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The Grinch
comes to town



It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it!
Wendi Curry (left) and Toy Holland tackle the tough job of cleaning up The Grinch at The Cleaners in Tahoka last week. They would not tell *The News* who brought in the six-foot-tall stuffed Grinch for cleaning because the person who brought it in said she was "too embarrassed to admit" she had the gripy green Christmas character. Hmmm. Now we'll have to watch for it at someone's place of business or front porch. (LCN PHOTO)

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Lynn County Officials File For Re-Election

Several Lynn County officials have filed for re-election during the past week for most local positions that will be open in the primary elections, except for the position of Sheriff, for which no candidate has yet

filed. The filing period opened Dec. 2 and continues through Jan. 3 at the Lynn County Clerk's Office. Filing fee is \$750.

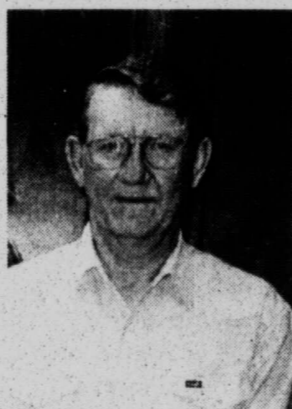
Precinct 1 Commissioner Don Morton and Precinct 3 Commissioner Don Blair have both filed for re-election to their seats. Lynn County Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce and Lynn County Attorney Jay Napper have also filed for re-election.

District Attorney Ricky B. Smith announced last week that he had filed for re-election to that office. All six positions with the county are four-year terms. The five who have filed thus far are unopposed on the Democratic Party ticket.

The Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held March 9, 2004.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 3	66	39	
Dec. 4	70	37	
Dec. 5	46	33	
Dec. 6	55	25	
Dec. 7	78	27	
Dec. 8	75	36	
Dec. 9	46	39	
Total Precip. to date: 12.96"			



Blair Seeks Re-Election As Commissioner

Don Blair wishes to make his bid for Lynn County Commissioner of Precinct 3 in the upcoming election. He is completing his first term in that position in January of 2005.

"I want to thank all who supported me in the past and ask for that support again," said Blair.

He is running on the Democratic ticket and the primary election will be in March 2004.

"I would like to say thanks once again to all who trusted me at this job. It is not an easy task, but I think I am capable of doing this for all the Lynn County taxpayers," added Blair.

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)

Indictments For Robbery, Drug Cases Returned

A 106th District grand jury last Friday indicted two 18-year-old Lamesa residents on charges related to the armed robbery of Allsup's in O'Donnell Nov. 16, and also indicted eight other persons on drug-related charges.

Brandon Matthew Smith and Misty Dawn Nunn were indicted on charges of aggravated robbery and also on charges of possession of a prohibited weapon. The couple displayed a shotgun in the Allsup's robbery, which netted them less than \$100 cash.

Others indicted, their last known addresses and charges:

Michelle A. Carter, 22, Alamoso, NM, possession of a controlled substance.

Terrell Lee Wright, 35, Lubbock, possession of a controlled substance.

Joe Gregory Salinas, 24, Anton, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to deliver.

Robert Lee Hudson, 47, Meadow, and Shelly Diane Tomlinson, 32, Lubbock, both named on one indictment alleging possession of a controlled substance.

Troy Lynn Skinner, 35, Lubbock, and Jackie Suzann Skinner, 30, Stephenville, and Hudson also were named in one indictment for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Arthur Harris Jr., 55, of Odessa,

possession of a controlled substance (cocaine).

Joshua Brent Thompson, 19, Lubbock, burglary and theft related to loss of golf clubs at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka.

David Velasquez, 41, Abilene, aggravated sexual assault and indecency with a child.

William Raymond Abell III, Tahoka, driving while intoxicated with a child as a passenger.

Two one-vehicle rollovers were investigated last weekend by DPS troopers, with no injuries reported in either accident. On Friday night, a 2003 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Michael Jenkins, 25, of Lubbock overturned on County Rd. EE. And on Saturday night, a 2000 Nissan Maxima driven by Cory McElwee, 25, of Lubbock, rolled over several times on FM 179 north of U.S. 380.

Trooper Chris Fox credited the lack of injuries in the wrecks to the fact that both drivers and a passenger in the Ford were wearing seatbelts.

Jailed during the last week were three persons for possession of marijuana under two ounces, two for public intoxication, and one each for no drivers license/hold for Border Patrol, theft over \$50 and less than \$500, and DWI second offense.

Forty-five persons were in jail as of Wednesday, with 21 of these held for Lubbock County.



SOME OF THE people I see almost every day (my wife, our daughters, newspaper employees, my bank loan officer, etc.) told me recently that I am pessimistic. I don't know why they would think that because I worry that things are not going to turn out right. (Remember the saying, "Just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean that nobody is trying to get me".)

When accused the other day, I protested, "I'm not pessimistic; it's just that there is a small thin line between pessimism and realism in these trying times."

"See what we mean?" said one of my critics.

An optimist views a glass containing water as half full. The pessimist sees the same glass as half empty.

In table games or active sports, a participant should always be optimistic. I'm gonna hit (throw, kick) that ball exactly where I want it to go, and I am going to win! I know this works for the winners, but usually I can't convince myself. I may step up to a golf ball, and say, "I'm going to hit this ball and it's going right down yonder onto the green," but under my breath I qualify this a little, muttering "unless the stupid ball goes 50 yards off to one side or the other."

I'm just making an observation based on past experience when I announce at a card game that "I'm pretty sure I won't get good cards this time, because I never do." Some call that pessimism; one of my daughters calls it "gripy."

My bowling partners often tell me to "get up there and strike out" in the 10th frame. I tell them "The last time I struck out was 30 years ago when I was playing softball."

I always find gristles in my steak and bones in my boneless fish. A small voice told me once to "cheer up—things could be worse," so I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse.

Still, lots of good things happen to me, so I don't appreciate all these people telling me I am pessimistic.

Right after I was so accused, I mentioned that I needed to go write another column, but I couldn't think of anything to write about.

"Write about pessimism," said one of the office workers.

"Why?" I asked her. "Nobody would read it, anyway."

SOMEBODY named Ed Furgol must have been more of a pessimist than I. He is credited with saying, "My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying."

AND THE LITTLE old Lady on Ave. L says that "It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything."



Pearce Seeks Re-Election As Tax Assessor

Sherry Pearce announces her bid for re-election this week to the office of Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, running in the March 9, 2004 Democratic Primary.

"I appreciate the support you have shown me and my staff in this office. We enjoy serving the citizens of Lynn County," said Ms. Pearce in announcing her candidacy.

"I would appreciate your continued support," she added.

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)



Letters to Santa
will be published
in The Lynn County News
Christmas Edition
on Dec. 24, 2003



TIME CAPSULE PROCLAMATION - Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (seated) and Lynn County Commissioners (standing from left), Don Morton, J.T. Miller, Mike Braddock and Don Blair, signed a proclamation declaring the Lynn County Centennial Time Capsule to be buried Dec. 17, 2003 and opened 100 years later. The proclamation recognizes the historic value of the items enclosed in the capsule, and requests that persons opening the capsule replace the items and add new items to be opened at the next historical interval. Area residents are invited to attend the Time Capsule ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 1:45 p.m. at the Memorial Triangle just west of the Courthouse, and to the Courthouse Open House immediately following, from 2-4 p.m. (LCN PHOTO)



11th: Santa Claus at Allsup's
7:00-9:00 pm
1800 Lockwood in Tahoka
Please park on West side of store

14th: Christmas Program
6:00 pm
Wilson First Baptist Church

14th: Children's Musical "Meet Me At the Manger"
6:00 pm
First Baptist Church
1701 Avenue K, Tahoka

14th: Pastor & Friends
7:30 pm
First United Methodist Church
1801 Ave. J, Tahoka

15th: Christmas Concert
6:30-7:30 pm
Tahoka High School Band and Choir
THS Auditorium

17th: Lynn Co. Centennial Time Capsule Ceremony
1:45 pm
Memorial Triangle, west of Courthouse

17th: Open House
2:00-4:00 pm
Lynn County Courthouse

19th: Open House
9:00 am-3:00 pm
First National Bank of Tahoka
1601 S. 1st, Tahoka

19th: Open House
9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wilson State Bank - Wilson and Tahoka
Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Wilson location 9-1

23rd: Open House
9:00-11:30 am
Huffaker Furlow & Lynn Co. Abstract
1540 Ave. J, Tahoka

24th: Christmas Eve Services, 6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
1801 Ave. J, Tahoka

24th: Christmas Eve Celebration, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church
1701 Avenue K, Tahoka

24th: Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm
Led by the Children
St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson, Wilson

25th: Christmas Day Worship, 10:00 am
St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson, Wilson

Contact THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS,
561-4888, Fax 561-6308, to be placed
on the December events calendar.

Any event in the county open
to the public may be
placed on the calendar.

Commissioners Approve Auditing Firm For 2003

Lynn County Commissioners voted unanimously to hire the auditing firm of Gary, Bowers and Mills for the 2003 audit of county finances, which is the same firm that conducted the 2002 audit. Bid for the audit was \$11,000.

An Indigent Defense Contract was approved, as was a contract with Vertex which would help secure and prepare claims for housing illegal aliens. Monthly bills were approved, with the exception of one submitted by the district court bailiff for meal reimbursement. Commissioners noted that their agreement included the bailiff's salary but did not include per diem reimbursement for meals.

Commissioners signed a resolution noting the county's dissatisfaction with unfounded state mandates. The resolution supports the passage of legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties. Many other counties throughout the state of Texas are also considering the resolution.

Information accompanying the resolution from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), who is initiating the effort, noted that local property taxpayers often do not understand the subtleties of the way governments are organized. Hence, when their property taxes rise due to unfounded mandates, taxpayers know

only to blame their local elected officials, whose hands are tied by state government. "It is crucial to educate the public so they will understand the workings of unfounded mandates and make their concerns known to their legislators," the report said.

In signing the resolution, Lynn County joins county officials from across Texas in seeking a constitutional amendment that would limit state actions which mandate counties to spend additional funds, unless the state pays for its mandates. The amendment is expected to be presented to the Legislature at its next session.

Neil Brumley and Greg Stevens, members of the South Plains Drug Task Force, gave a presentation regarding the task force, and Sheriff Bob Wilson gave a report on his department's activities.

County Clerk Susan Tipton reminded commissioners of the Courthouse Open House planned for 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, and invited them to the Centennial Time Capsule burial ceremony planned for 1:45 p.m. immediately prior to the open house. The Time Capsule will be buried at the Memorial triangle just west of the courthouse, and will have a marker placed above it.

Present at the meeting were all commissioners, including J.T. Miller, Don Blair, Mike Braddock and Don Morton, Judge Franklin, and others.



ITEMS TO BE BURIED - These items will be included inside the Lynn County Centennial Time Capsule which will be buried Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at 1:45 p.m. at the Memorial Triangle west of the courthouse. Items were submitted by area businesses and organizations (see a complete list with story), and include newspapers, yearbooks and other items of historical significance. (LCN PHOTO)

Obituaries

Billie Ray Barnes

Services for Billie Ray Barnes, 76, of O'Donnell were held Monday, December 8, at Lamesa Memorial Park with the Rev. Nathan McBride and Clifton Igo officiating.

He was born December 3, 1927, in Lynn County. He marries Wymia Jean Gilliam on February 3, 1948, in Lamesa. He was a farmer in the O'Donnell community. He was a Mason and had been a member of First Baptist Church for 33 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronny Lee Barnes.

Survivors include his wife, Wymia Jean O'Donnell; a sister, Dorothy Lee Davis of Lamesa; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart and Lung Association or a favorite charity.

Cub Scouts Continue Food Drive

Tahoka Cub Scouts are continuing their food drive benefiting the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, through Dec. 19. Area residents are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to any of the drop-off sites, including Main Street Express, Thriftway Grocery or Mr. Webb's office at Tahoka Elementary School.

"The Cub Scouts would like to thank you in advance for any help you can give. We would also like to thank Main Street Express, Thriftway and Tahoka Elementary for allowing us to use them as drop-off sites," said a sponsor.

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

Congratulations, ROBERT!

Beware Tahoka drivers.

Pastor and Friends Musical Set Here Sunday

"Pastor and Friends," a program of Christmas carols, vocal and instrumental specials, and dramatic reading, is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, located at 1801 Ave. J.

Some of those featured include Pastor Marvin Gregory, the Joy Ringers Handbell Choir, Carroll Rhodes, and instrumentalists and vocalists of all ages.

"This annual event is our gift to the community," said Rev. Gregory. "We are excited about sharing it with you!"

Centennial Time Capsule To Be Buried Dec. 17

The Lynn County Centennial Time Capsule, containing items representing the county's 100th year, will be buried during ceremonies on Wednesday, Dec. 17 in conjunction with Open House at the Lynn County Courthouse.

The Time Capsule Ceremony will be held at 1:45 p.m. at the Memorial Triangle just west of the courthouse.

Guests are invited immediately following the ceremony to the courthouse for refreshments during the Open House from 2-4 p.m.

This Time Capsule contains the following items submitted by individuals/organizations:

- Proclamation by Lynn County Judge and Commissioners
- Lynn County Centennial T-Shirt
- Lynn County 4-H Cubby Bear
- City of Tahoka - Tahoka Daisy information
 - City Spirit Award magazine article (for the Life Enrichment Center project)
- School Yearbooks for 2003 - Tahoka, Wilson, New Home
- Tahoka Drug - Calendar, 80th anniversary pen, keychain, business card
- Phebe K. Warner Club - History, Yearbook, Centennial Ornament & Button
- O'Donnell Index-Press - Business card
- Lynn County News - June 19, 2003 Centennial Edition and following week's edition
 - First Methodist Church Centennial Anniversary edition
 - First Baptist Church Centennial Anniversary edition
 - Tahoka ISD Centennial Anniversary edition
 - Sweet Street Baptist Church 50th Anniversary edition
 - Draw-Redwine Memorial edition
- Lynn County Budget for 2003
- Tejada Cafe - Menu
- THS Bulldog Football Program
- THS Exes 50th year stories (special newspaper edition put together by a THS-ex)
- First United Methodist Church Centennial History Book
- The 1946 Study Club of O'Donnell - Club Yearbook
- Canadian River Municipal Water Authority 50th Anniversary Book (where Tahoka and Wilson get their water supply)

TAHOKA BULLDOGS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAMS
DEC 11-13	ABERNATHY TOURNEY	THERE	T.B.A.	V-B&G
DEC 11-13	SUNDOWN TOURNEY	THERE	T.B.A.	J.V. B&G
DEC 19	CORONADO	THERE	4:30	J.V. - VG
DEC 19	BOY S RANCH	PLNV	6:00	J.V. - VB
DEC 29-30	SLATON TOURNEY	THERE	T.B.A.	VG
DEC 29-31	SUNDOWN TOURNEY	THERE	T.B.A.	VB
JAN 6	CROSBYTON	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
JAN 9	SMYER	HERE	5:00	J.V. - VB
JAN 9	IDALOU	THERE	4:00	J.V. - VG
JAN 13	NEW DEAL	THERE	T.B.A.	J.V. - VG
JAN 13	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	J.V. - VB
JAN 16	ROOSEVELT	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
JAN 20	POST	THERE	5:00	J.V. - V B&G
JAN 23	SHALLOWATER	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
JAN 27	IDALOU	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
JAN 30	NEW DEAL	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
FEB 3	ROOSEVELT	THERE	5:00	J.V. - V B&G
FEB 6	POST	HERE	4:00	J.V. - V B&G
FEB 10	SHALLOWATER	THERE	5:00	J.V. - V B&G
FEB 13	IDALOU	THERE	T.B.A.	J.V. - VB
FEB 17	NEW DEAL	THERE	T.B.A.	J.V. - VB

News from the Tahoka Care Center

Residents and staff would like to thank Julie Uptain and the Christmas Choir bells for coming to entertain the residents at Tahoka Care Center the residents really enjoyed their performance. Thank you, also thanks to the Sweet Street Gospel singers for coming every Monday your very much appreciated for your time and volunteer. Thanks again.

Employees would also like to say a very big thank you to Henrietta Burleson for the Thanksgiving meal she prepared for the staff. Thank you from employees at Tahoka Care Center.

Residents and staff would like to welcome Lonelle Blackwell back to the facility, slao we would like to wish John McLelland and Gladys Kay a speedy recovery.

Our annual residents Christmas party will be held at Tahoka Care Center on Saturday December 13 at 3:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Families and friends are invited to come and celebrate with their loved ones.

If you or anyone you know would like to come and volunteer your time or make any type of donation please contact Josie at 998-5018.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

On December 11-13 the Varsity Leopards will play in a tournament in O'Donnell. December 15 the Jr. High will host Southland. The Leopards will host the Lubbock Comets on December 16, this will also be the last day to buy a raffle ticket for the prize filled stocking.

Student Council sponsored a poster contest for the great American Smokout. Winners of the contest were: Maribel Mirales, 6th grade and Jessica Gomez, 6th grade.

New Home School Menu

- November 15-19
Breakfast
- Monday-Cinnamon Roll
 - Tuesday-Waffles w/syrup
 - Wednesday-Biscuit/Sausage
 - Thursday-Cinnamon Pastry
 - Friday-Breakfast burrito
- Lunch
- Monday- Chicken fry on bun, waffle fries, pickle slices, strawberry shortcake
 - Tuesday- Fish shapes, mac & cheese, carrot/cucumber, lettuce/tomato
 - Wednesday-Frito pie, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, orange half
 - Thursday-Corn dog, breaded okra, carrot/cucumber
 - Friday-Pizza, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, chocolate pudding

New Home Leopards and Lady Leopards Go! Fight! Win!

Tahoka Tumblers Compete In Idalou

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the Idalou tumbling meet on Saturday, December 6. The following entries were awarded:

First place: Jeff Ballard, Brock Howard, Natalie Stice, Morgan Zapata, Olivia Hammonds, Kendra DeLeon, Curry Lehman, Shelbee Forsythe, Megan Alvarado, Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, Kayla Long, Sabrina Moralez.

Second place winners were: Bryan Williams, Ashton Steffey, Haley Stephens, Bianca Resendez, Andrea Garcez, Miranda DeLeon, Amanda Anderson, Ashlee Anderson, Alyssa Pesina, Laura Henderson, Kimmie Jones, Kirsten Stice, Kaitlyn Lehman, Taryn Bishop, Kenzie Angeley.

Third place winner was Elizabeth Calzonit.

Lynn County merchants appreciate your business!

Tahoka School Menu

November 15-19

Breakfast

- Monday-Cereals w/ graham crackers
- Tuesday- Breakfast pocket
- Wednesday-French toast sticks w/ syrup
- Thursday-Blueberry muffin
- Friday- Pop Tart

Lunch

- Monday-Cheeseburger, BLT chicken sand., PBJ sandwich, shaker salad, later tots, lettuce, tomato, pickle, pineapple tidbits
- Tuesday- Meatloaf, grilled cheese sand., PBJ sandwich, ceasar salad, green beans, pear half
- Wednesday-Pepperoni Pizza, sloppy joe on bun, PBJ sand., shaker salad, buffalo fries, tossed salad, mini ice cream bar
- Thursday-Chili dog, turkey and cheese sand., PBJ sand., ceasar salad, lettuce & pickle, pudding
- Friday-Ravioli w/ bread sticks, soft taco, PBJ sand., shaker salad, tossed salad, celery stick w/PB, choice of fruit



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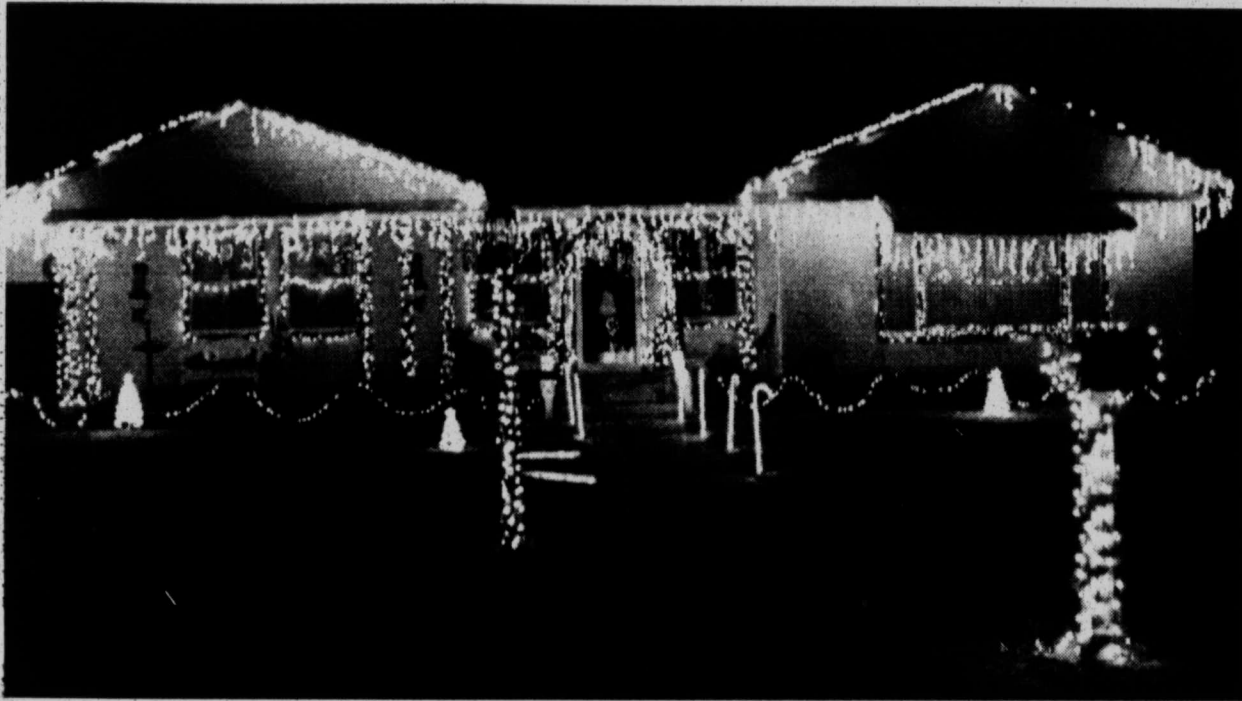
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SANTA VISITS LYNTEGAR - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative in Tahoka has a festive Christmas window featuring Santa Claus and a wagon full of toys. (LCN PHOTO)



ALL LIT UP FOR CHRISTMAS - This home at 1613 N. 3rd in Tahoka is adorned with many lights for the Christmas season. (LCN PHOTO)

When a man has equipped himself by thought and study for a bigger job, it usually happens that promotion comes along even before it is expected.

-Percy G. Winnett



While ligament tears can cause serious setbacks in an athlete's career, a similar injury can mean surgery and rehabilitation for your frisky kitty or romping rover.

According to Dr. Sharon Kerwin, an associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears and cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) injuries, as they are referred to in animals, occur almost as often as they do in humans.

"Cats and dogs have the same ligaments that we have in our knees," says Kerwin. "The cruciate ligament stabilizes your femur and your tibia so you don't get too much motion between those two bones."

CCL tears in cats often occur the same way ACL tears occur in humans. Often, there is some traumatic injury that occurs as a result of jumping from high places, playing or getting the animal's leg caught in something.

"It takes a fair bit of force to rupture a cruciate ligament, and it tends to occur more often in overweight cats," says Kerwin.

However, in dogs, this injury is often the result of a chronic degeneration of the ligament and occurs 10 times more frequently than it does in cats.

"In dogs, we think the injury may be related to weight and body structure, meaning that some large breeds such as Rottweilers, Labradors and Chow Chows, may be predisposed to CCL injuries," said Kerwin. "We think it's either the shape of their tibia or the shape of their femur that predisposes them to this injury."

A ruptured ligament is usually characterized by limping or inactivity. In cats, they will not want to play the way they used to, and dogs will often appear lame and sit awkwardly with their leg sticking out, signaling a possible knee problem.

Kerwin says if your pet shows signs of an injured leg, schedule an appointment with your veterinarian who will conduct a lameness exam in order to diagnose the problem.

The injury is often treated in cats with medical management by placing overweight felines on a strict diet with exercise restriction for three to six weeks, followed by a check-up measuring progress. If the injury fails to heal, surgery is often recommended to explore and stabilize the joint.

But when dogs are afflicted with CCL injuries, many times the only

CONGRESSMAN VISITS - U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer (inset) visited with area residents at a Town Hall meeting held last Thursday morning at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The congressman touched on several issues relating to agriculture, the energy bill, U.S. troops in Iraq, medicare/prescription drugs and other issues, answering questions from about 25 people who attended the meeting. Neugebauer also has a new website, www.house.gov/neugebauer, where people of the 19th District can learn more about what is going on in Congress that affects them directly, and constituents can also sign up for monthly e-newsletters on the website to keep informed. (LCN PHOTO)



Serving Our Country

Lynn County residents are proud of the men and women serving in our country's armed forces. Listed here are those from or related to those from Lynn County. Submit information/photos to The Lynn County News, PO Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 or e-mail to lcnews@llano.net.

Air Force Airman Scott L. Long has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Long is the son of Lynn Long of Tahoka, and grandson of Lee Jones of Early, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of Tahoka High School.

TDH Issues Flu Advisory, Urges People To Get Shots

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has issued a statewide health advisory reporting heavier-than-usual influenza activity in the state and urging people to get a flu shot.

"It's not unusual to have flu occur this early in the season. What's unusual is to have this much of it this early," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez.

Influenza, or flu, has been reported in several Texas counties.

"Get a flu shot," Sanchez advised. "That's the first line of defense."

Authorities report that the flu vaccine is in plentiful supply this year. People wanting to get a flu shot should contact their doctors, employers or local public health departments or watch for announcements from supermarkets and other businesses offering the shot to the public.

Flu season officially begins in October and runs through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in January and February.

This season's vaccine protects against the A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong strains of the influenza virus and against other similar strains.

Most people six months or older can receive the flu vaccine, but it is especially encouraged for children 6

months to 23 months, people 50 and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, diabetics, women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, people with weakened immune systems and people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory, heart or kidney conditions.

It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be effective.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

As a flu control measure, Sanchez stressed that people with flu symptoms should stay home to avoid infecting classmates or colleagues.

Influenza is not a reportable illness in Texas, so exact flu case numbers are not known. Instead, TDH relies on a surveillance network of reporting sites around the state to track influenza levels and identify circulating strains of the virus.

More information about the flu is available online at: www.tdh.state.tx.us

It must be confessed that the inventors of the mechanical arts have been much more useful to men than the inventors of syllogisms.

-Voltaire

Simplicity, honesty and sincerity are qualities that give character to people and to things produced by people.

-William Feather

Santa Claus is coming to Town!
WOULD YOU LIKE SANTA TO VISIT YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD?
A few eighth grade students from Tahoka Middle School will travel to Washington D.C. in June 2004. To help defray some of the travel expenses, they are having several fundraisers. This one involves Santa Claus!
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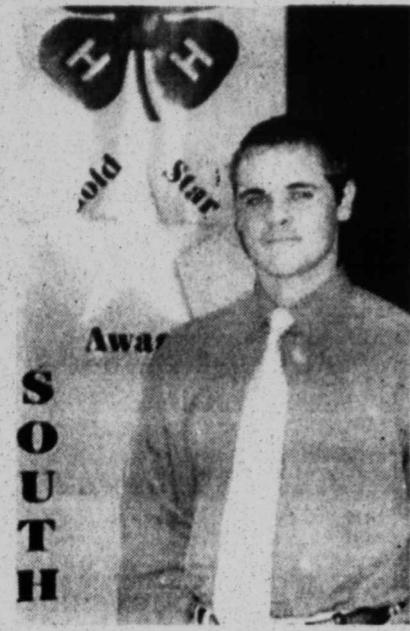
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BRADY ASKEW



JUSTIN SMITH

Askew, Smith, Among Top 4-H Members Honored

Two outstanding 4-H Club members from Lynn County were honored at the South Plains District 2 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Monday, No-

Second Team Honors Go To Four Bulldogs

Four Tahoka High School football players were named to the second team all-district 4-AA announced last week. Second team honors are considered very good in the strong district dominated by Shallowater, which lost in the state playoff semi-finals.

All four of the Bulldogs honored are underclassmen, as were four of the five other Bulldogs named honorable mention, a hint that the Dogs definitely should be improved next season.

"The Bulldogs are currently working harder than ever to rebuild for next year," said Coach Troy Hinds. "The young guys are maturing and preparing to represent Tahoka in the future."

Named to the second team offense were tight end Josh Schwartz, a junior; wide receiver Colby Gardner, sophomore; and punter James DeLeon, junior. Junior Zach Gutierrez was selected on the second defensive team as linebacker.

Honorable mention went to sophomore lineman Nathan Garcia, on both offense and defense, junior Dustin Brookshire, offensive guard Robert Baker, a junior; sophomore defensive back Jeremy Antu, and running back Landon Bartley, a senior.

November 24, in Lubbock, at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena.

Among the District's top 4-Her's who were honored, were Brady Askew, son of Ty and Sharla Askew of Tahoka, and Justin Smith, son of Lynn and Kim Smith of New Home. Pam Foster, 4-H Regional Program Director, was the keynote speaker.

"Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H attended the banquet to honor the county winners," Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent, said.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work and be active in 4-H. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Brad Davis, Regional 40H Specialist.

The awards were presented by Jett Major, District Extension Administrator and Brad Davis, Regional 4-H Specialist 4-H for Texas Cooperative Extension, 4-H is the youth program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

The honorees were also recognized for their achievement by Texas Senator Robert Duncan who had representatives Katies Yates and Jessica Price from his Lubbock office present a certificate to each Gold Star winner. The winners were also presented with a letter from U.S. Senator John Cornyn by his Lubbock office representative, Jane Kiser.

Lynn County Area Cotton Bale Count

Bale Count as reported by the following area gins on Tuesday this week:

New Home Coop-Lakeview	33,300
Wilson Coop Gin-Wilson	16,600
Farmers Coop Assn. #1-Tahoka	15,794
Farmers Coop Gin-O'Donnell	13,840
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	11,437
Wells Coop Gin	11,250
Grassland Coop Gin	2,130
Dempsey Gin	1,395
TOTAL	105,746

(Bale counts will be reported weekly until harvest is completed)

Comic Book No Pipe Dream For Former Tahoka Grad

It wasn't a pipe dream after all. Justin Spearman, a South Plains College commercial art student from Tahoka, has a comic book with his name on the cover.

Spearman completed the mammoth illustrating project during a month this summer in time for its unveiling. "There is a giant comic book convention every year in San Diego, attended by more than 100,000 people. A group of guys loosely affiliated with Lucid Comics got a table and booth there," he explained. The comic book, "Osiris," a tale of a man torn between modern times and the Egyptian underworld, is now available at Star Book Comics and Ralph's Records and Tapes in Lubbock and on the web at www.lucidcomics.com. It's tabbed for mature readers. Writer is Stephen Phillips.

Spearman, originally from Dallas, had grown up on the Ninja Turtles and Star Wars and read his first comic book, X-Men, at the age of 10. "It was written by Chris Claremont and drawn by Mark Sylvester. It blew me away," he recalled. But producing a comic book "was always way in the back of my head as a childish pipe dream," he said.

A few years ago, however, he became interested again in comics. He learned how to draw the classic comic book style illustrations but he knew little if any of how to incorporate the necessary software programs into his art. He wanted to study professionally and enrolled in the two-year design communications program at South Plains College in Levelland.

He had moved to Tahoka and graduated in 1995 from Tahoka High School. "I decided I needed to go to school. I did not know what I was doing or what I wanted to do. I came out here and talked to Mr. (Paul)

Davidson, instructor in design communications at SPC. He took me on a tour of the program and I talked to other people. It is a really good program."

Spearman learned how to colorize the cover using Adobe PhotoShop and Illustrator programs used in his commercial art classes. "I produced the cover, inside and ads through what I learned on programs in this class.

"Everything I learned about the production end of it, everything I can't do with a pencil and pen, I learned here," he explained. It has been really helpful," explained Spearman.

"Osiris" is not the first comic book Spearman has been involved with. He had earlier sent a sample of his work to Marvel Comics, a world leader in comics, but they had sent him a form rejection notice. Understandably, he was discouraged. His professor talked it over with him.

"Justin has a lot of fortitude," said Davidson. "They (students) have dreams; there's no denying that, but sometimes they practice forever. You have to pursue those dreams and know where you stand. I pushed him to go ahead and find out where he stood."

Yet even Davidson was surprised when Spearman came back from his summer hiatus with a full-blown comic book. "I had told him to reach his goals a different way, but I never expected him to publish his own comic book," said Davidson.

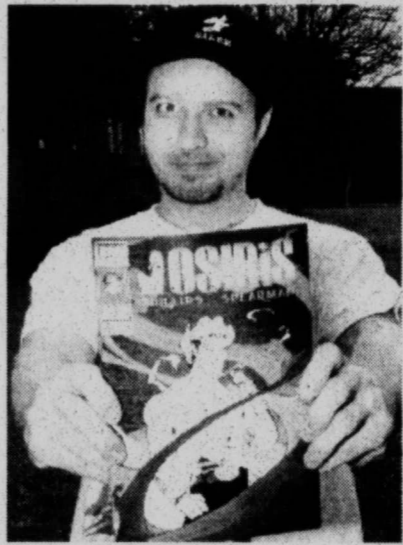
There's an art to producing a comic book. "It's really labor intensive work," explained Spearman. "You have to spend the time beforehand learning how to draw, develop a style of your own, learn the art of storytelling through pictures. Drawing pictures is only half of it. You have to develop a cadence, timing, that sort of thing. If it is done right, it has its own rhythm."

At some point, Spearman would like to develop a story idea he has for younger readers. But for right now, he just wants to get his name out there. "It's the experience at this point of putting a body of work together, getting yourself and your work out there for people to see," he said.

Davidson has high hopes for his protégé. "Justin's artwork is fantastic. He has the speed, and he is a technically-trained artist aware of the different softwares. He could work for any comic book company or could do video story boards in Hollywood."



GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDED PRESENTED- Frank Eaker presented Douglas Taylor with the Golden Trowel Award at a recent Mason's Meeting.



COMIC BOOK MAN — Justin Spearman, a South Plains College commercial art major from Tahoka, displays the comic book he illustrated for a Lubbock comic book company. The comic book is titled "Osiris" and is the story of a man torn between the ancient Egyptian underworld and modern times. (SPC Photo)

Golden Trowel Awarded To Douglas Taylor

On December 2, 2003 Douglas R. Taylor was awarded the Golden Trowel Award, the highest award a Mason can receive.

He was joined by a host of friends and fellow Masons and they all enjoyed a great meal and fellowship.

Study night will be December 22 and the next lodge meeting will be January 6, 2004.

Wilson School Menu

November 15-19

Breakfast

Monday-Breakfast pizza
Tuesday-Egg, sausage cheese bake
Wednesday-Donut
Thursday-Egg, ham, toast
Friday-Breakfast pocket

Lunch

Monday-Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, fries, fruit
Tuesday-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll, fruit
Wednesday-6-12 Salad bar or hot pocket, salad, carrot sticks, fruit, PK-5 Hot pocket salad carrot sticks
Thursday-Beef nachos, rice, beans, salad, fruit
Friday-Sub sandwich, pickle spear, chips, carrot sticks, fruit

8th Grade

Kory Alcalá - Number Sense, Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Dictionary Skills, Listening Skills
Makenzy Buckner - Impromptu Speaking
Danielle Chance - Spelling, Oral Reading
Kyle Hare - Number Sense, Mathematics, Calculator Applications, Listening Skills - 6th place
Brittany Holder - Listening Skills, Spelling - 3rd place
Dain Jones - Number Sense, Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Dictionary Skills, Mathematics, Science II
Billy Kirk - Calculator Applications, Mathematics - 6th place, Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Oral Reading
Marcus Martinez - Spelling
Rayley Parmer - Dictionary Skills - 6th place
Rene Ramirez - Science II - 6th place
Victoria Zepeda - Science, Oral Reading

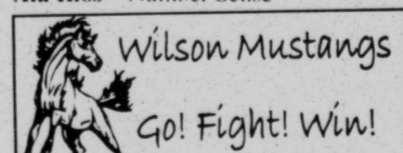
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Wilson Elementary and Junior High U.L.L. teams traveled to New Home to participate in the district U.L.L. meet held on November 3rd and 4th, 2003. Participation and results were as follows:

7th Grade

Stephanie Castro - Dictionary Skills, Oral Reading - 3rd place, Mathematics, Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 4th place
Domenique Escobar - Dictionary Skills - 1st place, Number Sense, Mathematics - 4th place, Science I, Listening Skills - 4th place, Spelling
Brady Evans - Science I - 4th place, Modern Oratory - 1st place, Number Sense - 1st place, Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Oral Reading - 4th place, Listening Skills
Samantha Gill - Spelling - 6th place
Sarah Lindsey - Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Listening Skills - 5th place, Spelling
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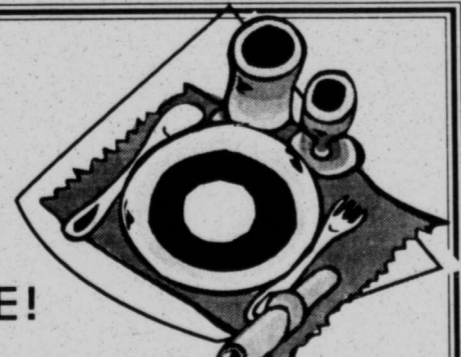
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NO. 2003-2726

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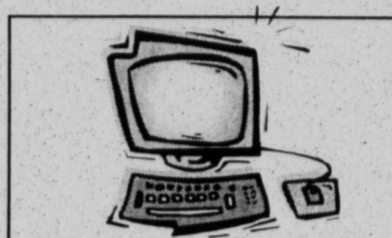
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Tahoka Students Do Well At Middle School Academic Meet

Tahoka sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participated recently in the Middle School Academic UIL Meet held at Idalou Nov. 18, bringing home many awards. The results are as follows:

Ready Writing: 5th, Benjamin Freitag, 6th grade; 6th, Alecia Truelove, 6th grade; 5th, Morgan Fisher, 7th grade; 2nd, Joshua Freitag, 8th grade.
Math: 3rd, DJ Torrez, 6th grade; 5th, Meghann Rivas, 6th grade; 6th, Garret Barham, 6th grade; 2nd Place Team: DJ Torrez, Meghann Rivas, Garret Barham, Matt Taylor

Maps, Graphs & Charts: 1st, Ryan Rios, 6th grade; 1st, Morgan Fisher, 7th grade; 1st Place Overall 6th Grade Team: Ryan Rios, Benjamin Freitag, Reed Williams, Xavier Zamarron; 3rd Place Overall 7th Grade Team: Mitchell Chapa, Morgan Fisher, Valerie Sosa, Adrian Webster

Number Sense: 5th, Morgan Fisher, 7th grade; 3rd, Joshua Freitag, 8th grade; 3rd Place Overall 8th Grade Team: Britt Wuensche, Josh Freitag, Jessica McLelland, Lindsey Barrientez

Dictionary: 1st, Ryan Rios, 6th grade; 3rd Place Overall 6th Grade Team: A'Leesha Truelove, Matt Taylor, Ryan Rios, David Spruill; 3rd Place Overall 7th Grade Team: Monica Moral, Araceli Lopez, Marissa Gomez, Cori Vega

Calculator: 4th, Garret Barham, 6th grade; 5th, Benjamin Freitag, 6th grade; 2nd, Joshua Freitag, 8th grade; 2nd Place Overall 6th Grade Team: Reed Williams, Benjamin Freitag, Stephanie DeLeon, Garret Barham; 3rd Place Overall 8th Grade Team: Levi McKay, Josh Freitag, Alex DeLeon, Jessica McLelland

Spelling: 3rd, Ryan Rios, 6th grade; 1st, Tiffany Lam, 7th grade; 3rd Place Overall 6th Grade Team: Ryan Rios, A'Leesha Truelove, Matt Taylor, Griselda Lopez; 3rd Place Overall 7th Grade Team: A.J. Flores, Araceli Lopez, Monica Morales, Tiffany Lam

Science: 1st, Morgan Fisher, 7th grade; 6th, Alex Robinson, 7th grade; 3rd, Joshua Freitag, 8th grade; 4th, Kristin Box, 8th grade; 1st Place Overall 7th Grade Team: Cori Vega, Valerie Sosa, Morgan Fisher, Alex Robinson; 1st Place Overall 8th Grade Team: Lauren Botkin, Kristin Box, Josh Freitag, Raymond Hernandez

Listening Skills: 4th, Garret Barham, 6th grade; 5th, Matt Taylor, 6th grade; 3rd, Cori Vega, 7th grade; 1st Place Overall 6th Grade Team: Garth Dotson, Matt Taylor, Abby House, Garret Barham

Music Memory: 1st Place 6th Grade Team - A'Leesha Truelove, Benjamin Freitag, Troy Alvarado

Art: 1st Place 6th Grade Team - Raquel Pesina, Jynna Askew, Anissa Alvarado, Griselda Lopez; 1st Place 7th Grade Team - Melania Beard, Crystal Flores, Tiffany Lam, John Salazar; 3rd Place 8th Grade Team - Lindsey Barrientez, Nate Jackson, Levi McKay

Impromptu Speaking: 1st, Graham Henley, 7th grade; 5th, D'Maris Murillo, 7th grade; 5th, Vincent Cowan, 8th grade; 6th, Tyson Porter, 8th grade

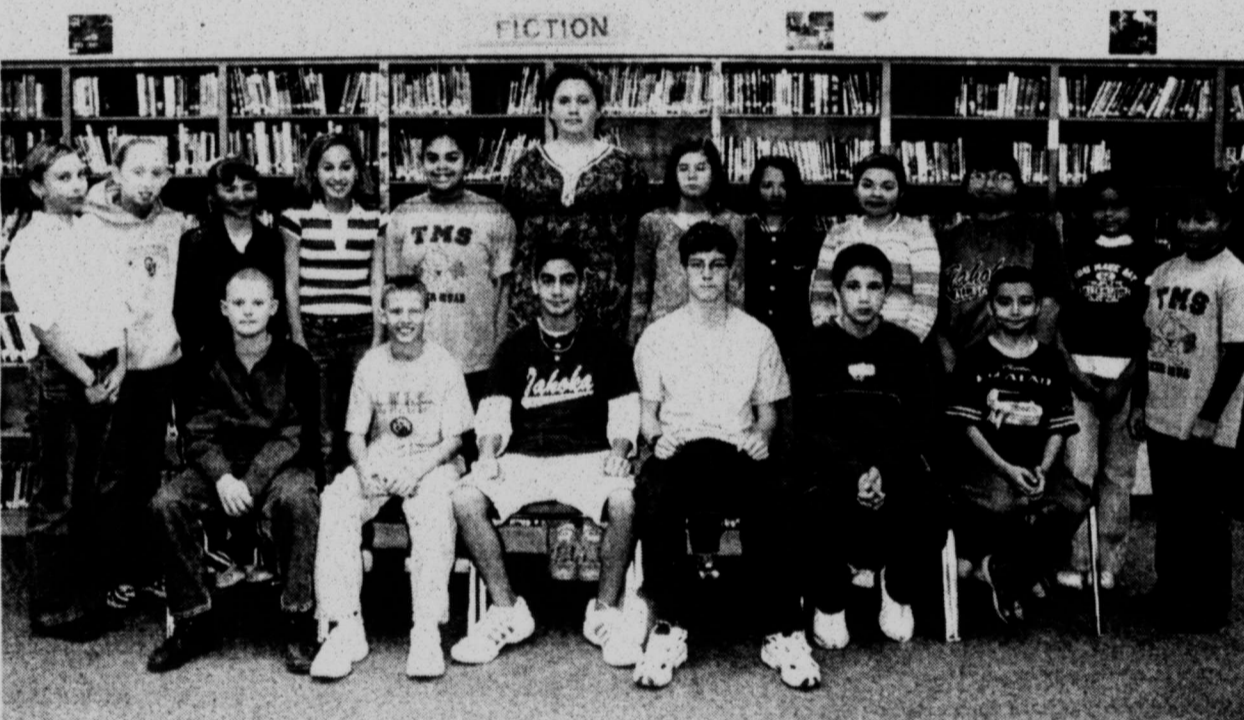
Oral Reading: 1st, Jynna Askew, 6th grade; 5th, Kyra Helm, 6th grade; 6th, Kourtney Sodd, 7th grade; 3rd, Kristin Box, 8th grade; 4th, Bailey Hall, 8th grade



SIXTH GRADE WINNERS - Pictured here are Tahoka sixth grade students who placed at the Middle School Academic Meet in Idalou recently. They are, standing from left, Benjamin Freitag, Ryan Rios, Garret Barham, Reed Williams, David Spruill, Matt Taylor, DJ Torrez, Troy Alvarado, Xavier Zamarron; and seated from left, Meghann Rivas, Jynna Askew, Kyra Helm, Griselda Lopez, Dee Dee Hunter, Abby House, Raquel Pesina, Anissa Alvarado, A'Leesha Truelove. (LCN PHOTO)



EIGHTH GRADE WINNERS - Tahoka eighth grade students who placed at the Middle School Academic Meet in Idalou include, standing from left, Jacob Stephens, Nate Jackson, Tyson Porter, Vincent Cowan, Britt Wuensche, Levi McKay, Joshua Freitag, Raymond Hernandez, Alex DeLeon; and seated from left, Lindsey Barrientez, Bailey Hall, Jessica McLelland, Lauren Botkin and Kristin Box. (LCN PHOTO)



SEVENTH GRADE WINNERS - Tahoka seventh grade students who placed at the Middle School Academic Meet in Idalou recently include, standing from left, Kourtney Sodd, Morgan Fisher, Valerie Sosa, Cori Vega, Monica Morales, Chelse Terry, Melania Beard, Tiffany Lam, Araceli Lopez, Kayla Quintero, Crystal Flores, Marissa Gomez; and seated from left, Graham Henley, Adrian Webster, Mitchell Chapa, Alex Robinson, John Salazar, Martin Rosas. (LCN PHOTO)

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

Varsity Girls Basketball

By Meghan Saldaña
The Lady Dogs defeated Abernathy 76-49 on Dec. 2. Top scorer was Meghan Saldaña 22; Shanti Hood had 14; and Carissa Hall had 12.

JV Boys Basketball

By Colby Gardner
On Nov. 4, the JV Dogs traveled to Abernathy and defeated the Lopes 55-46. The high scorer for the game was Lance Murphy with 18.

JV Girls Basketball

By Brandi Raindl
The JV girls basketball team participated in the Levelland Invitational, Dec. 4-6.

The girls were defeated in their first two games, having an early exit from the tournament. They began the tournament with a loss to Levelland, 44-18. Scorers for the Bulldogs were Porscha Mitchell with 8, Ashley Lam and Callie Botkin each had 4, and Jaquez Justice added 2.

Next, they were defeated by Andrews 40-23. Jessica Chancy was high point with 9 points, and Mitchell, Jaquez, and Stacie Green were next with 3 each.

On December 2, the girls beat Abernathy in a close one, 38-35. Mitchell had 17 points to add to the win, and Green was next with 8.

9th Boys Basketball

by Jessica Antu

The 9th grade boys Bulldogs played the Idalou Wildcats, Monday, Nov. 17. The Bulldogs were defeated 48-20. Daniel Baker was high scorer of the game, scoring eight points. Also scoring were Heath Ross with one, Josh Hawthorne with six, Fidel Garcia with two, and Josh Valdez with three.

They also played New Deal Lions on Monday, Nov. 24. They were defeated 40-12. Valdez was high scorer against the Lions scoring five points. Baker scored four and Hawthorne had three.

They played the Roosevelt Eagles on Monday, Dec. 8. They won 42-41. High scorers against Roosevelt were Matt McLelland with ten points, Valdez with nine and Hawthorne with eight.

They competed in the All Saints tournament, which took place Dec. 4-6. They won 55-35 against Lubbock Trinity; were defeated by Idalou 63-57; and beat All Saints, 44-28. Byron Moore scored 16 against Trinity earning the most points. Other high scorers for the game were Damon Moore with 12, and McLelland with 10. Leading in points for the Idalou game was D. Moore with 16 points. McLelland had 14 and B. Moore had 11. McLelland was high scorer for the All Saints game, earning 13 points.

8th Grade Boys Basketball

by Jessica Wilson
On Dec. 8 the 8th grade Bulldogs played an aggressive game against Post. The boys were victorious 25-22.

High scorers of the night were Josh Freitag, 8 points, and Levi McKay with 6 points.

Their next game will be on our own gym floor against Shallowater on Dec. 15.

8th Grade Girls Basketball

by Mandi Benavidez
The eighth grade Lady Bulldogs matched up against the Post Lady Antelopes. The Lady Dogs lost 27-10.

Top scorers were Lauren Botkin with 6 points, Jessica McLelland and Maegan Hall both had 2 points.

"I think we played good, even through Post's tough defense. I see a lot of improvement after each game, and I see us with a future victory," said Hall.

7th Grade Boys Basketball

by Meredith Pittman
The Bulldogs won 26-22 in their first win of the season Dec. 8 against Post. Top scorer, Adrian Webster, had 7 points; Alex Robinson was close behind with 6. Other scorers were Jacob Bingham, 4; Mitchell Chapa, 4; Antonio Baker, 4; and Kyle Larpenter, 1.

Monday, Dec. 1st the boys lost 43-23 to the Roosevelt Eagles. Webster was top scorer with 10 points; Alan Henderson, 5; Chapa 4; Baker, 2; and Robinson, 2. The boys' next game will be held Dec. 15 at home against the Shallowater Mustangs.

7th Girls Basketball

by Cristal Amador
On Monday, Dec. 8, the 7th grade Lady Bulldogs played against the Post Antelopes. Post was pulverized by Tahoka, and the ending score was 42-6.

High scorer, Cori Vega says about the game, "We ran our plays really well and that helped us to score the points to win the game." Also playing well was Jordan Blasingame with 8 points.

Their next game will be on Dec. 15 at Shallowater.

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