

Deputy Tom Page Honored For Courage, Exemplary Actions In Crisis Situation

by JUANELL JONES

It was 1:30 in the morning in late September 2001, on a deserted farm road in Lynn County, when Department of Public Safety Trooper Tony DeLuna stopped a pickup, suspected of being stolen. What followed next could have ended his life, and the lives of the three teenage boys inside the truck, but for the quick-thinking actions of a New Home man who works part-time as a deputy for Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

Tom Page, whose full-time job is a mechanic for Pharr RV, was on-duty working the night shift for LCSO and responded when he heard Trooper DeLuna's voice over the radio saying he was pulling over the suspected stolen vehicle. Page and DeLuna asked the juvenile driving the vehicle to accompany DeLuna to the DPS car, leaving two other juveniles remaining in the pickup. As Page and DeLuna interviewed the teenage driver at the DPS car, they heard loud music suddenly blasting forth from the pickup which was parked several yards in front of the DPS vehicle.

DeLuna approached the pickup and spoke to the boys, asking one of them to get out of the vehicle. DeLuna was on the driver's side of the vehicle, shining a flashlight inside on the sus-

pects. As the boy got out of the pickup on the passenger side, DeLuna walked around the back of the truck to meet him, and that's when the boy, who had hidden a canister in the palm of his hand, swung up his arm and sprayed DeLuna in the face with dog repellent. DeLuna fell to the ground, scrambling backwards on the ground and drawing his service weapon as the boy advanced threateningly towards

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— DPS Trooper Tony DeLuna

him, hollering, "Do it! Do it!" as DeLuna, aiming his weapon at the enraged teen, warned him repeatedly to get back and kicked out with his feet to keep his violent attacker off of him.

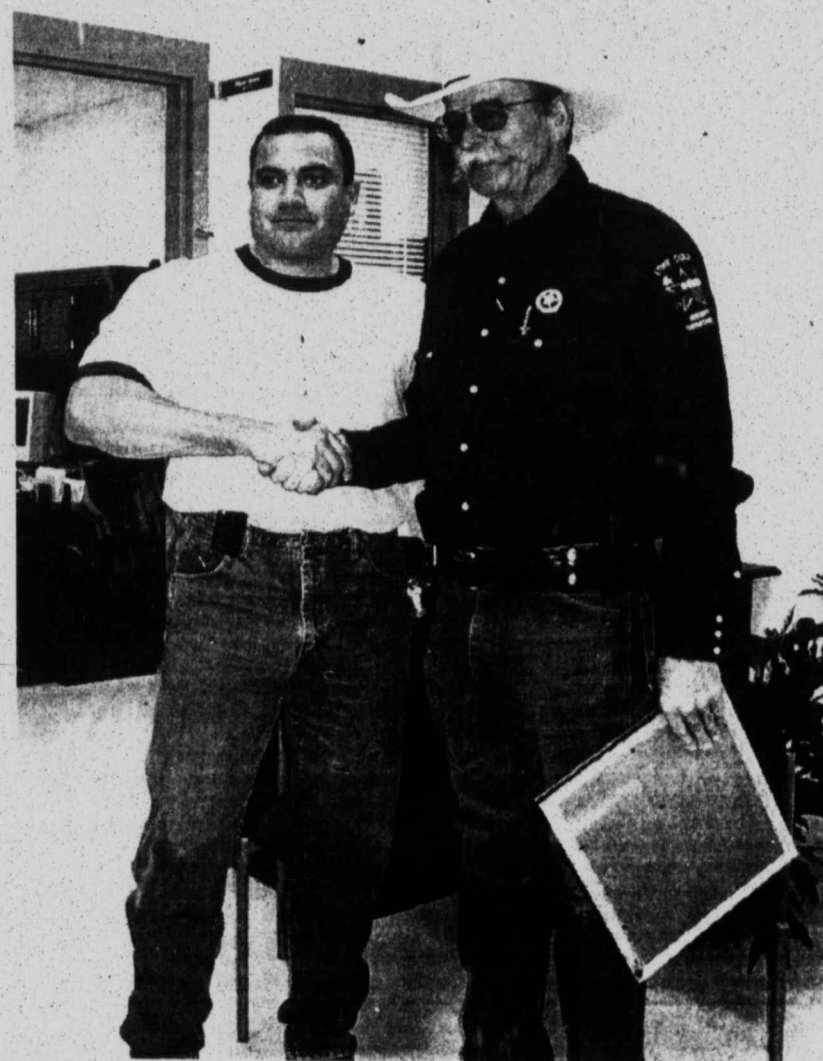
Page, who says he saw light reflecting off the silver canister the boy held, thought the boy had a gun and was approaching on the run, drawing his own weapon. As he drew closer, however, he holstered his weapon and

instead pulled out non-lethal pepper spray which he used to disable the attacker. Page's actions allowed time for DeLuna to scramble to his feet as the teenager was temporarily blinded, and together they cuffed the teenager and tried to calm him down. DeLuna provided water to rinse the pepper spray from the teen's face, and still the teenager railed curses at him, shouting, "You know I'm gonna do it

— I knew something was wrong, and I was trying to look around the back of the pickup to see his other hand, but I couldn't see it," DeLuna told *The News*. "When his hand came up, in that split second I thought, he's got a gun! I thought I had bought it. Then when he sprayed me and I fell, he just kept coming at me. If Tom hadn't been there, I probably would have been forced to shoot in self-defense

— Tom's actions gave me the opportunity to get back up and get control of the situation," he explained, noting that he later saw there was a pistol in the bed of the pickup truck. Both officers conducted themselves with extreme professionalism, remaining courteous and solicitous towards the juveniles after they apprehended them, in spite of the one teen's belligerent and threatening attitude. The other two teenagers submitted quietly.

Deputy Page was honored last week for his quick thinking and exemplary actions which prevented the juvenile suspect and DeLuna from being seriously injured or killed. Friday afternoon ceremonies were held at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, where Lt. Abraham Vega presented Page with two commendations (See *Page Honored*, page 3).



A FRIEND FOR LIFE — DPS Trooper Tony DeLuna (left) expresses his appreciation to Lynn County Deputy Tom Page for his quick-thinking actions which possibly saved DeLuna's life and certainly helped prevent serious injury to DeLuna during an attack from a juvenile suspect early one morning last September. His actions also helped prevent the DPS trooper from being forced to shoot his attacker. Page was awarded the American Police Hall of Fame's Silver Star for Bravery, presented during ceremonies at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center last Friday. (LCN PHOTO)



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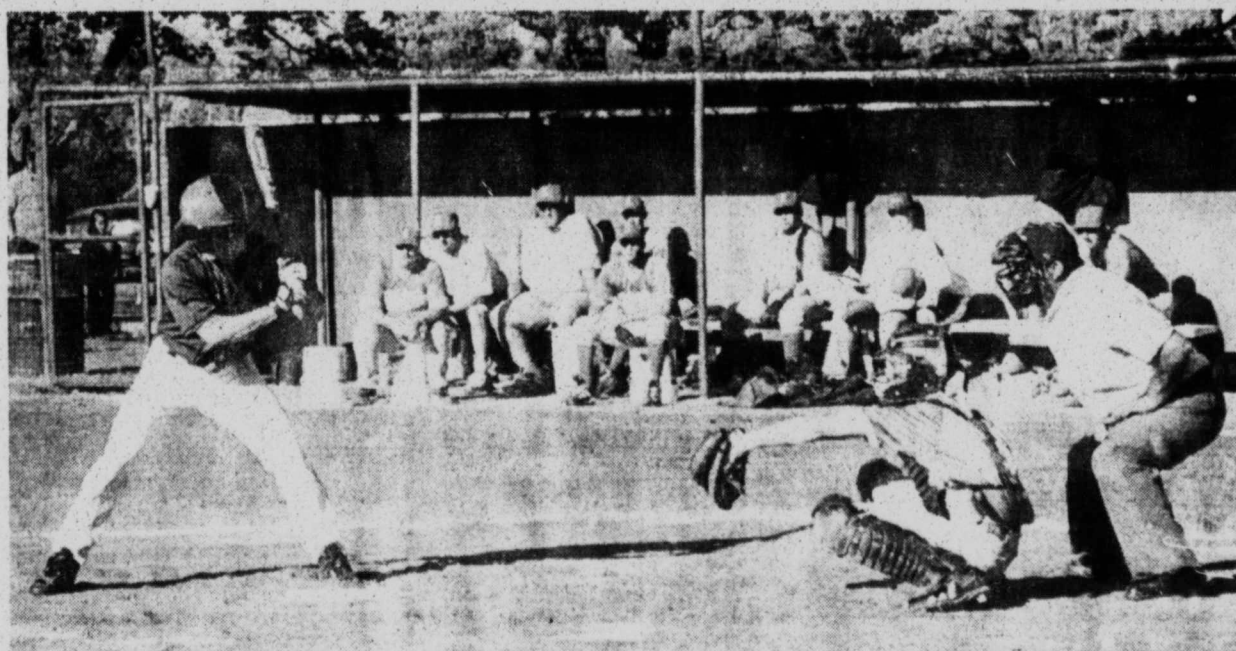
A traffic accident in the city of Tahoka and vandalism incidents in the city and county were among reports listed at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. and Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

On Friday afternoon at Lockwood and Main a 1995 Buick Skylark driven by Deborah Sue Garcia, 42, of Tahoka and a 1985 Chevrolet pickup driven by John Delarosa Flores, 17, also of Tahoka, collided.

Both police and sheriff's officers investigated incidents of vandalism. In the city, an 11-year-old was struck by a balloon filled with water and nail

polish remover, thrown by an 11-year-old boy. In the county there was one report that tail light wires on a vehicle had been cut.

Eight persons were jailed during the week. Two were for assault/family violence, and others on these charges: application to revoke probation on conviction for criminal mischief, judgment and sentencing on sentence for felony driving while intoxicated (DWI), motion to adjudicate on a case of aggravated assault plus grand jury indictment for DWI, revoking community supervision, burglary, and application to revoke probation on DWI conviction.



GOOD EYE — Tahoka Bulldog Blandon Hancock watches a low ball go by during a game against Idalou Tuesday. The Dogs came from four runs back to tie the game in the seventh before losing in extra innings 7-6. (LCN PHOTO)

Early Voting Underway For Local Elections

Early voting began Wednesday, April 17 and continues through April 30 for area city and school and Lynn County Hospital District elections, which are scheduled for May 4. Several elections in the county have been cancelled due to unopposed candidates, but the City of Tahoka, City of O'Donnell, O'Donnell ISD, and Lynn County Hospital District will have elections with contested races. All Wilson and New Home city and school elections have been cancelled, as well as the Tahoka ISD trustee election.

Information on elections being held is as follows, with incumbents listed in *italics*:

Lynn County Hospital District: Mike Rivas, Peggy Morton and John Hawthorne, for two seats on the board of directors, both three-year terms. Cumulative voting method. Early voting at Lynn County Clerk's Office, Courthouse.

City of Tahoka: Jimmy McMillan and Ray Box for At-Large District 5; Clara Calvillo for District 2; Jay Dee House for District 4. All are two-year terms, and all registered voters within the city may vote for the At-Large District 5 position. Districts 2 and 4 are single-member districts, with only those residing within those areas eligible to vote. Early voting at Lynn County Clerk's Office, Courthouse.

City of O'Donnell: James Williams and B.P. "Phil" Bairrington, for Mayor; Harry Howell, Charles Goad and Anita Guajardo, for two seats on the city council. All are two-year terms. Early voting at City Hall.

O'Donnell ISD: Danny Willis, Stella Arguello, Terri Anderson, and Benny Gass, for two seats on the board of trustees. Both are three-year terms. Cumulative voting method. Early voting at O'Donnell ISD Tax Office.

After the Mayflower was no longer needed, it was dismantled and rebuilt as a barn.

According to legend, Buffalo Wings were created by Teresa Bellissimo at the Anchor Bar Restaurant on the corner of E. North and Main in Buffalo, 1964.

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WOODWORK by Dalton

THERE'S A NURSERY RHYME, or maybe just a poem, which suggests how people will turn out if they are born on a certain day of the week. I was reminded of this while reading a Dean Koontz novel, in which it was noted that one of the characters was born on Thursday, and "Thursday's child has far to go," which means that someone born on Thursday needs to improve himself/herself in some area (character, financial position, humility, or whatever).

Or maybe it means they someday will take a trip to the moon.

This poem makes predictions for people born on each day, but I couldn't find a copy, even on the internet. (Getting information on the internet is, for me, sort of like fishing: you spend most of your time doing absolutely nothing while waiting for something to happen.)

The only line I know for sure is the one about Thursday. Someone here in the office said they thought that "Sunday's child is full of grace," and I know that the child born on one of the other days "is full of woe." To rhyme with the "far to go" statement, that must be either Wednesday's child or Friday's child.

Someone once gave me a "perpetual calendar" which, on one sheet, will tell what day of the week any day of any year was. I looked up my own birthday, but already I have forgotten what day of the week it was.

Our own children all were born on Sundays. That was so my wife could go back to her regular job the next day.

Unable to find the original poem, I decided to fill in the gaps myself. So—

Sunday's child is full of grace.
Monday's child could win the race.
Tuesday's child is full of hope;
Wednesday's child may find a rope.
Thursday's child has far to go;
Friday's child is full of woe.
Saturday's child may be an attorney,
And we all know what they are full of.

No, no. I meant 'sage advice.'

Little League Workday Set

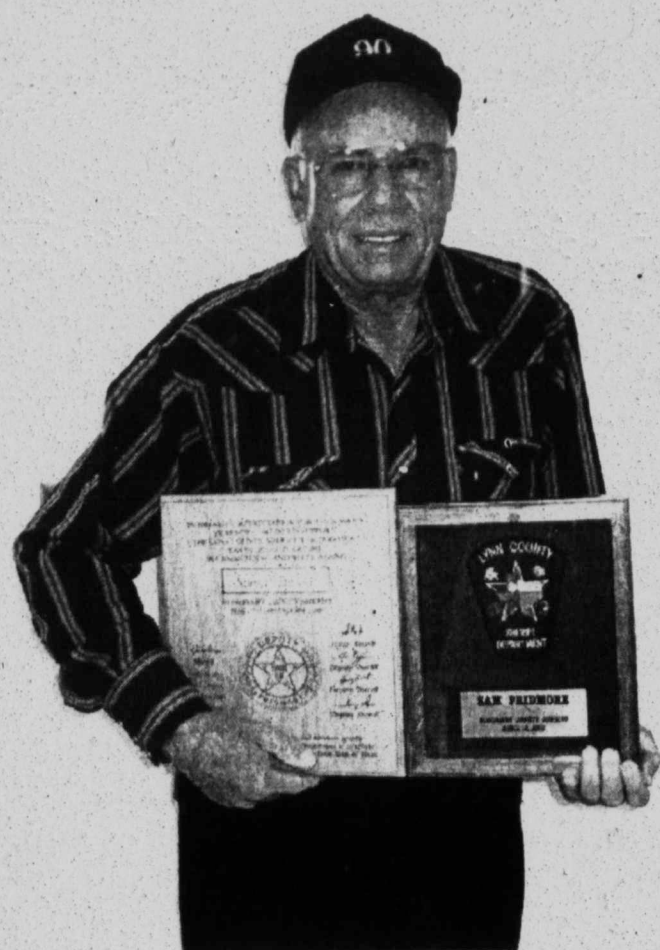
A workday for all board members and other interested volunteers has been set for Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 8:00 AM at the Little League Ballpark. We will be working on

getting the field and concession stand ready for the season which begins Monday, April 22.

"Everyone is invited to come out and spruce up the grounds for our kids! If you can't make it by 8:00, please come when you can. See you on Saturday!" said a sponsor.



SUPERIOR MUSICIANS — The Wilson Mustang Band, under the direction of Aaron Rathbun, has earned a Superior "1" rating in Concert for the first time in nearly 30 years. The 27-member band earned 1's across the board from all three judges in the UIL Concert Contest held last Wednesday, April 10 in the Sundown High School Auditorium. They were one of only two Class A bands that earned the superior marks.



Sam Pridmore Honored For "Eye In The Sky" Assistance

by JUANELL JONES

Folks in the Lynn County area are accustomed to seeing a red, black and white Cessna flying overhead. "Oh, that's Sam," they say, glancing up into the sky, taking for granted that longtime local pilot and retired cropduster Sam Pridmore has taken to the skies. But what they may not know is that Pridmore may be providing an eagle-eye view for local law enforcement officers — and he does it unstintingly, committed to providing such voluntary service in any way he can.

Last Friday, Pridmore was made an Honorary Deputy and honored by the Lynn County Sheriff's Department in grateful appreciation for his many years of dedicated service and assistance to local law enforcement. Friends and family were invited to attend the ceremony as Lieutenant Abraham Vega presented Pridmore with a plaque of appreciation and a framed "deputy patch" proclaiming him an honorary deputy of the local department.

"For many, many years we have called on Sam to help, and he always says yes," Vega said in presenting the award. "Whether it's been aerial pho-

tos, looking for lost livestock, checking the welfare of distraught people, searching for jail escapees, or keeping an eye out for particular vehicles, Sam has always been ready and willing to help us in any way he can," he added, noting that Pridmore has never once charged the Sheriff's Department for flying time or fuel.

Somewhat sheepishly, Pridmore accepted the award, saying that this was just a part of his job, but sheriff's officials were quick to point out that Sam's service goes far above and beyond ordinary service.

"Sam has been invaluable to us, and we want him to know how much we appreciate him," Vega added.

"Yeah, but we ain't gonna give you a gun, though!" Sheriff Jake Diggs cheerfully quipped.

Pridmore told *The News* that people don't realize how much can be seen from the air, especially at the lower altitudes small planes can fly. "Cars and other vehicles are easily identifiable... I could just about tell you where certain cars will be at certain times of the day," he said with a laugh.

And he has helped locate prisoners who escaped, an invaluable asset for law enforcement agencies. "Yes, I have helped track down a few escapees and they were caught. And we've looked for lost livestock, lost people — anything they want me to do," he said. "Anytime they need me, I'm still ready to fly."

It was that very attitude that the Sheriff's Department honored last Friday, and will continue to appreciate as Pridmore provides unswerving commitment to voluntary service.

Pridmore and his wife, Betsy, reside in Tahoka. They have two children and seven grandchildren.



ROSEMARY RAMIREZ and MIKE HERNANDEZ JR. Couple To Marry In July

Rosemary A. Ramirez of Lubbock and Mike Hernandez Jr. of New Home announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple will marry Saturday, July 13, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lubbock.

Parents of the bride-elect are Alex and Julia Ramirez of Lubbock. The future groom's parents are Mike and Manuela Hernandez of New Home.

Miss Ramirez is a graduate of Lubbock High School and is employed by Texas Tech University.

Hernandez is a graduate of New Home High School, and is employed by American Therapy Products in Lubbock.

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Connie Riojas

Residents enjoyed themselves this past week with bingo, exercises, basketball, and many other daily activities. At Monday morning bingo, we had several players, including three who blacked out their cards. They were L.C. Burleson, Nicolas Perez and Flossie Hammonds. In basketball, Clifford Tankersley took the win with 20 points and Christine Brent had 10 points.

On April 11, the Care Center had a Banana Split Party. Thanks to Jessie Deleon who donated bananas for the occasion. The residents had a wonderful time, some even had seconds.

We would like to congratulate Jesse Gutierrez, Cheryl Montez, and Mary Helen Barrientes for completing CNA classes. They all took the nursing skills and written tests on April 12 and all passed with flying colors.

Tahoka Care Center will be offering another CNA class. Anyone interested in taking the class needs to register by Friday, April 19 at the Care Center. Classes will start Monday, April 22 at 9 a.m.

Anyone interested in volunteer-



BINGO BABE — Flossie Hammonds, a resident of Tahoka Care Center, takes a break to pose for a picture during a recent bingo game at the Center.

ing or making donations may contact me at 998-5018.

Plans Underway For THS Athletic Banquet

Members of the Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club are currently making plans for the annual athletic banquet. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 in the Center for Housing and Community Development.

More detailed information about the banquet will be released next week.

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STORK REPORT

Tracey and Cody Swafford of Lamesa announce the birth of a daughter, Laynie Jo Swafford, born at 11:04 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

She has an older sister, Cambrie, 2 1/2.

Grandparents are Lacye Scott of Lubbock, Kenneth and Marquita Scott of Tahoka, and Jerry and Nancy Swafford of Lamesa.

Great-grandparents Ruth Walker of Lubbock, W.P. Scott of Tahoka, Ellen Samson of Lamesa, and Charlie Turnbow of Lamesa.

Ed and Cindy Alvarado of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Vanessa Vae Alvarado, born at 10:33 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2002 in Lynn County Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 10 inches long.

She has an older sister, Cheyenne, seven, and a brother, Jordan, who is four.

Grandparents are Alex and Belia Alvarado and Marie Littrell, all of Tahoka.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr. 10	82	48	
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HE'S A HERO TO US - With his family watching at ceremonies Friday afternoon at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, Lynn County Deputy Tom Page (center) was honored for bravery and quick-thinking actions in preventing a crisis situation from turning deadly. Page was awarded the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association Citation of Commendation for exemplary actions in the performance of his duties. The New Home man was credited with preventing serious injury or death to DPS Trooper Tony DeLuna and a juvenile suspect who was attacking DeLuna. Shown here with Page are his parents, Roger and Wanda Adams, his wife Jan, daughter Jennie Ford, and her daughter Paige. (LCN PHOTO)

Page Honored ...

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- the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association Citation of Commendation for an outstanding act during the performance of his duty, and the American Police Hall of Fame's Silver Star for Bravery.

Page's wife, Jan, and other family members and friends were present for the ceremonies, as was Trooper DeLuna and his wife JoAnne (who is the secretary for the local sheriff's department), and Page's colleagues at the sheriff's department.

"The United States Deputy Sheriff's Association is proud to present Deputy Page with this award," said USDSA Executive Director Steve Van Dyke in a press release to *The News*. "His alert reaction prevented a crisis situation from becoming deadly."

Page said he did not realize the teenager did not have a gun until the incident was over. "I saw Tony's flashlight reflecting off the silver and I thought, gun! I pulled my gun and ran to help, and I don't really know why I holstered my weapon and got the pepper spray, except that I was thinking, 'this is just a boy!'"

Page's wife, who was listening as Tom recounted the incident, said, "We have a son that age - I believe that had something to do with it."

DeLuna and his wife JoAnne have two sons, Travis, 8, and Trevor, 2 years old.

DeLuna said the incident was one of two in which he has considered himself in deadly danger as a DPS Trooper in Lynn County in the four years of his service here. Prior to his DPS service, DeLuna served 9-1/2 years with the Plainview Police Department (3 years as a street officer and 6-1/2 years as a criminal investigator) and was an investigator for Hale and Swisher County District Attorney's office for almost five years. His goal now is for a commission with the Texas Rangers.

Page has worked as a reserve and part-time deputy for the Lynn County Sheriff's Department for six years.



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by Brady Evans

The Lucky Leaf and Clover Kids 4-H Clubs had their last meeting of the season on April 11. Brady Evans and her dad, Dan Evans, provided the program. The program was called "Fruiticity" and showed that you could generate electricity using fruit.

Although they have had their last meeting for the season, many of the Lucky Leaf members still have projects to wind up. District 2 Photography Judging is being done this week. District Livestock Judging and Consumer Decision are this Saturday.

If you would like to join 4-H, talk to any of the members, parents or call the Extension office. 4-H will start back in August or September and has many different things to offer.

OBITUARIES



JUDGE WAYNE NOLAND

Wayne Noland

Services for Judge Wayne Noland, 70, of O'Donnell, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating.

Burial will be in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died April 12, 2002 at his home.

He was born Oct. 21, 1931 in Lubbock. He was a member of the 1951 Lubbock High State Championship Basketball Team, graduated from Lubbock High School, and attended Texas Tech. He served in the Naval Reserves and in the Marine Corps as a crew chief in the Korean Conflict.

He married Judy Allen Nov. 22, 1954 in Lamesa. They moved to Lamesa from O'Donnell in 1964 and owned O'Donnell Lumber and Hardware. He was past president of the O'Donnell Rotary Club, and was the former fire chief of the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department. He had been Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four, since 1992. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Russell Noland, and a grandson, Shane Noland.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kirby Wayne Noland of Lake Tawakoni at Point, and Brad Russell Noland of O'Donnell; two daughters, Gay Noland Gasper of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Cathy Noland Askins of Abilene; two brothers, Carl Noland of Amarillo and James Noland of Gyson, Okla.; a sister, Myra Gene Bailey of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Ricky Rodriguez

Rosary for Ricky Lomas Rodriguez, 50, of Lubbock was said at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass will be at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Brendan Walsh officiating.

Burial will be in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock. He died Saturday, April 13, 2002.

He was born April 2, 1952, in Crystal City. He attended New Home schools and was a Catholic. He worked for Durham Transportation.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy Rodriguez of Lubbock and Michael Cirillo of Whitharral; three daughters, Lucia Trevino, Linda Rodriguez and Lisa Marie Rodriguez, all of Lubbock; six brothers, Juan and Manuel, both of Minnesota, Pedro of O'Donnell, Armando of Austin, Robert of Tahoka and Andy of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren.

Elementary Students To Clean Up City Tuesday, April 23

Students from Tahoka Elementary School will be out and about in Tahoka from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 as part of the school's City Clean Up Project. Each grade (pre-K through sixth) will be assigned a specific area of the city to clean up. The project is part of the school's "Character Counts" focus and the clean up also celebrates Earth Day which is April 22.

Children in pre-K, kindergarten and first grades will clean the mini park; second and third graders will take the baseball and softball parks; fourth graders will tackle the downtown area; fifth graders will clean vacant lots; and sixth graders will clean up around the old Dairy Queen and car wash.

The Pride Corp will provide drinks and snacks for the students.



BROOKELYN MICHELLE TEKELL and MATTHEW ALLEN EVANS

Couple Plans June Nuptials

Mark and Charis' Tekell of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Brookelyn Michelle, to Matthew Allen Evans, son of Terry and Lisa Bixler of Canyon and Greg and Tammie Evans of Amarillo.

The couple will marry Saturday, June 22 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May. She is employed by Westwind Elementary After School Care. She plans to attend graduate school at the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Highland Park High School in Amarillo. He is currently a PGA professional at the Chester W. Ditto Golf Course in Arlington, while participating in the Professional Golf Association's distance learning program.

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• Bachelors of Business Administration, specializing in accounting and business management from Abilene Christian University.



Volunteering runs in the family! Nikki, hard at work with dad at Life Enrichment Center.

- Licensed as a Certified Public Accountant for the past 17 years.
- Currently pursuing a Master's of Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University and recently recognized Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges for outstanding merit and accomplishments as a graduate student.
- Employed for the past 15 years as the Controller for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative.

Ray Don is community oriented, with past and present volunteer service including:

- Girls Softball • Little Dribblers • Rotary Treasurer, Past President
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- Tahoka Industrial Housing Authority Board • City Zoning Board
- Life Enrichment Center Steering Committee • Mural Park Committee
- Deacon, Tahoka Church of Christ

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CORRECT SEAT-BELT PLACEMENT -- Dane Rivas is checked for correct seatbelt placement in his new booster seat by a DPS Officer at the recent Child Safety Seat Inspection given Saturday at the Life Enrichment Center here. Texas DPS Safety Education Service troopers from San Angelo, Alpine, Lubbock and Lynn County were on hand to help inspect child safety seats. Over 39 area children were checked for car seat safety, with 18 new car seats given away, four upgraded to booster seats. 16 seats were checked out as safe and ten unsafe seats were destroyed. "We would like to thank the City of Tahoka, Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Lynn County EMS, Ozarka Water and Thriftway for their help and donations and all the area folks who came out to have their children's car seats inspected," stated local DPS officer Tony DeLuna. (LCN Photo)

THS Golfers Head For Regionals

The Tahoka High School boys golf team placed first in district play last week qualifying them for regional competition, to be held at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird April 22-23. Blake Ashcraft was the first place medalist. Other team members are Cory Gardner, Brady Askew, Ren Ellis and Josh Thompson.

The girls golf team placed fourth

in district with Chelsey Miller placing as fourth individual medalist and qualifying for regionals.

Other team members are Leigh McAfee, Cassidy Gandy, Ashdon Hancock and Sarah Box.

Individual medalists playing for Tahoka included Cade Miller, B.J. Andrews and Eric Green.

Nine Tahoka Thinclads Head To Regional Event

The Tahoka High School varsity track teams competed in the district meet in New Deal on April 11 with nine members placing first or second to advance to regional competition to be held April 26-27 at Abilene Christian University.

Ren Ellis was first in the 100m hurdles and first in the long jump and Josh Thompson placed first in the 100m dash, the 200m dash and the triple jump.

The 400m relay team of Thompson, Ellis, Leslie White and Blandon Hancock placed second as did Cory Gardner in the high jump.

The 800m relay team of Kyndra Selmon, Skylar Owens, Krista Norwood and Angie Curtis placed first with a 1:52.66. The same four ladies made up the 400m relay that placed second with a 52.91.

Curtis will also advance in the triple jump, placing second with a 32'6" jump.

Additional results of the meet are: Curtis, third in the 200m dash and fourth in the long jump; Selmon, fourth in the 200m dash; Hancock, third in the 100m dash; Ellis, third in the 300m hurdles and fifth in the high jump; 1600m relay team of B.J. Andrews, Gardner, White and Warren Baker, fifth; and Baker, sixth in the 800m run.

The boys team placed third overall with 112 points while the girls team was fifth with 59 points.

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READY FOR REGIONALS -- The Tahoka High School varsity golf team placed first in district competition and qualified for regionals to be held Monday and Tuesday in Baird. Team members are (back) Josh Thompson, Brady Askew, (front) Cory Gardner, Ren Ellis, and Blake Ashcraft (first place individual medalist).



GIRL GOLFERS -- The Tahoka High School girls golf team placed fourth in district play last week with team member Chelsey Miller earning the fourth place individual award and qualifying for regional competition in Baird April 22-23. Team members are (back) Leigh McAfee, Chelsey Miller, Sarah Box; (front) Ashdon Hancock and Cassidy Gandy.

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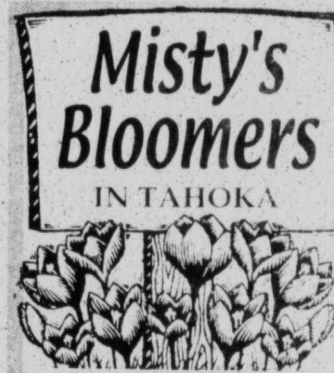
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Luis V "Silent"

by JUANELL JONES

Working quietly scenes, Lynn County partment communicati Luis Vasquez calmly answers emergency and sheriff's departmenting emergency assistance needed, and training jurisdiction how to handle. Last week, he was receiving exceptional professional emergency communication with the Silent Hero Texas Emergency Notification and the Commission Emergency Communication.

Vasquez was honored 83 others in the state annual 9-1-1 Appreciation held April 9-10 but Vasquez' local colleagues to show their appreciation. Friends and family met hand Friday afternoon County Sheriff's Department sent him with a certificate of recognition as a Silent Hero. The ceremony was held at County Law Enforcement.

"Luis has spent considerable training and education in telecommunications with a telecommunicator and said Lt. Abraham Vega above and beyond the call of duty and takes the utmost pride in emergency communication the best in the area. He again he has been commended by Texas Highway Patrol in this area and who have worked with other agencies in the area. They constantly how lucky they are through this department the dispatchers that work to have," he added.

He also added the gratitude to Vasquez years of service and to work in spite of low high rate of turnover. "Living in a small



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Luis Vasquez Earns "Silent Hero" Award

by JUANELL JONES

Working quietly behind the scenes, Lynn County Sheriff's Department communications supervisor Luis Vasquez calmly and professionally answers emergency 9-1-1 calls and sheriff's department calls, directing emergency assistance when needed, and training others under his jurisdiction how to handle such calls. Last week, he was recognized for his exceptional professionalism in the emergency communications field with the Silent Hero Award by the Texas Emergency Number Association and the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

Vasquez was honored along with 83 others in the state of Texas at the annual 9-1-1 Appreciation Day celebration held April 9-10 in Houston, but Vasquez' local colleagues wanted to show their appreciation as well. Friends and family members were on hand Friday afternoon when Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. officials presented him with a certificate of recognition as a Silent Hero during special ceremonies held at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center.

"Luis has spent countless hours training and educating the new telecommunicators while working as a telecommunicator and supervisor," said Lt. Abraham Vega. "He has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and takes the utmost pride in making emergency communications one of the best in the area. Time and time again he has been complimented by Texas Highway Patrolmen who work this area and who have also worked with other agencies in the surrounding area. They constantly tell him how lucky they are to be working through this department because of the dispatchers that we are fortunate to have," he added.

He also added the department's gratitude to Vasquez for his eight years of service and for continuing to work in spite of low pay scales and high rate of turnover in his staff.

"Living in a small rural commu-

nity, where farming is the primary source of income, sometimes makes it difficult to find good quality people that are willing to work long - and often unappreciated - hours. The pay is low and the turnover rate is high; in fact, if memory serves me correctly, Luis has managed to train approximately 12 different people over the past two or three years. In spite of the turnover, Luis still manages to stick with this department. He implemented a 60-day training period for his latest staff of four full-time and one part-time person," Vega explained.

Vega nominated Vasquez for the award, noting that it is not rare to see him working a double shift, weekends, or even midnights in addition to his regular shift. "You would think that as the supervisor he would not be subjected to working beyond the hours of 8 to 5, but Luis doesn't bother calling on his other workers to fill in. Most of the time he will just take the responsibility himself," he said.

Vasquez is a lifelong resident of Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School. He has completed law enforcement communications training as well as attending courses at SPAG and Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.

The Silent Hero Award is one activity held during Telecommunications Week to honor telecommunications professionals in the state of Texas. Held each year during the week of April 11, this week serves to remind all Texans of the valuable service telecommunicators provide and honor them for the difficult, behind-the-scenes work they perform so well.

SPAG Regional 9-1-1 officials recognized Vasquez for the honor as well, and expressed appreciation to all telecommunicators in the region for their hard work and dedication which allows the 9-1-1 system to provide assistance those in emergency situations.



SILENT HERO - Luis Vasquez (left), Telecommunicator and Communications Supervisor with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, was presented the Silent Hero Award for his exceptional professionalism in the emergency communications field. Presenting the certificate from the Commission on State Emergency Communications and a framed recognition from SPAG is Lt. Abraham Vega, during ceremonies held Friday afternoon at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center. (See related story) (LCN PHOTO)

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Join the Blue Ribbon Campaign

During April of each year, citizens concerned about the problem of child abuse and neglect are asked to wear blue ribbons as a symbol that they can make a difference. Nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year. It is a tragic fact; take it personally. It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is your opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they are put in situations where they are not supervised.

"We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse - those in which a child died - Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. Maybe it was a situation that people outside the family couldn't see. Possibly the child's parent didn't realize that their own action, or lack thereof, put their child's life at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and take it personally," said a Blue Ribbon Campaign sponsor.

In spring 1989, Bonnie Finney, a Norfolk, Virginia grandmother took a stand against child abuse by tying a symbolic blue ribbon to her van. It was a signal of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse. Bonnie's own grandson, Michael Wayne Dickenson, suffered a tragic death because of child abuse, which gave

her blue ribbon her own inspiring message.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site <<http://www.itsuptoyou.org>> contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger.

Additionally, volunteers from Tahoka High School are in the community sharing information from about child abuse and placing blue ribbons on trees at the Lynn County Courthouse as reminders of the Blue Ribbon Campaign. Contact your local Child Protective Services office or Tahoka High School to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must take it

personally.

In Bonnie Finney's own words: The blue ribbon serves as a constant reminder to fight for protection of our children. Please wear a blue ribbon. Put one on your car. Give one to your friends. Tell them what it means. You may save a child's life.

Senior Citizens Center Plans Special Lunches

The Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizen Center has special lunches planned for this month and next.

On Wednesday, April 24, citizens with April birthdays may celebrate at the center with a noon lunch. The menu includes pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, and birthday cake. Those attending may also play bingo.

"May Day" will be celebrated at noon at the Center on Wednesday, May 1 with "Bring-A-Friend" day. Seniors and their guests will be given gift bags of homemade cookies as treats.

Senior Citizens MENU

April 22-26

Monday: Salmon Patty, Macaroni & Cheese, Rolls, Okra, Apricots, Cookies.

Tuesday: Taco Salad, Kidney or Red Beans, Peach Cobbler.

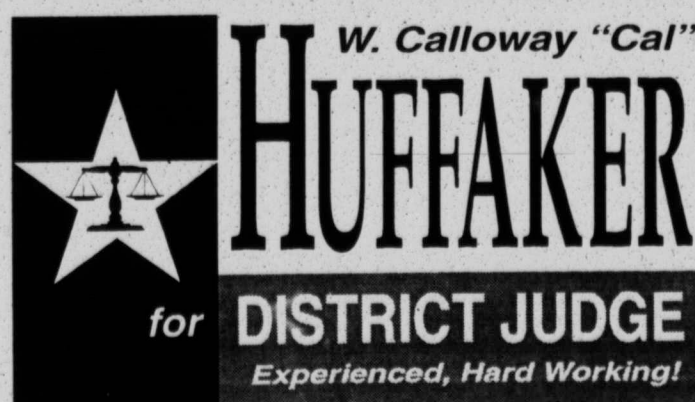
Wednesday: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Applesauce or Baked Apples.

Thursday: Chicken Patty on Bun, Tots or Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit Salad.

Friday: Turkey & Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie or Bars.



BLUE RIBBON REMINDERS - Tahoka High School students (from left) Melissa Alvarado, Dee Dee Valdez, Melissa Bernal and Lorena Mendez, tied blue ribbons around trees surrounding Lynn County Courthouse Monday morning as a reminder of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Class sponsor is Donna Stone. (LCN PHOTO)



Campaign Rally

5:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, April 19
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Mitchell Named Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Porscha Mitchell of Tahoka has been recognized for her achievement as a National Leadership and Service Award winner.

Porscha, who attends Tahoka Middle School, will have her name in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

USAA National Leadership and Service Awards provide students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Porscha is the daughter of Willie Mitchell of Lubbock and Terri Tillman of Tahoka. Her grandparents are O.C. and Willie Mae Tillman and Janie Milton, all of Tahoka, and Willie Milton of Lubbock.

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Today Is Closing Date For NAP Program

Growers of non-insurable crops have until April 18 (today) to apply for risk protection coverage under the Non-insurable Assistance Program (NAP) offered through the local FSA Office. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available. Some of those crops in Lynn County include sudan, guar, sunflowers, peas, rye, oats, triticale, and pasture grasses.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer, with a \$300 cap per county. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers. In return, producers receive a payment if the crop suffers greater than a 50 percent loss for weather related damages. Actual production will be used to establish a crop yield. Keeping and reporting records of acreage and production from non-insurable crops is very important to get the best loss coverage available under the NAP program. NAP is a crop disaster program available when needed. Each qualifying individual loss can be addressed based on its own merits.

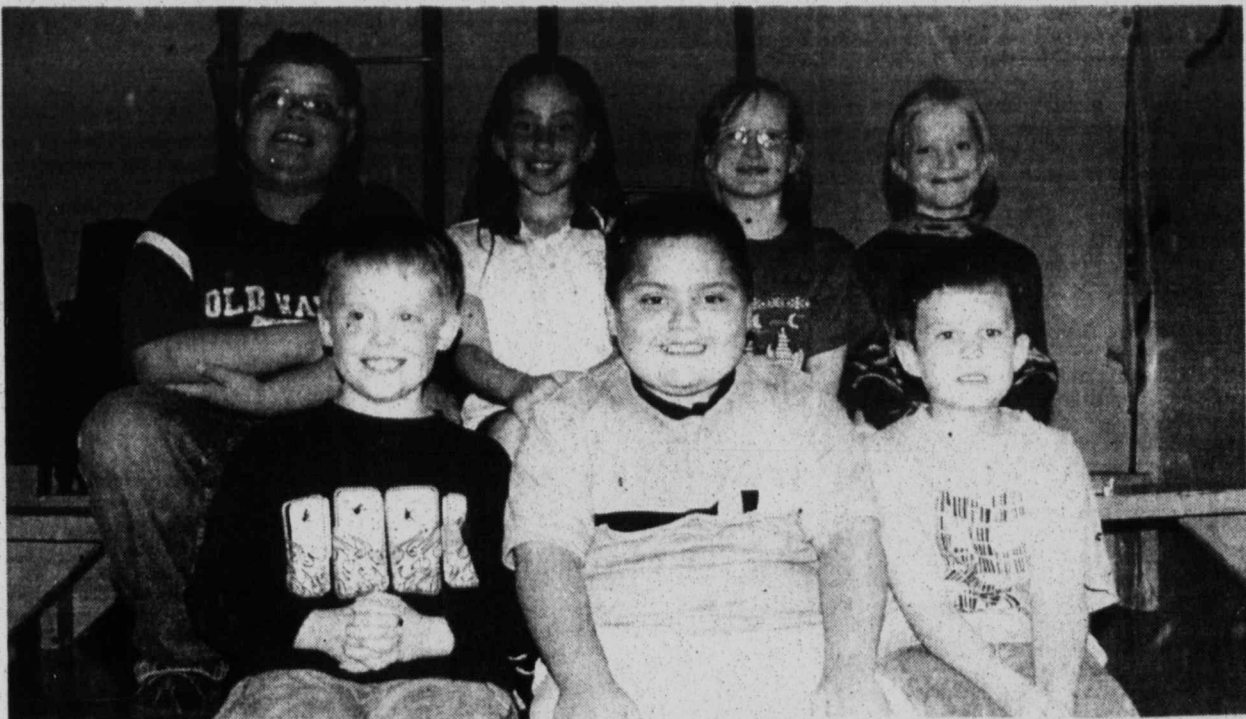
In addition to filing applications for coverage and paying fees by the deadline, NAP crop producers have the opportunity to certify their 2000 and 2001 crop production to support their proven yields and substantiate loss claims.

Producers with questions should contact the local FSA office at 1601 South 2nd in Tahoka or by calling 998-4501.

Rylander Delivers Sales Tax Rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered \$272.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts. Sales tax allocations to local governments are down 1.4 percent compared to April 2001. So far this year, local sales tax allocations are down 0.5 percent compared to the first four months of 2001.

March sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March.



UIL WINNERS - These Tahoka Elementary third graders were winners in the district UIL contest held March 21. They are (back) Benjerman Aguirre, 3rd Music Memory; Morgan Lockaby, 3rd Music Memory; Taryn Bishop, 6th Spelling; Monica Strickland, 3rd Music Memory and 4th Ready Writing; (front) Patrick Wells, 1st Story Telling and 3rd Music Memory; Jacob Wright, 3rd Music Memory; and Michael Paris, 3rd Music Memory.



WINNERS AT DISTRICT - Several fourth grade students from Tahoka Elementary competed in the district UIL contest held March 21. Winners were (back) Brittany Benavides, 2nd Ready Writing; Stephanie DeLeon, 3rd Art; Jynna Askew, 6th Oral Reading; Griselda Lopez, 3rd Art; Benjamin Freitag, 3rd Art; (middle) Lindsey Munoz, 3rd Art; Ryan Rios, 3rd Art; 5th Number Sense; Troy Alvarado, 1st Music Memory; Xavier Zammaron, 1st Music Memory; (front) Wilson Villegas, 1st Music Memory; A'Leesha Truelove, 1st Music Memory; and Anthony Alvarez, 1st Music Memory.

O'Donnell received \$909.02 this year as opposed to \$426.19 last year for an increase of 113.28 percent. Tahoka showed an increase of 3.52 percent, receiving \$5,076.78 this year versus \$4,903.78 last year. Wilson received \$373.31 this year.

Year-to-date, O'Donnell has received \$4,372.77 in rebates, while

Tahoka has earned \$28,007.57 and Wilson has taken in \$1,557.95.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made Friday, May 10.

Armadillos, opossums and sloths spend an average of 80 percent of their lives sleeping.

Tahoka Elementary Students Compete In District UIL Contest

Students in second through fifth grades at Tahoka Elementary School participated in the district UIL contest on March 21 with several students being named winners in their events.

Third grade winners include: Benjerman Aguirre, 3rd Music Memory; Morgan Lockaby, 3rd Music Memory; Taryn Bishop, 6th Spelling; Monica Strickland, 3rd Music Memory and 4th Ready Writing; Patrick Wells, 1st Story Telling and 3rd Music Memory; Jacob Wright, 3rd Music Memory; and Michael Paris, 3rd Music Memory.

Winners in fourth grade competition include: Brittany Benavides, 2nd Ready Writing; Stephanie

DeLeon, 3rd Art; Jynna Askew, 6th Oral Reading; Griselda Lopez, 3rd Art; Benjamin Freitag, 3rd Art; Lindsey Munoz, 3rd Art; Ryan Rios, 3rd Art and 5th Number Sense; Troy Alvarado, 1st Music Memory; Xavier Zammaron, 1st Music Memory; Wilson Villegas, 1st Music Memory; A'Leesha Truelove, 1st Music Memory; and Anthony Alvarez, 1st Music Memory.

Fifth grade winners were Adrian Webster, 4th Art; Cori Vega, 1st Music Memory; Araceli Lopez, 1st Music Memory; Melanie Beard, 4th Art; Brandi Gonzales, 1st Listening; Toni Murrillo, 4th Art; Billy Saldana, 4th Art; Morgan Fisher, 1st Music Memory and 3rd Maps, Graphs and Charts; Samantha Pridmore, 1st Music Memory; Brandon Moss, 1st Music Memory; Valerie Sosa, 1st Music Memory; Tiffany Lam, 4th Spelling, and Crystal Flores, 4th Art.

Also participating in the contest were: Second grade-Tanner Montalvo, April Lam, Braiden Fisher, Stormee Martin, Wendy Arellano, Francisco Rivera, Erika Marquez, Chance Cook, and John Paul DeLeon; Third Grade-Kalee Wuensche, Nikki Box, Taylor Ford, Mycah Druessedow, Skyler McCleskey, Brooke Bruington, Kaitlyn Reno, Kenzie Angeley, and Brittany Ford; Fourth Grade-Anthony Simms, Shadowhawk Saldana, Meghann Rivas, Anissa Alvarado, Sarah Morad-Ali, and Matt Taylor; Fifth Grade-Sara Calvillo, Raquel Aispuro, Mitchell Chapa, Jordan Blassingame, Trey Daves, Lucy Perez, Chelsea Terry, Kourtney Sodd, Jessica Ramirez, Vicente Salinas, and Bretton Engle.

The firkin is a traditional unit of volume equal to one-fourth of a barrel.

Tahoka School Menu

April 22-26

Breakfast

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits or Cereal & Biscuits, Grape Juice, Milk.

Friday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Mixed Salad, Sliced Apples, Milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape Ups, Milk.

Thursday: Corn Dogs, Baked Potato, Apricot Halves, Milk.

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, Peaches (K-3), Peach Cobbler (4-12), Milk.



FIFTH GRADE WINNERS - These Tahoka Elementary students placed in the fifth grade division of the district UIL meet held March 21. Winners were (back) Adrian Webster, 4th Art; Cori Vega, 1st Music Memory; Araceli Lopez, 1st Music Memory; Melanie Beard, 4th Art; Brandi Gonzales, 1st Listening; Toni Murrillo, 4th Art; Billy Saldana, 4th Art; Morgan Fisher, 1st Music Memory and 3rd Maps, Graphs and Charts; Samantha Pridmore, 1st Music Memory; (front) Brandon Moss, 1st Music Memory; Valerie Sosa, 1st Music Memory; Tiffany Lam, 4th Spelling, and Crystal Flores, 4th Art.



LANDON BARTLEY
USAA Honors
Landon Bartley

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Landon Bartley of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership.

This is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

Landon, who attends Tahoka High School, was nominated for this national award by Sherri McCord, a counselor at the school. His name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Landon is the son of Math and Linda Bartley of Tahoka. His grandparents are Dean Bartley and Dwayne and Odell Vaughan, all of Tahoka.

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Volunteers Lend Helping Hands

Several volunteers for "Lending Hands" helped roof the home of Robert and Aurora Cruz at 2104 North 5th in Tahoka last Saturday and Sunday. The group's motto is "Helping People, Changing Lives."

Helping roof the Cruz home were Elena Martinez, Eric Gonzales, Noe Gonzales, Robert Cruz, Sandy Autry, Urban and Sarah Garcia, Sara Alvarado, Shannon Cowley, Mandi Benavides, George Sepeda, Roger Locke, Roger Locke Sr., Lynn Locke, Yolanda Aleman, Kerri Cowley, Adrian Aleman, Ricardo Salinas, Terri Cisneros, Jenifer Cisneros, Laura Saldana, Josh Stice, Cory Engle, Cory Corrasco, Fernando Aguilar, Keely Harcrow, and Armando Ramirez.

Little League Concession Stand To Feature Homemade Items

The Little League Baseball Concession Stand will feature a variety of menu items this year in order to better serve their customers. Each night will feature a different "special" that will be a homemade item. Current plans include chopped beef sandwiches, soft tacos, and baked potatoes. Traditional concession stand items like nachos, hot pockets and frito pie will also be available.

"The entire community is invited to join us for a quick bite to support our kids. Funds from the concession stand are used to purchase new equipment and to keep the registration costs down for our players. Please join us!" said a league sponsor.

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2002-03 TRANSFER APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The deadline for transferring your child or children to Tahoka Independent School District for the 2002-03 school year is May 10. In order to transfer it is necessary that parents complete an application no later than Monday, May 6, 2002. These forms are available in the TISD Superintendent's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Superintendent's secretary, Julia Charo, will assist you in completing this form. 16-tfc

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ADVANCING TO STATE - These members of the New Home FFA Dairy Judging Team competed in the Texas Tech Judging Contest on April 6, placing second overall, first in district, and second in area. The team will compete in the state contest at Texas A&M April 26-27. Team members are Keaton Askw, senior; Kayla Durham, junior; Zac Morris, junior; Miranda Koonce, junior; and Jonathon Rodriguez, senior. The team is coached by James Tabor.

Wied, Lady Leopards Advance To Regionals

Six members of the New Home track teams will advance to regional competition next week after placing at area competition in Snyder on April 12. Regionals will be held in at South Plains College in Levelland April 26-27.

Shaun Wied, the lone member of the men's team to advance, placed second in the 800 meter run.

Lady Leopard Stephanie Kieth had a good day, placing second in both the triple jump and the 200 meter dash to advance. She was also a member of the 400 meter relay team along with Brooke Kieth, Brittany Kieth and Randi Thornhill that placed fourth to advance to regionals.

Also advancing is Lauren Wied, who placed fourth in the high jump.

New Home School Menu

April 22-26
Breakfast

Monday: Donut, Milk.
Tuesday: Biscuit, Jelly, Milk.
Wednesday: Fruit A Roo, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Muffin, Milk.
Friday: Mini Corn Dogs, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Beefy Nachos, Pinto Beans, Orange Half, Lettuce, Tomato, Milk.
Tuesday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Wednesday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Curry Fries, Pickle Spears, Carrot, Celery, Blueberry Blooming Cake, Milk.
Thursday: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Apricot Fruit Treat, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Cookie, Milk.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The junior class will be holding a car wash Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the New Home school. The junior class needs help with the prom. Ice cream will also be available.

The varsity cheerleaders are selling mosaic square candles until May 2. They will make wonderful Mother's Day gifts. Candles are available at time of purchase for only \$6.50. Proceeds will help pay camp expenses. See Stephanie, Kayla, Brittany, Brooke, Lauren, Shea, Stefanie, or Miranda for your order or contact Karon Durham at 924-7524.

FFA judging teams will compete at Tech this Saturday and at A&M on the 27th.

There will be an immunization clinic for students from 9-10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23.

Pre-registration for Kindergarten will be held from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23.

There will be a blood drive at New Home schools from 1:00-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24. A minimum of 15 donors are needed in order for the mobile unit to make the trip, so anyone wishing to donate blood should call Karon Durham at 924-7524 to make an appointment.



by Carol Yowell

Be sure to purchase your UIL Banquet tickets at the school. We will have a chicken fried steak meal at a cost of \$7 for advance tickets, \$8 at the door. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 14 in the school gym.

Please plan to come and be a part of honoring the students of Wilson High School and Wilson Junior High. All students from sixth through twelfth grades will be given their awards for UIL participation as well as individual awards from teachers. It will be a fun evening for all!



MANDY SANDERS Sanders Earns Honor Roll Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Mandy Sanders of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in Honor Roll.

This is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

Mandy, who attends Tahoka High School, was nominated for this national award by Sherri McCord, a counselor at the school. Her name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Mandy is the daughter of Steve and Judy Sanders of Tahoka.



ADVANCING TO REGIONALS - Tahoka High School senior Lesley Chapa and junior Randy Chapa will compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament in Abilene April 24-25, after claiming District Runnerup titles in the District Tennis Tournament recently. Lesley won three of four matches in girls singles in the district meet to place second, and Randy also won three of four matches in boys singles to claim second place and advance to regionals. Freshman Cade Miller (not shown) of Tahoka won third place at the district meet. (LCN PHOTO)

Wilson Band Earns Superior Marks In UIL Concert Contest

The Wilson Mustang Band, under the direction of Aaron Rathbun, last week earned a Superior "1" rating in Concert for the first time in nearly 30 years. The 27-member band, comprised of student musicians in grades 8-12, competed with other schools.

many with much larger student band numbers, in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Concert and Sight-reading Band Contest held last Wednesday, April 10 in the Sundown High School Auditorium.

The Mustang band was the first Class A band to earn first division superior ratings from all three of the judges and one of only two all day that

earned first division ratings. According to the dates on past trophies, these superior ratings are the first for the Mustang band since the seventies.

The band played a very difficult sight-reading piece, which was stated by one of their judges. None of the Class A schools prior to Wilson's performance received higher than a three rating (good) in sight-reading from the sight-reading judges, and Wilson earned the same rating.

"I was very proud of the band's poise and musicianship on the concert stage after following a 100-member band and other larger area bands. All of their hard work has finally paid off,"

All Wilson Sophomores Pass Exit TAAS Test

Wilson Independent School District Superintendent Mike Jones reported this week that 100 percent of Wilson High School sophomore students who were tested passed all portions of the TAAS Exit level test.

"It is a testament to the efforts of our students, perseverance of our talented and caring staff, and involved and interested parents that make this score possible," said Jones.

Students must pass the Exit Level TAAS to graduate from high school, as well as earning passing grades in their high school coursework.



It takes 50 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple sugar.

Wilson ISD Trustee Election Canceled

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday, canceling the May 4 trustee election, and discussing property insurance and other routine agenda items.

With incumbent trustees Mike Taylor and Clyde Wilke, and candidate Rosie Taylor, all unopposed in the upcoming election, trustees voted to cancel the May 4 election. Candidates will be declared elected at that time.

In other business, the board did not renew the current school property/liability insurance with the Texas Association of Public Schools and tabled considering other proposals until later this summer. Trustees approved changes to the cheerleader rules and procedures, and approved West Texas Insurance proposal from GM-Southwest as the UIL/Athletic student insurance carrier for the 2002-03 school year.

Superintendent Mike Jones presented reports on the transition from the current employee health insurance cooperative, Region 17 South Plains Medical Co-Op, to the TRS

Active Care state insurance plan, which will become effective Sept. 1, 2002. The superintendent also reported on the Lynn County Appraisal District collection rate for WISD and discussed its potential implications on local and state revenue estimates. Summer maintenance plans on campus were also discussed.

Laura Villarreal, daughter of Anthony and Carmine Villarreal, was recognized as the Elementary Student of the Month; Samantha Rios, granddaughter of Francis and Johnny Rios, was recognized as the Junior High Student of the Month; and Josie Valdez, daughter of Pete and Janie Valdez, was recognized as the High School Student of the Month. Mrs. Debra Timmons, kindergarten teacher, was recognized as the WISD Employee of the Month.

Trustees Dennis Bednarz, Doug Bolyard, Lonnie Donald, John Henderson, Taylor and Wilke were present at the meeting, and trustee Dan Cook was absent.

The next regular meeting was set for May 9 at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Wilson School Menu

April 22-26
Breakfast

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: Assorted Muffins, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Burritos, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Corn, Fruit, (HS Alt-Nacho Bar), Milk.
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Tahoka Sports News

by THS Growl Staff

Varsity Baseball by Ashdon Hancock

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs shredded the New Deal Lions 16-8. Stephen Solorzano, Matthew Benevise, Blandon Hancock, and Brandon McCord all had three RBI's for the Dogs, and not far behind was Martin Garza with two and Kellen Flowers with one. Hancock and McCord both went yard for a home run each.

On April 5, the Bulldogs stomped the Antelopes 8-6. Hancock, McCord, Matthew Wells and Derek Stephens all had two RBI's each. Derrick Barrientez and Garza were not trailing far behind with one each. Hancock broke the tie with a two run homer.

Middle School Track by Britni Engle

The middle school girls competed in the district track meet in Sundown.

Those receiving first place were 800m relay, Carissa Hall, triple jump; Callie Botkin, long jump; 400m dash, Hall.

Those receiving second place were 1600m relay; Botkin, triple jump; Brandi Randall, 100 and 300m hurdles; 400m relay.

Those receiving third place were Meghan Saldana, high jump; 1600m run Ashley Pendleton.

Those receiving fourth place were 100m dash Kathryn Reno.

Those receiving fifth place were Porscha Mitchell; discus and shot put, 2400m run Ashley Pendleton; Saldana, 800m dash.

Those receiving sixth place were Staci Green, discus; Porscha Mitchell, 100m dash; Christin Chapa, 200m dash.

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