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Pleasant Grove Donates Land, Asks City For Park

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Tahoka has donated three vacant lots of land to the City of Tahoka in the 1100 block of North 7th, and is asking the city to consider building a park on the property. City council members voted unanimously in their regular meeting Monday night to accept the property and to seek grant funding for playground equipment.

Reggie and Gloria Moore represented Pleasant Grove at the city council meeting, with Mrs. Moore presenting the proposal to city officials. According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, the city will initiate grant funding proposals through the Texas Parks and Wildlife program.

"The funding cycle just ended in January for grants through the Texas Parks and Wildlife, so it will be at least a year before any funding will be available," Webster told *The News*. Currently, the property is not developed.

In other business, the city's cemetery maintenance bid was awarded to Tom Tejada, who has maintained the cemetery for the city for the past two years. Two bids were submitted for the project, with Tejada's bid coming in at \$12,400 and Total Spray of Lubbock bidding the job at \$12,000. Council members accepted Tejada's bid unanimously.

Election judges were named for the city's May 3 election, with Jackie Stephens named election judge and Donna Brooks as alternate judge. Susan Tipton had already been named in a previous meeting as early voting judge.

The first reading of the city's Code of Ordinances was read at the meeting, with adoption to be considered after a second reading.

Police Chief Doyle Lee reported to the council on the police department's activities during the month. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Mayor Mike Mensch presided at the meeting, where all members of the council were present, including Jay Dee House, Ray Box, John Chapa Jr., Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston, as well as Webster.



REGIONAL SCIENTISTS - These Tahoka Elementary students, in grades 4-6, did very well at the South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair held in Lubbock recently. All brought home first, second or third place honors. Kneeling in front are fourth graders, from left, Monica Strickland, Nikki Box (who won first place overall for fourth grade), Kaitlyn Reno, Taylor Ford, Morgan Lockaby, Skyler McCleskey and Patrick Wells. Standing in back are, from left, Kody Smith, Heri Chavarria and Ryan Rios, all fifth graders, and Andrea Mauldin, Racquel Aispuro, Courtney Sodd, Antonio Baker and Adrian Webster, all sixth graders. (LCN PHOTO)

Logo Designs Sought For Centennial

Got an idea for a logo design showing Lynn County's 100th year? You will win \$100 if your design is chosen!

The Lynn County Centennial Celebration Committee is seeking a logo for the county's 100th year event, which will be held June 21, 2003.

Any interested person may submit a logo design. Entries should be in black and white on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, and should include the years 1903-2003. Please include your name, address and telephone number or e-mail address with the entry.

Deadline for entries is April 1. Send or bring entries to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373. The winning design will be chosen by a group of representatives from the Centennial Celebration Committee, and the winner will receive \$100. The logo will be used in publicity concerning the Centennial Celebration, and possibly used on a t-shirt.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 26	46	15	
Feb. 27	36	27	
Feb. 28	62	28	
Mar. 1	66	33	
Mar. 2	46	37	
Mar. 3	66	32	
Mar. 4	71	35	
Total Precip. in February: 0.18"			

State Budget Cuts To Hurt Hospital

The proposed 30 per cent cuts in Medicare and Medicaid to allow the Texas Legislature to balance its budget is expected to cost Lynn County Hospital thousands of dollars this year. Hospital Administrator Dan Powers told hospital board members last Thursday.

Powers explained that Medicare already has cut back on payments to hospitals, and an additional 30 per cent cut in payments received by the hospital could bring some serious losses.

He also mentioned that the state is proposing to implement more strict guidelines on who qualifies for Medicaid. "This means that people who no longer are on Medicaid will get sick and come to the hospital for treatment anyway. They won't be able to pay, and the hospital cannot refuse treatment, so the hospital will have to absorb the loss."

Some board members interpreted

this to mean that an unpopular tax increase this fall seems likely. Taxes account for about 18 per cent of the hospital's annual revenue.

Powers reported on Lynnwood, which has 14 residents, and on the physical therapy fitness center downtown, which is getting increased participation daily. He noted that a new racquet ball court has been finished.

The board approved resolutions on new and revised personnel policies, assessment of community needs, semi-annual continuous quality improvement report, continuous quality improvement manual, acknowledgment of safety procedures and a resolution calling for the election of three directors.

Terms of Billy Tomlinson, Jerry Ford and Virginia Griffing are scheduled to expire in April.

Those three, plus directors Mike Rivas, Joan Knox, John Hawthorne and Dalton Wood were present.

*Help Plan
Lynn County's
Centennial
Celebration
on June 21, 2003*

*Next Meeting: 5:00 p.m. Thursday,
March 6, Courthouse Basement*

Book Fair Tonight At Tahoka Elementary

Tahoka Elementary will be hosting a Book Fair from 5:30-7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the Tahoka Elementary LRC.

Parents of elementary students are urged to bring their children to the book fair, as no Parent Night will be held this year.

For more information, contact Rhonda McNeely at Tahoka Elementary School, 561-4350.

Two Candidates Add Names To List

Only two candidates added their names this week to the slate of candidates listed for area city and school elections in Lynn County. Scott McAlister filed for a seat on the New Home ISD Board of Trustees, which has two three-year terms up for election. To date, he is the only candidate for that election. Monty Hancock filed for a seat on the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees, joining incumbent Renn Dorman for the two seats open on that board.

No other new candidates have filed since last week in Tahoka, Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home city and school elections. Filing deadline is March 19.

Filing Period Now Open For Hospital Election

Candidates interested in filing for a position on the Board of Directors for Lynn County Hospital District have until April 1 to file for a place on the ballot. Three seats on the board are up for election, currently held by directors Billy Tomlinson, Virginia Griffing and Jerry Ford. All are three-year terms.

Paperwork for filing is available at the business office of the hospital, which also explains qualifications for candidacy.

The hospital election will be held in conjunction with city and school elections on May 3, with early voting slated for April 16-29.

No Injuries In Collision

A traffic accident Monday in Tahoka involving two Ford Taurus autos resulted in no injuries to either driver. The collision at the intersection of N. 4th and Ave. K involved a 2001 Ford driven by Dorothy Norwood, 76, and a 1997 Ford driven by Haleigh Blane Ross, 17. Both are Tahoka residents.

Six persons were jailed during the last week. Two were for possession of marijuana under two ounces, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and one on warrants from Lubbock Police Dept.

During the month of February, dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. answered 184 calls, including 80 for the county, 75 for City of Tahoka, 9 for City of O'Donnell, 5 fire alarms, and 15 ambulance calls.

Wilson ISD To Purchase New School Van

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees held a called meeting on Friday, Feb. 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wilson school library to consider several agenda items, including the purchase of a 2002 15-passenger school van, which was approved by trustees.

In other business the board approved an interlocal agreement to participate in the Texas Association of School Boards Buy Board purchasing cooperative; approved the three year WISD Technology Plan; authorized the superintendent to seek proposals to replace damaged flat roofs; and accepted a donation to replace the long jump runway and pit.

Present at the meeting were trustees Doug Bolyard, Lonnie Donald, John Henderson, Debbie Schoor, Mike Taylor, and Clyde Wilke.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. The public is invited to attend.

I DON'T KNOW anybody who still gets a shave at a barber-shop, although I expect that a few men still do. Shaves at barbershops are almost as rare as gasoline at less than a dollar a gallon. I have never had a shave at a barbershop, and now that I have learned some startling facts about the red-and-white barber poles (which also are becoming rare), I may never opt for a shave at a barber shop.

The red and white barber poles always reminded me of peppermint candy, and although I never really gave it much thought, I guess I subconsciously figured it was painted that way to make customers feel good, like, "candy is good, and so is this barber shop".

That's not so, according to something I read recently, which explained that back in the 1800s, when no medical training was required to be a doctor, surgery was often performed by barbers. Here's what the story said:

"With no regulations concerning the education of physicians, surgery was often performed by barbers. Not only did they give haircuts and shaves, but they also extracted teeth, lanced boils and bled patients. In fact, the colors of the barber's pole are derived from the practice of bloodletting: red for blood and white for bandages. The pole itself was sometimes grabbed by the patient in order to make his veins stand out and make the blood-letting easier. In the end, the patient was as likely to die from the treatment as from the illness."

Hey, that still happens sometimes. This reminds of a newspaper blooper I read once, which said: "Mrs. Guffey collapsed on the street at the corner of Main and 8th St. and died without medical assistance."

THE OLD GEEZER at O'Donnell says that people who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - Tahoka Elementary School now has new playground equipment thanks to a Head Start Grant written by James Baker, elementary principal. This is the first year for Head Start and Tahoka Public Schools to join together for two Pre-K classes. The equipment will be used for all Tubb Elementary students and is open to the public when school is not in session. Pictured on the equipment are Tahoka Elementary Pre-K students.

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John And Company Look To Surpass Success Of Last Season

Major leaguers are still toiling in the annual ritual that is spring training, but for high school athletes, the baseball season is well underway. Coach Brent John and his charges at Tahoka High School are looking to duplicate their success of last season and hope to go even farther than last year's regional semi-finals.

The Bulldogs finished up with a 19-13 record last season after dropping two of three in the semi's to a tough Holliday team. District runners up in Class 4-2A behind Idalou, the Dogs took the championship in bi-district, area, and regional quarterfinal competition.

This year's team is deep in experience with six seniors on the roster including catcher Brandon McCord, who earned All South Plains honors last year with his .364 batting average and 22 RBI's. Other seniors on

the squad include Matt Wells, Warren Baker, Kellen Flowers and Bradley Paschal in the outfield and Ben Stroope at third. McCord, Stroope and Flowers will also handle pitching duties along with juniors Derek Stephens and Kody Bueerman and sophomore Robert Baker. Rounding out the varsity roster are juniors Brady Askew and Chris Engle, sophomores Gary Gonzales and Matt Sena, and freshman Patrick Dotson.

"Our district is going to be one of the best in West Texas and it will be tough to grab one of the top three spots to make it to the playoffs," said John. "That's our goal, and this team is committed to obtaining that goal."

This is the eighth year that the Bulldogs have made it to the playoffs, seven of those under Coach John. Lane Hyde will be assisting John with the coaching duties this season.



NEW FIREFIGHTERS - These three Lynn County residents graduated from Lubbock Fire Academy on Friday, Feb. 28. They are (from left) Aaron McCleskey of Grassland, Corey McCleskey of Grassland and Daniel Garvin of Tahoka. Corey and Daniel have been assigned to Fire Station #6 in Lubbock while Aaron will work out of Fire Station #4.

Tahoka Elementary Names Students To Honor Rolls

Officials at Tahoka Elementary have released the names of students on their Honor Rolls for the fourth six weeks of the current school year. They are:

Perfect Attendance: Pre-Kindergarten-Johnny Rosas, Miranda DeLeon, Curry Lehman; **Kindergarten**-Megan Alvarado, Coy Mercer, Colton Taylor, Kohl Angeley, Shelbee Forsythe, Larry Fuentes, Isiah Arce, Laura Henderson, Domonique Herrera, Mia Saldana, Marc Hernandez; **1st grade**-Damien Colon, Savannah Santos, Qrista Stanley, McKenzie Dimak, KeShawn Hood, A.J. Rolfs, Cort Fisher, Lorena Flores, Eryn Harris, Nicklas Lee, Gabriella Pando, Raven Tillman.

Superstar Honor Roll: 2nd grade-Maddie Barham, Cynthia Flores, Swade Hammonds, Jori Chapa, Marcus Gonzales, Cameron King, Smith McLelland, Kaitlyn Ramirez, Sarah Freitag, Audree Williams; **3rd grade**-Zach Garcia, Braiden Fisher, Tanner Montalvo, April Lam, Nancy Munoz, Francisco Rivera, Payton Howard, Jay Martin, Stormee Martin; **4th grade**-Nikki Box, Kadi Larpenter, Kalee Wuenschee, Patrick Wells, Kenzie Angeley, Travis DeLuna, Lacey DeVine, Taylor Ford, Tanner Hall, Morgan Lockaby, Sabrina Morales; **5th grade**-Jynna Askew, Britany Benavidez, Matt Taylor, Ryan Rios, A'Leesha Truelove, Stephanie DeLeon, Benjamin Freitag, Kyra Murillo, Meghann Rivas, Abby House, Griselda Lopez; **6th grade**-Kyle Larpenter, Araceli Lopez, Tiffany Lam, Sarah Calvillo, Kaleb Collins, Kourtney Sodd, Anthony Deleon, Morgan Fisher, Valerie Sosa.

Bulldog Honor Roll: 2nd grade-Lisa Marie Alvarado, Luke Hawthorne, Efrain Ramirez, Taya Bishop, Madylin DeLeon, Damien Montez; **3rd grade**-Chance Cook, Gretchen Henley, Kayla Long, Ariana Monsivais, Harley Reynolds, Wendy Arellano, Carson Lehmann; **4th grade**-Sebastian Strickland, Taryn Bishop, Skyler McCleskey, Michael Paris, Monica Strickland; **5th grade**-Anissa Alvarado, Felicia Sandobal, Zavier Lamarron, Garrett Barham, Emily Garcia, Sarah Tello, Lindsey Munoz, Kyra Helm, Dee Dee Hunter, Reed Williams; **6th grade**-Jannifer Marquez, Jordan Blasingame, Graham Henley, Jacob Bingham, Krystal Loftis, Mitchell Chapa, Chelsea Terry, Angel Quintero, Vicente Salinas, A.J. Flores, Paris Duran, Allen Henderson, Marissa Gomez, Toni Murillo, Jaime Soto, Samantha Pridmore, Sarah Zuniga.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 10-14
Monday: BBQ Beef on a Bun, Tator Tots, Three Bean Salad, Peaches, Condiments, Cookies. DOMINOES—6 p.m. (Bring Finger Foods)
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Wheat Bread, Gelatin.
Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Vegetables, Orange Half, Wheat Roll or Cornbread, Lemon Pie or Bars.
Thursday: Baked Ham, Green Peas, Cauliflower, Pears, Wheat Roll, Cookies.
Friday: BBQ Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Biscuit, Mincemeat or Raisin Pie or Cobbler.
Don't forget our aluminum can drive for new carpet!

Tahoka School Menu

March 10-14
Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Orange, Pineapple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Pancake Sausage Sticks, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Graham Crackers, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday: Breakfast Pretzel, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.
Tuesday: Chili Dogs, Pinto Beans, Apple Sauce, Cookie, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Cherry Shape-Ups, Apple, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tator Tots, Onion, Lettuce, Pickles, Plum Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Soup, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Tahoka School News

Powerlifting
 by Meghan Saldana
 The Bulldog Powerlifting team had two members place at the meet in Brownfield on Feb. 22. J.C. Garza placed first in the Superheavy Weights, and Lindon Bartley placed sixth in the 148 lb. class.

Varsity Baseball
 by Warren Baker
 The varsity baseball team has a record of 3-2. Victories include wins over Lamesa, Coahoma and Muleshoe. The most recent victory was the 2-4 destruction of the Mules of Muleshoe. Matt Wells, Kody Bueerman and Kellen Flowers all had homeruns during the game.

Judge Schildknecht Attends Conference

More than 550 Texas judges, including Hon. Carter T. Schildknecht, Judge of the 106th District Court, attended regional judicial training programs that provided fresh perspectives and tools in areas pivotal to the role of administering justice fairly. The 2003 Regional Judicial Conferences were held in January and February 2003.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the education program for the regional conferences held in San Antonio (Jan. 26-28) and El Paso (Feb. 10-12). All Texas appellate, district, and county court at law judges were invited to attend the conference that included their administrative judicial region.

Both conferences offered a one and a half day education program. General sessions featured *When is Evidence Considered Manipulated?*, *Judicial Ethics, Disqualification and Recusal Proceedings*, and *Updates: Criminal, Civil & Family Law*. Specialty track topics included *Children in the Courtroom*, *Mortgage Foreclosures*, and *Evidentiary Issues in Mold Cases*.

Tahoka Bulldog Baseball 2003 Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mar 6-8	Tournament	Snyder	TBA
Mar 11	Slaton	Here	4:30
Mar 13-15	Tournament	Muleshoe	TBA
Mar 18	Lamesa	Here	5:00
Mar 21	Roosevelt*	There	6:30
Mar 25	Post*	Here	6:30
Mar 28	Shallowater*	There	4:30
Apr 1	Idalou*	There	4:30
Apr 4	New Deal*	There	6:30
Apr 8	Roosevelt*	Here	6:30
Apr 11	Post*	There	6:30
Apr 15	Shallowater*	Here	6:30
Apr 18	Idalou*	Here	6:30
Apr 22	New Deal *†	Here	6:30

* District Game
 † Senior Recognition Game

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Lady Bulldogs, you are AWESOME!

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to follow you this season. You presented yourselves with such class every time you stepped on the court and our hearts swelled with admiration. To you seniors - Kammie, Kelly, Marissa, and Kirsten - we will miss you ... you provided strong leadership and our hearts were broken that you came so close to "the Big Dance." To the younger girls - we are so excited for the future. The Lady Bulldogs have the brightest future and we will be there to support you "ALL THE WAY." A BIG thank-you to Coach Fancher and Coach Sessums for teaching, guiding and encouraging these young ladies to reach for the best and to be winners. You may not have always received a pat on the back, but we do appreciate you both. Thanks, also, to Carol Fancher and the team managers for being so supportive. GO LADY BULLDOGS!!!!

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