# **Lynn County Voters Elect**



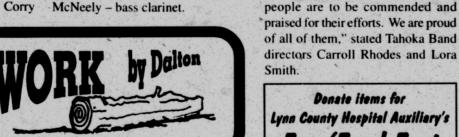
STATE MUSICIANS - These members of the Tahoka High School Band participated in the State Solo and Ensemble contests recently. They are, back row from left, Corry Norwood, Drew Schultz, Mandi Strickland, Amanda Truelove, Jessica Wilson, Cristal Amador, Ashley McNeely; and in front, Dianna Marquez, Jennifer Ceniseros, Corey Green, Sarah Blaylock, K'lyssa Selmon, and Kyndra Selmon.

# THS Band Students Perform At State Contests

Tahoka High School 3-D Band students participated in the UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest at Coronado High School in Lubbock. sembles, which are the hardest levels available.

Earning a rating of Excellent were freshman Amanda Truelove on her memorized clarinet solo and a brass quarter of Sarah Blaylock trumpet, Dru Schultz - trumpet, Jessica Wilson - trombone, and Corry

On Saturday, February 21, 13 Norwood - trombone. Earning a Superior and qualifying for the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest in San Marcus on May 31 were Cristal Amador - flute solo, Mandi All played Class I solos and/or en- Strickland - flute solo, Sarah Blaylock - trumpet solo, flute trio of Corey Green, Dianna Marquez, and nifer Ceniseros, K'lyssa Selmon, and Amanda Truelove, and a woodwind trio of Cristal Amador - flute, Kyndra Selmon - clarinet, and Ashley McNeely - bass clarinet.



I ONLY KNOW what I read in the papers and hear on TV about Martha Stewart's problems, but I still have the feeling she is being unfairly treated. Okay, so she sold stock the day before it dropped sharply in price because she perhaps had "inside" information that it was going down the tubes. Or maybe not; maybe she had decided earlier to sell the stock when it reached a certain low point.

In either case, which of us would not have done the same thing? Would any of the government prosecutors (or jurors) have said, in the same situation, "Okay, I hear that the stock is going to plummet. So I will hold it until it does, and then sell at a big loss."?

Apparently what really angered the government and the court was that she lied about how she learned of the stock's imminent decline. How dare she lie to the government? After all, the government would never lie to any of us.

Martha Stewart apparently will have to serve time in jail, maybe less than a year or perhaps two years or more. The government is trying to send a message that you don't mess with Big Brother.

I heard a jerk (Jim Rome) on radio Monday laughing about how she will have to serve time in jail, "taking showers with females involved in gang fights and carrying razor blades...I'm sure the other inmates won't be impressed with her knowledge of how to make your cell look better with curtains..."

What really irritates me about that case is that people who really do awful things like murder, rape and lying to everybody don't get punished. Richard Nixon lied and never went to jail, as did Bill Clinton, who lied almost daily, and did a lot of other things considered terrible, especially for a President. Michael Jackson probably won't serve any jail time.

And what about these weird people like Rosie O'Donnell (don't ever watch another of her movies) who "marry" someone of the same gender and claim it's the right thing to do? They don't get punished for breaking God's laws (at least not now).

I used to have a dog named Freddie. He loved me, no matter what I did, and I liked him a lot. Maybe I could have married my dog down at the San Francisco city hall. And we could file joint tax returns, and deduct for rabies shots and flea powder.

Well, it was a pretty good jump from Martha Stewart to San Francisco. But anyway, the jury agreed that she was guilty, and sent a message that even the rich and famous are answerable to the law, especially if money is involved.

It appears that if you want to break a law and avoid punishment, kill or rape somebody. But don't make any money out of the crime.

THE PESSIMIST on Ave. P says good health is not that big a deal, claiming that "health is merely the slowest possible rate at which

#### Jerry D. Franklin will be the new Sheriff of Lynn County, voters decided in Tuesday's Democratic Primary. Franklin had 744 votes compared to 600 for incumbent Bob Wilson, according to figures released by the County Clerk's Office Wednesday morning. No other contested local races were decided in the prima-

The Primary win means that Franklin will be the only candidate for Sheriff in the November General Election. Officially, Franklin, who is currently a deputy at the Sheriff's Department, may take the title of Sheriff in January 2005 for a four-year

County officials note that the results are not official until the ballots are canvassed by Lynn County Commissioners in a meeting set for Friday morning.

Sheriff Bob Wilson was appointed to his position by Lynn County Commissioners in April 2003, following the resignation of Jake Diggs. During his term, Wilson seized a county-line game room to eliminate eight-liners in the county and initiated a warrant roundup for hot checks, and equipped deputies with bullet-proof vests, among other accomplishments noted in campaign statements.

Franklin, a lifelong resident of the county, has worked as a Lynn County Deputy for 11 years, five of which he served as Chief Deputy. He is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lynn County, and holds Basic, Intermediate and Advanced



**Franklin As New Sheriff** 

**JERRY D. FRANKLIN** 

Peace Officer Certificates. He and his wife Nancy have four children and five grandchildren

"I would like to thank everyone for supporting me in this election," Franklin told The News Wednesday morning. "I will be very dedicated and will work hard for the citizens of Lyan County," he added.

There were 1,393 ballots cast in the Democratic Primary in Lynn County, and 18 Republican Primary voters.

In other election results, Lynn voters chose Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry with 377 votes, for Joe Lieberman, 31 for Wesley K. Clark, 28 for Al Sharpton, 26 for Dick Gephardt, 12 for Dennis Kucinich, 11 for Randy Crow, and 9 for Lyndon

Locally, District Attorney Ricky B. Smith received 736 votes, County Attorney James Napper had 778 votes, County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce had 979 votes, Pct. 1 Commissioner Don Morton had 190 votes, and Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair had 260 votes. All were unopposed on the Democratic Primary ballot, but the District Attorney and Pct. 3 Commissioner both have unopposed challengers in the Republican Primary. Brian L. Kingston, Republican challenger for District Attorney, had 16 votes in the Primary, and Pct. 3 challenger Glenn Heinrich had 3 votes. Both those races will be determined in the November General Election.

U.S. Representative (Dist. 19) Charles Stenholm had 881 votes in the Democratic Primary, while Rep. Randy Neugebauer had 16 votes in the Republican Primary. They will face off in the November election, as well contenders for State Representative in District 85, with Republican Kent Sharp (17 votes in the Lynn Republican Primary) facing Democrat James E. "Pete" Laney (862 votes in the Lynn Democratic Pri-

Lynn voters voted against a referendum to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare programs, by followed by 176 votes for John 860 to 216 votes, and approved an-Edwards, 56 for Howard Deap, 50 other referendum for a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases, with 682 voting for and 387 voting

# Teacher Contracts Renewed; TISD To Begin Program For 3-Year-Olds

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees renewed teacher contracts for all but two teachers Tuesday night during their regular board meeting, and trustees

approved adoption of a Head Start program for qualifying three-yearold children.

Middle School/High School computer teacher Robert Rasa is retiring at the end of the 2003-04 school year after three years with the district, and Business/Computer teacher Kenneth Ross' contract was terminated at the end of this school year. Ross, who is completing his second year at TISD, has a probationary contract, which means the district may terminate employment without a hearing process.

Elementary Principal James Baker presented a video regarding the Head-Start program for threeyear-olds, and some discussion regarding the program had been held during the previous board meeting. Trustees voted unanimously for the district to contract with Shapes Head Start to implement the program for the 2004-05 school year. The program is federally funded, and school officials will work with Head Start to help locate children who may qualify.

"Head Start already has a system in place in which they interview the family and rank the students based on the most need, to make the determination of who qualifies for the program," Superintendent Jimmy Parker told The News.

He said the class would have up to 17 students in a full-day program similar to the 4-year-old program already in place at TISD. One teacher and an assistant will oversee the

In other business, trustees approved a textbook list as presented by the textbook committee, and renewed a shared service arrangement with Lubbock ISD Regional Day

School Program for the Deaf, that would allow access to the program for Tahoka students if needed.

Several guests attended the meeting for a presentation by Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and students, at the beginning of the meeting.

Trustees set Monday, March 22 at 9 a.m. for school board candidates to draw for ballot positions in the upcoming school board election. The candidates will meet at the Harvick Educational Building for the process.

Supt. Parker presented information to the board on the proposed 2004-05 school calendar, and said that the proposed calendar will be published soon in The Lynn County News for public comment, before being considered for adoption in

The next board meeting was set for April 13 at 7 p.m.

Six of seven trustees were present for the meeting led by Board President Math Bartley, including Frank McLelland, Leighton Knox Jr., Carmen Chapa, Valton Stephens and Jimmy Dorman. Trustee Joe Calvillo was absent from the meeting.

### year terms - Lonnie Paul Donald (I), J.B. Kirk, Janie Rios (1); and a spe-

cial election for a 2-year unexpired term, for which no candidate has City of New Home: Three coun-

council seats, 2-year terms. Filing:

Mayor Jackie Bishop (1); Council

members: Oscar Follis (I) and Cody

Wilson ISD: 4 seats: Three 3-

cil seats, 2-year terms. Filing: Dale Clem (1), Jesus Ramirez. New Home ISD: 3 seats, 3-year

terms. Filing: Michael White (I), Angie Kieth, Leo Torres, Jr., Kevin Mitchell (1), Paula Ford. City of O'Donnell: Mayor and

2 council seats, 2-year terms. Filing for Mayor: James Williams (I), Maurice Jackson, Jamie Casillas; Filing for Council: Harry Howell (I), Max Mendieta, Anita Guajardo (1).

O'Donnell ISD: 3 seats, 3-year terms. Filing: Kirby Williams (I),

**Lynn County Hospital District:** 2 seats, 3-year terms. Filing: Dalton Wood (1), Joan Knox (1).

# Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 3	51	39	0.13"
March 4	58	42	0.84"
March 5	63	43	0.31"
March 6	71	39	
March 7	59	39	
March 8	68	40	
March 9	67	39	1000

Total Precipitation to date: 5.32"

# 16 Add Names To **Candidate Lists** City of Wilson: Mayor and 2

Monday, March 15 is the last day for candidates to file for area school, city and hospital board elections in Lynn County, but several elections are already creating interest with contested races for Tahoka and New Home school boards, and O'Donnell City Council, where there are three candidates for mayor. Since The News report last week, 16 candidates have filed in various city and school elections, and the hospital election.

This is the second year in a row

for the woodwind trio of Amador,

McNeely, and Selmon to advance to

state and for Mandi Strickland.

Cristal has made it to State the past

people and how much they have

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multitude of hours. Because of ob-

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just three days. All of these young

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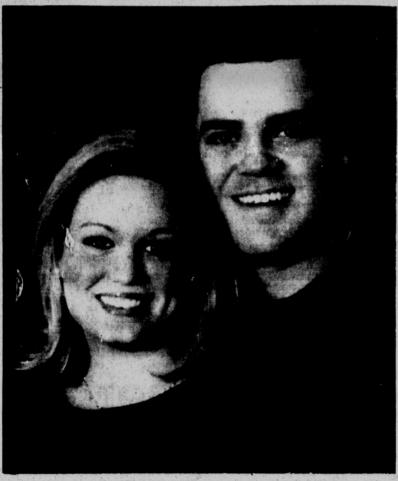
"We are excited for these young

All elections will be held May 15, with early voting set for April 28 through May 11.

Following is a list of all elections in Lynn County, with incumbents listed with an (I), and those who filed during the last week listed in italics.

City of Tahoka: 3 single-member district council seats, 2-year terms. Filing: District 2 - Clara Calvillo (I); District 4 - Jay Dee House (I); District 5 - Ray Box (I).

Tahoka ISD: 3 single-member district seats, 3-year terms. Filing: Precinct 1'- Leighton Knox Jr. (I), Kent Kahl; Precinct 2 - Joe Calvillo (I), Kelly Draper, Danny Paris; Precinct 5 - Carmen Chapa (I).



### **ASHLIE RUTH WILKES and LYLE SHANE ZANT** Couple Announce Engagement

Leland and Susan Zant of New Home announce the engagement of their son. Lyle Shane, to Ashlie Ruth Wilkes, daughter of Wren and Natalie Howard of Meadow

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Billie Lane and the late Jim Lane, and Dale and Ethellynn Zant, all of New Home

The future bride-elect is a graduate of Meadow High School and attends Texas Tech. The future bridegroom is a graduate of New Home High School and Angelo State University in San Angelo and is employed by Excel in

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### **Case Of Forgery Investigated Here**

Police this week investigated a report that a white male had cashed a forged check in the amount of \$401 at a Tahoka business. Later it was learned that a suspect in this case and in other forgeries in Dawson County. was in jail at Lamesa. Investigation was continuing.

In jail during the week were three persons for driving while intoxicated, first offense, eight for possession of drugs, two on traffic warrants, with one of these also held for possible revocation of probation on a theft charge, and one for public intoxication. Two more persons were being held for the Border Patrol.

Total jail population as of Wednesday was 44, with 22 held for Lubbock County

# Energy Assistance. **Funding Available**

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the 2004 calendar year.

The primary intent of this program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow and care flight arrived. for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For more information about the program, contact Odelia Sastre or Sara Alvarado at the local SPCAA center at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call 998-4521 for an appointment.



HONORED AT RETIREMENT - Hilton Wood (center) was honored with a retirement reception Friday, March 5, 2004 after 45 years of service and no lost time injuries to Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. Wood started out with Lyntegar in 1958 in the engineering department. In 1964 he became the material clerk in the store room and in 1966 became the store room supervisor. He became pole inspector in 1989 and finished out his career with Lyntegar in that position. Shown with Wood is the General Manager, Jim Payne (right) and Glen Anderson (left).

### **Amy White Earns Red Cross Honors**

Former Tahoka resident, Amy White, was recently honored with a National Certificate of Merit by American Red Cross. She received this honor for her life-saving attempt to save a teenage girl in a fatal accident in Abilene, Tx during the Thanksgiving holidays in 2002. The accident involved six passengers in an overturned SUV. Using her American Red Cross training, White analyzed the scene then performed CPR on the young girl until paramedics

In 2003, Amy was appointed President of the ARC Staff Council of the American Red Cross for Dallas, Denton, Kaufman and Ellis countics. White is the Database Manager for the Dallas Area American Red

Amy is the daughter of Janet Porterfield, of Tahoka and the late Jim Bob Porterfield. She resides in Arlington.

# Local Students Included In Who's Who Book

A total of 48 students from this area are included in the 37th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students,

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 97% of Who's Who students are college bound.

Local students selected include; from O'Donnell, Stephanie A. Barrera, Jacqueline M. Bosque, Oscar Calzada Jr., Anthony Castillo, Jacoby Gomez, Trent Hancock, Tiftany Hernandez, Sara Olvera, Gavin Ramirez, Senaida Rodriguez, Jasmine Barron, Rebecca Brewer, Mark Cano, Briana Garza, Jacob Guenther, Micah Hensley, Amber Mott, Cassandra Price, Sebastian Rodriguez. Karen Wells; from Tahoka, Chris Ashbrook, Callie Botkin, Logan Cannon, Victoria Charo, Mitchell Elrod, Ashley Gill, Corey Green, Maurio Gutierrez, James Holdren, Cody Kieth, Lance Lankford, Ashley McNeely, Heather Parsons, Josh Pridmore, Haleigh Ross, Kirsten Tillman, Jeanine Wilson. Lindsey Bishop, Kalese Hammonds, Kyndel Byrd, Marissa Chapa, Krista Cloe, Shelley Gandy, Miranda Gomez, Stacie Green, Jessica Holder Lana Jones, Stephanie Kieth, Leigh McAfee, Keiva Norwood, Diana Pena, Samuel Pridmore, Thomas Stone, Delci Willis, Jessica Wilson; from Wilson, Casey Bolyard, Brady Cross, Lorena Gonzalez, Kristi Shipley, Nicholas Simmons, Richard Valdez, Landon Wilke, Kyle Comey, Kayla Durham, Leticia Hernandez, Misti Shipley, Justin Smith, Lauren Wied, Brittanye Wood; and from New Home, Michael Garcia, Shea Wilkinson, and

STORK REPORT

Grant Connolly Fleming was born to Keri Bryan and Eric Fleming of San Antonio on Sunday, February 29, 2004 at 12:31 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches

Grandparents are Joe and Cindy Bryan of Abilene and Bill and Judy Fleming of Mayflower, Arkansas.

Zachariah Ariel was born to Rod and Jana Jennings of Lubbock on Tuesday, February 10, 2004. He weighed 8lbs.

He has three brothers; Beau, Brit and Russ.

Grandparents are Edgar and Joanne Hammonds of Tahoka and Allene Jennings of Lubbock.

### **Lexi Wied Named To National Dean's List**

Lexi M. Wied, a Texas Tech University student from Wilson, is among the approximately 170,000 students included in the 26th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List,

The National Dean's List published by Educational Communications, Inc.. Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referra; service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about The National Dean's List visit www.thenationaldeanslist.com.

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### **County To Get Discount For Jail Healthcare**

Lynn County may deduct 10 percent off each bill for jail inmate healthcare from Lynn County Hospital District, county officials learned Monday at the regular meeting. County Judge H.G. Franklin informed commissioners that Hospital Administrator Dan Powers had sent a letter to Sheriff Bob Wilson informing him of the discount to help the county reduce jail inmate healthcare costs. Commissioners had met recently with hospital board members and Powers for healthcare discussions

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In other business, commissioners were informed of the proposed contract with Garza County to house inmates at the Lynn County Jail. Judge Franklin said the contract was not ready for approval, but if approved the housing would start on March 15 at a cost of \$30 per day per inmate paid to Lynn County by Garza

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. All four commissioners and others were present for the short session.

# City Awards Bid For Cemetery Maintenance

Tahoka city council members approved a three-year contract for cemetery maintenance at their regular monthly meeting Monday night. Only one bid was submitted for the proposal, from Tommy Tejeda, which the council accepted in the amount of \$13,000 per year for three years. Tejeda had the cemetery maintenance contract for the previous year.

In other business, monthly bills were approved. Franchise agreement renewals with Charter Communications Inc. and Excel Energy Inc. were tabled for a later meeting.

Mayor Mike Mensch led the meeting, with council members Ray Box. Rudy Fuentes, Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston present as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and others. Councilman Jay Dee House was absent.





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# Charles "Charlie" **Clements Brown**

Services for Charles Clements Brown, 53, of Mansfield, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Reverend Richard Harbison officiating. Interment will follow in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka

He died Friday, March 5, 2004 at The St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon.

Brown was born November 25. 1950 in Tahoka. He was the son of Joy Edwin and Dorothy Evelyn Brown of Tahoka. Charlie graduated from Tahoka High School in 1969. While attending school in Tahoka, he played football, basketball, golf, and baseball. He attended West Texas State University at Canyon, where he majored in physical education and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He coached high school football in Seminole, Roosevelt and Iowa Park. After coaching for several years he worked in the sales department of Graff Chevrolet in Grand Prairie, for about 15 years. He then relocated to Bend,

His parents preceded him in death. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by two children, Cameron Logan Brown and Tashiana Dawn Brown; four sisters, Jan Orr of Tahoka, Barbara Harris, Teresa Armes, and Kim White, all of Lubbock; and six nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the American Heart Association of charity of

7:30 p.m.

# **Henry Foster Ray**

Funeral services for Henry Foster Ray, 98, of Bloomfield, N.M. were held at 9 a.m. Monday, March 8 at the Church of Christ in Aztec, N.M. with J.B. Harrington officiating. Local services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8 at White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka, followed by interment in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Bell County, Texas to John B. and Ida (Foster) Ray. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He married Mildred James Houston in Aztec, N.M. in 1956.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Roberta Kerns Ray; daughter, Jo Rita Lowe; three brothers and

Survivors include his wife Mildred; daughter, Billie Osler of Kalispell, Montana; four stepchildren, Linda Gillentine, Illa Vaughn, Ima McKee, all of Bloomfield, and James Houston of Aztec; one brother, Johnny Ray of Post; and numerous grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mrs. Guadalupe Rodriguez, 68, of Tahoka, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004 in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Jesse Morales officiating, under the direction

She died Tuesday, March 3, in

April'23, 1935 in Robstown to the late Emeterio and Luz Castillo Zuniga. She married Santos Rodriguez in North Hollywood, California on June 4, 1978. Mrs. Rodriguez was a homemaker and a resident of Lynn County since 1959.

Survivors include her husband. Santos Q. Rodriguez of Tahoka; one sister, Lucy Zuniga of Tahoka; and one sister-in-law, Rachel Corona of

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; Manuel F. Zuniga and Johnny Corona and one sister, Leonarda Corona.

Graveside services for Fred John Griffith, 77, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Petersburg Cemetery in Petersburg with Ron Fant, minister of Tahoka Church of Christ, officiating. He died Sun-

Griffith was born September 16, 1926 in Altamont, North Dakota to Visitation will be Friday at the late Henry Leon and Ina Blethen Families In Crisis Griffith. He graduated from Backus. Minnesota High School. He moved to Tahoka from Lovington, N.M. in 2003. He married Pauline J. Perkins on November 20, 1955 in Artesia, N.M. He was a self-employed heavy duty mechanic. He was a Veteran of

> He was preceded in death by a son, Lindell Charles Harland on

> Survivors include his wife, Pauline J. Griffith of Tahoka; a son, ter, Linda Lynn Boling of Lubbock; two sisters, Dorothy Graumer of Iowa and Shirley Zigmund of Pine River, Minn; and two grandchildren.

#### **SPC Job Fair Scheduled April 13**

South Plain's College's 25th annual Job Fair, scheduled April 13, is expected to attract several hundred job-hunters as well as primary employers representing a wide variety of career fields throughout

the region. There's no charge The job fair is open to current and former SPC students as well as the general public and is scheduled 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Sundown Room of the Student Center.

Employer deadline for registering for the job fair is March 31, according to Susan Rushing, SPC placement counselor and job fair coordinator. Employers can set up their booths beginning at 9 a.m. April 13 and tear them down about 3 p.m.

"A wide variety of employers from the South Plains and other parts of Texas and New Mexico are expected to attend this year," noted Rushing. Students and other potential job applicants will be able to meet with potential employers, fill out job applications and possibly interview for a job that day: "Appropriate grooming and dress are essential for this event," said Rushing

Employers include those in agriculture, banks, call centers, communications, construction, education, engineering services, finance and loan, food distribution, food services, general, government, home and health care, human services, industrial, insurance, law enforcement, managed food services, manufacturing/distribution, medical, non profit, nursing home, retail, security guard service, social services, software development, telecommunications, transportation, travel centers and

Rushing noted that "along with serving as a forum for students, community members and employers to make job connection, the job fair is a means to show our appreciation to employers and to the community for their support of South Plains Col-

To request an employer registration packet or find out more information about the job fair, contact Susan Rushing at 806-894-9611, ext.

# Can Get Help Thru MCH Program

The Community Services Program of Methodist Children's Home currently has families in Lubbock and the surrounding area that can offer parents in crisis a safe, temporary place for their children until the crisis is resolved. These families are able to care for children from birth through 12 years of age with the typical length of placement being 3 to 18

Placement with MCH families is unique because parents place all children voluntarily. There is no financial obligation to the parents. Complete medical and dental care is provided for the children and regular visits with the parents are encouraged. A caseworker develops a plan for the child's care and monitors the progress while offering support to the birth parents as well as the foster family. Children in CPS custody are not eligible for the program, but CPS workers often suggest the MCH foster care program as an alternative for at-risk families.

The Foster Care program is an option for families who are experiencing crisis due to such things as loss of housing or income, hospitalization, military service or enrollment in a rehabilitation program. Community Services offers other programs in addition to foster care including "Family Preservation" and "Partnership in Parenting." These services are designed to prevent the need for placement and help at-risk families stay together.

Any parent wanting information on services or anyone who would like to inquire about the process of becoming a foster parent should call the Lubbock Outreach Office of Methodist Children's Home at 792-0099 or toll free at (877) 289-0517.





WAL-MART GIVES GRANT - The 4th Street Wal-Mart in Lubbock presented a \$500 grant to Tahoka Little League on March 3. Presenting the check is Vicki Sharp, grant coordinator at Wal-Mart, and accepting the check is Tahoka Little League President Tonda Freitag (center) and volunteer Maritia Hall.

### **Senior Citizens** MENU

# March 15-19

Monday- Spaghetti and meat sauce. zucchini, cucumbers and onions,

Tuesday- Liver and onions or hamburger steak, potato, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot rolls, peanut but-

Wednesday-Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread, pickles, onion

slices, peach cobbler, cookie Thursday-Meatballs with gravy. noodles, peas and carrots, wheat roll, bananas and oranges or bananas and strawberries

Friday-Baked fish, French fries or tater tots, white sauce, hot roll,

# Shop In Tahoka!

# Receives Grant From Wal-Mart

Little League

Tahoka Little League recently received a \$500 grant from the 4" Street Wal-Mart in Lubbock. Most of the funds will be used to replace old equipment such as batting helmets. catcher's equipment, and equipment

"The Little League would like to thank Ray Don Box for helping us make the connection with the Wal-Mart Program. Vicki Sharp, the grant coordinator at Wal-Mart, was easy to work with and made the application process very simple. The League is very grateful for these additional funds. Even though there is a fundraiser each year, and the advertising sponsors are greatly appreciated. there is rarely extra money to use like this," said Tonda Freitag, Little League President.

The grant money was presented on Wednesday, March 3, by Ms. Sharp to Tonda Freitag, Little League President and Maritia Hall, one of the League's volunteers.

### Windbreak, Hardwood Trees Have Arrived

Windbreak and conifer trees were delivered to the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District on Thursday February 26, 2004. Windbreak trees available are Afghanistan Pines and Italian Stone Pines and sell for \$2.00 each. Conifer trees available include American Plum, Bur Oak, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Old Fashion Lilac, Russian Olive, Sand Cherry, Sand Plum, Red Oak, and Texas Red Bud, all these trees sell for \$1.00 each.

For more information, call Helen Saldana at 998-4507 ext. 3 or to purchase trees come by the Local SWCD Office at 1602 South 2nd St., Tahoka.

# T-Bar will host a 1-man scramble

on March 20 and 21. Cost will be \$30' per person and a meal will be served. All proceeds will be for T-Bar Golf Club lake and equipment repair. Tee times are 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For . more information call 998-5305.

**T-Bar Announces** 

**Golf Scramble** 

The golf course will be closed March 12 and 13 for a work-day. All help is welcome!

# Got Stuff?

Donate items for Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest

Saturday, April 17 at Lynn County Show Barn! Call Carol Botkin at 998-4533, ext. 410

# Schwan's Convenience Shopping Day:

Schwan's Famous Frozen Food Truck will be parked at the Lynn County Courthouse S. 1st St. and Main in Tahoka

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Who pays for it? Swing Bed is paid for by Medicare part A for patients who meet certain criteria. The phsycian and the Swing Bed coordinator carefully screen patients to insure their appropriateness for the program. The patient is responsible for their deductible. Medicare pays for reasonable and customary daily expenses. Each Medicare patient has 20 days that are fully reimbursed, and 80 days that are partially reimbursed. If the patient's stay should continue past the 20th day, he/she would be responsible for a portion of the charges. If the patient's stay should continue past the 100th day, he/she would be responsible for the entire bill. This 100 days starts over if the patient is not admitted to the hospital for the next 60 days.

What is "sub-acute" care? The Swing Bed patient is stable, and does not require the same intense attention as he/she did in the acute care setting, the patient's physician writes orders, and the patient will receive the same quality care as before; however, the physician is not required to make

What is the average length of stay? The patient's length of stay depends on his/her needs. The minimum stay is 5 days. Each week an interdisciplinary team meets to discuss each patient's plan of care, progress, future needs and what can be done to ensure each patient returns to optimal health. The average length of stay is 2 weeks.

What services are available in Swing Bed? The patient's physician may order any or all of the following services: Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, Speech therapy, nursing, social services, nutritional assessment, and activities.

Discharge Planning? A discharge planner is utilized to plan and prepare for the patient's needs once he/she is discharged home.

> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT Monica Brown, RN (Swing Bed Coordinator) LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2600 Lockwood • P.O. Box 1310 • Tahoka, Tx 79373 (806) 998-4533, ext. 423

# Ray died March 4, 2004. He was born Sept. 28, 1905 in 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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# TAHOKA SPORTS NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

#### Varsity Baseball

By Ashdon Hancock

After several scrimmages and cancelled games, the Bulldogs took on the Plains Cowboys in a double header on Feb. 27. In game one the dogs lost 6-18. Derek Stephens went 2-2 with a homerun and a double. Patrick Dotson also went two for two with a single and a double.

In game two the Dogs were defeated 0-22. Stephens, again went two for two with two doubles.

The Bulldogs defeated the Littlefield Wildcats 10-0 March 6. Freshman Kyle Preston knocked a homerun, finishing the day 1-2.

Derek Stephens kept his deadly bat alive going 2-3 with one double. Patrick Dotson also went 2-3 with a double.

Brady Askew contributed going 1-1 with a double, but getting on base three times.

Kody Bucerman completed five innings of outstanding pitching.

The Bulldogs played Lamesa on March 9 (scores not available at press time) and will compete in the Ralls Tournament March 11-13.

The City-County Library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. The hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12-30-1:30 for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 20-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 am to I pm.



TAHOKA BOYS ALL-STAR MAJORS - Named recently to Tahoka Little Dribblers All-Star Majors team are, back row, left to right, Benjamin Freitag, Stormy Moore, Seth Hawthorne, Ridge Hall, A. J. Curtis, and Anthony Velasquez. Front row, left to right, Alex Webster, Jac Calvillo, Nicholas Garcia, Matt Taylor, Nasario Benavidez, Tanner Hall. Coaches for the team are Clifford Oages and Helen Payne. They will compete in the Regional Tournament in Shallowater on March 25-27.

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opportunity to visit one-on-one with

# 'Go For It' Seminar Helps Plan For College

Go For It, which provides stepby-step planning for college, is scheduled March 30 at the Dorothy Lomax Center, 1602 24th St. in Lub-

The seminar, sponsored by the Special Services Program at the South Plains College Reese Center in Lubbock, is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m.

The seminar targets single parents, displaced homemakers and others with barriers to attending college, said Denise Murph, special services counselor. "The agenda includes pre-

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representatives." Learn Inc., Catholic Family Service, Texas Workforce Center, Texas. Rehabilitation Commission and the Adult Education Center will be on hand, along with representatives from the SPC Special Services Program, Counseling Center and Non-Traditional Student Association.

> We had a really good turnout last year, and we are hoping that anyone in the Lubbock area who is dreaming about a college education will be at the seminar to get the motivation and help they need," said Murph.

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The seminar will answer such questions as why should I attend college, how do I know I am ready, how will I pay for it, where do I go for help, will I be older than other students and what about my children?

A panel of students will share their own college experiences and how they accomplished their educational goals.

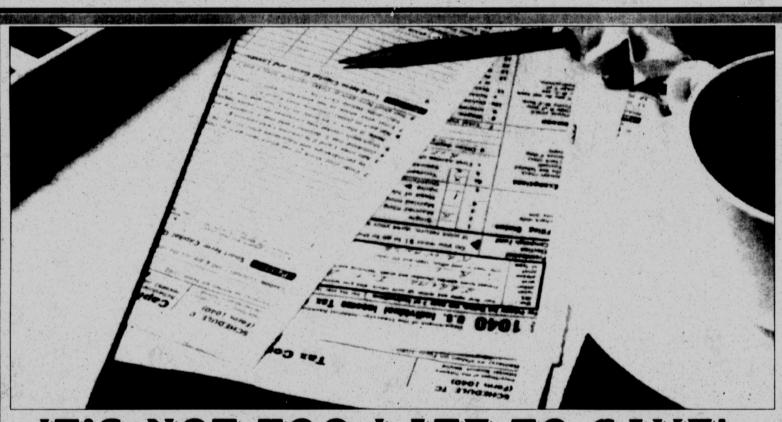
After the formal presentations are completed, each person attending the workshop will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with agency representatives regarding his or her specific concerns. Participants can arrive by 8 p.m. and still have time to receive information

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# March Is Texas History Month; **Quiz Tests Knowledge Of Texas**

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1. Which Texan is known as the Father of Texas?

A. Stephen Austin

B. Sam Houston

C. Moses Austin

D. James Bowie

2. When did Spanish explorers arrive in West Texas? A. 1620

B. 1541

C. 1776

D. 1492

3. Texas comes from the Caddo word Tejas, which means ... A. beautiful

B. friend

C. big

D. alone

4. How many defenders were inside the Alamo when it was surrounded by Santa Anna?

A. 299

B. 100 C. 99

D. 189

5. Who served as the Republic's

first president? A. Stephen Austin

B. William Travis

C. Sam Houston

D. Davy Crockett

6. The great cattle drive period began in 1866. How long did it last? A. Nearly 20 years

B. Nearly 10 years

C. Nearly 15 years

D. Nearly 25 years

7. Which Texan was World War II's most decorated hero?

A. John Nance Garner

B. George Bush

C. Audie Murphy

D. Lyndon B. Johnson 8. How any counties does Texas

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C. Pike's Peak D. El Capitan Peak How did you do? If you need to bone up on your Texas knowledge or just want to learn more about the area, Texas Experience products are available from Gallopade International. Products include "Texas "Jography": A Fun Run Through Our State," "The BIG Texas Reproducible Activity Book," "Discover Texas

A. Guadalupe Peak

B. Palo Duro Canyon

10. What is the highest point in

CD-ROM," and the Carole Marsh GameBooks, "Texas Wheel of Fortune," "Texas Millionaire," where some of these questions were culled from, and "Texas Survivor." All of those titles have been written by Carole Marsh.

Marsh is an award winning author who recently won the 2004 · Teacher's Choice Award for the Family from Learning Magazine and the 2003 Excellence in Education Award from the National School Supply & Equipment Association. In 2002, Gallopade International's State Stuff series took home the Teachers' Choice Award.

Gallopade International is located in Peachtree City, Ga. and provides books that are both educational and entertaining all over the world.

If you would like to purchase any or all of the books in the series, visit www.gaflopade.com or phone (800) 536-2438 for more details. Answers: 1-A, 2-B, 3-B, 4-D, 5-C, 6-A, 7-C, 8-B, 9-A, 10-A.

# Spring Youth **Basketball Tourney** Set In Brownfield

North American Youth Sports announced today that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Lubbock area at Brownfield High School on May 21-

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th and 6th grade boys; 5th and 6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boy; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for this tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

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The entry deadline is April 30. For additional information or an entry form, please call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Matthew Neighbors at 806-637-

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# Questions and Answers of the Day

Question: Where does God stand on witchcraft, wizards, sorcery, magicians, soothsayers, necromancy, having a familiar spirit, enchanter?

Answer: God is definitely against and repulsed by these things. What are these things God calls abominations? These things God cursed people for even having them in their company? Our society embraces them as funny, helpful, normal, financially beneficial, or even the glamorous. Television is bombarded with it. The movies are driven toward it. Video games, all in fun, have it. Books praise it; experts glerify it. God lumps these things together and calls them abominations. Many times God cursed individuals or whole countries for messing with the above mentioned things. I want to give you scriptures and there are many. First, I feel the need to define some of the words and things I am talking about. 1. Charmer - to join by means of spells, users of magic falsified in the name of God. 2. Observer of times - horoscopes or star readers' magic interprets omens. 3. Soothsayer - a fortune teller. 4. Enchanter slight of hand; an evil person saying an evil prayer; or one who whispers magic spells; practice of magical arts. 5. Necromancer - to call on the spirit of the dead. 6. Sorcery - the practice of magic. 7. Consultor with familiar spirit - medium or does se-

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Tahoka Little League softball, tee ball, and baseball signups will be held at the same time on three different dates at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Signup times for all three leagues are 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30, and parents should bring their child's birth certificate. Registration will be \$35 for players ages 12 and under, and \$45 for ages 13 and older.

Tee Ball is for girls and boys ages 5-6, Minors and Majors baseball leagues are for ages 7-12, and the Junior division is for ages 13-14.

Tryouts will be held Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at the Tahoka Little League Park. Tee Ball participants and those already on a Majors team do not have to attend the tryouts, but all others must tryout.

Parents signing up their daughters for Softball league do not have to pay at the time of signups, as some changes may be made to the current program due to the low number of paritcipants last year. However, players must sign up so that league officials have an accurate count of players in order to provide the best playing opportunities for the girls.

For more information, contact Little League President Tonda Freitag at 998-4928, or any of the Little League board members.



TAHOKA BOYS ALL-STAR JUNIOR - Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers recently named All-Star teams. Pictured here are the All-Star Juniors, back row, left to right, Zach Garcia, Francisco Rivera, Logan Tekell, John Ryan Barrientez, Cameron King, Swade Hammoonds. Front row, left to right, Brandon Lucas, Chekota Parker, Tino DeLeon, Levi Hawthorne, Marcus Gonzales, Chance Cook. Coaches for the team are Linda Oages and Marty Hammonds. They will be competing in the Regional Tournament at Shallowater on March

Make Plans To Attend The Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest

Saturday, April 17 at Lynn County Show Barn!

**Drug Prevention Information Available** To the Public

The Prevention Resource Center (PRC) is a prevention project that makes the most current up-to-date drug abuse prevention information such as audio, video, and written materials available to the public by walk-in, mail and online order. The PRC is the result of an initiative between the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and serves 41 counties in the Texas Panhandle. The PRC is located at 1708-B Avenue G in Lubbock. The PRC also offers Internet access via its public computer terminal as well as a public viewing area for anyone who wishes to preview videos related to drug prevention and other substance abuse

A current focus of the PRC is the use of tobacco among young people. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids estimates that 24.7% of high school students in Texas smoke and

4:30 April 23 Idalou\* There April 27 New Deal\* 7:00 Head Coach: Lane Hyde Asst. Coach: Richard Jackson JV Baseball Schedule Time Opponent Roosevelt\* 7:00 March 23 Here 4:30 March 30 Shallowater' Here Idalou\* Here 4:30 April 2 New Deal\* April 6 Here 4:30 April 12 Roosevelt\* There 4:30 April 16 Post\* Here 4:30 Shallowater\* April 19 There 4:30 April 24 Idalou\* There 12:00 April 27 New Deal\* There 4:30 approximately 77.4 million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by kids each year. It is also estimated that over 480,000 kids will die pre-

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# **Conservation Planning Software Available For Area Producers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight has announced a partnership with John Deere Ag Management Solutions to provide conservation planning software tools for producers and technical service providers.

"This partnership will help NRCS expand its-capabilities and meet the enormous demand for conservation," Knight said. "This toolcalled Conservation Plug-In-will enable producers to complete certain activities electronically, similar to efiling tax returns. Not only will we see an increase in efficiency as part of the Administration's e-Gov initiative, but also an increase in the number and quality of conservation plans.'

In January, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that e-Government initiatives would be a major focus of USDA in 2004. A new design of the USDA website was launched with plans for added features throughout the year including the recently released Customer Statement. The statement will allow USDA customers to view their participation and application status in various conservation programs, payments associated with commodity and conservation programs, information on farm loans, and conservation plan and land unit information.

Other planned features include launch in August of

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'MyUSDA.gov' to provide a customized version of the USDA homepage for individual users based on their unique needs.

"The Conservation Plug-In is one example of what USDA and our agriculture partners are doing to improve and enhance Internet technology for government, our partners and agricultural producers alike," said Scott Charbo, USDA chief information officer, while attending the Commodity Classic being held here.

Conservation Plug-In, which will be available late this fall, allows producers and technical service providers to record farm and field data. schedule conservation practices, report completion of practices and attach certification documentation. Electronic assistance for developing conservation plans also will be available with the new software.

By using Conservation Plug-In. producers can spend less time at their local USDA Service Center and selfcertify when they have completed practices in their conservation plans. Technical service providers can manage conservation plans and cost-share agreement records for those producers using their services.

For additional information on Conservation Plug-In, contact Jack Carlson, NRCS Information Technology Center Director, jearlson@itc.nrcs.usda.gov or phone 970-295-5455.

# O'Donnell Elementary Students Are Learning To Be "Water Wise"

O'Donnell Elementary School' students are now participating in the Learning To Be Wise education program sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock

The Learning To Be Water Wise program encourages water conservation through hands-on experience and classroom activities.

"At school, various activities teach students the importance of water conservtion. These concepts are transferred to the home when the students-with adult help-install high-efficiency showerheads and high efficiency kitchen/bathroom sink aerators provided to them as part of this program," said Carmon McCain, High Plains Water District Information/Education Director.

He added that most conventional showerheads spray from four to six gallons of water per minute, or 40 to 60 gallons of water for a 10-minute shower. The high-efficiency showerhead provided in the student's Water Wise kit sprays two gallons of water per minute, or 20 gallons of water for a 10-minute shower.

"Installation of the high efficiency fixtures provided to the students in the Water Wise kit will help reduce their family's water use. Not only does this conserve water, but it also saves energy and money," said

Sharla Edwards is teaching the Water Wise unit to 23 fifth-grade students at O'Donnell Elementary School. Other schools participating in the program during the 2003-2004 academic year include Hereford West Central Intermediate, Lazbuddie Elementary, Levelland Carver Learning Center, Lubbock Cooper Intermediate, Petersburg Elementary, Springlake-Earth Elementary, Sudan Elementary, and Whitharral Elementary. Three additional schools will participate in the program this spring.

This is the seventh year that the High Plains Water District has made the Water Wise program available to students in select schools within its 15-county service area.

With the Water Wise curriculum, students gain additional knowledge about the hydrologic cycle, water sources and use, water quality and treatment; improved water efficiency in the home, and conservation.

"This program reinforces our belief that water conservation is best accomplished through public education. Based upon student and teacher feedback, the Water Wise curriculum creates water awareness and teaches practical ways to accomplish water

Additional information about the Learning To Be Water Wise water conservation education program is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Tx 79411-2499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Information about the Learning To Be Water Wise program may also be found on the Water District's web

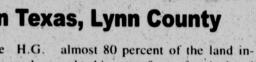
# **National Agriculture Week Proclaimed** March 14-20 In Texas, Lynn County

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin this week signed a proclamation recognizing March 14-20 as National Agriculture Week in Texas and Lynn County. The proclamation noted that agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in Lynn. County and urges citizens to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share the knowledge with the young people in the area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, state, nation and world.

The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, the proclamation said, with

volved in some form of agricultural production, including livestock. crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry. Texas agriculture produces. large quantities of high quality food food and fiber, and plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in soil and water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environ-

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"Our awareness of the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives largest industry," said the Judge.

# Ag Week is Here.

Fast Facts: Texas Agriculture Packs a Punch

- ◆ Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultura! income
- → The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy.
- → Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production
- Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families
- → Twenty-nine percent of agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.
- → Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.
- → Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetablé crops
- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.
- → Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes. timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.
- → Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top. agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.
- ◆ Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad
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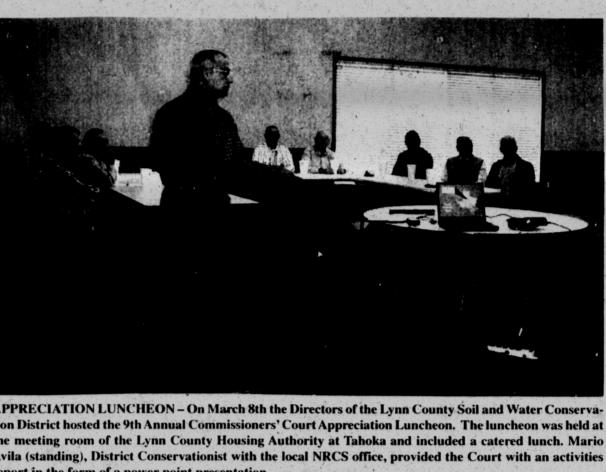
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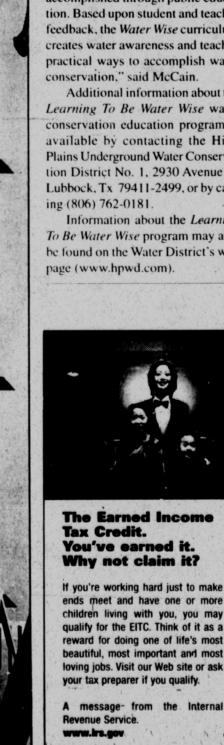
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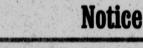
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instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule B 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in

Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The

estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220.

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunicaciones de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendacion de Applicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de

la Comicion sumete el orden finál, por la solicitación de Valor. La Commission puede establisar sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duraci

Sobrecargos ELCS see applicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residental: \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.79 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

corrientemente, valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS internes aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interni sobrecargo de \$.65 por cada linea residencial, y un interni sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendacion de Applicacion de Valor esta aprobada, el effecto neta annual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y associados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperér sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha limite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios

Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326. Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR a

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho

as perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS. En la Segunda Enmendación de Applicacíón, VALOR propóne implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el dia que

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility

ion of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many



TOP SPELLERS AT WILSON ISD - Shown here are the top two finishers in their grade levels in the Wilson Spelling Bee. They are, from left, Erica Garza (1st) and David Ramirez (2nd) in 3rd grade; Luke Buckner (1st) and Amber Valadez (2nd) in 5th grade; Cody Cross (1st) and Felipe Ortega (2nd) in 6th grade; Samantha Gill (1st) and Xia Rios (2nd) in 7th grade; and Danielle Chance (1st) and Rene Ramirez (2nd) in 8th grade.

AVOIDING AN IRS AUDIT

# Texas CPAs Give Ideas for Avoiding the IRS' Attention

Although there's no proven way number of the ex-spouse to whom to avoid an IRS audit, there are steps you can take to minimize your odds. According to the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the best way is to carefully review your risk and to take special precautions with items that might trigger the attention of the IRS.

SUPPLY REQUIRED SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

This includes yours, your spouse's and your dependents'. If you're claiming the dependent care credit, you'll also need to include the. the IRS that your tax reporting prac-Social Security or tax identification number of the care provider. Divorced taxpayers who pay alimony must provide the Social Security

they make payments.

CHECK YOUR MATH. If the IRS computer catches math mistakes on your return, it's possible an IRS employee may take a second look at what you've filed. To avoid attracting unwanted attention, be sure to verify your math. If you use tax preparation software, you probably don't need to worry, but it doesn't hurt to double-check.

A sloppy return may suggest to tice may be careless as well. **REPORT ALL W-2 AND** 

1099 INCOME.

Your employer reports to the IRS on Form W-2 the annual income you are paid. Freelance earnings are reported on Form 1099, as is income from banks, brokerage houses, mutual funds, and others who pay you income. The IRS computers automatically match income reported to the IRS with income shown on the taxpayer's return. To avoid an audit, be sure these figures match. If your W-2 or Form 1099 is wrong, ask the issuer to file a correction.

SIGN YOUR RETURN.

Remember, if you file jointly. both spouses must sign and date the return. Failure to include all signatures means your return is incomplete in the eyes of the IRS.

**EXPLAIN LARGE OR UNUSUAL** DEDUCTIONS.

For taxpayers who have something unusual to report, a good strategy is to attach a statement to the return explaining the atypical item. For example, if you have a high amount of work-related expenses that are not reimbursed by your employer, an explanation may satisfy the IRS agent and avert a notification.

You should be aware, too, that the IRS establishes norms for such deductible items as charitable deductions and home mortgage interest, based on income ranges. For example, a taxpayer showing an income of \$25,000 who claims to have put \$5,000 in the church collection plate is likely to raise IRS suspicions. **CLAIM BUSINESS EXPENSES** 

AVOID INCONSISTENCIES.

WITH CARE.

How you generate your income may increase your chances of being audited. Business expenses and home-office deductions, in particular, invite scrutiny. That's because the IRS recognizes that if you are selfemployed, you have more opportunities to claim personal expenses as business deductions. Take the deduction you deserve, but be sure you have the receipts and records to back

Are you taking a deduction for expenses related to a home office? The home office deduction is a favorite IRS audit target. If you have any questions concerning your eligibility, check with a CPA to see if you

KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS IF YOU ARE IN A CASH BUSINESS.

Occupations in which workers receive much of their income in cash, such as those in the food and entertainment industries, are often a target of IRS scrutiny. Generally speaking, the more cash you receive and the higher your income potential, the more likely the IRS will want to take a second look at your return.

CPAs say that sometimes, no matter how careful you are, you just can't avoid being audited. Receipts and records that substantiate your deductions and the expenses you report can help you through the audit pro-

ABOUT TSCPA: TSCPA (http:// www.tscpa.org) is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 local chapters statewide and has 27,000 members, one of the largest in-state memberships of any state CPA society in the United States. TSCPA is committed to serving the public interest with programs that advance the highest standards of ethics and practice within the CPA pro-



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# Senior Texans Should Prepare For Improved Medicare Benefits

vices Commissioner Albert Hawkins is encouraging senior Texans - especially low-income seniors - to learn more about improved federal Medicare benefits, including prescription drug discounts. Starting in less than 90 days, Medicare-endorsed drug discount cards good at most Texas pharmacies will be available to all Medicare participants.

"The new federal Medicare law provides significant benefits for Texas seniors who need prescription drug discounts," Hawkins said. "For low-income seniors, the new Medicare law would make the difference between rationing or going without needed medicine and being able to afford full prescriptions."

Starting in June 2004, and lasting until the comprehensive Medicare drug coverage begins in January 2006, drug discount cards good at most pharmacies will be available to all Medicare participants. The cards will offer all Medicare enrollees discount of 10 to 25 percent off the retail price of prescription drugs and will provide added benefits for low-income people.

In addition to the discounts, lowincome seniors can use their cards to get \$600 a year in direct Medicare assistance with drug purchases in 2004 and 2005. This new benefit does not require a new application or enrollment fee. The direct federal assistance is applied to qualified seniors' prescription bills when they present their discount cards at the pharmacy. The federal government pays the discount card enrollment fees for low-income people.

Texas Health and Human Ser- For this program, low-income is defined as Texans with incomes less than \$12,123 for individuals and \$16,362 for couples, who have no prescription drug coverage from Medicaid or a private source. Seniors who meet the income requirements will not have to pay the monthly insurance premiums charged to other participants in the prescription drug insurance program.

Low-income seniors will never make more than a \$5 co-payment for any prescription and as little as \$2 for generic prescriptions.

"I encourage Texas seniors who do not have prescription drug coverage, especially low-income seniors, to enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program," Hawkins said. "The new Medicare bill preserves consumer choice, enhances prescription drug benefits, and saves Texas tax dollars.'

HHCS is currently analyzing the new Medicare prescription drug law and determining how much savings the state will incur from the program.

Hawkins also noted that Medicare prescriptions drug coverage is strictly voluntary and the decision to participate won't affect eligibility for other Medicare coverage. In both the drug discount and full prescription programs, participants can choose from a variety of Medicare-endorsed plans, according to individual needs.

For more information about improved federal Medicare benefits, including prescription drug discounts, visit http://www.medicare.gov/ MedicareReform or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

# Getting Married?

Come in and browse through our large

Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales'

selection of wedding invitations, announcements and accessories. These beautiful, embossed invitations

have raised lettering and take about two weeks to receive them after you place your order.

Or if you need an inexpensive invitation post card for a Baby Shower, Wedding Shower, Birthday Party or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all colors of paper to choose from and can help customize your invitations ... all at a low price.

Candice Marie Dailey Michael Todd Halverson invite you to share in the joy of the beginning of their new life together when they exchange marriage vows on Saturday, the ninth of March two thousand and one at two o'clock in the afternoon United Christian Church 1234 North Howard Drive Fresno, California **ELynn County News** 

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# Church I To Begin

How many churches a Lynn County? When are vices? How can one get in the pastor? Do they have address?

There is no easy wa listing of all the church County, unless one goes ingly through the phone b ever, beginning in the Al of The Lynn County New. be a new Church Direct that will run twice mont churches in Lynn County to participate.

The News staff co churches in the county, nine Baptist churches, for ist, three Churches of C Catholic, two Lutheran, ar of the First Born, Trinity. Faith Chapel, and Churcl Christ, Tahoka has 11 chu son has five churches, O'I New Home each have fou is a church in Draw, and or land.

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