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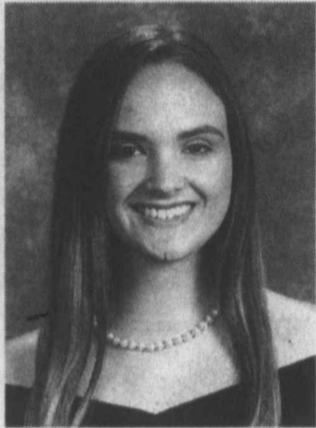
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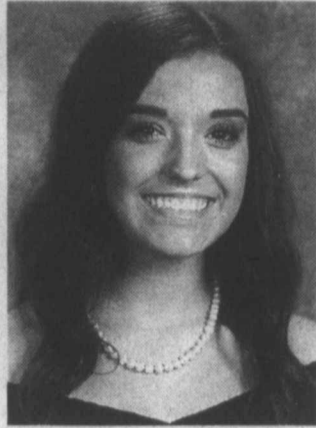
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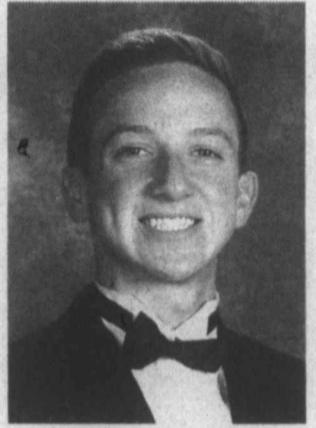
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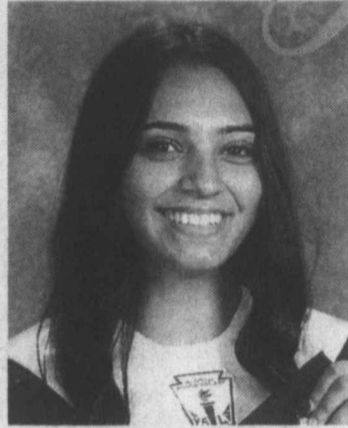
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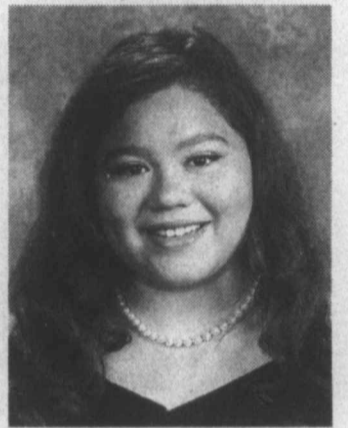
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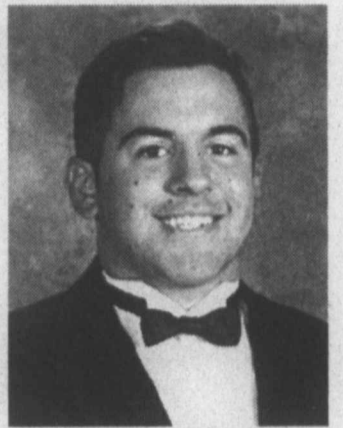
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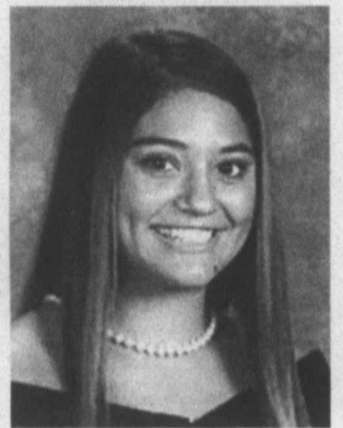
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The Lynn County News office will be closed on Monday, May 27. Tuesday deadline extended to 2 pm

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 Memorial Day honors those who died in service of the USA

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to our nation. In Lynn County, honor veterans by giving at local banks for the Eagle of Honor/Veterans Memorial Project

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 14	80	51	
May 15	81	51	
May 16	85	56	
May 17	85	59	
May 18	82	49	
May 19	82	49	
May 20	91	63	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	1.37"
Total Precip. for 2019:	6.33"

Commencement ceremonies set for county students

One of life's important milestones is marked by graduation ceremonies. Four high schools in Lynn County will hold commencement ceremonies for graduates this week, with three set for Friday night, and one scheduled for Saturday morning. In all, 72 seniors from four school districts are receiving high school diplomas in the county.

Tahoka High School has 35 seniors in the Class of 2019, with this year's commencement ceremonies slated for 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, in the high school gymnasium. New Home High School has 15 seniors graduating in ceremonies to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 24 in their high school gymnasium, and O'Donnell High School's commencement ceremonies will



also be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, in the OHS gym, with 16 seniors graduating. Wilson High School commencement will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25 in the high school gym, with 6 seniors graduating.

The Tahoka High School 2019 Valedictorian is Madison LeAnn Moya, daughter of Jesus and Melanie

Moya, graduating with a grade point average (GPA) of 4.358. She plans to attend Texas Tech University. Callie Jane Nevill is THS Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.315. She is the daughter of Joe and Carissa Nevill. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

Celee Smith, daughter of Travis and Jodi Smith, is the New Home High School 2019 Valedictorian with a GPA of 4.211. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University. NHHS Salutatorian is Carter Abney, with a 4.072 GPA. He is the son of Koby and Jenny Abney. Carter plans to attend South Plains College and then Texas Tech.

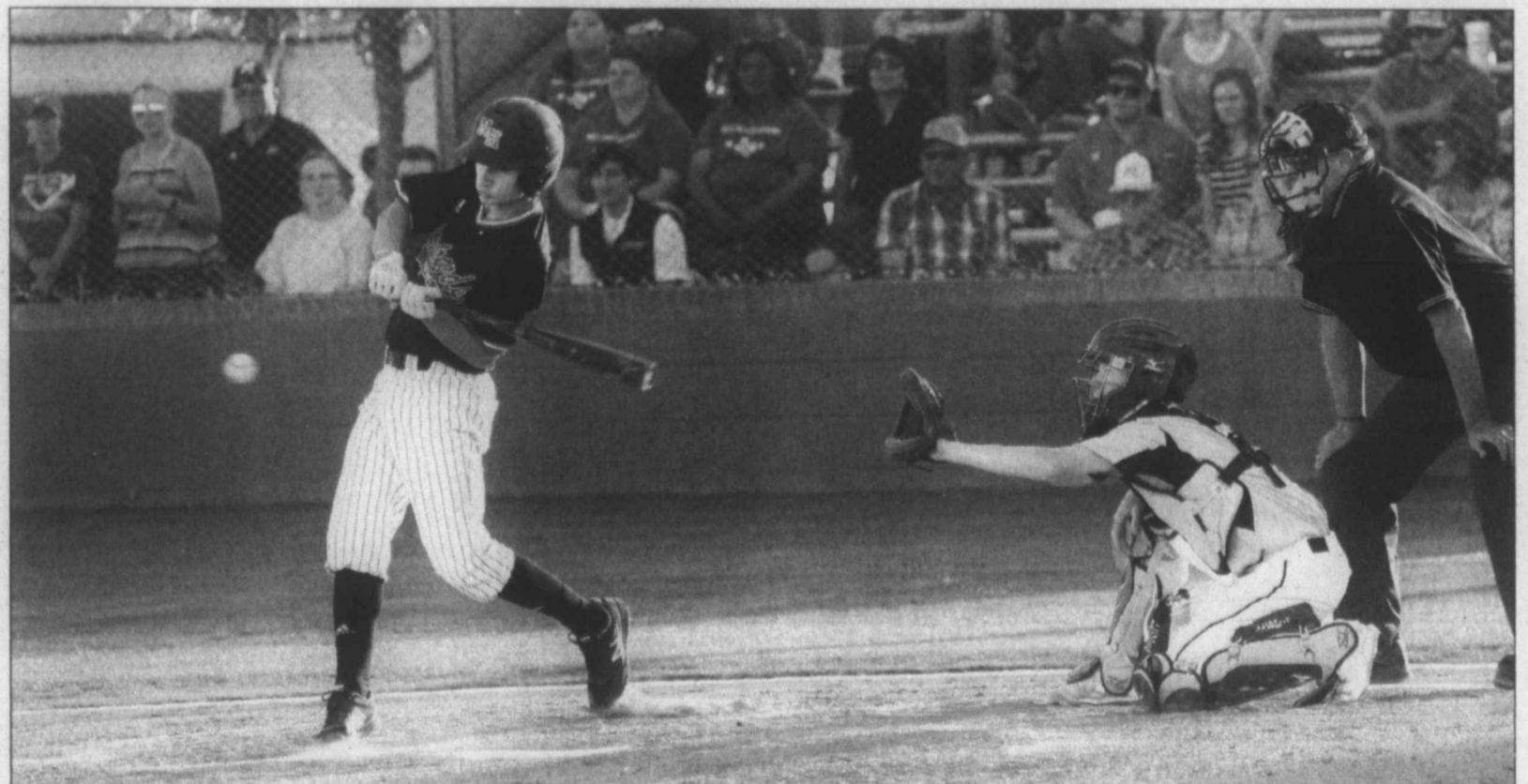
The 2019 Valedictorian for O'Donnell High School is Mariah Ali Perales, daughter of Carmen and

Max Mendieta and Rogie Perales. She graduates with a 3.71 GPA. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University. Sabrina Marie Pedroza is OHS Salutatorian with a 3.54 GPA, and she is the daughter of Manuel and Melissa Pedroza. Sabrina plans to attend Texas Tech University.

The 2019 Valedictorian for Wilson High School is Bryan Antonio Mendez, son of Danny and Melissa Mendez. He graduates with a 4.197 GPA. Bryan plans to attend college and earn a PTA certification. Britany Joplin is WHS Salutatorian with a 3.616 GPA, and she is the daughter of Wes and Teresa Joplin. Britany plans to attend South Plains College and become a nurse.

Congratulations to these honor students for their high academic achievements.

Leopards in Regional Finals, for chance to make State Tourney



LeClair at bat ... Kaleb LeClair is the batter for the New Home Leopards here, in a Class 1A Regional Semifinal one game playoff against Kress on Friday. The Leopards won 10-0, with the run rule in the 5th inning, to claim the Regional Semifinal trophy. New Home now faces Borden County in the Regional Finals at 4 p.m. Saturday at Moffit Field in Snyder, for a chance to make the State Tournament berth. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Words of Inspiration:

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. -- A.A. MILNE, author, Winnie-The-Pooh series"

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Obituaries



Victoria "Vickie" Morin

Rosary for Victoria "Vickie" Morin 73 of Tahoka will be Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 7 PM at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Mass will be on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 11 AM at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father John Rathnam officiating. Burial will be in the Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

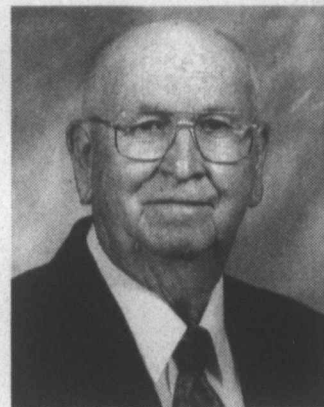
Vickie went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 17, 2019. She was born on September 6, 1945 in Bryan Texas to the late Urbano and Maria Estrada. She married Domingo Morin on February 16, 1967 in Brownfield, Texas. Domingo preceded her in death on June 20, 2008.

Vickie was a homemaker, she loved to keep up with her home. She collected roosters as a hobby. She was a devoted member of St. Jude Catholic Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister for many years. Vickie's favorite time was to cheer and watch her granddaughters play softball, she was very proud of them.

She is preceded in death by her son George Morin on May 1, 2018.

Survivors include two sons Johnny and wife Lisa Morin of Tahoka, Michael Morin of Lubbock; two granddaughters Taylor Morin and Marisol Morin both of Tahoka; a grandson Jonathan Hernandez of Lubbock; a brother Robert Estrada

of Lubbock; four sisters Maria Contreras and Janie Montelongo both of Tahoka, Pam Estrada of New Home and Virginia Zuniga of Lubbock.



J.T. Miller

J.T. Miller of Tahoka passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the age of 91. He was born April 24, 1928 in Cottle County, Texas to Roy Lee and Eva Gertie (Lindsey) Miller. The family moved to Lynn County in 1938. In 1950, J.T. began farming until retiring in 1988. He was very involved in the community where he served as a County Commissioner for 22 years, served on the Tahoka ISD School Board for nine years, and as a volunteer fireman for 30 years. J.T. received the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award in 1984. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church where he proudly served as a greeter for more than 60 years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Debbie Engle and husband Charlie, and Steve Miller and wife Carol, all of Tahoka; siblings, Ed Miller of Coleman, Sue Shill of Gruver, Donna Brooks and husband Neely, and Milton Miller and wife Geneva, all of Tahoka; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

J.T. was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Jo (Anderson) Miller; daughter,



New Police Chief ... Jeff Parker (center) has been promoted to Tahoka Police Chief, showing the paperwork after taking the Oath of Office during a special session of the Tahoka City Council on Friday night. He has been an officer with the Tahoka PD for almost five years, and the council chose him unanimously from a pool of 13 candidates. Pictured with Chief Parker are two of the officers with the department, Brad Johnston (left) and Vernon Spence (right). Other officers are Justin Cogburn and Dedricke Dunn. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Jeff Parker named new Tahoka Chief of Police

by JUANELL JONES

Jeff Parker, who has been serving as interim police chief for the Tahoka Police Department, was officially named Chief of Police in a special session of the Tahoka City Council on Friday evening. He was unanimously appointed to serve as head of the department in action that was approved by City Council members Ray Box, Shiloh Braddock, Ronny Jolly, and Mayor John Baker during the brief session.

The council had met in executive session to discuss the candidates for police chief during a meeting last Monday night, considering a list of 13 applicants for the positions. At that time, no action was taken as filling the position was not listed on Monday night's agenda.

Margaret Sue Wiseman; grandson, Daron Norwood; and siblings, R. L., Wilford, and Jack Miller.

Visitation will begin at noon on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Combest Family Funeral Homes of Tahoka with the family receiving friends 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Tahoka with burial to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 300, Tahoka 79373 or First Baptist Church, PO Box 1547, Tahoka 79373. www.combestfamilyfuneral-homes.com

"I am super excited to have this opportunity as another chapter in my career," Chief Parker told The News. "I want to bring-back integrity and trustworthiness to the department, and I hope the community knows that this agency can be trusted," he added.

Chief Parker has been an officer with the Tahoka Police Dept. for almost five years. He graduated from the Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy and has been in law enforcement for 29 years. He started his career with the Lamesa Police Dept. and retired from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office. While with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, Parker was on the Honor Guard, Tactical Operations Unit as a Hostage Negotiator, and Transition Team that oversaw the building and completion of the new Lubbock County Detention Center. He has certifications as a Texas Peace Officer, Master Peace Officer, Master Telecommunicator, Taser Certified Instructor, and Internatl Affairs trained through Sam Houston State University and Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. He also holds TCOLE Supervisor Certification, Instructor Certification, Crisis Negotiator, and Mental Health Peace Officer certification.

Parker has been married for 26 years to his wife, Monica. They have two children, Nacona Martinez and Cheketa Parker, and three grandchildren, Noelani Rodriguez, Kaleili Deleon and Keyhani Elmore.

In other business at last Monday's meeting, the Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Baker and councilman Shiloh Braddock, as

both were declared elected after running unopposed for re-election to their positions. Councilman Johnny Rosas, also unopposed in his bid for re-election, was absent at the meeting but was administered the Oath of Office the following day by city officials.

Departmental reports were presented, and budget amendments and monthly bills approved. An agreement with the City of Wilson allowing the housing of dogs from Wilson in the Tahoka Animal Shelter was considered, but tabled until Friday's special session, when it was approved by the council.

This Month in History

- The Empire State Building was dedicated. (1931)
- Cheerios hits store shelves. (1941)
- Slugger Mickey Mantle hits his first home run. (1951)

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Congratulations! Kelby Barnes

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Congratulations!

Tahoka High School Seniors

Valedictorian
Madison LeAnn Moya

- Jennifer Alonzo
- Nicolas Rene Arce
- Mark Anthony Benavides
- Elissa Lenae Calzoncit
- Priscilla Denise Castillo
- Dalton Curtis Chapman
- Mykeah Danniell Deleon
- Matthew Lee Diaz
- Aly Shi Dotson
- Miguel Noel Garcia
- Michael Dawson Glover
- Tristan Glover
- Adriana Leigh Gonzales
- Miguel S. Granados, III
- Christopher B. Gutierrez
- Evelyn Kate Hardt
- Mackenzie Paige Henry

Salutatorian
Callie Jane Nevill

- John Ruben Leija, Jr.
- Gabrielle Alexia Littrell
- Peyton Taylor Lowdermill
- Maritza Amaya Morin
- Angela Rose Quintero
- Bryson Rai Resendez
- Alyssa Johaylen Rodriguez
- Bianca Marie Saldana
- Jaime Deshawn Santibanez
- Michael Ryan Scoggin
- Tamya Leigh Stroope
- Raygin Jo'Lee Taylor
- Christopher Martin Vargas
- Layne Sade Vega
- Mason Colby Walker
- Javier Zuniga, Jr.

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- WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

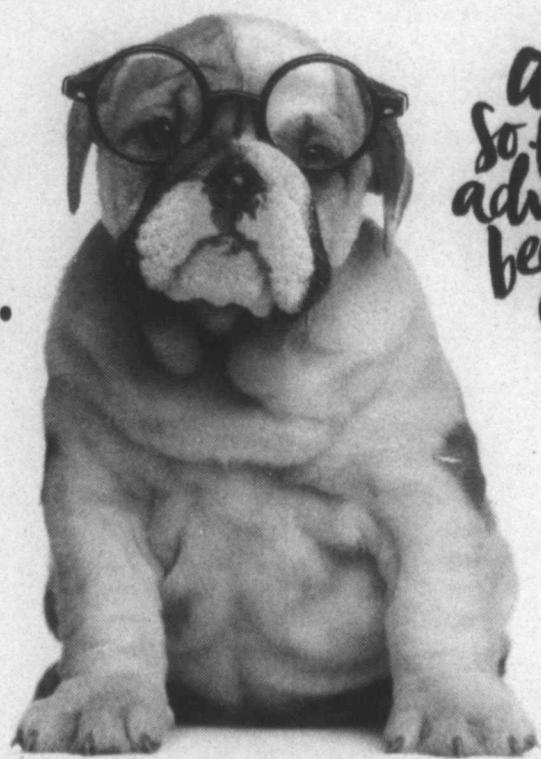
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Leopards in playoff run ... The New Home baseball team entered the playoffs on a roll after tying with Sundown for the district championship with a 13-1 record. The Leopards dropped a practice game to New Deal, but bounced back to sweep the first two games of the bi-district series with Springlake-Earth. They followed that up with a sweep of the first two games of the Regional Quarterfinals versus Nazareth (pictured with their trophy), and then won the Regional Semifinal 10-0 in a one game playoff against Kress on Friday. The Leopards will face Borden County in the Regional Finals this Saturday, for a chance to make the state playoff berth.

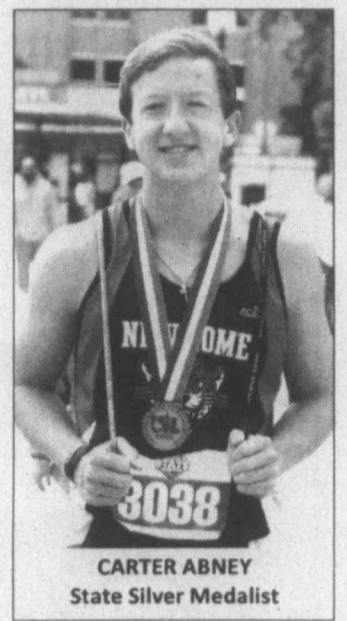
New Home sends three to UIL State Track Meet

New Home ISD had three athletes compete at the state track meet recently.

Senior Carter Abney won Regionals in the triple jump with a jump of 43' 1". At the state meet he took home the silver medal with a jump of 44' 2 1/4".

Senior Jacie Fowler qualified for the pole vault for the third time in her career by finishing second at Regionals. She vaulted 9'6 at state to place 5th.

Sophomore Kash Starkey finished third in the 300 hurdles at Regional, but won the wild card to advance to State. He finished 8th at state.



CARTER ABNEY
State Silver Medalist

City water project is finished; asphalt work still remains

by JUANELL JONES

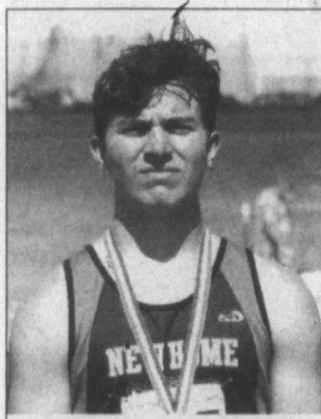
At long last, the City of Tahoka's \$6.8 million waterline replacement project is finished, after more than a year and a half of work done underneath city streets to replace the 100-year-old waterlines throughout the city. All of the pipelines have been connected, and work is finished beneath the city streets. However, some follow-up work remains to be completed aboveground, including concrete, asphalt and curbing work to repair places where the streets were cut.

"Housley Construction has finished their work on the

waterlines, and all pipes have been connected," confirmed Jerry Webster, City Administrator. "Hopefully, because the new system has a number of cutoffs built in throughout the city, there should be no more city-wide water cutoff notices, and no more boil water notices," he added.

Webster said that the contractor for the concrete/asphalt work will complete the repairs as soon as the weather allows.

The waterline project was done without a tax increase or a bond election, with the majority of the funds coming from grant funds.



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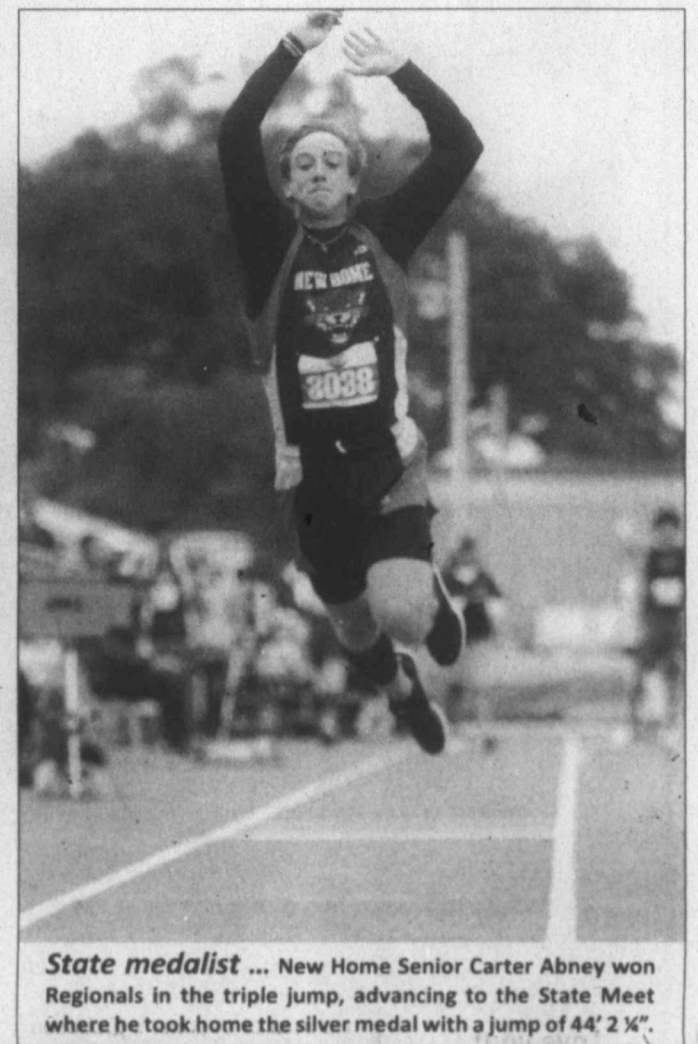
O'Donnell student is ASU graduate

Angelo State University conferred 820 undergraduate and graduate degrees on 814 graduates, including Izia Rios of Odonnell, during its 2019 spring commencement exercises on May 11 in the ASU Junell Center/Stephens Arena in San Angelo, Texas.

Rios graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration majoring in Accounting.

DID YOU KNOW?

- More people are allergic to cows milk than any other food
- Your head contains 22 bones
- Hiccups usually last for 5 minutes



State medalist ... New Home Senior Carter Abney won Regionals in the triple jump, advancing to the State Meet where he took home the silver medal with a jump of 44' 2 1/4".

• All galaxies, regardless of size, rotate once every billion years.

Did you know? ... about Baseball!

- A baseball player increases his chance of hitting a home run if he hits the baseball at the bat's "sweet spot." This spot is an area between 5 and 7 inches from the barrel end of the bat. When a player hits the sweet spot, there is less vibration, and the bat makes a satisfying "crack" sound.
- Throwing a baseball significantly faster than 100 mph is nearly impossible. Speeds over that would create too much torque in a pitcher's arm, leading to snapped tendons and ligaments.
- George Herman Ruth, Jr. (Babe Ruth) was nicknamed "Babe"

when a player saw Baltimore Orioles manager Jack Dunn with his new player and said, "There goes Dunny with his new babe."

• From 1995 to 2001, every seat at Jacobs Field (home of the Cleveland Indians) was sold out every night for 455 baseball games in a row. The Cleveland Indians retired the number 455 in honor of their fans.

• A big-league player can hit a 90-mph pitch with more than 8,000 pounds during the millisecond that the bat is in contact with the baseball. The ball leaves the bat at a speed of 110 mph.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

May 27-31

- Monday:** Closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** Roast Beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, banana pudding
- Wednesday:** Ham & beans, spinach, corn, apple crisp
- Thursday:** Baked Chicken breast, baked potato, peas, chocolate pudding
- Friday:** Macaroni Beef & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit oatmeal bar

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~ Lee Greenwood

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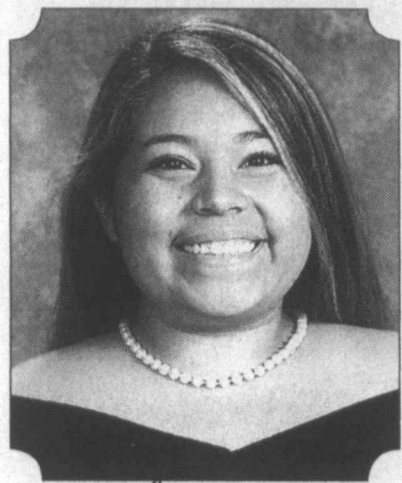
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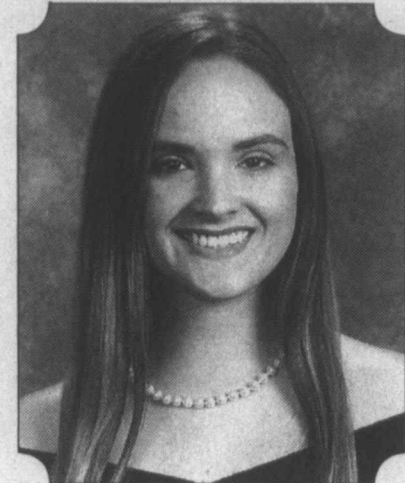
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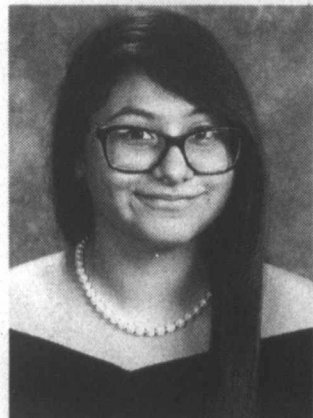
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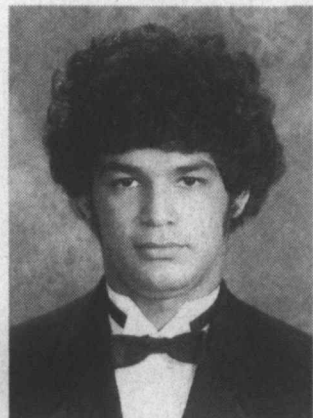
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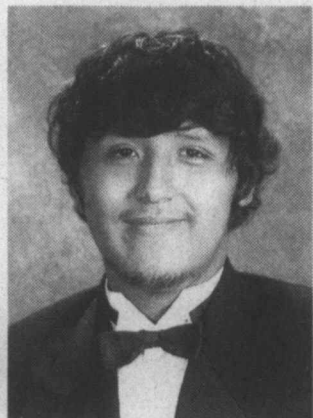
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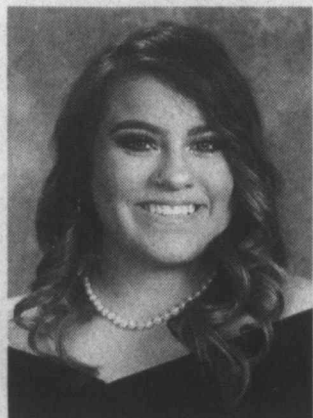
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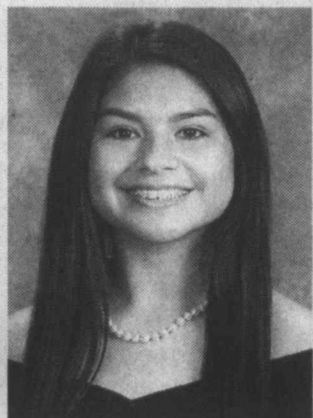
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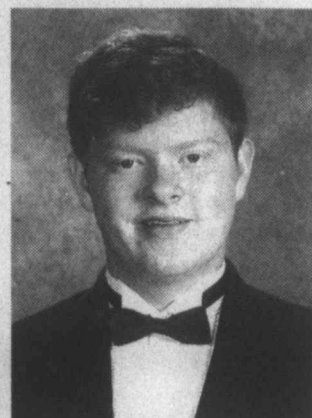
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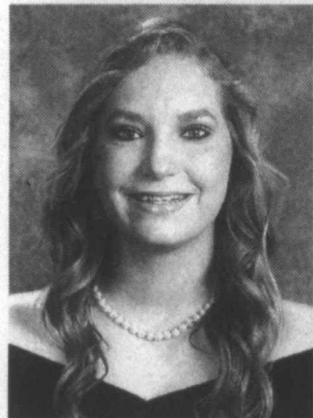
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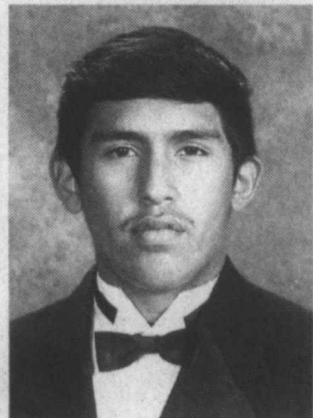
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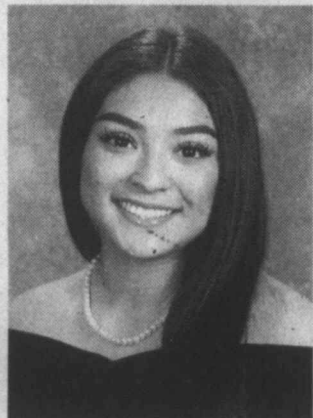
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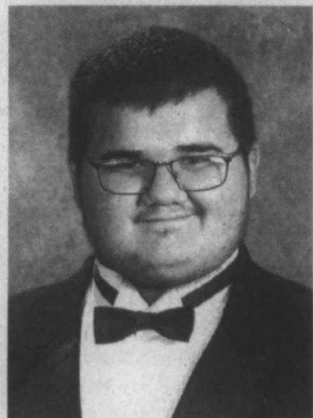
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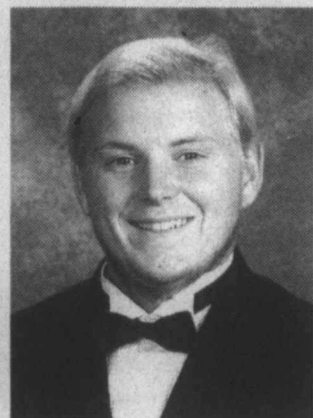
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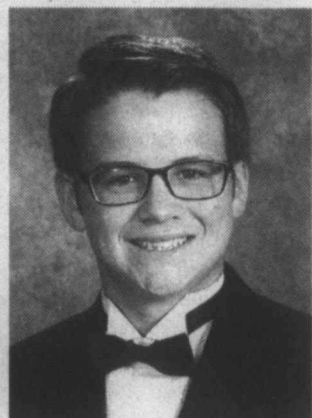
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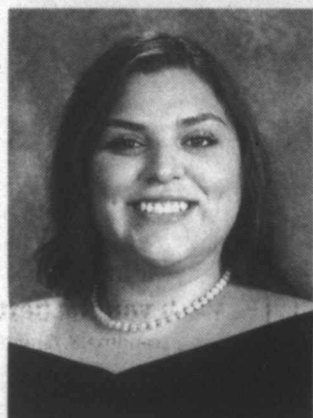
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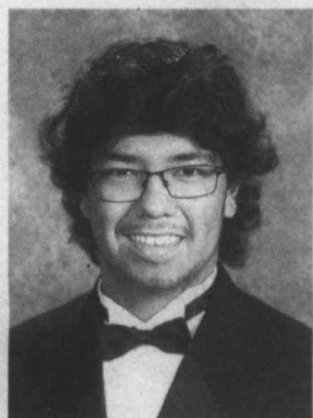
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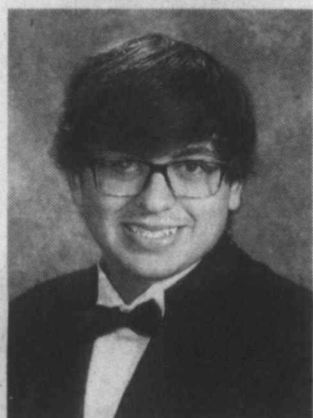
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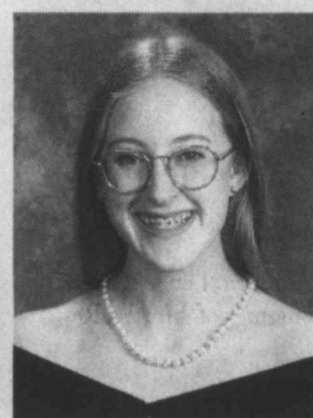
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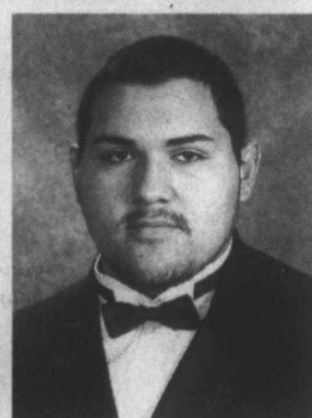
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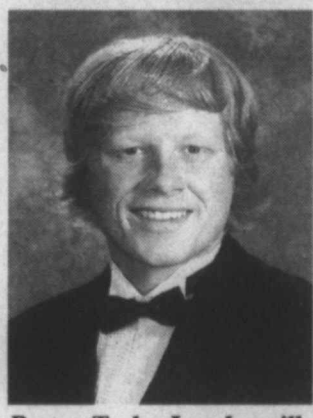
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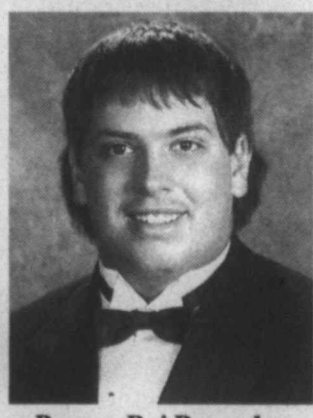
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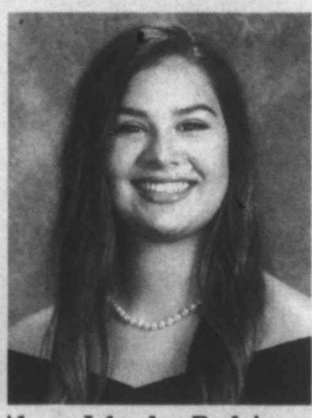
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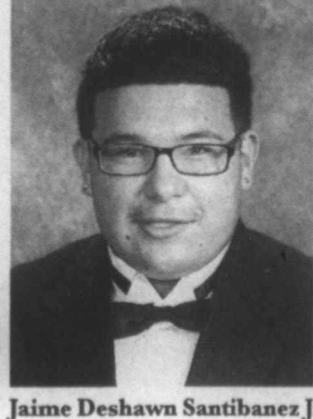
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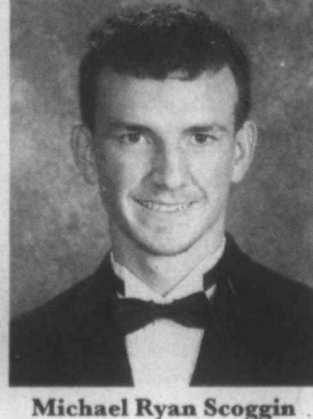
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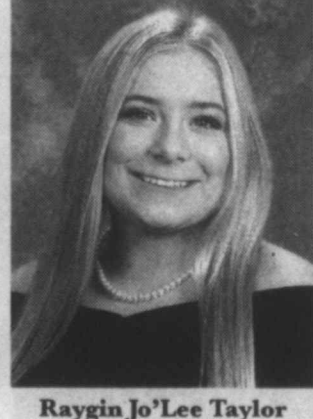
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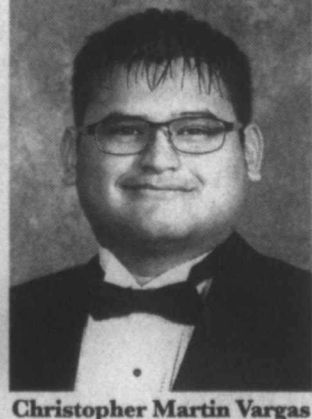
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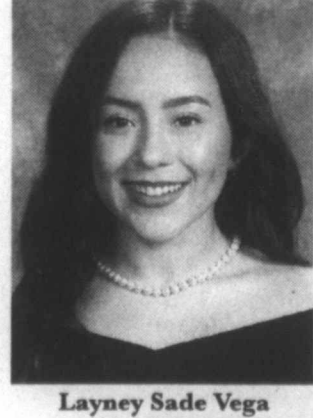
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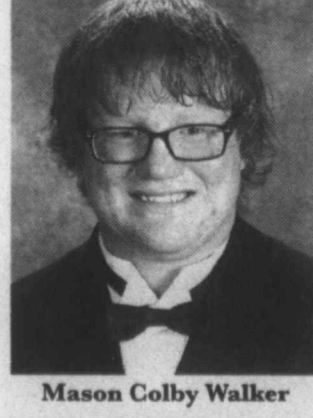


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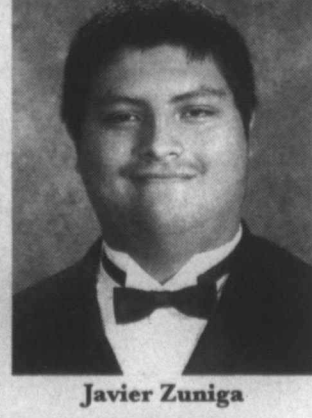


Layney Sade Vega

EDUCATION
is the most powerful weapon that you can use to
change **THE WORLD**



Mason Colby Walker



Javier Zuniga

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Tahoka High School



Madison Moya
Congratulations
Very proud of you!
You accomplished all your goals and hope all your dreams come true.
Love - Paul Jr., Grandpa Paul, Grandma Louisa, Great Grandpa Porfirio, Grandma Lola, Melissa, Danny, Abegail, & DJ


Tahoka High School



Madison Moya
Congratulations
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Madison LeAnn Moya
THS VALEDICTORIAN
Madison LeAnn Moya, daughter of Jesus and Melanie Moya, is the Class of 2019 Valedictorian. She was involved in basketball, softball, powerlifting regional qualifier, 3-D Band member, co-section leader, state solo and ensemble, and All Region band. She was in the Top 10% of her class, Who's Who, Academic All-Star, UIL team, and completed 42 dual credit hours. She was in National Honor Society serving as a Public Relations officer, President of FCCLA, Community Service Officer in Student Council, became a CNA, and was involved in Yearbook.

Tahoka High School




CALLIE NEVILL
"Now then, stand still and see the great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes!" - 1 Samuel 12:16
Congratulations
Callie Jane!
We love you so!
Dad, Momma & Jody

Callie Jane Nevill
THS SALUTATORIAN
Callie Jane Nevill, daughter of Joe and Carissa Nevill, is the Class of 2019 Salutatorian. She was President of Band Council, Vice President of the Class of 2019, secretary of NHS, group officer in student council, participated in many FFA speaking events, and is Rotary Club Sweetheart 2019. After graduation she plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

Tahoka High School



JENNIFER ALONZO
Congrats Jenny!
2019 SENIOR
We love you!
Stay sweet and mysterious, we hope all your dreams come true!
Love always!
Dad, Mom (Melissa), Daniel, Abegail, Grandma Alonzo, Grandparents - Paul and Louisa

Jennifer Alonzo
Jennifer Alonzo is the daughter of Danny Alonzo and Melissa Bernal. She was involved in FCCLA, and participated in filming for football and basketball, and filming Shattered Dreams. After graduation she plans to join the Army.

Nicholas Rene Arce
Nicholas Rene Arce is the son of Melissa Cruz, Juan Charon and the late Nicholas Arce. He was 1st team All-District catcher, honorable mention punter and 2nd team linebacker, and Honorable All-district for basketball. After graduation he plans to attend the Police Academy.

Mark Anthony Benavides
Mark Anthony Benavides is the son of Maria and Joe Benavides. The highlights of his high school career are making it through all four years. After graduation he plans to study to become an architect.

Elissa Lenae Calzoncit
Elissa Lenae Calzoncit is daughter of Martha Resendez and Cayetano Calzoncit. She was involved in basketball, softball and track. After graduation she plans to attend Vogue College of cosmetology and take care of her daughter.

Priscilla Denise Castillo
Priscilla Denise Castillo is the daughter of Mary Castaneda and Noel Castillo. She was involved in cheerleading, powerlifting, 3-D band, and FCCLA. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College.

Dalton Curtis Chapman
Dalton Curtis Chapman is the son of Tracey Chapman. He was involved in band, Student Council, One Act Play, FCCLA, yearbook, Solo and Ensemble, and State band. After graduation he plans to attend Hardin Simmons University.

Consider this, graduates:
"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."
-- CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Tahoka High School



Mykeah Delleon
We are so proud of you!
1-4-3 forever
Gma & Gpa
Tio Mike & Tessa

Tahoka High School



Mykeah Delleon
WE LOVE YOU!
AND SO PROUD OF YOU!
Mom, Andrew, Nadalie, Ahren & Byron

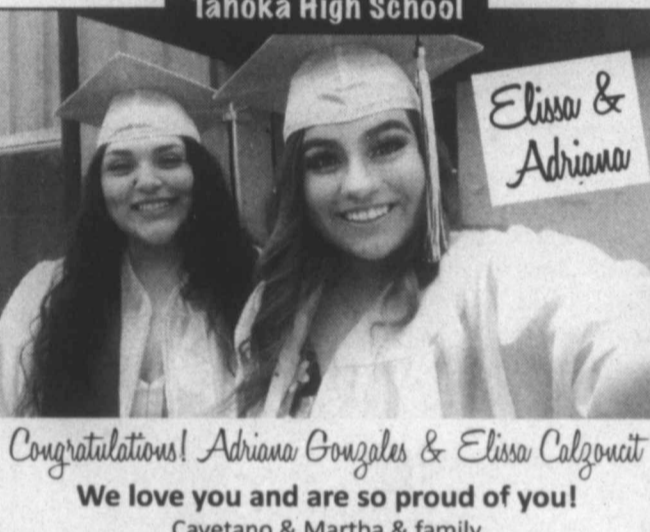
Mykeah Danniell Deleon
Mykeah Danniell Deleon is the daughter of Victoria Deleon, Veronica Deleon, and Felipe Deleon. She was involved in FFA, rodeo, riding horses, working with cattle, becoming certified in excel, word, and PowerPoint, and athletics. After graduation she plans to attend Tarleton State to major in Animal Science to become a veterinarian.

Matthew Lee Diaz
Matthew Lee Diaz is the son of Victor and Beatrice Diaz. The highlights of his high school career include 2018 football season, band and making friends. After graduation he plans to work in the oil field.

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Congratulations!
Elissa Calzoncit
We are proud of you!
Love you!
Tia Rosa & Adriana

Tahoka High School



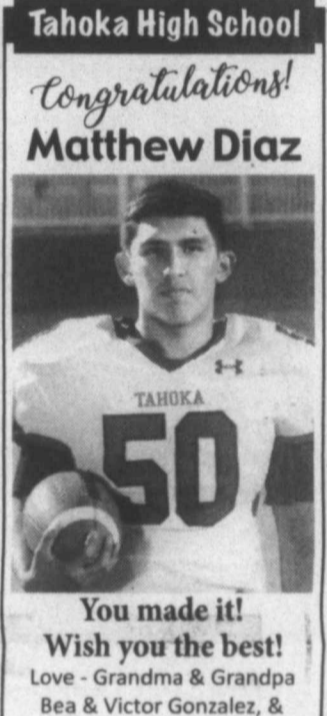
Elissa & Adriana
Congratulations! Adriana Gonzales & Elissa Calzoncit
We love you and are so proud of you!
Cayetano & Martha & family

Tahoka High School



Congratulations! *Elissa Calzoncit*
We're so proud! We love you!
Mom & Dad, Elizabeth, John Michael, Emma, Juliaanna, Kevin & Leland

Tahoka High School





Congratulations!
Matthew Diaz
You made it!
Wish you the best!
Love - Grandma & Grandpa Bea & Victor Gonzalez, & your sisters, Gabby & Abbi

Aly Shi Dotson
Aly Shi Dotson is the daughter of Shi Dotson and Brenda Dotson. She was Senior Class president, Homecoming Queen, Top 10% of her class, varsity cheer captain, NHS Vice President, and participated in varsity basketball and track.

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BEFORE YOU,
all your dreams.
AROUND YOU,
all who love you
WITHIN YOU,
all you need.

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Tahoka High School Senior Biographies

Miguel Noel Garcia

Miguel Noel Garcia is the son of Urban Garcia and Sarah Vasquez. The highlights of his high school career include being the loading crew chief for OAP.

Michael Dawson Glover

Michael Dawson Glover is the son of Autumn Frans. The highlights of his high school career include placing 5th in his first powerlifting meet and running at the regional cross country meet. After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College and pursue his dream of becoming a mechanic.

Tristan Glover

Tristan Glover is the son of Jennifer and Ashley Foerster. He was involved in band, marching band for four years, one act play, and athletics. After graduation he plans to attend Midwestern State University.

Miguel S. Granados III

Miguel S. Granados III is the son of Miguel and Cristina Granados. He was involved in NHS, Band, Band Council vice president, state solo and ensemble. He is graduating with 27 college credit hours, and was named to THS Academic All Star award, and THS Who's Who. After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University to study computer and information systems management.

Christopher Brandon Gutierrez

Christopher Brandon Gutierrez is the son of Fabian Gutierrez and Birtha Zamora. He was involved in FFA, football, baseball, basketball, track, art and culinary. After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College.

John Ruben Leija, Jr.

John Ruben Leija, Jr. is engaged to Mia Coronado. He was involved in varsity football. After graduation he plans to enter the work force.

Angela Rose Quintero

Angela Rose Quintero is the daughter of Julia Quintero and Raul Quintero. She was involved in softball and became a CNA. After graduation she plans to work as a CNA.

Bryson Rai Resendez

Bryson Rai Resendez is the son of Brandie Hudson and Ramiro Resendez. He was Student Council President and FFA student advisor, and involved in football, Trap Shoot through 4-H, livestock judging, basketball, baseball and golf.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Gabby Littrell

Congrats - you did it!
Love you!
Rosa & Adriana

Gabrielle Alexia Littrell

Gabrielle Alexia Littrell is the daughter of Ruben Nambo and the late Dianne Vega. She was involved in basketball, track, CNA, and worked at a nursing home. After graduation she plans to attend Del Mar College in Corpus Christi for Nursing.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Alyssa Johaylen Rodriguez

So proud of you!
Keep reaching for your dreams!
Love - Nana

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Evelyn Kate Hardt
Love you!

Mom, Dad, Granny, Phillip, Alisha, Jessica, James, Taylor, Dustin, Owen & Jordan

Evelyn Kate Hardt

Evelyn Kate Hardt is the daughter of Robert and Becky Hardt. She was involved in FCCLA and Yearbook. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College for an Associate's degree.

Mackenzie Paige Henry

Mackenzie Paige Henry is the daughter of Donnie and Amy Henry. She was involved in FFA, Band, Softball, CNA, Solo and Ensemble, 4-H, and All-Region band. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College for Nursing.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
KENZIE HENRY

Where has all the time gone?
My beautiful little
Kenzie Lindsey Lou has grown up to be a beautiful young lady.
I love you and wish you happiness and success as you embark on a new adventure.
You got this Kenzie!! God Bless.
Love you bunches - MeMom

Peyton Taylor Lowdermilk

Peyton Taylor Lowdermilk is the son of Chadwick Lowdermilk and Jana Lowdermilk. He was involved in high school band, athletics, NHS and was a class officer. After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University to study fine arts.

Maritza Amaya Morin

Maritza Amaya Morin is the daughter of Eva Morin and Rolando Flores. She was involved in band and athletics.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Mackenzie Paige!

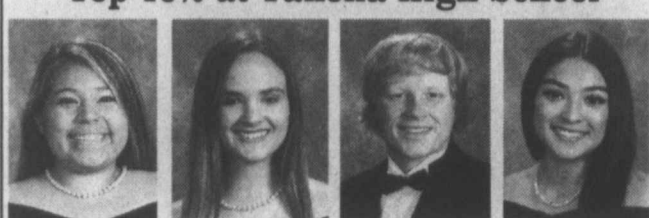
So very proud of you!
Reach for the stars!
Love you so much!
Mammaw Betty, Aunt Leasa, Ashleigh, Alyssa, Joe & Hendrix

Tahoka High School

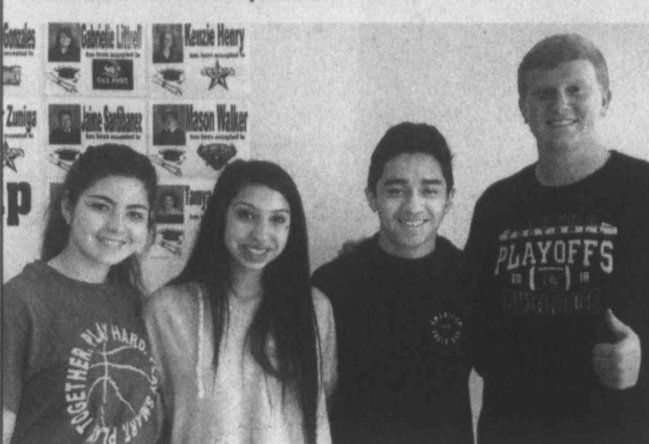
Maritza Morin

We love you and we are very proud of you!
Mom, Grandpa & Grandma, Rolando & Nancy, Nana, Sally, Toni Jo & family

Top 10% at Tahoka High School



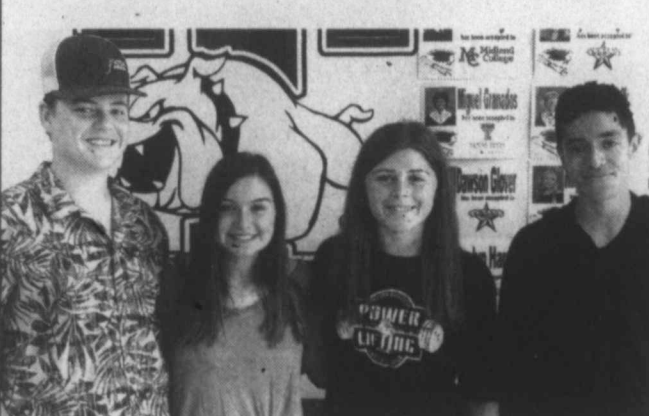
Top 10% ... Students in the Top 10% of the senior class at Tahoka High School include Madison Moya, Callie Nevill, Peyton Lowdermilk and Aly Dotson.



Top 10% ... Students in the Top 10% of the junior class at Tahoka High School include Kenzie Parks, Nadalie Carrasco, Joey Herrera, and Cameron Tekell.



Top 10% ... Students in the Top 10% of the sophomore class at Tahoka High School include Alex Tew, Nathaniel Castillo, Molly Broun, and Nathaniel Sullivan.



Top 10% ... Students in the Top 10% of the freshman class at Tahoka High School include Bryson Stone, Brylee Parker, Amy Tew, and Ethan Alvarado.

Tahoka High School

Congrats baby girl!
Adriana Gonzales



SUPER PROUD of you!
Love you!
Mom, Jessica, Laura, Lorena & kids

Adriana Leigh Gonzales

Adriana Leigh Gonzales is the daughter of Rosa Morin and Arnold Gonzales. She was involved in NHS, FCCLA, basketball, track, and softball, CNA, Band, and cross country. She took dual credit classes and was involved in the work program. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College for Nursing.

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 TAHOKA GRADUATES

Best of luck in your future endeavors!

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to all **Lynn County graduates!**

We wish all good things and bright futures for you.

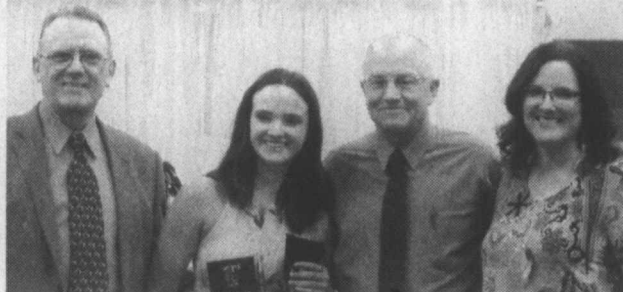
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Congratulations TO THE TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL 2019 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD WINNERS



THS Valedictorian Madison Moya



THS Salutatorian Callie Nevill



Terry Gwin Memorial: Dalton Chapman



Academic All Stars: Ethan Alvarado, Bryson Stone, Molly Broun, Nadalie Carrasco, Joey Herrera, Kenzie Parks, Nina Arriazola, Raygin Taylor, Miguel Granados, Chris Vargas, Madison Moya, Alyssa Dotson.
Not Pictured: Brylee Parker and Tristen Stice.



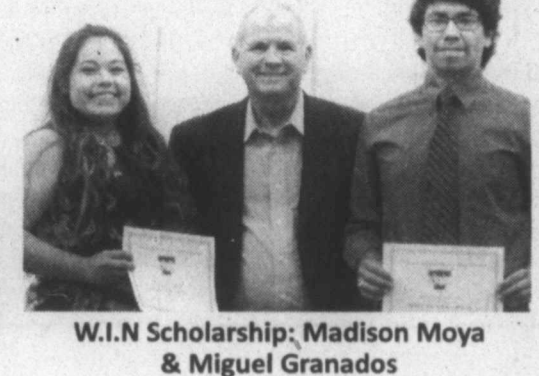
Terry Gwin Memorial: Mason Walker



Madeline Hegl Scholarship: Callie Nevill, Chris Vargas & Miguel Granados



John & Suzanne Baker Scholarship: Layney Vega



W.I.N Scholarship: Madison Moya & Miguel Granados



Lynn County Abstract and Title: Kenzie Henry



Tahoka FFA Scholarship: Raygin Taylor & Callie Nevill



Joell Lowdermilk Memorial: Peyton Lowdermilk & Priscilla Castillo



Athletic Booster Club: Alyssa Rodriguez, Aly Dotson, Mason Walker, & Tamy Stroope



Phebe K. Warner: Evelyn Hardt



Pridmore, Adams & Knox Scholarship: Madison Moya & Layney Vega



CERTIFIED NURSES ASSISTANTS: Madison Moya, Kenzie Henry, Angela Rose Quintero, Adriana Gonzales, Gabrielle Littrell, Bianca Saldana, Danalyn Garcia, Alyssa Rodrigues, & Raygin Taylor



Masonic Lodge Scholarship: Chris Vargas



Tahoka Rotary Club: Callie Nevill, Chris Vargas, & Tamy Stroope



First Methodist Church: Mason Walker, Dalton Chapman, Miguel Granados, Madison Moya, & Callie Nevill



Huffaker Farms & Walker and Solomon Agency: Callie Nevill



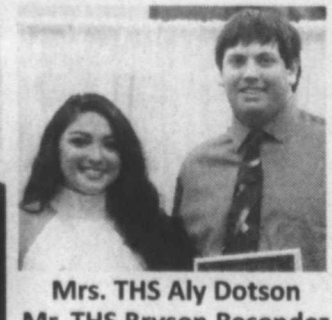
Tahoka Trinity Church: Mason Walker



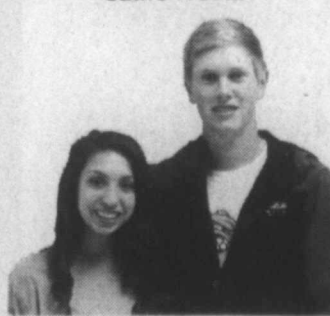
Tahoka Elementary PTO: Dalton Chapman



Tahoka Student Council: Dalton Chapman



Mrs. THS Aly Dotson
Mr. THS Bryson Resendez



Best All Around: Nadalie Carrasco & Tristen Stice



Who's Who: Miguel Granados, Chris Vargas, Nina Arriazola, Madison Moya, Joey Herrera, & Kenzie Parks



Huffaker and Harris Law & Class of 1990: Madison Moya



Terry Gwin Memorial Shattered Dreams: Kenzie Henry

TAHOKA ISD WANTS TO THANK ALL THE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS FOR ENCOURAGING THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF OUR YOUTH!



Brooke Ashton Parker Memorial Scholarship: Joey Herrera, Kenzie Parks, Nadalie Carrasco

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Congratulations!
JAIME SANTIBANEZ



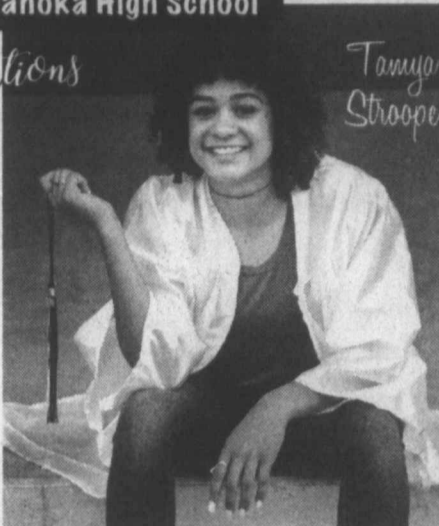
Jaime Deshawn Santibanez
SENIOR 19

We are so proud of you!
May God bless you on your new journey. We love you!

Love - Mom, Stepdad, Dad, Stepmom, Sister, Brother, Grandpa, Grandmas, Aunts & Uncles

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Mya!



Tamyia Leigh Stroope

May you always follow your dreams and let God lead the way!!!

We love you!
So proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Qualyn, Brooks, Nana, Papa, Ben, Amy, Mikalah & Brittany

Jaime Deshawn Santibanez
Jaime Deshawn Santibanez is the son of Brenda Cantu and Jaime Santibanez. He was involved in football, baseball, and welding. After graduation he plans to attend Clovis Community College for Welding.

Michael Ryan Scoggin
Michael Ryan Scoggin is the son of Michelle Scoggin. The highlights of his high school career include being involved in athletics.

Tamyia Leigh Stroope
Tamyia Leigh Stroope is the daughter of Joey and Anna Westmoreland. She was involved in varsity basketball, track and cross country, varsity cheer, and FFA. After graduation she plans to attend West Texas A&M! Go Buffs!

Raygin Jo'Lee Taylor
Raygin Jo'Lee Taylor is the daughter of Katy Taylor. She was involved in National Honor Society, FFA, Cheerleading, CNA, Student Council, basketball, softball, and was an office aide. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College to become a registered nurse.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Raygin Taylor

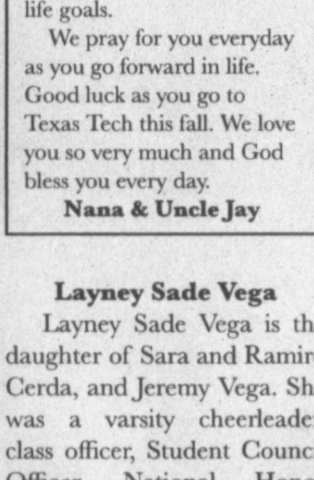


Your whole family is PROUD of you!

Christopher Martin Vargas
Christopher Martin Vargas is the son of Chris and Eva Vargas. The highlights of his high school career include going to area and finals in band and going to State for FCCLA. After graduation he plans to attend Midland College.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
Layne Vega



Laney,
I have watched you grow from a cute curly-headed young girl, to a beautiful young lady. We are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You can do anything you want if you put all your heart and soul into it. You have worked to accomplish your life goals.

We pray for you everyday as you go forward in life. Good luck as you go to Texas Tech this fall. We love you so very much and God bless you every day.

Nana & Uncle Jay


Layne Sade Vega
Layne Sade Vega is the daughter of Sara and Ramiro Cerda, and Jeremy Vega. She was a varsity cheerleader, class officer, Student Council Officer, National Honor Society, Top 10%, made regional powerlifting, and was in the 3-D Band. After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Mason Colby Walker
Mason Colby Walker is the son of Stephanie and Tommy Garcez. He participated 5 years in marching band, was the drum major, 2019 Band Beau, and made All-State Band, all-region Jazz Band, and ATSSB Honor Band. After graduation he plans to attend McMurry University.

Javier Zuniga, Jr.
Javier Zuniga, Jr. is the son of Javier and Nancy Zuniga. He was involved in welding, athletics and football. After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College.

Tahoka High School

Congratulations!
JAVIER "JAVI" ZUNIGA JR.



"I can do all things through Him, who gives me strength."
Love - Mom, Dad, Sarah & Cory

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THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS. YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THIS WORLD.

6
When people tell you not to believe in your dreams, and they say, "Why?", say "Why not?"
-BILLIE JEAN KING



Spring concert ... The Tahoka 3-D Band presented its Spring Concert last week in the THS auditorium. It was their final concert of the year, and seniors were honored during the concert.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Memorial Day - Thank Our Soldiers

By Glenn Mollette
May 30, 1868 was the first official Decoration Day. The day was declared by General John A. Logan and observed at Arlington National Cemetery. Volunteers that day decorated the graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers.

During World War II, Decoration Day was expanded and renamed Memorial Day to honor all Americans who died in military service. The day became a national holiday in 1971. Almost 500,000 military personnel died during the U.S. Civil War.

About 1.1 million service members have died in all the wars combined.

If you know someone killed in any of our wars then every number is very personal to you. We know 90,220 of our service members died in Vietnam. If one of those was your friend, sibling or child then that war has a face that is personal to you.

Four thousand four hundred and twenty four died in Iraq. I'm not sure how many have died in Afghanistan but the last statistic I can find is 2,372 but I'm sure it's several more now.

War is bad. I don't like the idea of war and yet every service member died fighting for you and me. They died for our country.

Every time you have a casual moment to do anything you want to do then stop and thank God for our service members. We have so much freedom in America. We have to pay some taxes if we work and own property. We have some laws we have to obey which pertain to treating each other in a civil manner. After this, you are free to go to the ice cream shop anytime you want. You can work hard and buy whatever you want or if you are content and want to do little to nothing you can even do that in our country.

The bottom line is America is still the greatest country in the world. We aren't perfect and we have problems but we still have freedom and we need to respect and give thanks to our past and present soldiers.

Take a moment at the cemetery and walk around. It won't take you long to find a grave stone of someone who served our country. When you do give thanks for their lives and the life you are enjoying today.

Memorial weekend is America's weekend to travel our highways vacationing or resting at home. As you travel, or hopefully relax, thank God for our soldiers - past and present.

Glenn Mollette is a nationally/internationally read author of columns, inspirational devotionals and books. He is the author of twelve books.

Did you know? ... about the Solar System

- Pluto is smaller in diameter than the U.S. The greatest distance across the contiguous United States - from Northern California to Maine - is nearly 2,900 miles. Thanks to the New Horizons spacecraft in 2015, we now know that Pluto is 1,473 miles across, less than half the width of the U.S. Certainly in size it is much smaller than any major planet, perhaps making it a bit easier to understand why, in 2006, the International Astronomical Union changed Pluto's status from major planet to dwarf planet.
- George Lucas doesn't know much about asteroid fields. In many science fiction movies, spacecraft are often endangered by pesky asteroid fields. In actuality, the only asteroid belt we are aware of exists between Mars and Jupiter, and although there are tens of thousands of asteroids in it (perhaps more), they are quite widely spaced and the likelihood of colliding with one is small. In fact,

spacecraft must be deliberately and carefully guided to asteroids to have a chance of even photographing one. Given the presumed manner of asteroid creation, it is highly unlikely that spacefarers will ever encounter asteroid swarms or fields in deep space.

- The edge of the solar system is 1,000 times farther away than Pluto. You might still think of the solar system as extending out to the orbit of the much-loved dwarf planet Pluto. Today we don't even consider Pluto a full-fledged planet, but the impression remains. Still, we have discovered numerous objects orbiting the sun that are considerably farther than Pluto. These are Trans-Neptunian Objects (TNOs) or Kuiper Belt Objects (KBOs). The Kuiper Belt, the first of the sun's two reservoirs of cometary material, is thought to extend to 50 or 60 astronomical units (AU, or the average distance of the Earth from the sun). An even farther

part of the solar system, the huge but tenuous Oort comet cloud, may extend to 50,000 AU from the sun, or about half a light-year - more than 1,000 times farther than Pluto.

- Almost everything on Earth is a rare element. The elemental composition of planet Earth is mostly iron, oxygen, silicon, magnesium, sulfur, nickel, calcium, sodium, and aluminum. While such elements have been detected in locations throughout the universe, they are merely trace elements, vastly overshadowed by the much greater abundances of hydrogen and helium. Thus Earth, for the most part, is composed of rare elements.


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LCHD staff ... The staff of Lynn County Hospital District gathered for a "team photo" during National Hospital Week 2019, which was May 12-18.

LCHD working hard to meet citizens' needs; setting new goals for future services

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital District is working hard to meet the needs of area citizens, according to Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer in her opening statement at the LCHD "State of the Union" address presented last Tuesday night at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. Approximately 30 citizens and LCHD staff members attended the meeting, where Dr. Richburg gave information during a slide show presentation.

"I appreciate your support and your presence here. I want to present an overview about some of the things we've done and some of the places we want to go in the future," said Richburg. "This is your organization, this is your community - and we serve your community."

"I want everyone to know that we are here to serve you. If you don't go away with anything else tonight, I want you to know our vision - Healthcare Closer to Home," Richburg said. "I believe we have good clinicians, good labs, a good hospital, and good infrastructure. We have an incredible Board of Directors that are elected - not paid - and they include Dr. Ed Smith (board president), Cal Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Mary Gayle Raindl, Manuel DeLeon, Jana Bishop and Connie Donald."

"I took over (as CEO) in May of 2018. I can say without hesitation that there has never been a day when I was not excited to come to work. Although, a lot of days I may have been discouraged to go home because I felt there were so much more we needed to be doing; but I've been grateful to get up and come to work every day," she stated.

Lynn County Hospital is a 24-bed critical access hospital, with additional programs including Swing Bed, EMS, Family Wellness Clinics in O'Donnell and Tahoka, Physical Therapy and Fitness Center, and also operates Tahoka Drug, the local pharmacy.

Richburg introduced Chief Financial Officer Anthony Brocato, saying, "We are excited to have him on board. He grew up in Floy-

dada so he knows about rural America, and how tough it is to fight to keep anything alive, so he brings a lot of benefit to us. But he also has experience in critical access care in Alabama and Lubbock UMC, and in managing clinics, administrative, and home health experience."

"Our Chief Nursing Officer is Mandy Graves. I've been here since 2005, and I can say that our nursing staff right now is stellar! I've seen improvement in just the changes and policy procedures that she has put in place and I am grateful for her leadership," added Richburg.

She presented a list wants or needs that had been identified in a community needs assessment, including pediatrics, elderly care, access to dialysis, respiratory care, chronic disease care, orthopedics, diabetes and obesity, mental health, cardiac care, and others.

"I would love to say we could have a dialysis center but there are certain things you have to have, so probably that is off the table, but we wanted to be aware of the needs of our community. Long-term care for elderly - everyone keeps saying we need a nursing home, but I think what we really want is a place for mama and papa to go for more than assisted living, that's in town. Maybe the need is for something between assisted living and full nursing home care, so that's something we can put on our radar."

She also explained that the hospital would like to have more collaboration with the community, including implementation of a student work



LCHD is great ... Lynn County Hospital District CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg bragged on the staff and services offered at the hospital, during her State of the Union address last week.

program, vaccine programs, sports physicals with the area schools, working with school nurses, offering a variety of classes for the community, and collaborating with city and school boards, and local businesses.

"If there's a need, how we can either provide the service, or even if we can't provide the service maybe we can help sponsor - anything we can do we would like to be involved," she reiterated. "We also want to collaborate with our neighboring healthcare facilities in Lamesa, Brownfield and Post - let's be a friend and collaborate instead of working against each other."

In the area of finance, the CEO said that they are looking at ways that can financially sustain LCHD in the long term, including infrastructure changes, grants to bring other revenues into the hospital, and the recent creation of a hospital foundation.

"One of the most exciting things we did this year, and we think it will really create a good foundation for us - is the LCHD Foundation. This foundation now exists for people who want to give money, and it is a 501c3 which means any donation is 100% tax deductible," said Richburg.

She touched on some of the current projects, including the renovation of the Dayton Parker Pharmacy building on the square in Tahoka, a project that is expected to be completed by mid-June to relocate the LCHD Physical Therapy/Fitness Center. There are still

plans for building a new clinic in O'Donnell, which is the next project in line, but is currently on hold until the property that is being donated for the project can be accessed.

"As we move forward, the Family Wellness Clinic will have space to renovate for new providers after the fitness and PT center is moved, but until we get the O'Donnell Clinic project finished, that will have to wait. Tahoka Drug will get a little bit of a facelift on the exterior, and may have some handicap accessible areas added as well," she said.

Two of the newest entries into care that LCHD has opened up in the last six months are doing very well. The Fast Track Clinic, for walk-ins with no appointment necessary, is open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Suite C at the hospital; and a Saturday Clinic for walk-ins is open at the Family Wellness Clinic on Lockwood, open 8 a.m.-12 noon. Both facilities offer medical care for those who cannot get in to see their primary care providers in a timely manner.

Two new physicians, Dr. Chris Leach and Dr. Jarrett Ross, will join the LCHD staff in September. Both are currently working here in the

ER rotations as they finish their residencies.

"We have got people in line in every department that are passionate about what they do," said Richburg. "We have an incredible radiology and lab department that have expanded their services to be open 8 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. We are blessed with an incredible EMS led by John Baker, mostly staffed by volunteers who have really gotten behind our vision. Our Swing Bed program speaks for itself, even people in Lubbock know about our Swing Bed program, and it is excellent. Lynnwood Assisted Living Center is full - from a business perspective that's great, but from a community perspective maybe not, because we still have people that want to be there but there are no rooms available."

"We are trying our best to serve our community. And, at the end of the day, if you know that you are helping a community, that's what it's all about," Richburg concluded.

Texas Plains Federal



Ribbon cutting ... Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce members welcomed Texas Plains Federal to Tahoka at their Grand Opening on Friday, hosting a ribbon cutting for the new business. Chamber President Reed Filley is at left and several other chamber members were on hand as Nichole Taylor (center) Manager of Texas Plains Federal, cuts the ribbon. The business is located on the US 87 West Access Road. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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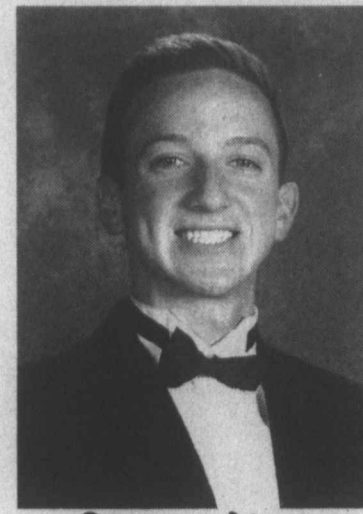
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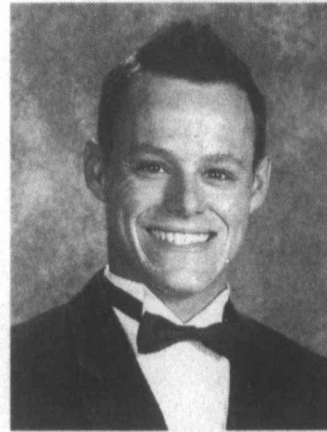
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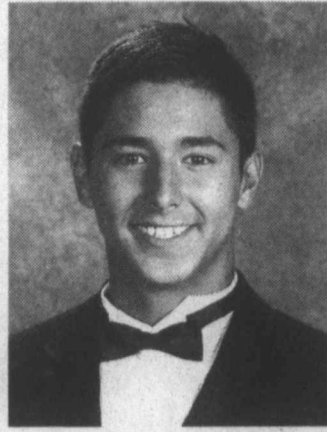
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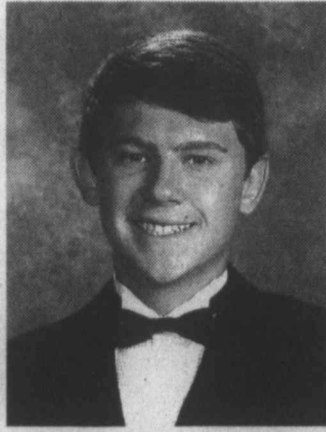
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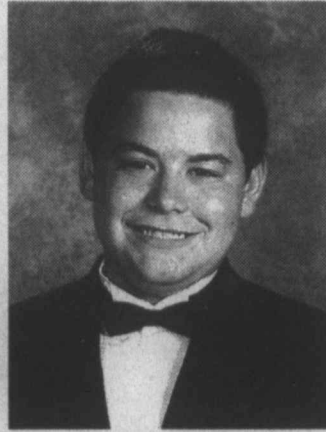
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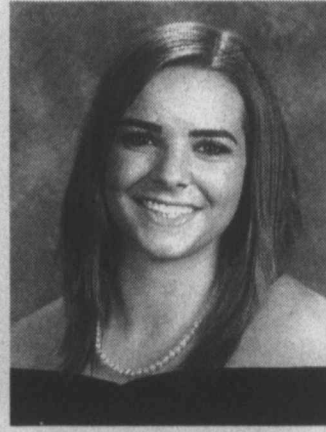
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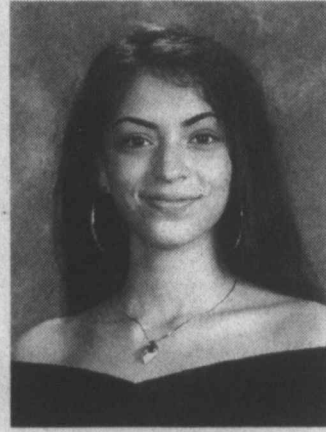
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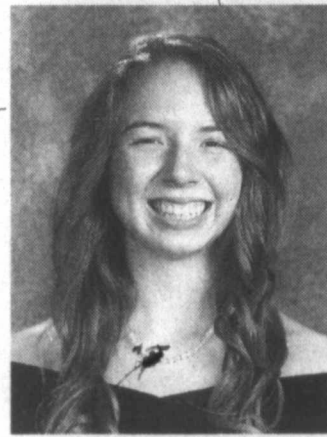
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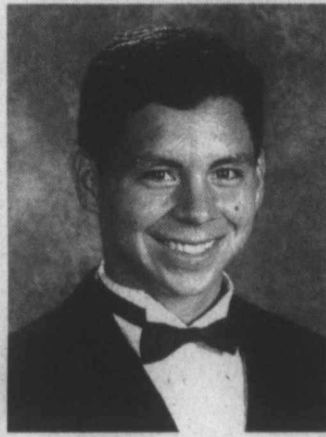
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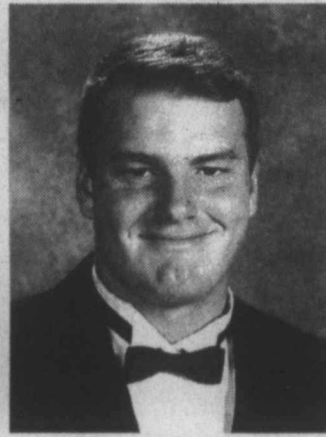
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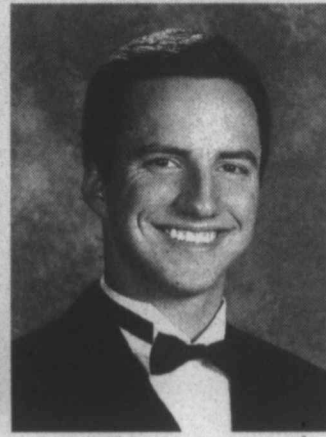
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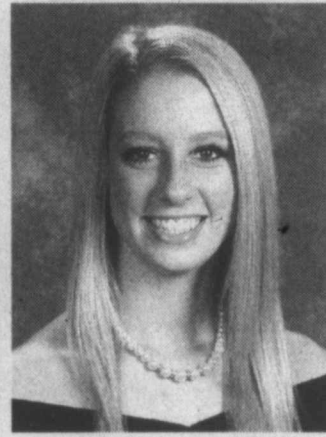
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New Home High School Senior Biographies

Celee Smith
NHHS VALEDICTORIAN
Celee Smith is the daughter of Travis and Jodi Smith. Throughout high school, Celee has been involved in cheer, cross-country, track, basketball, golf, FFA, student council, FCA, and National Honor Society. Some of her accomplishments include qualifying for state in livestock

judging all 4 years of high school and being a 4x district champion in golf. After high school, Celee plans to attend Lubbock Christian University in the fall and major in Pre-Dental. After obtaining her B.S. in Biology, she will attend Texas A&M College of Dentistry so that she can pursue a career as a dentist or orthodontist.

Carter Abney
NHHS SALUTATORIAN
Carter Abney is the son of Koby and Jenny Abney. In high school, he played three years of varsity football and four years of varsity track cross country, golf, and basketball. He was selected three times to the all-state team in basketball. Carter was involved in FCA and student council all four years of high school. He was a member of NHS for his junior and senior years, and was elected president his senior year. After high school, he plans to go to South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech with the plan of becoming a coach.

Gabriel Cantu
Gabriel Cantu is the son of Alfred and Kim Cantu. In high school, Gabriel has been a part of varsity baseball for 4 years, varsity football for 2 years, varsity track for 4 years, and varsity basketball for 1 year. Gabriel has made it to regional track for 2 years and has been a member in FCA for 4 years. Gabriel was on the Senior Skills team for FFA and was also apart of student council. Gabriel plans to attend West Texas A&M to get his business degree. After Gabriel gets his business degree, he plans to get certified to become a welder.

Dillan Ford
Dillan Ford is the Son of Luke and Lindsey Ford. In high school, he participated in FFA, One Act Play, National Honor Society and debate. He was two time state meat judging qualifier as well as a two time state debate qualifier. At state debate his first year, he made it to octo-finals. He served as NHS treasurer as well as the Mesa District Parliamentarian and the New Home FFA Chapter Secretary. He also reached area in One Act Play. After high school, Dillan plans to go to LCU and major in preaching and Biblical text. He then wants to attend seminary and become a Methodist pastor.



Leea Rose Walden

Natalie Fuentes
Natalie Fuentes is the daughter of Araselie Vitolas and Vicente Fuentes. In high school, Natalie ran track, cross-country, and played basketball. She was also a trainer for football. Natalie is planning to attend South Plains College to get her license in cosmetology.



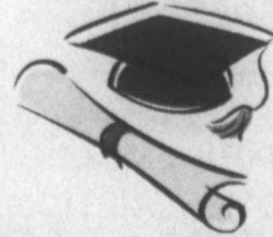
Jett David Ballard
Jett David Ballard is the son of Shawn and Deena Ballard. Throughout high school, Jett has competed in varsity football, varsity track, rodeo, and powerlifting. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society, student council, FCA, and FFA. After high school, Jett plans to attend Cisco College where he recently signed a letter of intent to college rodeo. After Cisco, he plans to attend Texas Tech University where he plans to get a degree in Agricultural Science.

Hunter Lee Cockerell
Hunter Lee Cockerell is the son of Chris Cockerell and Lynette Wilson. Hunter's high school accomplishments include playing varsity football, varsity basketball, track and baseball, as well as being active in FCA, FFA, and the community. After high school, Hunter plans to attend South Plains College where he will start school in hopes of becoming a Wildlife Biologist and Conservationist. He then plans to transfer to West Texas A&M to get a master's degree in hopes to further his career choices.

Jacie Lynn Fowler
Jacie Lynn Fowler, daughter of Jason and Tiffany Fowler, has been actively involved in FCA, basketball, cross country, track, cheer, student council, NHS, One Act Play, and FFA during her high school career. She has earned many awards in her athletic career including All-District basketball, Academic All-State basketball, and Most Improved. Jacie plans to attend South Plains College to participate in track and field while pursuing her career of becoming a pediatrician. After two years at SPC, she plans to attend Texas Tech and graduate with her masters in Pediatrics.

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You laugh much and love well. A happy heart makes the face cheerful. Proverbs 15:13
We are so blessed by you and are so thankful God gave us you. You make us so proud. We love you much, Mommy, Daddy & Holy

Emi Heinrich

Emi Heinrich is the daughter of Craig and Melinda Heinrich. As a student at New Home High School, she has been on the Homecoming Court, Student Body President, FCA President, National Honor Society Secretary, Prom Queen, and Ms. NHS 2019. She was chosen as Team Captain for the New Home Lady Leopards basketball team this season. She was awarded District 6-1A Most Valuable Player, District 6-1A Academic All-State, TGCA All-State, TABC All-Region, and TGCA Academic All-State. She is thankful for the opportunity to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Early Childhood Education.

Savanna Jo Lehman

Savanna Jo Lehman is the daughter of Tara Lehman and Todd and Lynn Lehman. Throughout high school, Savanna was involved with FCA, student council, FFA, one act play, basketball, track, and National Honor Society. After high school, Savanna plans to attend South Plains College.

Dylan Martinez

Dylan Martinez is the son of Christi and Michael Martinez. His high school accomplishments include playing varsity basketball for 2 years, playing varsity baseball for 4 years, running varsity track for 4 years and varsity cross country for 3 years. He went to state in cross country 2 years, made it to the regional track meet 2 years, state baseball 1 year and was a second-team all-state baseball outfielder. He has been in FCA all 4 years of high school. He plans to go to South Plains College for 1-2 years and then transfer to West Texas College.

Jayton Rodgers

Jayton Rodgers is the son of JW and Jamie Rodgers. He has been involved in FCA, FFA, and Ag throughout his high school career and has been an officer for 3 years for FCA. He was honored to receive the Denae Donald scholarship at the Lynn County Stock show this year. After high school, his plans are to enter the United States Air Force, where he will be doing Air Force Security Forces or Fire Protection.

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Hayden Smith

Hayden Smith is the son of Lynn and Kim Smith. He has been involved in football, FFA, 4H, FCA, and is a member of National Honor Society. He has been involved in 4H for 12 years, and has competed at the district and state level. He also served as a 4H ambassador and showed steers for 9 years. In FFA, he competed on the senior skills team and meat judging team, and also served as a chapter officer for 2 years. After graduation, he plans to attend the Wolforth Fire Academy in hopes of being hired in the Lubbock Fire Department.

Leea Rose Walden

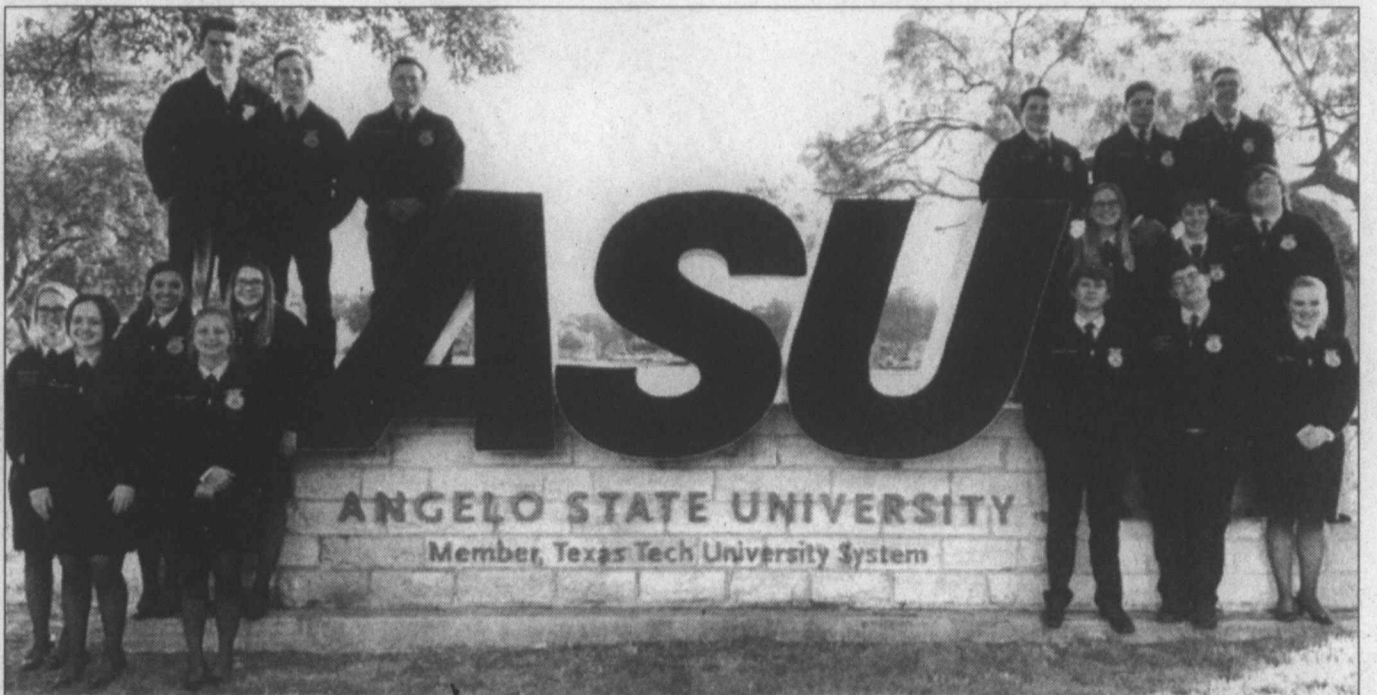
Leea Rose Walden is the daughter of Darel and Diana Walden. She has been involved in track, golf, and theater for two years and has been involved in cheer for four years. She has participated in student council, FCA, and the National Honor Society throughout her high school career. After graduation, Leea plans to move to Abilene and take summer classes at Cisco College. She also plans to attend flight attendant school and become a flight attendant.

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FFA Convention ... These members of New Home FFA attended the Area II FFA Convention, held at Angelo State University.

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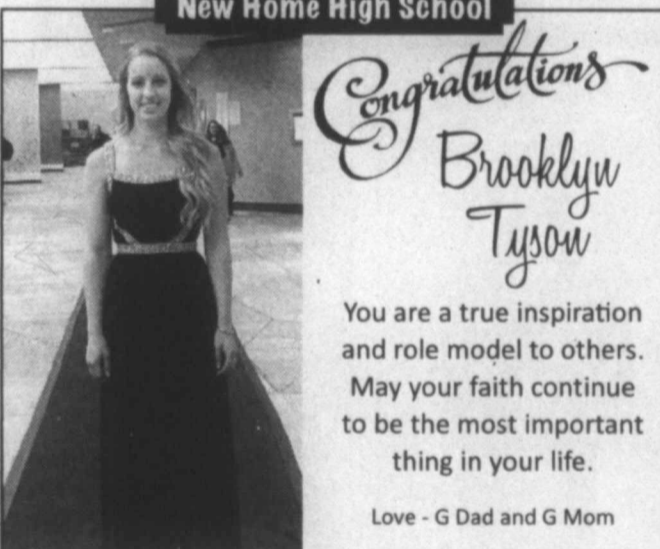
Brooklyn Tyson is the daughter of Casey and Nikki Donald. She has been involved in 4-H, FFA, student council, FCA, and NHS. Through 4-H, she has participated for 12 years and has competed at the district, state, and national level. Through FFA, she has participated for 8 years and has competed at the district, area, and state level. Upon graduation, she will be attending South Plains College to compete on the livestock judging team and major in agricultural communications. She will transfer to Texas Tech University to earn her Bachelor's Degree and upon graduation, she plans to enter law school.

New Home High School



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Congratulations!
Brooklyn Tyson
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Love - G Dad and G Mom



Advancing to State ... These members of New Home FFA competed in the Ag Science Fair at the Area II FFA Convention, qualifying to advance to the State competition. They include Pace Ritz, 4th place; Riley Stokes, 1st place; and Connor Cook, 2nd place.

Three NH FFA members advancing to State events

New Home FFA attended the Area II Convention at Angelo State University, with three students advancing to state competition. The students competed in Sr. Prepared Speaking and Ag Science Fair. Connor Cook placed 1st in Sr. Prepared Public Speaking Plant Science, advancing to state. Riley Stokes placed 1st with her Ag Science Fair, Connor Cook placed 2nd with his Ag Science Fair, and Pace Ritz placed 4th with his Ag Science Fair, all advancing to state. New Home FFA also advanced their Lone Star Degree Candidates: Alice Hamilton, Riley Stokes, Kamryn Lucas and Brayden Caballero, Golden Horizon Chapter Award, and Mr. Benitez's Honorary Lone Star Degree to the State Degree Check. Brooklyn Tyson and Celee Smith were also announced as Texas FFA Scholarship Candidates who made it to the paper cut round of the state scholarship process in Austin. New Home FFA also had three voting delegates, who voted for Area II Officers and Area II Talent who will be representing at state.

Going to State

Connor Cook, a member of New Home FFA, placed 1st in Sr. Prepared Public Speaking Plant Science at the Area II FFA Convention, to advance to the State competition.



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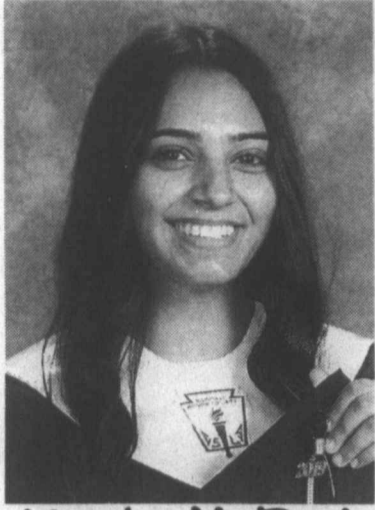
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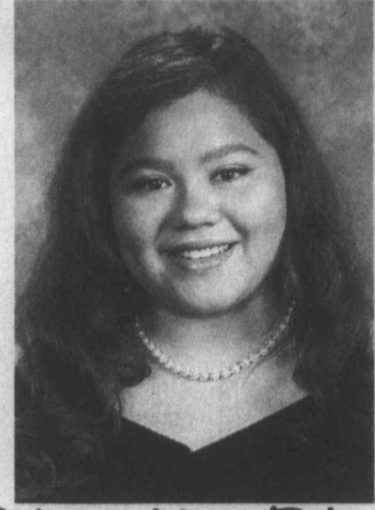
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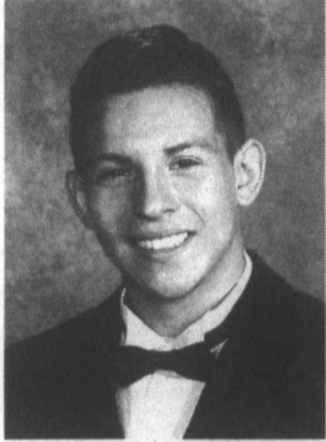
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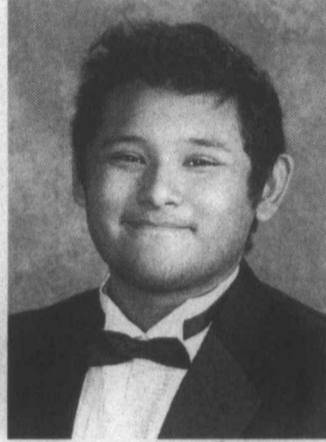
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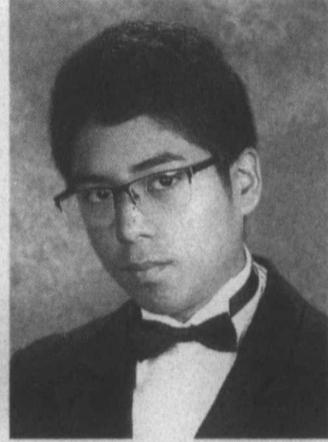
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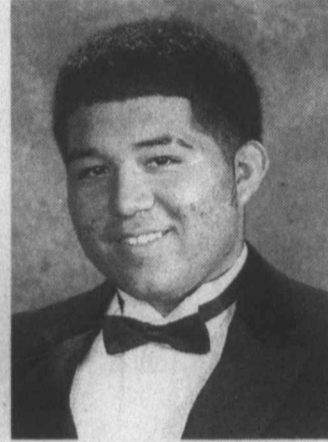
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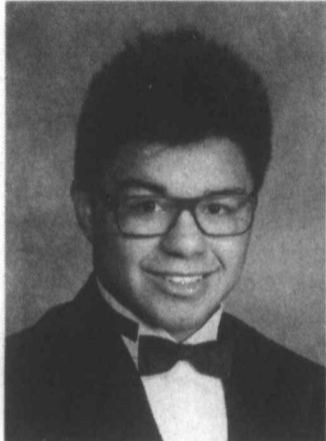
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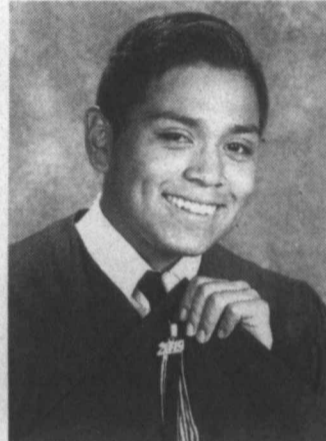
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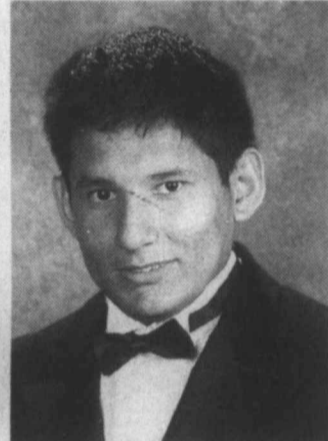
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O'Donnell High School Senior Biographies

Mariah Ali Perales
OHS VALEDICTORIAN

Mariah Ali Perales is the daughter of Carmen and Max Mendieta and Rogie Perales. She is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2019. She was Class President, Student Council President, and National Honor Society President. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University this fall.

Sabrina Marie Pedroza
OHS SALUTATORIAN

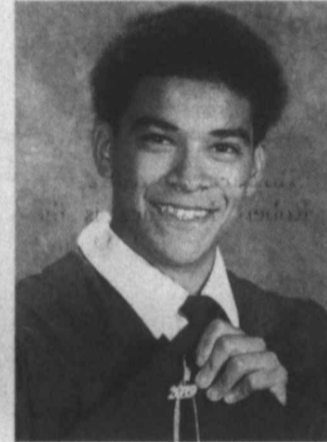
Sabrina Marie Pedroza is the daughter of Manuel and Melissa Pedroza. She is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2019. She was a State Qualifier in Debate. She plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall.

O'Donnell High School

Congratulations!
Sabrina Marie Pedroza
We love you & are so proud of all your accomplishments! Never cease relying on God.
Love - Mom and Dad



Estavie Vasquez



Josiah Zachary Hayden Vasquez

O'Donnell High School
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Sabrina Pedroza
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Love you!
Rosa & Adriana

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Sabrina Marie Pedroza

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Love you sista!
Bryannah

O'Donnell High School
Congratulations!
Sabrina Marie Pedroza

So proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars!
Love - Nana

O'Donnell High School
Sabrina Marie Pedroza

KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS! YOUR BROTHERS LOVE YOU!
Sebastian, Marcos & John Manuel

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OHS Valedictorian

Sabrina Pedroza
OHS Salutatorian
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OF O'DONNELL
Duncan Welch Gin Manager

O'Donnell High School Senior Biographies

Nicolas Noah Angel Baltazar
Nicolas Noah Angel Baltazar is the son of Frank and Rebecca Sanchez. He was active in football, basketball, track and soccer. Honors were Six-Man All-Star game, State in Cross Country, and Debate. His plans are to attend Eastern New Mexico.

Genaro Benny Benitez
Genaro Benny Benitez is the son of Rosa Sanchez. He participated in track for two years. He plans to become a certified welder.

Aaron Jacob Costa
Aaron Jacob Costa is the son of Israel Costa and Anita Costa. His plans are to attend South Plains College.

Melinda Faith DeLaFuente
Melinda Faith DeLaFuente is the daughter of Rick DeLaFuente and Hope Casarez. She went to state in FCCLA and was a Student Council officer. She plans to join the workforce after graduation.

Jeffery Paul Gloria
Jeffery Paul Gloria is the son of John Paul and April Gloria. He was active in baseball and football and earned his welding certificate. His plans are to go work in the oil fields.

Maricela Jaime
Maricela Jaime is the daughter of Adelita and Carlos Jaime. She went to State in FFA and FCCLA and Regional Tennis. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College.

Robert Martinez
Robert Martinez is the son of Jessica and Manuel Chavera. He was active in baseball and football and earned his welding certificate. His plans are to go work in the oil field.

Leroy Blane Olivarez
Leroy Blane Olivarez is the son of Leroy Olivarez and Rebecca Avalos. He was active in baseball, basketball, UIL, FCCLA, Student Council and band. His plans are to attend Western Texas College after graduation.

Alexander Resendez
Alexander Resendez is the son of Simon and Gloria Resendez. He was active in cross country-Regional Qualifier, basketball District Runner Up, and track - area qualifier. His plans are to attend South Plains College and transfer to a bigger university after graduation.

Madison Breann Roye
Madison Breann Roye is the daughter of Mark and Lorrye Roye. She was active in band, cross country - State Team runner up, one act play - Outstanding Technician, FFA - Chapter President, UIL academics, Student Council, basketball manager, and a member of the Thespian Society. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College to become an Advanced EMT.

Aishah Mykal Salazar
Aishah Mykal Salazar is the daughter of Terri Salazar and Veronica and Jimmy Lara. She was active in One Act Play, UIL, band, FFA, FCCLA - Historian, Student Council - Secretary, and Lady Eagle basketball. She is a member of the Thespian Honor Society and National Honor Society. Her plans after graduation are to attend Sul Ross University and major in Sports Medicine.

Zoey Nicole Vargas
Zoey Nicole Vargas is the daughter of Linda and Jessie Perez. She was active in Eagle Band, basketball, football, Career Development events, tennis and O'Donnell Livestock Association. Her plans after graduation are to attend Angelo State University to further her career in nursing.

Estavie Marie Vasquez
Estavie Marie Vasquez is the daughter of Michelle Resendez and Steve Vasquez. In high school she was active in track. Her future plans are to go into a Criminal Justice career.

Josiah Zachary Hayden Vasquez
Josiah Zachary Hayden Vasquez is the son of Joe Vasquez and Norma. He was active in basketball and track, advancing to Regionals. His plans after graduation are to work in the oil field.

Wilson News...

Wilson Community Garage Sale
The Wilson Community Garage Sale (for all community members) will be held Saturday, June 8th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

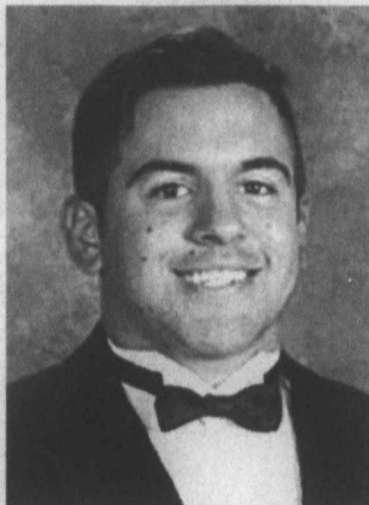
The school is providing a location for a large sale. Bring items you would like to sell to the school parking lot that morning and a table or shade (bring your own). You will be in charge of your own stuff. You will keep your own money! Notices for a community sale will be in the Lynn County News and the Slatonite. Waters will be here for you. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. I plan on being here unless it is absolutely terrible and isn't going to clear up. Call the school at 412-4448 for Tami Bolyard if you have questions (before June 8th). Park in front of the High School and set up in front of the elementary building. Start cleaning!



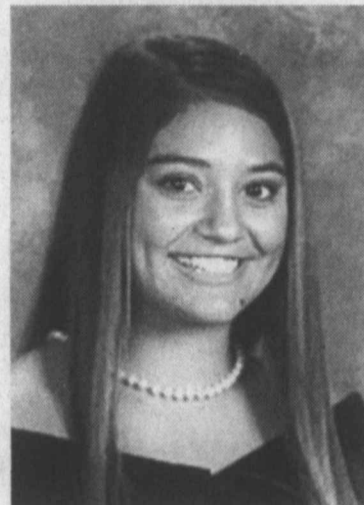
"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
—Mark Twain

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Class of **2019**

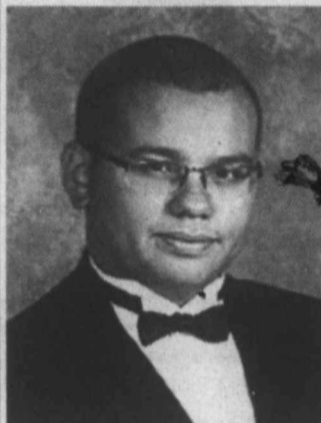
Commencement will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25 in the WHS Gym



Bryan Antonio Mendez
WHS VALEDICTORIAN



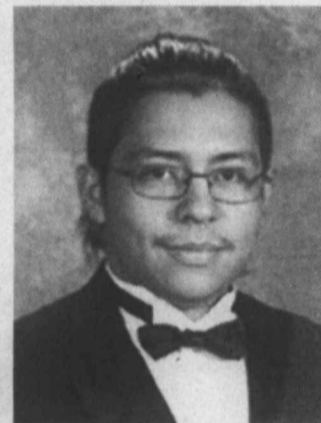
Britany Joplin
WHS SALUTATORIAN



Andrew Rey Esparza



Amber Lynn Guzman



Larry J. Nino, III

Wilson High School Senior Biographies

Bryan Antonio Mendez
WHS VALEDICTORIAN
Bryan Antonio Mendez is the son of Danny and Melissa Mendez. He was active in football, basketball, track, and was named Outstanding AVID Student in 2018. His plans are to attend college and earn a PTA certification.

Britany Joplin
WHS SALUTATORIAN
Britany Joplin is the daughter of Wes and Teresa Joplin. She was in basketball for four years and received the MVP award, and was active in cheer and Student Council. She plans to attend South Plains College and become a nurse.

Live in that sweet spot. Be present.
-- WYNTON MARSALIS

Andrew Rey Esparza
Andrew Rey Esparza is the son of Christina and Adolfo Esparza. He was active in football for one year, basketball, cross country and track for two years. His plans after graduation are undecided.

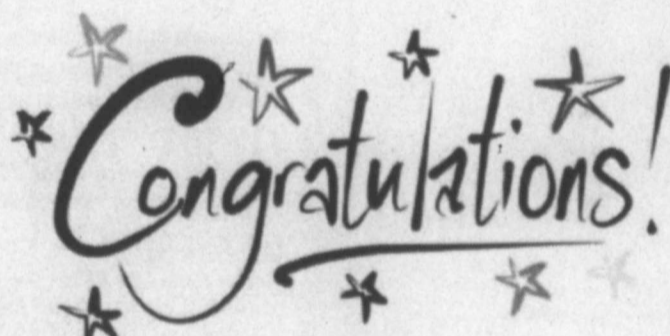
Amber Lynn Guzman
Amber Lynn Guzman is the daughter of Vivian and Robert Guzman. She was active in basketball and cheer for four years, and two years of track and one year of cross country. After graduation she plans to attend South Plains College.

Larry J. Nino, III
Larry J. Nino, III is the son of Vivian and Larry J. Nino, Jr. He played football his freshman year. He plans to attend South Plains College.



Ashtyon Nicole Roman
Ashtyon Nicole Roman is the daughter of Patricia Hinojosa. She was active in basketball and cheerleading. Her plans after graduation are undecided.

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



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Memorial

Thank you to Charles and Carol Headrick for giving a memorial in honor of her parents Truett and Lucille Smith.

Thank you to Shirley Draper for giving a memorial in honor of Sharon Gandy.

Thank You!

We would like to thank our Summer sponsors who help make our programs a big success: First National Bank, Cash Savers, First Bank & Trust, George's Restaurant, and Dixie Dog.

Memorial Day

The City-County Library will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Save the Date

The City-County Library's free Petting Zoo is scheduled for Friday, May 31st from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy an educational and up-close experience with exotic and domestic animals. Feeding and petting the animals will be a special experience for all ages. Always a favorite for the kids is a horse ride. Bella Thrift Shoppe, Rustic Sign Junkie, Heirlooms Etc. and Boots N Bows will be here from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for some summertime shopping. We will have tables set up inside for lunch with Chick-fil-A at 82nd & University's food truck at the Petting Zoo this year. Don't forget the cameras!

Summer Reading Sign-up

Early Summer Reading sign-up begins Tuesday, May 28th. Summer Reading begins May 28th and goes through July 26th. Sign up between Tuesday, May 28th thru Thursday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m. and enter for a chance to win a FREE 2-hour pool party. Babies thru 5th graders are eligible for our Summer Reading Program. School age kids signing up for Summer Reading will be their 2018-2019 school year.

Fire destroys farm home on Monday

Fire consumed a rural residence in Lynn County on Monday morning, at 2252 CR 35, despite the firefighting efforts of O'Donnell and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Departments, who responded to the scene after an alarm at 8:30 a.m.

The house, reportedly owned by Danny Brewer, was a residence for his farm hand. Oscar and Lydia Ortiz and their children lived in the home, which was completely destroyed, and the family lost all of their belongings. No one was injured in the fire, but Lynn County EMS responded to the scene to be on site as firefighters fought the blaze. Lynn County Sheriff's Office and O'Donnell Police Dept. also responded to the scene.

Bill Schoemann, Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator, told The News that he was coordinating with the family and the Red Cross to help provide assistance for the family.

The cause of the fire had not been determined as of press time.

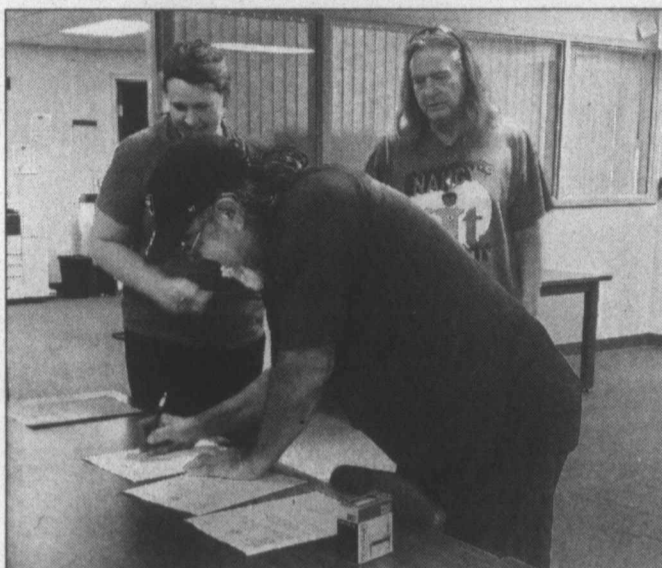
Family Land Heritage Program open to applicants

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller invites Texas farmers and ranchers to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Family Land Heritage (FLH) program, which since 1974 has paid tribute to families who have kept their land in continuous agricultural production for at least 100 years. Families are asked to submit their applications for recognition in the 2019 FLH registry by Monday, June 3. At the 44th annual recognition ceremony at the Texas Capitol this fall, Commissioner Miller will honor farms and ranches established in 1919 or earlier.

To apply for FLH recognition, visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on the Family Land Heritage icon, and apply online.



WISD Trustee ... Newly elected Wilson Board Member J.J. Pena Jr. (left) is pictured with WHS Principal J.P. Portillo.



Another term ... Returning Wilson ISD Board Member Oscar Ortega signs paperwork for another term of office and incumbent Les Walker (right) waits to sign, with Wilson ISD Business Manager and Notary Vondri Braddock ready to authorize the signatures.

2018 county production figures in; PCG area produced 3.94 million upland bales

By Mary Jane Buerkle

You could say that 2018 was the year of "what might have been" when it comes to Texas High Plains production, as early-season drought and other adverse weather conditions impacted the crop throughout the year. However, even with Mother Nature's challenges, cotton growers in the Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) service area produced about 3.94 million bales in 2018, which is around the historical average.

This is a decrease from the 5.39 million 480-pound bales produced during the 2017 growing season, and also less than the 4,085,000 million projected by NASS in their February 2019 report for Districts 1-N and 1-S.

Planted acreage in 2018 was up more than 360,000 acres from the previous year, totaling just less than 4.8 million acres. Both the northern and southern portions of the PCG service area saw increases. However, the abandonment figure for 2018 of almost 50 percent shows that the final production number could have been significantly higher, even though much of it was on dryland acreage.

According to the final county level production estimates released late last week by NASS, the Plains Cotton Growers 41-county service area accounted for about 57 percent of the 9.27 million bales of upland cotton produced in Texas this past season. Statewide production was down 26 percent from 2017, and the average yield per acre statewide was also down just more than 6 percent from last year at 756 pounds per acre.

On a national basis, Texas growers accounted for about

39 percent of the 17.56 million upland bales produced in the United States in 2018, easily maintaining their position as the No. 1 cotton producing state in the nation. Georgia was second with 1.955 million bales, and Mississippi was third with just more than 1.46 million bales. In 2018, 6 of the top 7 cotton-producing counties in the nation were within 80 miles of Lubbock, once again reinforcing the area's claim as the nation's largest cotton patch.

Hale County retained their spot as the top-producing county on the High Plains and in the nation in 2018, with 354,600 480-pound bales of cotton and averaging 920 pounds per harvested acre. Lubbock County was second with 284,000 bales, and Floyd County third at 271,700. Overall yield per harvested acre on the High Plains averaged 768 pounds in 2018, down slightly from 795 in 2017.

Joining Hale, Lubbock and Floyd counties in the top ten cotton-producing counties in the High Plains Region (reported in 480-lb bales) were: Hockley, 258,400; Gaines, 247,800; Lynn, 232,300; Crosby, 195,200; Terry, 185,100; Lamb, 167,800; and Hansford, 153,900. This is the first time that a county from the Northern High Plains has broken the region's top ten.

As for yield, Hansford County ranked at the top for 2018, averaging 1,237 pounds per harvested acre. Individual counties ranking second and third in yield per harvested acre were Parmer County (1,186 pounds), and Castro County (1,164 pounds). Nine counties in the PCG service area averaged more than 1,000 pounds per acre.

2018-crop Upland Cotton Production Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. 41-County Service Area

County	Planted (Acres)	Harvested (Acres)	Yield per Harv. Acre	Production (Bales)
Andrews	0	0	0	0
Armstrong	0	0	0	0
Bailey	94,100	30,700	894	57,200
Borden	0	0	0	0
Briscoe	44,500	26,700	760	42,300
Carson	104,800	44,800	1,061	99,000
Castro	80,300	43,500	1,164	105,500
Cochran	157,800	62,900	592	77,600
Crosby	230,000	167,500	559	195,200
Dallam	47,600	42,800	597	53,200
Dawson	337,500	92,400	774	149,000
Deaf Smith	53,300	26,200	914	49,900
Dickens	34,600	29,500	384	23,600
Floyd	238,000	156,800	832	271,700
Gaines	331,000	232,200	512	247,800
Garza	49,200	27,800	497	28,600
Hale	311,500	185,000	920	354,600
Hansford	74,600	59,700	1,237	153,900
Hartley	27,600	22,700	1,152	54,500
Hemphill	0	0	0	0
Hockley	303,500	146,700	845	258,400
Howard	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson	35,400	24,800	1,016	52,500
Lamb	215,700	92,800	868	167,800
Lipscomb	0	0	0	0
Lubbock	305,000	182,300	748	284,000
Lynn	346,600	201,200	554	282,300
Martin	188,600	18,600	573	22,200
Midland	0	0	0	0
Moore	42,900	36,900	1,125	86,500
Motley	22,600	14,700	438	13,400
Ochiltree	48,900	45,000	1,158	108,600
Oldham	0	0	0	0
Parmer	85,200	56,600	1,186	139,800
Potter	0	0	0	0
Randall	15,200	4,800	955	9,550
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Sherman	58,200	49,000	1,097	111,980
Swisher	145,900	61,300	926	118,200
Terry	291,500	158,100	562	185,100
Yoakum	165,400	76,900	726	116,300
1-N Combined Co.	63,100	21,000	854	37,370
1-S Combined Co.	191,500	21,200	761	33,600
High Plains Total	4,741,600	2,462,900	768	3,941,200

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Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service
* = Zero Production or production aggregated into Combined Counties

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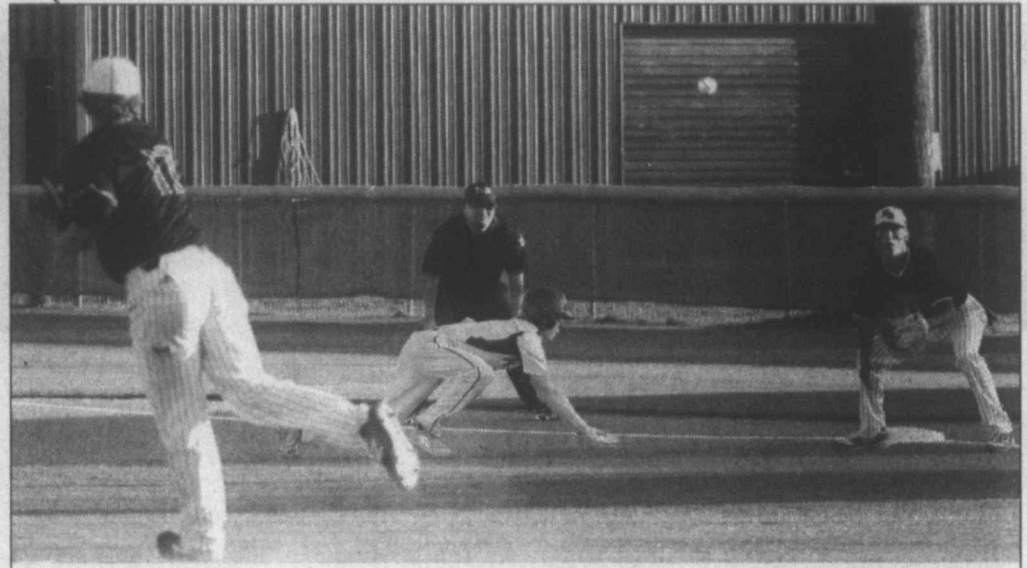
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Headed to State Tournament ... The New Home Leopards golf team is on their way to the State Tournament after placing 2nd at Regionals. Members of the team are, from left to right, Kaleb LeClair, Ryan Weeks, Carter Abney, Ryan Bundy and Dayton DeAnda. The State Tournament will be at Lions Golf Course in Austin on May 20-21.



Trying for pickoff ... New Home pitcher Bode Stewart throws to 1st baseman Gabe Cantu, in an attempt to pick off a Kress runner, in the Class 1A Regional Semifinal playoff against Kress on Friday. The Leopards won 10-0, advancing to the Regional Finals against Borden County this Saturday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Traffic accidents, thefts reported in county

by JUANELL JONES

Three accidents, none resulting in injuries, were reported in the county, and several thefts of rural properties occurred, according to reports from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheets.

A guardrail was damaged on US 87 near the TxDOT office in Tahoka when a driver missed his exit and struck the guardrail, at 5:24 a.m. on May 8. No one was injured, and TxDOT was notified of the damage to the guardrails.

Two vehicles collided at the intersection of FM 21 and FM 212 at 7:31 a.m. May 13, with no injuries reported. Kelli Dyann Freeman was the driver of a 2017 Chevy Tahoe, and Coby Jones was the driver of a 2019 Jeep registered to Ean Holdings of El Paso.

Another accident occurred at 6:24 a.m. on May 20, on US 87 about a mile south of FM 213, involving a freightliner and a Ford F-150. The driver of the Ford was trapped inside the vehicle, but was not injured, according to

reports. Drivers were Edmundo Cueto and Michael Jackson. A Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy, DPS, O'Donnell Fire Dept., and Lynn County EMS responded to the scene.

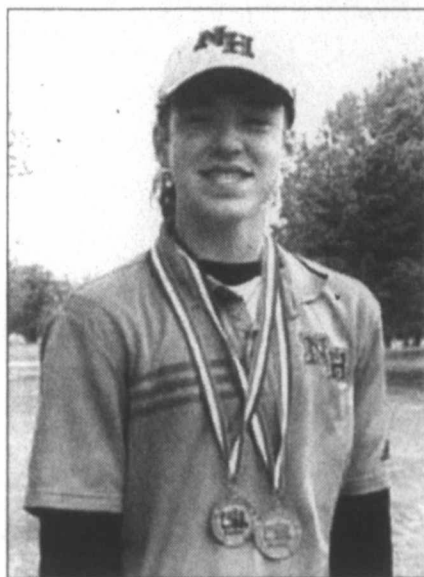
Several thefts were reported in the Sheriff's Office all sheets. On May 6, a caller reported he had two guns stolen from his RV trailer that was parked in the RV park in Wilson. On May 7, a compressor was reported stolen from a residence at 217 N. 6th in New Home. On May 10, it was reported that someone had kicked in a door to the maintenance building at New Home ISD. Items missing included a weed eater, a 32-inch TV, and several other items. Also on May 10, a caller reported someone had pried open the front door of a barn at 898 FM 211 and had taken a welder, shop vac, air compressor and other items. A utility trailer was reported stolen sometime between May 6-13 from 383 FM 2192.

Illegal dumping was reported at 10:49 a.m. May 16.

A caller told the Sheriff's Office that a construction crew had been painting in the area of FM 1730 and CR 13 and had dumped their trash in a ditch on County Road 13.

Tahoka Police arrested a 24-year-old man traveling through Tahoka on May 16, after stopping his vehicle for speeding at 11 p.m. on Lockwood, and discovering he had a warrant for violation of probation out of Lincoln County, New Mexico. He was also issued citations for speeding and No Drivers License.

Lynn County Jail held 41 inmates during the week, including 20 held for Ector County, and 21 for Lynn. Local charges included one for possession of drugs, one for driving with invalid license with previous conviction, one for driving while intoxicated, one for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, one for assault of household member, one for theft of property, and one for violation of bond/protective order.



Regional Silver medalist
Ryan Weeks tied for medalist honors at the Regional Golf Tournament, taking the silver medal after losing a playoff. Weeks is a member of the New Home Leopards golf team.

Did you know...

Originally Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day, meant to honor the Union and the Confederate soldiers who died during the American Civil War. By the 1900s it had become a day to celebrate all American soldiers who died while serving in the military. It wasn't until 1967 that it was legally named Memorial Day.



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