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FFA Awards Presented

Numerous awards and recognitions were presented Tuesday night during the annual Tahoka FFA banquet in the school cafeteria.

Jody Woodard, president of the Chapter, led the officers in the opening ceremony. Other officers are Timothy Young, Vice-President; Jason Spence, Secretary; Kristi Belew, Reporter; Stephanie Womack, Treasurer; and Luke Dunlap, Sentinel. Cody Smith welcomed guests and Bruce Lehman gave the invocation.

Following the meal, Gary Daniell, Michael Tipton and Paul Harper presented Proficiency Awards to Timothy Young-Swine Production; Kris Belew-Sheep Production; Doyle Willis-Crop Production; Cody Smith-Beef Production; Bruce Lehman-Soil and Water Conservation; T.C. Spruiell-Ag Mechanics; Ronnie Dunn-Electricity; Paul Harper-Poultry; Luke Dunlap-Fruit and Vegetable Production; Gary Daniell-Diversified Livestock; Bobby Jolly-Speciality Animal; Jay Forsythe-Show Barrow; Stephanie Isbell-Show Lambs; and George Morin-Fish and Wildlife.

Kris Belew and Stephanie Womack presented the Star Greenhand award to Trey Nancy and Greenhand Degree to the following members: Michael Tipton, Alwyn Hatchett, Joey Stone, Gabriel Lopez, Epi Rosas, George Cantu, Cody Bailey, Candice Bailey, Bridget Miller, Todd Wright, Paul Harper, Jay Forsythe, Ray Mulanax, Chris Perez, Cruz Rivas and Matt Taylor.

T.C. Spruiell and Andrew Harwood presented the Star Chapter Farmer Degree to Kris Belew, who also was Star of the

Mesa District and Second place in Area II. Others receiving the Chapter Farmer Degree were Michael Isbell, Timothy Young, J.P. Stice and Stephanie Isbell. Kris was also elected Vice-President of Mesa District FFA recently.

FFA members receiving the Lone Star Farmer Degree at the Area Level are Stephanie Isbell and Doyle Willis.

Jody Woodard was recognized as the scholarship applicant. Stephanie Womack, Chapter Sweetheart, was presented a gift from the chapter.

Honorary membership plaques were presented to Ernie Isbell and Stanley Young for outstanding support of the Chapter and its activities.

Senior members Jason Spence and Gary Daniell presented Danny Belew, local FFA Advisor, with the "Golden Spatula" award and a plaque of appreciation.

Five Local FFA members attended the Area II convention in San Angelo last week-end. Two members earned the Lone Star Farmer State Degree. Those were Stephanie Womack and Doyle Willis. Kristin Belew, whose record book was named Star of the Mesa District, competed and was interviewed at the area level, where she ranked second place.

Jody Woodard submitted his application for scholarships and was interviewed. The application must now be reviewed in Austin before advancing to a committee in College Station in June.



FFA AWARDS — These Tahoka FFA students were recognized at the annual awards banquet Tuesday night. From left, standing, are Trey Nancy, Star Greenhand award; and Doyle Willis, Lone Star Farmer Degree recipient. Seated are Stephanie Womack, left, Lone Star Farmer Degree recipient; and Kris Belew, Star Chapter Farmer award. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)



CONGRATULATIONS — Jody Woodard, left, recognized as the scholarship applicant advancing to state competition, is congratulated by Denny Belew, Tahoka FFA advisor. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)



CHAPTER FARMERS — Presented FFA Chapter Farmer Degrees Tuesday were Stephanie Isbell, left, and Kris Belew; and in back are J.P. Stice, Michael Isbell and Tim Young. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

Boys Basketball Coach Resigns

Ron Yancy, head coach for boys basketball and football assistant, submitted his resignation to Tahoka school trustees who met last Thursday. Mrs. Yancy also resigned her teaching position at the school.

Acceptance of those resignations was part of the regular meeting of the board, when four newly-elected members were sworn-in and Joe Hays was re-elected president of the board. Thalia Burks was chosen vice president and Nedra Young secretary.

Mrs. Young, Mike Huffaker, Delbert McCleskey and Richard Lopez were the members sworn

in for new terms.

Loretta Tekell, bookkeeper, reported the 1987 tax roll collection as of April 30 totaled \$583,891, less \$10,579 in discounts. She said that was 91.8 per cent of the total tax roll.

Transfer of 12 students into the Tahoka school system from other districts was approved.

Supt. Dr. Duane Carter reported enrollment as of April 22 totaled 699 students in the entire system. Dr. Carter also reported on recent drug inspections at the school, and reported on the status of upcoming events, including graduation.

Burglary, Accident On Week's Reports

Theft of a cultivator, burglary of a barn and a traffic accident with no injuries in the City of Tahoka were among items in-

vestigated by officers in Lynn County during the last week.

Edgar Hammonds Jr. reported a barn burglarized on his farm near the intersection of FM 3332 and FM 2956 sometime after 6 p.m. last Thursday. Wrenches and small tools, a John Deere battery charger, and acetylene torch accessories were among the items stolen, with the loss estimated at \$1150.

Apparently related to the Hammonds farm burglary was damage to a tractor owned by Kent Stone on a farm nearby. Someone apparently used the tractor to free a vehicle that had been stuck, and did an estimated \$30 worth of damage to the tractor.

Crime Line, 998-5145, has offered a \$500 reward in the barn burglary.

A \$300 reward also was offered in theft of a six-row cultivator valued at more than \$750 from the farm of B.L. Thomas, two miles east of Redwine, between May 1 and May 11.

Urban Brown of 2009 N. 4th reported to police that someone had damaged his picket fence between May 10 and May 17. Also Hattie Beard of 2007 N. 4th reported that her brick fence was also damaged. Neither resident had given a damage estimate.

Police investigated an accident on Wednesday at Ave. L and N. 1st that involved a 1980 Buick driven by Patricia Ann Davis of Tahoka and a 1984 Buick driven by Sandra Kay Vega of Lynn County. No injuries were reported.

In jail during the week were one person each for possession of narcotic items, including marijuana, plus speeding; DWI, disorderly conduct and four counts of traffic violations; after-hours consumption plus no drivers license plus no insurance and failure to yield right-of-way; speeding and failure to appear; and revocation of probation.

O'Donnell Lions Plan Flea Market

The O'Donnell Lions Club will hold its annual Flea Market in downtown O'Donnell on June 18. Reservations are now being taken for booths, with prices ranging from \$7 up to \$15 for those in the shade.

During the weeks prior to the sale the Lions Club will run ads listing participants. Persons interested in participating should contact Harry Howell by mail at Box 134, O'Donnell, 79351, or by phone at (806) 428-3331. Contact should be made by May 31.

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Crime Line Offers

\$500 Reward ...

For information clearing burglary of a barn owned by Edgar Hammonds on FM 2956 sometime after 6 p.m. May 12. Tools and other items were stolen.

\$300 Reward ...

For information clearing theft of a six-row cultivator from the farm of B.L. Thomas two miles east of Redwine community, between May 1-May 11.

WOODWORK

By Dalton



ALL YOU PEOPLE who have poems that I wouldn't publish in the paper now have a chance to get someone to read them, and maybe even win a bunch of money at the same time.

We've always had a policy that we will not print poetry written locally. If someone brings a poem by or mails it in, we just explain that we do not publish amateur poetry, no matter how good it is. That way we can reject all the really terrible poetry along with the good stuff without hurting anyone's feelings too badly, and also we don't have to set ourselves up as poetry critics to determine whether something is good enough to print.

A woman once brought us a three-page poem praising the good works of a minister who moved away, after 15 years or so of service to the local church. It was not very good, but it was better than another long one brought in by a woman whose pet dog had died, all about how cute he was and how she was going to miss him so much. In both cases, I told them of our policy, and said I sure was sorry, and this is really a great work, but we have to stick

with our policy because the next person might bring in something bad, and we can tactfully reject it. (Is it wrong to lie to spare someone's feelings?)

On a couple of occasions, someone really did have some poetry that sounded pretty good to me, but we still turned it away.

Now, however, comes the American Poetry Assn. sponsoring a contest awarding \$10,000 to undiscovered poets. Contest entry is free, everyone may enter, and "poets who are new, little-known or not yet recognized are just the ones we are looking for," said a representative.

Poets may send up to five poems of no more than 20 lines each, with name and address on each page, to American Poetry Assn., Dept. CN-52, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803. They should be mailed by June 30.

There is one exception to the rule we cite

Which allows me to publish the poems I write:

My own words are great just because I spoke 'em
Though other poets say that's a lot of Tahokum.

Service News

Navy Lt. Glenden P. Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie D. Riddle of 1924 South Third St. in Tahoka, Tx., recently participated in a three-day training exercise while serving with Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital Unit-21, Naval Reserve Center in Dallas.

During the exercise conducted at Camp Bullis, Fort Sam Houston, Tx., Riddle underwent instruction on the proper techniques used for transporting personnel, including both manual carry as well as ambulance and helicopter procedures.

He also was trained to identify the extent of a victim's injuries and classify the wounded from the most to least critical.

A 1972 graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he is also a 1981 graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, Tx., with a Master of Arts degree.

Leo Tolstoy's wife copied the manuscript of his epic novel *War and Peace* by hand seven times.

Sales Tax Checks Sent

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday sent checks totaling \$120.7 million to 1,041 cities and 81 counties that levy local options sales taxes.

In Tahoka the sales tax total was \$27,170.65, in Wilson \$2,952.02, O'Donnell \$6,657.97, an overall total of \$36,780.64.

This month's allocation bring the year-to-date increase over 1987 to 10.13 percent.

"The economy of Texas is recovering," Bullock said, "and the consumer confidence is reflected in the rebates going to local governments."

City sales tax rebates totaled \$111.4 million.

Bullock also sent checks totaling \$9.3 million to the counties which have approved a half-percent county sales tax.

May's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in March and quarterly filers for the first quarter that were reported to the Comptroller's office by April 21.



PROFICIENCY AWARDS — These FFA members were presented proficiency awards at the annual Tahoka banquet Tuesday night. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

PIONEER CLUB BUS TO GO TO LUBBOCK

The Lynn County Pioneer transportation bus will go to Lubbock the second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bus must be back in Tahoka by 3 p.m. Interested persons may call Lynn County Pioneer Club 998-5264.

Arts, Crafts Galore Set In Brownfield

The Brownfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the fourth Annual Brownfield Arts and Crafts Galore. This event will be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Old Furr's building located on B Street between East Hill and Main Streets.

All work must be handcrafted by the exhibitor. Deadline for booth registration is Tuesday, May 31. All booths are 10'X10', fees are \$25.00 or \$35.00 if two artists share a booth.

Gifts for all occasions will be available.

For additional information contact the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 152, Brownfield, Tx. 79316, (806) 637-2564.

BID NOTICE

Wilson ISD will receive sealed bids for sealing of existing parking area until 3:00 p.m. June 10, 1988, in the office of David Williams, Superintendent, P.O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas 79381. Bids will be opened on June 13 during the regular board meeting. Specifications may be obtained upon request at the above office. 20-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Mole Operating Company, Inc. President and/or agent, Jorgen K. Christiansen P.O. Box 1179 Richardson, Texas 75080

REF: An undivided .0168750 overriding royalty of Mole Holding Company and an undivided .0072643 working interest of Mole Operating Company, Inc., in the Reed No. 1-A and an undivided .0168750 working interest of Mole Holding Company, Inc. in the Reed No. 2, of the Reed Lease, Lynn and Terry Counties, Texas, in the Mound Lake field, Railroad Commission No. 85061457, operated by Layton Exploration, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

This property is being seized authority Execution number 16,838-B, Fisher-Webb, Inc. vs. Mole Operating Company, Inc. et al. out of the 104th District Court, Taylor County.

This property will be sold at a Sheriff's Sale in Lynn County on June 6, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. at the front Courthouse steps.

This will run in the Lynn County News three weeks prior to the sale.

Sincerely,
/s/ Clifford Laws,
Sheriff Lynn County
20-3tc

Senior Citizens Menu

Monday-Chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, italian vegetables, roll, cookie, milk

Tuesday-Beef stroganoff on noodles, green beans, salad, fruit jello, milk

Wednesday-Salmon croquettes, potatoes au gratin, spinach, roll, apricots, milk

Thursday-Fried chicken, gravy, broccoli, potatoes, roll, pineapple tapioca, milk

Friday-Swiss steak, black eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, pudding, milk

Tanya Wells Honored

Tanya Wells was honored with a graduation barbeque on Friday, May 13, at the home of Bitsie Wells.

Special guests included her husband Haney, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Kirksey from Lake Tawakono, her brother Lynn and Jack, Southern and Matthew Bush from Lubbock.

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Representatives of GTE Southwest will be at **Aunt Becky's Place** from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and they want everyone to come by and talk about changes in the telephone system, service, or whatever.

Aunt Becky's Place is a new gift shop, tanning and exercise business, and the new location of the telephone payment office, at 1812 Lockwood, just west of Allsup's in Tahoka. Phone 998-4223

Register For Drawing For A Free Phone!

Refreshments Served By Tahoka Chamberettes. PLEASE COME BY ... WE VALUE YOUR OPINION AND YOUR BUSINESS.

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In Appreciation

To The Following Who Helped To Make The 8th Annual Hospital Auxiliary Auction Sale

A Great Success!

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Lynn County Hospital Board and Friends
Tahoka EMS and Friends
St. Jude's Catholic Church Ladies
Tahoka Chamberettes
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Tahoka 4-H Club
Lynn County Cancer Society
V.I.S.T.A. Volunteers, Lynn County Food Box
Tahoka 4-H "Share The Fun"

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Maurice Huffaker
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Nedra Young
Beth Huffaker
Bobby Woolam
Billy Tomlinson
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Shannon Purcell
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Madeline Hegi
Esta Mae Kidwell
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Maurice & Grace Huffaker
Math Bartley
Billy & Jolene Tomlinson
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AUCTION TOTAL
\$10,485.38

In the event a person's name has been omitted, you are asked to contact Nadine Dunlap

Thanks!

from all the members of the
Lynn County
Hospital Auxiliary

Obituaries



CUCA BENITEZ
Cuca Benitez

Rosary for Cuca Alcorta Benitez, 83, of Tahoka were recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 1988 in White Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass was celebrated at 2:30 p.m. Thursday (today) in St. Jude's Catholic Church with the Rev. Rodney Howell, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born on June 14, 1904 in Atascosa County and moved from Poteet to Tahoka in 1950. She married Willie Benitez on Nov. 9, 1924, in Jourdanon. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Willie Jr., Leonard and Steve, all of Lubbock, and Dan of Esparto, Calif.; two daughters, Lorin Ledezma and Lillie Herrera, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Eulalia Alvarado and Angelita Gomez, both of Poteet; 42 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

W'm Armes

Services for W'm A. "Wig" Armes, 72, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 13, 1988, in White Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Threadgill, pastor of Sweet Street Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home. He died Wednesday morning, May 11, in Lubbock's University Manor Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1915 in Wise County and moved to Lynn County in 1934 from Floydada. He married Beatrice Barattini in 1987 in Tahoka. He

was a farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mattie Collier of Lubbock; a son, William Royce of Lubbock; a brother, L.A. of Memphis; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Armes, Tate Armes, Billy Jolly and Rodney Ledford.

Letter To The Editor

I am in Tahoka Care Center. I enjoyed the tribute to Dr. Ann West. Dr. Ann was our family doctor and friend. When I first knew her and her brother, Lynn West, I was Lois Moore. It has been 50 years or more.

I worked for Dr. Ann's mother for 50 cents a day. Then I married Charlie Terry and he worked for Lynn West. I believe that Dr. Ann saved Charlie's life once when he was injured by inhaling smoke after a fire while Charlie was working on one of Lynn's tractors. We lived in a two-room shack, no electricity, and Dr. Ann spend as much time as she could with Charlie, and both she and Lynn went out of their way to help Charlie get well, as he was very ill.

I am enjoying being in the nursing home.

s/Lois Thornton

I'd like to pass on my thanks to Gary McCord and all of the volunteers that worked on the American Cancer Society Golf Tournament at the T-Bar Country Club.

This makes the second year this event was such a success. It could never have made it off the ground without their efforts.

It is obvious that the true volunteer spirit is going strong in Lynn County. Together we are winning in our fight to conquer cancer.

Sincerely,
Sherry Rooker

The American Cancer Society is happy to thank Nadine Dunlap, Residential Drive Chairman for April 1988 for all of her fine work during the Residential Drive. "We haven't finished getting all of the money counted and packets in however, I do think that it was a very success drive," said Mrs. Dunlap.

"We had over sixty volunteers helping us with the drive this year and I think that is what made it such a success," said Mrs. Dunlap.

Sherry Rooker, District 3 Lay Director past on her praise for the successful drive. "It's through that great volunteer spirit evident in Lynn County that we can truly say that together we are winning in the fight to conquer cancer."

Our special thanks also goes to all of the blockwalkers and other volunteers who helped with the drive.

A Salute to

Good Neighbors

People are not supposed to know who is living next door these days. If not that, they are said to be fighting and feuding among themselves all the time.

There may be a little of this going on in our community. Not much. Mostly, we know neighbors and are generally proud of those in our surroundings. As for bickering and hard feelings, our folks generally are trading use of equipment and tools as well as lending a helping hand to complete special projects.

As good neighbors, the ladies and men too, are all the time making extra pies, cakes and pastries to share with others. The same is true with sharing garden produce and fruit. And, they make a special effort to share with senior citizens and shut-ins.

Probably the most telling quality of good neighbors is the checking on each other's well being. It is usually a person living next door that discovers someone has suffered a disabling injury or becomes seriously ill.

It is the neighbors that keep a watch out for burglars and those vandalizing property. They are often the ones spotting a fire before even the home occupant knows.

Good neighbors are a blessing to mankind and we appreciate that they live around us.



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