



On to the Quarterfinals!

The New Home varsity boys basketball team claimed the Sectional Championship trophy in Class 1A playoff action last weekend, topping Whitharral and Happy to advance to the State Quarterfinals in Wichita Falls this Friday. (See story.) Team members are (from left) Justin Garza, Coach Shawn Harrison, Shaun Wied, Jonathan Rodriguez, Mrs. Dawn Harrison, Keaton Askew, Jason Reyes, Matthew Cramblett, Michael Wied, Nathan Black, Coach Shane Moore, and Chris McAllister.

Good Luck, Leopards!

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SENATOR SPEAKS - U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison spoke with a crowd of more than 60 Lynn County residents at the Lynn County Courthouse last Wednesday afternoon, addressing current Congressional priorities and fielding questions from the audience. The Tahoka visit was one of several the senator made in the South Plains area during the week. (LCN PHOTO)

New Home Boys Going To State Quarterfinals

New Home's boys basketball team swept through the Class A Sectional tournament at Canyon last weekend and will head to Wichita Falls for the State Quarterfinals, starting with competition against another South Plains team, Nazareth in a game at 1 p.m. Friday at Midwestern State University gym.

Class A boys teams from Utopia and Westbrook will play at Wichita Falls Friday also, and the winners will play Saturday in the State Semifinals for the right to go to Austin next Thursday. New Home, if the boys win two games at Wichita Falls, could play March 8 in the Erwin Center, with a state championship game set for Saturday, March 10.

The schedule sent out by the University Interscholastic League is confusing, as there will be two championships in each classification; in other words, there will be two Class A boys champions, in Division I and Division II, according to the enrollment of the teams playing. New Home is in Division II.

Jason Reyes, Shaun Wied and Michael Wied all scored in double figures in both of the games at Canyon, as New Home beat Whitharral 62-45 last Friday and then bombed Happy 65-49 in the sectional cham-

ampionship game Saturday. Coach Shawn Harrison's Leopards shot a whopping 60.9 per cent from the floor and outrebounded Happy 31-14. In that game, Shaun Wied led scoring with 20, including 4 for 4 from the line. Reyes had 19 points and also 9 rebounds. Michael Wied made Happy unhappy with 14 points, and Matthew Cramblett scored 8.

New Home trailed 17-16 at the end of the first period, but came back strong in the two middle periods. The Leopards moved their season record up to 28-4.

Whitharral was no match for New Home in the semis, as Michael Wied led with 23 points and the Leopards blazed to a 19-9 first quarter lead. Shaun Wied scored 16, Reyes had 14 and Justin Garza scored 6. Cramblett led rebounds with 11 and Shaun Wied had 10, including four on offense.

Restitution Paid For Golf Course Damage

Restitution for \$650 in damages to T-Bar Country Club golf course has been paid by the family of a 17-year-old driver of a pickup which was driven across two greens at the course on the weekend of Feb. 17-18, according to officers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

Another teenager in the vehicle was not charged, officers said. The pickup also did a "doughnut" on the No. 4 fairway.

Also investigated by the sheriff's department during the last week were theft of a riding lawn mower and other items from a farm in the Lakeview area and criminal mischief on a county road.

Over the last weekend someone started a tractor at the Wendell Morrow farm 2.5 miles north of FM 211 on County Rd. E, and plowed up about 300 feet of the county road.

The John Deere 38-inch riding lawn mower, valued at \$2400, was stolen from the residence of Steve Fillingim on FM 211 between last Wednesday night and Thursday

night. Also missing were a pressure washer with a Honda engine, valued at \$400, and an air tank.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated theft of tractor parts valued at \$2,726 from six John Deere tractors parked behind Taylor Tractor and Equipment Co. in Tahoka sometime after midnight last Thursday. Among items stolen were a draw bar and hitch.

Five persons were jailed on warrants for offenses including speeding, no liability insurance, failure to appear, possession of marijuana and issuing bad check. These were among a total of 18 persons jailed here during the last week. Others were held on these charges: expired registration, no proof of liability insurance, driving while license suspended, driving while intoxicated, no drivers license, speeding, child abandonment, public intoxication, bond surrender on possession with intent to deliver narcotics, possession of marijuana under two ounces in drug-free zone.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Delivers Briefing In Tahoka

by CLAUDIA GUIN

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison stopped in Tahoka last Wednesday to let Lynn County residents know what the 107th Congress has on tap for this session and to answer questions from her constituents. Over 60 residents, including business leaders, students, farmers, religious leaders and even a former senator turned out to greet the Republican senator at the Lynn County Courthouse. Sen. Hutchison welcomed the audience and recognized former Texas Senator E.L. Short and his wife Dink, who were in attendance.

Sen. Hutchison cited public education, a prescription drug program, national defense, and tax cuts as priorities for the current Congress.

According to the senator, Congress should allocate more funding for public education and teachers should be given a substantial raise in salary. She also indicated that elected officials will work on a plan to help senior citizens pay for prescription drugs, possibly developing a plan where Medicare will pick up some of the costs.

On the subject of national defense, Sen. Hutchison stated that a big priority was recruitment of new members and retention of present members of the military. To accomplish that goal, the senator said government needs to give the military what it needs — more funding for higher salaries, better healthcare and better housing. She also indicated that veterans should be receiving better healthcare benefits. Sen. Hutchison told audience

members that there is growing bipartisan support in Congress for substantive tax cuts.

"The call to cut hard-working Americans' taxes is even louder with the news our federal surplus will be \$5.6 trillion over the next decade," Sen. Hutchison said.

"The marriage tax penalty really jumps out as an example of an unfair tax on married couples," said Sen. Hutchison. "I'm optimistic we'll repeal it this year. We passed it twice last Congress, but President Clinton vetoed it. This year with President Bush in the White House, I think married couples will finally get the tax relief they deserve."

Sen. Hutchison said other tax reform efforts she will focus on are eliminating the death tax, which she said hurts Texas' small business owners, farmers and ranchers, and providing across-the-board reductions to replace the current five-rate tax structure with four lower rates.

In response to a question on farm policy, the senator stated that Congress will be looking at the issue very closely. "We don't want to give up on free trade, but we need to get the playing field level for everyone," she said.

Sen. Hutchison stated that she was glad to see two groups of students from Tahoka High School in attendance and took a question from one student who wondered what government would be doing this session to help more students attend college. The senator said that Congress was looking at more funding for scholarships. (See SENATOR, page 4)

WOODWORK by Dalton

I DON'T VOUCH for the truth of the following "Facts from the 1500's" which were handed to me by a friend, and which were printed in a publication of Western Roofing, called the *Enterprise*. Some of the things in the article are interesting, especially if true (the publication gave no clue about the source of the information).

I found most interesting the alleged origin of the term "wake" related to death, and the phrase "It's raining cats and dogs."

Anyway, here are parts of the article:

Some facts about the 1500s:

- Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. (So that's where that tradition started?)

- Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the clean water, then all the other sons and men in the family, then the women and finally the children, last of all the babies.

- Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw, piled high, with no wood under the straw. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals, mice, rats and bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof, hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

(I remember seeing the thatched roof of Anne Hathaway's cottage at Stratford-on-the-Avon, but I don't think the guides told us that story.)

- There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up the bed. A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top gave some protection, and this is how canopy beds came into existence.

- Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock a person out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up, hence the custom of holding a "wake."

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News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Beverly Zuniga

Thank you to Daron Norwood! Wow, what a good time we had at Family Night on Thursday, Feb. 22. The residents and their families enjoyed Daron as he sang and played the guitar. He impersonated Johnny Cash, George Jones and Willie Nelson and made us all smile. He sang songs he had written and also played the piano. He gave out hugs and autographs to the residents.

Thank you to the families of Myrl Mathis, Lois Culp and J.B. Reece for providing refreshments at Family Night.

Congratulations to Estelle Cook for winning the bowling tournament. Homer Hancock came in second. Other bowlers participating included Ina Phillips, Myrl Mathis, Lois Culp, Sonny Lewis and L.C. Burseson. Ms. Cook was given a gift certificate for her win after bowling the winning strike.

The Care Center would like to welcome a new resident, Georgia Aguirre. She is such an inspiration to us all.

Do you have a talent? We are always looking for people with any kind of talent to share it with us. Let us know if you are interested in entertaining us.

Thank you to Gilda Taylor for sharing her talents. Gilda played the piano beautifully. Thank you to Henrietta Burseson for singing for us.



FAMILY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT - Daron Norwood of Tahoka performed at Tahoka Care Center's Family Night on Thursday, Feb. 22. Looking on are Warren Hardt and Teresa DeVine.

'Junque And Treasure' Sale Set At Center

The Phebe K. Warner Club will sponsor a huge "Junque and Treasure" sale Friday and Saturday, March 2-3 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at J400 Ave. K in Tahoka. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for scholarships for a senior girl

and a senior boy from Tahoka High School who will be attending college for the next four years.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles for the sale may take them to The Center on Thursday (today) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Everyone is encouraged to clean out their closets, storerooms, garages, etc. and donate items for this worthy cause," said Bettye Green, club president.

Happy 18th, Clay!

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Property Purchase Completed This Week For Proposed Jail Renovation Project

by JUANELL JONES

Plans for new jail/law enforcement facilities in Lynn County are a little closer to reality this week as the property purchase for a proposed renovation project is being completed.

"We're looking at closing the deal for the property purchase tomorrow," Lynn County Attorney James Napper told Lynn County Commissioners in regular session Monday morning, explaining that the total cost of the land and building purchase would be \$130,000. Commissioners authorized Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon to sign loan papers with First National Bank of Tahoka to complete the purchase.

The proposed plan calls for renovating the existing S&K Implement building on the property located on Hwy. 380 East in Tahoka. Total renovation costs, including property purchase, are estimated at \$2.3 million, which county officials expect to fund through certificates of obligation.

Danny Butler of Dinosaur Valley Construction, Inc. and Jeffrey E. Heffelfinger of Southwest Architects, Inc. met with the court to discuss architectural plans for the jail renovation project, and both asked to be placed on the next meeting agenda to present contracts and specifications for advertising of bids for contractors for the project.

In other business, First National Bank of Tahoka was named county depository for the county's finances, with Judge Brandon breaking a 2-2 decision in favor of the Tahoka bank. Commissioners Don Morton and Mike Braddock voted in favor of naming Wilson State Bank as county depository, while Commissioners Don Blair and J.T. Miller proposed FNB of Tahoka, and Judge Brandon added his vote to break the tie, 3-2 in favor of FNB.

Representatives of both banks had attended a previous meeting to present offers, and WSB's Dan Cook and Kelly Livingston were again in

attendance at Monday's meeting. Currently, the county depository is at FNB of Tahoka, with the bidding process occurring every two years for choosing the depository.

Some discussion was held concerning worker's compensation insurance, noting that the current insurance through Paula Insurance with Walker-Solomon Insurance Agency would be cancelled April 29, 2001, according to a cancellation notice received last week by county officials. Commissioners instructed Judge Brandon to contact Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for information on providing the county with worker's compensation insurance.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and Robert Abbe Jr. of Wilson was appointed to the County Historical Committee.

Present at the meeting were all four commissioners and Judge Brandon, Co. Atty. Napper, and other county officials.

OBITUARIES

Richard Stewart

Memorial services for Rev. Richard Stewart, 79, of Archer City were held Saturday, Feb. 24 at the First Assembly of God in Archer City with the Rev. R.C. "Bob" Kitchell officiating and the Rev. Eugene Ballard assisting. Private burial was Friday, Feb. 23 in Archer City Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001 in Wichita Falls.

He was born March 25, 1921 in Southland. He attended Morgan School and St. Paul's Lutheran Parochial School and graduated from Wilson High School in 1939. He joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

He graduated from Texas Tech University with a textile engineering degree. He served as superintendent of the textile mills in Brenham before moving to Louisiana, where he served as minister of Assembly of God churches in Lafayette and Breaux Bridge. He also was a hospice chaplain in Tempe, Ariz.

He was a retired associate pastor of First Assembly of God in Archer City. He was a Sunday school teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilson for many years. He married Cleo Eastin on Feb. 17, 1949.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Janice S. Kitchell of Archer City and Rebecca L. Hargrave of Lafayette; two sisters, Vera Tudor of Midland and Ruby Wheatley of Slaton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Joe Raindl

Graveside services for Joe F. Raindl, 82, of New Braunfels were held Friday, Feb. 23 in the Lorena Cemetery.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Temple.

He was born Feb. 11, 1919, in Shiner. He moved to Lynn County in 1932. At the outbreak of World War II he joined the Army and served in both stateside and overseas assignments. He rose to the rank of master sergeant before retiring. He then became a deputy sheriff in Tahoka. When he retired from law enforcement, he moved to New Braunfels. He was married to Maxine Oliver and Juanell Sloan.

Survivors include two sons, Mitch of Tahoka and Ricky of Midland; three daughters, Jan Blackburn of Waco, Jodi Cowan of Lorena and Debra Primera of Austin; and three sisters, Pauline Brosch of Lubbock, Claudia Workman of Hobbs, N.M., and Josephine Zeik of New Braunfels.

Clifton Ray Wood

Graveside services for Clifton Ray Wood, 41, of Malakoff were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Payne Cemetery in Malakoff.

He died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001 at his home.

He was born Aug. 3, 1959 in O'Donnell. He moved to Malakoff from Dallas in 1993. He was a veteran of the Air Force and owned "A Pane in the Glass" stain glass shop.

Shop In Tahoka!

Alfred J. Cook

Services for Alfred J. Cook, 75, of Odessa were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sunset Memorial Chapel in Odessa with Chaplain Dick Brown officiating.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001 at Avalon Nursing Home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1926 in Tahoka and was raised in Draw. He married Helen Lynette Munn on June 10, 1954 in Big Spring. He was a retired mechanic and a longtime member of Crescent Park Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Odessa; seven children, Jim Cook of Midland, Doug Cook of Bastrop, Travis Cook of Austin, Joan Lee, Nita Denny, Paul Cook and Malinda Woody, all of Odessa; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers were nephews Jason Wood, Choya Young, Jimmy Renfro, Matthew Bell, and Michael Bell.

The family suggests memorials in memory of Clifton Ray Wood, c/o the Wood Family at the Malakoff Flower Shop or Glass Gardens in Malakoff.

Hospital Auxiliary Upgrades Beds In Patient Rooms

Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary has paid for new mattresses on all the 17 patient beds at the hospital. Administrator Dan Powers reported to the hospital board at the group's regular meeting last Thursday.

Powers and the board expressed appreciation to the auxiliary, which previously had paid for six new mattresses and now has paid \$2,822 to replace the mattresses on the remaining 11 beds.

In a related matter, Powers noted that the hospital had 14 patients in rooms at one time last week, the highest total patient occupancy in recent years.

Powers also reported on progress in construction of the Lynnwood Assisted Living Center, noting that framing and vertical steel work has begun. He also noted that Susie Sosa, newly-hired manager of Lynnwood, has been visiting other assisted living facilities in the area to study procedures, rules and related items.

Although no reservations are yet being accepted for the 20-unit facility, expected to open late this summer, Powers said he has names of about a dozen potential residents who want to be notified as soon as prices and other policies are developed and reservations are opened.

The board adopted a resolution calling for election of two directors on May 5. Anyone wishing to run for one of the three-year terms should contact Powers at the hospital; 25 signatures on a petition are required for filing. Filing deadline is April 3.

Terms of Joe Hays and Dalton Wood are scheduled to expire.

Jerry Ford, vice president of the board, presided at Thursday's meeting, also attended by Powers and board members Peggy Morton, Virginia Griffing, Mike Rivas and Wood. Hays and Billy Tomlinson were absent.

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FCCLA Conferen

Tahoka High Chapter and the Chapter of Family, Community Leaders (FCCLA) attended a conference held in Lubbock. The 13 chapter members and 1000 delegates attended the conference, and there was an opportunity to acquire a level of competition.

The youth delegates went through workshops on ways to become active in their community. Some of the issues discussed at the conference were date rape, personality profile, Stop the Violence, depression, leadership, STAR Events (Action for Recognition) and events in which they participated at regional events allow members to show their life skills in competition.

Amada Aguilar, and Mickey Deleon Applied Technology. Applied Technology event that recognizes who develop a project, and show evidence of solving, critical thinking of applied communication and/or science skills, consumer science and "Intergenerational Team" where these members work with senior citizens at the Care Center and the Care Center to develop skills. They placed in state competition in state of 20, 2001 in Houston.

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ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE - 13 Tahoka High School FCCLA members attended the Region 1 FCCLA Conference, recently, with 10 advancing to state competition in April. Students are, from left, Amy Stroope, Judi Webster, Amada Aguilar, Malena Carrasco, Martin Garza, Kendra Selmon, Kim Vega, and Haleigh Ross. Not available for the photo were Clayton Chancy, Michelle Martin, Shea Pridmore, Mickey Deleon, and Diana Pena.

FCCLA Members Attend Regional Conference; Advance To State

Tahoka High School's Tahoka Chapter and the Madeline Hegi Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the Region 1 Conference held in Lubbock, Feb. 23-24. The 13 chapter members were among 1000 delegates attending the two-day conference, and ten members earned an opportunity to advance to the state level of competition.

The youth developed theme, "Wild About FCCLA!" was carried out through workshops and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing the youth of today. Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were scholarships, date rape, team building, personality profile, eating disorders, Stop the Violence, community service, depression, stress management, leadership, STAR Events, underage drinking, public speaking, self-esteem, and attitude check.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participated at regional meetings. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Amada Aguilar, Clayton Chancy, and Mickey Deleon competed in the Applied Technology, Senior Division. Applied Technology is a team event that recognizes participants who develop a project using technology, and show evidence of problem solving, critical thinking and integration of applied communication, math and/or science skills in a family and consumer science area. Their project "Intergeneration Tech-Connect" was one where these members worked with senior citizens at the Senior Citizens Center and the Lynn County Care Center to develop computer skills. They placed fourth and will compete in state competition April 20, 2001 in Houston, Texas.

Chapter Showcase Event is a team event which recognizes chapters that develop and implement a

well-balanced program of work and promotes FCCLA to the community. Martin Garza and Judi Webster competed in this event. Their display "Wild About FCCLA" presented documentation of activities completed by local FCCLA members during the 2000-01 school year. They placed fifth and will advance to state competition.

Michelle Martin and Amy Stroope competed in the Focus on Children Event, Senior Division. This team event recognizes participants who plan and conduct a child development project that has a positive impact on children. Their project "Life's Little Lessons" were presented to children at Small Wonders. Malena Carrasco participated in the Illustrated Talk Event, Senior Division. This event recognizes participants for their ability to make a presentation about life issues concerning family and consumer science. Malena's project "Tune in the Next Generation" studied the issue of music on a child's brain development. Kim Vega, Haleigh-Ross, and Diana Pena competed in the Focus on Children, Junior Division. Their project "What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up" was a career day for elementary children. They placed second and will compete in state competition.

Kendra Selmon competed in the Job Interview, Junior Division. This individual event recognizes participants who use family and consumer science skills to develop a portfolio, participates in an interview and communicates a personal understanding of job requirements and the ability to perform them. Kendra placed second and will advance to state competition.

Shea Pridmore, State FCCLA Recording Secretary, led the Friday evening Leadership Session. Using skills learned throughout the year as a state officer, Shea guided delegates through a series of activities to help build leadership skills. Shea will complete her responsibilities for the year at the State FCCLA conference in April.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Student leaders of Texas are "Wild for FCCLA!" and are **Winning In Life's Decisions** related to parenting, child development, management (personal and financial), interior design, entrepreneurship, food service, nutrition, institutional maintenance, hospitality, and career awareness.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is sponsored at Tahoka High School by Mrs. Patti Rambo and Mrs. Donna Stone.

Hands-On Access:

Parents Invited To THS Biology Lab To "Solve Crime" In DNA Experiment

Parents will have a unique opportunity next Thursday, March 8 when they are invited to come to Tahoka High School to "solve a crime" using DNA samples at the biology lab at Tahoka High School.

Parents of all biology students of Mrs. Cathy Box are invited to Room 115 at 7 p.m. March 8 to work with their children who are currently taking biology, to conduct a hands-on experiment to analyze real DNA samples in order to "solve a crime".

The evening will allow parents to see what their children are learning in their high school biology course, as well as an opportunity to work with their children in the lab and use problem-solving techniques in forensic biotechnology.

"I am very excited to have this opportunity to invite parents into the biology lab with the students - I think we will have a great deal of fun while parents see what their children are learning here," said Mrs. Box, add-

ing that any parent who plans to attend must let her know by March 2.

The DNA experiment is provided through the Traveling Biotechnology Program, a traveling lab funded by grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Texas Tech University Department of Biological Sciences.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), a non-profit medical research organization, was founded in order to "promote human knowledge within the field of the basic sciences and the effective application thereof for the benefit of mankind".

Over the past eight years, the HHMI program has given 333 million dollars to colleges and universities to enhance their undergraduate programs and develop outreach efforts to precollege teachers and students. The grants provide students with new opportunities in research and hands-on science activities, empower faculty with increased classroom and lab resources, reward and motivate teachers with new skills, and develop and test new curricula from prekindergarten through college.

In 1992, Texas Tech University, Department of Biological Sciences were awarded 1.3 million dollars, and then a second phase of the grant increased the funding to a total of 2.5 million dollars. These grants have allowed many precollege outreach programs to exist, such as the Traveling Biotechnology Program.



STORK REPORT

Daniel and Rebecca Garcia of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Garcia, born at 11:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She has two siblings, Adrian, 18, and Steven, 15.

Grandparents are Julia Garcia of Tahoka and Ismael and Janie Arroyo of Lubbock.



LONG, TALL POODLE - "Sheba Beth" sits patiently for photos as her owner, Jessica Wilson, encourages her good behavior on stage during the Tahoka Middle School Pet Show held last Friday. Twelve students showed their pets in the show, organized by student Anna Hawthorne. (LCN PHOTO)

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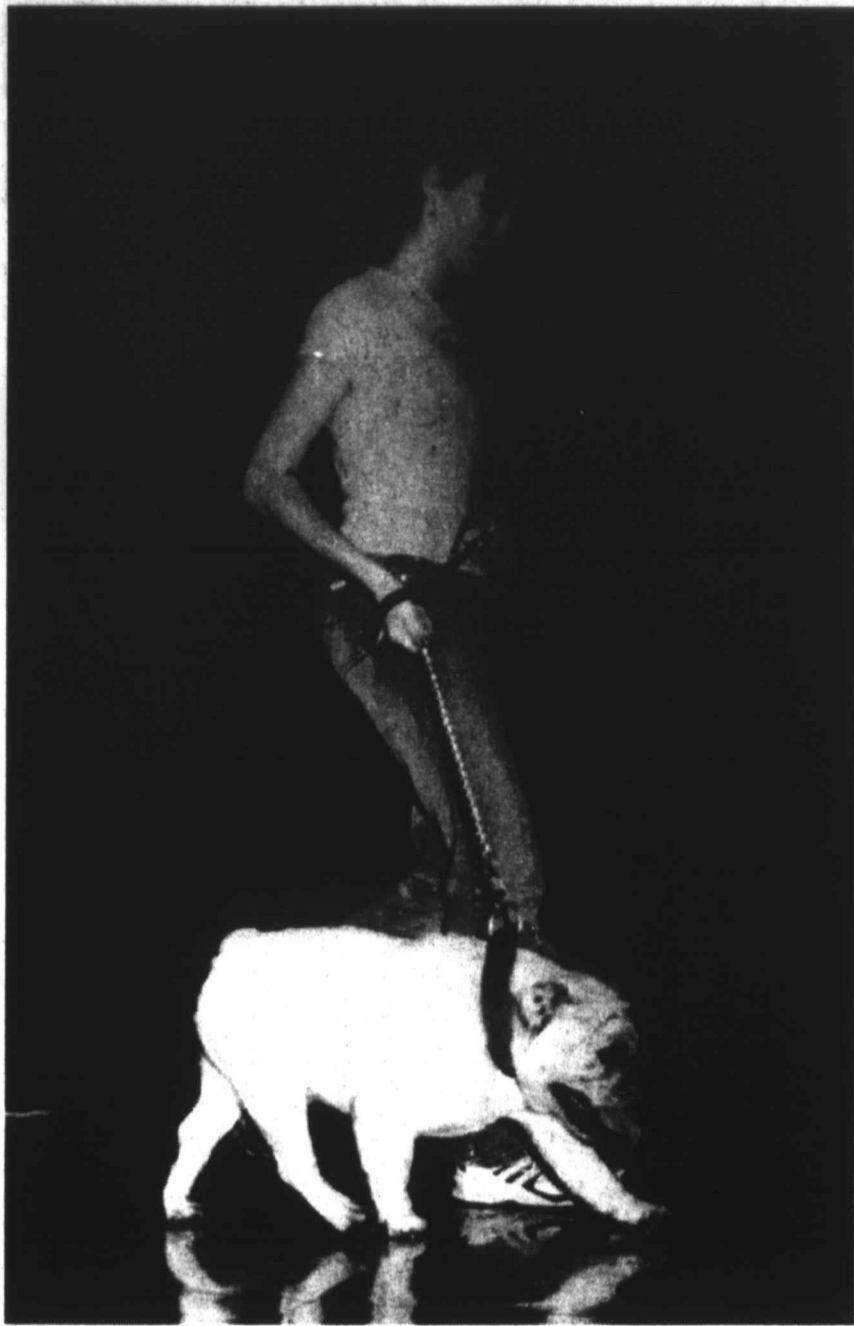
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BULLDOG "BLUE" - Tahoka Middle School student Trista Wuensche walks her Bulldog, named "Blue", during the Middle School Pet Show held last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium. Blue was a very well-behaved dog as he marched across the stage. Hmmm, wonder where they came up with the name Blue? (LCN PHOTO)

Senator ...

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ships and Pell grants and also at tax incentives for IRAs and tax free savings.

Toward the end of the meeting, Sen. Hutchison touched on the energy crisis and talked briefly about her support of tapping into more resources in the U.S. She said that the environmental lobby has basically shut down production in this country and she would support tax exemptions for smaller, independent drilling companies and for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska instead of relying on foreign sources for more than half of the oil and gas consumed in the U.S.

At the conclusion of the briefing, the senator visited informally with members of the audience and posed for pictures.

Swartz Named To Dean's List

Jaymie Swartz, a 2000 graduate of Tahoka High School, was named to the Dean's List at Frank Phillips College in Borger for the fall semester.

Swartz, a freshman, is the son of Rooster and Della Swartz of Tahoka.

'Wheels To Work' Offers Help With

Vehicle Loans

Need a vehicle to get to work? Wheels To Work can help, according to information released this week from South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.-SPARTAN.

The Wheels To Work program offers assistance to people wanting to acquire a vehicle to travel to work, who meet certain eligibility requirements. Eligible participants must be residents of nine rural counties of the South Plains Workforce Development Board area, which includes Lynn County. SPCAA, Inc. will provide services in the form of training, technical and financial assistance to facilitate the client's acquisition of transportation services necessary for job retention.

Participants must be currently employed and have been employed for six months or longer, and must have a valid driver's license, vehicle insurance and pass a MVR inquiry. The Wheels To Work client must have a credit history which enables them to qualify for a vehicle loan from an area lending agency, and must complete a prepared training program and show a great need for a vehicle to get them to and from employment.

For more information, contact representatives of the Wheels To Work program at (806) 894-3800, the SPARTAN office at 1-800-462-8747, or county offices for the Department of Human Services, Texas Workforce Center.



SENATOR AND STUDENTS - U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison posed for a photo with these Tahoka High School students who attended a briefing delivered by Sen. Hutchison at the Lynn County Courthouse last Wednesday. Sen. Hutchison said she was glad to see students in the audience, and addressed a question regarding Congressional directives for funding to help students attend college. (LCN PHOTO)

One Files This Week For Elections

Only one person added his name to the slate of candidates in the county and school elections in the county this week, with three weeks remaining until the March 21 deadline to file. Incumbent Travis Mires filed for re-election on the O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees, school officials reported Tuesday afternoon.

As reported last week, six incumbents in various elections had filed during the opening days of the filing period. Interested candidates should contact city or school offices for more information on filing.

All city and school elections, as well as the Lynn County Hospital District election, will be held May 5. Any county resident who is not registered to vote may register by April 5 to be eligible to vote in the May 5 election.

Voter registration cards are available at the Voter Registrar's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, or may be available at city and school offices.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 5-9

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Tuesday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Peaches.
Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Wheat Roll, Gelatin.
Thursday: Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Chinese Vegetables, Orange Half, Wheat Roll, Lemon Pie or Bars.
Friday: BBQ Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Cabbage Salad, Biscuits, Mincemeat or Raisin Pie.



The Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the Tahoka High School LRC.

Among other business, plans will be discussed in regard to this year's athletic banquet.

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Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

The Phebe K. Warner club met on Feb. 13 in the home of Gerald-Deane Wood. Jay Dee House presented the program. He discussed some of the issues facing the city: the construction of the sewer plant on the south side of Tahoka and the Canadian River Project. He also spoke about the grant the city has applied for to fund fire hydrants in the downtown area. Other city projects reported on include the library, the mini park, the city website, and Tahoka Daisy seed and billboard.

Members voted to sponsor the Golden Broom award and Mrs. Green appointed committees to serve on community improvement issues.

Phebe K. Warner members provided refreshments and the program (Dalton Wood and Marvin Gregory, musicians) for the Tahoka Care Center residents on Feb. 14.

Final Little Dribbler Sign-up Is Tonight

The final registration for Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers is tonight (Thursday) from 6:00-7:30 in the Tahoka High School gym.

Area girls in grades 3-8 are invited to participate. Teams will be divided into three categories: Minor-third and fourth grades; Major-fifth and sixth grades; and Senior-seventh and eighth grades.

Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for the second child.

Parents or guardians must accompany the child to registration and must present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

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Rabies In South Plains

Rabies appears in the Texas Panhandle, suggesting continued caution on deaths.

In 2000, the South Plains area had 17 rabies cases, a 73 percent increase over the 15 cases recorded in 1999.

Panhandle counties reporting rabies in 2000 were: Deaf Smith, three; Dallis, two; and Gray, Hale and Lamb, one.

Last year's cases were caused by a skunk, a raccoon, a bobcat and a bat variant.

Statewide, so far this year, rabies cases were compared with 4 cases in 2000 — a 107 percent increase over the 19 cases recorded in 2000. In addition, the 11 rabies variants recorded in 2000 were a 84 percent increase over the 6 cases recorded in 1999.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Alexander, Marc, reported a rabid skunk report in the Panhandle. Information shows an increase in rabies cases across the state.

"Rabid skunk fenced yard an Alexander said, currently vaccinated now is the time to get vaccinated."

In January, the region's first rabid skunk residence in south is the first rabid within the Canyon than 15 years.

No humans were ever, two dogs were rabid animal. One destroyed. The other vaccination and it days because of t

Alexander said a wild animal skunk or bat that is light hours should animal control department is a police in many town sheriff's department areas.

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Rabies Remains Threat In South Plains Area

Rabies appears to be on the rise in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, suggesting the need for continued caution on the part of all residents.

In 2000, the Panhandle and South Plains area had 26 animal cases of rabies, a 73 percent increase over the 15 cases recorded for 1999.

Panhandle and South Plains counties reporting animal cases of rabies in 2000 were: Randall, six cases; Deaf Smith, five; Bailey, three; Parmer, three; Lubbock, three; Dallam, two; and one each in Castro, Gray, Hale and Lamb.

Last year's cases included 24 caused by a skunk rabies variant (infection 17 skunks, five cats, one cow and a bobcat) and two caused by the bat variant.

Statewide, some 830 animal rabies cases were reported in 1999, compared with 400 the year before — a 107 percent increase. Most of the cases were skunk rabies variants (605 cases, a 160 percent increase). In addition, the 166 cases due to bat rabies variants represented an increase of 84 percent.

According to the Texas Department of Health veterinarian James Alexander, March through May is traditionally the peak period for rabid skunk reports, and recent information shows increased skunk populations across the area.

"Rabid skunks can easily enter a fenced yard and expose pets," Alexander said. "If your pet is not currently vaccinated against rabies, now is the time to have it done."

In January, Randall County had the region's first rabies case of the year. A rabid skunk was found at a residence in southwest Canyon. This is the first rabid animal reported within the Canyon city limits in more than 15 years.

No humans were exposed; however, two dogs were exposed to the rabid animal. One dog had to be destroyed. The other received a booster vaccination and is in isolation for 45 days because of the exposure.

Alexander says anyone who sees a wild animal such as a skunk, raccoon or bat that is active during daylight hours should contact their local animal control department. Animal control is a police department function in many towns and is part of the sheriff's department in most rural areas.

Stray animals, especially when seen within the city limits, should also be reported. Domestic pets that have contact with wild animals should be evaluated by a veterinarian to determine if there was a risk of exposure to rabies.

Some pets exposed to rabid animals can be saved if vaccinated, but others must be destroyed. The safest way to reduce the risk of losing a pet to rabies is to keep all vaccinations and boosters current.

Since rabies is transmitted through an infected animal's saliva, any person bitten by an animal or exposed to its saliva should contact a health care provider to see if treatment to prevent rabies infection is needed.

Alexander says an additional concern is bats that may have contact with humans. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that in situations where a bat is physically present and the person cannot exclude the possibility of a bite, postexposure treatment should be considered unless prompt testing of the bat rules out rabies infection.

NEWS FROM NEW HOME ISD

by NHHS Journalism Students

StuCo News

by Rita Tobar

StuCo Attended the 2001 District V Convention on February 7, 2001. The theme for the convention was "Staying Alive with District V."

Tina Graves, Ricky Mitchell, and the Olton USO Entertainment served as guest speakers and entertainers.

"My favorite part was when Olton High had their mini musical, when they were swing dancing," said Katie Schoppa, StuCo member. "That is something I have wanted to learn to do."

The NHS students who attended were Jessica Holder, Katie Schoppa, Carlos Miranda, Angelica Gonzales, Rachel Alonzo, Lauren Wied, Jonathan Rodriguez, Keaton Askew, Effren Silva, Stephanie Kieth, Carri Floyd, Chaney Thornhill, Zac Morris and T.J. Johnston.

StuCo sponsor is Mrs. Marsha Scott. StuCo officer elections will be held Friday, March 23. Candidate petitions are due by Friday, March 9 and candidate speeches are due Wednesday, March 21.

Groundhog Job

Shadow Day

Friday, Feb. 2, four NHHS juniors took part in a Groundhog Job Shadow Day program to help them see what it takes to make it in the real world.

The program, sponsored by the South Plains Tech Prep/School-To-Careers Partnership, matches well over 12,000 area students with various professions or careers to allow students a glimpse into their day.

Danielle Garza and Katie Schoppa observed an Echo Technician at Covenant Medical Center.

Matthew Cramblett spent the day at the Brock Veterinarian Clinic in Lamesa. Matthew was also rewarded by having his photography appear in the Lamesa local newspaper showing the job shadowing program.

Tiffany Nettles found herself observing the daily routines of an athletic trainer. The owner of Sports & Industrial Rehab Center in Lubbock was kind enough to spend his day with Tiffany.

The spice cumin is part of the carrot family. In ancient Rome it was believed that if it was fed to lovers they would remain faithful.



MILLION TAB PURCHASE — Wayne Jeffcoat presents a check for \$235.20 to Tahoka Elementary Pride Corps representatives Suzanne Baker and Kathy Druessedow for a million cola-can tab pulls, which the school collected over the past four years. Jeffcoat said the tabs weighed in at 672 pounds, and he paid 35-cents a pound for the aluminum tabs. Pride Corps, which organized the event, will use the donation for school projects. (LCN PHOTO)

New Home School Menu

March 5-9 Breakfast

Monday: Donuts, Yogurt, Milk.
Tuesday: Smucker's PBJ Sandwich, Milk.
Wednesday: Cereal, Toast, Milk.
Thursday: Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.
Friday: Biscuit, Sausage, Eggs, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Mini Corndogs, Tator Tots, Fried Okra, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Tuesday: Tacos, Cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Orange Half, Cornbread, Milk.
Wednesday: Tony's Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Munch Mix, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Cookie, Milk.
Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.

New Home Elementary Releases Honor Rolls

New Home Elementary School officials recently released the names of students named to honor rolls for the fourth six weeks. They are:

Perfect Attendance: Kindergarten: Charles Kieth, Lionel Lugo, Zachary Paul.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: 6th Grade: Bridget Youngblood, Meghan O'Rourke.

Principal's Honor Roll: 1st Grade: Allison Burenheide, Ricky Hildebrand, Justin Laseman; 2nd Grade: Christian Bergin, Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy; 3rd Grade: Hannah Lamb-Vines; 4th Grade: Chelsea Byerly, Jake Ogle; 5th Grade: Kelsi Kieth, Mark Overman, Jori Rodgers, Sarah Usery; 6th Grade: Raelin Ogle, Adam Fiscal, Sarah Clem.

Teacher's Honor Roll: 1st Grade: Audra Bruton, Benjamin Jackson, Caitlin Kieth, Naomi Nevarez, Alex Speckman, Desiree Vasquez, Tyler Wilson; 2nd Grade: Stevie Feaster, Jacobi Ford, Justin Gray, Kari Maeker, Oscar Saenz, Amanda Whitten, Socorro Vitolas; 3rd Grade: Jessica Arizola, Travis Bergin, Joshua Correa, Jacob Laseman, Kris Silva, Samantha Silva; 4th Grade: Mary Maeker, Nicholas Moore, R.H. Whitten, Scott Youngblood; 5th Grade: Jordan Clem, Keely Nettles, Josh Nieman, Nick Ramierz, Damien Rodriguez, Jennifer Speckman, T.J. Thornhill, Trevor White, Hailey Wilkinson; 6th Grade: Ashley Brady, Natalie Bruton, Tyler Nieman, Jonathan Hernandez.

Leopard Awards: Kindergarten: Jonathon Nieman; 1st Grade: Benjamin Jackson; 2nd Grade: Socorro Vitolas; 3rd Grade: Kris Silva; 4th Grade: Jake Ogle; 5th Grade: Adrian Villarreal; 6th Grade: Bridget Youngblood.

Tahoka School Menu

March 5-9 Breakfast

Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage & Toast or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday: Waffles or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Sweet Peas, Sliced Apples, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey Roast w/Cream Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cups, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape Ups, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Fish Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Tator Tots, Orange Slices, Milk.

Mad Cow Disease Not A Problem In Texas

"We do not have BSE (Mad Cow Disease) in Texas. Cattle have not been quarantined in Texas because of BSE," states Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs in a report from the Department of Agriculture.

Recently, a Purina feed mill in Texas accidentally mixed meat and bone meal made from domestic cattle in a feed supplement that was fed to 1,222 head of cattle at a southeast Texas feedlot. During normal quality control measures at Purina, the accident was discovered and the feedlot and appropriate authorities were notified. This is a regulatory issue, because since 1997, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has banned the feeding of meat and bone meal supplements to cattle. The feed was fed to the cattle only once before it was retrieved by Purina for further testing. All the feed has been accounted for.

The owner of the feedlot voluntarily isolated the cattle. No cattle have been quarantined, the TDA report stated.

Results of the FDA report show that a low level of the prohibited meal was found in the feed, but at such a small quantity each animal at most consumed only a quarter ounce. Despite the negligible risk, Purina Mills Inc. is voluntarily buying all 1,222 head of cattle, and meat from these animals will not enter the food supply.

"The actions taken by the cattle industry, Purina Mills and FDA once again emphasize that safeguards are in place, they work, and everyone is committed to keeping BSE out of the United States," said Ms. Combs.

The FDA regulation is an added firewall to the stringent measures already in place to prevent BSE from entering the United States. For example:

•The United States has not im-

ported beef from the United Kingdom since at least 1985.

•In 1989, the United States banned the importation of ruminant animals and ruminant products from countries with confirmed cases of BSE.

•More than 60 veterinary diagnostic laboratories throughout the U.S. participate in a BSE surveillance program along with the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

•On Aug. 4, 1997, an FDA regulation went into effect banning the use of mammal-derived animal byproducts in cattle feed.

•On Dec. 13, 1997, the USDA banned imports of all live ruminants and ruminant products from Europe until risk factors associated with BSE are more fully examined.

•The USDA Food Safety Inspection Service inspects cattle for signs of potential central nervous system disorders and submits them to the surveillance program. To date, almost 6,000 brain samples from cattle have been analyzed. No BSE has been found.

•An antemortem inspection program is in place at slaughter facilities which prevents animals with possible central nervous system disorders from entering the human food chain.

"It is important to remember that the meat and bone meal in question was produced from domestic cattle. Since U.S. cattle do not have BSE, there was never a chance of this being a BSE incident in Texas," said Ms. Combs.

"The nation's cattle industry supports full compliance with FDA regulations. Texas cattle are safe, and the industry is taking aggressive steps to keep BSE out of the United States," she reiterated.

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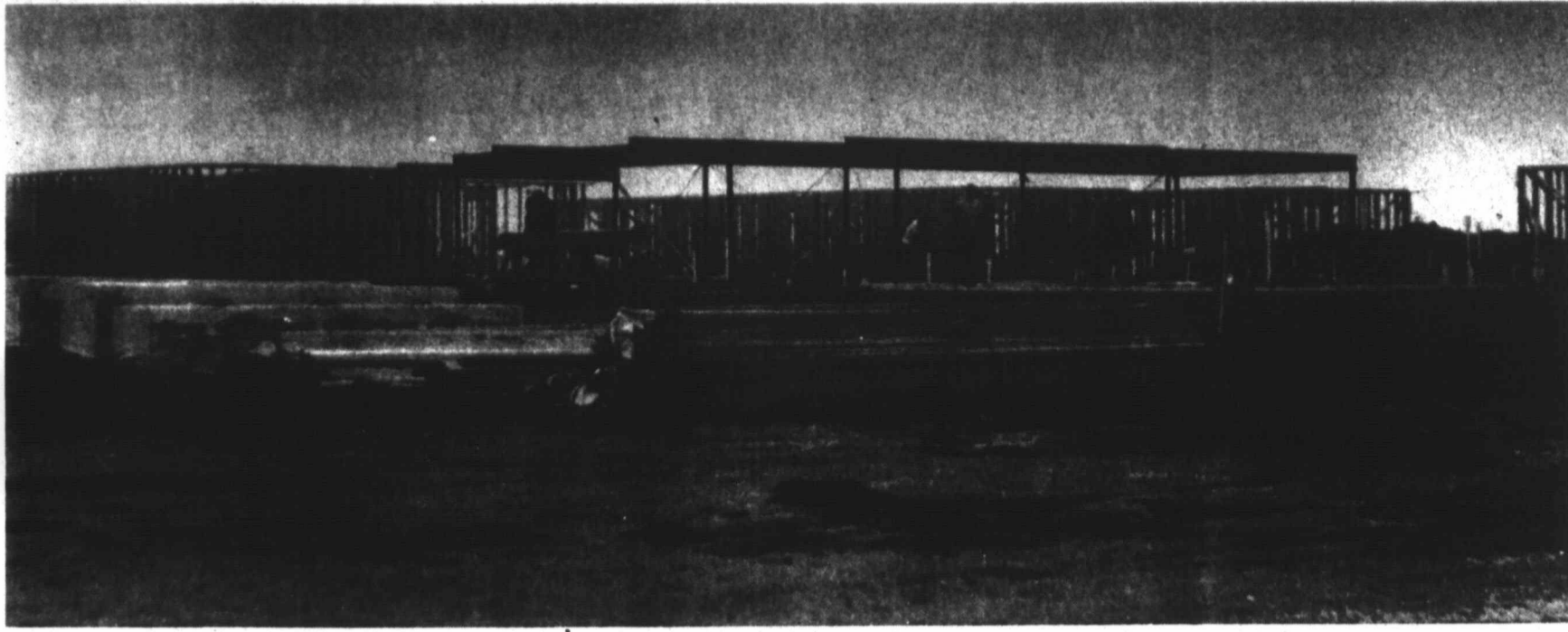
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WHAT'S UP? - Some of the framing for the walls of the new Lynn County Assisted Living Center, that's what. In the last week workers at the site next to Lynn County Hospital have made progress on framing and steelwork for the facility expected to be finished and open before next fall. (LCN PHOTO)

Local Ginners Attend Workshop

Johnny Emerson, Julio Hiracheta, and Mateo Garcia from New Home Coop Gin participated in the Cotton Conditioning 2001 Workshop. The workshop focused on increasing cotton producers' profits through innovative ginning techniques. The workshop was sponsored by Samuel Jackson, Inc. and was held at its factory in Lubbock Feb. 21-22.

Cotton conditioning is based on controlling the moisture of the cotton as it is processed through the gin. Moisture control includes drying the cotton thoroughly before cleaning, restoring moisture to the fiber before the gin stand, and adding moisture to the cotton just prior to bale pack-

aging. The workshop included classes, lab exercises, guest speakers, and forum discussions, each geared toward increasing producer profits.

"The cotton conditioning techniques discussed at the workshop can have a huge impact on a producer's bottom line," said Neil Turner, Technology Manager for Samuel Jackson, Inc. He added, "The value of a cotton bale can be increased by \$25 or more by using these techniques to protect staple, increase turnout, and restore moisture weight to the cotton before it is baled. The participants of this workshop are showing their commitment to their customers by learning the latest information presented here."

The workshop had 40 registered participants from 24 gins located in

nine states covering most of the Cotton Belt. "We were very pleased with the response from this workshop. The exchange of ideas helps us continue to make improvements to our products, which in turn helps the gins using our products serve their growers better," said Chris Jackson, president of Samuel Jackson, Inc.

This workshop also qualifies as a Continuing Education Credit (CEC) for participants of the Certified Ginners Program offered by the National Cotton Council.

Scholarships Available To Area Students

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students who either graduated from a high school located in one of the following counties, or maintained a permanent residence for the last five years in one of the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Ward, and Winkler.

Scholarship awards, ranging generally for \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients of the scholarship must attend one of the following colleges or universities: Angelo State University, Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, Sul Ross University, Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (Midland-Odessa or Lubbock), University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Interested students may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above listed educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31.

Lubbock Meeting To Address Ag Adjustment Act

The 1933 Agriculture Adjustment Act and important details concerning obtaining fair crop prices for producers will be discussed Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock, according to information released this week by Lynn County producer Rick Clem.

"Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt passed this law in 1933 to protect family farmers from low crop prices. See why state departments of agriculture and state legislatures are recognizing this often overlooked law," said Clem.

The March 5 meeting in Lubbock will address concerns with the Ag Adjustment Act and the Four Farmers' Lawsuit appeal.

The U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, CO, will hear oral arguments March 13 concerning the appeal of the Four Farmers' Lawsuit filed Jan. 24, 2000 in U.S. District Court in Denver claiming the federal government's refusal to implement statutory law requiring market regulation, antitrust action and foreign currency exchange stabilization has damaged ag producers. The plaintiffs charge the defendants with failure to provide and maintain a proper economic balance of income (parity) as required by emergency statute, and says that a declared state of National Emergency, with all incidental powers of control, was imposed over agriculture on May 12, 1933 with the Agriculture Adjustment Act. It also maintains that agriculture was impressed into service with a National Public Interest by Roosevelt's New Deal Congress. While the Act was to be temporary in nature, it has yet to be terminated 68 years later, plaintiffs contend.

The Four Farmer's Suit (Schroder et al v. Clinton et al) seeks to compel the government to obey its own laws that require maintenance of market conditions which affect farm prices, protect consumer interests and provide stability in international monetary policy. The four farmer plaintiffs are Dr. Eugene Schroder of Colorado, Ed Petrowsky of Kansas, Russell Grider and Wesley Myers of New Mexico. Named as defendants are the U.S. President, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Secretary of Treasury and the United States of America.

SWCD Still Taking Windbreak Orders

The Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak (conifers) and hardwood trees. Windbreak trees sell for \$2 each and hardwood trees are \$1 each.

Conifer trees still available include: Afghanistan Pines, Pinyon Pines and Eastern Redcedars.

Hardwood trees available include: Amur Honeysuckle, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Honeylocust, and Nanking Cherry.

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RRC Holds Hearing On Natural Gas Issues

In response to the rising cost of natural gas faced by consumers, the Railroad Commission of Texas this week held a hearing in Austin focusing on natural gas utility issues. According to Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza, the goal was to develop specific short-term recommendations that may aid in stabilizing future price fluctuations.

Williams, Matthews, and Garza heard testimony from invited speakers representing consumers, businesses, city governments, utilities, and natural gas suppliers. The speakers each offered remarks about the impact of recent higher natural gas prices, and provided suggestions for heading off similar problems in the future. Commissioners will utilize the suggestions to work our formal recommendations that will be shared with the 77th Legislature.

"All Texans have been affected by higher natural gas prices and the impact may be felt for some time to come," Williams said. "By taking time to hear from interested parties, we now look forward to developing short-term solutions that can benefit everyone."

"Over the last few months we've heard various accounts of natural gas prices hitting us in the pocketbook, but today's hearing marked the first time all sides could present their case," Matthews noted. "This unique opportunity will allow the Commission to develop specific recommendations the Legislature has asked for and can use."

"While the price of natural gas is market driven, there may be steps the Railroad Commission should be taking to alleviate the 'shock' that consumers are feeling," added Garza. "Today's hearing sends a signal to all

Texans that the Railroad Commission is looking at all sides of this issue and taking action."

Invited speakers to the hearing included representatives of Consumers Union, Texas Association of Businesses and Chambers of Commerce, Texas Cotton Producers Association, TXU, Reliant Energy/Entex, Southern Union Gas, West Texas Gas, and the Texas Oil and Gas Association. Issues that were addressed included: incentives for utilities to minimize the gas costs passed onto consumers; how to better notify consumers on anticipated price fluctuations; and the impact of severe price fluctuations on industries such as agriculture.

Williams, Matthews, and Garza said they will take the information gathered during today's hearing and formulate recommendations, which would be voted on during the Commissioner's next public meeting on March 1. Those recommendations will then be passed onto the House Committee on Energy Resources and the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Commodity cost of natural gas is not regulated on any level of government, but is strictly market driven. The Railroad Commission does have jurisdiction over the cost of transporting, storing, and delivering gas to consumers outside city limits. Cities have jurisdiction on the cost of delivery within their boundaries. Cost of delivery is generally not impacted by gas cost changes.

Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the state's chief energy agency. Through its Gas Services Division, the Commission works to ensure a continuous safe supply of natural gas is available to Texas consumers at the lowest, reasonable price.

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THS Band Members Receive 'Superior' Ratings At Contest

Six members of the Tahoka High School band competed in the Regional UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Coronado High School in Lubbock, with all earning "Superior" ratings. The musicians competed at the highest level, Grade One Solos and Ensemble.

Receiving "Superior" ratings in solo competition were Cristal Amador, flute; Solana Agüero, clarinet; Tonya Elrod, bari sax; and Callie McKay, clarinet. Cristal and Callie played their compositions by memory thus qualifying them for state competition. This is the third year that Callie has made it to state

in solo competition. The sophomore clarinet trio of Kristi Alvarez, Solana Agüero, and Jeanine Wilson received a "Superior" rating and qualified for state for the second consecutive year.

The UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held the last Saturday and Monday of May in San Marcus.

"I am extremely proud of all these young people," said band director Carroll Rhodes. "They have practiced long hours and performed the hardest level of music and came out winners."



SUPERIOR MUSICIANS - These six members of the Tahoka High School band competed in the regional UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Coronado High School in Lubbock, with all earning "Superior" ratings. Pictured from left to right are Cristal Amador, freshman (the first freshman to qualify for state); Tonya Elrod, junior; Callie McKay, senior; Kristi Alvarez, sophomore; Jeanine Wilson, sophomore; and Solana Agüero, sophomore.

Wilson School Menu

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Thursday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit, (HS Alt-Hoagies), Milk
Friday: PBJs, Chips, Pickle Spears, Carrot Sticks, Orange Halves, Milk

Gonzalez, Veronica Gill; 7th Grade: Beatrice Rios, Anastasia Sanders, Sarah Bednarz, Vanessa Mendez; 8th Grade: Tiffany Benavides, Lorianne Garces, Nicholas Simmons; 9th Grade: Brandie Vasek, Kristi Shipley; 10th Grade: Casey Bolyard, Luis Castanon, Brian Hernandez, Krista Wilke, David Yowell, Danielle Zavala, Zachary Zepeda; 11th Grade: Aaron Bednarz, Miguel Ortega, Chance Talkmitt, Brian Arellano, Christopher Donathon, Cody Kirk, Gerardo Valdez; 12th Grade: Amber Wilke, Jordan Bednarz, Ricky Halford.

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The Wilson senior class will be hosting a baked potato meal on Sunday, Mar. 4 in the school cafeteria. Cost will be \$5 per plate. Proceeds from the meal will go

toward graduation and miscellaneous expenses.

St. John Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for the Wilson senior class of 2001 on Monday, Mar. 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be in the church educational building.

The Wilson School board will meet in regular session on Thursday, Mar. 8 beginning at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Spring break for Wilson students is

just around the corner. Classes will dismiss at 12:30 on Friday, Mar. 9 and then spring break will continue during the week of Mar. 12-16. Classes will resume on a regular schedule on Monday, Mar. 19.

Wilson School and Wilson City officials report that no one has come by either office to pick up packets for the upcoming elections. These packets may be picked up at the city hall or at the school administration offices any time during normal business hours. Deadline for filing for either of these elections will be March 21.

Those individuals wishing to vote in the upcoming city and school elections must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election. Voter registration applications are available at the Wilson City Hall and at the School Administration building. Those wishing to register to vote may go by either location and pick up a card, fill it out and then submit the completed card to the Lynn County Tax Collector, Ms. Sherry Pearce. Your voter registration card will be returned to you by mail.

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Wilson ISD Names Honor Roll Students

Officials at Wilson ISD recently released their honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the school year. Honored students include:

Students of the Six Weeks: Pre-K: Christopher Nino and Christopher Thomas; Kindergarten: Tiffany Torres; 1st Grade: Shay Chapman; 2nd Grade: Andrew Torres; 3rd Grade: Guadalupe Valdez; 4th Grade: Brandon DePrang; 5th Grade: Caleb Griffin and Robin Taylor; 6th Grade: Vivian Rios.

Perfect Attendance: Pre-K: Francis Garcia, Jesse Garza, Erin Mendez, Christopher Nino, Christopher Thomas. Kindergarten: Chelsea Bingham and Coby Villarreal.

"A" Honor Roll: 1st Grade: Keviah Timmons, Ky Houchin; 2nd Grade: Alex Cantu, Bethany Griffin, Ashley Hernandez, Naomi Rios, Laura Villarreal; 3rd Grade: Jenna Autry, Arthur Castillo; Maggie Coronado, Cody Cross, Heather Hare, Francisco Hernandez, Felipe Ortega, John Rios, Tiffani Thomas, Guadalupe Valdez, Sierra Vestal; Lindsey Bjork; 4th Grade: Dominique Escobar; 5th Grade: Trela Rex, Carol Pabon, Caleb Griffin; 6th Grade: Vivan Rios, Chris Chapman; 7th Grade: Amber Autry; 8th Grade: none; 9th Grade: Brady Cross, Lorena Gonzales, Erica Taylor;

10th Grade: none; 11th Grade: Jamie Cavender; 12th Grade: Angelica Ariaz, Briana Fields, Kameron Livingston, Carla Pabon.

"AB" Honor Roll: 1st Grade: Richard Rex, Shay Chapman, Jordan Guzman; 2nd Grade: Dillon Rodriguez, Brittany Taylor, Amber Valdez, Johnny Valdez, John Cantu; 3rd Grade: Rito Martinez; 4th Grade: Alyssa Moreno, Xia Rios, Samantha Gill, Brady Evans, Tina Unger; 5th Grade: Brittany Holder, Danielle Chance, Rayley Parmer, Robin Taylor, Billy Kirk, Kyle Hare, Angelica Hernandez; 6th Grade: Angelica Gnozales, Victoria Zepeda, Yessica

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