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Tree's a crowd ...

This 1997 Chevrolet pickup owned by Alicia Stephens was damaged when a tree blew down last Tuesday night, May 6 and fell on the vehicle on North 1st Street in Tahoka. Winds were very strong that day.

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New Girls Basketball Coach, Four Teachers Hired Here

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a contract for a new head girls basketball coach here, as well as four other new teachers, during regular session last Thursday night. Recently elected trustees were sworn in to office and other business was conducted, including approval of the pre-kindergarten eligibility enrollment, math teacher stipends, budget amendments, and other routine business.

David W. Brewer, 35, will be taking over the head girls basketball coaching responsibilities, approved unanimously by the board on the recommendation of Athletic Director Troy Hinds. Brewer was offered a one-year probationary professional contract with the district, and he will teach high school English.

A six-year coach, Brewer will come to Tahoka from Class AA Memphis, where he has been head coach over the girls basketball program for the past two years. The season record there showed steady improvement under Brewer's direction, from a 3-22 record when he took over, to 5-20 his first year, and then 10-18 his second year. Prior to that assignment, he worked as an assistant coach in girls programs at Motley County (one year) and at Lockney (three years). He and his wife, Kandle, have a three-year-old child.

Hinds said he interviewed several candidates before recommending Brewer, and felt that the coach would work well with the coaching philosophy here. "We're really looking forward to another successful athletic program," added Hinds.

Superintendent David Hutton informed trustees of two teacher resignations effective at the end of the year, for Suette Green, a 16-year teacher here who currently teaches fourth grade, and for 8th grade English teacher Karen McMinn.

Trustees unanimously approved one-year probationary professional contracts for four teaching positions for next year, including Lorre Haseloff, Jennifer Bruington, and Judy Sanders at the elementary campus and Arlene Spearman at the middle school campus. All are from Tahoka.

Mrs. Haseloff, an elementary certified teacher who is currently an aide at Tahoka Middle/High School, and who has taught one year at Meadow ISD Elementary, will teach a sixth grade class next year, according to Principal Ronald Roberts. She will replace Mrs. Margaret Wiseman, who Roberts said will be reassigned to teach the fourth grade position left open by the resignation of Suette Green. Mrs. Bruington is a six-year teacher who is currently teaching fourth grade at Union ISD, and she

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Woodwork...

by Dalton

A WOMAN who lives in Santa Fe reportedly has developed a method of massaging vicious dogs and turning them into pussy cats. Well, actually the transformation is just from wild to mild, because the aggressive dogs are still dogs after the massaging, but they no longer want to eat the mailman or bite everybody in reach.

The method is called T-Touch, or Tellington Touch, invented by Linda Tellington Jones of Santa Fe, and heralded in a story in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* recently. At a T-Touch seminar, trainer Debra Potts of Oregon is challenging dog owners and trainers to learn healing touch and neurological techniques that supposedly "can calm even the most traumatized or aggressive dogs."

Part of the plan is to give dogs a warm bath, touch them on the ears and tail and other places not specified in the story.

So if a big, slobbering, growling angry Doberman or Rotweiler takes after you, just stop and massage his ears and tail, and even his gums, according to Ms. Potts.

Sure. But I would rather see someone else try it first.

No photographs of Ms. Tellington-Jones or Ms. Potts or any of the other T-Touch trainers accompanied the story. But you'll recognize any of them if you ever see them in person. They'll be the ones with just one arm.

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JERRY BECKNAL, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tahoka, tells about seeing a blind man in the stands of a Texas Rangers baseball game in Arlington recently. He wrote in the Baptist *Messenger* on May 6 that he was fascinated as he watched the man, led in by his guide dog, sit down and take out his transistor radio and listen to the game. Jerry couldn't imagine why the man would want to do that.

What you didn't know, Jerry, was that this guy is an American League umpire who just couldn't think of anywhere else to go on his night off.

The Lynn County News will publish a **Senior Graduation** issue featuring all Lynn County Seniors next week!

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 7	88	57	
May 8	80	59	
May 9	66	49	1.29"
May 10	70	42	
May 11	77	48	1.23"
May 12	62	50	
May 13	84	48	

Precip. for 1997 to date: 10.39"

Baccalaureate Set Sunday For Wilson, New Home Seniors

Baccalaureate services for New Home High School and Wilson High School seniors will be held this Sunday, May 18.

Services for the nine New Home seniors will be held at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of New Home. Baccalaureate services for 15 Wilson High School seniors will be held at 6 p.m. in the Wilson High School Auditorium.

In Tahoka, Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. O'Donnell I.S.D. does not have Baccalaureate services.

Commencement ceremonies for seniors in the county will held on May 23 for O'Donnell, New Home and Wilson, and on May 30 for Tahoka.

100% Of Wilson Sophomores Pass TAAS Writing Test

Wilson High School sophomores excelled on this year's exit level TAAS test in all three areas: reading, writing, and mathematics. The writing test was passed by 100% of the students while the reading and mathematics sections were passed by 95% of the students, according to Wilson High School Principal David Hutton, Jr.

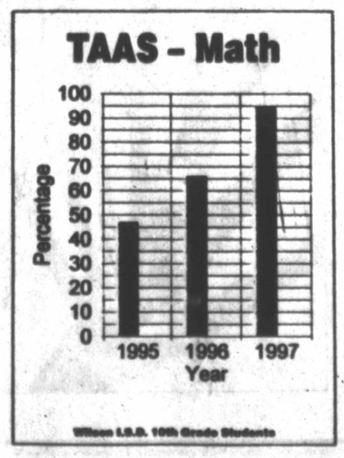
Huge gains were also made by the number of students receiving academic recognition on the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) tests. On the math section, 57% of the students, and on the reading section, 50% of the students reached this high level of excellence. Students receiving academic recognition have close to perfect scores on their individual tests.

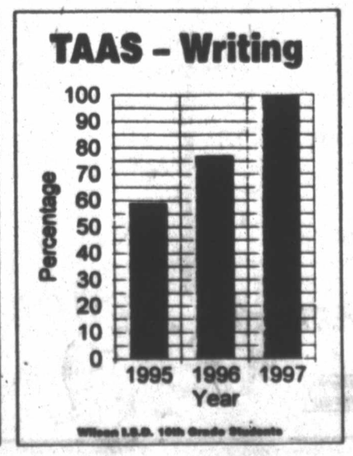
"Over the past three years, Wilson students have made steady progress," said Hutton. "Passing percentages for the math test have increased from 47% to 95%, for the reading test the passing rate has increased from 59% to 95%, and for the writing test the passing rate increased from 59% to 100%, " the principal explained.

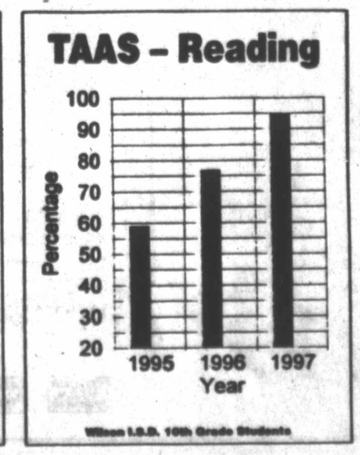
The exit level TAAS is first given in the tenth grade. Students must pass all three sections of the test in order to graduate from a Texas school.

Members of the sophomore class are Kevin Abbe, Jonathan Casteel, Brenda Castillo, Jeff Compton, Kimberly Compton, Amber Fields, Joel Garza, Jose Fernando Gonzales, Bryan Isham, Steven Johnston, Alfredo Martinez, Cindy Mendez, Nick Moreno, Jaime Ortega, Juan Carlos Perez, Karl Platte, Sofie Valadez, Joey Valdez, Rachel Vasquez, and D'Andra Wilke.

WILSON SOPHOMORES EXCEL ON EXIT TAAS TESTS – Wilson High School sophomores excelled on this year's exit level TAAS tests, with 100% of students passed the writing test, and 95% passing the reading and mathematics sections. Members of the class are, kneeling from left, Joel Garza, Bryan Isham, Joey Valadez, Karl Platte, Kevin Abbe, Steven Johnston, Juan Carlos Perez, and standing from left, Alfredo Martinez, Amber Fields, D'Andra Wilke, Cindy Mendez, Nick Moreno, Jeff Compton, Kimberly Compton, Brenda Castillo, Sofie Valadez, José Fernando Gonzales, Rachael Vasquez and Jaime Ortega. Not shown is Jonathan Casteel. (LCN PHOTO)







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Vandalism, Theft Reports On File

Vandalism and theft reports headed up the list of incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

Owner Ron Case said that an air compressor valued at $599 had been stolen from a barn about 4.5 miles west of New Home of FM 211 within the last three weeks. He described the compressor as a Campbell Hausfeld with a 5 hp Honda motor, 20-gallon tank and 50 feet of air hose.

At New Home School, someone sprayed paint on a wellhouse and on the exterior of a cafeteria door. Investigation is continuing.

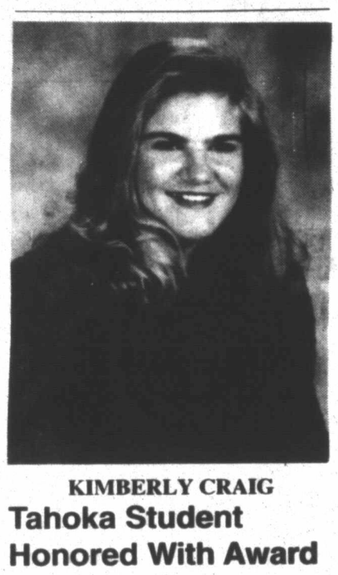
A 38-year-old Wilson woman who said she was assaulted by a male companion last Thursday told deputies she would file charges against the man.

A 1979 Oldsmobile owned by David Lamb-Vines of New Home was stolen after the owner parked it on FM 1730 to avoid having to drive through mud on an intersecting county road. When he returned Friday morning the car was gone. It later was found in Lubbock.

Dorothy Camille Quintero of Tahoka reported that her Buick LeSabre had been damaged last Wednesday when it was pushed by a pickup driven by a man who told her it needed to be moved so he could work on the street.

Staci Artry of Tahoka reported that her car had been hit by an unknown vehicle while it was parked at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Sunday.

In jail during the last week were seven persons charged with these offenses: possession of a controlled substance over one gram and less than four grams; failure to appear on warrants for driving while intoxicated (DWI) second offense and traffic warrants out of Lubbock; warrants for speeding, failure to appear and possession of narcotics paraphernalia; DWI first offense; Terry County warrants on motion to revoke probation on charges of DWI.



KIMBERLY CRAIG

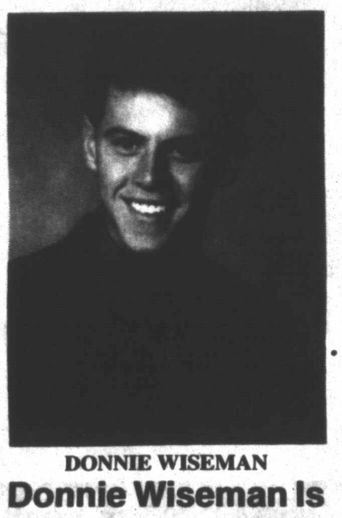
Tahoka Student Honored With Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Kimberly Craig of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

The award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Kimberly, who attends Tahoka Middle School, was nominated for this award by Mary Belew, science teacher at the school. He name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Kimberly is the daughter of Al and Sherri Craig of Tahoka and the granddaughter of Jack and Ann Bishop of Slide and Robert and Pasty Craig of Post.



DONNIE WISEMAN

Donnie Wiseman Is Wayland Graduate

On May 7, 1997, Donnie Jack Wiseman was presented the award for the top student in the field of Secondary Education during the annual student awards at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He was also inducted into the University Who's Who.

Wiseman has attended Wayland his entire college career where he has been involved in the Student Government Association for two years and was Secretary of Elections for one year. He served as a Resident Hall Supervisor for Brotherhood Hall for the past year. He was chosen Class Favorite by his classmates his junior year.

He will graduate Saturday, May 17 with a degree in Composite Science. He recently signed a contract with Plainview ISD to teach seventh grade Life Science at Coronado Junior High.

Wiseman is the son of Charlotte Wiseman and Jim Wiseman of Tahoka and the grandson of Billy Jack and Louise Bairrington of O'Donnell.

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MARISA ANN MARTIN and ROBERT LARRY WEBSTER, JR.

Couple Plans July Nuptials

Marisa Ann Martin and Robert Larry Webster, Jr., both of Tahoka, announce their engagement. Marisa is the daughter of Pam Martin of Tahoka and David Martin of Lake Ransom Canyon. Webster is the son of Dan and Phyllis Taylor of Tahoka.

The couple plans to wed July 11, 1997 in the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Navarro College. She will attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Navarro College. He will be employed by Taylor Tractor Company in Tahoka.

ALICIA GUZMAN

Guzman Named To Junior Honor Society

Alicia Guzman, a seventh grade student at Christ The King Cathedral School in Lubbock was inducted into the Johannine Chapter of The National Junior Honor Society on Friday, May 9.

She was also named outstanding offensive player of the year in basketball at the annual athletic banquet held on April 27.

Alicia is the daughter of Manuel and Diane Guzman of Lubbock and the granddaughter of John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka.

Rita Haney Memorial Golf Tournament Set

The Lynn County division of the American Heart Association will sponsor a golf tournament in memory of Rita Haney on Saturday, May 31, at the T-Bar Country Club. Mrs. Haney was an avid and popular golfer who died in March.

Registration will be from 8:00-8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 8:30 for a 4 person scramble. Cost is $30 per individual entry or $120 per team. Mulligans will be $5 each with a maximum of two per person. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive. There will also be a hole-in-one contest and various door prizes.

Fajitas and a drink will be served after the tournament and is included with the entry fee. Non-golfers may pay $15 per adult, $10 per child age 3-10 and children 2 and under are free. Juice, coffee and muffins will be served at registration.

To enter the tournament call Dr. Donald Freitag, 998-4544; Jannis Childress, 998-4192; Kim Oglesby, 628-6230; or T-Bar Country Club, 998-5305.

Scholarship Awards Presented To Tahoka High School Seniors

by THS Growl Staff

The annual Tahoka High School Awards Program was held Tuesday, May 6, in the high school gym. Several graduating seniors were awarded scholarships.

Rev. Marvin Gregory and Mrs. Jim Solomon handed Joe Lara, Jr., Stephanie Gregory, and Georgia Williams scholarships from the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Carolyn Botkin awarded scholarships from the First Baptist Church to Georgia Williams, Bonnie Stennett, Shayla Brandon, Misty Nance, Lee Rash, and Brent Raindl.

Mrs. Madeline Hegi presented two scholarships for the Phebe K. Warner Study Clubs of America. Erica Handley received the Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship and Brent Raindl the Maurice Bray scholarship.

Brent Raindl received a Barbara Cook Honorarium Scholarship sponsored by the THS Student Council. Presenting the honorary scholarship were Mrs. Sherri McCord and Kathy Long.

Cal Huffaker presented Georgia Williams with the Seniors of 1990 Scholarship. Huffaker was joined by Harvest Festival Queen Committee Chairman, Mrs. Leah Taylor, to present the reigning Harvest Festival Queen, Robin Martin, with a scholarship. Abby Wells, 1996 Harvest Festival Queen, was also presented a scholarship.

Haney Wells of the Tahoka Rotary Club presented a Rotary Club Scholarship to Brent Raindl and a Rotary Sweetheart Scholarship to Stephanie Gregory.

Dr. Duane Carter presented scholarships to two students. Maribel Chavarria received the Roy Lemond Scholarship and Rachel Tew the Beulah Pridmore Memorial Scholarship.

D. Claude Lusk announced the award of an academic scholarship for Georgia Williams to Wayland Baptist University.

Brad Long, Maribel Chavarria and Kristi Chapa were presented LULAC National Scholarships by Joe Calvillo.

Robin Martin and Lee Rash were recognized for receiving $10,000 academic scholarships to Texas A&M University. Aggie graduate, Melvin Burks, made the presentations to Robin and Rash.

Micah Smith was awarded a Hardin Simmons University Scholarship, Erica Handley an Angelo State University Carr Academic Scholarship, and Rachel Tew a Texas Trial Lawyers Association Scholarship. These presentations were made by Mrs. McCord.

Principal Jimmy Parker presented Georgia Williams with a scholarship from the Association for Compensatory Educators, and recognized Brent Raindl for a full academic scholarship to Abilene Christian University.

Denny Belew presented a $1,000 National FFA Foundation Scholarship from Cargill to Lee Rash.

OBITUARIES

Dora Torres

Services for Dora F. Torres, 67, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 12, in Iglesia Bautista Emanuel Church in Slaton with the Rev. Ruben Perez, pastor, and the Rev. Paul Pequeno officiating.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton.

She died Thursday, May 8, 1997.

She was born Nov. 11, 1929, in Denver, Co. She was a former Lynn County and Mason resident before moving to Slaton in 1979. She was a home care provider and a member of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel where she sang in the choir.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Watkins; five sons, Santiago III of Weirton, W. Va., Albert of Plainview, and Mario, Anthony and Gilbert, all of Buffalo, W.Va.; six daughters, Linda Martin of Robertsburg, W. Va., Rosamary Salinas of Lubbock, Mary Ann Lara of Levelland, Pauline Hernandez of New Home, and Josie Beard and Mary Gutierrez, both of Tahoka; one sister, Viola Martinez of Mason; 42 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Faustino Florez

Mass for Faustino Rodriguez Florez, 37, of Kermit was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kermit with the Rev. Father John Telles officiating.

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the church. Burial was in Kermit Cemetery.

Florez died Sunday, May 11, 1997, in Kermit.

He was born Nov. 7, 1959, in La Jitas, Mexico. He was a farmer and a Catholic. He moved to Kermit last year. He married Martina Villa on Aug. 6, 1988, in La Jitas.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Rosio, Elizabeth and Lluvia, all of Kermit; his parents, Faustino and Belia of Sheffield; five brothers, Hector Antonio of Lubbock, Domingo and Armando, both of Sheffield, Jose R. of Tahoka and Dulcenombres of Slaton; and three sisters, Andrea Palma of Sheffield, Victoria Prieto of Kermit and Luz Elena Zarate of McCamey.

Victor Salinas

Mass for Victor G. Salinas, 74, of Tahoka was celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Todd Arnberg, OMI of Lamesa, officiating.

Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home.

Rosary was Friday, May 9, in White Memorial Chapel.

Salinas died Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at Lynn County Hospital.

He was born Oct. 16, 1922, in Cuevo. He moved to Lynn County in 1948 from South Texas. He married Juanita Garza, who died Dec. 6, 1979. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include two daughters, Ernestine Lopez of Levelland and Josephine Adame of Hale Center; five sons, Daniel of Lubbock, Ralph of Austin and Frank, Victor Jr. and Larry all of Tahoka; two brothers, Marcial of Tahoka and Zaragosa of Brownwood; three sisters, Manuela Salinas of Albuquerque, N.M., and Maracela Najara and Lupe Avela, both of Houston; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Wellness Clinic Set At Senior Citizens

A Wellness Clinic will be held at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, 1600 South 3rd Street in Tahoka, today (Thursday) beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continuing through lunch.

Senior citizens may have their blood pressure and blood sugar checked, as well as a vision test, arthritis test and balance test. Everyone is invited to participate.

Senior Gift Registry

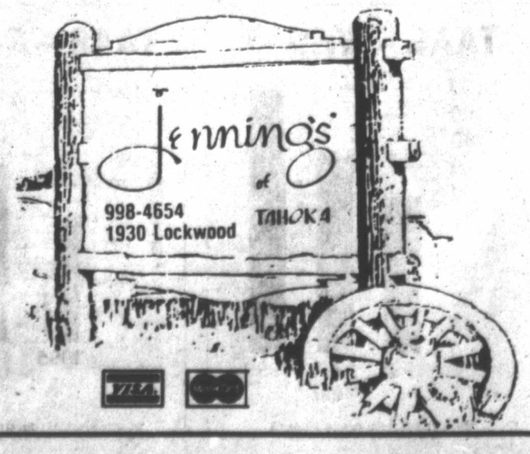
Can't decide what to buy for the girls on your graduation gift list?

We Can Help!

Several seniors have registered for gift ideas at Jennings ... and even if they haven't, we can help you choose a gift she will love forever!

Choose from Brighton Belts, Watches, Wallets, Bracelets, Key Fobs, or pewter picture frames, sterling jewelry, and more!

Come in & purchase one of the graduate gifts, or simply pay a portion towards their gift selection!



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SMITH TO PLAY BASKETBALL FOR H.S.U. – Tahoka High School senior Micah Smith (seated right) is shown with her basketball coach, Cindy Gardner (seated left) and parents Edwin and Tommy Sue Pebsworth as she commits to play basketball for Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka Senior Micah Smith To Play For Hardin Simmons

"After having been a highly recruited player by several highly respected programs Micah Smith will finally live the dream of her life as she becomes a Cowgirl for Hardin Simmons University," said Tahoka High School Coach Cindy Gardner in announcing the Tahoka senior's intent to play basketball for H.S.U. last week.

Micah has played basketball almost year-round since third grade, when she started Little Dribblers in elementary. She has played AAU, BCI, and summer leagues which have taken her to two national tournaments.

"Micah's hard work has definitely paid off as she has received many honors during her high school career. This year Micah has been named 5-AA All-District Co-MVP, All-South Plains, All-Region, All-State, 3 All-Tournament Honors, First Alternate to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game, and AA Academic All-State Athlete," said Coach Gardner.

Micah's academic success has awarded her the Dean Scholarship from H.S.U.

Hardin Simmons, located in Abilene, has an average enrollment of approximately 2,400 students and is a Southern Baptist Private School. The Hardin Simmons Cowgirls have won their conference and competed in the national tournament three of the last five years. Head Coach Julie Goodenough is in her fourth season with the Cowgirls and says she is excited about Micah's commitment to the program.

H.S.U. is in the American Southwest Conference and NCAA Division 3. This NCAA Division 3 will be a new step for H.S.U. this next year and will allow more play-off opportunities with other non-scholarship program.

In the American Southwest Conference with Hardin Simmons is McMurry, Howard Payne, University of Dallas, Austin College, Sul Ross, Mary Hardin Baylor College, Mississippi College and the University of the Ozarks.

The Cowgirls play a full junior varsity and varsity schedule, traveling up to 15 players on the varsity squad. The Cowgirls expect a very successful season this next year, having lost only one senior to graduation and having some top recruits coming into the program.

News from the
Better Business Bureau

A national alert has been issued to advise consumers about the Stimulator, a pain killing device allegedly made from gas grill ignitors, that is being actively marketed and distributed despite actions by the federal government to prohibit further sales. The Stimulator and related product, the Xtendor have NOT been approved by the Federal Drug Administration and further, federal marshals seized approximately 16,000 Stimulators from the marketing company, Universal Management Services of Akron, Ohio as a result of a complaint by the FDA alleging that the device required FDA approval prior to being sold. The products are being sold through infomercials featuring Evel Kneivel and actress Lee Merriweather as well as through advertisements in airline and other magazines. There have been numerous consumer complaints filed at the BBB/Akron alleging non-delivery, non-receipt of requested refunds and ineffectiveness of the product. Our best advice - exercise caution!

Cybershopping is a quick and easy way to purchase virtually anything over the Internet. Before you start browsing the shops on the Net, be sure your cyberspace experience is a good one - one that is safe and well-informed. Use your common sense when shopping online - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! How secure is your web browser - consider a browser which encrypts or scrambles purchase information and transactions. Don't ever give out your internet password. Read any instructions carefully and pay attention to the accuracy of information when placing your orders. Be wary if you are asked to supply unnecessary information such as a social security number or bank account numbers. For the record, print out a copy of your order and confirmation number and finally, give the Bureau a call if you are considering dealing with a company you do not know. Call 763-0459 or 800-687-7890.

The BBB/Houston has issued a warning to property sellers of a marketing scheme that has recently attracted law enforcement attention. Federal indictments allege that two companies, AMERICAN LAND LIQUIDATORS and NATIONAL LISTING SERVICES based in Montgomery, Texas have lured land owners into paying up-front "marketing fees" after promising to find buyers for unwanted property. According to the FBI, the companies bought records of property owners who had purchased time shares or resort property from the county clerks' offices. The property owners later received personalized post cards claiming to have buyers for property like theirs and promising to advertise it on television and in periodicals. The owners were encouraged to call a toll-free number within 72 hours. When they did, telemarketers promised high prices for their property and urged them to send a "marketing fee" of $295-$595. The companies purportedly never made any actual sales; instead, the money was distributed between the telemarketers and company owners.

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T.I.S.D. Hires New Teachers

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will be teaching a third grade class here to fill a position left by the retirement of Mrs. Linda Huffaker. Mrs. Sanders, who was a teachers aide here from 1989-93 and a substitute teacher from 1993-96, recently earned her elementary certification and will be a first-year teacher here, in the kindergarten class. She will be filling a position left vacant by Mrs. Kathy Druesedow, who Roberts said will be reassigned to teach the new pre-K class next year.

Mrs. Spearman will teach eighth grade English here, filling the position left by the resignation of Mrs. McMinn. Currently, Mrs. Spearman teaches English and reading at Wilson Junior/Senior High School, where she has been employed for two years.

Trustees also gave Supt. Hutton the authority to hire two math teachers for the middle/high school campuses, an elementary counselor, and a special education teacher for the next school year.

In other action, the board unanimously approved a request by Supt. Hutton to pay an additional $1000 stipend to secondary math teachers. Hutton told trustees that because math teachers are so difficult to recruit, the stipend would be an additional inducement for the position here. The two new teachers, plus the current three math teachers in grades 7-12, would receive the supplement.

The new pre-kindergarten class eligibility requirements was discussed by the board, with trustees unanimously approving a motion to limit the class to four-year-olds who qualify for state reimbursement, which would mean that funding for the program would be from state funds and not from local money.

Budget amendments were approved as presented, and monthly bills were approved. Some discussion was held concerning the starting date for the next school year, since a bill has been passed by the Senate stating that unless a local school board requests a waiver the first day of instruction will be after Sept. 1. As of the board meeting, the bill had not been passed by the House, but in case the bill became law, trustees authorized Supt. Hutton to request the waiver to keep Tahoka I.S.D.'s starting dates in August, as has already been approved on the school calendar.

One other proposal was also approved by trustees, who made a resolution to request state funding for a new reading program on the elementary campus. A proposal will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency for funding for Academics 2000: First Things First reading improvement initiative for Pre-K through fourth grade students. If approved by TEA, the program will be completely funded by state money, at a cost of approximately $16,700.

Principal Roberts was enthusiastic about the possibility of incorporating a new reading program with the current Accelerated Reader program, and said the Accelerated Reader program in grades K-6 was working very well, with students checking out 22,000 books this year and taking computer tests on those books.

"Students checked out 10,000 books during the first semester, and I challenged them to 12,000 this semester and they will surpass that – they are driving the librarian crazy," said Roberts told trustees with a grin, adding that the students have a very high passing rate percentage on their book tests, proving they are reading the books.

All seven trustees were present for the 3-1/2 hour meeting, which began at 7 p.m. following a dinner for trustees and their spouses, including outgoing trustee Rex Rash who was presented a plaque of appreciation, and new trustee Ty Askew. Askew and Greg Henley, who was re-elected to his third term on the board, were sworn in at the beginning of the board meeting.

Trustees re-elected Henley as President of the Board for the fifth consecutive year, and named Brad Hammonds, who has served as secretary for several years, as vice president. Trustee Joe Calvillo was elected secretary. Other trustees are Carmen Chapa, Ginger Henry, and Juanell Jones.

1997-98 THS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS – Tahoka High School varsity cheerleaders for 1997-98 are (standing from left) Courtney Stennett, Jennifer Dotson, and Tancy DeLeon; (middle row from left) Shayla Lawson, Amanda Fuentes (head cheerleader), and Chelsea White; and (on the floor from left) Kelli Whitley, Lana Cole (Bulldog mascot), and Jessica House. (LCN PHOTO)

Cheerleading Clinic Scheduled Here June 23-26

Tahoka varsity cheerleaders will host a cheerleading clinic for girls ages 4-12 on June 23-26. Registration forms have been given to Tahoka Elementary girls, and additional forms are available at the elementary office or from Mrs. Gena Stephens, cheerleader sponsor.

Completed registration forms for the summer clinic are due to the elementary office or Mrs. Stephens by May 28. A $25 registration fee is also due at that time, which includes the four-day clinic (held 9-10:30 a.m. daily), a pep rally to conclude the clinic on Thursday evening, a camp tee-shirt, a Bulldog seat cushion autographed by varsity cheerleaders, and a picture package which includes one 5x7 and four wallet photos.

For more information, contact Mrs. Stephens at Tahoka High School, 998-4538, or at 998-4323, or Karin Mullins at 998-4538.

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TXDOT TAHOKA MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES HONORED – Several employees with the Texas Department of Transportation in Tahoka were honored at the 1997 Awards Day in Lubbock for safe driving and years of service with TXDOT. They have a combined service time of 106 years with 90 years of no accidents. They are, front row from left, Dino DeLeon, Shi Dotson, Roger Locke, Ramiro Resendez, and Francisco Agular; back row, from left, George DeLeon, Roosevelt Moore, Phillip Barnett, Ricky Nieman, Steve Renfro, Van Long, and Michael Quisenberry.

Sharp Delivers May Sales Tax Rebates

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, recently delivered a total of $216.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported to the Comptroller in April, and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February, and March.

As a whole, Lynn County received a total of $11,125.53 this period as opposed to $10,739.31 for the same period last year for an increase of 3.59%. Tahoka received $8,221.65 this year versus $7,768.47 last year for an increase of 5.83% while O'Donnell had a decrease of 4.72% from $2,335.83 last year to $2,225.38 this year. Wilson received $678.50 this period versus $635.01 for an increase of 3.59%.

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Thursday: Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tator Tots or Fries, Carrots, Pickles, Pineapple Gelatin, Gingerbread.

Friday: Crispy Fish, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding.

Rotary News

The Tahoka Rotary Club met Thursday, May 8, at the First United Methodist Church. Marinda Tyler was in charge of the program and introduced Linden Weese, with the Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball program.

Weese, a veteran of the program for the last 15 years as assistant coach, helped drive the ladies to a national championship in 1993. Working with head coach Marsha Sharp, the program has instilled values, education and moral fiber into the young women as well as turning out superior athletes.

Coach Weese recounted the road to success for the winning team to the Rotarians, and talked about the upcoming season in the Big 12 Conference. He brought the club up to date on the new women's professional basketball leagues which are forming, in which former Lady Raider Sheryl Swoopes will play for Houston.

Community service chairman Cal Huffaker reminded the club of the workdays scheduled for the landscaping project at the new Life Enrichment Center, May 17 and 31. President Haney Wells announced that the Rotary scholarship recipients for the year were Brent Raindl, and the current club sweetheart, Stephanie Gregory.

Visiting from the Brownfield Rotary Club was Tommy Hicks. Visiting with Marinda Tyler was Joy Bragg, from the Lynn County Appraisal District office.

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One-Man Scramble Set For May 17-18

T-Bar Country Club is offering a one-man scramble to be held May 17-18. Tee times will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days.

Cost will be $50 per person and deadline to enter is 6 p.m. on May 16.

Call T-Bar Country Club to enter, 998-5305.

Prayer Walk Slated Here

The First United Methodist Church Women's Circle will have a "Prayer Walk" around the Tahoka ISD campuses on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. They invite anyone interested in joining them to meet at the Home Economics Cottage for the walk.

"We pray for our students, teachers, aides, administrators, board members, and anyone else connected with the school as we walk around the campuses," said Mrs. Grace Huffaker, president of the UMW Circle.

Author To Visit Tahoka Elementary

On Friday, May 16, Herb Marlow, an author for Ozark Publishing, Inc., will be at Tahoka Elementary School. Dr. Marlow will be presenting a program at the school in which he will tell stories, encourage the students to read, write and illustrate, and answer questions about writing and publishing books.

Drawing from his experiences and his imagination, Dr. Marlow has been telling stories all his life, and now Ozark Publishing, Inc. is publishing his stories in book form for the pleasure of his readers. The current books available are: "Twisters, Broncriders and Cherry Pie," and "Dillon's Revenge." These books will be available at the presentation for students, parents and faculty to purchase and have autographed.

"Twisters, Broncriders and Cherry Pie" is an illustrated (by Julie Caffee) juvenile novel developed from true and imagined adventures the author was involved in as a boy growing up on his grandparent's farm.

"Dillon's Revenge" is a three-chapter children's illustrated (by Shelly Witschorske) book that also appeals to all ages. Old Bill Dillon may be laughed at by the adults of Casey Center, but not the five boys who help him capture a group of outlaws that the marshal fears. The surprise ending has everyone but Marshal Miles laughing.

Dr. Morton has lived in Graham for the past seven years where he has maintained a private counseling practice - The Family Counseling Center. He has also taught Sociology at Ranger College, Graham Campus for several years. Dr. Marlow holds a Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling, and has furnished many articles to professional publication. He is also a well known public speaker. he is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, a former full time pastor, a certified Behavioral Therapist, and listed in "Who's Who Among Human Services Professionals," and "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

SAFE DRIVER – Recently, Jose Tijerina received the Safe Operator from the State of Texas for 20 years of operating a state vehicle with no accident. He was also honored with a plaque, a gold pin of the State of Texas, and a survival knife for 22 years of service time with the Texas Department of Transportation. He works at the Lynn County TXDOT Maintenance Division in Tahoka.

Tahoka Middle School Awards Banquet Rescheduled To May 28

Tahoka Middle School will hold their awards banquet on Wednesday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Parents and friends of students are invited to attend. This event was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 29, but was changed due to early dismissal of classes on that date.

All Tahoka ISD students will be dismissed from class at 1:25 p.m. on Thursday, May 29. Busses will run at 1:30.

News From The Better Business Bureau

The recent hail storms have caused many out of town companies to move into our area to do business and your Better Business Bureau has become concerned that many of these companies are claiming the BBB as a reference or stating they are members of the Bureau. The demand by the public for the Bureau's services is based mainly on the BBB name and a confidence in the integrity of the organization as an unbiased source of information. This is the very reason that many local companies adhere to the standards and support the local BBB through their membership. The BBB and and logo are federally-registered trademarks owned by the Council of Better Business Bureaus and are our most valuable asset. Use of our name implies that we have approved that company. The BBB does not endorse or recommend any company, product or service, so if you suspect misuse of the BBB name, please report it by calling 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890 or by sending us a fax to (806) 744-9748.

Living trusts are the current fad of estate planning wherein individuals place all of their assets into a trust which they control during their lifetime. The major purpose behind creating such a document is to avoid probate. In some states probate is extremely cumbersome and expensive however, most legal experts agree that this is not generally the case in Texas. Texas' probate system is simple, streamlined and efficeint for the vast majority of people. Some living trust proponents have used scare tactics and advised clients that probate fees would be astronomical and takes a very long time. In fact, probate in Texas can be accomplished within 30 days of the date of death. Everyone's financial situation is unique and what is good for you may not work with others. Your BBB advises consumers to seek a reputable attorney or estate planner to review any living trusts or personal financial situations. Check living trust companies out by calling the BBB at 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Lisa Lehman

We will be hosting our monthly birthday party on Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

National Nursing Home Week is May 11-17. We will be having Open House on Friday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come by and join us for refreshments.

Family Nite will be on Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. The Dandiline Dance Group will be here for entertainment.

We would like to thank the Dixie Dog for donating cokes and ice cream on our van ride this week. We would like to thank the following people for donating bingo prizes: Mary Elrod, Pat Hogg, and Edith Wallace. Thanks to Ma Hill and Tahoka Family Flowers for donating flowers to the ladies at Tahoka Care Center for Mother's Day.

The Nursing Department would like to thank the Dietary Department for hosting a luncheon on Friday, May 9 for Nurses Week.

Resident for the month of May is Gladys Huse. Gladys has been at Tahoka Care Center since October 9, 1996. She was born in Thorndale, Texas and her birthday is Sept. 4. She married Raymond Huse in Sparenberg on March 24, 1940 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Raymond and Gladys have lived in Lamesa all their married life. Gladys worked in the Lamesa School cafeteria for 12 years and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lamesa. Gladys and Raymond have three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is a very loving and caring person and a joy to be around.

Employee of the Month for May is Martina Luviano. Martina has worked at Tahoka Care Center since July 11, 1994. She works the 3-11 shift as a CNA. She is a loyal and dependable employee.

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7TH GRADE BAND EARNS SWEEPSTAKES – Last Friday, May 9, the Tahoka seventh grade band traveled to Hale Center where they competed in the Hale Center Music Festival and received Superiors in concert and sightreading. They performed "Trumpet Voluntary" and "Locomotion" for the judges and received good critiques. Sightreading followed in which they played a piece they had never seen before. Carroll Rhodes, director, said that they "read the hound out of the piece," adding, "This band of young people are an awesome group, especially in sightreading. I can hardly wait till they get to high school." Band members are, front row from left, Matthew Benavidez, Stephen Solorzano, Josh Thompson, Kalah Bartley, Meg Flynn, Kristi Campbell, Dusty Logsdon; 2nd row, Jeremy Lawson, Lesley Chapa, D'Lynn Stone, Aubrey Kieth, Crucifica Castillo, Tonya Elrod, Brandon Milton; 3rd row, Jon Luna, Chelsey Miller, Sarah Hawthorne, J.D. Flores, Angela Hester, Mandy Sanders, Kimberly Craig, and Martin Garza. (LCN PHOTO)

Local Piano Students Audition

Twenty local piano pupils from the class of Onita Steinhauser of Wilson have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of The American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a member.

Local entrants are Kalah Bartley, Casey Bolyard, Callie Botkin, Emily Botkin, Kristin Box, Sarah Box, Kyndel Byrd, Kalie Dorman, Kaci German, Bethany Hutton, Lana Jones, Kelsi Kieth, Laura Maeker, Mary Stargel, D'Lynn Stone, Christopher Taylor, Stefanie White, Jeanine Wilson, Jessica Wilson, and Lora Yowell.

This group of young piano hobbyists played in the National Piano Playing Auditions in Brownfield on Monday, May 12, striving for Pledges, Local, District, State, National or even International honors which the organization confers according to the number of standard baroque, classic, romantic and modern pieces chosen from the Masters of pianoforte literature each student creditably performed in the presence of an imported examiner of note.

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ART CONTEST WINNER – New Home sophomore Joey Garcia won Best of Show in a recent art contest with this colored pencil and ink drawing. The contest was held for New Home students in grades six through twelve by Mrs. Scooter Sharp, substitute librarian.

The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

The kitchen committee from the New Home Baptist Church would like for people to come pick up their dishes that have been left at the church during the past several months. If you have any questions, please call Jean Adamson.

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The minor teams in Little Dribblers competed in their tournaments during the weekend of May 2. The minor girls won the tournament. They have been coached by Monica and Andy Meaker, and Carol Fillingim. The minor boys black team also won first and have been coached by Marinda and Larry Tyler. The minor boys red team won second. They were coached by Billy Paul and Dale Clem.

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The New Home Junior-Senior Banquet was held at the 50 Yard Line in Lubbock on Saturday, May 3. A meal of sirloin, baked potatoes, salad, cheese rolls, and ice cream was served to 70 guests. The welcome was given by junior class president, Kriston Durham and the response was given by Rose Torres, senior class president. The invocation was offered by Melodie Rosa. A slide presentation was shown with a script of memories being read by Jody Clem and Lisa Neveraz. The banquet was concluded by Elsa Caballero.

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Several football awards were presented at the New Home Athletic Banquet held on Tuesday, April 29. Offensive Player of the Year was Travis Smith. Artemio Gomez earned Defensive Player of the Year honors. The Heart of a Leopard Award was presented to Eric Rodriquez and Jody Clem was named Most Valuable Player. Ricky Torrez was recognized for being named first team All-State kicker.

75th Legislature Addresses Water Rights In Texas

by Matt Ethredge
Texas Tech Journalism Student

During the 75th Texas Legislative Session in Austin, state water agencies are asking lawmakers to devise a plan to sooth the pains of the continuing drought conditions.

House Bill number 1802, section 5.2361, has been amended to read "To ensure the adequate support of the state's responsibilities for the management of water resources, including the development of available water supplies, the provision of adequate water utility services, and the protection of the quality of water and drinking water sources in the state, the commission is authorized to access a fee to be collected from each public water supply system in the state."

Barry McBee, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Chairman (TNRCC), addressed his views on the ways ground water is used.

"Water — how we consume, manage and allocate it — is the single most important factor for the future economic viability of our great state," McBee said.

In the past, Texas has built reservoirs that served as a safe water supply for Texas towns and communities; however, today these reservoirs are more expensive and difficult to construct. The answer to this problem lies with water conservation and safety practices that will lessen the need for the construction of new reservoirs.

In response to the drought, TNRCC and other agencies say lawmakers should consider changes that would, "require drought contingency plans for municipalities and public water suppliers."

Landowners may find themselves restricted to water they have used and been entitled to in the past.

Under a proposed statewide correlative rights doctrine, "an imaginary line would be drawn from the surface property lines on each tract of land to the base of water-bearing formation."

This means the landowner would only be entitled to the water under his tract. The boundaries would not include plots of water that lie underneath a neighbor's tract. If the owner tapped into a neighboring owners' tract he would therefor be liable for the neighbor's owner's losses.

Currently landowners are allowed the right to use groundwater beneath their tract as long as they use the water as a beneficial purpose, not a wasted one.

Today a majority of wells have been drilled near property lines; hence, if the correlative rights system were adopted and the neighbor's water level was lowered, the well owner could be liable.

High Plains Water District manager, A. Wayne Wyatt, believes the system might have worked if it had been implemented earlier, but at this late date it could cause problems.

"A ground water correlative rights system probably would have worked if we had started out that way early in the 1900's," Wyatt said.

Wyatt also believes that changing ground water rights could produce new problems for every landowner or any business or system that uses ground water.

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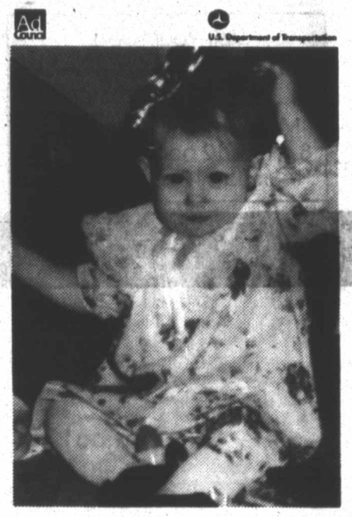

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COTTON NEWS

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

LUBBOCK, Friday, May 9, 1997
By Shawn Wade

Cotton growers received a bit of good news May 8 with the United States Department of Agriculture announcement that U.S. cotton has once again become competitive in the world cotton trade as determined under provisions of the Federal Agricultural Reform and Improvement Act of 1996.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers this means that no new import quotas will be announced unless U.S. cotton prices return to an uncompetitive state and remain there for 10 consecutive weeks.

U.S. price quotations for the week ending May 8, 1997 averaged 79.81 cents compared to the 78.85 cent average price of the five cheapest world growths, a difference of 0.96 cents.

Upland cotton import quotas are triggered under Step 3 Competitiveness Provisions of the 1996 FAIR Act when the average U.S. price quotation exceeds the average of the five cheapest world growths by 1.25 cents per pound for 10 consecutive weeks.

"This announcement brings to a close 80 straight weeks of cotton import quotas," says PCG Executive vice President Donald A. Johnson. "Hopefully, we can now move forward and develop some sort of alternative to the current system, but still provide the protection necessary to both producers and textile manufacturers."

Johnson notes that of the 80 previously announced import quotas 43 have expired, 26 remain open and 11 have been announced but not yet opened. Under the remaining 37 quotas, less that 3,000 bales have been imported to date.

A total of 764,608 bales were imported under the 43 quotas that have already expired.

The 26 currently open import quotas will expire at a rate of two per week. The 11 quotas that have not been opened will do so during the next six weeks. The last date for purchasing cotton under these quotas will be September 13, 1997.

"The past 15 months have been a particularly trying time for U.S. producers struggling to find a solution to the unforeseen consequences of the current Step 3 provisions," explains Johnson. "Hopefully, now that we have a reprieve from the prospect of new import quotas, we can develop some sort of consensus and avoid another overly long import quota window."

Several proposals have been put forth for consideration to alleviate the current situation. They include administrative adjustments such as making the West Texas 31-35 quote eligible for one of the five lowest priced quotes for Northern Europe quotations or the implementation of a supplemental stocks/use ratio import quota.

So far legislative adjustments have been considered a fall-back alternative since it would entail opening the 1996 FAIR Act.

USDA has been considering possible legislative adjustments such as raising the 1.25 cent threshold for both Step 2 and 3; or, increasing the Step 3 threshold, but holding the Step 2 threshold at 1.25 cents.

"For the short-term it is good that no new import quotas will be issued," notes Johnson. "In the longer term efforts will continue to develop a workable solution."

New Home School Menu

May 19-23

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Tuesday: Donuts, Milk.
Wednesday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Thursday: Manager's Choice, Milk.
Friday: Manager's Choice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Breaded Pork Patty, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Cheese Rolls, Milk.
Tuesday: Fried Burrito, Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Rings, Milk.
Wednesday: Steak Fingers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit Cup, Texas Toast, Milk.
Thursday: Burger Basket, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Milk.
Friday: Sack Lunch (Bologna & Cheese), Whole Pickle, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Milk.

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Weevil Onslaught Threatens 'Biggest Cotton Patch'

Unless each farmer protects his fields, boll weevils may take a big bite out of yields and profits in "the world's biggest cotton patch," the more than three million acres around Lubbock which is annually planted to the crop, warn entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're looking at a $100-million to $200-million cost across the (20 county) area for individual farmers to battle the increased weevil problem this year," said Dr. James Leser, Extension Service cotton entomologist.

Farmers with weevil problems will have to pay from $32 to $60 and acre, depending upon the number of times they have to spray, he projected. "Even with this level of control we will still have yield losses (from the weevil)," he said. "On 75-cent (a pound) cotton, that could average $31 an infested acre."

Boll weevil traps monitoring the emergence of weevils which overwintered following last year's crop snared "significantly more weevils in April than ever before," said Dr. Don Rummel, Experiment Station entomologist who has been tracking and studying the pest here for almost 30 years.

"We're seeing a more cold-hardy weevil," Rummel said. "All early indications are that this may be the greatest boll weevil population ever on the High Plains."

"The only thing that can moderate that," said Leser, "is a poor growing season for cotton. What's good for cotton is also good for the weevil."

He said scientific research and experience show three things: "The boll weevil is definitely overwintering everywhere across the High Plains that we're trapping; it is continuing to spread across the area, and the infestations are increasing in magnitude.

"This is the first year that many producers who have doubts about the presence of weevils will become believers."

In 1994 the legislature created the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation with authority to assess growers to pay for the control efforts. Regional programs were established on consent of growers in various production regions. The High Plains eradication effort began in 1995 with an expansion of the Plains Cotton Growers' (PCG) 30 year-old diapause weevil control program which had delayed the pest's advance into the area.

With funding from assessments by the foundation, that expanded program sprayed more than five million acres of cotton at a cost of $12.5 million in 1995. But in 1996 many growers objected to the fees and refused to pay their assessments. Ten filed a lawsuit against the foundation. As a result, only 3 million acres of the 6.5 million needing treatment were sprayed.

Then on April 30, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that while the assessment was legal, the legislature had given the foundation an unconstitutionally broad delegation of authority, ending the statewide effort. On May 2, the PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee canceled all plans for its diapause weevil spray program this fall.

"We're still capable of running a program, but we've lost the ability to collect the fees to pay for it," said Roger Haldenby, who heads the control programs for PCG. "The weevil is going to make an assessment on High Plains cotton in 1997, no matter what the law says.

"Without an area-wide spray program, cotton farmers are going to need all the information they can get," Haldenby said. "We will provide all possible information for producers to conduct their own individual control efforts."

The Agri-Partners program of the Extension Service will continue monitoring traps in 21 counties. PCG also will run some traplines for the pest. Findings from these traps, along with additional reports from county agents and private crop consultants, will be publicized weekly.

Overwintered weevil trapping is conducted from April through July. "Over the years we usually see the peak emergence (of overwintering weevils) in late May to mid-June," Rummel said.

"We've only trapped for one month, but in many counties we've already caught more weevils than we caught for the entire emergence period of 1995 and 1996," Leser said. They aren't emerging early, just in record numbers, he stressed, and have appeared as far north as Randall County, at the upper edge of the producing area.

"North of Lubbock it will be much like what producers south of Lubbock faced last year," the extension entomologist said.

Rummel said hope that two periods of cold weather last winter had devastated the weevils was false. "We had some very low air temperatures, which we humans noticed. But what counts for the boll weevil the the temperature down where he is, below the leaf litter and ground trash." That's where researchers measured temperatures, he said.

The cold period in mid-December was accompanied by dry weather and "did us some good," Rummel acknowledged. But the mid-January cold spell was different, he said.

"During that period we had a snow cover. At our (monitoring) site on the Texas Tech campus, for example, the air temperature was 9 to 10 degrees. But under the snow cover, where we are measuring under the leaf litter (where the weevils were), it was only in the high 20s. That caused very little (weevil) mortality," Rummel said.

Tahoka School Menu

May 19-23

Breakfast

Monday: Donut, Orange Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Buttered Rice, Graham Crackers, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Pears, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk.
Friday: Sausage Patty, Biscuit w/Jelly, Apple, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Cookie, Milk.
Tuesday: Corndog w/Mustard, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Jello, Milk.
Wednesday: Beef Pizza, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad, Orange Slices, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger w/Fixings, French Fries, Apple Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Elementary Track Day Sack Lunch (Ham Sandwiches), Whole Pickle, Potato Chips, Apple or Orange, Milk.

The Lynn County News will publish a Senior Graduation issue featuring all Lynn County Seniors next week!

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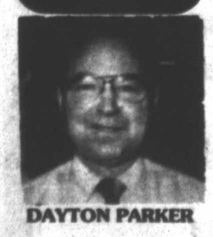

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Robertson represents State District One which consists of 51 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains region of the state. State District One encompasses 49 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs).

The TSSWCB's chief responsibility is to coordinate the programs of Texas' 214 SWCDs. In addition, the TSSWCB is the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

A long time soil and water conservationist, Robertson presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Hale County SWCD. He has been a member of the Hale County SWCD since May 1979.

A cotton, corn, soybean and hybrid seed producer, Robertson is owner and operator of Mar-Pat Cotton, Inc., in Lamb County. He also founded and operates the Paul E. Robertson Insurance Agency which provides agricultural crop insurance to area farmers.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull was the first woman to run for President. In 1872, she was the candidate for the Equal Rights Party.

PLAYING FOR BI-DISTRICT – The Tahoka High School varsity baseball team were district runners-up and will play in the bi-district playoffs on Saturday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in Kermit. The Bulldogs will take on Van Horn. Team members are (standing from left) Coach Brent John, Jonathan Luna, Gene DeLeon, Frutosa Hernandez, Jose Garcia, Courtney Bailey, Monty Hale, Matt Garcia, Matt Chancy, Gary Chapa, Markey Valdez, Jared Gandy, Coach Michael Langan; (kneeling from left) Firo Garcia, Jamie Luna, Jeffrey Antu, Auggie Cantu, Mario Luna, Dereck Hatchett, David Ayala, Jason Alvarado, Jason Martinez, and Blandon Hancock. Not shown is Larry Davis. (LCN PHOTO)

Commodity Distribution Scheduled for May

South Plains Community Action, Inc. recently announced the May schedule for distribution of commodities in Lynn County. It is as follows: Tahoka Center - Wednesdays, May 14 and 21; O'Donnell Sr. Citizens - Friday morning, May 16; O'Donnell Baptist Church - Friday afternoon, May 16; New Home - Friday morning, May 23; and Wilson - Friday afternoon, May 23.

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HOUSE FOR SALE in Tahoka. 3 BR, 2 bath, fireplace, near school. 2029 Ave. R Call 806-885-2318, 893-3254 or 998-4680. 18-tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR, 2 Bath, approx. 2,400 square ft. 2428 N. 2nd in Tahoka. Call 998-4006. 17-tfc

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I appreciate everyone's support and vote for Wilson School Board.

Vannessa (Vann) Stewart

Volunteers Needed For Landscaping At Life Enrichment Center

Volunteers are needed to help put in the sprinkler system and help with landscaping at the new Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The sprinkler system was to be installed on May 17, but due to the amount of rain that has fallen of late, the project has been moved to Saturday, May 24, with work possibly continuing on Sunday afternoon, May 25.

Jerry Ford, chairman of the sprinkler system work committee said, "We need anyone who has had experience working on sprinkler systems to help."

Workers are asked to show up ready to help at 8:00 that Saturday morning. All the pipe and equipment will be at the site ready for volunteers to begin work at that time.

Volunteers are also needed to help with landscaping on Saturday, May 31. All trees, shrubs and grass sod will be purchased and ready to put in place on that morning. Cal Huffaker is head of the landscaping volunteer workers.

"We would really like for some organization to volunteer to furnish iced tea or lemonade or something for all the volunteer workers on those weekends," said Retha Pittman, Project Director for the Life Enrichment Center.

Anyone who would like further information may call Tahoka City Hall, 998-4211, and talk with Jerry Webster, City Manager; Judge Jerry Ford, or Retha Pittman.

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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

The Wilson Lions Club has scheduled a blood drive for Thursday, May 15. The drive will be in the junior high building and will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. A club spokesperson indicated that they really need a large turnout to make this a successful drive.

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School is winding down and the end of school activities are continuing. Upcoming activities include Elementary Buddy Day on Friday, May 16, and Baccalaureate services at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 in the school auditorium.

The community is invited to the annual Senior-Faculty Basketball game which will be played in the new gym on Monday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. This game is always a time for the students to be the teachers and show the faculty how it's done.

Other end of school activities for the elementary students will be held on Tuesday, May 20, including the 6th Grade Banquet, which will immediately follow the Elementary Awards and Recognition Assembly, set for 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium. The Kindergarten Celebration will also be held on Tuesday, May 20.

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The rites of graduation for the Wilson class of 1997 will be held on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. The celebration will be held in the new gym. The entire community is invited to attend the ceremonies and be a part of the event.

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Several Wilson FFA students are expected to attend the area II FFA Convention in San Angelo on Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

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The State Solo and Ensemble Band Contest will be held May 24-26 in Austin or San Marcos. Wilson band students Lora Yowell and Billy Cavender have earned the right to participate in the contest and represent the Wilson Band. Lora plays the baritone and Billy plays the saxophone.

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School will be dismissed early on Thursday and Friday, May 22-23. Classes will dismiss at 12:30 and busses will run shortly thereafter. Lunch will be served both days. Wilson Elementary parents, students, and teachers will have conferences at this time. Your child's teacher will contact you for meeting times. Please make every effort to attend.

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Community Story Time will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 in the new library.

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Congratulations to the following students who received Division I ratings at the Hale Center Music Festival on Saturday, May 10: **1st Division Solos**: 6th Grade-Casey Bolyard, David Yowell, Breann Rucker, Heather West, Zachery Zepada; 5th Grade-Lauren Wied, Rebecca Flores, Lorena Gonzales, Candice Fox, Brady Cross, Nicole Rucker. **1st Division Duets**: Casey Bolyard and David Yowell; Breann Rucker and Crystal Mendez; Rebecca Flores and Lorena Gonzales; Candice Fox and Misty Shipley.

Everyone who participated came home with at least one medal and there were a total of 19 medals earned.

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A re-organizational meeting of the PTO will be held Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the elementary school.

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The PTO and Wilson Elementary School will sponsor a Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 17 from 9-11 a.m.

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Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day. On this very special day we need to remember to honor those men and women who have given their all so that we may enjoy this nation and the freedoms it offers. For over 220 years, men and women stood up and defended our land, our constitution, our flag, and our peoples. To all our vets, both living and deceased, we stand up, salute you and say thanks for a job honorably done.

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With the end of school and the beginning of the summer activities, comes Vacation Bible Schools at the local churches. St. John Lutheran has announced that their Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 23-27. The evening classes will begin at 6:30 and end at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Lana (Mrs. Ricky) Cross.

Other area churches are requested to furnish information on their Vacation Bible School programs so that the community may be informed.

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Young at Heart is still alive and well at St. John Lutheran Church. Be sure to mark your calendar for the last Thursday of each month. Most of the get-togethers begin at 1 p.m. and last until everyone gets tired and goes home. A fun time of games, visiting or whatever is enjoyed by all in attendance. Young at Heart has nothing to do with age, it's all a mind set. You are welcome to attend.

Wilson School Menu

May 19-23

Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Rolls, Diced Pears, Milk.
Tuesday: Ham, Biscuits, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Oatmeal, Toast, Diced Peaches, Milk.
Thursday: Manager's Choice, Milk.
Friday: Manager's Choice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Tuesday: Sliced Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Sliced Peaches, Milk.
Wednesday: Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, Lettuce, Tomato, Tators, Popsicles, Milk.
Thursday: Manager's Choice, Milk.
Friday: Manager's Choice, Milk.

O'Donnell Senior Takes 4th At State

O'Donnell High School senior Regina Morales placed fourth in the discus event with a throw of 120'8" at the State Track Meet recently.

Morales won the regional championship in Levelland and was also the district champion.

Last year, Morales won second at the State Meet.

Archeologists say the earliest known nails were made about 5,000 years ago in what is now Iraq.

JODI WIED

Jodi Wied Awarded $1,000 Cargill Scholarship

Jodi Wied, a 1997 graduate of Wilson High School, has been awarded a $1,000 college scholarship by Cargill. Jodi's parents are David and Nan Wied of Wilson.

Jodi plans to study Business at Texas Tech University.

The scholarship is one of 250 awarded by Cargill to 1997 high school graduates from U.S. farm families in 43 states. This year's scholarship program, in its twelfth year, attracted 2,385 applicants.

The $250,000 Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of young people from farm families throughout the United States. The National FFA Organization manages the selection process; however, applicants do not have to be FFA members to receive a scholarship. Cargill sponsors these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the past three years, the farmer-owned Farm Credit Bank of Texas and seven Production Credit Associations across the state of Texas have provided financing for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program to the tune of ***$37 million***.

The money to repay this debt comes from assessments of local cotton farmers, collected by the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, which administers the program under a Texas law passed by the state legislature in 1993. Last week, a Texas Supreme Court ruling, however, struck down the law — leaving cotton farmers in limbo, and us as their lender holding the bag.

The boll weevil's eradication means higher cotton yields and less pesticides — ultimately leading to a stronger local and state economy with more jobs and an increased tax base. In states where eradication efforts have been successful, production has increased many fold and insecticide use on cotton has been reduced 40-85%. The National Cotton Council estimates that every $1 spent on eradication costs returns approximately $12 in benefits to the economy.

We applaud the efforts of Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock, and others, who are working on a bill to restore the legality of the boll weevil program before the end of the current session — and legislators appear willing to expedite a remedy. Unfortunately, however, early drafts appear to focus more on continuing eradication efforts, without fully appreciating the need to ensure the Foundation's *existing financial obligations* are met.

It is imperative that the legislature include provisions to ensure the repayment of its present debt obligations — loans that Farm Credit institutions made in good faith to the Boll Weevil Foundation based on enabling legislation passed by the Texas Legislature. Will any financial institution provide funding for this, or any similar program in the future, if the existing debt on past obligations cannot be collected? In other words, without a financial partner for the Boll Weevil program, the legislature's efforts will be in vain.

As the Texas Legislature deliberates the future of this important program, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas strongly encourages interested Texans to remind their local state representative and senator to stand behind their actions and commitments so that boll weevil eradications efforts can continue in Texas.

Sincerely,
Arnold Henson
Chief Executive Officer
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