

Grammy Nominees "Lonestar," Tejano Band Have Family Ties To Lynn County



RICHIE McDONALD (second from left), lead singer for Lonestar, is the son of Marcy Whitley of Tahoka. The popular band has been nominated for a Grammy for "My Front Porch Looking In" — their sixth Grammy nomination.

by JUANELL JONES

"Lonestar" and "Grupo Milagro" — two great bands and two good reasons for Lynn County residents to pay closer attention to the nationally-televised Grammy Awards show on Sunday, Feb. 8, because both have earned Grammy nominations and both bands have family connections here.

Richie McDonald, lead singer for the country band Lonestar, is the son of Marcy Whitley of Tahoka — and she has the gold and platinum album awards on her living room wall to prove it. The band is up for their sixth Grammy nomination, for Best Country Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal for their song, "My Front Porch Looking In."

Marcy has a smile that lights up her face when anyone asks about her famous son, or for that matter, any of her other three children. She's not alone in that sentiment, as New Home's Jose Torres, family can re-

late — they're justifiably proud of Ricky Torres, lead singer for Grupo Milagro, a Tejano band whose second album, "Despues De Todo," has been nominated for Best Tejano Album at the Grammys. It's the band's first Grammy nomination, and the family is excited about the national attention their son and his band is gaining.

Ricky Torres is a home-grown product — he was Valedictorian of the New Home High School Class of 1998, culminating his years at New Home ISD with a long list of accomplishments, including all-state kicker for the Leopards football team, and a member of varsity track, tennis, basketball and just about any other sport available. National Honor Society, one-act play cast member, and junior board of directors. Oh, and in his spare time, Rick played music with his older brother, Joe, practicing at home for many hours under the guidance of their father, Joe III, a former



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NEW HOME GRAD Ricky Torres (front) is lead singer for Grupo Milagro, a Tejano band from Lubbock whose second album, "Despues De Todo," has been nominated for Best Tejano Album at the Grammys. The NHHS Valedictorian (who sang at his 1998 commencement ceremonies) is thrilled with the unexpected honor. His parents, Jose and Janie Torres of New Home, and the rest of his family are justifiably proud of him.

band musician who played professionally under a couple of Latino labels back in the 1970s.

"Ricky loved singing and playing music," his mother, Janie, recalls with a smile. "I remember he asked for a snare drum when he was little, and I

thought, okay we'll see. We put it on layaway, and after we got it home he just loved it," she said, thinking Ricky was so involved with Little Dribblers and other sports that he wouldn't take the time for music. But when his father (See "Lonestar," page 3)

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Deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6.

WOODWORK by Dalton

THERE'S A STORY in the Lubbock newspaper this week which sets out some guidelines for making New Year's resolutions, noting that a month after New Year's Day most folks who made resolutions already have given up on them.

The story on the teen page, by Dana Crites, a Lubbock Coronado student, quotes a University of Washington study and also a psychologist named Brain Carr on the subject of making and keeping resolutions.

Yes, I find it hard to believe there is a psychologist named "Brain," but that's what it said. Anyway, Carr advised keeping your resolutions simple. For example, instead of resolving to lose 50 pounds in the next two months, resolve to lose 10 pounds in a month. Meet that goal, celebrate and repeat it.

So be realistic. In my case, I might resolve to lose 3 ounces by July 1, or resolve not to eat any turnips for the rest of my life. At least one of those is within the realm of possibility.

What am I doing reading the teen page? Well, gee, I was a teenager once, although I believe I passed that phase during the Boer War. As a teenager, I knew a lot of stuff; later on I forgot most of it.

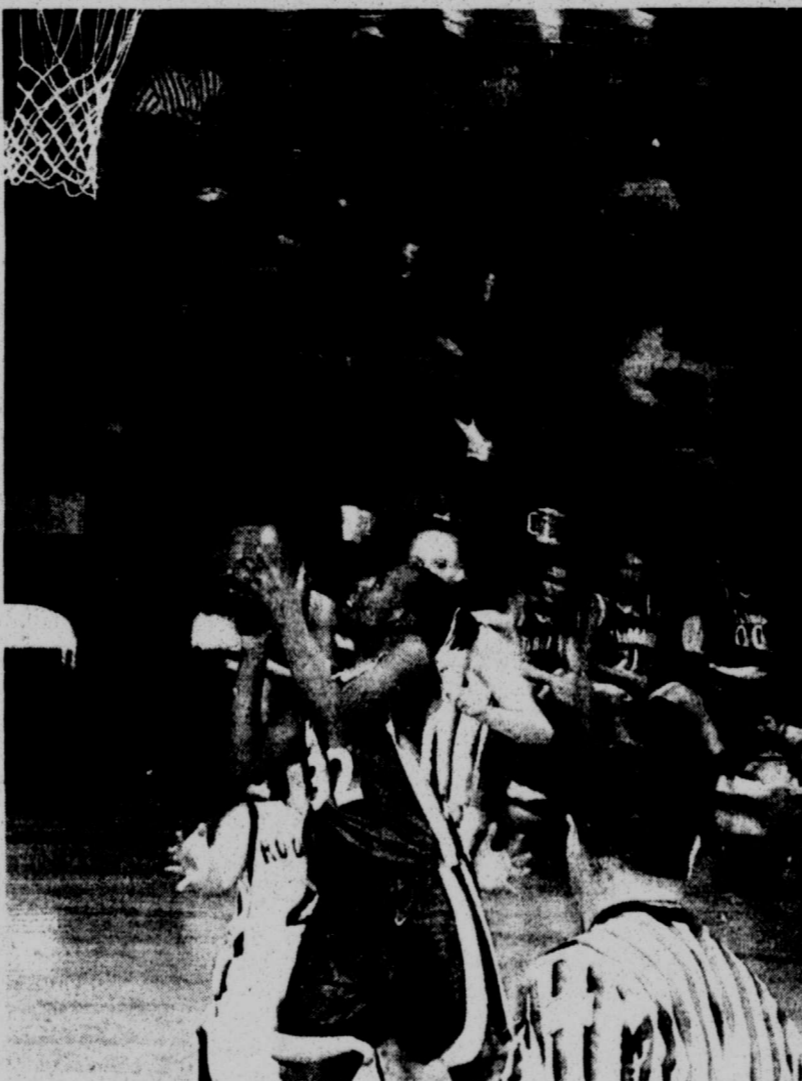
Several years ago on New Year's Day I resolved to make no more New Year's resolutions. I don't want any more commitments, although I have heard some unkind suggestions that I need to be committed.

LIKE MOST folks, I watched the Super Bowl Sunday, with several members of our family at the home of some of them, complete with good food and then more good food, followed by even more good food. Watching the Super Bowl is a very broadening experience.

The game was one of the best ever, with both teams playing well enough to win. Of course, as usual, it was diminished by the halftime show, which was just a little worse than awful. I don't know what weird person chooses the performers for Super Bowl halftimes, but I suspect it was left up to Michael Jackson (after all, one of his sisters was there, immodestly displaying her, uh, talents).

There were some other strange beings screaming out rap crap. I resisted the impulse to regurgitate all over the TV set, because that would have made it hard to see the second half.

THE WIFE of a guy who thinks he can be happy if he buys every new thing he wants suggests that "He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead."



BIG WIN — Damesha Harris (32) goes up for two for Tahoka in Tuesday night's big win over Roosevelt. The Lady Bulldogs won 52-38 in district action. Varsity boys won big also, 80-41. In JV action, Tahoka girls won 47-37 and boys came up just short, 43-40. Tahoka hosts Post Friday night. (LCN PHOTO)

More Strong Athletic Teams Added To Tahoka's District

The semi-annual realignment of districts by the University Interscholastic League announced this week doesn't make things any easier for Tahoka athletic teams.

The UIL changed the Class AA district 4 to a new number, 5-AA, and Tahoka stays in the same district with Post, Idalou, Shallowater and Roosevelt. New Deal drops to Class A, but is replaced with Abernathy, plus Slaton and Denver City, both dropped from Class AAA to Class AA.

This means Tahoka will have seven district football games next fall, and Coach Troy Hinds is working on the schedule.

The UIL realigns districts according to enrollment, and this year schools with high school enrollment of 190 up to 389 are in Class AA. Tahoka, with enrollment of 238, has fewer students to choose from than most of the other district schools. Shallowater, Roosevelt, Denver City and Slaton are near the top of the list.

"It didn't really surprise us that Slaton and Denver City dropped to 2A," said Superintendent Jimmy Parker. "Our biggest surprise was going to an eight-team district. It's going to be a lot harder to make the playoffs — when we had a six-team district we basically just had to beat three teams; now we'll have to beat five teams," he added.

"Tahoka won't be the smallest school in the district — that will be Abernathy — but this will make it harder to get past district in other areas, in track, academic UIL events, one-act play ... it will affect everything," said Parker.

He said the numbers for determining placement by UIL are from enrollment from every school district taken on the last Friday in October.

O'Donnell will be in District 6-A with Morton, Plains, Seagraves, Sundown and Whiteface. Wilson and New Home are in Six-Man District 3-A with Meadow, Ropes, Southland, Spade and Whitharral.

Eight-Liner Machines Seized In Raid Here

Sixteen gambling machines known as "8-Liners" were seized by Tahoka Police in a raid Friday on a Tahoka restaurant in which the machines were operated in a room adjacent to the restaurant itself.

The investigation which Police Chief Doyle Lee said extended over a few months, brought no immediate arrests, but the case will be referred to the Lynn County attorney for prosecution. Operation of a gambling facility is a Class A misdemeanor, Lee said.

On Friday about 4 p.m. Tahoka Police, assisted by members of the Special Crimes Unit of the Dept. of Public Safety entered George's Restaurant at 1900 Main St. and started hauling out the machines. In addition to the 16 electronic video machines, officers confiscated \$5,500 in cash.

Owner of the restaurant is George Jon Kioussis, 59, of Post.

Officers at the scene talked with several persons in the game room, and with two persons who allegedly had been paying cash to winners. The restaurant was closed for the rest of the day Friday, but reopened the next

day. Also during the last week, Police arrested a 40-year-old Tahoka man for assault on his wife and investigated a report of a check being stolen from Peggy Burdett Jolly of Tahoka. Payment on the check was stopped.

Of 36 persons in jail as of Wednesday morning, 22 were being held for Lubbock County. Newly jailed last week were five for Lubbock County, on charges of DWI third offense, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, theft over \$1,500, child support and assault. Others jailed were on these charges: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, failure to appear on driving while license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia plus no liability insurance, no drivers license or seat belt, theft by check (for Ector County).

Dispatchers at Lynn County sheriff's office processed 239 calls during January, with 104 for the county, 88 for Tahoka Police, 18 for O'Donnell Police, 25 ambulance calls and four fire alarms.

Tickets Still Available For Feb. 13 Valentine Dinner/Concert Here

Tickets for the Doug Smith piano concert and Valentine Dinner are still available from Tahoka Rotary Club members, with the benefit event scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13 at The Center for Housing and Community Development, in Tahoka.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, or \$75 per couple, and all proceeds benefit the Rotary Club's scholarship program, which provides college scholarships for local high school graduates.

A candlelight dinner catered by PJ's will be served at 7 p.m., and then West Texas pianist Doug Smith will perform a medley of original and other music on a special baby grand piano brought in exclusively for the concert. Smith's eclectic style of playing includes classical, rock, jazz, country and rhythm and blues musical selections.

Smith, who grew up in West Texas and now lives in Petersburg, has released nine recordings since 1982, and draws much of his inspiration for his original songs from the West Texas life.

Seating for the dinner/concert will be limited to 250. Contact Rotary Club President Kellie Paris at 561-6094, or any Rotary member, for tickets.

EMT Class To Be Offered

An EMT-Basic Class will be offered in Tahoka beginning on April 1st, if enough people enroll for the class. Anyone interested in taking the class should contact Jeanie Stone, Lynn County Hospital District EMS Coordinator, at 998-4533, ext. 307.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 28	61	24	
Jan. 29	65	30	
Jan. 30	60	25	
Jan. 31	69	25	
Feb. 1	48	2.5	
Feb. 2	60	25	
Feb. 3	50	25	

Total Precipitation to date: 2.10"

OBITUARIES



KYLE BUEERMANN and MICHELLE ACKERMAN

Couple To Wed In May

Roy and Debbie Ackerman of Springer, N.M., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle, to Kyle Bueermann, son of Bill and Wayla Bueermann of Tahoka.

The couple will marry May 7 in Albuquerque, N.M. Both attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview where Ackerman majors in Pre-Med and Bueermann majors in Religious Education.

Frances Matthews

Graveside chapel services for Mrs. Frances Ruth McKibben Matthews, 72, of Tahoka were held Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Tahoka with Bro. Larry Owen officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 in Tahoka.

She was born in Draw, TX on Oct. 9, 1931 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis St. Patrick and Lottie Evelina Kirkland McKibben. She married Warren Hardt Jr. in Lynn County on May 12, 1949. She married Russell Matthews in Franklin, TX on June 13, 1964; he preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1993.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Hardt; three brothers, Pat McKibben, Warren McKibben, and Tommy McKibben; two sisters, Opal Belt and Joyce Ware.

Survivors include three sons, Walter Hardt and Ronnie Hardt, both of Tahoka, and Robert Hardt of Muleshoe; a daughter, Tressa DeVine of Tahoka; three brothers, Don McKibben and Jerry McKibben, both of Tahoka, Joe McKibben of Florida; six sisters, Ruby Jones of Lubbock, Addie Triola of Houston, Patricia Williams of Dallas, Mary Roe of Henderson, Shirley Reece and Kay Dilliar, both of Odessa; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lunch

Monday-Bulldog burger, BBQ on bun, tomato & lettuce, pickle, celery w/ peanut butter, fries w/ketchup, slice peaches, fresh fruit
 Tuesday-Taco salad bowl, burrito, Santa Fe rice, lettuce/tomato, banana pudding, fresh fruit
 Wednesday-Fried chicken, corn bread, rib on bun, green beans, black-eyed peas, apple sauce, fresh fruit
 Thursday-Frito chili pie, ham & cheese sand., lettuce/tomato, campfire beans, pears in red gelatin, fresh fruit
 Friday-Steak fingers, chicken nuggets, mash potatoes w/ gravy, wheat roll, mac and cheese, tossed salad, ice cream cup, fresh fruit

Tahoka School Menu

Tahoka Menu
February 9-13
Breakfast

Monday-Pop Tart, fresh orange
 Tuesday-Rosalinda's Breakfast sandwich
 Wednesday-Rice Krispy Treat, fresh apple
 Thursday-Toaster sandwich
 Friday-Cinnamon Toast, apple sauce

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Clifford Tankersley

Services for Mrs. Clifford Tankersley, 96, of Tahoka, were held Saturday, Jan. 31 at First Baptist Church of Tahoka with Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment followed in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004 in Tahoka.

She was born August 14, 1907 in Mineral Wells, TX, to the late Mr. and Mrs. John and Vernie Snoderly Taylor. She married Hubert Tankersley in Bartlesville, OK on March 29, 1929. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1978. Mrs. Tankersley was active and served in the Home Demonstration Club, Garden Club, Eastern Star, Pythians, 4-

H and the Rainbow Girls. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church and sang in the choir for many years. She was a homemaker and longtime resident of Lynn County.

She was preceded in death by a son, H.R. Tankersley; a daughter, Mary Ann; brothers Bob and Kendell Taylor; and a sister, Georgia McCall.

Survivors include a daughter, Shelia Norman of Ruidoso, NM; a brother, Gene Taylor of Bartlesville, OK; and five grandchildren.

David Maurice Bray

Feb. 21, 1941 - Jan. 18, 2004

David M. Bray, son of Maurice and LaNeyl, who spent most of his youth in Tahoka, died suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 18 while enjoying two of his passions - traveling with his wife, Louise, and watching the Patriots win a chance to compete in this year's Super Bowl.

"Generosity, caring for others, pursuing excellence, and soaking up life and living fully, those are the keys to his life," Andrew Bray said of his father, the former Executive Dean of Administration at Harvard Medical School. "He taught us all a lot."

Happily, David and his family were in Tahoka in April for his sister Marla's wedding. Even though David went to schools in Dallas, Oxford, England, and Maryland; lived in Washington, DC, Chicago, Boston and Vermont, he never lost his deep affection for Tahoka and Lynn County, his roots. Even though he had lived away from Tahoka since 1959, he still had a checking account at the First National Bank of Tahoka and received the weekly Lynn County News.

David loved telling stories about his Tahoka years, his family and life there. Playing on the black with "52" kids in the 1940s and 1950s, learning to debate with Lonnie Wheeler from Lottie Jo Walker, taking home economics from Madeline Hegi and being welcomed back with open arms by the Huffakers and Owens. His wife says, "What a wonderful growing place Tahoka was for David, his brother and sister." All who know the family know that the worst time in the lives of the Brays was when Maurice Bray died at his dealership in 1966. The joy of Tahoka in their lives was rekindled in April as David and Andy walked Marla down the aisle of First Methodist Church as she married Brian Sparks.

"David was an outstanding administrator, businessman, consultant, mentor, raconteur, gentleman farmer, husband, father, grandfather, and friend who lived life fully, enthusiastically and happily," remembers Robert Crone, M.D., president and CEO of Harvard Medical International. "He had an enormous impact on the development of Harvard Medical School during the 80s and 90s."

"David Bray was simply the best academic administrator I have ever known," said Daniel C. Tosteson, M.D., former dean of MHS. "He embraced the academic mission of Harvard Medical School and felt privileged to work for its improvement. He was totally loyal, trustworthy, a man of integrity, and my friend."

David and his wife bought a farm and moved to Shrewsbury, Vermont after he retired from Harvard. David went from the brown plains of West Texas to the green hills of Vermont with a love of the land he learned in Tahoka. He served on a wide range of corporate boards, including Shorebank Corp., an acclaimed and pioneering community development and environmental bank; and Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. A founding member of The Giving Back Fund (GBF), he recently served on the scientific advisory board of its Cure Parkinson's Program. In Vermont, David joined Rotary International. David's life was changed by his own experience in England on a Rotary Scholarship he received in 1963 from the Rotary Club of the Tahoka area.

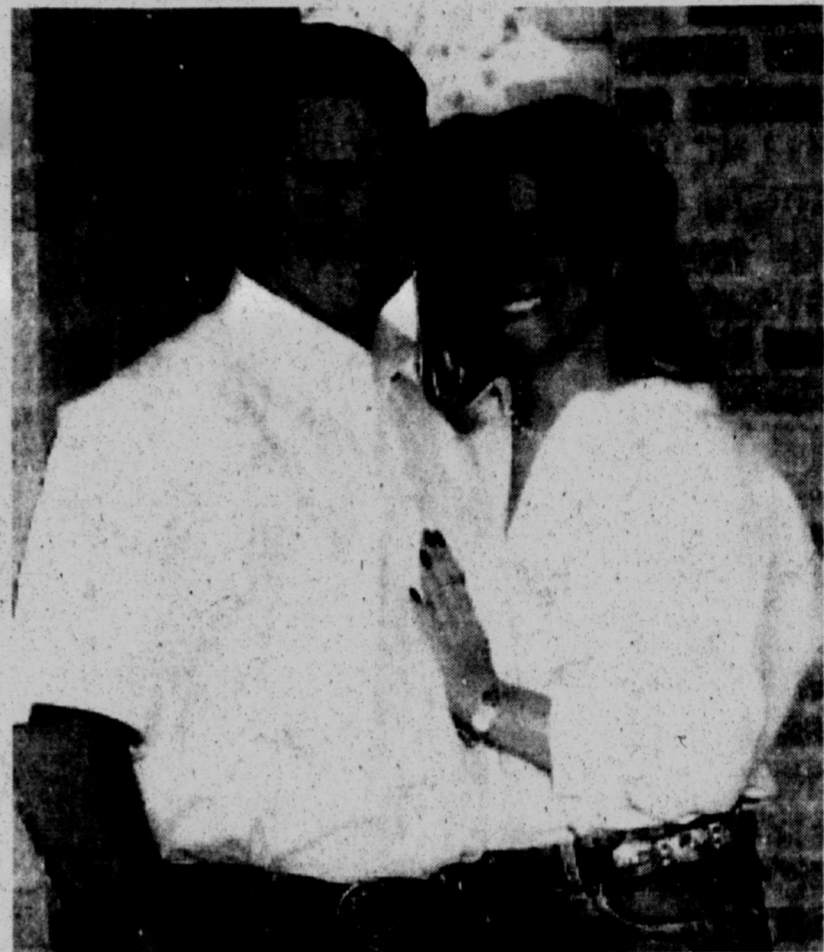
Bray is survived by his wife, Louise (Hardin); his daughter and son-in-law, Louisa and Nat Creamer, and their son, Luke Creamer; his son Andrew and wife Mara Rose; his brother Andy Bray of Rutland, Vermont; and his sister, Marla Sparks of Livingston, Montana. A memorial service was held January 24 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Belmont, MA. Donations in Bray's memory may be made to The Maurice Bray Scholarship Fund in Tahoka; or National Parkinson's Alliance, 6900 Wells Parkway, University Park, MD 20782; or The Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County, P.O. Box 636, Rutland, VT 05702. (PAID)

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Sr. Citizens To Hold Bake Sale

The Lynn County Senior Citizens will have a bake sale at Thriftway, February 12, at 9:00 am until sold out. Monetary donations or baked goods are greatly appreciated. All proceeds benefit the Lynn County Senior Citizens.



JEFF GRAHAM and TONYA FORBES

Couple Announce Engagement

Don and Penny Forbes of O'Donnell are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tonya Kay, to Jeffrey David Graham, son of Randy and Donna Arnold of Crosbyton.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on July 3 at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of O'Donnell High School and is a candidate for December graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in Communication Studies. She is currently employed by the law offices of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott.

The future bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of San Jon High School in San Jon, N.M. and is a candidate for May graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in Agriculture Economics. He is currently employed by Forbes Farms and is a sales representative for Daily Advantage Animal Products.

Vickie Simonton

Funeral Mass for Vickie Broch Simonton, 45, of Lubbock was held Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Eugene Driscoll officiating. Rosary service was held Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock.

She died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004 at her home.

She was born Sept. 18, 1958 in Lubbock to Louis and Pauline Broch. She graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1981. She married James Simonton on May 20, 1978 in Lubbock. She was a special education teacher at Rush Elementary School. She was a devoted member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She is survived by her husband, James L. Simonton; a daughter, Emily Elizabeth Simonton of Lubbock; her mother, Pauline Broch of Lubbock; a sister, Theresia Broch of San Antonio; and numerous relatives, including the Raindl family of Tahoka.

Memorials are suggested to the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund or to Catholic Family Services.

Senior Citizens MENU

February 9-13

Monday- Chili, pinto beans, carrot & zucchini, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, pineapple cake
 Tuesday- Turkey pot pie, Harvard beets, tossed salad/ranch, hot roll, pumpkin bars or crunch
 Wednesday- Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, gelatin
 Thursday-Spaghetti, white gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, bran muffin, pineapple
 Friday-Roasted turkey, sweet potato, greens, tossed salad/1000 Is, wheat roll, cranberry dessert or cranberry bread

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her discovered Ricky's interest, he got out his instruments from his old band, a bass guitar and an old set of drums, and began teaching his sons how to play.

"Mom and Dad were very big influences on Ricky's music - Dad was the musical inspiration and Mom was the spiritual inspiration - she was great at critiquing us. And Dad always said, if you're going to play music, be good at it or don't do it in public," Joe remembers with a smile. His brother says Rick has always been great at multi-tasking and is very dedicated to achieving his goals. Six years after high school graduation, Ricky can add husband and father to the list, as he and his wife, Kelly, have four children. Torres, now 24, lives in Lubbock and is a mechanical operator for University Medical Center. In addition to his full-time job (as well as a full-time father with a wife attending college), he somehow finds the time to sing and play music with Grupo Milagro.

Grupo Milagro formed in Lubbock in 1996, with Torres joining the group as lead singer in 1999. The seven-member group hails mostly from Lubbock, with most of the other members graduating from Estacada High School, Rick's brother says. Grupo Milagro musicians include John Carrizales, percussion; Raul Dominguez Jr., drums; Joey Garcia, bass; Emilio Hernandez Jr., accordion; Stephen Saucedo, keyboards; and Jody Serna, lead guitar; with Torres as lead singer.

Milagro means "miracle" in English, and "Despues De Todo" means "after everything," - as in, after struggles, after setbacks, after everything. Grupo Milagro's music is still here.

The band has also been nominated for Tejano Album of the Year at the Tejano Music Awards in San Antonio in March. Both the Grammy bid and TMA nominations have gratified the band's members and their families.

"We don't know if the band will win the Grammy, but we are just so proud of Rick and the band - they are all just amazed [at the nomination]," said Ricky's mother. "He said it was the furthest thing from their minds - they never expected it. They are all full-time workers with families - they're probably the only band nominated whose music is not their full-time job," added his brother, Joe. "Amazed" is a feeling that Marcy

Whitley gets when she turns on the radio or TV and hears her 42-year-old son Richie McDonald belting out a long list of hit songs with Lonestar - and "Amazed" was the name of the song that skyrocketed Lonestar to fame a few years ago, marking the band's transition from a country band to a group of musicians who appeal to music lovers of all genres.

In just seven years, Lonestar has achieved six Grammy nominations and nine No. 1 singles, including "Amazed," "I'm Already There," "What About Now," "No News," "Tell Her," "Smile," "Everything's Changed," "Come Cryin' To Me," and their latest, "My Front Porch Looking In" which is up for a Grammy this Sunday. Their first five albums have racked up more than 8 million in cumulative sales. There is one triple platinum album (platinum is a million sales, so triple that number, folks) "Lonely Grill," one double platinum, "I'm Already There," and two golds (sales of 500,000) "Crazy Nights" and their first album, "Lonestar."

Marcy has her own gold album hanging on her wall - complete with a plaque reading "Presented to Mom, for all your love and support to commemorate the sale of more than 500,000 copies of the BNA Records cassette & CD, "Lonestar." She also has the "Lonely Grill" triple platinum album with her own "Mom" plaque. She says she doesn't know if the "Mom" plaques are a customary tradition or whether her son just had these made special for her - and she doesn't care which, she's just proud of her son's accomplishments.

She received the framed gold and platinum albums unexpectedly in the mail, each time. "Of course I knew they had gone Gold and Platinum, but I just got these [framed albums] unexpectedly in the mail, without warning. I just bawled all day both times," she says with a grin.

"They all worked so hard for so long - I see the sacrifices they have made, traveling on the road to play

so many concerts and being without their families - but I also see the rewards," said Marcy. "I think what I am proudest of about Richie is that he hasn't forgotten who he is and where he's come from - he is so very dedicated to his family. There isn't a day goes by if he is away from his wife and children that he doesn't call home every single day," she added.

Richie grew up in Lubbock, and then tried a six-month stint at South Plains College in Levelland, but he knew that college wasn't for him, his mother says. While in Lubbock, Richie sang on a Long John Silver's commercial and a Pizza Express commercial, she remembers. He moved to Dallas and joined a band called Showdown, but after he made a national commercial for Miller Light (singing and narration) that made him a little extra money, he moved to Nashville to pursue his singing and songwriting career. Before his career skyrocketed, Marcy says Richie worked at a pig feedlot in Nashville, mixing pig feed.

He met Dean Sams (one of the members of the as-yet-to-be-formed Lonestar) at an Opryland USA audition (Sams got the singing job, Richie didn't, says Marcy). Richie met up with Sams again in Nashville, and shortly afterwards, Lonestar was born. Keech Rainwater and Michael Britt are the other band members. Richie and his wife, Lorie, now live near Carthage, TN and have three children, a son, Rhett, and two daughters, Mollie Ann and Maisie.

Marcy says his family provides much of the inspiration for Richie's songwriting. He wrote "I'm Already There" after calling home from a hotel and talking to his son, then 2 years old, who asked his daddy when he was coming home. After hanging up the phone, the songwriter says he cried and wrote the song to convey the fact that while he was not physically home to be with his family, he was there mentally. The song became an inspiration to the nation after the Sept. 11 tragedy and so many military men and women were serving overseas, away from their families.

Marcy has a CD from her son with one of Lonestar's newest songs written by Richie, entitled "Let Them Be Little," which is yet to be released. It is about parents' love for their children and about treasuring the times when they are little - and it brought tears to both Marcy's (and my) eyes when she played it for me at her home.

"He is so devoted to his family. He hopes that eventually he can stay home more and concentrate solely on his songwriting," she said.

While Richie has not been able to visit Marcy and her husband Richard Whitley at their home in



WALL OF FAME - Marcy Whitley of Tahoka is shown in her home near her framed "Mom" plaques from her son, Richie McDonald, lead singer for "Lonestar." The Lonestar album/CD frame at top left commemorates their first gold album (500,000 in sales), and the "Lonely Grill" album/CD framed at right went triple platinum (3 million copies sold). The sheet music framed at lower right, "Amazed" is signed by the band, and was the song which skyrocketed the band to fame, their first No. 1 single. At top right is a photo of the band. (LCN PHOTO)



LONESTAR GOES GOLD - When Lonestar's album went Gold (500,000 in sales), lead singer Richie McDonald sent his mother, Marcy Whitley of Tahoka, her very own award. The plaque in the lower corner reads, "Presented to Mom, for all your love and support to commemorate the sale of more than 500,000 copies of the BNA Records cassette & CD, "Lonestar."



NEW HOME SON MAKES GOOD - Janie Torres holds a photo of the Tejano band, Grupo Milagro, whose lead singer is her son, Ricky Torres, a 1998 graduate of New Home High School. At left is Ricky's older brother, Joe. The band has been nominated for a Grammy for Best Tejano Album. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka during the past several years, the couple go to hear the Lonestar concerts when they can, and were of course present when Lonestar played at Lubbock's Cactus Theatre last November.

"We used to go to a lot more of their concerts, especially when the band first started, but they so rarely play in Texas anymore and we just can't make all those places," Marcy says. They do get backstage passes and good seats when they can make the concerts, however.

She and her husband won't be in Los Angeles for the Grammy show, but they will be watching it on television - maybe not "from their front

porch looking in," but definitely with the loving eyes of a proud mom. And you can bet the Torres family in New Home will be watching as well.

Oops ...

Well, folks, it's Patrick Dotson, not his father Shi, who has been invited to Australia to play baseball. *The News* incorrectly identified Shi as the THS sophomore for whom fundraisers are currently underway to help with trip expenses. We apologize for the confusion, and humbly beg both Shi's and Patrick's forgiveness. —Lynn Co. News

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KJV - Mark 13, Luke 21, Revelation chapters 13-14-15-16

Question: What does the Bible say about tribulation and the rapture?

Answer: As you know, the word "rapture" doesn't appear in the Bible, but this word refer to the time when Jesus comes to take up His own while important events will be taking place. He will take up the dead first and then he will take all those who are alive and spiritually ready. I have heard different theories and teachings on the subject. The one thing I know is that the only teaching that counts or matters is God's teaching. He says no one knows when Jesus is coming to do this, but there are scriptures that give us a guide what to look for. I personally believe God's people will see the tribulation. In Mark 13, Jesus talks about Christians who are filled with the Holy Ghost being beaten and getting into trouble for the testimony of Christ. In Mark 13:24-26, it says after that tribulation the son of man comes. He warns His people "don't take the mark of the beast." Revelation 13:7-8 says unsaved and saints will contend with the beast. There is one place that refers to those saints who wouldn't take the mark to be put to death. They are put to death because they are God's people. God didn't send this tribulation message to scare His people. He sent it for us to know how to handle it. Read the word and decide for yourself.
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CAN WE TOUCH IT? - Children at Draw U Daycare Center in Tahoka reach out to touch a lizard-like animal brought to the center by a representative from LubbockZoo.org. Lubbock does not currently have a zoo facility, but LubbockZoo.org is striving to achieve that goal. She said the animal was called a Tagu, but we're not sure if this spelling is correct. (LCN PHOTO)

SWCD Convenes Local Work Group

As part of an initiative to make US Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs more locally driven, the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) convened a series of local meetings. On January 26th the SWCD convened a Program Development Group (PDG) Meeting and on the 28th convened a Local Work Group (LWG) Meeting.

The purpose of the meetings was to develop a set of recommendations to be presented to the local Designated Conservationist, Mario Avila. [Avila is the NRCS Resource Team Leader for both Lynn and Garza Counties.] The recommendations will serve as a guide for the local implementation of the USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The PDG is open to all local producers, while the make up of the LWG is mandated in federal statutes. The LWG consists of the SWCD Directors, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committeemen, the FSA

County Executive Director, the County Extension Agent, and the County Judge and County Commissioners.

At their meetings the PDG and LWG identified the top five local natural resources concerns, conservation practices to address these concerns, and also recommended cost share percentages, to be used to financially assist producers with the implementation of those conservation practices.

The PDG and LWG made the following recommendations to the local Designated Conservationist:

- The top concern to be addressed with "ground and surface water conservation funds" will be "water quantity".
- The High Priority practice that will be funded to address this concern will be assistance to install drip (70 acres are less).
- Medium and Low Priority practices eligible for funding:

- New Center Pivots - Medium
- Nozzle Conversions on Pivots - Low
- Drip (> 20 acres) - Low
- Pipelines - Low
- The first priority concern to be addressed with "base allocation funds" will be "soil erosion".
- The High Priority practice that will be funded to address this concern will be terracing.
- The second priority concern to be addressed with "base allocations funds" will be "water quality".
- Medium and Low Priority practices eligible for funding using "base allocation funds" are the following:
- Pipelines - Medium
- Nozzle Conversions on Pivots - Medium
- Drip (20 acres or less) - Low
- New Center Pivots - Low
- All practices will be cost shared at a 35% cost share rate.

The EQIP Program sign up period for this funding period is now open and will run through April 16, 2004.

In order to streamline the process and reduce the producers' waiting time, producers interested in signing up need to call and set an appointment. To make an appointment or for more information on the EQIP Program, contact the Lynn County SWCD or local NRCS office at 998-4507 extension 3.



4TH GRADERS VISIT COURTHOUSE - Tahoka Elementary fourth grade teachers brought their students to the Lynn County Courthouse Tuesday, where County Judge H.G. Franklin (pictured in back at right) gave them a tour of the historical building. Students had their pictures made in the jail on the top floor of the building, and heard about some of the history connected with the courthouse, which was built in 1916. (LCN PHOTO)

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News from the Tahoka Care Center

By Josie Alvarado

Residents at Tahoka Care Center enjoyed playing bingo. Residents playing bingo were Phalba Woods, Lonelle Blackwell, L.C. Burselon, Myrl Mathis, Gonzalo Amaro, Flossie Hammonds, Doris Locke, June Nevills, and Madlyn Brown.

Residents at Tahoka Care Center would like to thank our gospel singers for coming out every Monday. Thank you all!

Thanks to the following people for the bingo donations. Susie Alvarado, Patricia Hogg and Mary Elrod. Thank you ladies. Also, thanks to Wanda Mason for your generous donation. Thanks to Patricia Hogg for coming out to call bingo at the facility.

Beginning on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm Linda Locke will be having bible study for the residents. Thank you Linda for your time.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families of T.C. White and Clifford Tankersley. They will be missed.

If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation or volunteer your time please contact Josie at 998-5015. Thank you.

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Lot 7, Block 94, Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 131, Page 124 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$2,426.43, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on April 16, 2003, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. J.M. Jones et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 03-04-02267, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

Student Council Sponsor Jessica Quillin and officers Laura Maeker, Katie O'Rourke and Matthew Hymes attended a student council summit on Friday, January, 30. They will also be attending a spring convention on Wednesday, February 4, along with Student Council members Desiree Garza, Mariela Rodriguez, Angelica Rodriguez, Reynaldo Munoz, Jamie Salinas, Adrian Villareal, Mary Maeker and Mikaela Wallace.

Student Council members are also hosting a "Pasta For Pennies" drive until Feb. 20. This drive helps the Leukemia Society.

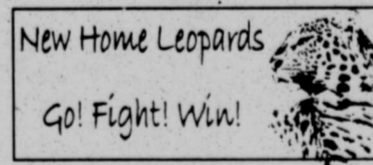
Jr. High District Tournament at Loop Feb. 5 and Feb. 7. NHS travels to Patton Springs on Feb. 6. New Home hosts Wilson Feb. 10.

A Dyslexia Workshop is available on Friday, Feb. 6. Call 924-7524 for more information.

Leopards Zap Southland

The New Home Leopards continued their spotless record for district games this week, beating Southland 60-26 Tuesday night. Tanner Johnston led scoring with 16 points, Monte Jolly tossed in 13, and Ryan Wied and Blaine Paul each added 10 points apiece for the win.

The Leopards took the lead in the first quarter, and by halftime led 29-13. They added another 18 and 13 points respectively in the third and fourth periods.



Three Leopards High In Stats

Statistics for players in Division II Class A basketball teams in the area show three New Home varsity boys team members doing well at mid-season.

Junior Monte Jolly has 318 points in 25 games, an average of 12.7, and also is averaging 6.4 rebounds per game.

Senior Tanner Johnston is averaging 10 points per game with 249 points in 25 contests.

Junior Cody Kieth, with 225 points, is averaging 9 per game, and also averaging 5.8 rebounds.

New Home School Menu

February 9-13 Breakfast

- Monday- Donut
- Tuesday- Pancake pup
- Wednesday- Cinnamon pastry
- Thursday- Cinnamon toast
- Friday- Biscuit/sausage

Lunch

- Monday- Steak fingers, fries, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, Texas toast
- Tuesday- Beefy nachos, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, orange half, hot sauce
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LIIONS TAME BULLDOGS - New Deal came to Tahoka last Friday night, claiming a victory over the Bulldogs in the district match. Here, Patrick Dotson (24) has the ball.



MY BALL - Tahoka's Casey Hall keeps the ball away from a New Deal player last Friday night. The Bulldogs were upset by the Lions, 41-33, in the district game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to our high school coaches on an outstanding football season this past fall. Its not a matter of whether you win or lose it's a matter of building self esteem. I'm proud you weed out the trash in your programs and only keep those that are highly motivated. We can all be very proud, of such a highly thought of program. Congratulations to our school board for a long and thoughtful search for these wonderful coaches. It really doesn't matter whether you ever win a game or not, its how you play the game--was that Knute Rockne or Vince Lombardi that made that quote. I almost forgot

out basketball coaches--They are having an outstanding season also. Give them their due credit. I almost left out our school truant officer. He does a good job keeping all the riff-raff out of our sporting events--thanks much to him.

Yours truly,
Thomas Jolly

P.S. I really don't need anyone to respond to this letter. I know everyone feels like I do. Just let me bask in the glory of it all.

**Make Plans To Attend The
Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's
Fun/Food Fest**
Saturday, April 17
at Lynn County Show Barn!
Call Carol Botkin at 998-4533, ext. 410
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Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

**Varsity Girls Basketball
By Meghan Saldana**

The Lady Dogs were defeated by New Deal, 42-37. High scorer was Meghan Saldana with 9.

They killed the Idalou Lady Cats on January 27. 54-27. Leading scorer was Saldana with 16.

**Varsity Boys Basketball
By Ashdon Hancock**

On Friday, Jan. 30, the Bulldogs faced the New Deal Lions. The Lions ended up on top with a 41-33 victory over the Bulldogs. Top scorers were Zach Tillman with 10 points, Casey Hall helped out with 8 points, and Patrick Dotson put in 6. The Dogs next game will be held in Roosevelt against the Eagles.

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the Bulldogs put their paws up against the Idalou Wildcats. The Dogs pawed the Cats 60-49. The Dogs had three players that ended the game in double figures. Colby Gardner with 16 points, Zach Tillman with 14 points, and Casey Hall helped out with 13.

**J.V. Boys Basketball
By Colby Gardner**

On January 30, the Tahoka J.V. Dogs were tested by the New Deal Lions but came out on top with a final score of 59-54.

The top scorers for the dogs were Byron Moore with 15, Lance Murphy with 12, and Matt Saldana with 10.

The dogs are now 3-2 in District play with 5 games left in District. The Dogs next game will be on February 3, at Lubbock Roosevelt.

**J.V. Girls Basketball
By Brandi Raindl**

On January 30, the J.V. Lady Bulldogs defeated the New Deal Lions, 27-21. Porscha Mitchell led the Dawgs with 14, and Jeni Hammonds had 6.

The Lady Bulldogs got revenge against the Idalou Wildcats last Tuesday, coming out on top this time 27-22.

Callie Botkin and Mitchell shared the honors of being high point with 8, and Hammonds had 5.

**Freshman Boys Basketball
By Jessica Antu**

On Monday, February 2, the 9th grade boys were defeated by the Shallowater Mustangs for the last game of the season 66-18. High scorer for the game was Matt McLelland with nine points.

**8th Grade Boys Basketball
By Jessica Wilson**

The 8th grade bulldogs played their last game against Shallowater on February 2. Unfortunately the boys lost 49-15.

Top scorer of the night was Levi McKay with 7 points. Other scorers were Brandon Tomlinson with 2 points, Britt Wuensche with 1 free throw, and Josh Freitag with 3 points.

**8th Grade Girls Basketball
by Mandi Benavidez**

The Tahoka eighth grade girls had their final game of the season on Monday, February 2nd. The Lady Bulldogs went up against the Shallowater Lady Fillies, and unluckily lost 44-21.

Top scorers for the evening were Lauren Botkin tossing in 11 points and Lindsey Barrientez tossing in 5.

**7th Grade Girls Basketball
by Cristal Amador**

The 7th grade Tahoka Lady Bulldogs concluded their season with another victory. On February 2, 2004, the Lady Bulldogs battled the Shallowater Phillies, and the ending score was 28-23, with Vega scoring 18 points, Taylor with six, and Hair and Pridmore scored two.

The team won their thirteenth game out of only sixteen that they had an opportunity to play this year, and all players contributed to the success.

**7th Grade Boys Basketball
by Meredith Pittman**

The last game of the season. February 2, the 7th grade boy Bulldogs traveled to Shallowater, and were defeated, 71-14. Kyle Larpenner was top scorer with 6 points, Adrian Webster, 4; Mitchell Chapa, 2; and Alan Henderson.

**Power Lifting
Samantha Andrews**

On January 31, the Bulldog Power Lifting team traveled to Roosevelt to compete in their second meet.

J.C. Garza placed 2nd with a total of 1135 lbs. Josh Schwartz received 3rd place with a total of 1100 lbs.

Landon Bartlett took 5th place with a total of 960 lbs. Heath Ross had a total of 845 lbs. and received 3rd place.

The Bulldogs placed 5th overall.

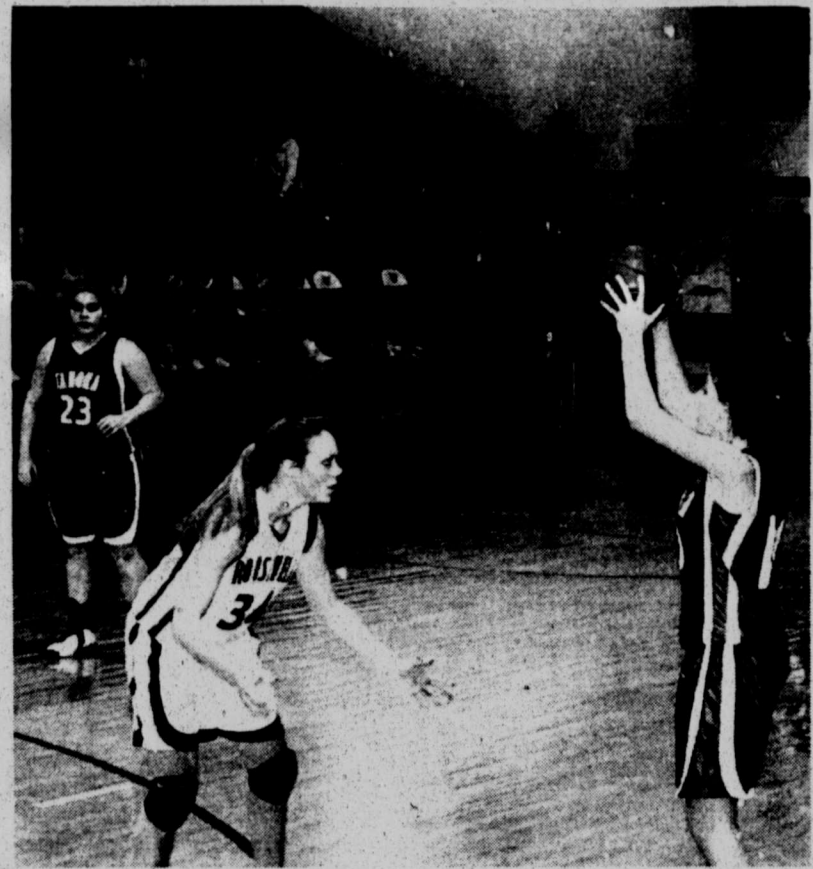
Wilson School Menu

**February 9-13
Breakfast**

Monday- Breakfast pizza
Tuesday-Biscuit, gravy, sausage
Wednesday-Sausage pancake on stick
Thursday-Egg, sausage, toast
Friday-Breakfast pocket

Lunch

Monday- Cheeseburger, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fruit
Tuesday- Taco, rice, beans, salad, fruit
Wednesday-(grade Pk-5th) Corn dog, t-tots, carrot sticks, fruit (grade 8-12) same as above or salad bar, fruit
Thursday-Chicken nuggets, corn, green beans, gravy, fruit
Friday-Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit



BRANDI PASS - Lady Bulldog Brandi Raindl looks to pass the ball during basketball action Tuesday night at Roosevelt. The Bulldogs won 52-38. (LCN PHOTO)



**ASHLEY McNEELY
Ashley McNeely
Is Tahoka Lions
Club Queen**

Ashley McNeely, a senior at Tahoka High School, has been named Queen for the Tahoka Lions Club and will compete in the District 2T2 Ladies Scholarship Contest in Lubbock, April 23-24. The club sponsored Ashley in the 2003 Harvest Festival Queen Contest where she was named second runner up.

Ashley is the president of the National Honor Society and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is very active in the Tahoka 3-D Band and has served as drum major for the past two years. She was a state qualifier for Solo and Ensemble, was named to the ATSSB Honor Band, participated in the Area Marching Contest, and was named Band Sweetheart. Ashley has played with the Plainview Symphony Orchestra since her sophomore year.

She is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda McNeely of Tahoka.

Ashley plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall. Her reign as Tahoka Lions Club Queen will run until July when the club will select a new Queen. The club meets twice a month and is currently accepting new members. Anyone wishing to join Lions Club may contact Claudia Guin at 998-4747.

**Fancher Named
To Honor List**

Graigory B. Fancher, a Senior Speech Communication major from Tahoka was named to the President's List for the fall 2003 semester at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

**Republican Primary
March 9, 2004**

(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

State Representative

District 85

KENT SHARP
(CANDIDATE)

District Attorney

**106th Judicial District
BRIAN KINGSTON**
(CANDIDATE)

**Lynn County Pct. 1
Commissioner**

GLENN HEINRICH
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POLITICAL CALENDAR

**Democratic Primary
March 9, 2004**

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**106th Judicial District
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(INCUMBENT)

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(INCUMBENT)

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Commissioner**

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(INCUMBENT)

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(INCUMBENT)
JERRY D. FRANKLIN
(CANDIDATE)

**TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Exhibit C-3

Data Control Codes	Governmental Funds		
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
5700 Local and Intermediate	\$ 1,304,482	\$ 44,510	\$ 1,348,992
5800 State Program Revenues	4,757,659	234,130	4,991,789
5900 Federal Program Revenues		725,669	725,669
Total Revenues	\$ 6,062,141	\$ 1,004,309	\$ 7,066,450
Expenditures:			
0011 Instruction	\$ 2,949,463	\$ 581,235	\$ 3,530,698
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	125,660	3,058	128,718
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	23,767	6,869	30,636
0021 Instructional Leadership		11,667	11,667
0023 School Leadership	352,181	21,045	373,226
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	105,160	5,339	110,499
0033 Health Services	53,337	755	54,092
0034 Student Transportation	143,468	2,497	145,965
0035 Food Services	5,405	264,600	270,005
0036 Extracurricular Activities	275,420	568	275,988
0041 General Administration	341,521	69,026	410,547
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	610,483	12,552	623,035
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	31,595	933	32,528
0053 Data Processing Services	87,727	1,020	88,747
0061 Community Services	5,728	23,782	29,510
0071 Debt Service - Principal	18,918		18,918
0072 Debt Service - Interest	1,979		1,979
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,527,735	28,323	1,556,058
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	13,406	7,252	20,658
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 6,672,953	\$ 1,040,521	\$ 7,713,474
1100 Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (610,812)	\$ (36,212)	\$ (647,024)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
7915 Transfers In	\$ 90,942	\$ 104,365	\$ 195,307
8911 Transfers Out(Use)	(127,154)	(68,153)	(195,307)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (36,212)	\$ 36,212	\$ 0
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (647,024)	\$ 0	\$ (647,024)
0100 September 1 - Fund Balance	\$ 2,711,695	\$ 0	\$ 2,711,695
1300 August 31 - Fund Balance	\$ 2,064,671	\$ 0	\$ 2,064,671

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