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Bulldog Bid For State Trophy Blocked By Industrial Cobras

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Bulldogs' bid for a state basketball trophy was blocked by a team from Vanderbilt Industrial featuring a tall senior who scored almost half of the points for his team's 61-51 win over Tahoka at Austin Friday morning. Tahoka High School's varsity boys basketball team, in their first-ever state tournament, had heart and guts, but the glory went to Industrial's Cobras in the state semi-final game.

The Cobras went on to lose 71-63 in the Class 2A state finals to Italy the next afternoon. Italy had topped Woden 74-73 in the other semi-final match on Friday.

Over 600 Tahoka fans followed their team to Austin, joining 10,214 fans watching the state semi-finals at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center. The general consensus, however, was that Tahoka fans were not disappointed in their team, but rather disappointed FOR their team that they were not able to compete in the state finals. In fact, Tahoka fans were quick to point out their pride in the fact that Tahoka was one of the top four teams in the state. Tahoka boys basketball coach Toby Villa, who was new to Tahoka this year, feels the same way.

"You've got to be real proud of our boys' accomplishments," said Villa. "They took us places where they've never been - where this town has never been - and when you have a great season like we've had, it's hard for anything to put a damper on that. When this season started there were 219 teams [in Class 2A], but there were only four teams left to compete at the state tournament - and Tahoka was one of them. This

has fulfilled a dream of mine," said the coach.

"It's like I told the boys after the [state semi-final] game - a 29-7 season is nothing to be ashamed of, and I am very proud of them. They have shown a character which I think is representative of this community, and I think our seniors, especially, have done a good job of leadership with the team," he added.

Senior Monty Hale was leading scorer for the Bulldogs in Friday's game with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and junior Adrian Graves tossed in 12 points despite an ankle injury during the first half which took him in and out of the game during the second half. Lee Rash added 9 points, Aaron Long had 8, Randy Burleson 5, and Rocky Moore 2.

Scoring for the Cobras was led by 6'7" senior Ashley Jalufka, who scored 29 of the team's 61 points in the game. According to Coach Villa, however, the Bulldogs were the first team this season to hold Jalufka down to single digits in the rebound column, as Jalufka has always had at least 10 rebounds in all of Industrials games this year.

The Bulldogs started out good, exchanging goals with Industrial during the first period and even taking a 10-9 lead when Hale stole the ball and raced down the court for a layup with 1:56 left in the quarter, but a 2-pointer and two quick 3-pointers during the last 30 seconds left Tahoka behind seven points at the end of the first, 17-10.

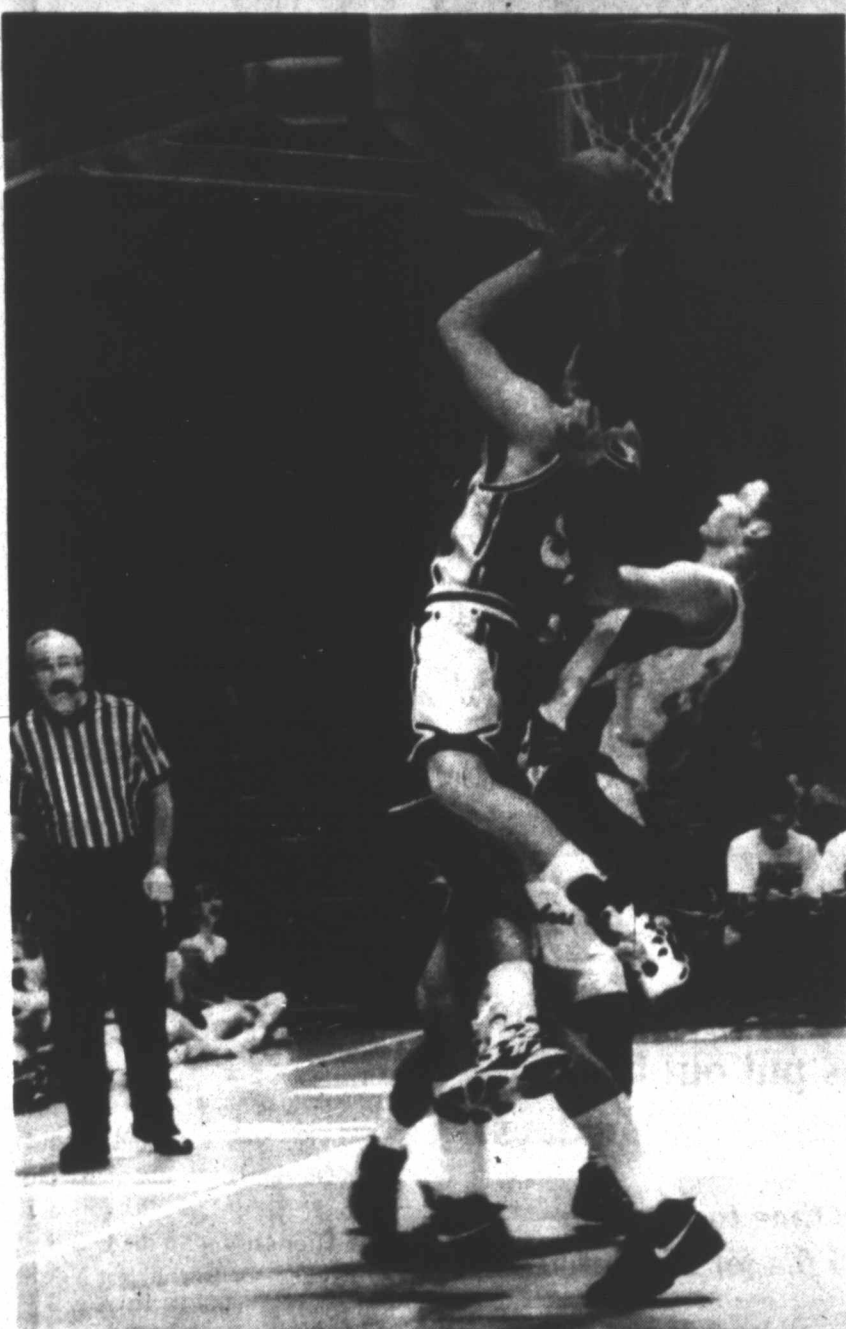
Catching up was hard to do, but the Dogs made a valiant effort in the second quarter even though the Cobras widened their lead by 9 points

during the first few seconds. Graves tossed in for 2 points and then the Cobras made good on two free throws to lead 23-12, but then a rapid succession of two pointers (4 points by Hale, and 2 by Aaron Long) in the middle of the second period caught up to within 5 points of Industrial, and then another 2-pointer by Rash saw Tahoka trailing by only 3 points, 23-20, with two minutes left in the half. The Cobras tossed in another 2 points, which Long responded to with 2 of his own, but a Cobra 3-pointer just before the half left Tahoka behind again at 28-22.

The Dogs caught up to within 1 point early in the third period, 28-27, but Industrial pulled away to gain a 10 point lead on Tahoka, despite 7 points from Hale, 4 from Graves, a 3-pointer from Burleson and 2 from Long.

The Cobras led 48-38 going into the final period, and Tahoka never got within less than 7 points of closing the difference. The Dogs racked up the fouls, with Hale, Moore, Rash and Long ending up with four fouls each as the Dogs tried to gain control of the ball, but with a minute left in the game the Dogs were still 9 points behind, 58-49. The Cobras put in three more free throws for a total of 61 points, and Burleson tossed in another 2-pointer with 28 seconds left, but the Dogs still trailed by 10 at the buzzer.

"Defensively we played a great game," said Coach Villa. "We chose to try to limit Jalufka and we did keep him from having a double-double (double figures in both scoring and rebounds). I'm just very proud of the team," he reiterated.



OUTTA' MY WAY - Tahoka's Aaron Long goes up for 2 of his 8 points at the Class 2A State Semifinals in Austin Friday morning, forcing Industrial's 6'7" Ashley Jalufka to lean back out of his way. The Bulldogs lost the game 61-51, but finished an exceptional season with a 29-7 record and provided Tahoka fans with an exciting first-ever trip to the state basketball playoffs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Abbie Gill Wins 1st Place At State BPA...Again

Five Tahoka High School students participated in the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference in Arlington on March 6-8.

For the third straight year, Abbie Gill captured first place on the state level in Prepared Speaking. Miss Gill is the daughter of Stan and Julia Gill and is a junior student at THS. She will be advancing to national competition in Orlando, Florida, on April 25-29.

Other Tahoka students participating in the state BPA competition were Justin Pena, Dustin McNeely, Misty Nance and Michelle Quisenberry. Six other students qualified for state competition, but because of scheduling conflicts were unable to attend. These students include Lee Rash, Brent Raindl, Rebecca DeLeon, Rebekah Curry, Robin Martin, and Abby Wells.

Local BPA advisor is Mrs. Barbara Jaquess.

Collision, Theft Among Incidents Reported Here

A collision of two cars at the intersection of Conway and S. 1st St. in Tahoka Monday resulted in no injuries, according to a report by Tahoka Police Dept. A 1984 Pontiac driven by Brenda Cantu, 18, of Tahoka, and a 1993 Buick driven by Billie Pennington Parker, 68, also of Tahoka, collided. Neither driver, nor a 3-month-old child in the Cantu vehicle was reported injured.

A Ford station wagon owned by José Mesa Rossel of Tahoka was reported stolen from his residence on S. 2nd St. last Thursday. The car later was found by deputies, abandoned south-east of Tahoka.

Gregg Deleon Torres of Tahoka reported to police that his 1994 Honda Accord had been vandalized after a party last Saturday night during which several persons had been asked to leave because they allegedly were trying to start a fight. The car had a broken window, damage to doors and other damage.

In jail during the week were five persons for theft by check, two for public intoxication, two for burglary of a building and one person arrested by Dept. of Public Safety officers on a traffic warrant also was held for a total of 12 traffic-related DPS warrants, including nine from Kerr County, one from Austin and two from Laredo. In addition, one person was jailed for driving while license suspended, failure to identify to an officer, displaying fictitious license plates and no liability insurance, and one person each on the following charges: no drivers license plus no liability plus failure to control speed, DWI first offense (for Dawson County), public intoxication plus furnishing alcohol to a minor, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, DWI first, DWI subsequent, application to revoke probation on DWI charges, and issuing bad check (Lubbock County).

COME SEE THE NEW LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

Tim Walker, General Contractor for Tahoka's new Life Enrichment Center, invites interested citizens to tour the facility this Thursday (today) at 5:15 p.m. With a completion date anticipated at just 6-8 weeks away, Walker invites anyone who wants to see the building in progress to come by, tour the facility, and ask any questions pertaining to the construction of the building.

Four Add Names To Candidate List For City, School Elections In County

Four more names have been added to the candidate list this week for city and school elections throughout Lynn County. New Home now has two candidates for mayor, with Jimmie Kieth filing for that position this week, and LeRoy Nettles filed for a seat on the New Home City Council. Brian Snellgrove filed this week for O'Donnell City Council, and the only school board candidate to file this week was in Tahoka, where David Graves filed for a seat.

In Wilson, no candidates have filed in either the city or school elections, and only one candidate each has filed in the New Home I.S.D. and O'Donnell I.S.D. elections. Candidates have until March 19 to file for the election at respective city and school offices.

Elections for city, school, and hospital boards will be held May 3. The following information was available on the Lynn County school and city elections as of late Tuesday afternoon:

SCHOOL ELECTIONS
Tahoka I.S.D.: Two at-large trustee seats (3-year terms). Terms expiring: Greg Henley, Rex Rash. Filing: Greg Henley, Ty Askew, David Graves.

New Home I.S.D.: Two at-large trustee seats (3-year terms). Terms expiring: Stacy Gill, David Foerster. Filing: David Gandy.

Wilson I.S.D.: Two trustee seats (3-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Dan Cook, Keith Wied. Filing: none.

O'Donnell I.S.D.: Two trustee seats (3-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Gonzalo Amaro, Bobby Joe Furlow. Filing: Renn Dorman.

CITY ELECTIONS
Tahoka: Mayor, District 1 and District 3 council seats (all 2-year terms). Terms expiring: Mayor James A. Solomon, Dist. 1 councilman John Chapa Jr., Dist. 3 councilman Mike Mensch. Filing for Mayor: Mike Mensch. Filing for District 1: John Chapa Jr. Filing for District 3: Amy Preston.

New Home: Mayor and two at-large council seats (all 2-year terms). Terms expiring: Mayor J.A. Evans, councilmen Jimmy Kieth, Leroy Nettles. Filing for mayor: Don Sharp, Jimmie Kieth. Filing for council: LeRoy Nettles.

Wilson: Three at-large council seats (2-year terms). Terms expiring: Oscar Ortega, Victor Steinhauer, Donald Klaus. Filing: none.

O'Donnell: Three at-large council seats (2-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Billy Edwards, Brian Snellgrove, Max Mendieta. Filing: B.P. Bairrington, Max Mendieta, Brian Snellgrove.

Woodwork...



by Dalton

MONDAY will be St. Patrick's Day so, curious to see who this guy really was, I looked him up in my handy-dandy Grolier's Encyclopedia which slides into my computer on a CD which neither plays any music or pays any interest. Surprisingly, I didn't find out much about why his day was set for March 17, but there was a little bit of information about him.

Born in 389 A.D. the guy later to be known as the patron saint of Ireland was sold into slavery at age 16 in Ireland. Later he escaped, after his hair turned green overnight, scaring the bejassus out of his captors, who set him free. But he went back to Ireland determined to make Christians of the heathen, and at a great national celebration became feared and famous for turning all the beer green. This caused only a brief period of sobriety among the Irish, but made Patrick so famous that a cathedral with his name on it was built in Dublin.

Now, we get to pinch people who don't wear green on St. Patrick's Day. But be sure the person you pinch is smaller than you are, and also be sure you have at least two witnesses if you pinch a female.

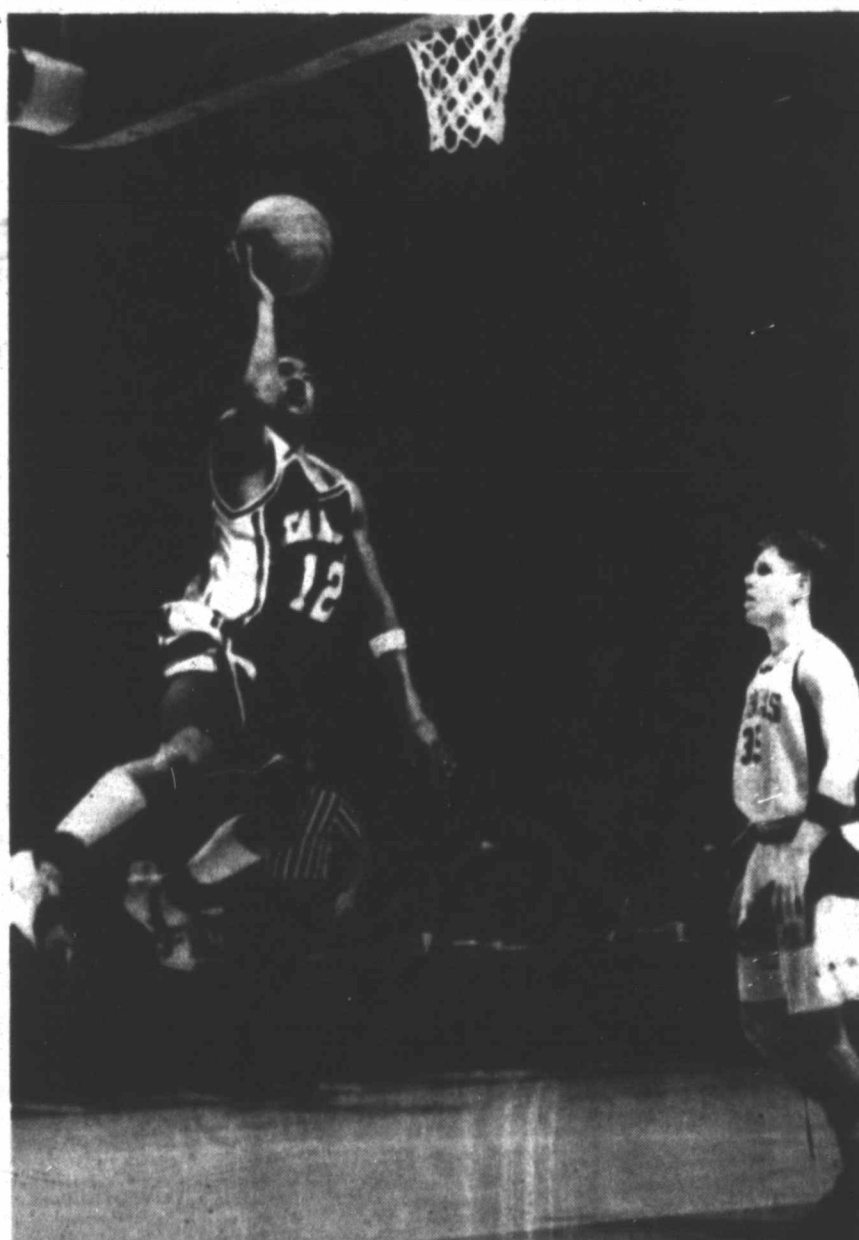
Okay, so I made up most of that stuff about St. Patrick, because what they had in the encyclopedia was so boring.

BUMPER SNICKER: "Lead me not into temptation: I can find it myself." This was quoted by Dr. David Smith, vice president for advancement at Wayland Baptist University, in the February issue of *Footprints*, the Wayland magazine. He also mentioned a couple of other good ones: "I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it" and "Warning: Dates on the calendar are closer than they appear."

"VERY FEW souls are saved after 12 noon on Sunday," is an observation credited to Dr. Luther Kirk, retired Methodist minister who now lives in Lubbock, commenting on the tendency of many ministers to go past the noon hour with their Sunday sermons.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 5	56	28	
Mar. 6	62	27	
Mar. 7	74	26	
Mar. 8	68	38	
Mar. 9	65	53	
Mar. 10	74	34	
Mar. 11	73	35	
Precip. for 1997 to date: 3.13" moisture			



UP AND AWAY - Tahoka's Randy Burleson leaps high for the last 2 points of the game as an Industrial player watches, during Friday morning's semifinal game at the state basketball playoffs. Industrial won 61-51 and then went on to lose to Italy in the state finals the next day. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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SHA'LYN ANDERSON AND SHANE MOORE Couple Plans June Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Anderson of O'Donnell announce the engagement of their daughter, Sha'lyn, to Shane Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Moore of Wilson.

The couple plans to marry June 28, 1997 at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of O'Donnell High School and attends Texas Tech University. She is employed at First National Bank of O'Donnell.

The future bridegroom graduated from New Home High School and attends Texas Tech University. He is employed by Quality Machinery of O'Donnell.

City Council Accepts Bid For Cemetery Work

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday, March 3, choosing a bid for cemetery maintenance among other routine business. Five bids were opened at the meeting for maintenance of the grounds at Tahoka and Nevels cemeteries, ranging from \$10,000 to \$36,000. City council members voted to accept the lowest bid, of \$10,000, from Randy and Bridget Taylor.

In other business, monthly bills were approved and Police Chief Steve Chance gave a report on the police department's activities for the month.

Addressing the council at the meeting was local citizen Phillip Barnett, who remarked on city personnel using city vehicles for personal use and questioned why his street had not been swept by the city street sweeper.

Present at the meeting were all five councilmen, including Mike Mensch, Ray D. Box, Rudy Tejada Jr., John Chapa Jr. and Jay Dee House, as well as Mayor Jim Solomon, City Administrator Jerry Webster, Chief Chance, and Sgt. Steve McKay.

County Accepts Equipment Bids

Lynn County Commissioners Monday accepted bids on several pieces of surplus county-owned equipment and rejected several other bids on equipment, and conducted other routine business.

Bids were accepted from Domingo Saldana for a red Chevy dump truck for \$887, a magnet trailer for \$37, a small square fuel tank for \$12 and large fuel tank for \$17; and from Alex Renteria for a rubber spreader, \$30, and asphalt spreader, \$60.

Commissioners rejected bids on several other pieces of equipment, including a GMC diesel truck, box blade, 1997 dump truck, 1984 dump truck, 1977 Chevy truck, yellow blade, small diesel tank, and a two wheel trailer.

The court discussed fees for delivery of rock and caliche and agreed that a minimum of \$6 per yard be charged, with additional fees for quality of material and distance to be hauled.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners approved payment of membership dues to the National Association of County Officials. Commissioners also discussed courthouse janitorial services, insurance coverage on a trailer used by county fire departments, and legalities and responsibilities of the county on country roads.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting.

Obituaries

Robert L. Clopton

Memorial services for Robert L. Clopton, 76, of Sun City, Arizona, were held Sunday, March 2 at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City.

He died Feb. 27, 1997 in Sun City.

He was born Oct. 11, 1920 in McCook, Nebraska and graduated from Denver High School in Denver, Colo.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked for Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 1980 from the corporate office in St. Paul, Minn.

He married Shirley Benson in Cleveland, Ohio in 1947.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bill of O'Donnell; two sisters, Jeanne Ruby of Limon, Colo. and Betty Young of Security, Colo.; and one grandson.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 17-21

Monday: BBQ Chicken, Corn Cobs, Green Beans, Biscuits, Coleslaw, Mince or Raisin Pie or Cobbler.

Tuesday: Fish Nuggets w/Tarter Sauce, Baked Beans, Okra Coleslaw, Cornbread, Fruit Salad.

Wednesday: Brisket, Potato Salad, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Peach Cobbler.

Thursday: Spaghetti, Italian Vegetables, Cucumber Onion Salad, Garlic Bread, Apple or Pear Crisp.

Friday: Chicken Strips, New Potatoes w/White Sauce, Broccoli, Sweet Pickle, Hot Roll, Brownie.

Windbreak Trees Arriving

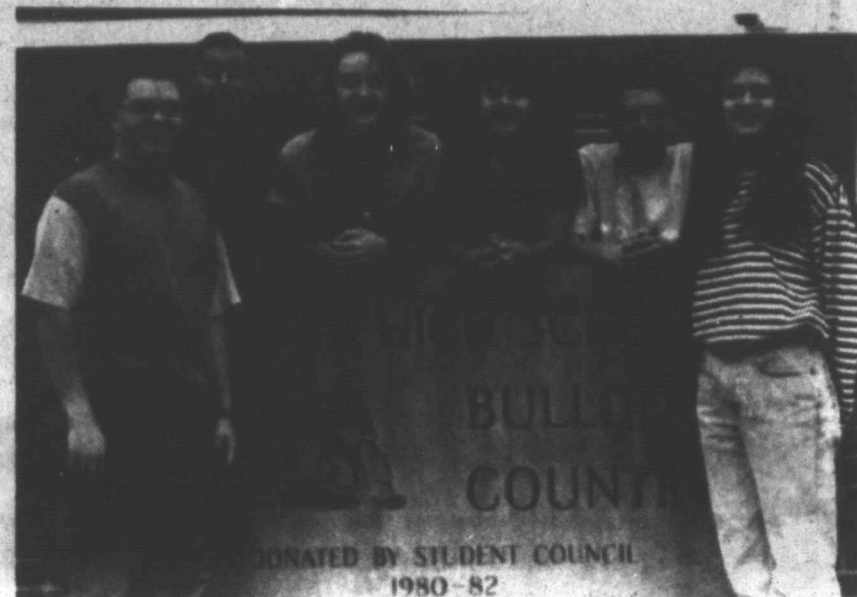
Windbreak & hardwood trees will be delivered to the local Soil and Water Conservation District on Thursday, March 6.

If you have pre-ordered trees, please come by the office and pick them up.

Conifer trees still available include Afghanistan and Pinyon Pines. These trees are \$2 each.

Hardwood trees available are Aromatic Sumac, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Flameleaf Sumac, Honeylocust, Little Walnut, Fruiting Mulberry, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Red Oak & Sand Cherry. These trees are \$1 per tree.

For more information call Helen Saldana at 998-4507 or come by the SWCD office at 1647 Ave. J, Tahoka.



BUSINESS STUDENTS COMPETE - Tahoka High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) students attended the State Leadership Conference recently, with Robert Fant (front left) elected State Parliamentarian and Abbie Gill (front right) winning first place in Prepared Speaking. For the third consecutive year, Miss Gill advances to national competition in that event. Other BPA students participating at the State Conference were (in back from left) Justin Pena, Michelle Quisenberry, Misty Nance and Dustin McNeely. (LCN PHOTO)

THS's Robert Fant Elected State BPA Parliamentarian

Robert Fant, a junior at Tahoka High School, was recently elected State Parliamentarian of Business Professionals of America for 1997-1998. He is the son of Ron and Ellen Fant of Tahoka.

"It is an honor to be elected the Texas BPA Parliamentarian," said Fant. "I plan to represent our school and state during the next year to the best of my abilities."

Fant was given his oath of office by Abbie Gill, the 1996-1997 State Parliamentarian, during a special ceremony at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference in Arlington, Texas, on March 8. There were 21 candidates seeking the seven officer positions.

Mrs. Barbara Jaquess, local chapter advisor, said, "I am very happy and excited for Robert. Robert had been preparing to be a candidate since his return from state competition last year in Corpus Christi. I know he will represent Tahoka High School and our community with excitement and devotion."



YOUNG SCIENTISTS - Tahoka High School science students Mandi Tejada, Gary Gandy and Georgia Williams were winners at Regional Science Fairs held recently. Gandy's project on recycling energy won several first place awards at the High Plains Regional Science Fair in Amarillo. Miss Williams' project also received several awards at the Region 17 South Plains Science & Engineering Fair in Lubbock, including a trophy for third place overall in the Senior Biological Sciences, and Miss Tejada received a red ribbon for her project in the Medicine and Health Division. (See related story.) (LCN PHOTO)

THS Science Students Awarded At Regional Fairs

Tahoka High School science students Gary Gandy, Georgia Williams and Mandi Tejada recently competed in regional science fairs, bringing home several awards.

Gandy, a student of Mrs. Betty Stennett, participated in the High Plains Regional Science Fair held March 1 in Amarillo. His project, entitled "REACH - Recycling Energy-Efficient Anhydrous Chemical Heater," was a second year engineering project. He designed and built an alternate home heating unit using an anhydrous chemical that releases heat when mixed with water. The sun is used to evaporate the water therefore making the unit rechargeable.

Gandy won first place awards from Peace Farm, the Society of Petroleum Engineers (graphing calculator), U.S. Dept. of Energy, U.S. Metric Association, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army (\$50 savings bond and book bag), U.S. Navy (graphing calculator), Yale Science and Engineering Association, and 1st Place Engineering Science Project.

Ms. Williams and Tejada are both students of Mrs. Cathy Box, and they participated in the Region 17 South Plains Science and Engineering Fair.

Ms. Williams, a senior, received a blue ribbon in the Health and Medicine Division for her project, "Study of Cerebrovascular Accidents (CVA's) by Utilization of Natural Vasoconstrictors and Vasodilators." She also received a trophy for receiving third place overall in the Senior Biological Sciences; a first place Marine and Navy award (graphing calculator); and a first place Air Force award (electronic planner).

Ms. Tejada, a sophomore, received a red ribbon in the Medicine and Health Division for her project, "Antimicrobial Herbs: Helpful or Just a Fad?"

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Do you enjoy seeing all the flags put out by the Boy Scouts on holidays?

It's now time to pay your annual \$25 fee for this service.

It is time for the 1997 flag dues. The yearly dues are \$25 for the Boy Scout Flag Membership Program. Payments should be made to: **BSA, Pack #782, P.O. Box 1044, Tahoka** - or payments can be made at the Tahoka City Hall. Scouts and Leaders will also be going door-to-door for flag dues. If you have moved recently, please call any active Boy Scout or leader so that we can make proper changes. All 1997 dues need to be paid before May 1st, and is good for the 1997 calendar year.

The BSA would like to thank each of you for your contribution to the Flag Program, and any donations made to the Scouting Program.

Please contact us if you wish to discontinue your subscription, or if you would like to have a flag at your home or office, or if you have any questions.

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ATTEND FHA CONFERENCE - Tahoka Middle School FHA students (in front from left) D'Lynn Stone, Chelsey Miller, Keely Boone, Mandy Sanders, and High School students (in back from left) Erica Handley, Angie Garza, Becky DeLeon, Rebekah Curry, and not pictured, Jennifer Sepeda, attended the Region I FHA Conference in Lubbock last weekend and qualified for the state conference in April. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka FHA Members Compete At Regional Conference, Advance To State

Members of the Tahoka Chapter and Madeline Hegi Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region I Conference held in Lubbock, on March 7-8, with several advancing to state competition.

The Tahoka members were among approximately 900 delegates attending the two-day conference.

They participated in STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition), which are competitive events that showcase members' life skills in different areas of competition. Tahoka Chapter member Erica Handley placed first in the Chapter Showcase Event, a team event, which recognizes chapters that develop and implement a well-balanced program of work and promote FHA/HERO to the community. Erica presented a ten minute discussion on the Tahoka FHA chapter and member activities during the 1996-1997 school year. Erica will participate at the state level.

Rebecca DeLeon and Jennifer Sepeda placed third in the Skills for Life Event, a team event, which recognizes participants who develop a "how to" presentation that explains a life skill used to plan and/or implement a project related to a national FHA/HERO program. Their topic was "Learn to Lead Through FHA/HERO". Rebecca and Jennifer will advance to state competition.

Five members of the Madeline Hegi Chapter of FHA also competed in STAR events, with all five advancing to state competition. Angie Garza, a senior at Tahoka High School, participated in STAR event, Job Interview. This is an individual event which recognizes participants who use home economics skills to develop a portfolio, participate in an interview and communicate a personal understanding of job requirements and the ability to perform them. She placed second and will advance to state competition. Middle School students, D'Lynn Stone, Chelsey Miller and Keely Boone received first place in STAR event, Focus on Children. Their project focused on a babysitting workshop they conducted for 5th and 6th graders on Feb. 6 at the Home Economics Department. Mandy Sanders received first place in Illustrated Talk, an individual event, that recognizes participants for their ability to make a presentation about life issues concerning home economics. Mandy's presentation was titled "Eating to Win", which focused on the diet for the athlete.

All of the students will compete on the state level at the FHA State Leadership Conference, April 17-20 in Dallas.

Tahoka FHA Chapter also won an Outstanding Project Award for projects carried out this year through the Community Service class. Members participating in the projects were Erica Handley, Mandy Rodriguez, Rocky Moore, Robert Fant, Amber Curry, and Rachel Tew.

The Tahoka FHA was also recognized by the Texas Association as a Level 3 "Catch the Spirit Chapter." To become a Spirit Chapter, the local organization completed three membership activities, three national programs, and three public relations activities. The President of the Tahoka FHA is Erica Handley.

The new officer team for Region I 1997-1998 school year was elected on Friday night. Rebekah Curry, a junior at THS, was elected to serve as a State FHA officer. Rebekah will interview at the State FHA/HERO conference in April where her state office will be announced. As Region I Vice President of Public Relations this year, Rebekah was responsible for publicizing the organization, writing news articles for

the state paper, the *Future Homemaker* and the national magazine, *Teen Times*. Rebekah also developed ideas for promoting Future Homemakers of America during FHA/HERO week. She planned and implemented Connection Team responsibilities on the regional and state levels. Rebekah's final responsibility was to produce a region newsletter at this weekend's conference called *The Spy's Eye*.

There are two Future Homemakers of America local chapters. The Tahoka FHA Chapter is sponsored by Mrs. Patti Rambo, and the Madeline Hegi Chapter is sponsored by Mrs. Donna Stone.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The New Home Leopards recently won their Bi-District title in basketball. Jimmy Neveraz, a senior, was named most valuable player. Ernie Caballero was named to first team All-District and Travis Smith was named to All-District second team. Caballero and Smith are juniors at New Home High School.

The New Home Lady Leopards had a much improved season this year. Senior Brandi Nettles was named to first team All-District. Kriston Durham, a junior, and sophomores Jamie Burrow, J'Lynn Clem, and Misty Swartz were named honorable mention All-District.

The Easter Story was read to grades K through 6 on Wednesday, March 12. Spring break will begin Friday, March 14. School will resume Monday, March 24.

High School U.L.L. competition will begin on March 24 with the one-act play competition at Smyer. Other events will begin in Amherst on March 25, and conclude in New Home on March 27.

Friday, March 28 is a student holiday and teacher in-service.

Elementary students have been learning about their digestive tracts and proper nutrition through a program delivered by Karon Durham during the month of March.

Results are in for the recently concluded school show season. The following are winners representing New Home. **FL Worth:** Matthew Cramblet-3rd place, Cross Barrow and 14th place, Medium Wool Lamb. **El Paso:** Champion Duroc-Matthew Cramblet. **San Antonio:** Riley Barnett-1st, Santa Gertrudis Steer; Amy Clem-6th, Chianina Steer; Matthew Cramblet-2nd and 15th, Medium Wool Lamb; Cassidy Lisemby-4th, Medium Wool Lamb; Jody Clem-2nd, York Barrow; Stefanie White-5th, Hamp Barrow; Cassidy Lisemby-6th, Cross Barrow; Kendal Barnett-8th Poland Barrow; and Tyler McAllister-15th Duroc Barrow. **Houston:** Kendal Barnett-2nd, Santa Gertrudis Steer; Riley Barnett-3rd, Charolais Steer; Matthew Cramblet-3rd, Medium Wool Lamb; Jody Clem-4th, Medium Wool Lamb; Cassidy Lisemby-8th, Medium Wool Lamb; Brooke Fillingim-Reserve Champion Chester Barrow; Tyler McAllister-Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow; Angela Holler-2nd, Hamp Barrow; Jody Clem-4th, Cross Barrow; Stephanie Kieth-4th, Spot Barrow; Riley Barnett-5th, Poland Barrow; Brittany Kieth-6th, York Barrow; J'Lynn Clem-7th, Chester Barrow; Cody Kieth-9th, Poland Barrow; Lisa Vineyard-11th, Duroc Barrow; Evan Clem-11th, Spot Barrow; Stefanie White-15th, Duroc Barrow; and Ty Page-20th, Hamp Barrow.

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Tahoka Elementary Students Do Well At Regional Fair

Tahoka Elementary students brought home five gold medals and several ribbons, as well as an "Outstanding Project" award and an environmental award at the Regional Science Fair held in Lubbock last weekend.

Sixth grader Jeanine Wilson's project, "Superdirt", was awarded a gold medal and also named Outstanding Project by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, as well as winning First Place Overall in the sixth grade biological category.

Fourth graders Lacey McCleskey and Crystal Gutierrez were awarded red ribbons and was also awarded the Lubbock Lake Landmark Environmental Award for their environmental project on a solar food drier.

Other gold medalists from Tahoka Elementary were sixth grader Leigh McAfee and fifth graders Chris Engle, Amy McAfee and a joint project by Emily Botkin and Lindsay Preston. Other ribbon winners at the Regional Science Fair were sixth grader Britni Engle (red ribbon), fifth grader Lance Lankford (red ribbon) and fourth grader Sarah Box (white ribbon).

Over 140 Students Compete At 4th Annual Lynn County Science Fair

The 4th Annual Lynn County Science Fair was held Thursday, Feb. 6, at O'Donnell Schools. Students competing in this year's science fair included 51 students from Wilson, 82 students from O'Donnell, and 7 students from Tahoka.

The science projects were judged by the same criteria used at regional and state science fairs throughout Texas. All projects followed the guidelines of the International Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by Science Service.

The science fair was supported by contributions from interested individuals and groups throughout the county. Judges came from all over the county to judge.

The primary objective of the Lynn County Science Fair has been to promote and encourage the advancement of science. This fair has grown from 54 participants the first year to 144 participants this year.

"The success of the science fair has been due to the generous response of the people of Lynn county, through their contributions of time and money. We are fortunate to have so many people that are actively interested in the students of Lynn County," said one organizer of the event.

O'Donnell Schools have hosted the Lynn County Science Fair for the past four years. Wilson Schools will be hosting the science fair next year.

Following is a list of medalists at the science fair.

Junior Projects

3rd Grade

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Individual Projects - Gold-Rebecca Brewer, O'Donnell. **Chemistry:** Team Projects - Gold-Beatrice Rios and Amber Watkins, Wilson. **Earth and Space Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Joy Castillo, O'Donnell. **Life Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Joy Castillo, O'Donnell. **Computer and Mathematics:** Individual Projects - Gold-Mandy Forbes, O'Donnell. **Environmental Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Gavin Ramirez, O'Donnell. **Physics:** Individual Projects - Gold-Joshua Ramirez, O'Donnell. **Botany:** Individual Projects - Gold-Karla Smith and Kendra Davis, O'Donnell. **Earth and Space Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Jessica Wilson, Tahoka. **Life Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Amanda Mott and Lynsey Romine, O'Donnell. **Physics:** Individual Projects - Gold-Jayson Conner, O'Donnell. **Chemistry:** Individual Projects - Gold-James DeLosSantos and Brent Furlow, O'Donnell. **Earth and Space Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Ryan Wied and Kyler Livingston, Wilson.

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - Awarded ribbons and medals at the Regional Science Fair in Lubbock last weekend were these Tahoka Elementary students. In front are gold medalists Leigh McAfee, Chris Engle, Emily Botkin, Jeanine Wilson (also Outstanding Project and 1st place overall in 6th grade biological category), Lindsay Preston and Amy McAfee. Other winners are, in back, Sarah Box, Britni Engle, Lance Lankford, and Lacey McCleskey and Crystal Gutierrez whose joint project also won an environmental award. (LCN PHOTO)

When planting a young tree, pick a day in the appropriate season that is cool, overcast and windless. Your tree will have a better chance of surviving.

Computer & Mathematics: Team Projects - Gold-Jill Clark and Tonya Forbes, O'Donnell. **Environmental Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Michael Donathon, Wilson. **Life Science:** Team Projects - Gold-Carolyn Clark, Connie Martinez and Jessica Gutierrez, O'Donnell.

Senior Projects

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Team Projects - Gold-Kyle James and Paula Lively, O'Donnell. **Biochemistry:** Individual Projects - Gold-Amber Hancock, O'Donnell. **Botany:** Individual Projects - Gold-Casey Griffing, O'Donnell. **Chemistry:** Individual Projects - Gold-Jonathon Read, O'Donnell. **Earth and Space Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Melissa Olvera and Jessica Jaime, O'Donnell. **Computers:** Team Projects - Gold-Manny Gutierrez, Jesus Villa and Ramiro Montez, O'Donnell. **Earth and Space Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Halee Hughes, O'Donnell. **Environmental Science:** Individual Projects - Gold-Tatum Bessire, O'Donnell. **Global Change:** Individual Projects - Gold-Scott Olivan, O'Donnell. **Medicine and Health:** Individual Projects - Gold-Keva Lee, O'Donnell. **Microbiology:** Individual Projects - Gold-Chera Forbes, O'Donnell. **Physics:** Individual Projects - Gold-Jaybo Webb, O'Donnell. **Zoology:** Team Projects - Gold-Heather Blackwell and April Renteria, O'Donnell.

Agriculture Awards
Individual Projects - Jessica Wilson, Ashley McNeely, Callie Botkin, Mandy Forbes.

April Conner, Misti Shipley and Joshua Ramirez; Team Projects - Nathan Ballard and Edward Nava, Amber Mott and Lindsay Romine, Chastity Gass and Sarah Griffing.

Jason Summers Chemistry Awards

Individual Projects - Jonathon Read, Casey Griffing, Ashley James and Tate Gass; Group Project - Casey Bolyard, Breann Rucker, and Krista Wilke.

Most Creative Project Awards

3rd Grade - Tamara Wilson; 4th Grade - Mark Eaker; 5th Grade - Channing Chancy; 6th Grade - Group Project-Jayce Clayton, Tyler Franklin and Choya Thompson; 7th Grade - Group Project-Cody Kirk and Quinn Whisner; 8th Grade - Michael Donathon; 9th Grade - Scott Olivan; 10th Grade - Tatum Bessire; 11th Grade - Group Project-Kyle James and Paula Lively; 12th Grade - Chera Forbes.

Metric Awards

3rd Grade - Tate Gass; 4th Grade - Ashley James and Landon Wilke; 5th Grade - Karen Wells, Emily Botkin and Lindsay Preston; 6th Grade - Team Project-Allison Barrett and Senaida Rodriguez; 7th Grade - Jennifer Bucola, Chastity Gass and Sarah Griffing; 8th Grade - Team Project-Toby Conner and Abrian Casarez; 9th Grade - Jonathon Read; 10th Grade - Halee Hughes; 11th Grade - Casey Griffing; 12th Grade - Chera Forbes.

Madame Curie Awards

Team Project - Lindsay Preston and Emily Botkin; Individual Project - Menda James.

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Individual Project - Brady Cross; Team Project - Armando Perez, Anthony Castillo, and Jeremy Villarreal.

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SERVICE AWARD—Nicki Strickland receives a certificate and pin for 10 years service to the Lynn County FSA, presented by Tony Bishop, Chairman of the Lynn County FSA Committee. Mrs. Strickland began work at the local office when the office was called the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service as a temporary employee helping other employees with various programs. She was appointed to a permanent position in 1989 and was assigned to the Compliance program. She was promoted by adding duties of the System Console Operator in 1994. She also assist in several other areas. She is married to Jim Strickland, and they have three daughters; Mandy, Monica, and Kayla.

Producers Given Opportunity To Obtain Pesticide License

Area producers will be given the opportunity to receive a Private Pesticide Applicator License on March 26. The training will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lyntegar Meeting Room in Tahoka.

Following the training, Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer the test.

All producers who use restricted-use chemicals are required to have a Pesticide License. Once obtained, 15 continuing education units must be maintained in five years for renewal.

Study guides are available at the Lynn County Extension Office, 1600 Ave. J, Tahoka, for \$10.

For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent, at (806) 998-4562.

Informational Meeting On Garlic Barrier Slated March 27

A Garlic Barrier informational meeting for farmers will be held at the Post Community Center, 113 West Main, Post, on Thursday, March 27 at 9 a.m.

The free meeting is sponsored by David Nichols, Garlic Gold Dealer. Refreshments of coffee and donuts will be served and door prizes will be given away. Seating will be limited, anyone interested should RSVP by March 25.

Guest speaker will be Cecil Richardson, a farmer from Hale Center and a distributor of Garlic Barrier.

It is estimated that some 2,000 asteroid-Earth collisions have occurred in the last 60 million years.

Glickman Encourages Landowners, Operators To Participate In New Conservation Reserve Program

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced the opening of the sign-up period for the new, environmentally-focused Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and encouraged landowners and farm operators to take advantage of opportunities to enroll environmentally sensitive land in the program. The CRP sign-up period runs through Friday, March 28.

The CRP will play a key role in meeting environmental goals in different regions of the country, such as protecting salmon and trout habitat in the Pacific Northwest; reducing sedimentation and agricultural run-off in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; protecting millions of acres in the Midwest from wind and water erosion; and improving wildlife habitat to bolster waterfowl and wildlife populations in the prairie pothole region of the northern plains.

"But to achieve these goals, landowners, operators, and ranchers must offer their land for enrollment," Glickman said. "I strongly urge them to get the facts about how the CRP could be applied across their entire landscape. They have many options to consider because all different types of land are eligible for CRP enrollment, from cropland and highly erodible land, to other special practices, such as buffer strips, riparian buffers on pastureland, grassed waterways, field wind breaks, contour grass strips, and edges of cropland fields."

The CRP is an effective, voluntary approach to improving the nation's natural resource base. Landowners enter into contracts with USDA to place erodible and other environmentally-sensitive cropland in long-term conservation practices for 10-15 years. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

"To learn how to maximize the CRP, all potential participants should talk to their local conservation districts or personnel from USDA. This program is different from the one ten years ago. The focus of the program now is on conservation, not supply management."

Glickman encouraged landowners and operators with land coming out of the CRP to consider leaving smaller areas of their land in the CRP, such as buffer strips, field edges, riparian buffers, and grassed waterways.

"These types of practices go a long way to help reduce erosion and improve water quality," Glickman said.

"For people who want to re-enroll the land they presently have in the CRP, I strongly urge that they offer to improve the grass cover or other types of conservation practices that will enhance their chances of being accepted for another 10 or 15 year contract."

Under the continuous sign-up, landowners at any time can enroll buffer strips, riparian buffers, field wind breaks, grassed waterways, grass contour strips and other special practices and receive a higher rental rate payment as well as cost-share assistance.

The CRP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, State forestry agencies, and local soil and water conservation districts.

County Agent Has CRP Information To Help Landowners

Suggestions which may help Lynn County landowners make decisions about the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are available at the county office of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

"Landowners must consider many factors as they decide whether to enter the new program, what to bid, or what other use to make of their land," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent. "To help make these important choices, Extension Service economists and crop and livestock production specialists have put together some guidelines," Reynolds said.

The publications are:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Final Rules, Questions, and Answers

- Background on the CRP Program as of January 1996

- The CRP Decision Process

- Cattle Grazing on Land Formerly Enrolled in The CRP Program

- Returning CRP Land to Crop Production

- Wildlife Habitat Management on Former CRP Lands

These are available on the World Wide Web at <http://AFPCI.TAMU.EDU> or can be studied at the County Extension Office.

An optional computer software program is also being offered. Contact the County Extension Office for more information.



RESERVE CHAMP—Reserve Champion title went to Tyler Hawthorne of Tahoka, in the Duroc Swine Division during the San Antonio Junior Barrow Show on Feb. 13. Tyler's Duroc is named "Big Dog". He is a member of Tahoka Junior FFA.

Producers Urged To Use Caution When Burning CRP Grass

Producers in Lynn County need to be aware of not only the danger but the liability incurred when burning CRP grass, according to the local National Resources Conservation Service.

"A large percentage of the CRP grass in the county was burned this past spring. Some of the burning was planned, but the majority was burned without the landowner's permission under less than ideal conditions," said a NRCS representative.

At a time when much is being written and said about individual property rights, producers are reminded that CRP owners have property rights also. Producers are encouraged to talk to their neighbors about the boll weevil problem, before going out and burning their grass. If a producer has the CRP owner's permission to burn their grass, NRCS urges them to consider the following points:

1) Many acres planted to grass are on very fragile soils and burning in February is too early. The grass can be burned in March, before the grass greens up, and still kill the boll weevil without causing any damage to the grass or creating a blowing problem.

2) CRP owners and producers are reminded that if the grass was burned this past spring, it is not necessary to burn the grass again this spring. The grass needs more than one year to produce enough litter for the boll weevil to overwinter in.

3) CRP owners should get a statement from their neighbor releasing them (CRP owner) from liability, if they allow their neighbor to burn their grass. The liability agreement should be in writing, and address at a minimum, who will be responsible if the grass stand does not recover after the burn and needs to be reestablished. Additionally, it should state who will be liable in case of injuries, death, or damage to houses, barns, fences, utility poles, etc.

4) Producers who have permission to burn CRP grass must be aware of wind direction and speed. Burning grass in a high wind is unsafe and also the grass burns too fast to kill the boll weevil. If the wind is out of the wrong direction, the producers could put smoke on a road and cause an unnecessary tragedy.

5) CRP owners who wish to burn their grass should contact the Farm Service Agency first. CRP contracts must be modified prior to a prescribed burn, but the Farm Service Agency must request the modification from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

6) CRP owners should take appropriate action to protect their property from loss. A fireguard may need to be established and maintained around buildings. If the grass is shredded around buildings, it will give the fire fighters a better chance at protecting the endangered property from a wildfire.

7) Think safety - fire is a very volatile and unpredictable even under planned and controlled conditions.

Jodi Wied To Be Student Athlete On Channel 11

Wilson High School senior Jodi Wied will be featured on KCBD News Channel 11's Student Athlete of the Week series next Tuesday, March 18 during the 10 o'clock newscast.

Ms. Wied is captain of the Lady Mustangs basketball team, plays golf, runs track, and is involved in FFA, Student Council, One-Act Play, and also serves as the Senior Class Vice President. She is also a cheerleader at Wilson High School.

She is the daughter of David and Nan Wied, and she has two sisters, Lexi, who is a freshman at Wilson I.S.D., and Kaci, a seventh grader.

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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

It has come to the attention of the City Council that the stray and loose dog population of Wilson is getting out of hand again. The city has begun picking up strays and impounding them. If your pet has been running loose it will be picked up. For more information contact City Hall during regular business hours.

Spring Break will be March 17-19, with Thursday and Friday, March 20-21 being used as intersession. Students should already know if they have to attend classes on those two days or not. Buses will run and classes will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact your student's principal.

Elections are just around the corner, so now is the time to apply for a place on the ballot for the Wilson City Council and School Board. Election packets and rules may be picked up at the City Hall and at the Wilson ISD Administration Office. Deadline to file is March 19.

Cheerleader practice will begin on Monday, March 31, with tryouts scheduled for Thursday, April 17. Places on the cheerleading squad will be announced on Friday, April 4. For more information and rules contact Mrs. Platte or any cheerleader sponsor.

U.I.L. academic activities and contests are beginning to take place with Wilson students participating in various meets. The one-act play team will travel to Smyer for a performance on Monday, March 24. There will be high school meets Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27.

The Sweetwater judging contest for ag students will be Saturday, March 22. Mr. McDonald has all the information and times for those interested or scheduled to compete.

The Wilson High School Track team will run in a meet on Friday, March 28 at Jayton.

Friday, March 28 was originally scheduled as a snow day or student holiday but will be a make-up day instead due to the late start of the school year.

The Wilson Whip Its will travel to O'Donnell this Friday, March 14, to help close the O'Donnell Jump Rope For Heart event.

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, March 13. Agenda items include setting dates for meetings and training sessions; announcing board training hours; election of Director of Education Service Center; adoption of textbook committee report; application for waiver - staff development days for 1997-98; adopt calendar; consider salary schedule for lunchroom workers; consider and adopt cheerleader policy; and contracts for professional personnel.

Community Story Time will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Home Economics Building.

The Regional Science Fair was held in Lubbock on March 7 and 8. Congratulations to Jonathan Bennett, Joshua Rodriguez, and Calvin Shiffrin who won gold medals for their team project.

The Wilson Student Council is planning an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 29 from 10-11 a.m. for all kids in Wilson. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be two divisions for the hunt: 5 and under and 6-10 years old. There will also be games (like bunny hop races) for everyone. A surprise visitor will be present.

The Student Council is also trying to get a Spring Fling contest together like last year. Please contact a student council member or Coach Sievers with any ideas for fun stuff to do. Any ideas will be appreciated.

Input on ideas for an assembly to be held in April would also be appreciated.

HONOR ROLLS LISTED

Wilson Elementary School recently named the Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks. They are as follows: Pre-K: Perfect Attendance-Jenna Autry, Arthur Castillo, Rito Martinez, Felipe Ortega, John Gabriel Rios. Kindergarten: Perfect Attendance-Samantha Martinez, Kacia Singleton, Crystal Valdez, and Letycia Ybarra; Student of The Six Weeks-Kacia Singleton. 1st Grade: "A" Honor Roll-Rayley Farmer, Erin Shiffrin; "B" Honor Roll-Dustin Janssen, Austin Lea, Carol Pabon, Desrae Rendon, Joseph Nicolai, Rene Ramirez; Student of The Six Weeks-Joseph Nicolai. 2nd Grade: "A" Honor Roll-Chris Soto, Ricky Vengara, Gilbert Vasquez; "B" Honor Roll-Angelica Gonzales, Yessica Gonzalez, Samantha Rios, Vivian Rios, Victoria Zepeda; Bug Club-Veronica Gill, Angelica Gonzales, Yessica Gonzalez, Christopher Guzman, Chris Hernandez, Tonya Johnson, Sarah Nicolai, Samantha Rios, Vivian Rios, Chris Soto, Gilbert Vasquez, Ricky Vengara; Student of The Six Weeks-Samantha Rios. 3rd Grade: "A" Honor Roll-Amber Autry, Sarah Bednarz, Kyler Livingston, Beatrice Rios, Ryan Wied, Landon Wilke; "B" Honor Roll-Rachel Chancy, Leticia Hernandez, Ashley Watkins; Bug Club-Sarah Bednarz, Rachel Chancy, Kyler Livingston, Ashley Watkins, Ryan Wied, Landon Wilke; Student of The Six Weeks-Sarah Bednarz and Derick Cummings. 4th Grade: "A" Honor Roll-Calan Shiffrin, Kathy Soto, Lori Garces; "B" Honor Roll-Kevin Platte; Bug Club-Lori Garces, Calvin Johnson; Student of The Six Weeks-Sonyia and Jonathan. 5th Grade: "A" Honor Roll-Brady Cross; "B" Honor Roll-Rebecca Flores, Lorena Gonzales, Nicole Rucker, Misti Shipley, Lauren Wied, Tiffany Hernandez; Bug Club-Brady Cross, Rebecca Flores, Lauren Wied; Student of The Six Weeks-Brady Cross. 6th Grade: "B" Honor Roll-Casey Boleyard, Philip Casteel, Krista Wilke, David Yowell, Robynn Oglesby; Bug Club-José Calsoncit, Dominic Guzman, Jacob Ramos, Samantha Rodriguez, David Yowell; Student of The Six Weeks-Krista Wilke.

Wilson School Menu

March 17-21
Monday: Spring Break
Tuesday: Spring Break
Wednesday: Spring Break
Thursday (Intersession-No Breakfast): Meat/Cheese Sandwich, Pickle Spear, Sliced Peaches, Funyuns, Milk.
Friday (Intersession-No Breakfast): Meat/Cheese Sandwich, Pickle Spear, Sliced Peaches, Funyuns, Milk.



HEART ASSOCIATION APPRECIATION - Jannis Childress, representing the American Heart Association, presents a certificate of appreciation to Tahoka Elementary Physical Education teacher Lynn Lankford and the elementary students who raised funds through the Jump Rope For Heart campaign for the AHA. The plaque is in appreciation for "outstanding community service in advancing cardiovascular health and fitness and generating public support for the fight against heart and blood vessel disease in Texas." Mrs. Lankford has promoted the project at Tahoka Elementary for the nine years she has been employed there, but noted that the school has participated in the campaign for 15 years. Students who raised funds for the project are shown here, including (not listed in order) D'Lea Autry, Amy McAfee, Jerrod Childress, Jennifer McCleskey, Patricia Hester, Krista Norwood, Crystal Gutierrez, Cade Miller, Mario Gutierrez, Jennifer Ceniseros, Laura Saldana, Sarah Botkin, Lacey McCleskey, Skylar Owens, Monte Jolly, James Loftis, and not shown, Michael Nance, Allie Garcia and Destiny Manriquez. (LCN PHOTO)

Good School Attendance Equals Good Grades

Editorial by Glo Hays, Tahoka Middle School Principal

Everyone wants to be successful. We want to be successfully happy and healthy. We want contentment with who we are and what we do. We want those around us to be successful in the same way. That's why it's so natural to support the THS Bulldogs as they strive to realize their dream of STATE CHAMPIONS!

All through life we look at the "things" that make people successful. Sometimes we call these "things" the personal characteristics that people have. When we notice a personal characteristic that successful people demonstrate, we teach our children about that characteristic and encourage them to use the characteristic to their advantage throughout their life.

It doesn't take long to figure out that one personal characteristic of successful people is "attendance." The dictionary says that when a person "attends," the person "applies the mind or pays attention," "is present,"

and "applies oneself." From those definitions we understand that successful wives "attend" to their husbands. Successful fathers "attend" to their children. Successful employees "attend" to their work and are considered "in attendance." Successful athletes "attend" to specific tasks in order to become and/or remain physically, mentally, and socially competent.

The State of Texas recognizes the relationship between learning and attendance. Texas requires every student to attend school. Tahoka school administrators, and teachers also understand that successful learners are successful "attenders." Successful learners come to school every day if at all possible. Successful learners come to school even when they don't feel very good. Successful learners schedule every possible activity that take place away from school after school hours if possible. Not only are successful learners physically

"present," but they also "apply the mind or pay attention" and "apply themselves."

Middle school student grades for the fourth six weeks are being turned in today, and it's not surprising to note that students with failing grades are also students who do not attend school regularly. I urge parents and students to understand the relationship between successful learning and attendance. However, understanding how attendance affects successful learning is worthless unless we put into practice the acquired understanding.

Attend school and increase opportunities to learn successfully!

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Rep. Counts Files Bill Opposing Same Sex Marriages

State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City) recently filed legislation that would prevent state recognition of same sex marriages.

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