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Franklin, Incumbents Win County Races

H.G. Franklin and incumbents Janet Porterfield and J.T. Miller were winners in Lynn County Democratic Primary races after the votes were counted Tuesday night, to claim seats in county offices as they have no Republican challengers to face in the November General Election.

County Clerk Susan Tipton reported 1266 voters in primary elections in Lynn County, including 399 casting votes in early voting. Most Lynn County voters marked ballots in the Democratic Primary, largely due to local contested races all in that primary. Only 43 Republican ballots were marked.

Franklin and Sandra Cox Kizer faced off for the Lynn County Judge's seat, with Franklin drawing 945 votes to Kizer's 266. County Treasurer Janet Porterfield was re-elected with 916 votes over challenger Diana Calvillo Solorzano, who had 280 votes, and Precinct 4 Commissioner J.T. Miller will retain his seat, claiming 263 votes to challenger Freddie Kieth, who had a good showing with 131 votes.

Other county offices were uncontested races, including District Clerk Sandra Laws (973 votes), County Clerk Susan Tipton (997), Precinct 2 Commissioner Mike Braddock (236), Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Terri Walker (664), and Pct. 4 Justice of Peace

Wayne Noland (282).

W. Calloway Huffaker of Tahoka, who was unopposed in the Democratic Primary for 106th District Judge, drew 1,332 votes in Lynn County, 309 votes in Garza County, 928 votes in Dawson County, and 1,103 votes in Gaines County, for a total of 3,672 in the 106th Judicial District.

Republican challengers Bonnie Ericson and incumbent Judge Carter T. Schildknecht faced off for the Republican nomination for the November General Election, with Schildknecht claiming 750 votes in the four-county district to Ericson's 282. Schildknecht had 12 votes in Lynn County, 39 in Garza, 564 in Dawson, and 135 in Gaines, compared to Ericson's 23 in Lynn, 16 in Garza, 104 in Dawson, and 139 in Gaines.

Schildknecht's win means she will face Huffaker in the November 5 General Election.

In other Democratic Primary contested races, Lynn voters chose Ken Bentsen with 441 votes for U.S. Senator, Tony Sanchez for Governor (584), David Bensen for Commissioner of the General Land Office (709), Tom Ramsay for Commissioner of Agriculture (747), and Paul C. Looney for Railroad Commissioner (480).



NEW JAIL NOW IN OPERATION - Dispatcher Luis Vasquez is shown in the new Lynn County Law Enforcement Center's dispatch office Tuesday afternoon, after Lynn County Sheriff's personnel, DPS officers, and Lynn County Victim Assistance office moved to their new facilities on Hwy. 380 East during the last week. The newly remodeled interior also houses a 48-bed jail, compared to the 14-bed jail in the former facility. Sheriff Jake Diggs reported this week that 19 prisoners are currently in the new facility, 13 of which were moved from the old jail and six who were being housed elsewhere for Lynn County because of overcrowded conditions at the former jail. Moving the six inmates back to Lynn County facilities is saving the county \$30 per day per inmate - a savings of \$180 per day, says Diggs. The possibility of housing other prisoners from overcrowded neighboring counties is a source of revenue which Diggs is currently pursuing. (LCN PHOTO)



NEW POKA LAMBRO OFFICE - Customer Service Representative Dee Dee Pridmore heads Poka Lambro's new Tahoka office at 1647 Avenue J. Poka Lambro Telephone Company now offers local telephone service in Tahoka, and hosted a grand opening of their new office last Friday. About 100 Tahoka subscribers have switched from Valor Telecom to Poka Lambro Telephone to date, according to Poka Lambro officials. (LCN PHOTO)

Poka Lambro Offers Phone Service In Tahoka With New 561-Prefix

Telephone subscribers in Tahoka now have a choice between Valor Telecom and Poka Lambro Telephone for local telephone service, with Poka Lambro Telephone Co. opening a new office in Tahoka this week.

Subscribers who choose Poka Lambro service could have a new prefix of 561, or options for keeping the current 998-prefix are available. Those changing to the 561-prefix should have the same last four digits of their current telephone number.

Poka Lambro hosted a grand opening of their Tahoka office at 1647 Avenue J last Friday, but local residents are already subscribing to the new service, with almost 100 new telephone subscribers connected to date, according to Amy Preston, Public Affairs Manager at Poka Lambro.

"We have a three-phase plan to provide service in Tahoka, and currently we are nearing completion of phase one," Mrs. Preston explained. "Underground cable is being laid to tie in with our fiber optics cable which runs at the western edge of Tahoka close to Lynn County Hospital, so phase one began there and generally includes the northwest portion of Tahoka. We already have almost 100 subscribers in this area, and are offering free installation during this time," she said.

Poka Lambro began laying underground cable in November, and most of the area north of Hwy. 380 and west of U.S. 87 in Tahoka is already connected to the main fiber optics

cable, with the remaining connections in phase one to be completed during the next two weeks. Phase two will include the southern portion of Tahoka, and phase three will be the area east of Hwy. 87. Poka Lambro Telephone service for the entire city of Tahoka is expected to be fully functional within the year.

Portions of the downtown area of Tahoka are connected, and Mrs. Preston said that much of the downtown area will have aerial connections instead of underground cable, to avoid disturbing many of the brick streets.

"At this time, downtown businesses will be connected on a case-by-case basis, worked in during any of the phases because of aerial connections," said Mrs. Preston.

There are approximately 1,200 telephone subscribers in Tahoka, according to Mrs. Preston. Valor Telecom and Poka Lambro both currently distribute telephone books which include Tahoka listings, and Poka Lambro officials indicate that their new phone books will include both the 561- and 998-prefixes in the Tahoka listings. Until the new books are distributed next March, Mrs. Preston said that fliers containing new listings would be distributed periodically to Poka Lambro subscribers.

For more information on Poka Lambro telephone service, contact customer service representative Dee Dee Pridmore at the new Tahoka office at 561-5600.

Gasoline Thefts, Accident Reported

Tahoka Police Department reported gasoline thefts and a two-vehicle accident at the U.S. 87 overpass east access road/Hwy. 380 intersection this week. The accident occurred at 10:54 a.m. Friday, involving a 1992 Honda Prelude driven by Brenda Lizette Garcia of Lubbock and a 1984 Delta 88 driven by Sandra Martinez of Tahoka. Both vehicles stopped at the four-way stop intersection, but poor visibility due to heavy machinery and ongoing construction work was attributed to causing a collision as both vehicles attempted to cross the intersection at the same time, according to police reports.

Town and Country Convenience Store reported two incidents of vehicles driving off without paying for gasoline during the week.

Lynn County Sheriff's Department reported four jailed in the county this week, including one for bond forfeiture and possession of marijuana, one for false report to an officer, one for driving with license suspended, and one for assault/family violence.

Bairrington Announces Candidacy For O'Donnell Mayor

B.P. "Phil" Bairrington has announced his candidacy for mayor of the City of O'Donnell in the May 4 city election.

He states that desire, time and ability along with experience will help bring a new era of openness to city government.

"I will be responsive to the needs of people, concentrating on streets, sewage, clean water and neighborhood safety. City taxes will be closely monitored and basic reforms will ensure the survival of an economically depressed community," said Bairrington.

"I ask for your support and will consider it an honor and privilege to serve you as mayor," he added.

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Help Sought For Local Track Meet

Tahoka High School is hosting the Tahoka Bulldog Relays track meet Thursday, March 28, and is seeking assistance from any local residents desiring to help with the track meet. Anyone interested may contact Athletic Director Bryan Gerlich or Coach Scotty Bruington at the high school, 998-4538.

Xcel Energy Inventorying With Low-Flying Helicopter

Xcel Energy is using a low-flying helicopter equipped with a video camera to inventory and map its high-voltage electricity transmission system — including the substations and tallest overhead lines in rural areas, cities and towns across the South Plains.

The helicopter will fly over and around Lubbock, Plainview, Floydada, Slaton, Post, Tahoka, Seminole, Seagraves, Denver City, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Muleshoe — and all of the communities and areas between — during the next several weeks, whenever weather is favorable for flying and videotaping, said Milton Raspberry, Xcel Energy director, Texas and New Mexico field operations.

"We want our customers to know they may hear and see this helicopter, with its cameras," he said. "We've contracted for this technology to help us at Xcel Energy maintain high reliability of electric service."

Xcel Energy is the new brand name for Southwestern Public Service Company.

The helicopter flies 150-200 feet

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 6	78	27	
Mar. 7	79	34	
Mar. 8	78	44	
Mar. 9	51	25	
Mar. 10	59	25	
Mar. 11	72	28	
Mar. 12	77	35	
Total Precip. to date: 1.68"			

Four More File In Area Elections

Four more candidates added their names to school and city election lists during the past week, according to city and school officials (although information about Tahoka, Wilson and New Home school elections was not available during Spring Break this week).

Mayor Jackie Bishop filed for reelection in the Wilson City Election, and three candidates have filed for two seats in the O'Donnell I.S.D. School Board election, including incumbent Stella Arguello, Terri Anderson and Benny Gass.

Deadline to file for any school or city elections is March 20. The election will be held May 4.

above Xcel Energy's highest lines. It is painted white and black, with the identifier N160RC on its cabin. A camera under the cabin's front digitally videotapes the high lines, power interchanges and substations.

A California firm, GeoDigital Technologies, then inventories, accurately locates and digitally maps each part of the transmission system.

Xcel Energy operates more than 6,500 miles of transmission lines and facilities (and more than 15,400 miles of lower-voltage, distribution lines) in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

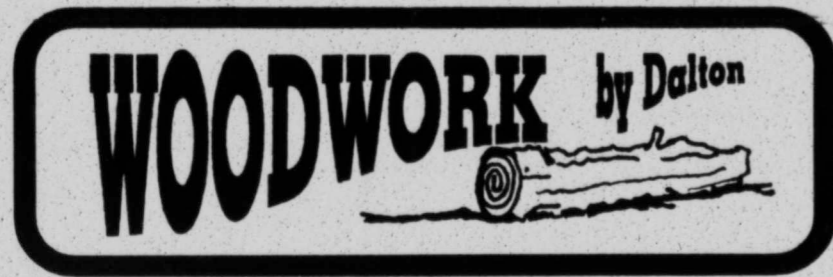
"Information from these flights may help us restore service after storm damage more quickly," Raspberry said. "And we expect the information will help us keep costs in check, and our prices of service the lowest offered in this region," he added.

In addition to the pilot and a GeoDigital employee who assures data collection, an Xcel Energy line patrolman, Jim Oles, is aboard each flight. He reports daily on any maintenance needs he spots, Raspberry said.

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IN KEEPING with my tradition of writing about things I know very little about, I thought I would discuss St. Patrick and his Day, which comes up Sunday, which means I get a chance to wear my green tie with shamrocks, which I bought in Ireland sometime in the 1980s. So far I have worn it just twice, so it's in pretty good shape.

Sunday may be St. Patrick's Day, but apparently it is not his birthday. My encyclopedia does not know the exact date of his birth, but says March 17 is his Feast Day. I guess back in those days, the lords, kings, princes and big shots in society all had Feast Days, apparently major celebrations where they killed the fatted calves or whatever and drank a lot and ate until they were miserable.

I used to do that when Underwood's first had a barbecue place in Lubbock. Only the eating part.

Technically, I guess I should be referring to Saint Patrick, not St. Patrick, because he wasn't even listed with the abbreviated name, possibly because of the confusion of "St." also being the abbreviation for "street." I guess it would be confusing if you lived on Saint Street and the sign said "St. St."

St. Patrick, "the patron of Ireland," was a bishop and missionary who preached in Ireland and converted many to Christianity. He was born in 389 A.D. and lived until 461, which was a pretty long time for someone to live in those days.

This Irishman probably invented potatoes, stew and good luck, all of which I like.

I went with a group of folks, mostly from Lynn County, to Ireland in the 1980s, and I vaguely recall being in some places where St. Patrick is supposed to have preached. Because I am in the business of writing things, I can tell more about Blarney than about St. Patrick.

We visited Blarney Castle, where the Blarney Stone is built into the southern wall. This stone is supposed to endow those who kiss it with the gift of eloquence. I remember going up into the tower, where some of our group leaned out the window (backwards) to kiss the Blarney stone.

Not me, though. I didn't want to risk falling to the ground below and missing the rest of the trip (not to mention the rest of my life) or any of the diseases kissing that nasty old rock could pass along from umpty-nine million tourists.

I'm not sure how anyone gets to be a Saint, anyway, except for one guy I read about (Ricky Williams, New Orleans running back).

St. Patrick, according to the encyclopedia, was not a literary giant, and very little of his writings survived.

(One note, scrawled on parchment: "deare brigite meete mee auld welle bye semterry midenite frieday. Pat")



NEW RESIDENTS - Tahoka Care Center has welcomed two new residents, Flossie Hammonds (left) and Christine Brent.

News from the Tahoka Care Center

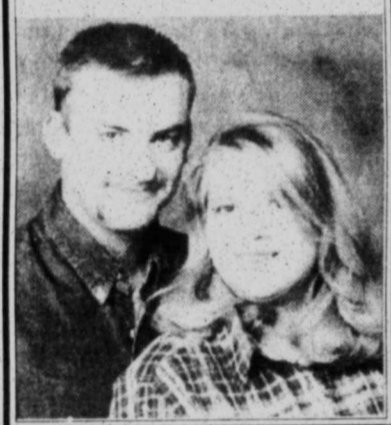
by **Connie Riojas**
St. Patrick's Day is this week-end but the Center will be celebrating on Friday, March 15 at 3 p.m. The residents are looking forward to this, and also to the Center's monthly birthday party which will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 3 p.m.
Residents celebrating birthdays this month are Madelyn Brown on March 1, and Sonny Lewis on March 29. Janie Tijerina is the only employee to celebrate a birthday this month, her birthday was March 12.
All of us at TCC would like to congratulate Janie on her new baby girl, born Feb. 23. Congratulations! We would like to welcome two

new residents, Christine Brent and Flossie Hammonds. We are glad to have them as a part of our family.
Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or wanting to make donations, may call me at 998-5018.

Attorneys Recognized

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4,320 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon Feb. 9 in Austin. The College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of an extraordinary number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.
106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht of Lamesa was among those who were recognized as new or maintaining members of the State Bar College.
Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the College counts in its ranks most of the leaders of the legal profession in Texas, including many judges. Only about six percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members. The College is the only organization of its kind in the United States and was the first to provide attorney recognition for making the commitment to lifelong learning, a need now widely acknowledged across many professions.

Happy Anniversary, Micah & Suzanne!



Thank You!

Don and Scooter (LaVonne) Sharp would like to thank everyone who had a part in our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. Special thanks to our hostesses, **Margaret's Sunday School Class.** It was a wonderful day for both of us!

Filing Period Continues For Hospital District

One candidate has filed for a seat on the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors this week, with the filing period continuing through April 2. John Hawthorne has filed for one of two seats on the board. Both seats are three-year terms, currently held by Peggy Morton and Mike Rivas. Deadline to file is April 2.

Filing forms may be picked up at the Lynn County Hospital District business office. To be eligible for the office of director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the administrator of the hospital district. Filing forms must be submitted with at least 25 signatures of qualified electors in Lynn County.

The election will be held May 4, with early voting conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's Office April 17-30.

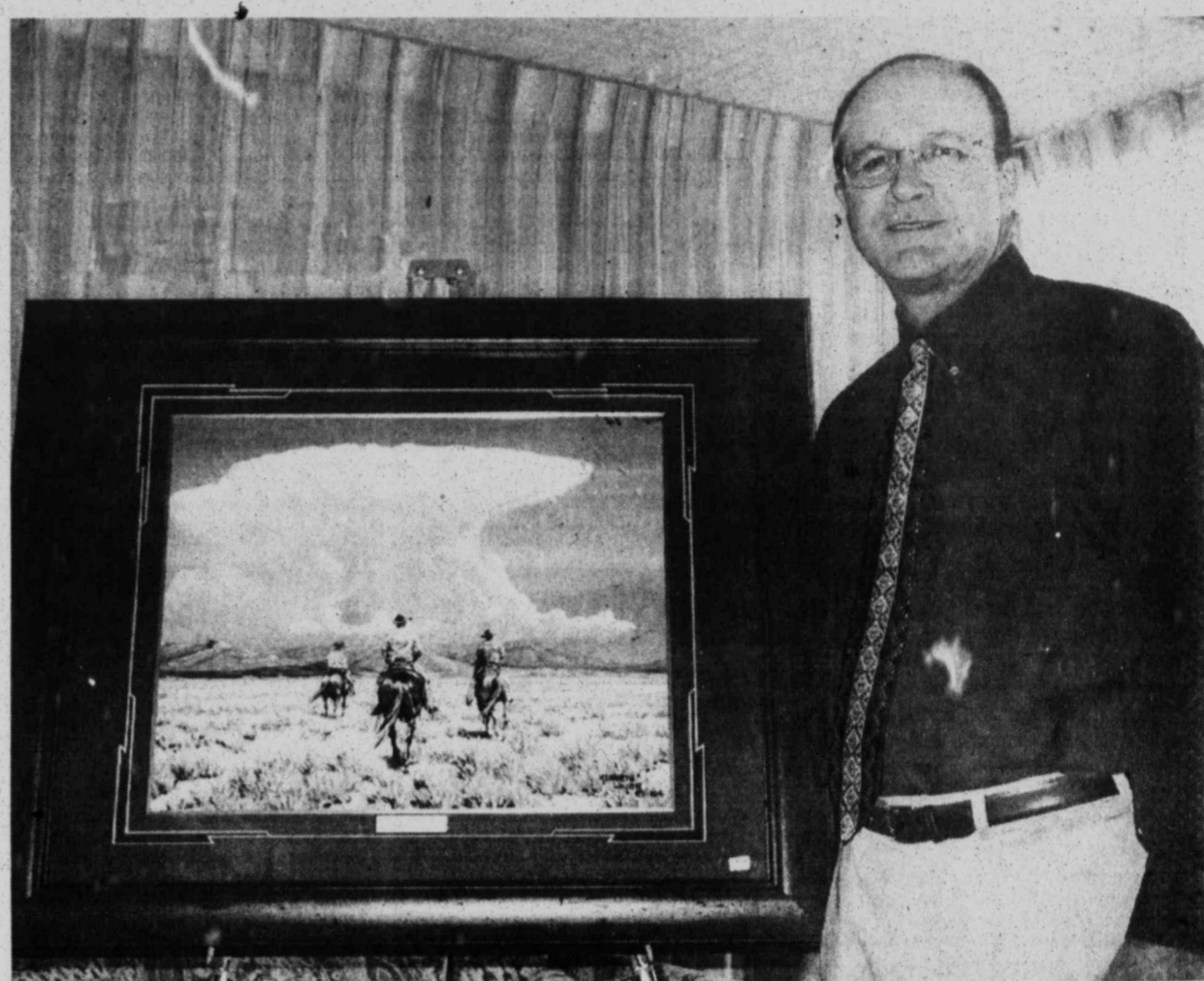
Senior Citizens MENU

- March 18-22**
Monday: Chicken Strips, New Potatoes w/Sauce, Broccoli, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Hot Roll, Brownies.
Tuesday: Polish Sausage, Squash Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Cornbread, Rice or Bread Pudding.
Wednesday: Beef Stew, Cornbread, Fruit, Snickerdoodle Bars.
Thursday: Green Chili Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Crackers, Jello Salad.
Friday: Salmon Patty, Macaroni & Cheese, Okra, Apricots, Oatmeal Cookie.

Louisa Adams, wife of John Quincy Adams, was the first—and only—first lady not born in America.

Junque & Treasure SALE

Clean out your closets and garages and donate unused items for Phebe K. Warner Club's giant "Junque & Treasure" Sale Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6.
Bring items to the Life Enrichment Center from 1-5 p.m. on April 4, or call 998-4050 if you need items picked up. Proceeds benefit the club's annual scholarships for THS seniors.



WYATT PRINT TO BE AUCTIONED - First National Bank President John Krey is shown with a 24x30 Kenneth Wyatt print which the bank is donating for the April 6 Fun/Food Fest, sponsored by Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary. The framed print is entitled "Rain To The South" and was purchased from Wyatt's studio in Italia. The annual Fun/Food Fest benefits Lynn County Hospital District, Lynn County EMS, and the hospital's newly opened assisted living center. (LCN PHOTO)

Washing Hands Can Prevent Colds

A simple 15-second procedure just might prevent you from coming down with a cold this season - washing your hands.
"Many people come down with colds in the winter, not because of cold temperatures, but because people live and work in close quarters," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, a professor in the department of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The more crowded a room is, the greater the chances are for spreading germs."
Viruses that cause colds can be spread through direct contact, most commonly when people touch their noses or mouths and then touch someone or something else, such as contaminated toys or food.
When washing your hands, use soap and warm water and wash all areas thoroughly including wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and underneath fingernails. Rub hands together vigorously for 10 to 15 sec-

onds and dry with a clean disposable towel.
According to Glezen, remembering to wash your hands correctly not only promotes good health and good personal hygiene, but also reduces the number of circulating colds.
"On average, young children contract five to seven colds per year," said Glezen, also head of the preventative medicine section in the department of pediatrics at Baylor. "Children learn by example, therefore it is important for parents to model behavior that promotes good health."

Glezen offers the following tips for avoiding colds:
• Avoid hand contact with your mouth, nose and eyes;
• Avoid sharing cups, glasses, silverware and towels with others;
• Use a hand sanitizer as an alternative when soap and water are not available - this kills 99 percent of germs and other bacteria;
• Instead of handkerchiefs, use disposable tissues - handkerchiefs are breeding grounds for germs;
• Don't forget to wipe down faucets, doorknobs and light switches - germs can easily be transmitted through any household due to daily contact;
• Make sure that there is good ventilation throughout your home or workplace - if necessary, go outside for some fresh air.

Tahoka School Menu

- March 18-22**
Breakfast
Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal & Biscuit, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Fizz or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday: Cinnamon Roll or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Baked Ham, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk.
Tuesday: Chicken BBQ Burgers, French Fries, Orange Slices, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shaped Upside-Down Cake, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Purple Plum Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Fish, Hot Puppies, Peas, Rain Bow Pops, Milk.

"Men at some time are masters of their fates."
—William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar

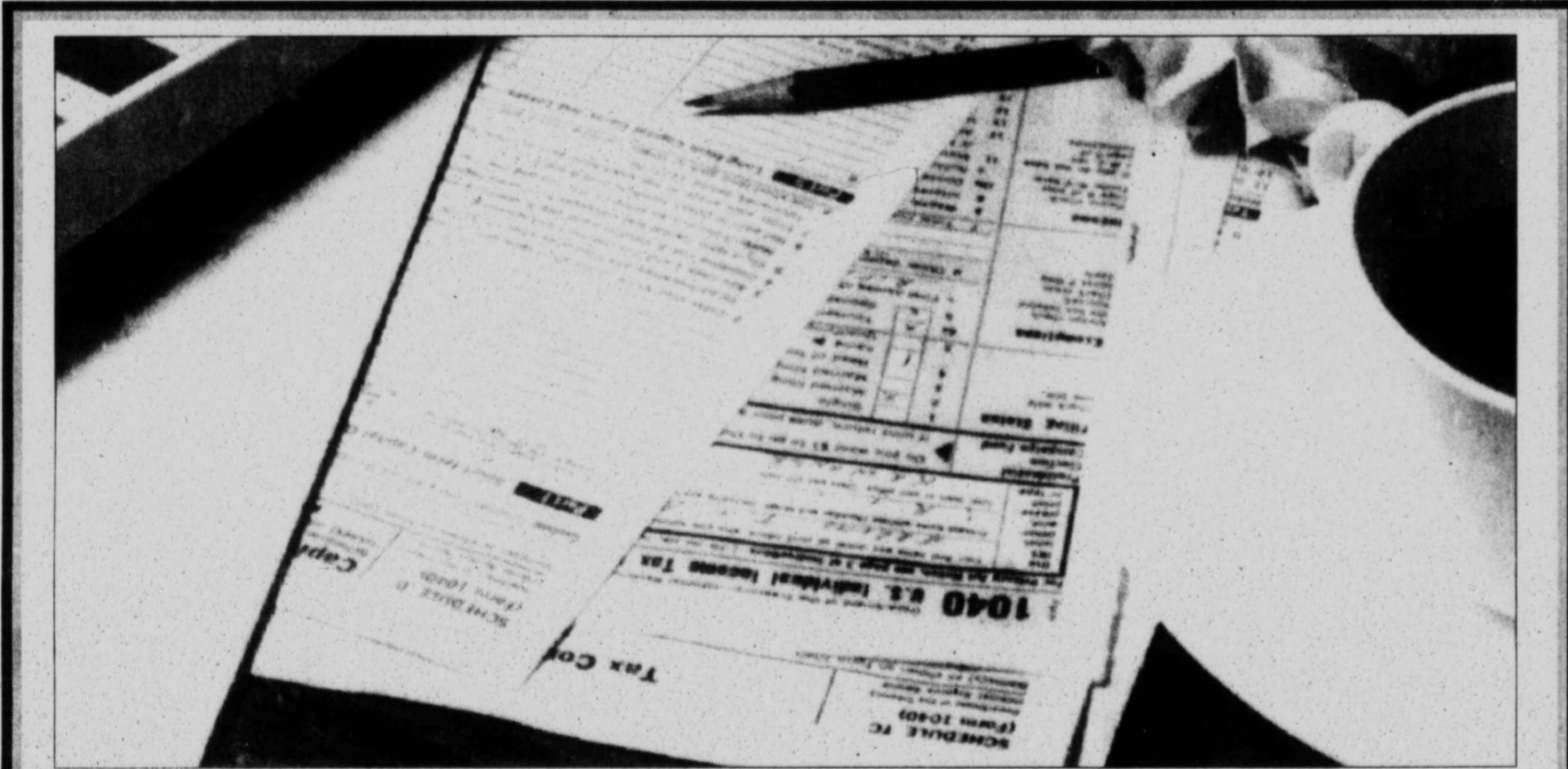
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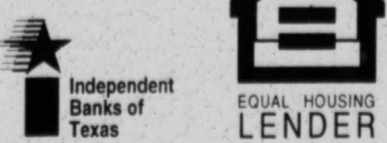
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Obituary



PEDRO RODRIGUEZ

Prayer service for Pedro Rodriguez Sr., 68, of Tahoka, held at 5 p.m. Thursday at the White Funeral Home. Rev. Porfirio Bas officiated. Services were held Friday, March 8, in the Methodist Church of Tahoka. Rev. Gregory White officiated. Burial was in New Cemetery under the White Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, March 7, 2002.

He was born April 10, 1934, in Waco and attended Redwine schools. He graduated from May Lovington, N.M. He was a farmer in 2001 and a resident of Lynn County.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sally Rodriguez. Survivors include sons, Joe, Manuel, Johnny, all of Tahoka; daughters, Valentina, Luc, Rodriguez, Mary M. Lopez and Estella I. Tahoka; Janie Morales Frances Gomez of Pecos; Maria Franco of Ackerly; and 14 grandchildren.

Elna Mays

Services for Elna Mays, 67, of Midland were held Wednesday, March 13, at the Christian Fellowship Church. Spencer officiating.

Interment was in Memorial Park. She died Sunday, March 10, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 14, 1935, in Tahoka and graduated from Texas Tech University. She married in 1955 in Tahoka. She moved to Lamesa where she lived for 14 years and then moved to Midland in 1969. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her son, Mark Mays; daughter, Marian Hug; and five grandchildren.

"What fates impose must needs abide to resist both win and lose."
—William Shakespeare

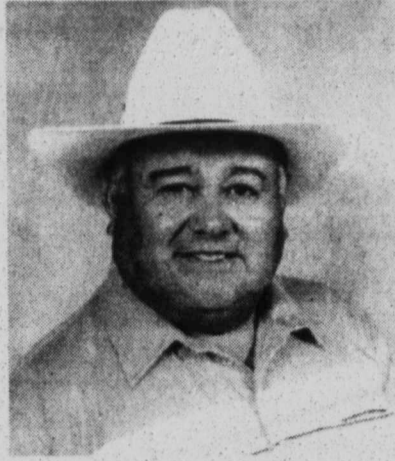
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Obituaries



PEDRO RODRIGUEZ SR.
Pedro Rodriguez Sr.

Prayer services for Pedro Rodriguez Sr., 68, of Tahoka were held at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at White Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Porfirio Bas officiating.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, in the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with the Rev. Gregory White officiating.

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

He died Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

He was born April 14, 1933, in Waco and attended Draw and Redwine schools. He married Amelia Esparaza on May 9, 1953 in Lovington, N.M. He retired from farming in 2001 and was a lifelong resident of Lynn County.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sally Rodriguez.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Joe, Manuel, Pedro Jr. and Johnny, all of Tahoka; eight daughters, Valentina, Lucy, and Anita Rodriguez, Mary Morin, Margie Lopez and Estella Moore, all of Tahoka, Janie Morales of Lamesa and Frances Gomez of Post; two sisters, Maria Franco of Ackerly and Trina Castillon of Tahoka; 27 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Elna Mays

Services for Elna Dunagan Mays, 67, of Midland were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship with Rev. Dick Spencer officiating.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, March 10, 2002 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 12, 1934 in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a BS in Education. She married Gene Mays in 1955 in Tahoka and lived in Odessa for seven years. She then moved to Lamesa where she lived for 14 years and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church there. She moved to Midland in 1978 and became a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Mark Mays of Midland; a daughter, Marian Hughes of Lamesa; and five grandchildren.

"What fates impose, that men must needs abide; It boots not to resist both wind and tide."
—William Shakespeare,
Henry VI, Part 3

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

Edward P. Price
Lyntegar Employee Still Drives '40 Ford After 355,000 Miles
by John Ed Redwine

Edward P. Price, Lubbock, a longtime employee of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Tahoka, is a man who "makes things do"... nothing could prove this fact more than to see him driving down the street in a car he bought 27 years ago. The vehicle, a 1940 Ford two-door Delux Sedan, has been driven almost 355,000 miles by Price since its purchase on July 4, 1940, from W.L. (Bill) Burleson of the old Tahoka Motor Company. Since that time, Price stresses that the car has "never failed on the road" after being all over the southwestern United States.

One of the main reasons for the car's longevity of service is the immaculate care given it by Price.

He has kept a complete set of records on his 27-year-old "Black Beauty," marking each daily mile driven, every gallon of gas and quart of oil consumed. He can also tell you about each tire and battery he placed on the vehicle, and every repair which has been made.

Price paid \$1175 for the car in 1940. He ordered it with a Mercury engine and a Columbia rear end. He was informed that it was against the law for them to sell a car equipped in that manner to him because at that time, all the police cars had those accessories as standard equipment. Not to be outdone, Price bought the car, and before it was removed from the garage, had both placed in it, and still for the price of \$1175.

When traveling to California in the 40's, Price checked his gas mileage on the car ... 25 miles per gallon seemed much too high and he thought he had miss-figured his mileage. The return trip showed that he was indeed correct for the return trip measured 24 and one-quarter miles per gallon. On recent trips, his gas mileage has still run about 22 miles per gallon.

Price's colorful career spans more than seven decades, in which time he has owned only four different automobiles, and during which time he has worked from Washington to Texas.

Born in Weatherford, Texas in 1895, he was raised in Portales, N.M. and Hereford, Texas. Graduating from Hereford High School in 1914, he then attended the Baptist Academy at San Marcus for one year. Enrolling in the University of Texas in 1916, he education was cut short when the Army decided they needed him more than his alma mater did.

At the time he was drafted, he was teaching about airplane engines in the school of aeronautics. The army sent him to Texas A&M where he learned the whys and wherefors of motor transport operations. Soon he was made an electrician specializing in ignition systems.

While on a troop train somewhere in Georgia, the non-con called for all electricians to report to the last car on the train. Heeding the call, he joined his fellow electricians and consequently was allowed to remain in the States while the other fellows who had shared the same car were sent overseas to fight Kaiser Bill.

World War II hit the country with all its demands. Materials of all kinds became in short supply and had to be rationed. Copper wire, because of its value to defense was dealt out to rural electricians only on an emergency priority basis. With this embargo placed on wire, Lyntegar had to shut down its expanding operation ...

With the war raging in Europe and Asia, Price was forced to seek other employment.

Price soon found work with Freeze and Nichols Engineers at the Pan Tex Ordinance Plant in Amarillo. There he designed six process steam plants for the government. It was here that he received the title of Mechanical Engineer. From there he moved to Tyler where he was engaged in more power plant construction work. When this job played out, Douglas Aircraft in California hired Price to work in the flight test division as engineer in charge of all electrical equipment on Douglas Aircraft.

Lyntegar again called in Price after the war to do their consulting work. With his partner, Cecil Hawk, their pre-war relationship was again renewed. Soon the consulting engineers had accounts in New Mexico, Arizona, and the Plains of Texas. It wasn't uncommon to see Price anywhere on one of five rural systems in his trusty '40 Ford.

Price and Hawk combined operations with several fellow engineers and formed Continental Engineering...

Price and Hawk was dissolved in 1952, and Price joined the firm of Egglehoff Engineers as a salesman. From 1955 to 1960, he taught Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech.

Today, Price is employed both by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative and by South Plains Electric Cooperative at Lubbock as an inspector of lines and associate engineer.

At 72 years of age, he is sharp as a tack, and moves like a man half his age.

Yes, Edward Price is a man who "makes things do", and judging from his strength and character, it wouldn't be too much of a risk to bet that he could "make things do" with his '40 Ford for at least another 100,000 miles, perhaps longer!
— July 20, 1967

From Helen's Tahoka Cafe ad:

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— April 21, 1967

"Rivers In The Sky"

Is Rotary Topic

"Rivers in the Sky," a sound-color movie made by the Bureau of Reclamation showing developments in cloud-seeding experiments, was shown Thursday at the Rotary Club by Joe D. Unfred.

The Bureau has an extensive rain-making program underway over the Western states using both silver iodide in ground generators and dry ice dropped from airplanes. With all conditions right, the Bureau has definitely been able to produce rain and snow over limited areas. Wayne Waters was in charge of the program....
— May 11, 1967



GIVING BACK - Four Lynn County organizations were recently presented donations from members of Hochheim Prairie Mutual Farm Insurance at the annual membership meeting. Donations were made to The Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens, the City-County Library, the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, and the Boy Scouts. Pictured from left are Renee Brooks of the Lynn Co. Pioneers; Laverne Lewis-Pullen, President of the Library Board and the Hochheim Insurance Board; Shirley Draper, Librarian of the City-County Library; and Jim Rollins, President of Branch 52 District.

Election Set For SPCAA Board

During the week of March 18-22, the South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) will hold an election for:

- One (1) Board Member
- One (1) Alternate Board Member

These elected individuals will represent the low-income population in Lynn County as members of the SPCAA Board of Directors.

Persons interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so by contacting Sara Alvarado or Odella Sastre at the Lynn County Community Action Center, located at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka, phone (806) 998-4521.

Deadline for applying is Friday, March 15 at noon.

Voting will be held at the Lynn County Community Action Center Monday, March 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

The New Home Student Council will be hosting a talent show on March 19. It will be held in the New Home cafeteria with a \$2 admission fee for adults and a \$1 fee for students. Beverages and snacks will be available. A bake sale will be held the next day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Home Elementary Kindergarten Pre-Registration will be held Tuesday, April 3 from 2-4 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Those parents unable to attend that day should contact the school at 924-7524 for more information.

A baby shower for Cutter Swade McNeely, son of Erika and Casey McNeely, will be held from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6 at the New Home Baptist Church. Selections are at Toys R Us and Target. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Cheerleader tryouts will be held Friday, Mar. 22. Junior high tryouts are at 12:30 with high school tryouts taking place at 2:20.

Student Council elections will be held at 2:20 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 22.

The junior high and high school track teams will travel to Loop for a meet on Saturday, Mar. 23.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!

New Home School Menu

- March 18-22
Breakfast
Monday - Pancake Pop, Milk
Tuesday - Hashbrowns, Pop Tarts, Milk
Wednesday - Cereal, Muffin, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Sausage, Eggs, Milk
Friday - Cinnamon Roll, Milk
- Lunch
Monday - Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato,

- Carrot, Celery, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Milk
Tuesday - Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk
Wednesday - Mini Corn Dogs, Breaded Okra, Lettuce, Tomato, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cups, Milk
Thursday - Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Cookie, Milk
Friday - Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Peach Cup, Milk

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- Texas ranked first in the nation in 2000 with 130 million acres of farmland. Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.
- The top five agricultural-producing counties are Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Erath and Lamb. The top two agricultural regions are the South Plains and the Panhandle.
- Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.
- Texas is also the leading beef-producing state. The Panhandle region produces 25 percent of America's beef.
- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the U.S. total. It also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.
- Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse. The nursery/greenhouse industry in Texas is a \$9.76 billion industry that employs 222,000 people.
- Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat, cotton and cottonseed, feed grains and products, hides and skins, wheat and products, and feeds and fodder.
- Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.
- Texas traditionally produces enough cotton each year to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.



HUGUENOT CROSS - Della Swartz of First National Bank of Tahoka holds a framed Huguénot Cross by Kenneth Wyatt, which the bank is donating for auction at the annual Fun/Food Fest hosted by Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary. The Fun/Food Fest will be Saturday, April 6. Anyone wanting to donate items for the auction should contact Lynn County Hospital at 998-4533. (LCN PHOTO)

Assessment Rate Set For Eradication Program

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2002 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Western High Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2002 in the Western High Plains is \$6 per dry-land acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by Aug. 21 and payment is due Sept. 25. Growers who pay by Sept. 10 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.

Parker Crowned In Senior Pageant

LaVoyle Parker of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, was crowned Panhandle-South Plains queen in a Ms. Texas Senior American Pageant held recently in Post.

She has two children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She competed in the state pageant in Abilene on March 1.

Secretary Links Agriculture To Homeland Security

Rounding out a whirlwind multi-state tour in February, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman stopped off in Dallas to address the 2002 National Cotton Council delegation and appoint members and alternates to the National Cotton Board.

Veneman thanked American farmers and ranchers for supplying the nation with safe, abundant food and fiber, emphasizing agriculture's importance to homeland security.

Veneman stated, "We need to do everything we can to protect our food and agricultural sector not only from unintentional threats, but now also from intentional threats to our food supply, and we've been working very hard on this at USDA."

In her message to the 700 delegates representing a cross-section of the nation's cotton industry, Secretary Veneman emphasized the Administration's and U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) support for policies and a farm bill that ensure American agricultural producers are afforded every opportunity to maximize production and compete in the growing global market.

"The Administration supports farm policies that would strengthen the farm economy over the long term...programs that are market oriented and encourage independence but don't hurt producers. The President also wants a farm bill that sup-

New Sheep And Goat Scrapie Regulations Take Effect April 1

Sheep and goat industry folks owning one head or thousands, need to remember that on April 1, 2002, all sheep and goats must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management regulations.

"These new regulations require sheep and goats to be wearing a premise identification ear tag before they are removed from your premises," said Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension state sheep and goat specialist here. "It makes no difference if that premise is a ranch or someone's back yard, if the animals fall within the required regulation guidelines, they must be tagged."

Craddock described the five sheep and goat classes that require tagging as follows: (1) All sheep 18 months of age or older; (2) All breeding sheep regardless of age; (3) Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats; (4) All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled with sheep; (5) All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep.

Wethers from either species and commercial goats that have never had contact with sheep are the only two exemptions to the tagging rule.

"To be absolutely safe and to cut down on confusion, my recommendation is to tag all female sheep and goats regardless of age and all intact males over 18 months-old when they leave your place," said Craddock. "After April 1, if you take animals to an auction without tags, the auction will tag them with their premises tags — for a fee."

Craddock added that sales transactions must be kept and recorded for five years. This can be as easy as writing the date of sale, the premise number and the sold animals' individual numbers on the side of the tag box. The premise number should also appear on all sales documents including auction check-in slips, vouchers, canceled checks and bill-of-sale.

The ear tags will carry the owner's premise number on one side along with a sequential number on the reverse side that owners may use for maintaining individual animal records.

"To get your premise identification number and order your free ear-tags, call toll-free 1-866-873-2824," said Craddock. "White metal or white plastic tags along with a free pair of tag-pliers will be provided at no cost to the producer. It is important to remember that turn-around time on tag orders is slow, from four to eight weeks, so to meet the April 1 deadline, place your order as soon as possible."

"It is very important to realize that these new regulations have been put in place for the benefit of the U.S. sheep and goat producer. Industry leaders have been wholeheartedly behind this effort from the outset. We want to wipe this disease out of the U.S. With a scrapie-free designation, our producers can freely sell breeding stock on the world market with minimal restrictions as Australia and New Zealand now do."

Information from the Texas Animal Health Commission, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Veterinary Services from Texas, explain scrapie as a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats. It was accidentally introduced to the U.S. in 1947. Lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease. The malady develops slowly and infected animals usually don't show symptoms until they are at least 18 months-old. Symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying and wool pulling.

"Past eradication efforts haven't been successful. The new premise identification system will allow diseased animals to be traced back to their point of origin. Knowing the origination point is a key element in the successful eradication of the disease."

Officials predict the program will help eliminate scrapie from the U.S. by 2010.

For further information, visit these two web sites: www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie or www.tahc.state.tx.us.

NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Current titles available at the City-County Library in Tahoka include:

- *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich
- *Star Light, Star Bright* by Katherine Stone
- *What We Keep* by Elizabeth Berg
- *Holy War, Inc.* by Peter L. Bergen
- *Silent Lady* by Catherine Cookson

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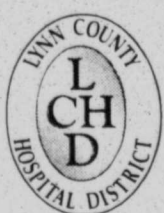
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Card of Thanks

The family of Pedro Rodriguez Sr. would like to thank everyone who were so kind and supportive with their flowers, visits, food, and prayers. A very special thank you to Tahoka EMS and Hospital, Covenant of Lubbock, and White Funeral Home staff for a job well done with our special angel. Also, Rev. Long, Rev. Bas, Rev. Moore, Rev. Gloria Moore, and Rev. Greg White for such a beautiful service. Because of you all, we are very thankful for all of your help. God bless each and everyone of you always and forever. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Johnny & Josie Rodriguez Sr. & Family
Manuel & Melissa Pedroza & Family
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We want to express our deepest sincere thanks for the loss of our Dearest Dad, Husband, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, Pete Rodriguez Sr. To Tahoka EMS, for the food, flowers, cards, calls and prayers from family and friends. A special thank you to first United Methodist Church and Steve McKay and the people who helped serve and clean. Thank you.

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Superintendent
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"A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the very best." 11-tfc

We want to express our deepest sincere thanks for the loss of our Dearest Dad, Husband, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, Pete Rodriguez Sr. To Tahoka EMS, for the food, flowers, cards, calls and prayers from family and friends. A special thank you to first United Methodist Church and Steve McKay and the people who helped serve and clean. Thank you.

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Blood Drive Set In Tahoka March 22

United Blood Services would like to ask all eligible blood donors to donate the gift of life on Friday, March 22. The Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka will host the community-wide event. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood supply has dropped to a critical level. The current inventory is below minimum standards in the blood center. "This shortage in inventory limits our ability to take care of patients' needs," said Les Long, Community Relations Manager at United Blood Services. "A dangerously low blood supply puts patients and our community at risk," Long said.

The low blood supply is due to several factors, including the long standing gap between local demand and local donations. Some area blood drives have been canceled and others are not producing the number of donors expected.

Today, blood plays a vital role in the total health care picture of the South Plains. Blood for human transfusion can come from only one source — healthy volunteer donors who give of themselves. No manufactured product can accomplish the many complicated and wonderful tasks that blood carries out. Blood is essential to life — it is life itself to a patient in need. Currently less than five percent of the U.S. population donates blood to supply the 12 million units needed each year. Meanwhile the demand is rapidly increasing due to modern surgical techniques and new therapeutic uses for blood, so additional volunteer donors are definitely needed. We are encouraging the Tahoka community to roll up their sleeves, and help save a life on Friday, March 22.

All blood donors will receive a t-shirt and will receive a mini-physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

IRS Cautions Taxpayers About New Line On Tax Forms

The Internal Revenue Service says many early filers have made an error related to a new line on the federal tax form. This line is for the Rate Reduction Credit, which taxpayers use, if they did not receive last summer's Advance Payment in the maximum amount for their filing status.

"This credit is the only new line on the basic tax forms. Taxpayers should read its instructions carefully so they get the proper benefits," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "Errors can delay processing and we want everyone due a refund to get it as quickly as possible."

Some taxpayers are putting their Advance Payment amount on the credit line, when they should be leaving the line blank. If you have already received the maximum amount for your filing status, just skip the Rate Reduction Credit line on your tax form. The maximum amounts are: \$300 for a single person or a married person filing separately; \$500 for a head of household; \$600 for a married couple filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er).

Other taxpayers, who should claim a credit amount, are leaving the line blank. These people received less than their filing status maximum amount as an Advance Payment and their 2001 income — generally higher than it was in 2000 — entitles them to claim the credit on their return.

The credit and the Advance Payments are how the new law gives one of its main benefits for 2001 — a 10 percent tax rate. Instead of having people wait until they file their 2001 tax returns to get a larger refund, the law provided for Advance Payments to be made last year, based on the returns for 2000. If the 2001 income and filing status would give a larger benefit than the Advance Payment, the taxpayer may claim the difference as a Rate Reduction Credit on the 2001 return.

Dependents were not eligible for Advance Payments or the Rate Reduction Credit, but they may get the benefit of the lower tax rate by completing the "Tax Computation Worksheet for Certain Dependents" in the tax instructions.

Taxpayers who made an error related to this credit on their returns should wait to see if the IRS catches it during processing. If the IRS does not contact them by the time they receive their refund, they may file an amended return to correct the error.

The IRS offered these answers to some frequently asked questions about the Rate Reduction Credit and the Advance Payments:

Q1. How can I find out if I can claim the rate reduction credit?

A1. Use the Rate Reduction Credit Worksheet in the 2001 tax return instructions to find out if you are eligible to claim the credit and, if you are, the amount of the credit.

Q2. What do I do if I need help in completing the worksheet or want additional information about the Rate Reduction Credit?

A2. For help in completing the worksheet, call 1-800-829-1040. For more information about the credit, call TeleTax at 1-800-829-4477, press "3" to listen to recorded tax topics and choose topic 609.

Q3. How do I know the amount I received as an Advance Payment of my 2001 taxes?

A3. The IRS sent taxpayers a notice informing them of the amount they would receive and the date to expect the check.

Q4. What do I do if I don't remember the amount or misplaced the notice?

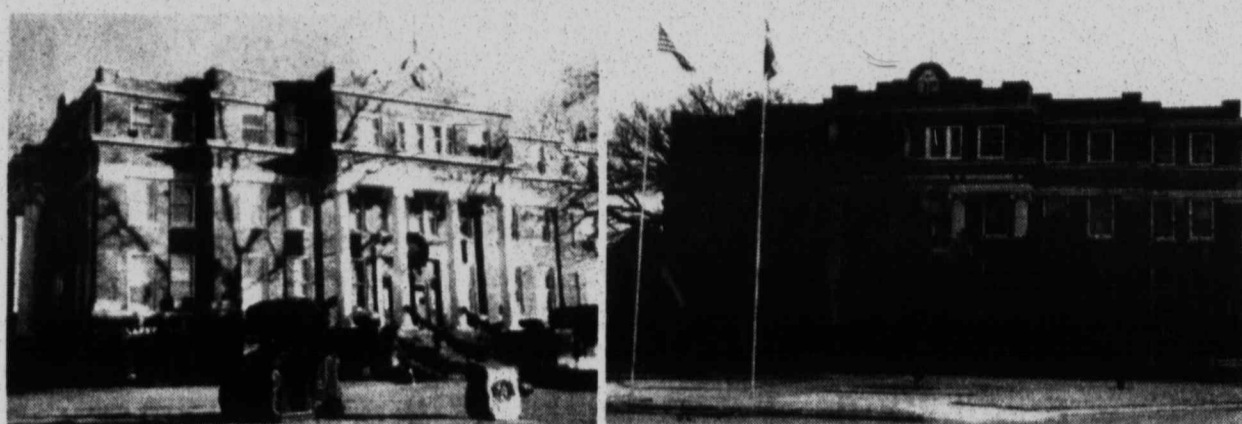
A4. Call TeleTax at 1-800-829-4477 and follow the instructions. It is fast and easy. Follow the prompts for a touch-tone phone, then choose English or Spanish. You will be asked to press "1" if you want to know the amount of your Advance Payment, more commonly known as "rebate." Continue to follow the instructions — entering your social security number, filing status and number of exemptions on your 2000 return — and you will be told the amount of your Advance Payment.

Q5. What do I do if my Advance Payment was the same as the maximum amount for my 2001 filing status?

A5. You won't have to do anything — just leave the Rate Reduction Credit line blank on your tax return. The maximum amounts are \$300 for a single filer or married person filing separately, \$500 for a head of household and \$600 for a married couple filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er).

Q6. What if I did not receive the full Advance Payment that I believe I was entitled to?

A6. Use the Rate Reduction Credit Worksheet to figure what, if any, credit



SEEING DOUBLE? — It's not double vision, it's just two courthouses built in the same design. The Lynn County News has run it before in years past, but some might not remember that the Freestone County Courthouse in Fairfield (shown left) is built in the same design as the Lynn County Courthouse (right). Willis McNeil of Tahoka took this photo of the look-alike courthouse in Fairfield recently, which was built in 1919 and designed by W.R. Kaufman. The local courthouse in Tahoka was built in 1916, designed by W.R. Rice. Both courthouses are located on Main Streets in their respective cities.

you may now claim. Enter the result, if more than zero, on Line 47 of Form 1040, or Line 30 of Form 1040A, or Line 7 of Form 1040EZ. If you, or your spouse if filing jointly, can be claimed as a dependent on another person's 2001 return, you cannot claim the credit.

Q7. I did not get any Advance Payment because my 2000 income was too low and I had no tax. Will I be able to claim the Rate Reduction Credit?

A7. Perhaps — check the Rate Reduction Credit Worksheet to see if your 2001 income and filing status qualify you for the credit. If you still have no taxable income, you can't claim the credit. You also don't qualify if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's 2001 return. (See Q8.)

Q8. I file my own tax return and my parents claim me as a dependent on their return. May I claim the Rate Reduction Credit?

A8. No, dependents cannot claim the credit and were not eligible for Advance Payments. But they may get the benefit of the tax rate cut by completing the Tax Computation Worksheet for Certain Dependents in the instruction book for the form they use. If you were a dependent on another taxpayer's 2000 return but were not a dependent for 2001, complete the Rate Reduction Credit Worksheet to see how much, if any, credit you may claim.

Q9. What if I did not receive my Advance Payment because I still owed money on a previous tax year?

A9. You still received the benefit of the Advance Payment even if all or part of it was withheld to pay back taxes, other federal debts, or past-due child support you owed. You should have received a notice explaining any such offset. If your Advance Payment amount was greater than the offset, you should have received the remainder in a check. You cannot claim the Rate Reduction Credit to recover the offset amount.

Q10. I moved last year and never received my Advance Payment check. Now I'm told the government can't send it to my new address. What can I do?

A10. The law provided for Advance Payment checks to be sent only until the end of 2001, so it's too late for the Treasury to send one now. You can get the same tax cut benefit by claiming the Rate Reduction Credit on your 2001 tax return.

Q11. My tax situation has changed since 2000 and my Advance Payment would have been less if it had been based on my 2001 return. Do I have to repay the extra amount I received?

A11. No. Even though your income may be lower or your filing status changed in 2001, the law provided that you would not have to pay back any resulting "excess" payment.

WILSON NEWS

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Lana, who attends Tahoka High School, was nominated for the national award by Sherri McCord, counselor at the school. Her name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Lana is the daughter of Gary and Juanell Jones of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Dalton and Lenda Wood of Tahoka and Wendell and Marie Brieger of Slaton.

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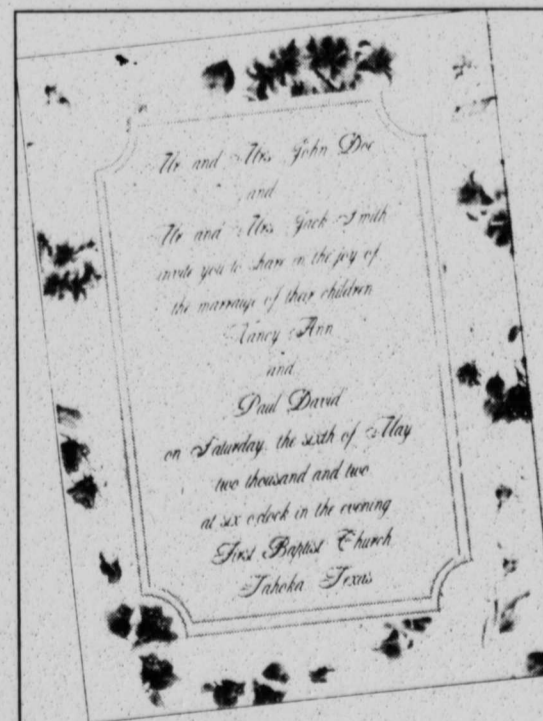
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