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CHANGING OF THE GUARD - Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon, left, performed his last official duty Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31, swearing in H.G. Franklin, right, as the new County Judge. Ceremonies were conducted in the District Courtroom, with a good crowd looking on, including many county officials, family and friends. (LCN PHOTO)

Theft, Wreck Reported; Judge Sentences Four

Two burglaries in the county, a theft and a wreck in Tahoka, and the sentencing of four persons in 106th District Court here were reported during the last week.

Simona Ramirez of O'Donnell reported tools valued at \$150 were stolen from a barn behind her residence on County Rd. 38 New Year's Day. A red tool box containing assorted tools marked with yellow paint and an electric weed eater were missing.

In Wilson between Dec. 29 and Jan. 1, burglars took six birth certificates, five Social Security cards, toys and kitchenware and a VCR from the residence of Brenda Cervantes. Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating.

Tahoka Police investigated a collision Monday at the intersection of S. 1st St. and Ave. K, where a 2001 Saturn driven by Tyson Tramine Harris, 19, of Lubbock and a 2001 Lincoln driven by Ruby Grogan, 81, of Tahoka collided. There were no injuries.

The case of a theft of a game boy from the home of Barbara Quinn in Tahoka in late November was turned over to juvenile authorities after the games valued at \$210 were located in possession of a 14-year-old boy.

A couple stopped for a traffic violation by Tahoka Police was arrested for outstanding warrants in Taylor County, resisting arrest and possession of marijuana. Jailed were two

Abilene residents in their early 20s.

Sentenced in district court here were:

Richard Marmolejo, 54, of Waco, probation revoked on a burglary conviction, six years in the state penitentiary.

Dustin Bureson, 25, of Tahoka, burglary of a building, six years in the state prison.

Dopald W. Buxkemper Jr., 20, of Slaton, 10 months in jail on a charge of criminal mischief.

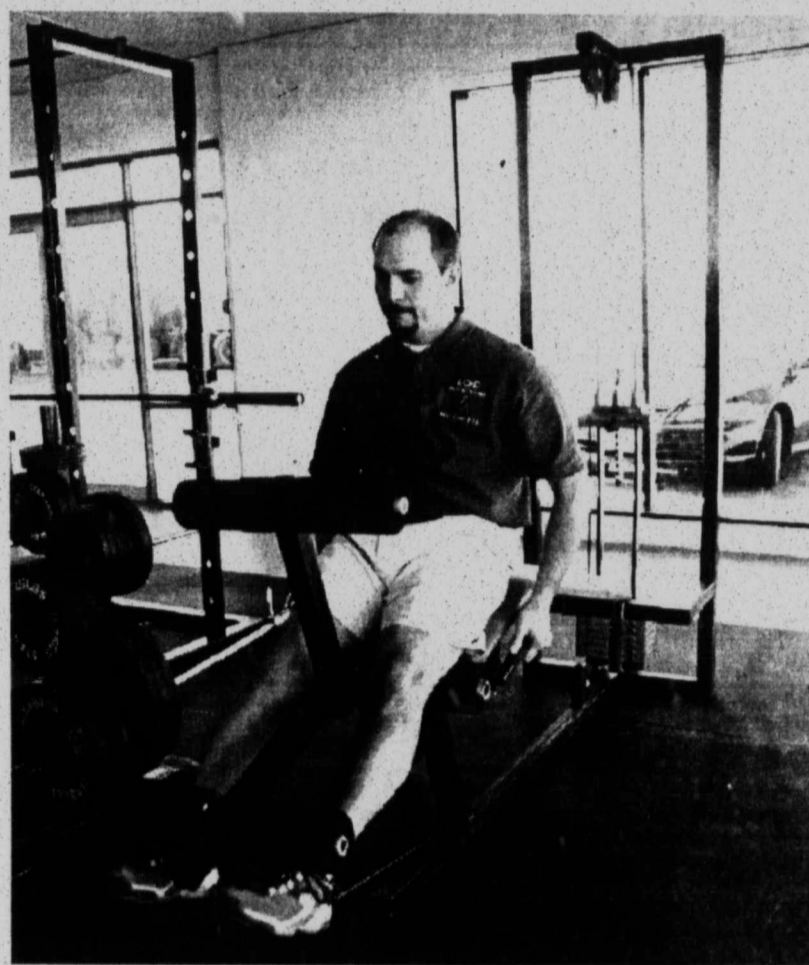
Jerald Martinez, 22 of Paint Rock, revocation of adjudication on charges of impersonating a public servant, 18 months in jail.

In jail during the last week were one persons for disorderly conduct plus abusive language and failure to appear, one for application to revoke probation of charges of possession of marijuana, and one for driving while intoxicated.

Total jail population Wednesday was 39, including 18 for Lubbock County and two for Dawson County.

Dispatchers at the sheriff's office processed 217 phone calls during December, including 114 for the county, 68 for the City of Tahoka, 12 for the City of O'Donnell, six fire calls and 17 ambulance calls.

For the entire year 2002, a total of 2,793 calls were handled by dispatchers. This included 1,317 for the county, 1,081 for Tahoka Police Dept., 160 for O'Donnell, 183 for EMS ambulances and 52 fires.



GETTING IN SHAPE - Kyle Sodd, Director of Physical Therapy at Lynn County Hospital District Physical Therapy Dept., works out on one of the new pieces of exercise equipment in their new location at 1313 Lockwood. This piece of equipment was donated to the PT Dept. by Leighton Knox Jr. of Wildcat Manufacturing. LCHD-PT offers fitness memberships on a monthly basis, and invites area residents to come view their facilities this Friday from 1-6 p.m. (LCN PHOTO)

County Stock Show Slated Next Week

The Lynn County Stock Show, normally held the last week of January, will be earlier this year, set for Jan. 16-18 at the county showbarn.

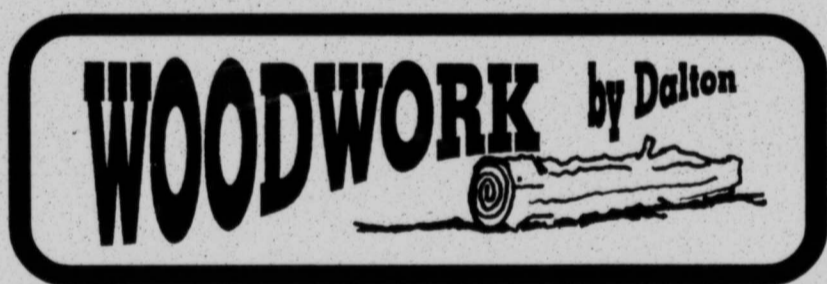
The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day.

A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 1	58	30	
Jan. 2	57	30	
Jan. 3	66	32	
Jan. 4	69	33	
Jan. 5	67	32	
Jan. 6	51	33	
Jan. 7	62	32	
Total Precip. in 2002: 19.42"			

Remember that happiness is a way of travel—not a destination.

—Roy M. Goodman



AT OUR HOUSE, my wife and I have worked out a system of equal control, which is not working out perfectly for either of us: I am in complete control of the television remote control, and she has total authority over the thermostat.

We watch what I want to see and hear on the TV. I zap all the advertising and skip around frequently trying to find something I want to see. So we watch the good stuff, like football and science fiction and thoughtful pieces like The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. No biographies, Golden Girls or shows about mixing up something in the kitchen which nobody would ever have time to make.

Anyway, men and women usually like to watch different things, so she has been deprived of watching what she wants to, at least in the living room. She has mostly solved the problem by watching a smaller TV in the bedroom.

On the other hand it is understood that I am not supposed to touch the thermostat, no matter how hot or cold I get. I admit my personal inner thermostat is out of whack, because although I prefer to walk around without a jacket and wearing just short sleeves in wintertime (so long as I am not outside for more than five or ten minutes at a time), I get cold in the house all sprawled out in my recliner reading or furiously punching buttons on the remote control.

Usually I take off my shoes before collapsing in the recliner, and my feet and legs magically draw all the cold air in the house. I get very cold, but when I say something subtle like "It's cold enough to hang meat in here," she dismisses this with the comment that "It's not a bit cold in here."

And to her, it's not. She is always working and moving around and staying warm (and wearing a sweatshirt. She has never learned that when there is a job to be done, it's okay to think about it for a week or two before starting, or even okay to stop for awhile and finish it later. She believes the job must be finished today, if at all possible. That's the workingest woman I ever saw, and I am thankful that she has all that energy and abilities. Sometimes I feel just a tiny bit uncomfortable watching the Cowboys lose football games while she is hammering, sawing, cleaning out the garage, mowing the lawn, painting, cooking, sewing or re-roofing the house.

All that work keeps her warm, though, while I am freezing. Even after I go to bed, I am cold. I sometimes think my body, frozen stiff in a cake of ice, will be found in my bed some morning. Cryogenics, right here in Tahoka. The bright side of this is that by the time I thaw out in about 20 years, maybe cures will have been found for diabetes, obesity, and foot-in-mouth disease.

Open House Set Friday:

Fitness Memberships Offered At LCHD Physical Therapy Dept.

by JUANELL JONES

The beginning of a new year is typically a time to think about physical fitness, and Lynn County Hospital District Physical Therapy (PT) department's newly renovated facilities offers an opportunity for area residents to get in shape. Those considering a fitness membership, or just wanting to take a peek at the new facilities, are invited to visit during Open House this Friday, from 1-6 p.m. The new facilities are located at 1313 Lockwood in the former auto dealership building, just east of the overpass.

PT Fitness Memberships are being offered for \$15 per month in January, and after January the monthly membership will cost \$20 per person (ages 18 and older). Senior adults ages 60 and older get a special price of only \$15 per month, and couples of any age may purchase a joint membership for \$30 per month.

Fitness memberships are offered on a month-to-month basis, with no contracts required for certain lengths of time. However, anyone wanting to purchase more than one month's membership may do so in January for the \$15 per month special price if they desire.

"We want to open this up to anyone who wants to come work out, without the hassle of having to sign on for a year's membership or any other time contract," said Kyle Sodd, Director of Physical Therapy.

A good variety of fitness equipment is available for use, including treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and dumbbells, cardiovascular equipment, and several passive-exercise beds. The PT department purchased five new pieces of exercise equipment from Leighton Knox Jr. at Wildcat Manufacturing for the fitness program, and Knox donated two more new pieces of equipment for the program.

Most of the exercise equipment is in the large front room facing Hwy. 380, and there are two patient rooms for the staff to tend to physical therapy patients, as well as a good size waiting room and restroom facilities. A room near the back of the building houses six passive-exercise beds, which were donated by Norman and Rhonda Ledbetter. Another area in the back is being renovated for a classroom/instruction area, including the possibility of aerobics and/or taeko sessions, according to Sodd.

Additionally, Sodd hopes to put in a racquetball court in the near future, and someday add a pool for therapy sessions.

"We just kept outgrowing the facilities we had, first at the hospital and then in the building beside the bank," Sodd said. "With all this equipment we now have, there's no way we could go back to where we were."

Working with Sodd at LCHD-PT



ADRIAN MOORE



TAYLOR READ

Moore, Read Named To AJ Super Team

Two Lynn County football stars have been honored once again for their excellence on the gridiron, having been named this week to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's 2002 High School Football Super Team. Adrian Moore of Tahoka and Taylor Read of O'Donnell earned the recognition after having been named All South Plains for Class 2A and 1A, respectively. The Super Team is made up of players from all over the South Plains regardless of school size.

Moore, a senior, was named to the Super Team on offense. He was the leading receiver on Tahoka's top rated passing offense, pulling down 60 receptions for 880 yards and six touchdowns.

Read was named to the Super Team for his defensive capabilities at the safety position. The 6-1, 190 lb. senior recorded 80 tackles, tree interceptions and nine forced fumbles for the season.



come view the new facilities this Friday, and says he will be available to answer any questions about physical therapy or the fitness membership program. The phone number for the LCHD-PT is 561-1340.



LADIES NIGHT - The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs easily handled the New Deal Lions Tuesday night, winning 56-30 in front of the home crowd. New Deal has the ball here, as Ashdon Hancock (left), Ashanti Hood (31), and Kammie Williams (33) rush towards the action. Williams was high scorer for the night with 11 points, and Angie Curtis had 10. (LCN PHOTO by Randy Chapa)

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MR. and MRS. RICHARD DON CLOE (nee BRANDI LYNN NETTLES)
Nettles, Cloe Married In Tahoka

Brandi Lynn Nettles of Shallowater and Richard Don Cloe of Tahoka exchanged wedding vows at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002 at the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka. Judge Terri Walker officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mark and Pamela Adams of Shallowater and Alan and Sharee Nettles of Burlison. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Daloma Smith of Slide, Parris and Mary Adams of Slaton, and Diane Nettles of Graford.

The groom is the son of James R. and Lena Cloe of Tahoka and Barry and Donna Vaughn of Lubbock. His grand-

parents are Don and Joyce Witt of Woodrow, Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka, Jerry McKibben of Tahoka, and the late Tom and Janette Cloe.

The area where the wedding took place was adorned with Christmas decorations.

The couple resides in Tahoka and will host a wedding reception at a later date.

The groom, a graduate of Frank Phillips College, is employed at West Texas Auto Glass. The bride attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University.

OBITUARIES



VERA MAE HARSTON
Vera Mae Harston

Services for Vera Mae Harston, 81, of Wolfthor, formerly of New Home, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the Church of Christ in Tahoka, with Ron Fant officiating.

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

She died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003 in Lubbock.

She was born Jan. 8, 1921 in Shawnee, Okla. She married Jerry Harston Oct. 9, 1937 in Clovis, N.M. He died June 18, 1991. She moved to Lubbock County from New Home in 1977. She was a beautician until her retirement in 1992 and was a member of the New Home Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Loamuh Harston of Tahoka; a daughter, Zana Stanford of Wolfthor; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Tahoka Church of Christ.

Floy Parker

Services for Floy Rose Parker, 83, of Anton were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at First Baptist Church of Anton with the Rev. Syl Moore officiating.

Burial was in Anton Cemetery. She died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003.

She was born Jan. 16, 1920, in Lockney. She married Monroe Parker on Oct. 4, 1936, in Levelland. He died in 1999. She worked at Citizen's State Bank in Anton for eight years. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Anton Study Club and taught art.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Tim, in 1994; and a granddaughter in 1967.

Survivors include three sons, James of Lubbock, Carlton of Littlefield, and Mac of Round Rock; a daughter, Pat Parker of Lubbock; a sister, Lylia Knight of Tahoka; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.



MABLE WEATHERBY
Mable Weatherby

Services for Mable Lavada Weatherby, 91, of Lamesa were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with the Revs. Clifton Igo and Jerry Stewart officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

She died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 11, 1911, in Gould, Okla., moving to Texas as a child. She married Robert Weatherby on Oct. 30, 1929, in O'Donnell. He died Dec. 30, 1989.

She had lived in Lynn County for many years, moving to Lamesa in 1964. She was a homemaker and worked at Cottonwood Nursing Home before her retirement. She was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Joyce Bullard and Vera Fairweather, both of Lamesa, Mary Lee Claborn of Post, and Katie Stone of Tahoka; a sister, Vera Chattin of Lamesa; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Girl Scouts Now Selling Cookies

The Girl Scouts of Tahoka have started their annual cookie sale and will continue the sale through March 9. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with proceeds benefiting local troop activities and Girl Scouts of Caprock Council initiatives.

This year marks the 66th annual cookie sale and two new flavors join the popular Thin Mint, Original Samoa, Aloha Chips, Tagalong, Do-Si-Do, and Trefoil cookies. The new flavors are All-Abouts and Olé Olé.

For more information, contact Tahoka troop leader Tammy Sodd at 561-4307 or the Caprock Council at 745-2855.



MRS. BYRON J. NORWOOD (nee SANDRA STICE-BROWN)
Tahoka Couple Exchanges Wedding Vows In Nov. 30 Ceremony

Sandra Stice-Brown and Byron J. Norwood, both of Tahoka, exchanged wedding vows at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 in the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. Rev. Jerry Becknell officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Billy Dale and Fay Stice of Tahoka. The groom is the son of Jim and Margaret Wiseman of Tahoka and Hugh Jack and Sharon Norwood of Hale Center. He is the grandson of J.T. Miller of Tahoka and the late Mary Jo Miller.

The sidewalks outside the church were lined with snowflake luminaries and pine trees were placed at the main entrance to the sanctuary. The windows in the foyer were adorned with swags of fresh evergreen and tulle with candelabra showing through the windows. Tables at the back of the church featured antique silver candelabra, crosses and a special family Bible. The entrance to the sanctuary was decorated with a lighted double pine arch.

The altar was bordered by a dozen Christmas trees adorned with twinkling lights. Two large silver candelabra, a Bible, and communion element topped white pillars. The bannister was draped in evergreen, silver ribbon, and candle globes and featured grandparent memory candles.

The bride, escorted by her son, Collin Slade Brown, wore an ivory one-piece corset gown with a chapel length train by Maggie Sottero. Wrapping around the front of the strapless bodice was a panel that formed an asymmetrical waist with a petite V-neckline. The panel was trimmed with beadwork that was repeated on the back layers of the train. She carried a single royal velvet Amaryllis.

Matron of honor was Barbara Cooper, sister of the bride. Daron Norwood served as his brother's best man.

Bridal attendants were J.P. and Miranda Stice, Kelby and Kyla Schraeder, Daniel and Tiffany Garvin, Michele Martin and Steve Wiseman, Courtney Stennett and Tyler Randolph, and Jimmy and Dawn Howard.

Attendants to the groom were J.J. and Misti Arpasi, Shannon Purcell and Kim Norwood, Bobby Benavidez and Krista Norwood, Cade and Chelsey Miller, Chris and Britni Engle, and Matt and Lindsey Garcia.

Female attendants wore platinum-colored floor-length dresses with a silver chiffon wrap.

Flower girl Kirsten Stice wore a dress with a long platinum-colored skirt and black velvet top with fur collar and cuffs. She dropped indecent snowflakes as she walked down the aisle.

Candlelighters were Robin Martin and Brandi Tekell; D'Lynn Stone and Klyssa Kell registered guests. Michelle Wiseman, Payton Howard and Jynna Askew served as greeters; ushers were Lee Rash, Brady Askew, and Shannon Cowley. Shaila Askew served as wedding hostess.

Diana Hawthorne and Donna Stone played classical Christmas music and Patti Cloe, and Nathan and Kenna Kizer led worship songs. Mrs. Cloe sang "Shine on Us," and Misti Arpasi performed "Imagine Me Without You." As the bride entered the sanctuary, the groom sang "My Everything." Daron Norwood presented an original song to the bride and

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SWORN IN - Lynn Braddock, center, and others on the last day of as commissioners for

Alexandra Aerospace

Alexandra Victoria participated in the High School Scholars program at Tahoka High School. The program includes an all-expenses-paid long summer residence at Johnson Space Center.

The program was the State of Texas project of the Johnson Center educational community students to embark on engineering careers. Students across Texas participated in the program in 1999.

Alexandra has completed 12 homework assignments and two of the required 1 do a final project be

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Contract 0905-00-032 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION in LUBBOCK County, etc. will be opened on February 04, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Contract 6092-46-001 for SEAL COAT in CROSBY County, etc. will be opened on February 05, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$924,844.50.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Sincerely,
Judge J.F. Brandon 2-1tc

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Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for Unit of General Local Government
Notice to Public by: City of Tahoka

Intent to Request the Release of Funds in connection with the HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Date of Publication: January 9, 2003
City of Tahoka
P.O. Box 300
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On or about nine (9) days after the publication, or twelve (12) days after the posting of this notice, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project:

HOME Program Contract Number: 521040
Program/Project Description: Three (3) housing units of owner-occupied reconstructed housing. Each unit must, at a minimum, meet the Texas Minimum Construction Standards (TMCS).

Project Location: All owner-occupied housing units must be located in the city limits of the City of Tahoka.
Total HOME Contract Award: \$178,869.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
The City of Tahoka has made an Environmental Review Record addressing the above-referenced project(s) and documenting the environmental review status of the projects. This Environmental Review Record is on file at **1612 Lockwood** and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Comments will be received seven (7) days following the publication of this notice, or ten (10) days if the notice is posted.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:
The City of Tahoka will undertake the above-referenced project using funds received from the HOME Investment Partnership Program through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The City of Tahoka is certifying to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that the City of Tahoka and chief executive officer of City of Tahoka, approved by HUD in his/her official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied for this project. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Tahoka will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58 and may use HOME Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS:
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis:

- (a) that the certification was not, in fact, executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or
- (b) that the responsible entity's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the required environmental review procedures (24 CFR Part 58); or
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

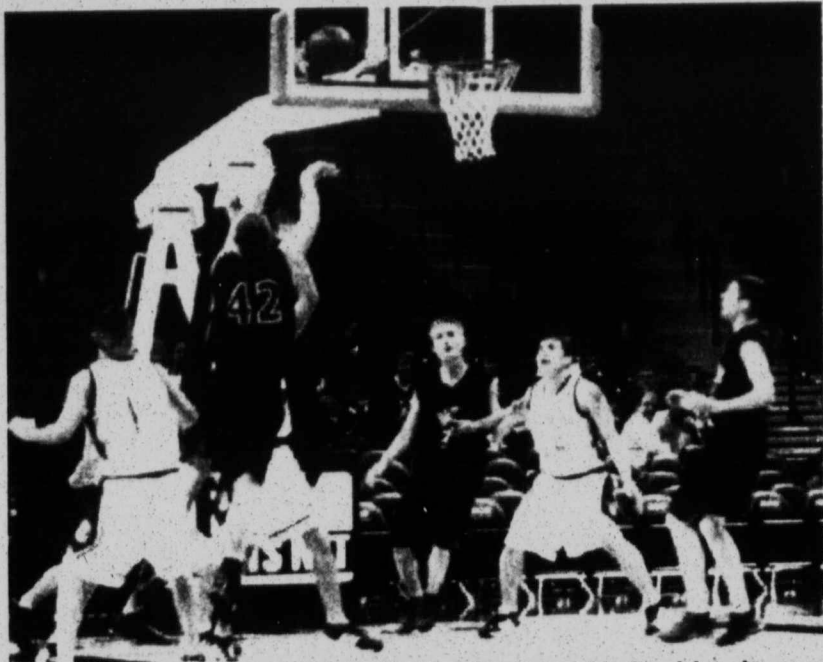
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will not consider objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or the actual receipt of the request, whichever is later. Any objection must be made in writing to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

Mike Mensch, Mayor
City of Tahoka
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MCCORD SHOOT - Tahoka Bulldog Brandon McCord lets loose a jumper in an exhibition game against Class 4A Roma, Dec. 21 in San Antonio. Following the shot are teammates B.J. Andrews and Ty Gardner.

Bulldogs Lose Tough Exhibition Game

The Tahoka Bulldog varsity basketball team enjoyed a pre-holiday trip to San Antonio where they participated in an exhibition game on Dec. 21 prior to a match-up between the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Washington Wizards in the new SBC Center. The Dogs faced a ranked 4A team from Roma, losing 66-65 after a big fourth quarter run where they outscored the Gladiators 24-13.

Adrian Moore led scoring for the Bulldogs with 26 points, while Ty Gardner put in 13 and B.J. Andrews added 12.

Almost 300 Tahoka fans made the trip to support the team in their effort, and also attended the Spurs game.

"The boys would like to thank everyone for their support with the donut sales and participation at the game," said a Bulldog supporter. "Tahoka does have the best fans!"

A kiddy laughing at jokes is one of the sweetest sights under heaven.

—Rudyard Kipling

Lynn County/Area Bale Count	
(as of Monday, January 6, 2003)	
New Home Coop Gin - Lakeview	47,600
Farmers Coop Gin - O'Donnell	33,270
Wilson Coop Gin - Wilson	25,754
Woolam Gin - O'Donnell	23,944
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 - Tahoka	24,932
Wells Coop Gin	19,580
Hackberry Coop Gin - Post	15,955
Dempsey Gin - Draw	5,273
Grassland Coop Gin	5,137
Circle S Gin - Petty	4,921
TOTAL	206,376

Reclamation Well To Be Placed Near Mural Park

A contamination reclamation well will be placed on the concrete slab in between the two buildings painted with murals at the Mural Park in downtown Tahoka. City Council members approved the request from Grimes Engineering to place the reclamation well there, surrounded by a six-foot fence, for a three-year period to clean up gasoline leakage underground from a former gas station on the northwest corner of Lockwood and Main.

City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that the cleanup project would be done at no cost to the city, through the state's underground storage tank program. Test wells had been placed in surrounding areas, and Webster said the contamination levels were higher than the state allowed. The reclamation well will draw underground water up and run it through a cleaning process before recycling it back into the ground, he said.

The well will be placed near the Ave. J side of the block, so as not to block the view of the mural park from Main Street.

In other business, City Attorney Cal Huffaker updated the council on an easement agreement between the city and Danny Paris on land adjacent to the city's new wastewater treatment plant. Council members voted to take bids on the city's land currently leased by Joe Calvillo and

David Cook, also located near the wastewater treatment plant.

Police Chief Doyle Lee presented the council with a report on his department's activities for the month. The council approved monthly bills as presented.

One council member, John Chapa, Jr., was absent from the meeting. All other council members, Mayor Mike Mensch, and Webster were present, as well as others.

Senior Singles To Meet Sat.

The Senior Singles group will return to meeting after taking a break for the holidays. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 1600 S. 3rd Street in Tahoka.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" provided gifts for 230 kids from 96 families this Christmas, and received \$3,666 in donations as well as lots of toys.

"We would like to say a special thanks to the citizens of Lynn County who helped make "Christmas For Kids" a success this year. We could not have done this without all of you.

Thanks to those who donated money, toys, clothing, gift boxes and paper; to those who "adopted" children and to those who found "adopters" for us; to those who helped make the dance at O'Donnell a success and those who made the "Tour of Homes" a success; to those who gave memorials and juror donations; to those who bagged, who wrapped and who helped give out the bags.

What a pleasure to live in a county with so many caring people. We do appreciate all of you so much. You made a big job so much easier. God bless each one of you.

Janet Porterfield and
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