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Filing Period Ends Wednesday For Area Elections

Any candidate interested in filing for area city and school elections has until Wednesday, March 21 to file for the May 5 election. Several candidates, mostly incumbents, have filed for places on ballots during the past two weeks, and a complete list of those candidates will be printed in next week's Lynn County News.

School board positions are threeyear terms for the four school districts in the county, and city terms are for two years. Information on filing is available at the respective city and school offices.

The Lynn County Hospital District election, which also takes place on May 5, has a different filing deadline for candidates. The filing period continues through April 3 for that election, with two seats on the board up for election.

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.



DNA EXPERIMENT - Tahoka High School biology student Manuela Chavarria (left) shows her mother, RosaLinda Chavarria, how to conduct a DNA experiment at the Tahoka High School biology lab. Students and their parents were invited to "solve a crime" last Thursday evening in a hands-on experiment to show parents what their children are learning in the biology classes of Mrs. Cathy Box. The crime, as it turned out, was the "death" of a teacher with a crime scene, including an outline of the body on the library floor, and three "suspects" were named from the parents participating in the project. Hair and cheektissue samples and fingerprints were taken for comparison, with parents working with their students to compare DNA samples, fingerprints, and hair samples under microscopes. As it turned out, evidence pointed to parent Bill Bueermann (much to his surprise) as the culprit who "committed the crime." (LCN PHOTO)



TOP SPELLERS IN THE COUNTY - Tahoka fifth grader Vincent Cowan (left) won first place in the Lynn County Spelling Bee last Friday, qualifying for the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in Lubbock, March 24. First runnerup was Ashley Lam (second from left) of Tahoka Elementary, and other winners included (continuing from left) Matt McLelland of Tahoka, third place; Kaylee Eaker of O'Donnell, fourth place; Josh (LCN PHOTO) DeLeon of Tahoka, fifth place; and Jori Rodgers of New Home, sixth place.

Seven Teachers Resign From Tahoka Schools

by JUANELL JONES

Seven teaching professionals won't be returning to Tahoka Independent School District next year, trustees were informed at last Thursday night's meeting of the Board of Trustees when teacher contracts were being considered.

Submitting resignations effective at the end of this school year were Margaret Carter, elementary librarian who is retiring from the school system; long-time science/physics teacher Betty Stennett, who is reportedly taking a position outside the school system; head girls basketball coach/teacher Scott Lucas, who has been at Tahoka the past two years; teacher/coach Ron Meador, a oneyear employee here; special educa-

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tion teachers Chris Barrera and Venita Dyas; and assistant band director Arthur Plotts Jr. Additionally, school bus driver Gloria Moore submitted her resignation.

All other teacher contracts were renewed by the board of trustees, and no new positions were considered for

In other business, the board unanimously approved the elementary school renovation project, awarding a bid of \$593,942 to Pharr & Company for work to be completed this summer, including electrical wiring, new central heating/air for the elementary campus buildings (except the gymnasium and cafeteria), new flooring, and re-roofing of most elementary buildings.

A new 77-passenger school bus was approved for purchase from Blue Star bus lines in the amount of \$59,448, and an additional identical bus was approved at the same price under a lease/purchase option for the

The 2001-2002 proposed school calendar was approved for public. comment, which is being published in this week's and next week's edition of The Lynn County News. Public comment on the calendar should be addressed to Superintendent Jimmy Parker, and the board expects to adopt the school calendar at their April meeting.

Cheerleader sponsor Alecia Hancock met with the board to present proposed changes to the school district's Cheerleading Constitution, and some changes to the constitution were made with approval of the board. Donna Stone presented an overview of the school's PEP program which provides childcare for children of students attending school, and trustees authorized Supt. Parker and Mrs. Stone to apply for another federal grant to continue offering the program here.

Business Manager Nathan Ehlert reported tax collections totaled \$1,022,107 which is 88.42 percent complete, and monthly bills were approved as presented.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, April 9.

Six trustees were presented at the 5-1/2 hour meeting which included an hour and a half closed session for personnel discussion. Present were trustees Greg Henley, Math Bartley, Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Brad Hammonds and Tommy Botkin, with trustee Leighton Knox Jr. absent.

Where's Woodwork? Dalton is on vacation this week. His Woodwork column will return next week as usual.

Man Found Dead With Gunshot Wound To Head

Lynn County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Rangers are investigating an apparent homicide in the county after the body of Gary Boyd McElroy, 46, was found at his residence Monday afternoon, with a gunshot wound to the head. Report-

Weather Low Precip. Date 64 50 53 67 Mar. 10 67 69 43 Mar. 12 72 42

Total Precip. to date this year: 2.30" Precip. this time last year: 2.16"

Parking Lot Paved For School

Tahoka High School students will be surprised when they return from Spring Break next week to discover the school parking lot just north of the gym on N. 4th Street has been paved this week.

Miller had a crew paving the lot early this week, with materials donated by the Texas Department of Transportation. Miller said county employees used county equipment to spread the asphalt on the lot, and that TxDOT employees were to come in with heavier rollers to pack the material.

Tahoka I.S.D. Superintendent Jimmy Parker said the school very much appreciated the cooperative efforts of the county and state, at no cost to the school, and that the project would be something which students would appreciate.

be done for the kids, and we were glad to do it," said Miller.

"This is something that needed to Tahoka

The Duckwall-ALCO Stores Company of Abilene, Kansas announced this past week the closing of its Tahoka Duckwall's Variety

Store Closes

Duckwall

Store. The sales floor was closed effective March 8, however, customers may pick up their layaways and film developing purchases from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. Monday through Fri-

District Manager, Pat Jellison, said store personnel will be offered positions at other Duckwall locations. Associates will be working in the Tahoka store for the next several weeks packing the merchandise and removing fixtures.

Jellison said, "As a normal course of business, we financially evaluate all of our locations on an annual basis or when the lease options allow us to exit a location. Our study indicated that we would be able to make better use of our assets in another location."

Duckwall's operates 18 stores in the state of Texas and a total of 90 stores in an 11 state area

Chuck Herfkens, Vice President, said, "I would like to express my gratitude to the many friends we have served in Tahoka, and I wish the very best to the loyal employees who have served our company so well during this period of time."

edly, the man had been dead for more than a day before his body was dis-

Law enforcement officials were called at 1 p.m. Monday, when a friend discovered McElroy's body at his home 6 miles south and 2-1/2 miles east of Tahoka on FM 3332, Sheriff Jake Diggs told The News. McElroy had been shot with a small caliber weapon, and was found seated at his kitchen table. The time of death has been narrowed to sometime between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, according to a Lubbock pathologist's report.

Reportedly, no weapon was found at the scene, and law enforcement officials are treating the case as a homicide. Sheriff Diggs said several people have been interviewed in regards to the case, and the investigation is continuing.

Funeral services for McElroy are pending with White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Tahoka Police Department investigated several calls during the week, including a two-vehicle collision in the 2200 block of North 4th Friday morning. A 1995 Ford Contour driven by Brian Christopher Valdez, 17, collided with a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado driven by D'Lynn Amanda Stone, 17. No injuries were reported.

Ricarda Salinas reported to police that someone had damaged her 1984 Pontiac Parisienne, causing \$300 worth of damage sometime Tuesday. The car was struck with some type of unknown instrument, making a hole approximately 6 to 8 inches long and 5 inches wide.

Another woman reported a case of beer stolen Monday from her residence on Ave. E, and a report of a nine-year-old girl bitten on the leg by a Chihuahua was investigated. A 16year-old male was reported as a runaway and turned over to juvenile authorities, and two persons were arrested on drug paraphernalia charges after police answered a call for possible intoxication of persons who had stopped by the cemetery overpass changing a tire on a vehicle.

In jail during the week were eight persons on the following charges: two for DWI first offense, one for driving with license suspended, three for public intoxication, and two for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lynn County Commissioner J.T. Plans Continue For New Jail Facilities

Lynn County Commissioners continued with plans for a new county jail/law enforcement facilities at regular meetings Monday and Tuesday, meeting with Jeff Heffelfinger of SouthWest Architecture and Danny Butler of Dinosaur Valley Construction, Inc. to discuss plans for the renovation project. The facility will be built at the site of the former S&K Implement building on Hwy. 380 East in Tahoka, from plans to renovate the existing building there.

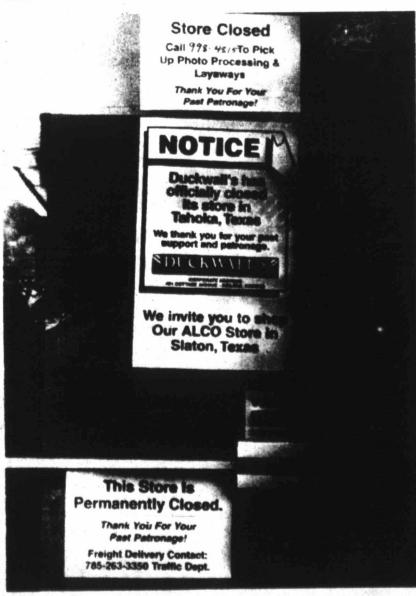
Heffelfinger told commissioners he was meeting with various public utility entities regarding utility hookups for the site, and discussed some proposed changes to the construction plan which would be noted in the final blueprints at a later date.

Butler presented a contract for his company, Dinosaur Valley Construction, Inc., to serve as Construction Manager for the project. A motion to accept the contract was approved unanimously by commissioners.

Commissioners also voted to name the new facility the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, with a motion put forth by Commissioner Mike Braddock and approved unanimously by the court.

In other routine business, commissioners approved monthly bills.

Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon presided over both meetings, with all commissioners present including Braddock, Don Blair, Don Morton and J.T. Miller.



STORE CLOSES HERE - The Tahoka Duckwall's variety store closed its doors for good last week, surprising area residents who were unaware of pending closure. Windows were covered and doors locked with signs posting the closure last Thursday. Store representatives said there was just not enough business to continue operations here. (LCN PHOTO)



SAMUEL EATON and KRISTY McCLESKEY

Couple Plans July Wedding

Kurt and Cov McCleskev of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristy, to Samuel Eaton, son of Ron Eaton of White River and Jim and Cherry Ryan of Lubbock.

Grandparents of the bride are Jeanette McCleskey of Tahoka, Carlos and Glenda McCleskey of Levelland and Claudia and Welch Flippin of Tahoka. Great-grandparents are Fay Melton and Laverne McCleskey of Grassland and Leighton and Helen Knox of Tahoka.

The couple will marry July 28, 2001 at Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High School and attends Lubbock Christian University.

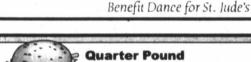
The future groom is a graduate of LCHS and attends Lubbock Christian University.



Dance

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by Beverly Zuniga

Do you believe in Leprechauns? Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17 from all of us at the Tahoka Care Center! The Center is decorated with four leaf clovers, green and white streamers and a Leprechaun, thanks to the students form the THS class of FCCLA. Decorators included students Annie Barrientez, Tiffany Moralez, Amy Stroope, Judi Webster, Malena Carrasco, Melissa Bernal, Shea Pridmore, Janet Dotson, and teacher Patti Rambo.

Family Night will be Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to the youth tumblers entertaining us with their athletic ability.

A special thank you to the new weekend volunteers. The residents are looking forward to seeing you on Saturdays. Than you Betty Cranford, Betty Jolly, Patricia Hogg and Dorothy Norwood! Your time is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to Wilma Gerner for volunteering to call bingo and for reading to the residents last Friday. She read the story of Dan Blocker of O'Donnell, better known as Hoss Cartwright on Bonanza.

Thank you to Dee Dee harper and Patricia Hogg for providing bingo prizes. Every donation is needed and appreciated.

The Tahoka Care Center lost a dear and sweet person last week. Hazel Hancock, wife of resident Homer Hancock, passed away March 5. Home and Hazel had been married for 77 years. The Center loves this family and wishes to express our sorrow for the loss of Hazel, we miss her and loved her.

A memorial gift was given from Wayland and Villa Craig in memory of J.B. Reece and Hazel Hancock.

Memorials and donations may be made to the

Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens)

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O'DONNELL STUDENTS IN COUNTY SPELLING BEE - Entering the Lynn County Spelling Bee from O'Donnell Elementary School were, from left, Alicia Patridge, Rachel Jaime, Kaylee Eaker, Jessica Eaker and Paige Smith. The County Bee was held last Friday at Tahoka Elementary. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka School Menu

March 19-23 **Breakfast**

Monday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk. Tuesday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks

or Cereal & Toast, Applesauce, Milk. Thursday: No School. Friday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple, Milk.

Monday: Steak Fingers, Cream Gravy, Green Beans, Cream Potatoes, Pears, Hot

Lunch

Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Halves, Milk. Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk. Thursday: No School. Friday: Griffed Cheese Sandwich, Salad,

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything. -Mark Twain

Vegetable Soup, Strawberries, Milk.

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THE BRASHEARS **Concert Featuring** The Brashears Set **Sunday In Grassland**

Gospel music singers The Brashears will present a concert at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene this Sunday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. The church is located midway between Post and Tahoka on Hwy. 380 and 2 miles south on County Road 212. Area residents are invited to attend the concert.

The couple presents about 250 concerts a year. Janice Brashere writes many of the songs they sing and Jerrel Brashere writes for a nationally distributed magazine, The Gospel Voice, out of Nashville, Tenn.

New Home School Menu

March 19-23

Monday: Pancakes w/Syrup, Milk. Tuesday: Granola Bars, Milk. Wednesday: Cereal, Muffin, Milk. Thursday: Cinnamon Roll, Milk. Friday: Breakfast Pocket, Milk. Lunch

Monday: Fried Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato Spanish Rice, Pineapple Slice, Milk. Tuesday: Stuffed Potato, Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Hot Rolls, Jello w/ Topping, Milk.

Wednesday: Hoagie Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Celery, Carrots, Orange Wedges, Apple, Frozen Yogurt, Milk. Thursday: Beefy Nachos, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Pear Half, Milk. Friday: Grilled Cheese, Waffle Fries, Baked Beans, Celery, Carrots, Cookie,



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Gary McElroy

Services are pending at White Funeral Home for Gary Boyd McElroy, 46, of Tahoka. He died Saturday, March 10, 2001

STORK REPORT

Jesus and Melanie Moya of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Madison LeAnn Moya, born at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2001 in Lynn County Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22 1/2 inches long.

She has an older brother, Jeremiah Fabian DeLeon, 4.

Grandparents are Paul and Louisa Bernal of Tahoka and Lupe and Cuca Moya of O'Donnell.

Great-grandparents are Porfirio and Lola Garcia of Tahoka, Connie and Alfonso Bernal Sr. of O'Donnell, and Clara Moya of Tahoka.

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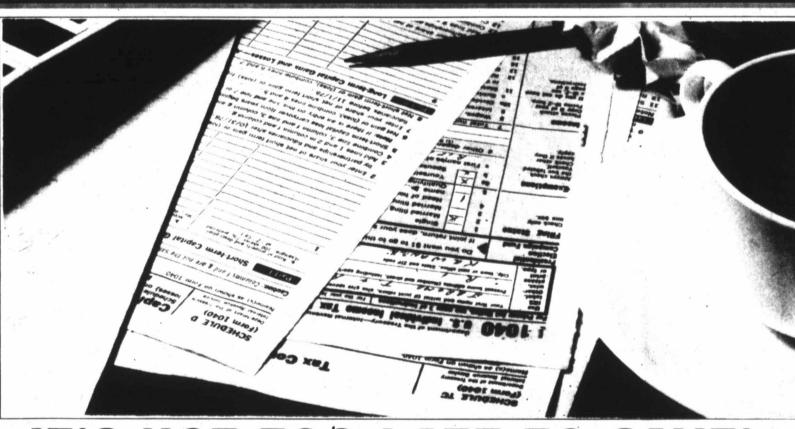
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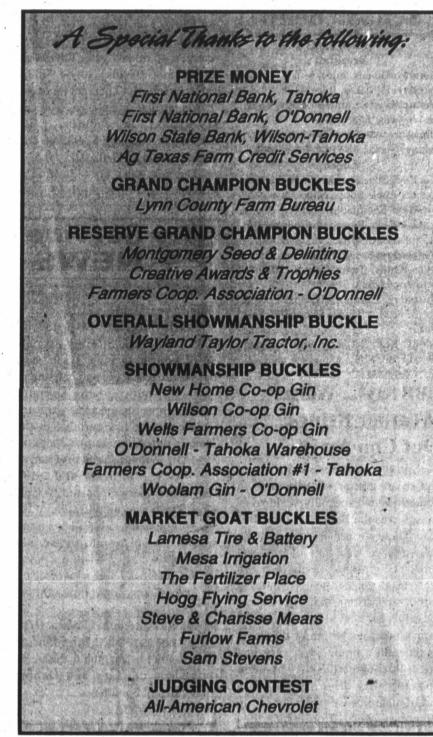
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by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: All families should have a "family plan" for getting out of the house when the smoke detector goes off. (What, no smoke detector? Then get a couple and put them up!). This plan should include the fastest way out of the home for every family member and who has the responsibility to check on family members who will need help to get out. The plan should include designating a place where all family members should gather after they get out, to make sure that everyone is out.

Be sure to call the fire department or 911 as soon as you get out. The plan should be reviewed and practiced so that all family members know what to do so that they can get out. Younger children must be taught that getting out is important and the idea of hiding under the bed or under a blanket in the closet to escape the fire is wrong. One of the most important parts of the plan is for all family members to realize that "once out — stay out." Many fire related fatalities can be traced to a family member going back into the burning house to try to make sure that everyone is out or to go back and get some

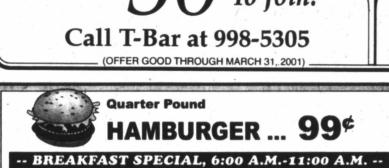
Set up the plan, practice it and then you should be prepared when the smoke detector goes off.

Wilson school students are on spring break this week so most school activities are on hold until next week. Extra-curricular activities have turned to academic UIL events including oneact play. On-act play performances and contests are scheduled for Loop on Tuesday, March 20 and at Ropes on Thursday, March 22.

Little Dribblers has taken a spring break also, so the next games are scheduled for Monday, March 19 when the Wilson teams will host Southland. Then the New Home teams will host Wilson on Thursday, March 22.

The sign-up deadline for having applications completed and returned for a spot on the ballot for the upcoming elections is Wednesday March 11 at the close of normal business hours at the City of Wilson and the Wilson school offices. The packets can be picked up at the City Hall or at the Wilson School Administration building

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Don't forget that March is the month for the annual fund raising drive for the Wilson Cemetery Association. Donations may be made to any board member or mailed to the Green Memorial Cemetery at P.O. Box 102, Wilson 79381-0102. Donations may also be made directly to the Association's bank account at Wilson State Bank. The bank's address is P.O. Box 179, Wilson 79381-0179. The board members include Curtis Wilke, Curtis Gicklhorn, Leland Zant and David Wied.



March 19-23 **Breakfast**

Monday: Donuts, Juice, Milk. Tuesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk. Wednesday: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Hashbrowns, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk. Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk. Lunch Monday: Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce,

Tomato, Apple Slices, Milk. Tuesday: Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Chunks, (HS Alt-Salad Bar), Milk Wednesday: Steakfingers, Fries, Ranch

Style Beans, Texas Toast, (HS Alt-Burritos), Milk. Thursday: Corndogs, Chips, Pork & Beans, Pears, (HS Alt-Sausage Wraps),

Friday: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Salad,

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Out Con Artists

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Spring is just around the corner and so are con artists who prey on homeowners, especially senior citizens, warns the Better Business Bureau. These con artists show up at the door offering a variety of products and services from household cleaners to magazines, from tree trimming to roof repair. Some may offer to pave the driveway with leftover materials from a previous job, mow the lawn, or remodel a home for a very low price. Oftentimes, these fly-by-night operators may drive vehicles with out-of-state license plates, or set up temporary offices from which they can move quickly once authorities start looking for them.

Before paying money to anyone who uses this type of approach, and especially before allowing an unknown individual into a home, the Better Business Bureau suggests the

following: Obtain the name and address of the company that the person allegedly represents. If the person does not represent a known business and the circumstances suggest an itinerant contractor or sales representative, ask

for references and contact each one. · Get all details of the offer in writing and carefully review them. Make sure everything in the contract is understood. Any verbal promises

should be included in the contract. · Make sure the salesperson has

Rylander Delivers Sales Tax Rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered a total of \$200.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 2.3 percent increase over the \$196.1 million allocated to cities and counties in March

March sales tax rebates represent sale taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in Feb-

While Tahoka and Wilson showed an increase over last year, O'Donnell took a big dip (71.53%), earning only \$346.33 this year as opposed to \$1,216.76 last year. Wilson showed an increase of 39.849 percent, receiving \$483.07 this year versus \$345.30 last year. Tahoka received \$5213.93 this year; \$4,990.69 last year, for a 4.47 percent increase.

Year to date, Tahoka has received \$19,125.93 in rebates, with O'Donnell receiving \$2,935.42 and Wilson earning \$1,902.02.

The next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, April 13.



Gary D. Davis has enlisted in the United States Army. Staff Sergeant Michael D.

Linwood of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Tacoma, Wash. says that Davis' test score and enlistment as an Air Traffic Control Operator qualifies him for a \$3,000 cash incentive and he has enrolled in the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP). With this joint program of the U.S. Army and the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, Davis was able to sign up for the Montgomery G.I. Bill for up to \$23,400 toward his tuition and preconfirm his admission into Central Texas College in Killeen before leaving for basic training at Fort Jackson,

Davis attended Tahoka High School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Tacoma in 2000. He is the son of Gary and Debbie Merryman of Tacoma.

provided the proper "notice of cancellation" form as required under the FTC's "Three Day Cooling Off Rule" for contracts signed in the home.

· Verify that the contractor is properly licensed, bonded and insured.

· Determine how long the company has been in business and call the BBB to determine the firm's customer experience record.

· After checking references and the company's reputation and making the decision to hire the company, make the check payable to the company and not to the salesperson or another individual's name. Do not pay in cash.

Remember, any legitimate company that wants a customer's business will be more than willing to allow that customer time to "check them out." Don't fall prey to highpressure tactics such as "this is the only chance you have" or "by tomorrow the extra materials will be gone." If it is an expensive repair, be especially cautious of these offers. Obtain bids from several companies (the BBB suggests at least three). Don't always go for the lowest bid, in many cases the customer gets what they pay

The Better Business Bureau is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 806-763-0459 or 800-687-7890. BBB may be found on the internet web at www.bbbsouthplains.org.



MUY BUENO BUENITO! - Heather Kieth (middle), 14-year-old member of New Home FFA, showed her pig, Buenito, to claim Overall Reserve Grand Barrow honors at the San Antonio Stock Show, held Feb. 3-18. Buenito earned the Grand Champion Crossbred Barrow title before competing for the overall title. Steve Nichols and Dave Kilmer, both of Indiana, were judges for the event.

County Youth Compete At Houston Livestock Show

Several Lynn County youth competed at the annual Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 13 through March 4 with two young ladies bringing home Reserve Champion titles in breed competition. Klyssa Kelln, a member of Tahoka FFA, showed the Reserve Champion Chester White and OPB, and Keely Nettles of New Home FFA, showed the Reserve Champion Duroc. Other results are as follows.

Steer Show: Medium Weight Brahman: Cody Tomlinson, Lynn Co. 4-H, 4th place; Medium Weight Santa Gertrudis: Riley Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H, 2nd place. Lamb Show: Light Weight Me-

dium Wool: Kaci Wied, New Home FFA, 7th place; Medium Weight Medium Wool: Landon Mires, O'Donnell FFA, 33rd place. Goat Show: Light Heavy Weight

Wethers: Zac Morris, New Home FFA, 2nd place. Barrow Show: Light Weight

York: Ross Fillingim, New Home FFA, 8th place and Brooke Kieth, New Home FFA, 14th place; Me-Tahoka FFA, 5th place and Trent Brandon Mires, O'Donnell FFA, 12th place, Tanner Hancock, O'Donnell FFA, 4th place.

O'Donnell FFA, 15th place, and Haden J. Popnoe, O'Donnell FFA,... 18th place; Heavy Light Weight, Cross: Chelsey Miller, Tahoka FFA. 18th place; Light Medium Weight Cross: Kalah Bartley, Lynn Co. 4-H. 3rd place and Hailey Wilkinson, New: Home FFA, 21st place; Medium Heavy Weight Cross: Tiffany Nettles; New Home 4-H, 8th place, Josh Dorman, O'Donnell FFA, 23rd place; and Brady Askew, Tahoka FFA, 28th: place; Heavy Light Weight Hamp:: Keaton Askew, New Home FFA,: 19th place;

Medium Weight Hamp: Trey: Thomas, Lynn Co. 4-H, 13th place; Light Heavy Weight Hamp: Tyler: McAllister, New Home FFA, 10th place; Heavy Weight Hamp: Kelsi; Kieth, New Home FFA, 14th place; Medium Weight Duroc: Keely; Nettles, New Home FFA, 1st place and Reserve Champion and Blaine Paul, New Home FFA, 9th place; Light Heavy Weight Duroc: Trevor Reece White, 3rd place and Aubrey Kieth, Lynn Co. 4-H, 25th places Heavy Weight Duroc: Josh dium Weight York: Kendall Barnett, Hawthorne, Lynn Co. 4-H, 26th, Lynn Co. 4-H, 4th place; Heavy place; Heavy Weight Chester and Weight York: Tanner Thomas, OPB: Kylssa Kelln, Tahoka FFA, 1st place and Reserve Champion; Light: Hancock, O'Donnell FFA, 21st Weight Berkshire: Hutch Hawkins, place; Medium Light Weight Cross: O'Donnell FFA, 6th place; Light. Weight Poland Chine: Macy Mires,

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Sixth Six Weeks April 15 **Total Instructional Days**

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Moore Speaks

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To TTU Class

Rev. Gloria Moore, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka, spoke on cultural diversity as a guest speaker for a Texas Tech University class last week. Mrs. Moore, who has presented special programs at Tahoka I.S.D. during Black History Month for the past eight years, spoke about the African American culture to the 25-member

The class, comprised of students training to be counselors, had three speakers for the cultural diversity topic, including Rev. Moore and two professors from Tech.

"I was very honored to have been allowed to speak at Tech, and humbled to be included with the other speakers," said Mrs. Moore.

Got ya!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I guess J.T. Miller has forgotten that country road No. 18 is still here again, or he has been so busy doing the golf course and country club road and his special friends.

He told me once that they just forgot this road was here. I moved here to take care of my two granddaughters, then ages 3 years to newborn as their mother and Dad both worked at the hospital and I didn't want the kids to be drug in and out so early in the morning and in all kinds of weather to a baby sitter. So I retired from Hendrick Medical in Abilene and moved up here. Several years later J.T. told me I knew this road was like this when I moved up here. My youngest granddaughter said, "and it's his place to make the road better."

When they closed the oil well up on the hill from here, Mr. Bartley hauled all the caliche from the oil well and put on country road 18. Made a nice road, but it was not taken care of properly and pretty soon the ditches were level and some places higher than the road so there was nowhere else for the water to go except down the middle of the road, taking what caliche the grader hadn't pushed into people's fields with it. Now the road is a perfect mess.

I have a little "Black Book" that I keep a record of when the grader is here and what he does. I called J.T. on Nov. 15th, 2000 at 11 a.m. and left a message on his answering machine. The module trucks had made such deep ruts in the sandy road I could hardly get in and out in my car, was afraid it was going to drag the bottom out from under my car. He never returned my call but the grader did come out on Nov. 22nd, 2000 ran over the road and that is the last time it has been here. It is now March 11th, 2001 and we have had a lot of ice, snow, and rain since Nov. 22nd. Had the ditch been properly pulled, the water would not have washed the road away.

Thank you for letting me sound

Dortha Flynn

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

The Phebe K. Warner Club met in the home of Loretta Tekell on Feb. 27. JoAnn Dickson was co-hostess.

The program was presented by Anita Morton and Sharon Patridge of Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative of O'Donnell. They explained the background of the company and what they do. They also brought samples of organic fabrics for members to see and told of prices and ordering information. Sunshine au Natural Mill uses their fabric for finished products such as sheets, towels, robes, and other gift items.

A report of the Golden Broom Award committee was given by Loretta Tekell. JoAnn Dickson gave a report of the Junque and Treasure committee and their sale on March 2-3. They HOBY convention and registration was discussed as well as the GFWC Caprock District Convention on March 24 in Lubbock.

The March 13 meeting was held in the home of Jean Pirtle.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon

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