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## County Seniors Featured in this edition!

Graduating seniors from Tahoka, Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home ISD are featured inside this edition.

Read all about their accomplishments and their plans for the future!

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 21	97	60	
May 22	93	60	
May 23	96	65	
May 24	89	59	
May 25	92	62	
May 26	93	70	
May 27	93	66	
May 28			a.m. rain: 1.36"
<b>Total Precipitation May:</b>			4.45"
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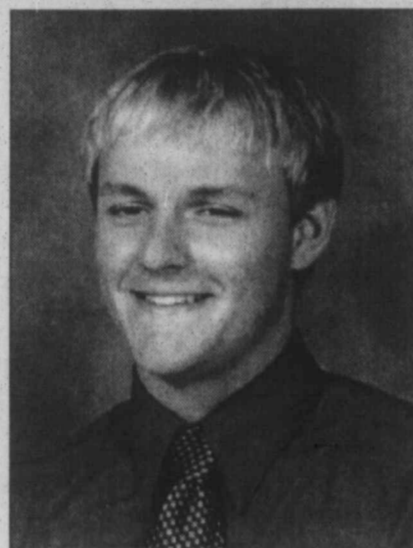
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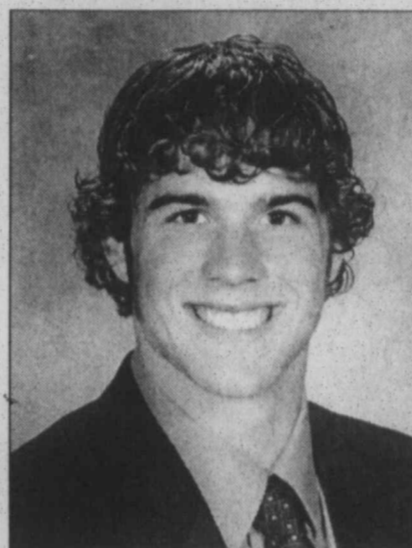
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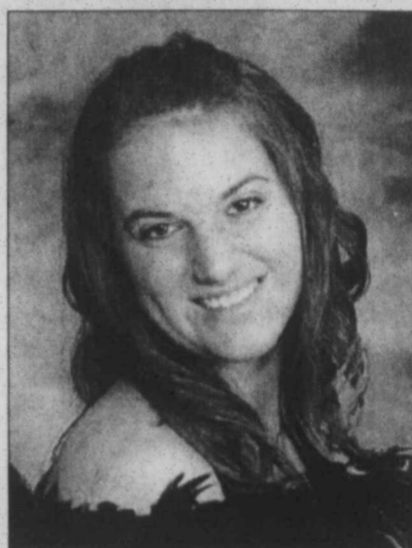
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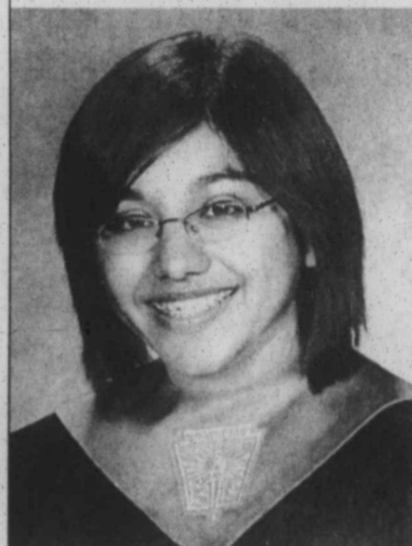
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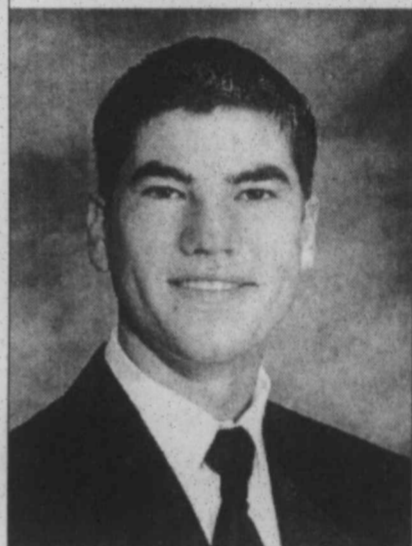
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# Top Honor Grads Named

Valedictorians and Salutatorians for Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell schools will be featured speakers at Commencement Exercises for the four county schools Friday night. Tahoka has 43 graduates, O'Donnell has 34, New Home has 19, and 8 seniors will be graduating from Wilson, for a total of 104 seniors graduating from county schools.

Joshua Klaus Freitag, son of Dr. Donald and Tonda Freitag, is the Tahoka High School Valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.572. Kristin Rae Box is Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.474, and she is the daughter of Ray and Cathy Box. Tahoka High

School Commencement Exercises will be held at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Caleb Ryan Schneider is O'Donnell High School Valedictorian, graduating with a 3.41 GPA. He is the son of Ricky and Cynde Schneider of Lamesa. OHS Salutatorian is Rachel Jaime, daughter of Carlos and Adelita Jaime of O'Donnell, with a GPA of 3.38. OHS Commencement Exercises will be held at 8 p.m. at the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Auditorium.

New Home High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2008 is Sarah Ussery, daughter of Jay and Rebecca Ussery, with a GPA of 98.52. Trevor

White, son of Michael and Carol White, is Class Salutatorian with a GPA of 97.53. Commencement Exercises for New Home will be held at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Danielle Chance, daughter of Antonio and Conseulo Villarreal, is the

Wilson High School Valedictorian with a GPA of 89.2. Class Salutatorian is Kyle Hare, son of Freddie and Stacy Hare, with a GPA of 88.9. Wilson High School's Commencement Exercises will begin at 7 p.m. in the WHS gymnasium.

## Domestic Disputes, Collision Reported

Tahoka Police were called to the scene of two domestic disputes during the last week, making one arrest, and also investigated a minor collision that occurred Saturday.

Ramon Quintero, 41, of Tahoka was driving a 1986 Chevrolet pickup that struck a parked 2006 BMW owned by Daliah DeLeon of Tahoka. There were no injuries in the incident on S. 1st St.

A 23-year-old man was arrested Saturday for public intoxication and assault/family violence. Last Thursday police talked with a woman who said a 38-year-old man had threatened her, and also had struck her in the past.

Three persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, one for driving while license invalid, one for assault/family violence plus public intoxication, and one for unlawfully carrying a weapon plus driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Those arrests, offset by releases, left the jail population at 43 early this week, with 19 of those held for Lubbock County and two held for Gaines County.

## Tahoka ISD Early Dismissal Set Thursday

Tahoka ISD will dismiss school at 12:30 p.m. and buses will run at 2:35 on Thursday, May 29.

"We wish everyone a safe and fun summer," stated TISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker.

Reminder, the first day of school for the 2008-2009 school year will be Monday, August 25, 2008.



Congratulations Graduates!

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BY THE TIME you start reading this, gasoline prices likely will be over \$4 per gallon. And if it takes you as long as 10 minutes to read this, by the time you are finished, prices may be up to \$4.25.

That's how fast gasoline prices are increasing, and people who supposedly know what is going on say there is no end in sight just yet; prices could reach \$6 or more per gallon right here in Lynn County, and when that happens, people may start staying at home more.

Although I have seen some stories that claim otherwise, I believe that very few people are modifying their driving plans yet. Traffic prognosticators predicted that 31.7 million people would take trips on Memorial Day weekend, which was either last week or this week, depending on what you go by. And if that happened/happens, it would be almost as many as took to the highways last year, when gasoline was 60 cents a gallon cheaper.

You can go to Lubbock, or anywhere else in this area, and not notice any less traffic. Most folks around here, and all over the nation, apparently, are driving just as much as they ever did, only they are complaining more.

A man told me he put \$100 worth of gas in his SUV the other day. I told him I could remember paying no more than that for at least three different used cars I bought some years ago.

TAHOKA now has a new traffic signal, a whole bunch of lights that turn red, yellow, and green, with arrows and yield signs that are sure to confuse a few older folks who have long been accustomed to a single light hanging down from a wire in the middle of the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 380 and Loop 472, or whatever they call Main St. at that point.

Pretty uptown stuff, with poles extending out across the intersections at each entrance, all because (someone said), the older type hanging down in the middle did not meet certain standards.

Now they've got it fixed so that when the wind blows the traffic lights down, it will smash every car in the intersection, instead of just one vehicle. This is called sharing.

### Vanessa Baker To Graduate From Roscoe High

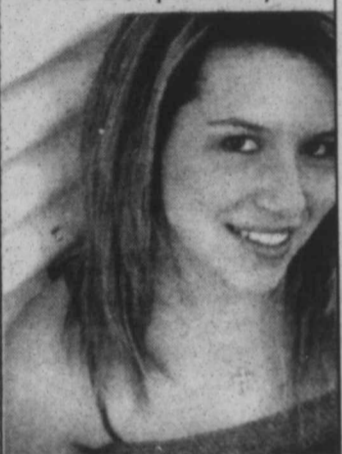
Vanessa Baker, daughter of Vernon and Victoria Baker of Tahoka, is graduating from Roscoe High School.

She was a member of the National Honor Society and was voted Outstanding Girl Student at Roscoe High School. Vanessa has also been involved in dance since the age of 3, and is a teacher and choreographer at the Sweetwater Performing Arts dance program. She has performed with high school dance programs since she was a sixth grader in 2002. She is a member of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka and FUMC youth group.

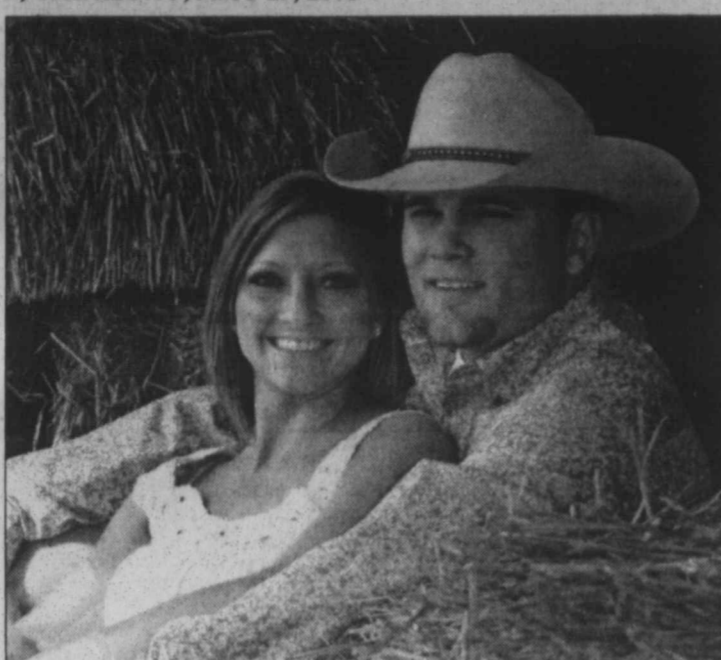
Vanessa plans to attend West Texas State in Canyon and participate in their dance program.

Roscoe High School

**Congratulations Vanessa Baker!**  
We are so proud of you



Love -- Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Chris, Jaycee and Tiffany



### KELSI RENEE TILSON and BLANDON REID HANCOCK Couple Plans August Wedding

Scott and Misti Caffey and Scott Tilson of Lubbock, along with Eddie and Alecia Hancock of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Kelsi Renee Tilson and Blandon Reid Hancock.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Monterey High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University August 9, 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Retail and a minor in Restaurant/Hotel Management. She was a cheerleader for the University of North Texas in Denton for one year and then returned to Lubbock to complete her degree at Tech. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Sami Luedecke of Acuff and William and Faye Tilson of Littlefield.

The future bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Tahoka High School and May 2008 graduate of Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and a minor in History. Hancock played baseball at Navarro College, Midland College, Lubbock Christian University and enjoyed a short stint with the Florence Freedom Minor League Baseball Team. He is the grandson of Rhonda and Norman Ledbetter and the late Mike Reid of Tahoka and Raymond and Burna Jo Hancock of O'Donnell.

The couple will marry August 2, 2008 on the property of Cagle's Steak House in Lubbock.

Coronado High School

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### Lubbock Water Pipeline To Cross Lynn County

A pipeline connecting water from Lake Alan Henry to the City of Lubbock is expected to cross a portion of Lynn County. Commissioners learned at their regular meeting Tuesday morning, Joe Pate of McDougal & Company explained to Lynn County Commissioners that all property owners in the proposed path of the pipeline have been sent surveys regarding the proposed pipeline.

Pate said the pipeline would be 48-inches in diameter and would be buried 8 to 10 feet deep across a 65-mile stretch, with approximately 15 miles in Lynn County. They expect to have water flowing by June 2012.

The company was not requesting any action by county commissioners, but simply informing them of the project's scope.

In other business Tuesday morning, commissioners discussed internet service for the county. Dee Dee Pridmore, representing Poka Lambro, gave a presentation on internet service options, and County Judge H.G. Franklin also had figures from Windstream to consider. Commissioners tabled any decision on the issue until a future meeting.

Commissioners discussed closing the county-owned dumpsite, as the new City of

Tahoka landfill is available for usage by county residents. Tahoka City Administrator Jerry Webster met with the court to discuss allowing a container for burn barrels for county users, and commissioners said they would send a couple of representatives to the next city council meeting for further discussion. They did not set a date as yet for closure of the county dumpsite.

The county burn ban currently in effect was discussed again, with commissioners voting unanimously to leave it in place at this time. The burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning within the county, including inside cities within the county, and is in effect until July 28, 2008.

County employee retirement plan considerations were discussed, and commissioners voted to not make any changes in the current plan, leaving it as is. Some discussion was held on whether to apply for an emergency grant for much-needed electrical work at the courthouse, and commissioners asked Judge Franklin to check to see if a grant proposal would affect future considerations on the courthouse restoration project grant, which the county is still seeking.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department, and monthly bills were approved. No action was taken on consideration for the sale of county-owned lots in O'Donnell. Commissioners were to have met with Tom Keyes, Gaines County Judge, to consider a software project proposal, but Judge Keyes was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners moved to table this item and to meet with Judge Keyes at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 6.

All four commissioners were present at the meeting, and Judge Franklin presided.



### STORK REPORT

Jadyn Ryleigh Woodley

Matt and Klyssa Woodley of Mabank announce the birth of their daughter, Jaydyn Raleigh, born at 3:07 a.m. Tuesday May 6, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jay and Karen Kelln of Tahoka, Suzanne and George Carter and Steve and Janey Woodley, all of Marshall. Great-grandparents are LaVerne Meeks of Tahoka, Norman and JoAnn Kelln of Shattuck, OK, Lily Bell Woodley of Marshall and James Kizer of Commerce.

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ANDREA SEPEDA-MONTEZ

### Local Student Inducted Into Texas Tech Scholars Program

Andrea Sepeda-Montez of Tahoka was inducted into the McNair Scholars Program at Texas Tech University during their recently held spring banquet.

The Texas Tech University McNair Scholars Program prepares First Generation College undergraduate students from limited income backgrounds for the rigors of doctoral study. The long-term mission of the McNair Scholars program is to increase the number of individuals from underrepresented groups to receive doctoral degrees. Scholars have the opportunity to work with a graduate student mentor and a faculty mentor, conduct research and write and present their findings at professional and academic conferences.

Andrea was also on the Texas Tech University President's honors list. She is majoring in social work with a minor in health.

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Joshua Michael Arriazola  
Amy Ashley Barrera  
Lindsey Brooke Barrientez  
Melanie Jane Beard  
Kristin Rae Boe  
Michael Lance Calvillo  
Lupe Castaneda  
James Taylor Cloe  
Alexander Abelardo Gamez DeLeon  
Joshua Klaus Freitag  
Anthony Riojas Garcia  
Ernest Anthony Gomez  
Marissa Lynn Gomez  
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Demetria Salinas  
Ricardo Jordan Sanchez  
Monica Sepulveda  
Kyle Robert Simms  
Jacob Coty Stephens  
Donovan Ervin Tillman  
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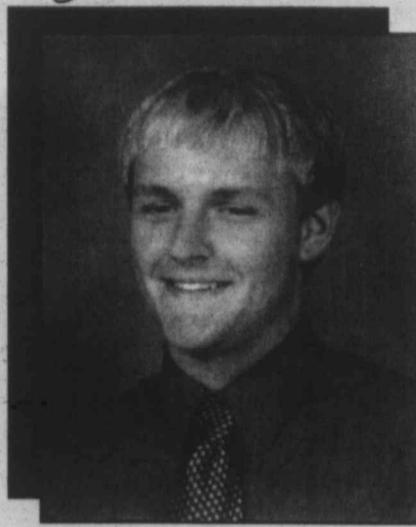
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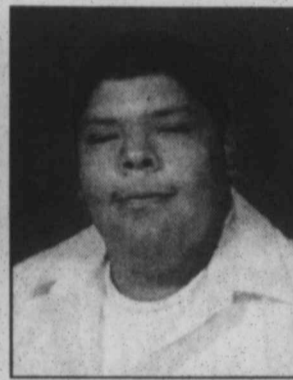
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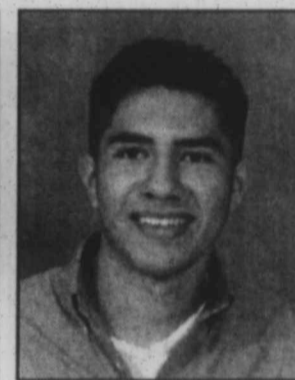
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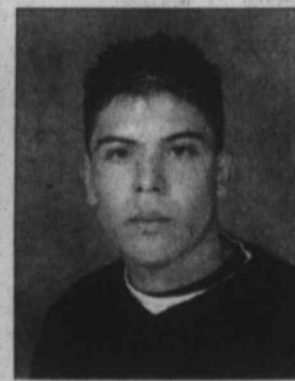
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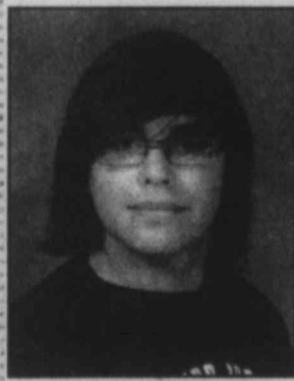
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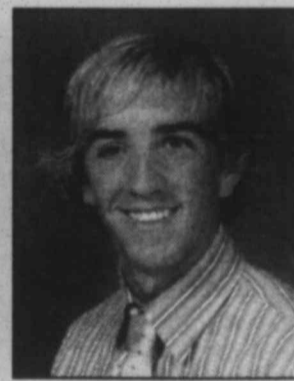
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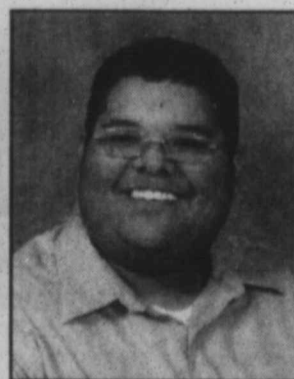
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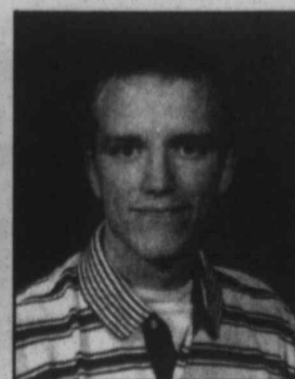
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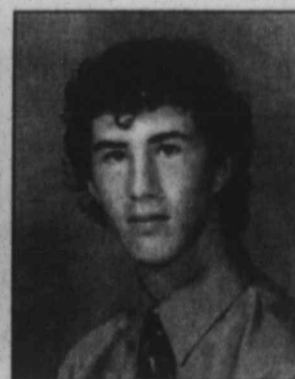
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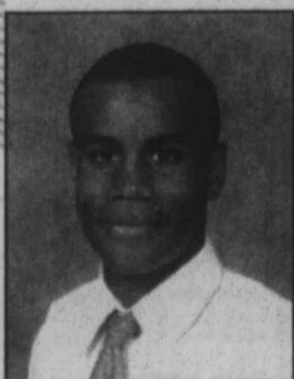
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**Joshua Freitag**  
**THS VALEDICTORIAN**

Joshua Freitag is the son of Donald and Tonda Freitag. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years. Josh has maintained his status on the A Honor Roll for all of high school and has been nominated for Who's Who at Tahoka High School for the past two years, receiving the award for Best All-Around Boy both years.

Josh has been involved in many activities including football, basketball, baseball, tennis, the Tahoka 3-D Band, and the UIL Academic Team. He has received all-district honors in football and baseball for the past two years and made the All-State Academic Football team this year, was part of the Texas State Bronze-Medallist basketball team two years ago, and he qualified for the regional tennis tournament this year. He has received All-Region honors in band and was part of the state bound band this year and has been a regional qualifier in UIL for the past two years qualifying in one event last year and in three events this year. He has been in the Tahoka National Honor Society for the past two years serving as President this year, Student Council for the past three years, and he was a member of the Kennel staff his junior year.

Josh attends St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson and takes part in youth group activities and is a member of the music ensemble and the puppet team.

Josh will attend Texas Tech next year and major in Exercise & Sports Science.

**Kristin Box**  
**THS SALUTATORIAN**

Kristin Box is the daughter of Ray and Cathy Box and the granddaughter of Ruth Ham of Lubbock. In high school she advanced to State Solo and Ensemble Contest with the trombone, piano, and voice competitions. She was also the Drum Major for state qualifying Tahoka 3-D Band, the Public Relations Officer in NHS, Vice President of Student Council, Co-Chair of the Relay For Life, and an active participant in FCCLA and One Act Play. She served as a Rotary Sweetheart for the Tahoka Rotary Club and as Secretary/Librarian of the Tahoka Church of Christ.

Kristin plans to attend Lubbock Christian University, where she will major in Biology in the pre-med program. She will also be involved with the honors program at LCU and plans to join the Pre-Health Occupations Club.

**Nadine Nicole Aguirre**

Nadine Nicole Aguirre is the daughter of Nick and Antonia Aguirre. Her high school achievements are cross-country, track, choir, and participating in the legendary 3D Band throughout her high school years; she was a part of the first group of seniors to go to state.

**Whitlee Rene' Anderson**

Whitlee Rene' Anderson is the daughter of Penny Garth and Keith Anderson. While in high school she was active in softball, student council, lettered in softball all four years, a student council representative for two years and her senior year she was the Reporter. She has held the offices of Secretary, Vice-President and Treasurer for her class.

Whitlee plans to attend cosmetology school after high school.

**Adam Abraham Arriaga**  
Bio not available.

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Congratulations  
*Joshua Arriazola*



We're proud of you!  
Love --  
Mom, Dad,  
Jessica, Jacob,  
Jordan, Abri, Anna

**Joshua Michael Arriazola**

Joshua Michael Arriazola is the son of Manuel Arriazola and Carmen Arriazola. His plans after school are to join the work force and some day open a mechanic shop.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Josh Arriazola*



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Arnold, Rosa & Kids

**Amy Barrera**

Amy Barrera is the daughter of Armando Barrera. In high school she has been a sophomore representative for Student Council and a representative for NHS both her junior and senior years. She was the softball scorekeeper for three years and a JV Girl's basketball manager for one, served as a chapter, region, and state officer for FCCLA since her sophomore year and was awarded the Best of Texas Award her senior year. In UIL, she participated in Number Sense her junior year, and Computer Applications her sophomore, junior and senior years, was named District Champ for Computer Applications her senior year and she was a region qualifier. She is reigning Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen and has been the Lynn County Relay for Life Event Chair for the past two years. Amy is in the Top 10% of her class and will graduate with 41 college hours at South Plains College.

Amy plans to attend SPC for a year to finish her Associate's Degree in Psychology, then transfer to Texas Tech University to major in Juvenile Psychology and Criminology.

**Lindsey Barrientez**

Lindsey Barrientez is the daughter of Joe and Linda Barrientez. While in high school she was in the Texas Tech Upward Bound Program, Tahoka 3-D Band, National Honor Society, Student Council, Family Career and Community Leader of America, and University Interscholastic League. She was also involved in the Relay for Life.

Lindsey plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Art History.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Lindsey Barrientez*



2008  
Dad, Mom, Joelyn, Coby,  
Brandi, Derrick & Kailyn

**Melanie Jane Beard**

Melanie Jane Beard is the daughter of Carl and Josie Beard. While in high school she was a member of the Tahoka 3-D Band, and ran cross country and track.

Melanie is graduating one year earlier than originally planned at the age of sixteen. Melanie's future plans are currently undecided.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Melanie Beard*

We are so proud of you.  
Lots of luck in the future.



Dad, Mom,  
Matthew, Misty  
and Michael

**Michael Lance Calvillo**

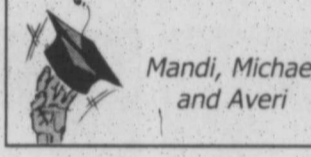
Michael Lance Calvillo is the son of Mary Calvillo and Richard Calvillo. He was home-schooled by Judy Erickson.

His futures plans are to stay strong and healthy.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Michael Calvillo*

We're very proud of you.



Mandi, Michael  
and Averi

**Lupe Castaneda**

Lupe Castaneda is the daughter of Maximo Castaneda and Elida H. Castaneda.

After high school she plans to go to the University of Minneapolis for four years to become a nurse.

**James Taylor Cloe**

James Taylor Cloe (Ty) is the son of Rick and Lena Cloe. Grandparents are Jerry and Connie McKibben. While in high school, he has participated in football four years receiving all-district Defensive line 1st Team his junior and senior year, All-district Offensive line 1st Team sophomore year, All district Offensive Line 2nd Team senior year, and Texas High School Football Team Texas - Honorable Mention - Senior year; Track, and while in this sport he was a Regional Qualifier in discus his junior and senior year and a regional qualifier in shot put his senior year. He was a Regional Qualifier and a State qualifier in Powerlifting his sophomore, junior and senior years, second place at state his sophomore year and was State Powerlifting Champion his junior and senior years, along with Outstanding Squat and Outstanding Lifter awards and he holds three records at state Squat, Bench and Total his senior year. He has been involved in FFA, FCA, has been a volunteer for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board, Lynn County Victim Assistance and Lynn County and City Community Service Program.

Ty's future plans are to play football at Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in wild life.

NEWS FROM THE  
City-County Library

**Compulsion**

by Jonathan Kellerman  
Baffled by a serial killer who uses disguises to claim his victims, LAPD Detective Milo Sturgis teams up with criminal psychologist Alex Delaware to track down one of the most ingenious and ruthless monsters they have ever faced, following a trail of death that leads back more than a decade and ranges from New York City to L.A.

**Buckingham Palace Gardens**

by Anne Perry  
When scandal threatens the monarchy after a female guest turns up dead following one of the debauched stag parties of Edward, the Prince of Wales, the Palace calls in Thomas Pitt of the Special Branch to solve the murder with utmost discretion, but his investigation is complicated by political intrigue, hidden rivalries, and highstakes financial rewards.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Alex DeLeon!*

We're proud of you and all your accomplishments.



Dad, Mom, Chris & Kyrstin

**Alex DeLeon**

Alex DeLeon is the son of Abel and Gloria DeLeon. He has been an active member of the Tahoka 3-D Band for 5 years, making it to state in Solo and Ensemble, Honor Band, and to the UIL State Marching Competition, and has been an active member of NHS for the past two years. He also played basketball and was a regional qualifier in tennis.

Alex plans to attend South Plains College and major in Computer Graphic Design.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Anthony Garcia*

We love you!



Mom, Dad,  
Debbie, Oscar  
& the kids

**Anthony Garcia**

Anthony Garcia is the son of Oscar and Betty Garcia. While in high school he helped with the elementary students through his freshman and sophomore year.

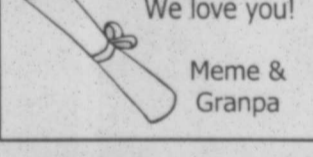
After graduation his plans are unclear, but he plans to continue working at Thriftway.

Dare to Dream!

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Corlee Greene*

Good Luck!  
We love you!



Meme &  
Granpa

**Corlee Ann Greene**

Corlee Ann Greene is the daughter of Mistie Kahl and Jeff Greene. While in high school she was involved in cross-country, basketball, track, and golf, lettered in cross-country and track three years, golf two years, and basketball one year, qualified all three years as a team in cross-country, and her senior year she received 2nd team all district in basketball.

Corlee plans to attend South Plains College.

**Ernest Gomez**

Ernest Gomez is the son of Edward and Belen Gomez. He was in the 3-D Marching Band, where he was Drum Major his Junior Year, was a member of STUCO, played Boys Doubles in tennis and was a THS Tennis Co-MVP Award winner, Class Favorite, Class Treasurer, and Pre-Cal Student of the Year.

Ernest plans to attend South Plains College and finish up his basics, then eventually enroll in their Radiology program.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Ernest Gomez*

From ...  
Arnold, Rosa  
& Kids



**Marissa Lynn Gomez**

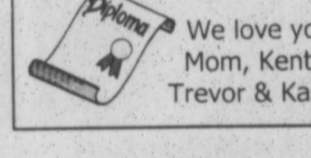
Marissa Lynn Gomez is the daughter of Edward and Belen Gomez. While in high school she participated in Student Council, was a class officer, and was an A honor roll student. She also participated in Powerlifting, competing at State where she placed second as a senior.

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

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Corlee Greene*

We're proud of you!



We love you-  
Mom, Kent,  
Trevor & Kash

**Corlee Ann Greene**

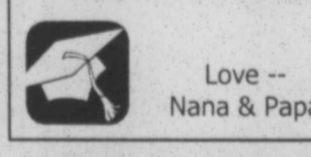
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Corlee plans to attend South Plains College.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Corlee Greene*

Way to go, Miss Corlee!

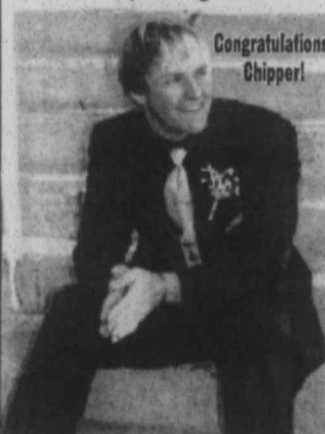


Love --  
Nana & Papa

Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Joshua Freitag*

Continue walking with God and you will always be great!



All our love,  
Dad, Mom, Benjamin & Sarah



Tahoka High School

Congratulations  
*Whitlee*

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Dad, Pam, Ashlee, Amanda,  
Trenton, Maw & Paw

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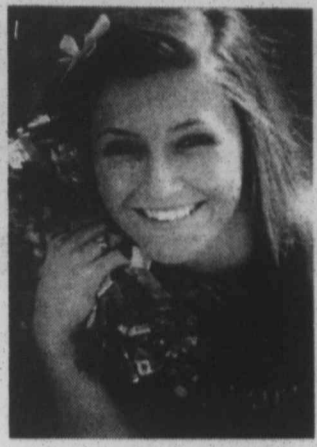
# Tahoka High School

SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Bailey!**

We love you so much and are very proud of you!



Love -- Dad, Mom & Ridge

**Bailey Ann Hall**

Bailey Ann Hall is the daughter of Ricky and Maritia Hall. Bailey was involved in cheerleading, softball, track, cross-country, basketball, and NHS, lettered in softball and track all four years, lettered in basketball her junior and senior year, was selected as a member of Who's Who by the THS faculty this year, and was a Track regional qualifier her freshman through junior year. In her junior year she received the 1st Team All-District award in softball.

Bailey plans to attend cosmetology school after high school.

**Maegan Lynn Hall**

Maegan Lynn Hall is the daughter of Randy and Angie Hall. She was involved in the Tahoka 3-D Band, cross-country, basketball, and track, lettered in cross-country and track all four years, band three years, and basketball two years, regional qualifier in cross-country one year individually and all four years as a team. She received the cross-country award her sophomore year and the track award her junior year.

Maegan's future plans are to get a job, and take online courses.

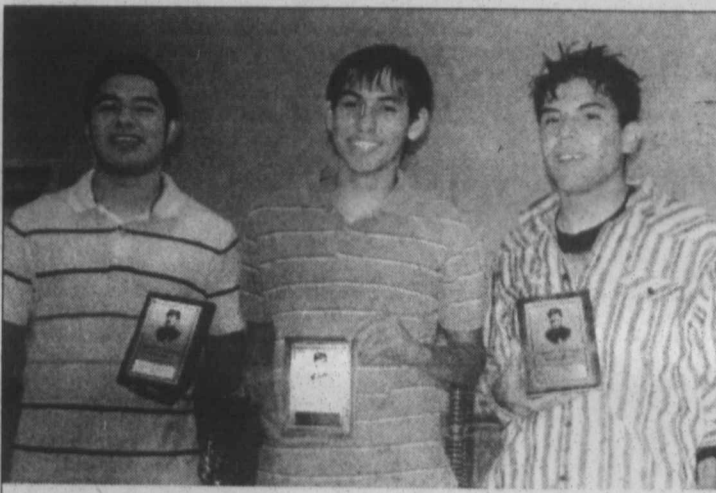
**Blanca Gabrielle Hernandez**

Bio not available.

**Raymond Hernandez**

Raymond Hernandez is the son of Raymond Hernandez Sr. He was an active member of the THS 3-D Band, a member of the Region Band as a Junior and Honor Band as a Senior, qualified as a participant his Junior and Senior year in The Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest, participated in The Texas State Marching Competition and played a solo part as part of a small ensemble in the Alamodome. He was a regional qualifier as a team in Cross Country as a junior and a three-time Regional Qualifier in track, an alternate as a freshman, in the 1600 meter relay as a sophomore and senior, and in the 400 meter and 800 meter relay as a senior.

Raymond plans to attend San Angelo University with a dual major in Computer Science and Bachelor of Art-Music.



**Band Honorees ...** These three members of the Tahoka High School Band were honored as recipients of the Patrick Gilmore Award at the Band Banquet last week. They are, from left, Ernie Gomez, Alex DeLeon and Raymond Hernandez.

**Tyler Scott Jordan**

Tyler Scott Jordan is the son of Bobby Jordan and Connie Jordan. He plans to attend college after graduation to become a Radiology Technologist.

**Steven Lara**

Steven Lara is the son of Armando and Margie Lopez. In high school, he participated in Business Professionals of America and Academic UIL.

Steven plans to attend South Plains College and Texas Tech University for Architecture and/or government.

**Levi Thomas McKay**

Levi Thomas McKay is the son of Steve and Dana McKay. Levi is an active member of the 3-D Band, and the Tahoka Athletic Department competing in basketball, tennis, golf, and track. He played in the regional tennis tournament. He has been an all-region 1st chair French Horn for two years and has competed at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest for two years. He competed with the band at the State Marching Contest this year, where they placed 15th.

Levi is currently employed by the local Town and Country convenience store.

**Jessica McLelland**

Jessica McLelland is the daughter of Frank and Jenni McLelland. During high school she was Class President, Student Council President, NHS Vice President, and an FFA officer. She participated in cross country, track, and basketball where she was named to First Team All District this year, involved with livestock showing, her church youth group, and served on the Llano Estacado Chrysalis Board as secretary.

Jessica plans to attend West Texas A&M University and later transfer to Texas Christian University.



**Musical Talent ...** Kristin Box was presented the John Philip Sousa Award at the Tahoka High School Band Banquet last week, recognizing her musical abilities.

**Rebecca Adriana Pando**

Rebecca Adriana Pando is the daughter of Alonzo and Guadalupe Pando. In high school she was an active member of FCCLA and also participated in UIL and a member of the yearbook staff. During her senior year she also received the English IV, Economics, Early Childhood Professions 2, and Teen Leadership awards.

Rebecca plans to attend South Plains College and major in Medical Records online and later plans to go back to school and study to become a social worker.

**Tyson Vance Porter**

Tyson Vance Porter is the son of Kent Porter and Sami Bailey. While in high school he was active in football and lettered three years in golf, baseball, and tennis, was an active member in FFA and was elected Chapter President.

Tyson's future plans are to attend Fire Academy.

**Gabriel Quintero**

Gabriel Quintero is the son of Raul Quintero Sr. and Julia Quintero. His future plans are undecided.

**Kayla Rose Quintero**

Kayla Rose Quintero is the daughter of Camille Quintero and Ramon and Virginia Quintero. While in high school she was a member of the Tahoka 3-D Band.

She is graduating one year earlier than originally planned and her future plans are currently undecided.

**Le'Torya Le'Shea Ruiz**

Le'Torya Le'Shea Ruiz daughter of Cecilia Martinez and Antonio Calvillo.

After high school she plans to go to South Plains to study Psychology.

**Demetria Salinas**

Demetria Salinas is the daughter of Louis and Silvia Salinas. She was an active member in the UIL Prose for three years and the UIL One Act Play for four years. She was also a member of the Legendary Tahoka 3-D band for all four years (which advanced to state). Demi will also graduate with 6 collage hours.

She plans to attend SPC and major in Biology for two years, then transfer to Texas Tech to earn her bachelors in Biology. She then plans to attend Texas A&M in Galveston and major in Marine Biology.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Demi!**



We love you!

Dad, Mom & Vicente

**Rico Sanchez**

Rico Sanchez is the son of Richard and Mary Ann Sanchez. During his senior year he received the Methodist Church scholarship.

He plans to attend college at SPC to become a computer tech.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Rico Sanchez**



We are all very proud of all your accomplishments.

We love you very much!  
Mom, Dad, Lysie, Amy, Avel & Samantha

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations, Bailey Ann Hall!**

We love you, Bailey Ann!



Chad, Ann, Thomas J.V., and Forrest Fisher, Jake Evans, Scott Palmer

**Congratulations  
Graduates!**



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**Charley's Web  
by Joy Fielding**

Struggling to gain journalistic credibility in the face of a disapproving family and other critics, controversial Florida columnist Charley Webb finds her emotional brick wall crumbling when she pens the story of a young woman on death row who may be innocent, an endeavor that inadvertently places the lives of Charley's children at risk.

**Killer Heat  
by Linda Fairstein**

Successfully completing her latest rape trial, Assistant District Attorney Alex Cooper's victory is spoiled by the discovery of a young woman, whose brutalized body is found in an abandoned building, and followed by a second corpse off the Belt Parkway, and she embarks on a deadly pursuit of a serial killer who leads her on a wild chase through the small islands surrounding Manhattan.

**The Dark Tide  
by Andrew Gross**

When her husband becomes one of dozens of commuters who are killed in a tragic Grand Central Station accident, Karen Friedman struggles to rebuild her life with her two teenage children, until a pair of strangers arrives demanding large funds from her late husband's investment business.

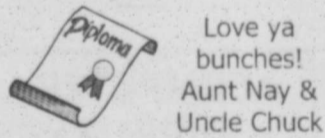
**Adam  
by Ted Dekker**

Rendered famous for his anti-religion stance, FBI behavioral psychologist Daniel Clark has a near-death experience when a mysterious serial killer attempts to murder him, an event that forces Daniel to recreate his death and challenge his belief system in order to identify his would-be killer.

Tahoka High School

**Congratulations  
Shon Michael Overton**

Way to go, Shon Michael!



Love ya bunches!  
Aunt Nay & Uncle Chuck

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of our Grads!**

We're proud of the

*Class of 2008*

... may you attain every goal you strive for!

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The Graduating Seniors!**



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# Tahoka High School

## SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Monica Sepulveda

Monica Sepulveda is the daughter of Mary Sandobal and Johnny Sepulveda.

After high school she plans on going to South Plains College for two years to become a nurse.

### Kyle Robert Simms

Kyle Robert Simms is the son of Robert Simms and Pamela Simms. He received the English I award as a freshman.

Kyle plans on joining the law enforcement.

### Donovan Tillman

Donovan Tillman is the son of David and Cassandra Tillman. While in high school he was in athletics and ran track and played right field in baseball.

After graduation he plans to take his ASVAB test so that he can go into the Air Force. After that he would like to become a Federal Air Marshal.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Donovan Tillman**

Good luck in the future and keep God in your life.



We love you -- Mom, Dad & DJ



**Four years of trophies ...** The sixteen seniors of the Tahoka 3-D Band are shown with the trophies they have earned during the years they have been in the 3-D Band. The seniors are Nadine Aguirre, Lindsey Barrientez, Melanie Beard, Kristin Box, Alex DeLeon, Josh Freitag, Ernest Gomez, Maegan Hall, Raymond Hernandez, Levi McKay, Shon Overton, Kayla Quintero, Demi Salinas, Rico Sanchez, Araceli Lopez Valdez, and Marissa Villegas.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Jacob Stephens**

Way to go!



Love -- Dad, Alicia & Haley

### Tahoka High School

**Jacob Stephens**  
Jacob Stephens is the son of Monica Stephens and Stacy Stephens. He was involved in many extra curricular activities, including National Honor Society, baseball, powerlifting, and cross-country.

After graduating from high school he will attend Texas Tech University where he plans to major in electrical engineering.

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Jacob Stephens**

Congratulations, Jacob!



Gilda, Old Man and Matt

### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Jacob Stephens**

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Monica, Derek & Taylor

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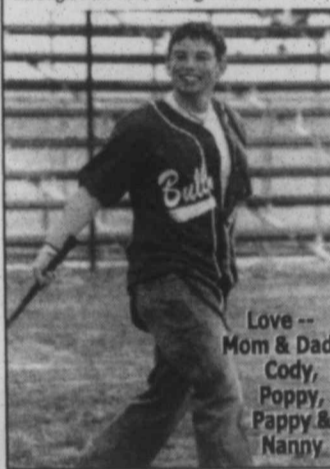
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### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Brandon Tomlinson**

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Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (NASB)



Love -- Mom & Dad, Cody, Poppy, Pappy & Nanny.

### Araceli Lopez Valdez

Araceli Lopez Valdez is the daughter of Cutberto and Virginia Lopez. While in high school, she participated in UIL and was a member of the 3-D Band.

Araceli is an early graduate, and plans to take online classes at SPC.

### Krystie Vargas

Bio not available.

### Britt Wuensche

Britt Wuensche is the son of Mark and Christina Wuensche. He was active in Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball and Tennis. His awards and honors his senior year include Football Team Captain, Unanimous Choice All District Running Back, Unanimous Choice All District Linebacker, Second Team All South Plains Linebacker, Basketball Team Captain, Basketball All District First Team. He qualified for Regionals in 400m Relay, 800m Relay and 1600m Relay (won all three Relays with Gold Medals at District) and Gold Medalist in Tennis in Boys Doubles, helping the Tahoka Boys Tennis Team win the District Championship. Prior to his senior year he was THS Football Defensive MVP, All District Second Team Linebacker, All District Honorable Mention Fullback, All District Defensive Team Basketball, THS Basketball Defensive MVP, Regional Qualifier 400m Relay, Bronze Medalist. He was honored with Mr. THS, Who's Who and Prom King. Britt was a UIL Academic Team member who competed in Calculator, Number Sense and Feature Writing. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, FUMC Youth Group, Yearbook Staff and enjoys 4-H Trap and Skeet Shooting.

Britt was commended on all TAKS Test and will graduate with 24 college credit hours from South Plains College. He has been accepted to Texas Tech University College of Engineering.

### 2008 Seniors

*Classmates by chance ...*



5-18-08

*friends by choice!*  
**CONGRATULATIONS,**  
**Tawnyee Murillo & Erica Villegas**

### Erica Jasmin Villegas

Bio not available.

### Marissa Villegas

Marissa Villegas is the daughter of Hector and Maria Villegas and Brenda and Shi Dotson. While in high school she participated in Varsity Softball for 3 years and received All-District Honors all 3 years. Student Council serving as a Representative for the Senior Class, class officer her freshman and sophomore years, Vice-President junior year and Senior Class secretary, and a member of the award winning 3-D Band serving as Band Sweetheart, and Varsity Cheerleader her senior year.

Marissa plans to attend South Plains College in the fall and later transfer to Texas Tech University where she will complete her major in Criminal Justice.

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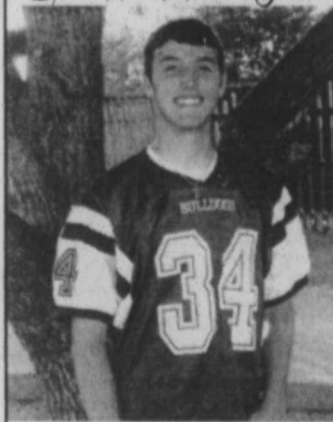
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### Tahoka High School

**Congratulations**  
**Britt Wuensche**



Congratulations on your accomplishments as a high school graduate. We are thankful for the times we have shared and the joy you have brought us!

EPHESIANS 6:7-8

We love you! -- Dad, Mom, Kalee, Trista and Aaron

### Ashley Lam On Dean's List

Ashley Lam, a South Plain College Student was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2008 semester. She is the daughter of My Chi and Becky Lam of Tahoka

**It's Your Time, Grads!**

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



### Bike Rodeo Slated Here

The Lynn County Coalition for Families is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo in Tahoka on Friday, June 6. Children are invited to bring their bicycles to the free event, held from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tahoka Mini-Park and Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

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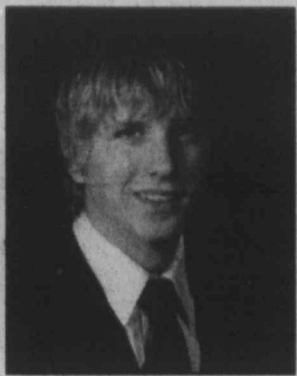
# Wilson High School Class of 2008



WHS Valedictorian  
Danielle Chance



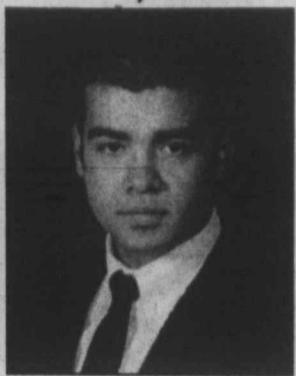
WHS Salutatorian  
Kyle Hare



Nathan "Nate" Bassinger



Jonathan Dain Jones



Rene Ramirez



Donna Rodriguez



Robin Taylor



Victoria Ann Zepeda



**Danielle Chance  
WHS VALEDICTORIAN**

Danielle Chance is the daughter of Antonio and Consuelo Villarreal, has attended Wilson schools for the past 10 years. Danielle is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2008. While in High School she participated in Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Dance, UIL, One Act Play, Student Council, Who's Who, Yearbook, Newspaper, All-American Cheerleader, Who's Who Among American Students, People To People, Student Ambassadors Program, Best Female Dancer, Honorable Mention Cast, All-Star Cast, UIL Finalist, Voted Biggest Flirt, Class Secretary, Honorable Mention Basketball Player, Community Service, A Walk for Autism, Homecoming Princess, and Student of the Month in August.

Danielle plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Theatre Arts, then proceed to South Plains College for Cosmetology. She plans to go back to college later and become a therapist.

**Kyle Hare  
WHS SALUTATORIAN**

Kyle Hare is the son of Freddie and Stacy Hare and has attended Wilson schools for 11 years, and is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2008. While in high school, he participated in the High School Current Events team, Golf, Track and One Act Play.

Kyle plans to attend South Plains College to pursue a career in the automotive field.



**Nathan "Nate" Bassinger**

Nathan "Nate" Bassinger is the son of Clyde and Cam Wilke. While in High School, he participated in Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Football, Tennis, Golf, Baseball, FFA, One Act Play Crew, All District Wide Receiver, All District Safety, All South Plains Football End, first Alternative Golf, 4th Place Golf Team, Outstanding Agriculture Student, Lonestar Degree, All-Star Crew, Community Service, A Walk for Autism, Who's Who, Voted Biggest Flirt, Most Talkative, Most Likely To Miss the Bus, Most Athletic and Student Council.

Nate plans to attend South Plains College for automotive collision and repair.

**Jonathan Dain Jones**

Jonathan Dain Jones is the son of John and Gina Jones and has attended Wilson schools for 9 years. While in high school, he participated in, Golf, Track, Basketball, UIL and FFA.

Dain plans to attend College to pursue a career in automotive collision repair.

**Rene Ramirez**

Rene "Cheese" Ramirez is the son of Josie Ramirez and has attended Wilson schools for 14 years. While in High School, he participated in Basketball, Track, Football, Golf, FFA, UIL, received Honorable Mention RB, Regional Qualifier in UIL, Area Qualifier in Track, voted Homecoming King, Class Favorite, School Clown, Most Likely to Succeed, Vice-President in FFA and Student Council.

Rene plans to attend Sul Ross State where he will major in Computer Science.

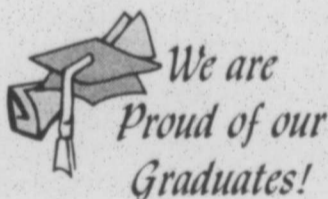
**Donna Rodriguez**

Donna Rodriguez is the daughter of Dennis Rodriguez and has attended Wilson schools for 11 years. While in High School she has participated in Cheerleading, Student of the Month and nominated as Class Favorite.

Donna plans to attend South Plains College Nursing Program.



**All Regional Honors**  
Nathan Bassinger of Wilson High School recently received All Region Honors in Division II as 2nd Team Wide Receiver from the Texas Six Man Coaches Association. "We are all very proud of him," stated WHS Assistant Athletic Director Cody Sandlin.



**Robin Taylor**

Robin Taylor is the daughter of Mike and Joyce Taylor and has attended Wilson schools for 11 years. While in High School she has participated in Basketball, Track, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Golf, Tennis, One Act Play, All-Star Cast in OAP, FFA, FCA, Student Council, Homecoming Princess her junior year and Queen her Senior year, Class Favorite, Most Likely to Succeed, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who, Student of the Month, Yearbook and Newspaper.

Robin plans to attend college in San Angelo and major in Theatre Arts.

**Victoria Ann Zepeda**

Victoria "Viki" Ann Zepeda is the daughter of Orlando and Juanita Zepeda and attended Wilson Schools for 14 years. While in High School she has participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Golf, Cheerleading, Baseball, FCA, FFA, Student Government, Student Council, UPWARD Bound, UIL, Academics, One Act Play, National Honor Society, One Act Play Honorable Mention, Nominee for Who's Who, Student of the Month and Outstanding Agriculture Student.

Viki plans to attend UTPB to get her basic studies and then transfer to Angelo State to major in Animal Science.

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to all the grads ...  
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**Free Musical Entertainment Set In Levelland**

The Levelland Main Street Program and the Levelland Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the 2008 music event to be held each Thursday in June. The free event will take place on the Hockley County Courthouse Square beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending around 9:00 p.m. "The Sounds of Texas Band" will open each night and will be followed by "Cadillac Jack" on June 5th, Rusty Hudleson & the Knights of the West on June 12th, Cary Banks and an ensemble for students from South Plains College on June 19th, and wrapping up on the June 26th will be a Home-town Showcase.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and listen to wonderful Texas melodies under the stars. Levelland Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Program will be selling refreshments during each event. Door prizes will be given away each evening, and everyone registered must be present to win.

**Congratulations to all  
Lynn County graduates!**

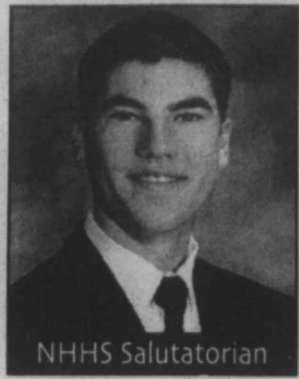
We salute your achievements and wish you years of success and happiness.

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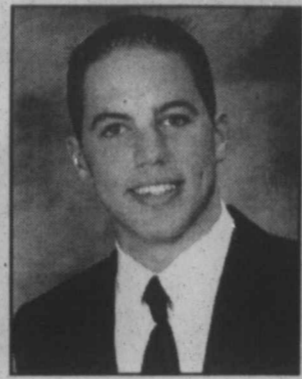
# New Home High School Class of 2008



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NHHS Salutatorian  
Trevor White



Jordan Clem



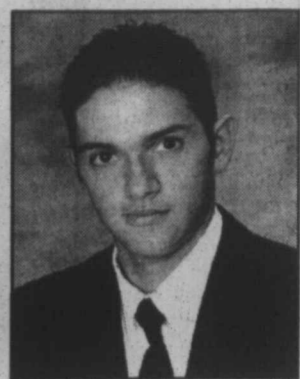
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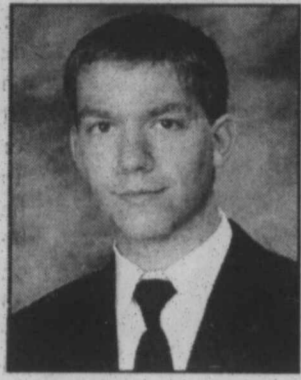
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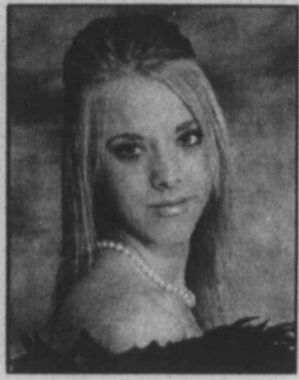
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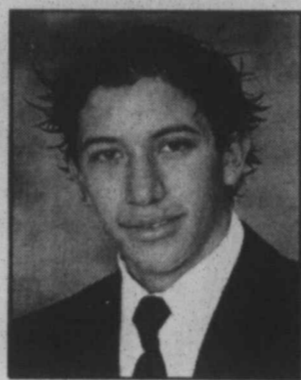
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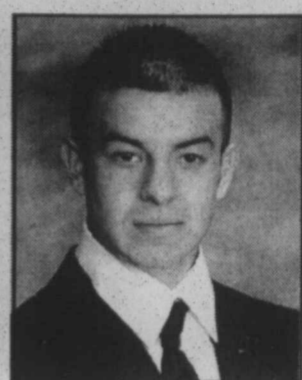
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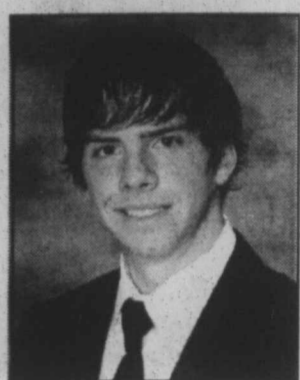
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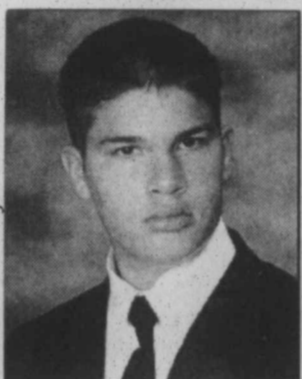
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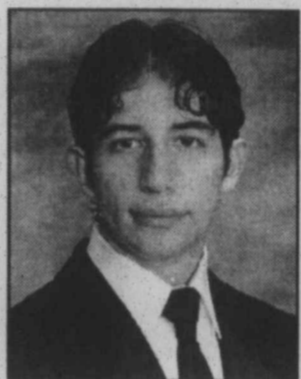
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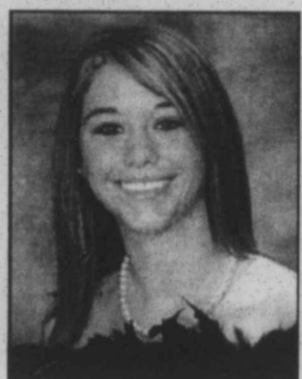
Jennifer Lee Speckman



Alexander James Torres



Adrian Villarreal



Hailey Wilkinson



Nate Willis

### Sarah Ree Ussery NHHS VALEDICTORIAN

Sarah Ree Ussery is the daughter of Jay and Rebecca Ussery and has attended New Home Schools for 13 years. While in high school she was active in basketball receiving awards for; All-District Basketball Team, District Champions in basketball; All-District MVP, 2nd Team All South Plains, All-Star Basketball Team, Area Track Qualifier, Senior Class President, Who's Who, Class of 2008 Valedictorian. She was awarded scholarships from: West Texas Institutional \$1,000 and Residence Hall scholarship \$500. Other activities included: Varsity track, Student Council, New Home FFA, and a member of the New Home Baptist Church.

Sarah plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in Pre-Pharmacy and later plans to transfer to Texas Tech HSC School of Pharmacy.

### Trevor White NHHS SALUTATORIAN

Trevor White is the son of Michael and Carol White and has attended New Home Schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in; FFA, 4-H, basketball, track, golf, student council and showing pigs and steers. His awards include: 1st Place TSU, WTAMU, SPC, TTU Area Judging and State Champion in Livestock Judging, and will be on the Meats and Livestock Judging Team. State qualifier in Job Interview, Mr. NHS, Area 11 FFA President, Student Body president, Salutatorian, Soil and Water Conservation District Outstanding Ag Student, 4-H Gold Star recipient, and Lone Star FFA Degree Recipient. His Scholarships include: \$2500 Poka Lambro, \$12,000 College of Ag Science at TTU, \$30,000 TTU Presidential Scholarship, and a \$1,250 National FFA Scholarship, and he is the Class of 2008 Salutatorian.

Trevor plans to attend TTU and pursue a degree in Agriculture and Applied Economics, and to attend law school and get involved in the development of public policy.

### Jordan Clem

Jordan Clem is the son of Mark and Georgia Clem and has attended New Home schools since Kindergarten. While in high school he received the following awards: 1st place WTAMU, TSU, SPC, TTU area contest and State Champion at livestock judging, 1st team all region defensive end, 1st team all south plains center and all-state defensive end honorable mention, Grand Champion Lamb at Austin, Fort Worth and Reserve Grand Champion lamb at San Antonio and Fort Worth. Jordan also received a Livestock Judging scholarship to Redlands College. He has been active in FFA, Football, Golf, Track and showing lambs.

Jordan plans to attend Redland College for livestock judging then transfer to Tech to pursue a degree in agriculture.

### Allison Gibbins

Allison Gibbins is the daughter of Jody and Shawna Gibbins and has been at New Home since 8th grade. While in high school, she was a member of varsity cheerleading squad, varsity track, FFA wool judging, showing livestock and radio contest.

Allison will begin Phlebotomy school in June and attend SPC and Tech to become a RN and later a child psychiatrist. She received a scholarship from Panhandle Plains.

### Isreal Michael Gonzales

Isreal Michael Gonzales is the son of Miguel and San Juanita Gonzales and has attended New Home Schools since Kindergarten. While in high school, he has been active in football, basketball, track and baseball.

Isreal plans to attend SPC and then Tech to get a degree in Exercise Sports and Science to become a football coach.

### Keely Diane Nettles

Keely Diane Nettles is the daughter of Alan and Sharee Nettles and has attended New Home schools for 11 years. While in high school, she participated in Varsity Basketball, cheerleading, Stockshows, FFA and dairy cattle judging. Her awards include: District Championship in basketball, NCA All-American Cheerleader, Champion Yorkshire Barrow at San Antonio Stockshow and 2nd place Hampshire Barrow at Houston Stockshow.

Keely plans to attend SPC and transfer to Amarillo to Dental Hygienist school.

### Joshua Bryce Nieman

Joshua Bryce Nieman is the son of Stella Nieman and Robbi Nieman. He has attended New Home schools for 13 years. He was a member of the District Champions football team, a regional qualifier in 1600 relay, Who's Who, and participated in basketball, track and golf.

Joshua plans to attend SPC and get a degree in Business Management.

### Mark Overman

Mark Overman is the son of Randy and Edwana Overman and has attended New Home schools for 13 years. While in high school he placed 7th place in the State Cotton Judging.

Mark has enlisted in the US Army Reserves and will attend Texas Tech for a Nursing degree.

### Rayley Rachel Parmer

Rayley Rachel Parmer is the daughter of Billy and Rhonda Parmer and has attended New Home Schools for 3 years. While in high school she was active in basketball, cheerleading, track, cross country and One Act Play. Her awards include: All Star Cast 04-05 and Honorable Mention 07-08 for One Act Play, 07-08 District Basketball Champs., and was Homecoming Queen in 2005.

Rayley plans to attend Wayland Baptist for 2 years and then transfer to Texas Tech to major in theatre and minor in arts. She would like to teach art in New York and model part time and ultimately pursue a life long career in acting.

### Lashea Linn Poole

Lashea Linn Poole is the daughter of Scott and Lavonna Jeffreys and has attended Hew Home Schools for one year, transferring from Cooper. She was active in dairy cow and cotton judging, Stockshows, DECA, serving as DECA president for 3 years, District winner of community service project, and attended State Leadership Academy in Orlando, FL for DECA.

Lashea plans to attend SPC and transfer to Tech to eventually become a Pediatric Oncologist.

### Nick Ramirez

Nick Ramirez is the son of Jesse and Patty Ramirez and has attended New Home Schools 13 years. While in high school he was active in all sports, was named 1st Team spread back, First Team Safety and alternate for All-Star game, placed in the Regionals in golf and was District Champion in golf.

Nick plans attend SPC to become a basketball coach.

### Damien Rodriguez

Damien Rodriguez is the son of Michael and Mary Rodriguez and has attended New Home Schools 13 years. While in high school, he was active in all varsity sports, and was a member of the District Champion football team and received Honorable Mention.

Damien plans to attend college on a baseball scholarship and become a head football coach.

### Joseph Andrew Sena

Joseph Andrew Sena is the son of Edward and Raquel Sena and has attended the last three years in New Home Schools. While in high school he participated in varsity football and golf, and was a member of the District Champion football team.

Joseph plans to attend Wyotech.

**Aim High, Grads!**

*Here's to You*

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Dad, Mom, Chelsi, Michaela, Grandma & Grandpa



Class of 2008

**Congratulations,  
New Home High  
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Thanks for sharing your  
lives with me!

**Karon Durham**  
Lynn County News  
New Home Correspondent

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New Home High School  
Graduates,  
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## New Home High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Corey Smith

Corey Smith is the son of Lynn and Kim Smith and has attended New Home schools for 5 years. While in high school he was active in FFA, baseball, UIL, Student Council, 4-H, football with team winning District Champs, Livestock judging with wins at SPC, TSU, WTAMU, TTU and State Champions in Livestock Judging. He also received many individual awards in livestock judging including 1st high individual at State level and received the Wacie Barnett scholarship and many scholarships to judge at collegiate level.

Corey has accepted a full scholarship to Clarendon College and will later transfer to Texas Tech.

### Jennifer Lee Speckman

Jennifer Lee Speckman is the daughter of Jerry and Lily Speckman and has attended New Home Schools for 13 years. She was nominated Prom queen and was active in track & cross country.

Jennifer plans to attend SPC and transfer to a major university to pursue a degree in Child Psychology.

### Alexander James Torres

Alexander James Torres is the son of Otilia and Leobardo Torres and has attended New Home Schools for 9 years. While in high school he has been active in football, track, basketball and baseball. His goal is to continue being a successful person.

Alexander plans to attend Lubbock Christian University.

### Adrian Villarreal

Adrian Villarreal is the son of Alberto and Estella Villarreal. He has attended New Home Schools for 13 years.

Adrian plans to attend SPC Reese Campus and study computer networking.

### Hailey Wilkinson

Hailey Wilkinson is the daughter of Kevin and Tammy Mitchell and Doug and Jennifer Wilkinson and has attended New Home Schools for 8 years. While in high school she was active in basketball, track, cheerleading, FFA, Wool Judging, Stockshows, showing pigs and steers, and 4-H. She was nominated FFA Sweetheart and NHS Homecoming Queen and Miss NHS, and she was a State Qualifier in the 300m hurdles. She was a recipient of the 4-H Wacie Barnett Scholarship.

Hailey plans to attend SPC to study Surgical Tech and then move on to Neonatal Nursing.

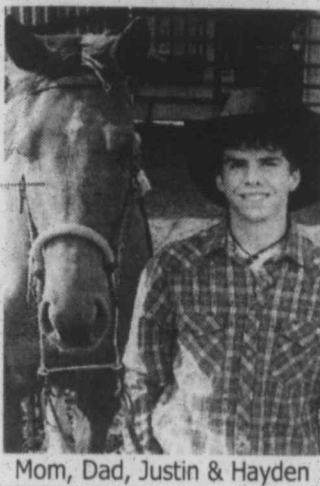
### Nate Willis

Nate Willis is the son of David and Imelda Willis and has attended New Home Schools for 13 years. While in high school he was active in football, basketball and golf.

Nate plans to attend SPC to study music.

**The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!**

New Home High School  
**Congratulations Corey Smith!**  
We love you and are proud of you!



Mom, Dad, Justin & Hayden

### The NEW HOME News

#### Summer Reading Program

Mrs. Deena Ballard will be hosting a summer reading program on Wednesdays for Kindergarten thru 6th grade students at the New Home LibrSchool ary from 10:00 - 11:00. The program is designed to increase children's reading proficiency and will take place June 11 through August 6.

### Mix It Up With Jenny

By Jenny Harper

Senior Culinary Specialist for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com.

#### Craving Cool

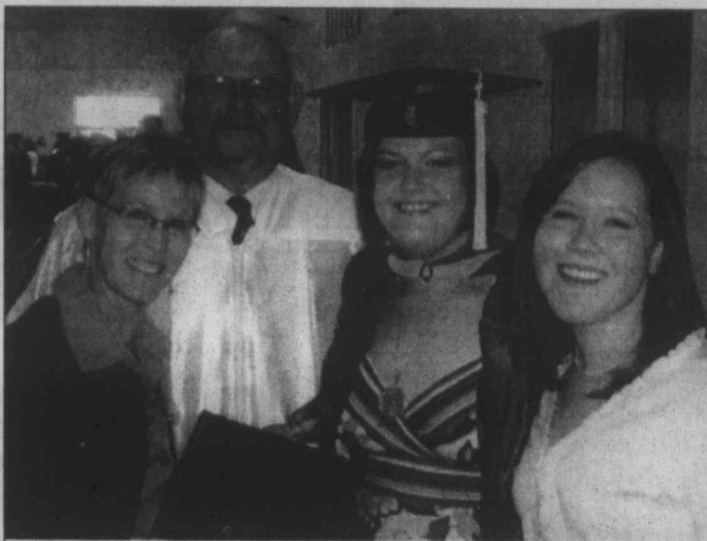
**Family Features** — When summer sizzles, forget about turning on the oven! Yet even with the temperature climbing, my delight in making desserts for family and friends doesn't walt. That's when I turn to my file of favorite no-bake sweets. Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie is a dreamy dessert: A delicious shortbread crust is lined with raspberry jam and fresh raspberries, topped with a creamy lemon filling and garnished with more fresh berries. This classy pie always impresses.

Frozen Hot Chocolate is rich and frothy — thick enough to eat with a spoon or enjoy through a straw. Hot cocoa mix and evaporated milk make this chocolate concoction an irresistible cooler. Top tall glasses of this treat with whipped cream for kids of all ages. Check out more chilling ideas at [www.VeryBestBaking.com](http://www.VeryBestBaking.com).

#### CREAMY LEMON RASPBERRY PIE (Makes 8 servings)

1/4 cup seedless red raspberry jam  
1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) shortbread crumb crust  
1/2 pint (about 1 cup) fresh red raspberries, *divided*  
4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk  
2 packages (about 3.4 ounces each) lemon instant pudding and pie filling mix  
Grated peel of 1 lemon  
1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, *divided*  
Additional grated lemon peel (optional)

SPREAD raspberry jam over bottom of crust. Sprinkle 3/4 cup raspberries over jam. BEAT cream cheese in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually add evaporated milk, pudding mix and lemon peel.



**McAfee is LCU Grad ...** Amy Lynn McAfee (third from left), daughter of Mark and Vivian McAfee of Tahoka, graduated *summa cum laude* from Lubbock Christian University on Saturday, May 3 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education. She will be employed at Marine Creek Elementary in Lake Worth, Texas teaching first grade. She is shown here with her parents, and her sister, Leigh.

### Senior Citizens MENU

June 2-6

June is Client Appreciation Month. Each day in June we will feature a client with a meal he or she is particularly fond of.

**Monday: Manuel Del Valle's Day!** Hamburger on a Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Peaches

**Tuesday: Fuzzy & Frances Chancy's Day!** Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Ice Cream Sundaes

**Wednesday: Janet Owen's Day!** Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Bread, Strawberry Cake

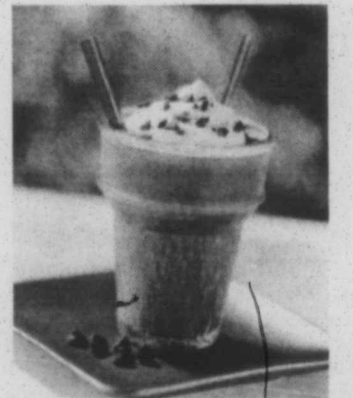
**Thursday: Jerry & Veta Ford's Day!** Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn on the Cob, Homemade Rolls, Cookies

**Friday: Ann Patterson's Day!** Beans and Cornbread, Fried Potatoes with Onions, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cherry Cobbler

Remember: Dominoes on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. BYO Refreshment - Ice Tea will be provided.

Beat 2 minutes on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in half of whipped topping. Spoon into crust; top with remaining whipped topping.

REFRIGERATE 2 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining raspberries and additional lemon zest, if desired, just before serving.



#### FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE (Makes 4 servings)

3 tablespoons superfine granulated sugar (or baking sugar)  
1 envelope (2 to 3 tablespoons) double chocolate, rich chocolate or milk chocolate flavor hot cocoa mix  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup each Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels and Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels  
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Carnation Evaporated Milk, *divided*  
4 cups ice cubes  
Whipped cream

PLACE sugar, cocoa mix and butter in top of double boiler set over gently boiling water. Stir frequently until melted and smooth paste forms. Add morsels; stir. When morsels begin to melt, slowly stir in 1/2 cup evaporated milk. Stir until smooth and velvety. Cool to room temperature.

PLACE chocolate mixture, remaining evaporated milk and ice in blender (in batches, if necessary); cover. Blend until smooth. Pour into individual



Christy and Amber Blackwood

### Blackwood Sisters Are HCC Grads

Christy Blackwood and Amber Blackwood both graduated from Holmes Community College in Goodman, MS, Friday, May 16. Both received an Associate degree in Applied Science. Christy's degree was in the business field, and she is currently employed at a bank in Mt. Vernon, Tx. Amber's degree was in the medical field and she is currently a surgical technician at the Leflore County Hospital in Greenwood, MS.

They are daughters of Sheila Blackwood of Grenada, MS, and granddaughters of Katie and Trueitt Slone of Tahoka. Katie attended their graduation ceremonies.



TAWNEE D'LYNN MURILLO  
Slaton High School

Tawnee is a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka; She has been a member of the Diocesan Youth Council since 2004. Tawnee moved to Slaton High School her senior year. She represented District 8 of the local chapter of DECA in participation of the state DECA competition and conference in Corpus Christi. She received Slaton High School Scholastic Achievement Award and will be graduating with honors. She was the manager for the girls District Champion Softball team in Slaton and has been employed at Sonic since 2006. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University.

We are proud of what you have accomplished and pray God will continue to guide you in the next steps of your life. Way to go!

Love -- all your family in Tahoka  
Lorenzo & Sally • Victor & Virginia & boys  
Johnny & Margie & family • Lorenzo, Corbin & Grace • Raul Santos & family • Uncle Ruben

### Letter To The Editor

#### Community Appreciated For Help After Fire Destroys Home

We would like to thank the many people that helped us during our time of need. So many people donated their time and money and generosity — you all know who you are and to you we appreciate everything that all that you have done for us.

A special thanks to the Lynn County Fire Department, Lynn County Sheriff's Department, Lynn County EMS, Tahoka Police Department, Lynn County Hospital, First National Bank, and to all others that are too numerous to count. Only in Tahoka can you find so many people with such giving hearts.

May God bless you all as He has blessed us.

Thank You,  
The Resendez Family

#### Awesome Band

If you didn't make the Tahoka High School Spring Band Concert, you missed one of Tahoka High's best kept secrets. Not only was the music great ... the price was right as well (FREE!).

It amazes me that we have such awesome and talented kids who year after year perform to an unbelievable level... And, of course, what would the band program be without Mr. Rhodes. I have never in my lifetime known anyone who gives as much to their chosen profession as he does.

Another award-winning year is coming to a close and I wanted to say thank you to Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Smith and of course to all the members of the Tahoka High School AWESOME 3-D Marching Band. Also, Love the costumes Mr. Rhodes! Keep 'em coming!

Jerry Webster

glasses or bowls. Top each serving with dollop of whipped cream. Sprinkle with additional chopped morsels, if desired. Serve with straw and/or spoon.



KIMBERLY TEAL CARTER

### Local's Granddaughter Graduates From TTU

Kimberly Teal Carter graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University on May 9, 2008 with a Bachelor of Music Degree with teacher certification and a minor in Spanish. She was awarded the privilege of performing the Matador song at the graduation ceremony held at the United Spirit Arena. She was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon professional music fraternity for three years, and served as an officer each year. She was also named Candidate of the Year and received the Harmony award two times. She studied private voice under Sue Arnold and performed her Junior Recital in 2007. She was also a member of the Tech Women's Choral, Madrigal Singers, TTU Celtic Ensemble, Sweet Peas Vocal Ensemble, and the University Choir.

In the Spring of 2005, Kimberly interned at Walt Disney Resort in Orlando and performed house keeping duties at Pop Century. She was also one of eight Disney college interns to be selected for a pilot entertainment program that semester. After returning to Texas Tech, she served as a Disney Campus representative and recruiter for three years.

Kimberly will teach music at Dillman Elementary School in Muleshoe next fall. She is the daughter of Phillip and Teal Carter of Amarillo, and the granddaughter of O.B. and Joyce Corley of Tahoka and the late Bennie and Imadell Carter of Amarillo.

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

## HAPPY GRADUATION!

We wish great success to all NEW HOME GRADUATES .. and all Lynn County Graduates!

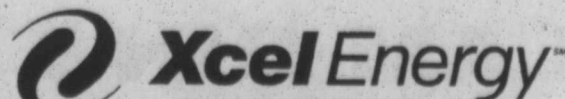
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## Congratulations You did it!

You've studied hard and worked hard ... now go out and reap the rewards!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LYNN COUNTY GRADUATES

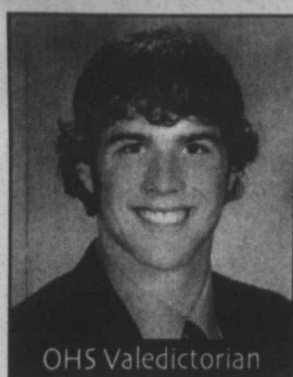


STEVE DEATON  
Community Service Manager

Way to go ...  
**Class of 2008!**  
We wish all Lynn County Graduates a life of success and happiness.

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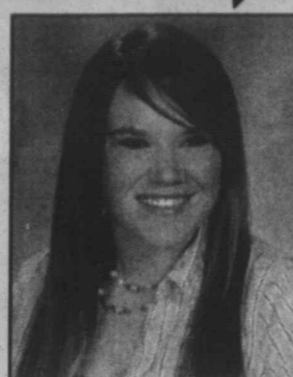
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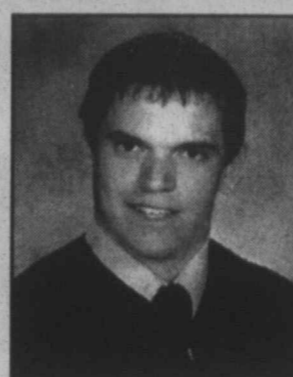
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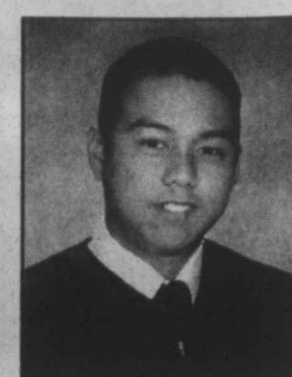
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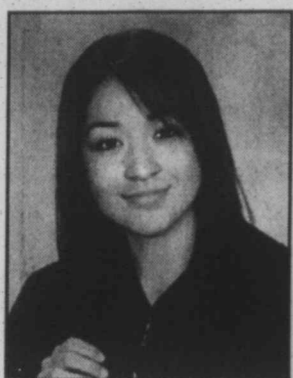
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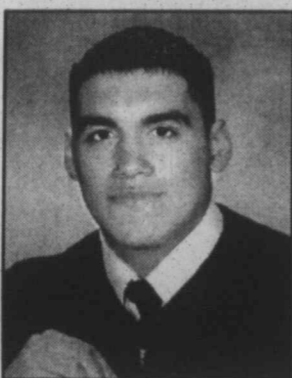
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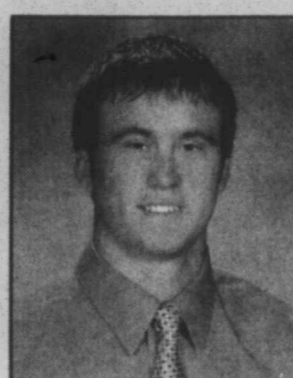
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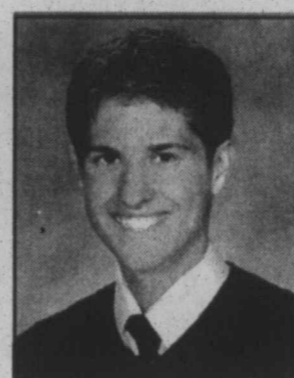
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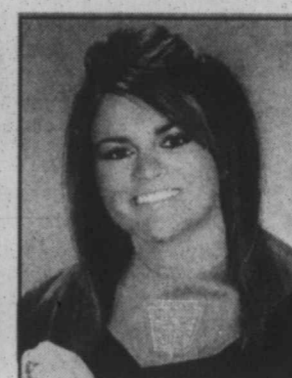
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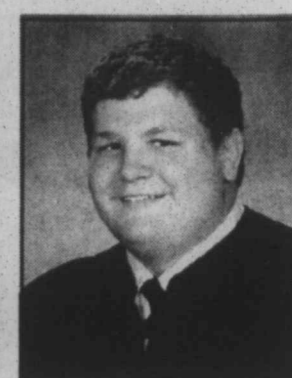
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### Caleb Ryan Schneider OHS VALEDICTORIAN

Caleb Ryan Schneider, son of Ricky Schneider and Cynde Schneider, is the Class of 2008 Valedictorian. He plans to attend Texas Tech and walk on for football and major in biology/pre-med.

This year, Schneider placed fourth at the Intel International Science Fair in Georgia. He received the American Physical Society Award; the American Water Works Association Award, the Stockholm Junior Water Prize; the U.S. Army Award, a blue ribbon/gold medal and first place trophy. He was the Gold ISEF Medallist, qualified for state where he won third place engineering, materials/bioengineering at Exxon Mobile State Science and Engineering Fair. At the Regional Science Fair in his junior year, Schneider won a blue ribbon/gold medal third place trophy, was a state qualifier and won the College of Engineering Scholarship. In UIL, he competed in social studies, current issues and placed fourth at district in informative speaking his sophomore year. The Eagles were Spring Meet Champions that year as well. Schneider placed sixth in science his junior year and competed in current issues and informative speaking.

Schneider was a band member all four years of high school. The band won five Division I's and four Division II's in those years. He was inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year and was elected junior class vice-president. Schneider was elected at OHS Student Council Vice-President his junior year. This year, Schneider served as the NHS, Band, and OHS Student Council President. He was also elected senior class vice-president. The student body selected Schneider as Most Congenial Boy and Most Dependable Boy his sophomore year. He was a Personality Plus nominee, Most School Spirited nominee, and Best Citizen Boy nominee his junior year. He was chosen Most Courteous Boy that year. He was named on the All-District Honorable Mention Defense his freshman year; received All-District Honorable Mention Offense his sophomore year; and as a junior he was named on the First Team Offensive Lineman and First Team Defensive End. In his senior year, Schneider was listed on the Texas High School Coaches Association First Team Academic All-State; All-District Defensive Most Valuable Player; All-District First Team Offensive Line; First Team All-South Plains Linebacker, and Honorable Mention All-State Linebacker. On the Eagle hard courts, Schneider was selected to the Academic All-District team his sophomore year. And this year he was named on the First Team All-District. The golf team placed third his freshman year in district and fourth place in district his sophomore year. This year in track, Schneider was the district runner-up and fifth place in area in discus. He placed third in the shot put at district.

was the area runner-up and placed fifth at regional. Schneider won various FFA stock show awards at Dawson County and San Angelo. He was active at his church and volunteered his time during the summer at church camps. He is the Youth Praise Band Leader.

### Rachel Jaime

**OHS SALUTATORIAN**  
Rachel Jaime is the Class of 2008 Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Carlos and Adelita Jaime. She plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall.

Jaime has been a band member all four years of high school. She was Drum Majorette for the Eagle Band her junior and senior years. The band won five Division I's and four Division II's in the last four years. She was awarded the Director's Award her junior year from OHS Band Director Dusty Palmer, and she was also an All-Region Band alternate her freshman year and on the All-Region Band the next year. In girls tennis, Jaime and her partner were district doubles champions her freshman and sophomore years. She also played tennis her junior year. She participated in the Regional Science Fair her freshman year. OHS won the UIL Spring Meet District Championship her sophomore. Jaime competed in UIL science, current events and issues, social studies, and accounting, in which she won fourth place this year, during her time at OHS. Jaime was voted a student council representative her sophomore year and Best Eyes Girl runner-up last year. She was the Top Numerical Average Junior Girl and a member of the National Honor Society.

### L'Shae Haley Arnett

L'Shae Haley Arnett is the daughter of Lisa Crutcher and Jones Arnett. She plans to attend South Plains College's Nursing School in the fall.

Arnett was a band member her sophomore year when the Eagle Band earned a Division I in marching and a Division II in sight reading. In sports, Arnett ran cross country her sophomore and junior years. She was on the junior varsity team that won third place in the spring meet championship; the 400 meter relay that placed sixth in district; a member of the 800 meter relay that won fifth in district; the 1600 relay that placed fourth in district and fifth in area during her sophomore year. She was voted Most Fun Girl her sophomore year. Arnett was the District Champion in UIL spelling and vocabulary her sophomore year. She played tennis her junior year, and was a member of the 400 meter relay that placed sixth and an alternate for the area and regional track meets on the 1600 meter relay. During her senior year, Arnett was a member of the fourth place 800 meter relay that won fourth at area and qualified for the regional competition. She was a cast member of the One-Act Play "Steel Magnolias" her senior year. She is a member of the O'Donnell First Baptist Church Youth.

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### Daniel Barrera, Jr.,

Daniel Barrera, Jr., (D.J.) plans to attend South Plains College in the fall. He is the son of Ester Gonzales.

In his freshman year, Barrera ran district cross country track, competed on the 1600 meter relay, the 200 meter run, and the 100 meter run. He was a band member his freshman year, when the Eagle Band won a Division I in sight reading and a Division II in marching and concert. The next year, the Eagle Band won a Division I in marching and a Division II in sight reading. O'Donnell was named the Spring Meet Champions Barrera's sophomore year. In doubles tennis, Barrera and his partner won third in district. He played junior varsity football, ran track, played tennis, and was in the band during his junior year. As a senior, Barrera played varsity football, tennis and was a band member. The Eagle Band won two Division I's this year, an achievement never seen at OHS.

### Lauren Botkin

Lauren Botkin, daughter of Tony and Carol Botkin, was the high point junior varsity basketball player her freshman and sophomore years. She played varsity basketball her junior and senior years. As a senior, the Lady Eagles basketball team were District Runner-Ups and Bi-District Champions. She ran cross country her first three years of high school. She was a Future Farmers of America (FFA) member all four years in high school, and was the parliamentary procedure vice-president her freshman year. She was also FFA secretary her sophomore year. Among the highlights of her stock showing career were the first places she won at the Lynn County Stock Show her freshman year with her Hampshire and Yorkshire barrows; during her senior year she won a third place York and 5th place hamp; a 9th place Duroc barrow at the San Antonio stock show; and a 9th York at the Houston stock show. She was a member of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America for two years. She has also been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes serving as an officer her freshman year. Botkin was the student council representative for her freshman and sophomore classes, and was elected student council secretary her senior year as well as serving as senior class secretary. She was a varsity cheerleader her sophomore and senior years; and has been on the yearbook and school newspaper staffs. In UIL competition, Botkin competed in computer applications, prose reading, science, and one-act play. In OAP her senior year, she was named to the District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Botkin participated in the science fairs. As a junior, she won a blue ribbon, gold medal and a 2nd place trophy from the Institute of Environmental and Human Health Award and qualified for the state science fair. This year, she won a blue ribbon, gold medal, was an ISEF runner-up medallist, a state fair qualifier, and was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. She was named Best Dressed Runner-Up Girl, was a National Honor Society nominee, and is an active youth member of the O'Donnell First Baptist Church and the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

### Bonnie Gale Brewer

Bonnie Gale Brewer plans to attend Texas State University. She is the daughter of Beth and Burley Brewer. Brewer was a freshman inductee into the National Honor Society. In UIL events, she was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast her freshman and sophomore years in one-act play. She was a cast member all four years in high school. She placed fourth at district in informative speaking her freshman year; fifth place at district in persuasive speaking her sophomore year; sixth place at district in persuasive speaking her junior year and 6th place in persuasive speaking her senior year. Brewer has received OHS Salutes chosen by the teachers for history twice and once for Spanish II. She has been on the regional qualifying cross country team her sophomore and senior years. She was an area qualifier on the mile relay her sophomore year and qualified for regional competition in the 300 meter hurdles and mile relay which set a new school record. This year, Brewer placed second in district and area and fifth in the region in the 300 meter hurdles and was on the regional qualifying 800 meter relay. She has been a cheerleader the last three years of high school. She was an All-American Cheerleader Nominee her sophomore and junior years and an All-American Cheerleader her senior year; and was on the Most Improved Cheerleading Squad her sophomore year. She and the Eagle Cheerleaders were a final four squad in the Lubbock television Channel 11 KCBD-TV competition her junior year. She played basketball, ran cross country, and track all four years in high school. She was named to the Academic All-District basketball team her junior year and was part of this year's Lady Eagles play-off team. She was named Most Fightingest Eagle her junior year. Brewer was second runner-up in the Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen Contest in Tahoka her sophomore year. She has been an active member of the First Baptist Church Youth and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Brewer was a lifeguard between her junior and senior years and has modeled at Abercrombie. From 2005-07,

Brewer was on the Neighborhood Mission project; involved in the River Ministries Mexico Mission Trip; a Program Aide at Camp Rio Blanco Girl Scout Camp; attended Mission Padre Spring Break 2008 and worked for Habitat for Humanity in Corpus Christi.

### Pablo Castillo, Jr.

Pablo "Chucky" Castillo, Jr. plans to attend South Plains College in the fall. He is the son of Paul and Gemma Castillo.

In high school, Castillo played junior varsity football his first three years in OHS. He also played basketball his junior year. He was a three year member of FFA.

### Jennifer Costa

Jennifer Costa is the daughter of Humberto Costa and Jamie Costa. She plans to attend South Plains College in the fall.

She ran cross country her first three years in high school. She played basketball all of her high school career and earned several honors in the sport. Costa and the Lady Eagles placed third in district her sophomore year and were district runner-up and bi-district champions this year. She was named to the All-District Defensive Team and was nominated for Basketball Sweetheart her senior year. In track, Costa placed 6th her freshman year on the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay, ran the 100 meter hurdles, and participated in the long jump. She played tennis her junior year. She was a band member for three years during which time the Eagle Band won three Division I's and three Division II's. She was voted class favorite her junior and senior years, was Most School Spirited Girl nominee, Most Congenial Girl runner-up, and Most Fun Girl runner-up; and was elected class president her junior year.

### Eric DeLaFuente

Eric DeLaFuente, the son of Hope Casarez, plans to attend South Plains College.

DeLaFuente was in band during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. The band won three Division I's and three Division II's during those years. He played football his sophomore and senior years and the Eagles made the playoffs his senior year as district runner-up. He played basketball his junior and senior years; tennis his junior year; and baseball his senior year. The Eagles baseball team were third place in district, qualifying them for the playoffs. The 2008 Eagles team went three games deep into the playoffs, which is farther than any other Eagle team has accomplished. DeLaFuente was the junior class representative to the student council and was the junior class vice-president. He was also a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America his junior year.

### Kaylee Breann Eaker

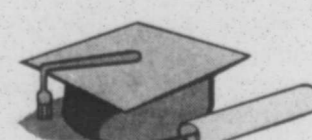
Kaylee Breann Eaker, daughter of Greg and Edie Hagler, has proven herself as one of the best track and field student athletes in the state. She won the Texas state discus title her junior and senior years and took home the second place medal in shot her junior year and bronze her senior year. She has set and broken the OHS school records for those two events several times. The current Eagle record for shot is 42.1 and for discus is 134.0. Eaker has participated in track all four years of high school. In her freshman year throwing the shotput, she won third place at district; 2nd place in area; and 3rd place at regional. She then won both the shot and discus events at district her sophomore year, and second place in area and first in regional and fifth in state, all in the shotput. She played basketball all four years at OHS, receiving Honorable Mention-All-District Team her sophomore year; All-District Honorable Mention her junior year and All-District her senior year. She helped lead the Lady Eagles to the Bi-District Championship her senior year. The Eagles were named the UIL Spring Meet Champions her freshman and sophomore years. She was in the band her freshman and sophomore years. In UIL events, she won the One-Act Play technical award her sophomore year when they won the zone championship. She was also on the OAP her junior year when the cast was named zone alternate.

Eaker was on the yearbook staff her sophomore year and on the newspaper staff her junior year where she participated in feature and news writing. She also participated in UIL computer science. She was runner-up OHS Fightingest Eagle her junior year and was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Track Team her junior year. As a varsity cheerleader her senior year, Eaker was a All-American nominee for jumps.

She plans to attend Angelo State University.

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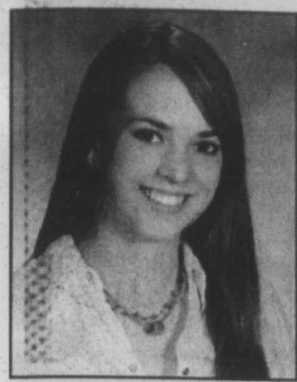
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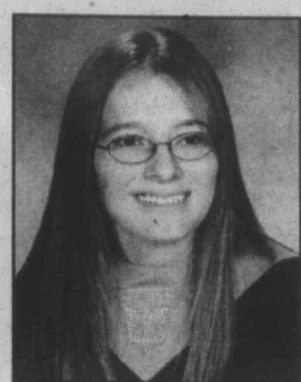
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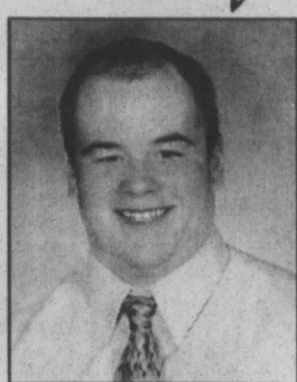
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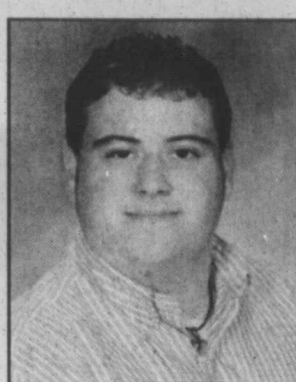
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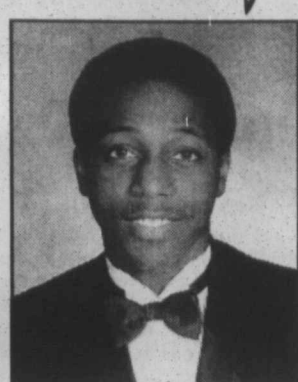
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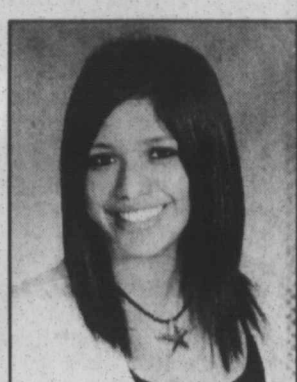
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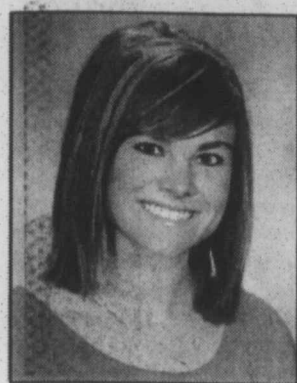
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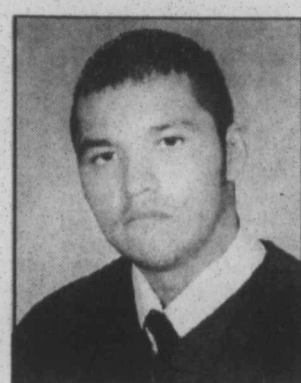
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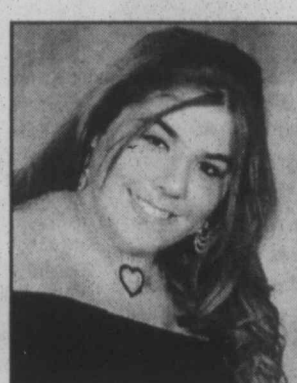
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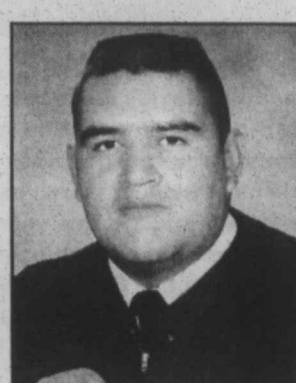
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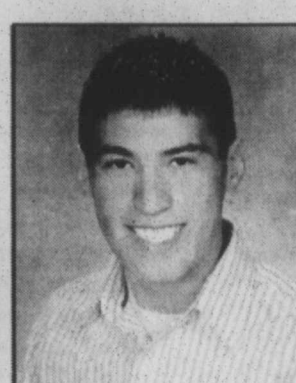
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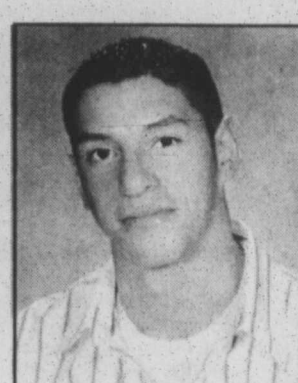
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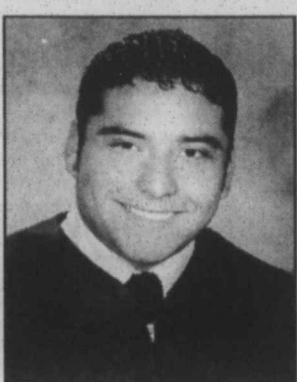
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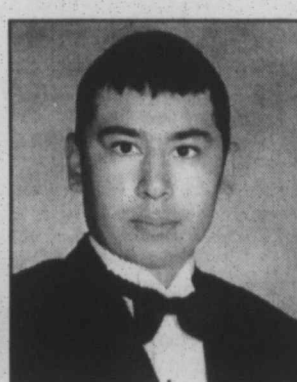
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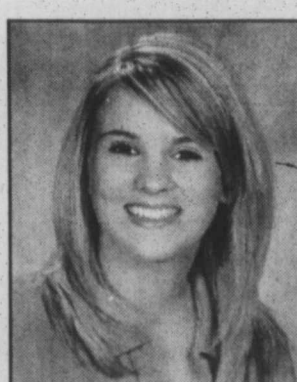
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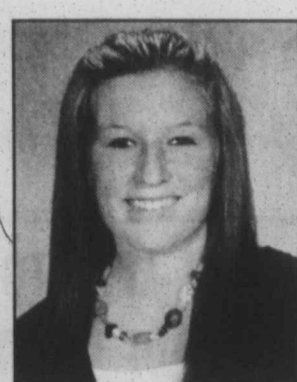
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**Justin Thomas Forbes**  
Justin Thomas Forbes, son of Don and Penny Forbes, was named to the football All-District First Team Offense his sophomore year, named as All-District Second Team Quarterback his junior year, and All-District Second Team Safety and All-District Second Team Receiver this year. He also played basketball and baseball his sophomore, junior, and senior years. In baseball, Forbes was part of the team that were the District Co-Champions, Bi-District Champions, and Regional Quarter-finalists his sophomore year. In 2007, the Eagles were Bi-District Qualifiers. He was named All-District Outfielder that year. This year, the Eagles were third in district, were bi-district and area champions, and qualified for the regional quarter-finals. Forbes helped lead the Eagles Golf team to third place in district his freshman year. He ran the 400 meter run his freshman year; the 800 meter run his sophomore year; and contributed to the Eagles track team winning second place in district his junior year. He took part in the regional science fair his first two years of high school. Last year, Forbes showed the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Houston Livestock Show. He was runner-up Most Fun Boy his junior year. This year, Forbes was elected a student council representative and was on an FFA judging team. He plans to attend South Plains College.

**Rustin Cade Furlow**  
Rustin Cade Furlow is the son of Cade Furlow and Missy Fudlow. He plans to travel to Spain before attending college next year. Furlow has been a member of the Eagle Band all four years in high school. During that time, the band has won five Division I's and four Division II's. He competed in the Regional Science Fair his sophomore year. He played tennis his junior year. He was named the Top Numerical Average Boy his junior year and was also on the yearbook staff that year. In the summer of 2006, Furlow traveled to Great Britain with People to People in an effort to promote international understanding between the U.S. and the U.K. This year, Furlow went to Little Rock, Ark. with World Changers. He has attended Upward Bound at Texas Tech since 2005, which is a program that benefits students whose parents either never attended college or who never graduated from college. Furlow is an active member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

**Kayla Rachelle Gass**  
Kayla Rachelle Gass plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall. She is the daughter of Christy Gass. She played basketball and tennis her first two years in high school, and was a regional qualifier in tennis her sophomore year. Her senior year, Gass was a football team and baseball team manager. She was a member of the yearbook staff her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and was in band her freshman year. She participated in UIL contests including social studies, science, and accounting. She was a State Science Fair qualifier her sophomore year and was active in the Regional Science Fair her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Gass was a National Honor Society member, and was elected by her senior class as their president. Her junior year, Gass was a Most Dependable Girl nominee, Best Eyes Girl nominee, and Most Fun Girl runner-up. She has been a teacher's aide with First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School for many years. She has sacked food for the church food pantry in O'Donnell, has assisted with Team Kids, and helped repair local restaurants in O'Donnell.

**Kelton Seth Goad**  
Kelton Seth Goad, son of Keri Goad and Charles Goad, was in band his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. He played football his freshman year. Goad was voted Most Congenial runner-up and Most Fun runner-up his junior year. He was senior class favorite boy. He plans to attend South Plains College and study to become a probation officer.

**Portia Danielle Grant**  
Portia Danielle Grant is the daughter of Bill and Kathy Grant. She is planning to attend Angelo State to take her general studies. Grant served on the National Guard Teen Panel with the National Guard Child and Youth Program. Because her father was in the guard and served in the Iraqi War, Grant took the initiative to become active and help the children of active National Guard Men and Women. She attended two National Symposiums in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. She was with the Eagle Band her freshman and junior years. In track, Grant won sixth in the 400 meter relay, the 100 meter dash, the discus and fifth in the 1600 meter relay her freshman year; placed fifth at area in the discus her sophomore year; and was a regional qualifier in the 800 meter relay this year. She was part of the Lady Eagles Basket-

ball team that were district runner-up and bi-district champions. She was a National Honor Society member for three years. In UIL computer science, her team won first place at district her sophomore year. Grant was on the yearbook staff her junior year. She was a varsity cheerleader for the last two years. In her junior year, the OHS cheerleaders were in the Final Four Channel 11 KCBD-TV Cheerleader Challenge. She was voted Most Congenial Girl runner-up her junior year. Grant has been an active member of the First Baptist Church and their youth organization.

**Elisabeth Wiebe Guenther**  
Elisabeth "Lisa" Wiebe Guenther is the daughter of John and Katharina Guenther. She plans to work, save money and then attend the Austin School of Massage and become a massage therapist. Guenther competed in UIL calculator, number sense, mathematics, current events, social studies, and spelling during her time at OHS. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

**Trevor Brooks Halfmann**  
Trevor Brooks Halfmann, son of Jeff and Deby Halfmann, received All-District football honors all four years in high school. In his freshman and sophomore years, he was named on the Second Team-Linebacker; his junior year he was named to the First Team-Defensive Lineman and Second Team-Offensive Lineman; this year he was the All-District Kicker. Halfmann played golf all four years as an Eagle. The team won third place in district his freshman year and fourth place in district his sophomore year. Among his many awards in FFA, Halfmann showed a first place steer and a fifth place steer at Fort Worth; at Houston he exhibited a first place steer; and at San Angelo he had a first place steer. He also on the Livestock Judging Team his senior year. He participated in One-Act Play for three years, and was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast three times and to the All-Star Cast three times. In his sophomore year, the OAP were area qualifiers. He was elected sophomore class president. In his junior year, Halfmann was a Personality Plus nominee, Most School Spirited Boy runner-up, Most Courteous Boy nominee, and was awarded OHS Salutes for Vocational Agriculture by the OHS staff. Halfmann was crowned Lynn County Harvest Festival King last year in Tahoka. He plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech and major in farm and ranch management.

**Nathan Lynn Hoy**  
Nathan Lynn Hoy is the son of Mara and Steve McDaniel. He has been an Future Farmers of America member all four years in high school. He played football his freshman, sophomore, and junior years for the Eagles. In golf, Hoy was a member of the fourth place district team his sophomore year. He played golf his last three years at OHS. In UIL, Hoy won sixth place in current events this year at district competition. He plans to attend Howard College.

**Dustin Ray Leonard**  
Dustin Ray Leonard is the son of Tony and Tammy Leonard of Lamesa. He has been a member of the Eagle Band for four years. In his freshman year, Leonard was third chair trumpet All-Region Band. The band won five Division I's and four Division II's in the last four years. Leonard also plays drums for the Reality Youth Ministries in Lamesa. He played football all four years in high school and was a member of the play-off teams his junior and senior years. He also played tennis, qualifying for regional his freshman and junior years. Leonard ran track for the Eagles for three years and played basketball his freshman year. The Eagles were UIL Spring Meet Champions his sophomore year. He was a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of the Regional Science Fair this year. He plans to major in exercise and sports sciences at Texas Tech on his way to becoming a coach.

**Louis Lockhart**  
Louis Lockhart is the foster son of Clay Burns. He plans to attend South Plains College. Lockhart played basketball and ran track for four years.

**Mary Jo Lopez**  
Mary Jo Lopez is the daughter of Jesse and Claudia Lopez of Lamesa. She plans to attend Sul Ross State University. Lopez was named to the All-District Honorable Mention basketball team her junior year and All-District her senior year. She was nominated for OHS Basketball Sweetheart both her junior and senior years. She ran cross country for the Lady Eagles for three years qualifying for regional all three years. In track, Lopez ran the 1600 meter run, the 3200 meter run, 1600 meter relay, and 800 meter run, qualifying for area and regional track meets seven times in her career. She was in the award winning Eagle Band for two years. Lopez was chosen Most Fun Girl her junior year, elected Student Council Vice-President her senior year, and was on the yearbook staff this year. She was also crowned Homecoming Queen this year.

**Macy Kandon Mires**  
Macy Kandon Mires is the daughter of Travis and Kay Mires and she plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall. She has been on the yearbook staff for three years, and was editor the last two years. She received OHS Salutes in yearbook her junior year from sponsor

Edie Hagler. Mires has been an Eagle cheerleader every year in high school, and was on the squad that finished in the Final Four during Channel 11 KCBD-TV Cheerleader Challenge her junior year. Mires was a homecoming queen nominee her sophomore and senior years. She was crowned Basketball Sweetheart this year. In Regional Science Fair competition, Mires won first place in her division each of the four years she entered. She qualified for the State Science Fair twice. Mires played golf for four years and won 2nd at district and 10th at regional her freshman year. When she was a sophomore, Mires won 7th place individual and helped the team take 2nd at district and 6th at regional. She played basketball for the Lady Eagles all of her high school career, ran track for two years and cross country for one year. Mires was a Future Farmers of America (FFA) member for four years. Among the highlights of her stock show career were winning breed champion Duroc at San Antonio her sophomore year, breed champion Duroc at Star of Texas and breed champion Chester at San Angelo this year. She was also on the judging team. She participated in UIL computer science.

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## O'Donnell High School SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

**Christopher Montez**  
Christopher Montez is the son of Romero and Sylvia Montez. He plans to attend South Plains College in the fall. Montez helped lead the Eagle football team to playoffs three years in a row. He played basketball for two years and ran track his junior year. Montez was also in band for four years. The band won five Division I's and four Division II's in the last four years.

**Marci Marlene Morales**  
Marci Marlene Morales is the daughter of Charla Vaughn and Jimmy Morales. She plans to attend South Plains College and major in cosmetology. She was a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America her junior year. She received OHS Salutes in Computer that is selected by the teacher. Morales competed in UIL social studies and computer applications her senior year. She attended the youth gatherings at the First Baptist Church for all four years in high school.

**Jonathan Jerome Ortiz**  
Jonathan Jerome Ortiz is the son of Lynn and Gerardo Ortiz. Ortiz was in band for four years. The Eagle Band won five Division I's and four Division II's in the last four years. He played Eagle baseball all four years in high school helping them make the playoffs each year. This year, the Eagle baseball team qualified for the third round of the playoffs taking them farther than any other previous baseball team. He is undecided about his post-graduation plans.

**Jordan Colby Ramirez**  
Jordan Colby Ramirez is the son of Lucinda Ramirez and Rudy Ramirez. He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

He was elected Student Council Treasurer his senior year. He was also the junior class student council representative and was the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America President his junior year. In UIL, Ramirez competed in number sense helping his team win second at district and his mathematics team win first at regionals during his sophomore year. He also was in UIL computer science and one-act play. He won second place in the biological division at the Regional Science Fair this year. The Eagles were named the Spring Meet Champions Ramirez's sophomore year. He was voted Best Dressed Boy his junior year by the student body. He was in band for three years in which the band won several Division I and Division II ratings. In cross country, he was 29th individually at district and the team won 2nd and placed 9th in regional competition. Ramirez played golf for two years.

**Matthew Roel Ramirez**  
Matthew Roel Ramirez is the son of Roel and Claudia Ramirez. He is going to South Plains College after graduation. Ramirez was named to the All-District first team receiver in football his junior year. In baseball, he has been part of the playoff winning Eagles for two years. The 2008 Eagles baseball team were bi-district and area champions, which qualified the team for the regional quarterfinals.



**Angelo State wants Kaylee ... O'Donnell High School's track standout, Kaylee Eaker, has signed a letter of intent with Angelo State University. She is shown here with Angelo State University track coach James Reid. Eaker made the trip to the State Meet the last three years in her throws. She placed 2nd last year and 3rd this year in the Shot Put. Kaylee has won the State Championship the last two years in the Discus. She has made the T.G.C.A. All-State track team the last two years and this year was selected to the All-Star Team. Throughout her high school career, for the most part, she has led the area track best in the throws. Kaylee's personal best is 134' 0 in the Discus and 42' 1 in the Shot Put.**

**Melissa Renteria**  
Melissa Renteria is the daughter of Joe and Christina Renteria. She plans to attend South Plains College and become a counselor. She attended First Baptist Church youth ministry all four years in high school. She was a member of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America for three years.

**Angelica Salazar**  
Angelica Salazar is the daughter of Terri Lou Salazar and Nemencio Salazar. She is planning to attend college in the future. Salazar was involved in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America for three years. She was also a member of the Catholic Youth Organization for two years.



**Juan Sanchez**  
Juan Sanchez is the son of Juana Ma Sanchez and Francisco Sanchez. He plans to attend college at South Plains. Sanchez played football all four years of high school. During that time, the Eagles made the playoffs two times. He was named to the All-District first team Defensive Line and the All-District second team Offensive Line this year. He performed with the Eagle Band for three years helping them win several Division I and II ratings. Sanchez played basketball for one year, ran track for two years, and played tennis two years.

**Nedra Ann Sanchez**  
Nedra Ann Sanchez is the daughter of Amy and Bobby Sanchez. She plans to attend South Plains College after graduation. She played basketball all four years of high school. She also ran cross country and track for three years. Her junior year, Sanchez was elected treasurer of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Sanchez was a member of the multiple award-winning Eagle Band for two years.

**Jacob Andrew Valdez**  
Jacob "Jake" Andrew Valdez is the son of Monica and Raymond Gonzales. He plans to work following graduation. Valdez played baseball his freshman, junior, and senior years. The 2008 Eagle baseball team came in third in district play and were bi-district and area champions. They lost in the regional quarterfinals after achieving more success on the diamond than any previous Eagle baseball team. He ran cross country his first two years in high school and placed 23rd individual at district and helped the team to a second place district win in his sophomore year. At regional cross country, he placed 116th and the team came in ninth. He was a member of the Eagle Band for two years. The band won several high ratings during those two years. Valdez was elected sophomore class secretary by his classmates.

**Shelby D'Shaun Williams**  
Shelby D'Shaun Williams is the daughter of Brad and Robyn Williams. She plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall.

Williams has been an active Future Farmer's of America student for four years. Among her highest awards at stock shows include a Reserve Grand Champion Hampshire Barrow at the 2001 Fort Worth Stockshow; the 2002 Reserve Breed Champion Hereford in San Antonio; Breed Champion Hampshire Barrow at the 2002 Houston Stock Show; Reserve Grand Champion Short-horn Steer at 2002 San Angelo Stockshow; 2008 Breed Champion Hampshire Barrow at Houston. Williams was also named Lynn County Outstanding Ag Student for this year. She qualified for UIL regional competition in poetry interpretation her sophomore year and qualified for regional in informative speaking her sophomore, junior, and senior years, winning 8th place at regionals. She played golf and qualified for regional play her sophomore year.

**Korie Lynn Wilson**  
Korie Lynn Wilson is the daughter of Billy and Pam Wilson. She plans to attend Texas Tech University.

She was selected All-District Newcomer of the Year her freshman year on the Lady Eagles Varsity basketball team and ended her career as the District's Most Valuable Player. She was also named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region, All-South Plains, and Academic All-State. She played basketball all four years in high school, and was named All-District her sophomore and junior years and also received Academic All-District recognition her junior year. In golf this year, Wilson earned a trip to state, placing 14th overall. She made it to regional golf competition all four years in high school. The golf team won second in district and Wilson placed 10th in regional her freshman year; she placed sixth at district and second as a team and she placed sixth at regional her sophomore year; her junior and senior years, Wilson won the silver at district and the bronze at regional qualifying her for state play. She ran track for three years. Her freshman year she placed second at district in the 400 meter dash went on to win the area race and placed seventh at regional. She also won fifth place in district in the 1600 meter relay. Her sophomore year, Wilson won sixth place in the 400 meter relay, and fourth in the 1600 meter relay which qualified the team for area where they placed fifth. She qualified for regional her junior year in the 1600 meter relay after helping the Lady Eagles win second at district and fourth at area. She was also on the 400 meter relay that came in sixth at district. She ran cross country for two years and won third place for the junior varsity team. Wilson was a cheerleader for two years. She has been a member of the OHS yearbook staff for the last three years. O'Donnell won the Spring Meet UIL Championship Wilson's sophomore year. She was a Basketball Sweetheart nominee her freshman year and won the crown her junior year. She was a Homecoming Queen nominee her senior year, was elected Best Citizen Girl her sophomore year; Most Dependable Girl, Most Courteous Girl runner-up and Personality Plus nominee her junior year. Wilson also competed in UIL current issues and social studies events her junior year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell.



**MOSQUITOES and WEST NILE VIRUS**  
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West Nile Encephalitis, also known as a bird disease, is technically an inflammation of the brain. It is called a bird disease because, contrary to what many people believe, birds are the natural hosts of the disease.

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"While over 100 species of birds host the disease, the most susceptible are blue jays, crows, and hawks," says Dr. Floron Faries, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. "Once a mosquito bites an infected bird, it takes 10 to 14 days for the disease to get into its salivary glands. It is not until after this time period that a mosquito can transmit the disease to people and horses. Cats, dogs, and other animals can get the infection, but do not show symptoms."

There are two vaccinations available for horses. Recombitex is a vaccine that should be administered yearly and another, Innovator, twice a year. Although there are currently no vaccinations for people, there are plenty of ways to lower your chances of contracting the disease.

"Don't depend on the city to fog out mosquitoes. Be proactive when it comes to prevention," says Faries. "I recommend controlling stagnant water by getting rid of junk laying around. Mosquitoes reproduce in small containers of water, such as cans, jars and pots. Also, wear long clothes if you must be outside during the hours of dusk and dawn and use plenty of mosquito repellent that contains DEET."

The chances of infected people or horses showing any symptoms of the brain disease are only about 1 percent. It can take anywhere from two weeks to six months to die or recover. Of those horses that do become sick, only about 30 percent will result in death, Faries says. Only 6 percent of people who develop the disease will die.

Symptoms are similar to that of rabies. Depression, muscle twitching, weak limbs, and walking problems are common. Horses usually stand up by raising their head, putting weight on the front legs, and finally standing on all four. When encephalitis is present, the back legs are usually too weak to put weight on, and the horse ends up sitting like a dog, Faries explains.

"You can't just assume the diagnosis, though. If these symptoms are present, it might not even be West Nile," says Faries. "The horse could also have rabies, Eastern equine encephalitis or Western equine encephalitis. Laboratory tests should be taken to be sure which disease is present."

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**State Vocalist ...** Jessica Quisenberry (center) received a class 1, division 1 rating at the state UIL vocal solo contest May 24 in San Marcos. Representing Post High School, she performed "The Holy City" by F. E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams. Jessica performed under the direction of Carroll Rhodes of Tahoka (left) and was accompanied by Do He Kim of San Marcos. Jessica is the daughter of David and Tammie Quisenberry. She is the granddaughter of MaryBeth McKibben of Tahoka, Jerry and Connie McKibben of Lubbock and Dennie and JohnnyMac Quisenberry of Lockney.

## Comptroller Combs Launches New Web Portal to Economic Resources

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today unveiled Texas Ahead, a one-stop Web portal to economic resources for growing and governing Texas. The new Web site at [www.texasahead.org](http://www.texasahead.org) provides targeted resources for businesses, local governments and economic development professionals, giving them vital information they need when making decisions about doing business in Texas or planning for economic growth.

"Government has a wealth of data and resources that can help support the economic growth of communities throughout Texas," Combs said. "Texas Ahead is designed to bring this information together in one place."

Texas Ahead offers a wide array of economic data and analysis including:

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- Overviews of the local economies in Texas' various regions and the challenges and opportunities they face; and
- Useful links to a wide variety of publications and data of interest to local officials who want to stay ahead of trends shaping the Texas economy.

Texas Ahead also features a high-profile link to Texas EDGE,

the Comptroller's popular online tool for creating or requesting customized, tightly focused reports to guide economic development decisions. Texas EDGE users can get up-to-date information on the population, demographics, transportation, education, taxes and other economic factors in various geographic areas of Texas.

"Texas EDGE supplies key economic data; Texas Ahead helps put the data in context," Combs said. "Together, these two online resources provide easy access to information essential for accurate planning, effective economic analysis and smart business site selections."

Since Texas EDGE debuted in August 2007, economic developers, local planners, elected officials, students and other researchers have used the system to help prepare information packages to attract new businesses, compare existing businesses, analyze local work force and employment trends and research commuting patterns and traffic counts. By request through Texas EDGE, Comptroller analysts supplied projections of future population growth to help a Val Verde County daycare center decide whether to expand. Smith County requested a report to determine the economic impact of adding 115 correctional jobs. The Alice/Jim Wells County Economic Development Corporation used Texas EDGE to request an estimate of the economic impact of a biomedical research center.

"Texas has the world's 12th largest economy," Combs said. "Texas Ahead helps us tell Texas' economic story to the world: We mean business and stand ready to help businesses and local communities grow and prosper along with the state."



### Win this grill, help buy a new ambulance ...

Lynn County EMS is raising money for a new ambulance by selling chances for this new Brinkmann ProSeries gas grill, displayed in the lobby of First National Bank of Tahoka. Tickets for the 73,500-BTU 5-burner grill are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25, and are available from any EMS crew member. Only 500 tickets will be sold, and the drawing is set for July 1.

## Memory Loss Can Be Attributed To Many Causes

by Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. Not true! Whether they care to admit it or not, many people think that their forgetfulness is the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. However, we now know that most people remain both alert and able as they age, although it may take them longer to remember things.

A lot of people experience memory lapses. Some memory problems are serious, others are not. People who have serious changes in their memory, personality and behavior may suffer from a form of brain disease called dementia - the two most common forms of dementia being Alzheimer's disease and multi-infarct dementia. Dementia seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities.

Sometimes older people have emotional problems that may cause memory loss and be mistaken for dementia. Feeling sad, lonely, worried or bored may be more common for some older adults for a variety of reasons.

Adapting to change may leave some people feeling confused or forgetful.

Emotional problems can be eased by supportive friends and family or by professional help from a health provider or counselor.

Stress, anxiety or depression can make a person more forgetful. Forgetfulness caused by these emotions usually is temporary and goes away when the feelings fade. However, if these feelings last for a long period of time, getting help from a professional is important.

Treatment may include counseling or medication, or a combination of both.

In fact, there are several conditions that may be treated or reversed which cause memory problems. Reversible conditions can be caused by a high fever, dehydration, vitamin deficiency and poor nutrition, bad reactions to medicines, problems with the thyroid gland or a minor head injury. Medical conditions like these can be serious and should be treated by a health provider as soon as possible.

People who are worried about memory problems should see their health provider. If he or she believes that the problem is serious, then a thorough evaluation may be recom-

mended. A complete medical examination for memory loss may include gathering information about medical history, including use of prescription and over the counter medicines, diet, past medical problems and general health. Because a correct diagnosis depends on recalling these details accurately, the health provider also may ask a family member for information.

Lab tests may help your health provider find any problems. There are also tests of mental abilities: memory, problem solving, counting and language. A brain scan may assist the doctor in ruling out a curable disorder. A scan also may show signs of normal age related changes in the brain. It may be necessary to have another scan at a later date to see if there have been further changes in the brain.

Many older adults, in fact, people of all ages, wonder how they may try to keep their memory sharp. Some suggestions include developing interests or hobbies and staying involved in activities that stimulate both the mind and body. Many people find it useful to plan tasks, make "things to do" lists and use notes, calendars and other memory aids.

They also may remember things better by mentally connecting them to other meaningful things, such as a familiar name or song.

Exercise is important to keep your body healthy but it is also important for your mind. The brain needs exercises and challenges so that it can remain active and keep up with your daily life. Try to challenge your brain daily to keep it active and alert. Also, remember that a healthy diet is very important to the body's function and especially to the mind. Although no special diets or nutritional supplements have been shown to specifically address memory problems, a balanced diet helps maintain overall good health.

Some physical and mental changes occur with age in healthy people.

However, much pain and suffering can be avoided if older adults, their families and their health providers recognize that memory loss is not part of normal aging. For more information, contact your County Extension Agent, or visit the National Institute on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center website: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>.



**COLLEGE STATION** — When Poochie gets itchy, you may be scratching your own head. Constant scratching and itching by your pet can lead to serious problems and can baffle pet owners, but Dr. Mark Stickney, a veterinarian at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says there are frequent causes of "the itchy pet."

Stickney notes that itching is most commonly caused by three different instigators. The first are parasites like fleas, ticks or skin mites. These creatures latch onto the animal's skin causing irritation, which animals scratch in response. There are numerous over-the-counter and prescription treatments for fleas and ticks, but Stickney recommends sticking with prescription brands.

"Over-the-counter treatments do not remain effective for very long, while the prescriptions given by a veterinarian are proven to last a month between doses, continue working even after bathing or swimming and are much more effective. Flea collars are especially ineffective," he confirms.

Skin mites or "scabies" pose a different threat than fleas or ticks. Skin mites feed on blood,

tissue fluid, keratin and surface skin debris which cause irritation. The dog will respond to this irritation by constantly scratching its skin. Mites can be increasingly meddlesome because they can also spread to humans and cause the same symptoms.

The only treatment for scabies is through a prescription from a veterinarian, and Stickney says it is important that pet owners keep an eye out for constant itching, or the pet may be experiencing the same symptoms in the near future.

The second most common cause of itching in dogs is food allergies. According to Stickney, pets are usually allergic to a certain protein contained in the food, such as pork or chicken.

"If your pet has food allergies, the animal will itch all the time and have recurrent ear infections," informs Stickney.

If these symptoms arise, he says it is important for the pet to visit the veterinarian as soon as possible. The veterinarian will most likely place the animal on a novel protein diet, which has a form of protein for which the animal has never been exposed. The veterinarian will likely use a "trial and error" feeding regime to discover a protein that the animal can tolerate. The animal will eat a food with a certain protein for two months, and the veterinarian will monitor the pet's progress. During this time, it is very important that pet owners restrict the animal's consumption to only the prescribed food with no extra treats, Stickney notes. This process will continue until an acceptable protein has been found.

The third most common skin irritant is called atopy. According to Stickney, these are the equivalent of human allergies. Pets may be allergic to pollen, dust mites or any other allergen that plagues humans, but instead of reacting with a runny nose or a headache, pets scratch their skin.

"One of the most apparent signs of allergies in a dog is that the dog will constantly lick its paws," Stickney says.

Allergies can be treated with shampoos, antihistamines or through allergy testing.



### HEALTHY SNACKS FOR KIDS

It's about that time again — The kids will be out of school within the next few days. Get ready for the "I'm bored" statement to start fairly soon. And then there is the "I'm hungry" proclamation. According to Bridget Swinney, MD., author of the book *Baby Bites*. It is important to treat snacks as opportunities for busy bodies to refuel. Below are a few ideas for some healthy snacks to give your kids as an alternative to chips and cookies.

**Mini pizza:** Help them put together a pizza using one-half of a whole-grain English muffin or small whole-wheat pita bread; ketchup or marinara sauce; and grated cheese. Use olives, shredded carrots, and other vegetables for facial features.

**Snack mix:** Set out small bowls of plain Cheerios, dried fruit, and chopped nuts, sunflower seeds, or roasted soy nuts. Give kids a bowl or a small plastic container and let them mix it up. Throw in a few mini chocolate chips for a sweet treat. This trail mix is also good mixed with low-fat vanilla yogurt.

**Fruit smoothies:** Preschoolers love to experiment, so let them combine different frozen or fresh berries and other fruit with plain, low-fat yogurt or reduced-fat milk. Combine in blender 1/4 cup each: yogurt or milk and chopped fruit or berries;

and 1 ice cube. Add milk or yogurt to achieve desired consistency.

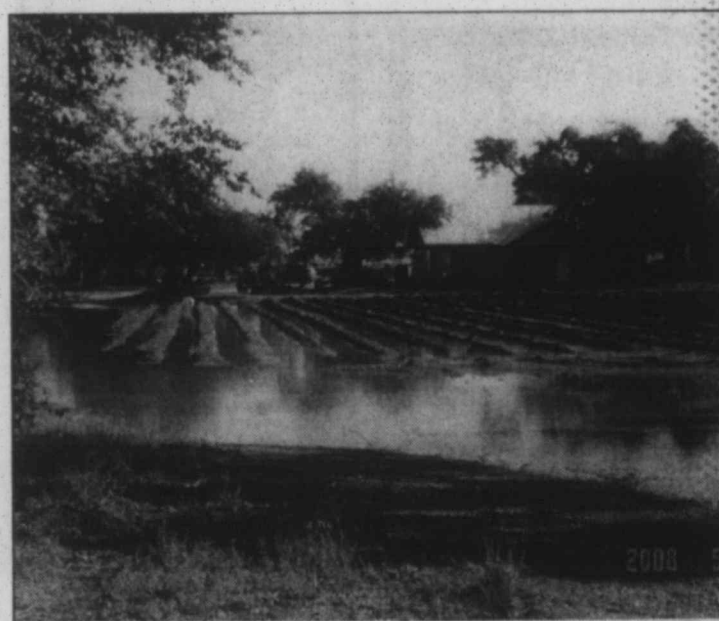
**Pop a single-serve bag of low-fat microwave popcorn.** Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.

**Sliced apple, peach, pear, bananas, or cooked sweet potato, dipped in low-fat vanilla yogurt.**

**Baby carrots, celery sticks, sliced red bell peppers, cherry tomatoes (cut in half) or any other cooked or raw vegetable paired with low-fat Ranch dressing; hummus; nut butter; or sunflower seed butter.**

Think of snacks as mini-meals and offer the same foods you'd feature at mealtimes. You probably wouldn't dream of serving your child sodium-laden snack crackers and a sugary beverage for dinner, so don't give it to him or her as a snack, either.

Whether your kids are tots or teens, you should probably schedule in healthy snacks, even if loosely. That's because eating at regular intervals discourages kids from grazing, characterized as near-continuous nibbling or drinking, or both, throughout the day. How much should you serve at snack time? Enough to take the edge off a child's hunger. Start small; you can always serve more. And don't worry if your child is not particularly hungry at the next meal, Swinney says. Left to their own devices, kids typically curb food consumption accordingly.



**Another rain ...** Lynn County received another dose of moisture Tuesday night as thunderstorms moved through the area. This photo shows a house and rain-soaked fields about 12 miles west of Tahoka off Hwy. 380 on Wednesday morning. In Tahoka, the official measurement for moisture was 1.36" during the night. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

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