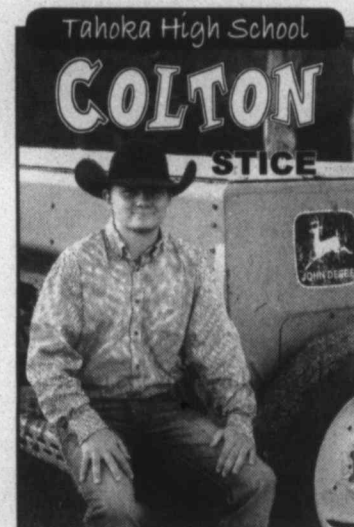
She is in the Top 10% of her class and is involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, the Tahoka 3-D band, church groups, and UIL. She was previously involved in One Act Play, athletics, and AVID.

After high school, she plans to attend South Plains and obtain her associates degree before transferring to Texas Tech to pursue her Master's in Education.

**Colton Stice**

Colton Stice is the son of Charlie and Lana Stice.

While in high school, Colton participated in Tahoka football and basketball. Colton also participated in the Tahoka FFA Chapter, and served as an officer for 3 years. After graduation, Colton plans on attending South Plains College Welding Program.

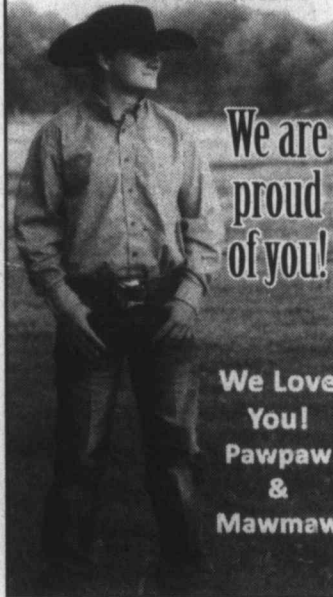


**Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you!**

Love ~ Dad, Mom, Keaton & Brooke

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations Colton Stice**



We are proud of you!

We Love You! Pawpaw & Mawmaw

Tahoka High School

**COLTON STICE**



**Congratulations for a job well done! Good luck in the future.**

~Love you! Granddad & MeMe  
I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS - WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM? MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.  
- Psalm 121:1

**Brandon Villarreal**

Brandon Villarreal is the son of Veronica Quintero. After graduation, Brandon plans on attending South Plains College.

**Yulissa Villegas**

Yulissa Villegas is the daughter of Brenda Dotson and Hector Villegas.

While in school, Yulissa participated in basketball, track, cheerleading and cross-country. Her senior year, she became certified as a CNA. After graduation, she plans on attending South Plains College as she starts her path of becoming a Pediatric Nurse.

YOUR FUTURE DOESN'T LIE AHEAD OF YOU, WAITING TO HAPPEN. IT LIES DEEP INSIDE OF YOU, WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES!**

**AURORA COOPERATIVE**

TAHOKA AIRPORT-OFFICE 806-998-4060

**Congratulations!**

TO THE **Class of 2017**

**LYNN COUNTY GRADUATES!**

**Garlyn Coop Gin**

Russel Barnett, Manager

*And so the adventure begins*

Dare to dream.  
Work hard.  
Achieve your goals.  
Have fun.  
Volunteer.  
Laugh often.  
Love life.





Best All Around... Grant Tekell and Serena Ayala were named Best All Around at Tahoka High School.

### County Commissioners ...

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two years the maintenance was to be turned over to the county," Kliber said.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock responded, "Our guidelines required roads to be curbed and guttered [and the Willow Ridge roads are not]. We will check into it and see what can be done. Since then, our subdivision rules have changed and we no longer maintain any subdivision roads," he said. "We will look at everything that you have addressed here today, and consider it," he added.

Several residents added other comments on both issues, with the group speaking for the first 30-40 minutes of the commissioners meeting.

Reed concluded by saying, "There have been a lot of good people that have moved out there, and I hope we can work together to correct it. How can it be that our property values increase every year - it's just not sustainable."

Lynn County Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott was at the meeting as well, and she explained that the market values in the Willow Ridge addition were not being considered solely in that one area, but that the Appraisal District staff was looking at everything in the entire New Home ISD area, including recent land sales in several new subdivisions, and that a combi-

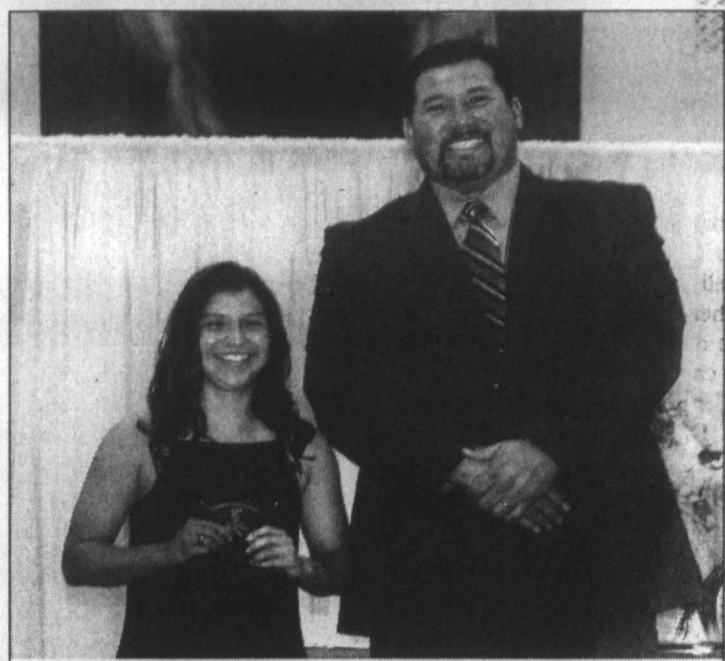
nation of factors had driven up the values.

After the comments were made, Judge Braddock responded, "We will do what we can, and we will lower the tax rate if we can. We all pay taxes and we don't like paying taxes any more than you. With the values going up like they have, it is possible the tax rate may go down, but I can't promise that," Braddock added.

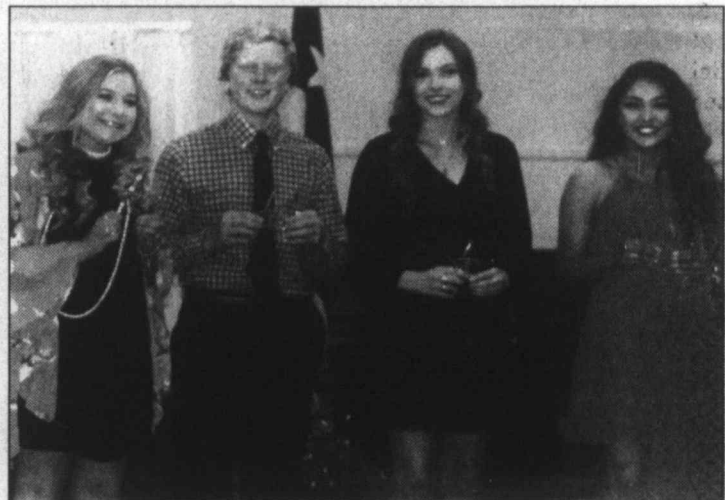
In other business, commissioners approved the 2015-16 county audit as presented by a representative of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss auditing firm. Commissioners also chose to keep First Bank & Trust as the county depository, after considering bids from FB&T and First National Bank of Tahoka, both of whom had representatives present at the meeting.

In an update on the courthouse renovation project, the judge said he anticipated that asbestos abatements would begin within 2-3 weeks on the first and second floors of the courthouse building. Also, he said that TxDOT is expected to reseat Loop 472 within the city limits of Tahoka (except the portion that currently runs adjacent to the courthouse, which is going to be permanently closed), and that after the road was in good condition that it would be turned over to the city for maintenance thereafter, and the square would be reinstated around the courthouse.

Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a report, and monthly bills were approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. All four commissioners were present, including Don Blair, Larry Durham, John Hawthorne, and Matt Woodley.



Academic All-Star ... Tahoka High School Junior, Serena Ayala was named Academic All-Star of her class. She is pictured with THS Principal Jeff Perez.



Academic All-Stars - Sophomores... Tahoka High School sophomores Raygin Taylor, Peyton Lowermilk, Kaylynn Green, and Aly Dotson, are the Academic All-Stars of their class.



Academic All-Stars-Freshmen ... Kenzie Parks, Joey Herrera, and Nadalie Carrasco are Academic All Stars for the freshman class at Tahoka High School, pictured with THS Principal Jeff Perez.

### NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

#### Petting Zoo on June 2nd

The City-County Library is hosting a Free Petting Zoo featuring animals from Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables. The zoo will be in Tahoka Friday June 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., outside between the Library and the Mini Park. Everyone is invited to enjoy the animals.

Bring your children and let them ride on a four-horse carousel and feed some of the animals with food provided by Whitley Acres. The two baby porcupines that came in March will be back along with their daddy Stickers. Come see a camel and kangaroo along with many more animals.

Please bring your camera you won't want to miss any of the special moments with children and the animals. Sign up for Summer Reading and the 3-D Doodler pen will be available for the children - so come join in the fun.

#### Resume building

The City-County Library has several different templates for building or revising your resume. The Library Staff will

be happy to help you build and print a new resume if you are looking to update your information.

#### First Grade Field Trip

Tahoka Elementary first grade students enjoyed lots of activities during their field trip at the library. Thank you first grade teachers for bringing your students to the City-County Library. We hope to see them again next year as second graders.

#### Library Closed Memorial Day

The City-County Library will be closed Monday, May 29th. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

#### Slot machines that dispense automobiles

Some car dealers will go to great lengths to put prospective customers in the driver's seat including the creation of giant vending machines, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. The Web site, futurism.com, recently reported that Singapore's Autobahn Motors built one that dispenses luxury pre-owned vehicles.

"Autobahn's" 15-story skyscraper has see-through slots for displaying up to 60 automobiles and "instantly" delivers cars to buyers, just like a coin-op dispenser delivers candy. It is not a new idea. Car dealer, Carvana, says it opened its five-story auto vending machine in Nashville in 2014.

#### We all like discounts

Too many older Americans lose out on discounts when they shop or go to a restaurant or a movie because they fail to ask whether they are entitled, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. But, 59-year-old entrepreneur Steve Mitchener says his new cell phone app automatically notifies you of available discounts.

The app is called Skiddy and it uses GPS technology to alert you when a discount is offered. You'll hear a "ping" when you walk into any of the 260,000 businesses that are currently programmed into the Skiddy application. And, he says he has a team that is constantly looking for new establishments that offer discounts to the over-50 set.

### Did you know ... about BASEBALL

Cal Ripken Jr. holds the record for playing in the most consecutive baseball games. He played in 2,632 games and was twice named the American League's Most Valuable Player, in 1983 and 1991. He didn't miss a game in 16 years.

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!! WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST!!

**POKA LAMBRO**

#### Green Memorial Park Cemetery Fund Drive

Green Memorial Park Cemetery in Wilson will have its annual fundraising drive during the month of June.

"We encourage all who have loved ones buried at Green Memorial Park to help with expenses of maintaining the cemetery," said a board member.

The Board of Directors include Servando Benavidez, Brenda Dunn, Randy Dunn, Lester Gickhorn, Carolyn Klaus and Lester Walker. "The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for the contributions you have made in the past and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive," said a member.

Funds may be deposited directly to FirstBank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, TX 79381.

Congratulations to Callie Castle for being our Shining Star for the month of May.

She has been employed at Lynn County Hospital District since 2007.

**Lynn County Hospital District**  
www.lchdhealthcare.org  
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is a medically prescribed weight loss program.

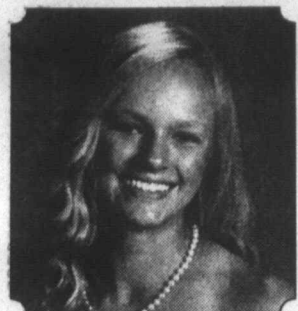
The program involves purchasing pre-proportioned, pre-packed Ideal Protein foods specifically formulated so they are low in carb and fat and high in protein.

BEFORE Ideal Protein: Pete Paniagua weighed 239 lbs. prior to diet and his current weight is 170 lbs.

AFTER Ideal Protein: Pete Paniagua holding a box of Ideal Protein.

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Inside the Fitness Center



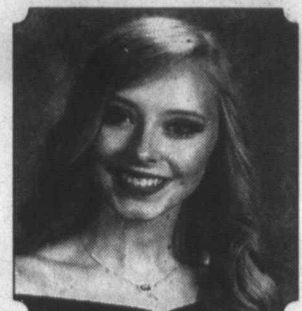


*Valedictorian*  
**KATHERINE BARRINGTON**



# New Home High School

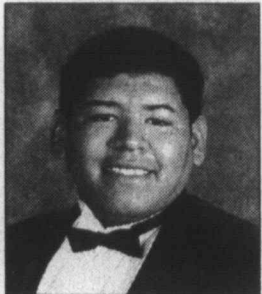
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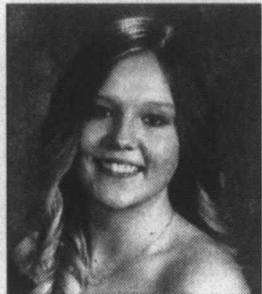
*Salutatorian*  
**ABBIE JACKSON**



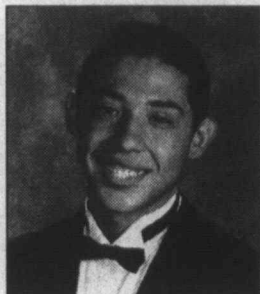
**Elijah Jackson Abney**



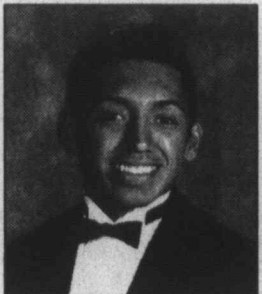
**Ramon Barraza Jr.**



**Kristan Berry**



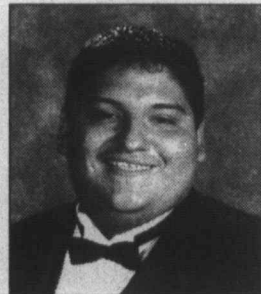
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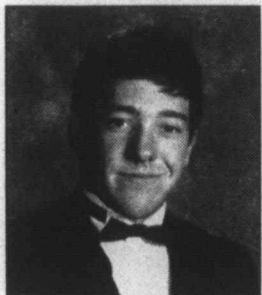
**Miguel Gomez**



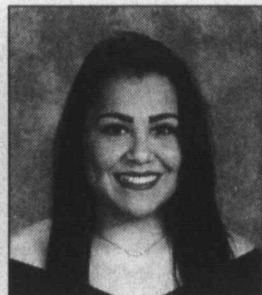
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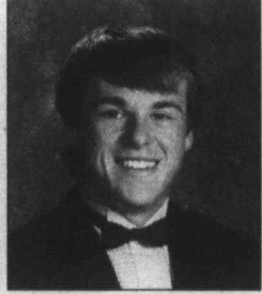
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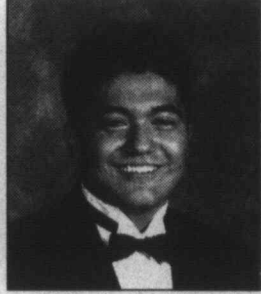
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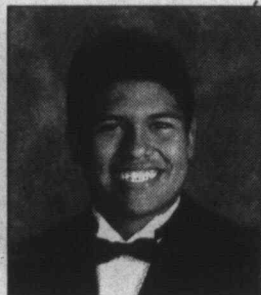
**Gloria Martinez**



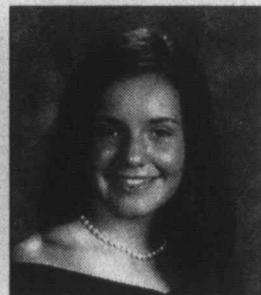
**Peyton McWhirter**



**Sevastian Rodriguez**



**Emmanuel Rosa**



**Sydni Salvato**

### New Home High School Senior Biographies

#### VALEDICTORIAN

**Katherine Barrington**  
Katherine Elizabeth Barrington, daughter of Matt and Lisa Barrington, is the NHHS Valedictorian for the Class of 2017.

She has attended New Home School since kindergarten. Throughout high school, Katherine has been involved in athletics, running cross-country and track, as well as playing basketball. She is a member of Student Council, FCA, National Honor Society, and FFA. Katherine participates in the sport of rodeo and has been a member of the Texas High School Rodeo Association for four years.

In the fall, Katherine will be attending Texas Tech University, majoring in industrial engineering. She would like to thank her coaches, teachers, and most of all her family for all they have done to prepare her for the future ahead.

#### SALUTATORIAN

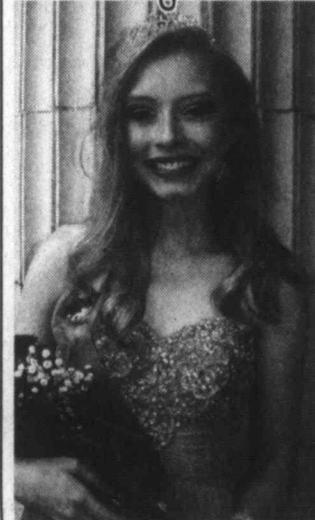
**Abbie Jackson**  
Abbie Kristelle Jackson, daughter of Brian and Kristi Jackson, is the NHHS Salutatorian for the Class of 2017.

Abbie has participated in Varsity cheerleading all four years of high school, three of which she was the captain. Abbie is a four-time All-American cheerleader nominee, and was a member of the All-American team in 2014. Abbie has also participated in FCA, Student Council, National Honor Society, and currently serves as the NHS Secretary, FCA Vice President, and Student Council President. She is also the Yearbook design editor and is involved in the IABC youth ministry.

Abbie plans to attend Lubbock Christian University to pursue a degree in Exercise and Sports Science, and later enroll in Covenant School of Nursing.

#### New Home High School

Congratulations,  
**Abbie Jackson**



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**Elijah Jackson Abney**  
Elijah Jackson Abney is the son of Koby and Jenny Abney. He has participated in varsity basketball, football, track, baseball, cross country, and golf. He is an active member of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church and participates in FCA. Jackson's future plans include attending South Plains College in the fall and then attending Texas Tech planning to get a Master's Degree in Athletic Training and to become nationally certified as an athletic trainer.

**Ramon Barraza Jr.**  
Ramon Barraza Jr. is the son of Sonia Loera. Ramon participated in basketball his freshman year and football his junior and senior year. He was honored as second team all-district nose guard his senior year. Ramon is also an active member in FCA. He plans to attend South Plains College with the goal of joining the Automotive and Diesel Mechanics department.

**Kristan Nicole Berry**  
Kristan Nicole Berry is the daughter of Kimberly and Jonathan Smith. Kristan has been an active member of Student Council and FCA throughout high school and serves as the yearbook staff business manager.

After high school Kristan plans to attend South Plains College, where she will major in psychology to become a substance abuse counselor.

If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito  
-- BETTE REESE

**Billy Castro**  
Billy Castro is the son of Angela Rangel and Oscar Rangel. Billy participated in basketball 4 years and football his junior and senior year. In basketball, he was named Newcomer of the Year his freshman year and was first team All-Region his sophomore, junior, and senior year. He also got first team All-State his junior and senior year. Billy led his team to a District Championship his senior year with a 33-3 record.

He plans to attend South Plains College to obtain an Associates degree in automotive and diesel mechanics.

**Miguel Gomez**  
Miguel Gomez is the son of Miguel and Alicia Gomez. He was named "Newcomer of the Year" and "First Team All-District Linemen" in football. He was Regional qualifier and State qualifier in Cross Country; Area qualifier and a Regional qualifier in track; and on the "Principal 'A' Honor Roll" throughout high school. He was nominated by the faculty as "Who's Who" and was accepted in the National Honor Society.

Miguel plans to go to South Plains College to get his Associates degree in Athletic Training, then transfer to Lubbock Christian University for his Bachelors of Science in Exercise and Sport Science with an emphasis in Athletic Training.

**Kayla Jo Gonzales**  
Kayla Jo Gonzales is the daughter of Shannon and Joe Gonzales. Kayla has been an active member in One Act Play and won Honorable Mention-All Star Cast consecutively and in her junior year advanced to Bi-District and received an All Star Cast Award. Kayla was the high school mascot and was an All-American Mascot, winning the leadership award consecutively, and was voted Most Spirited.

Kayla plans to attend South Plains College and participate in the theater program while getting her basics. She then plans to transfer to Texas Tech and become a certified High School English and Theater Teacher.

**Adrian Gonzalez**  
Adrian Gonzalez is the son of Arnulfo and Mary Gonzalez. Adrian has been an A-B honor roll student for the last 2 years. He was involved in the welding program. Adrian has worked through high school on a horse farm training horses for the race-track, and also working on tractors.

Adrian plans to attend South Plains College to get his certification in the mechanic program.

Success is often the result of taking a misstep in the right direction.  
-- AL BERNSTEIN

**Garrett Dain Jameson**  
Garrett Dain Jameson is the son of Mindy and Chris Campbell and Brad and Krystal Jameson. Garrett was active in National Honor Society, FFA, football, cross country, track and golf. His honors include: Varsity Football District and Area Champions, Varsity All District Nose Guard and Tight End, and Team Captain; Varsity Cross Country Regional Qualifier, and Varsity State Qualifier; Varsity Golf District Champs and Regional Qualifier, Individual District Golf Medalist; Varsity Track Area and Regional Qualifier in 800 Relay. He was presented the Outstanding Agriculture Student of New Home ISD for 2017 and was named Homecoming King his senior year.

**Gloria Martinez**  
Gloria Martinez is the daughter of Jose and Gloria Martinez. Gloria has received the Principal's A Honor Roll her entire high school career. She earned the perfect attendance award her freshman year. She was also given the Outstanding Student award for U.S. History and Mathematics her junior year. Gloria is an active member of FCA and Student Council all four years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend South Plains College to join the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

**Peyton Blake McWhirter**  
Peyton Blake McWhirter is the son of Blake and Amber McWhirter. Throughout high school he has competed in varsity football and received Second Team All-District Full-Back. He competed in track; also participated in UIL Mathematics, Science, Calculator, and Ready Writing.

Peyton has been accepted into the University of West Texas and will be majoring in Pre-Medicine. After West Texas, he plans on attending either the University of Texas A&M or the University of Texas Tech for Medical School. After completing his studies, he plans to become a radiologist.

**Sevastian Rodriguez**  
Sevastian Rodriguez is the son of Patricia Chavez and Carlos Rodriguez. Sevastian has received the Principal's A-B Honor Roll throughout; participated in track and he received Honorable Mention in football. Sevastian plans on attending South Plains College and majoring in Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.

**Emmanuel Rosa**  
Emmanuel Rosa is the son of Melodie Rosa. Emmanuel was involved in varsity athletics throughout his high school career. He was a regional qualifier in cross-country, All-District in basketball, and Area qualifier in track. He was an A&B honor roll student throughout high school.

He plans to attend South Plains College to get his associates degree, then transfer to Texas Tech University and earn his bachelor's degree in physical education, with plans to be a coach.

**Sydni Ann Salvato**  
Sydni Ann Salvato is the daughter of Lane and Karen Salvato. She participated in varsity basketball all four years of high school and had the opportunity to win Bi-District her senior year. Sydni is currently the FCA President as well as the National Honor Society President. She is an active member in the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church youth group.

Her future plans are to attend Howard Payne University to pursue a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She will also be playing basketball for the Lady Jackets of Howard Payne.

I learned many great lessons from my father, not the least of which was that you can fail at what you don't want, so you might as well take a chance on doing what you love.

-- JIM CARREY

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**New Home High School**  
**Class of 2017**  
**Commencement Exercises**  
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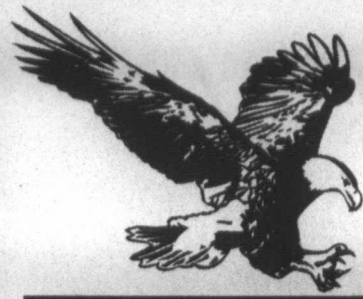
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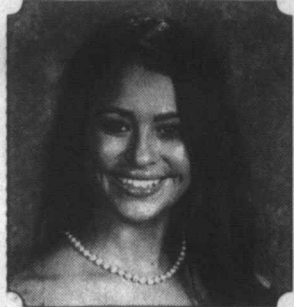
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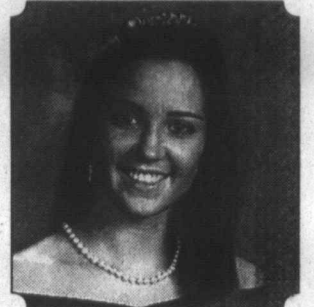


# O'Donnell High School

## Class of 2017



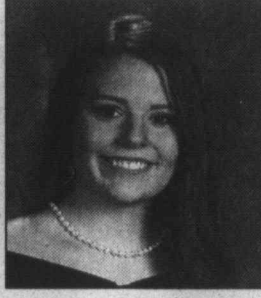
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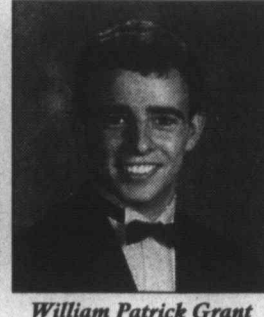
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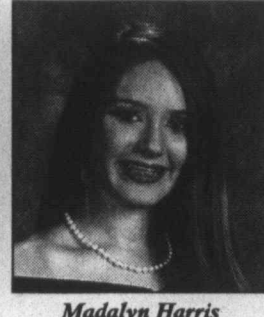
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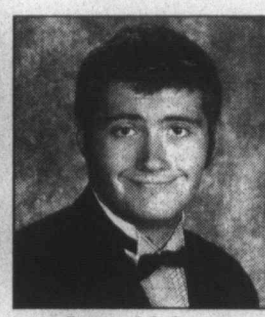
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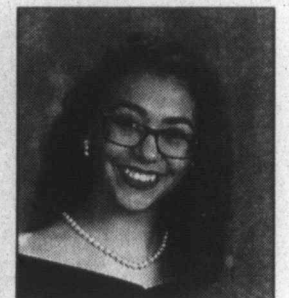
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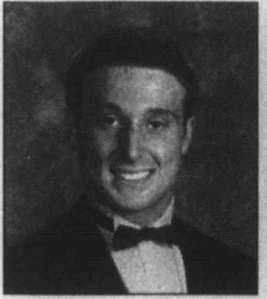
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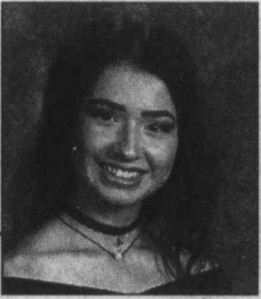
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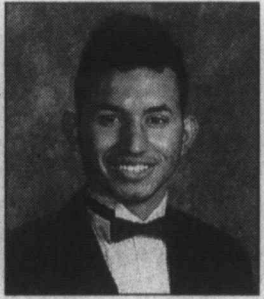
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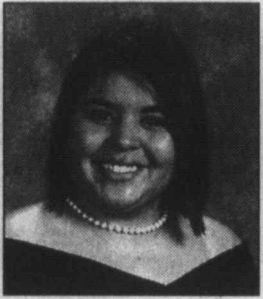
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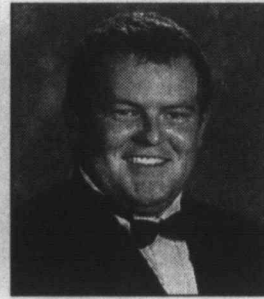
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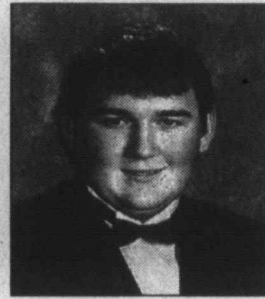
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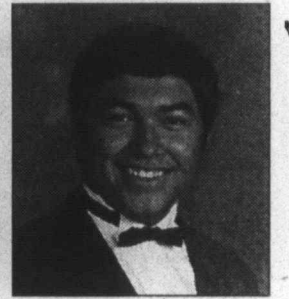
**Gabby Pina**



**Bry Todd**



**Jacob Van**



**Donovan Vasquez**

### O'Donnell High School Senior Biographies

#### VALEDICTORIAN

**Alexis "Lexi" Villarreal**  
Alexis "Lexi" Villarreal, daughter of Willie and Denise Villarreal, is the OHS Valedictorian for the Class of 2017.

In high school Lexi participated in Cross-Country, track, basketball, UIL, OAP, varsity cheerleading, FFA and band. She was State Qualifier in Cross-Country her sophomore and senior year, CCCAT All-Region her sophomore and junior year and TGCA All-State. In track she was a State Qualifier her freshman, junior and senior year, and on the All-State Team. In basketball the team was Regional Quarterfinal Champions three years. She was named co-MVP, TABC All-Region, All-State Honors, TSMCA All-State, All-Star Select and ASCO All-Star Select, and TASSP All-State Academic Excellence team. She was named 2016 Homecoming Queen.

Lexi plans to attend South Plains College, then transfer to Texas Tech to complete her Master's Degree in Nursing and become a Nurse Practitioner.

#### SALUTATORIAN

**Brooklynn BreeAnn Wilkie**  
Brooklynn BreeAnn Wilkie, daughter of Brian and Robin Wilkie, is the OHS Salutatorian for the Class of 2017.

She participated in track, Regional and State Qualifier; Cross-Country- Regional and State Qualifier; basketball-All-District, District MVP, Defensive MVP, All-Region TABC, TMSCA All-State, TABC All-State, TGCA All-State, Regional Semi-finalist, Lonestar Super Team and Player of the Week, TSMCA and ASCO All-Star; band, NHS, tennis, OAP, Student Council, UIL, FFA, and cheer.

Brooklynn plans to attend Angelo State University to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Radiology.

#### Selena Rose Castro

Selena Rose Castro is the daughter of Carmen Castro.

She was active in high school in Cross-Country- Regional and State Qualifier; track- Discus Champion and District 3 Area Regional Qualifier; basketball- 1st team All-District; cheerleading, band and National Honor Society.

She plans to attend South Plains College for her Associate Degree in Nursing, then transfer to Texas Tech to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

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#### Hannah Childress

Hannah Childress is the daughter of Rebecca and Cameron Childress. In high school she was active in NHS, basketball, tennis, band, UIL, OAP, FFA, Student Council, and was a cheerleader.

Hannah plans to attend South Plains College and major in cosmetology.

#### Emilee Elizabeth Curtis

Emilee Elizabeth Curtis is the daughter of Amanda and Courtney Stidham and Richard and Heather Curtis.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, band, Plant ID and participated in UIL-Congress.

She plans to attend South Plains College and major in Respiratory Therapy.

#### Anna Garcia

Anna Garcia is the daughter Claudia Villanueva and Robert Garcia.

She was active in Cross-Country, basketball, track, FFA, band, and One Act Play. After graduation she plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Nursing.

#### William Patrick Grant

William Patrick Grant is the son of Bill and Kathy Grant.

In high school his activities included Cross-Country, Regional Track and State FFA. His plans are to join the Army following graduation.

#### Madalyn Harris

Biography unavailable.

#### Jarrett McCarver

Biography unavailable.

#### Lizzulli Mendoza

Lizzulli Mendoza is the daughter of Violeta Regalado and George Regalado.

She was active in FCCLA, band, Plant ID, and National Honor Society. In UIL she participated in Social Studies, Spelling, Accounting and Literary Criticism.

She plans to attend South Plains College for her basics and Pre-Bachelor Degree in Nursing, then transfer to Texas Women's University to earn her Master and Bachelor Degrees as a Nurse Practitioner. Her wish is to become a traveling Nurse Practitioner.

#### Hagen Montgomery

Biography unavailable.

#### Elisa Rebecca Muñoz

Elisa Rebecca Muñoz is the daughter of Misty Urias and Jeremy Muñoz. After graduation her plans are to attend South Plains College, and major in Radiology Technology.

#### Donovan Pesina

Biography unavailable.

#### Janie Lee Pesina

Janie Lee Pesina is the daughter of Maria and Luis Pesina. She was in band her freshman year of high school. She plans to attend South Plains College and become a Neonatal Nurse.

#### Gabby Pina

Biography unavailable.

**Bry Todd**  
Bry Todd is the son of Blaine and Clintonna Todd.

In high school, Bry was active in FFA, football, basketball, baseball, and One Act Play. In football he was named to All-District 2nd team defensive lineman and center, One Act Play - District Alternate and District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, basketball All-District II-Honorable Mention, FFA

Junior Skills Team, and OHS Salutes-Vocational Agriculture. He plans to attend South Plains College to earn his certificate in welding, and participate in Rodeo.

#### Jacob Van

Jacob Van is the son of Jean and Walt Van. After graduation he plans to join the Army.

**Donovan Vasquez**  
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## CONGRATULATIONS 2017 O'DONNELL GRADUATES

Best of luck in your future endeavors.



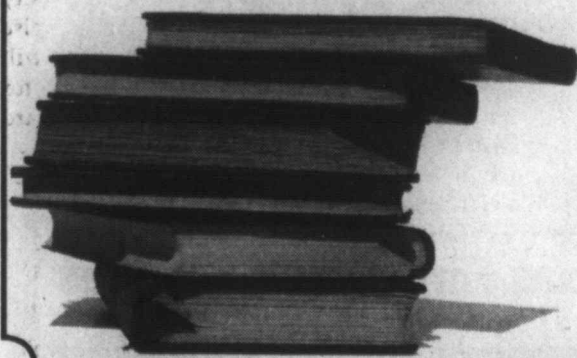
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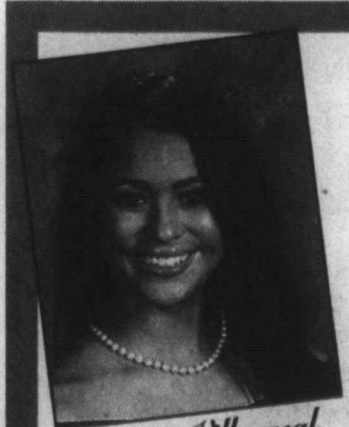
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**Alexis Villarreal**  
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OHS Salutatorian

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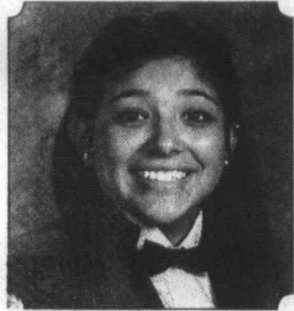
Best wishes to all seniors for much success.

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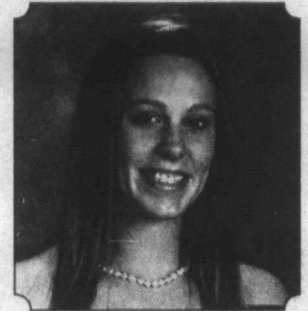




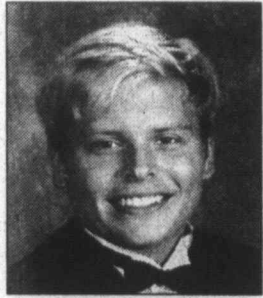
*Valedictorian*  
**MAKAYLA JOPLIN**

# Wilson High School

Class of **2017**



*Salutatorian*  
**ALYSSA MATTHEWS**



**Zachary Crutcher**



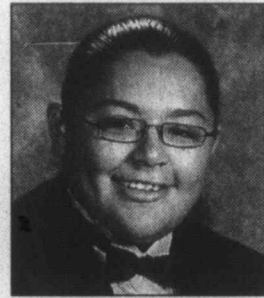
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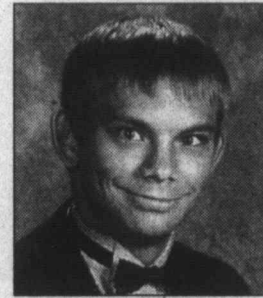
**Kalie Hernandez**



**Zack Mendez**



**Angela Rendon**



**Bailey Steen**

## Wilson High School Senior Biographies

### VALEDICTORIAN Makayla Joplin

Makayla Joplin, daughter of Wes Joplin and Teresa Joplin, is the WHS Valedictorian for the Class of 2017.

During high school she was active in basketball, cross-country, track, theatre, cheerleading, and Student Council. Her honors include Outstanding Leadership, 1st Team All-District, 2nd Team All-District, and Offensive Player of the Year. She was named Homecoming Queen, Prom Queen and Outstanding Crew Award.

Makayla plans to attend South Plains College and participate in the LVN program.

### SALUTATORIAN Alyssa Matthews

Alyssa Matthews, daughter of Alicia Matthews, is the WHS Salutatorian for the Class of 2017.

She was active in track, cross-country, Theatre, basketball and cheerleading. In basketball she was named 1st team All-District and All-District Offensive MVP.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College to get her basics completed and transfer to West Texas A&M and major in Psychology.

### Zachary Crutcher

Zachary Crutcher is the son of Dennis Flynn and Brenna Flynn.

In high school he participated in football, track and One Act Play. He was nominated to the All-Star Cast two years in a row. His plans after graduation are to attend Collin College and major in Business.

### Analys Esparza

Analys Esparza is the daughter of Adolfo Esparza and Christina Esparza.

In high school she was active in basketball, track, cross-country, One Act Play and a member of Student Council. After graduation she will attend South Plains College to become an Athletic Trainer.

### Kalie Hernandez

Kalie Hernandez is the daughter of Tracey Hernandez and Joe Hernandez.

Kalie was nominated Homecoming Queen her senior year and was active in basketball, theatre, track and cross-country. She will attend South Plains College in the fall to begin her studies to become a Medical Assistant.

### Zack Mendez

Zack Mendez is the son of Denny and Melissa Mendez.

He was active in football, track, and basketball throughout high school. His plans are to enter the workforce following graduation.

### Angela Rendon

Angela Rendon is the daughter of Janie Rendon and Oscar Rendon, Sr.

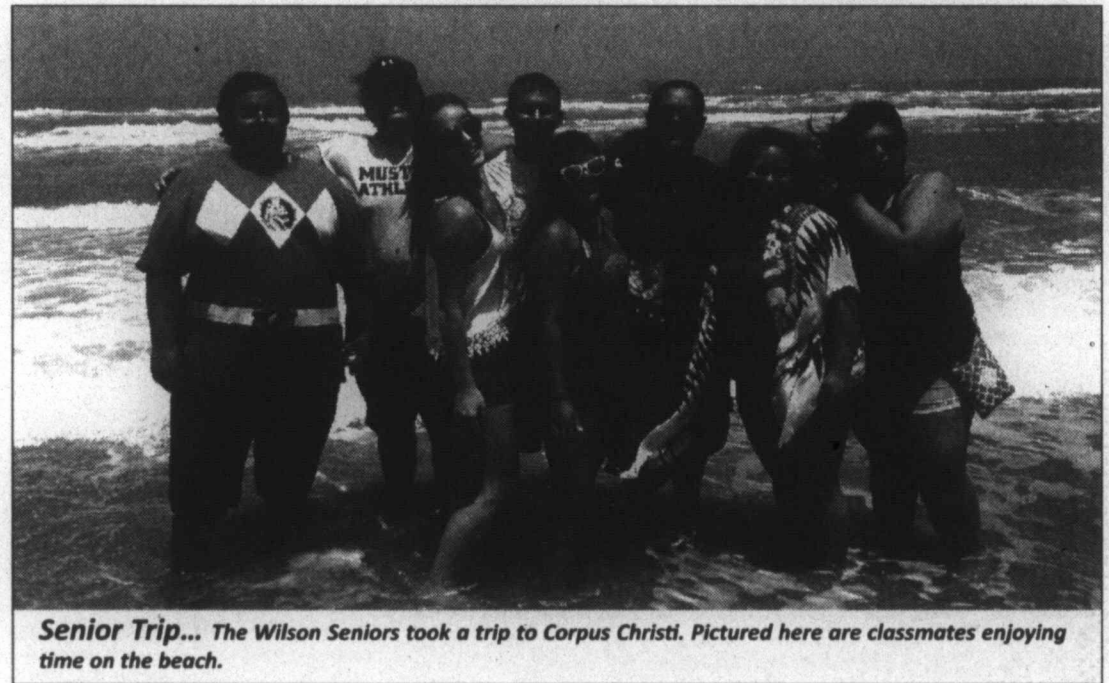
She was an active participant in basketball, track and One Act Play. She was Regional Qualifier in shot put and received the Honorable Mention award in One Act Play. She plans to attend South Plains College.

### Bailey Steen

Bailey Steen is the son of Shayne and Kim Steen.

He was active in football, track, basketball, and cross-country. His future plans are to attend South Plains College or West Texas A&M to pursue a degree in pre-Veterinary.

Isn't it funny how day by day it seems like nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different... Make the most of now, congratulations graduate.



**Senior Trip...** The Wilson Seniors took a trip to Corpus Christi. Pictured here are classmates enjoying time on the beach.

### WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Jessica Wilke

This past week was the last week for regular classes at Wilson ISD. Friday was a campus wide field day. Pre-K to 5 grade had "The Amazing Race". Students were divided into groups consisting of one child from each grade. They were given clues, as a team they had to figure out what station to go to next to complete a challenge. Some of the stations included filling up a bucket with a sponge, jump roping across the lawn, shooting basketballs, and many more.

High School and Junior High also had a field day. They were broken up into four teams according to classes, including middle school students. They started off with a basketball round robin tournament, followed by a game of Matball. A segment of the championship game can be found on the Wilson Mustangs Activities Facebook page. The freshman fell to the seniors by 2 in the end. Following Matball was a water balloon fight.

Graduation will be held on May 26th in the gym at 6:00pm. Congratulations to all seniors!

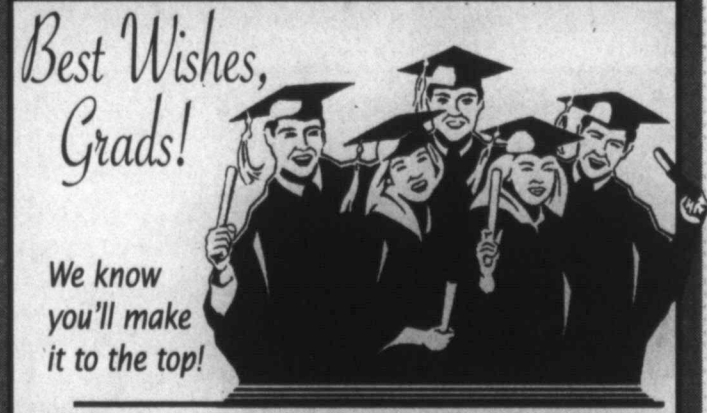
### Memorial Day Ceremony set in Wilson

Wilson will be holding their 18th annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29th at Green Memorial Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. A Memorial wreath will be placed, sponsored by First Bank & Trust and O.D. Kenney Auto of Slaton. Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will do the flag raising, and a Color Guard from Cannon Air Force Base will be present for the ceremony.

"Anyone wishing to offer words of prayer, remembrance, or song please feel free to do so," said a sponsor. Flags will be placed around the cemetery on Saturday, May 28 at 6 p.m., and all help is welcome.

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May 29-June 2  
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**Wednesday:** Beef stew, turnip greens, black forest parfait  
**Thursday:** Charbroiled beef patty w/ peppers & onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, mandarin oranges  
**Friday:** Chicken & noodle casserole, english peas, chuckwagon corn, applesauce  
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## Buying a property? HPWD can help with groundwater questions

By Keith Whitworth  
HPWD Field Technician Supervisor

Buying a home or property is always a little stressful. However, buying a home or property in the country where there are little or no city services can be extremely stressful.

The electric co-op can supply electricity. The gas company can bring natural gas to your home. But who is going to supply water on your acreage? Most rural homes are supplied by groundwater from private wells. This is where the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) can help.

Since its creation, HPWD has monitored changes in aquifer levels within its service area. Each winter, District staff measure water levels in more than 1,400 privately-owned wells in the observation well network. The measurements are compared to those of the previous year to determine the rise or decline in the water table.

HPWD staff can calculate the amount of saturated thickness beneath a property by comparing the water level measurement to the depth of the base of the aquifer. These water level and saturated thickness data are available using the interactive "all-in-one" map feature on the HPWD website (map.hpwd.org).

When looking at prospective property, we encourage you to go to the interactive map feature, zoom in to the area of interest, and click on observation wells in the area to view the depth to water, saturated thickness, and depth to the base of the aquifer information.

Observation wells are spaced approximately three miles apart—so there is a good likelihood that there will not be one on the property of interest.

However, you can estimate the depth to water by looking at data from several nearby observation wells.

The interactive maps have a tab which allows access to water well drillers' logs. Accessing this will allow the public to view the depth to water and determine the depth of the formation. This process should help estimate the saturated thickness of the aquifer in most areas.

If there are still questions concerning the depth to water

and there are existing water wells on the property, HPWD staff can measure the depth to water in the wells, if the current landowner grants permission to do so.

HPWD staff are always ready to help you evaluate the water under the property or properties you are interested in purchasing. Feel free to stop by the HPWD office at 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock or call us at (806) 762-0181 for assistance/information.



**National FFA Scholarships ...** Tahoka FFA members Nik DeLeon (left) and Brit Lockaby were awarded National FFA Scholarships. Brit received the John Deere Dealer, Hurst Farm Supply scholarship of \$2,000, and Nik received the FastLine Media, Ag Marketing Solutions scholarship of \$1,000.

## State climatologist predicts hot summer

Above-average temperatures and dry conditions across Texas could be a sign of things to come this summer, says the state climatologist.

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, College Station, said he is concerned arid conditions could be prevalent through the summer following the warmest winter on record and a relatively dry spring with above-average temperatures.

March temperatures averaged 6 degrees higher than normal, he said. Cool spells in the first half of May have reduced average temperatures for the spring months, but the season was still 2-3 degrees warmer than usual.

Recent weather patterns around most of the state have also delivered very little moisture, Nielsen-Gammon said. The combination of dry, windy conditions and warmer temperatures could be the precursor to a long, hot summer.

"If dry conditions continue and soil moisture isn't replenished, we could get into drought relatively quickly," he said.

## Texas Medicaid mosquito repellent benefit aims to protect Texans

AUSTIN—Starting May 1, Texas will begin providing this year's statewide Medicaid benefit for mosquito repellent to prevent Zika virus transmission. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is offering the repellent to more Medicaid clients to ensure additional Texans are protected from the virus that can be devastating to unborn babies.

For the first time in Texas, some boys and men will be eligible to receive the benefit, as well as women ages 45 to 55. Eligible recipients can pick up mosquito repellent at participating pharmacies without needing a prescription, as Texas Medicaid has issued a standing order for mosquito repellent for the benefit.

"We want to support the health and safety of Texans," said HHSC Executive Commissioner Charles Smith. "The best way to protect yourself from the Zika virus is by using mosquito repellent."

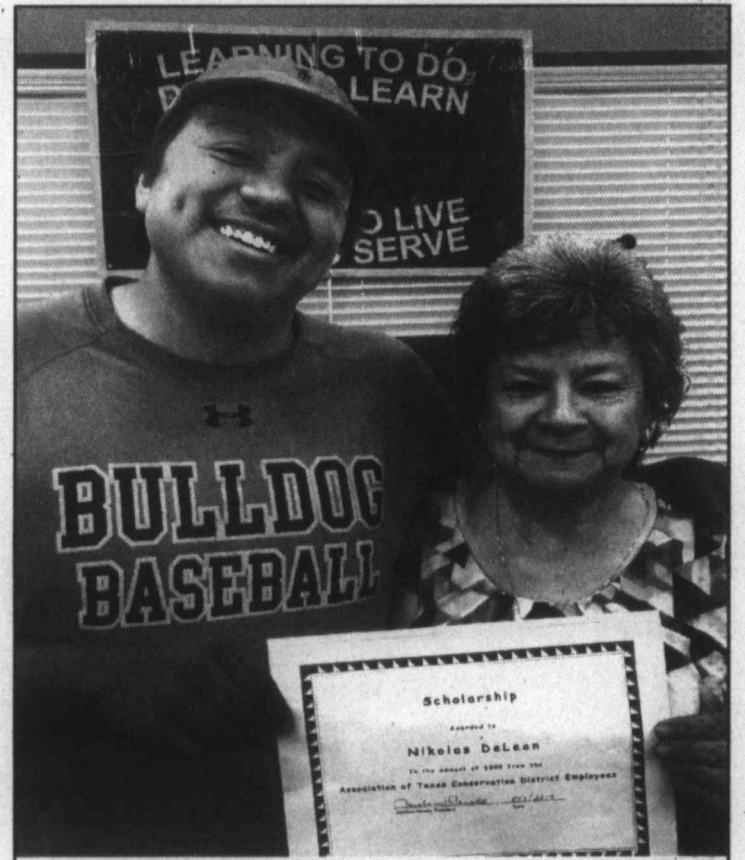
Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, but

it can also spread by sexual contact. While symptoms are often minor, Zika can cause severe birth defects in the babies of some women infected with the virus during pregnancy.

The benefit is for pregnant women, women ages 10-55, and males age 14 and up who are enrolled in Medicaid managed care, fee-for-service, the Children's Health Insurance Program and CHIP-Perinatal programs. Recipients can pick up mosquito repellent without needing a prescription. In addition, individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for Healthy Texas Women, Children with Special Health Care Needs, or the Family Planning Program can receive the benefit. Eligible clients in the CSHCN program require a prescription.

The 2017 benefit includes up to two cans per month per eligible beneficiary. People are encouraged to call the pharmacy ahead of time because supply can vary by location.

For more information about the Zika virus, visit TexasZika.org.



**Scholarship awarded ...** Tahoka High School senior Nik DeLeon (left) receives the Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Scholarship of \$500, from Helen Saldana, Vice President of the Association.

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