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Church Directory Listing To Begin In April Issues

Lynn County? When are their services? How can one get in touch with the pastor? Do they have an e-mail address?

There is no easy way to find a listing of all the churches in Lynn County, unless one goes painstakingly through the phone book. However, beginning in the April 1 issue of The Lynn County News there will be a new Church Directory Listing that will run twice monthly, for all churches in Lynn County who desire to participate.

The News staff counted 26 churches in the county, including nine Baptist churches, four Methodist, three Churches of Christ, three Catholic, two Lutheran, and one each of the First Born, Trinity, Nazarene, Faith Chapel, and Church of God in Christ. Tahoka has 11 churches, Wilson has five churches, O'Donnell and New Home each have four, and there is a church in Draw, and one in Grassland

"Letters have been mailed to all church pastors in the county seeking participation from each church," said Juanell Jones, editor. "If there is a church that did not receive a letter.

How many churches are there in please call the News Office as soon as possible, because the church listing begins in April and we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate," she added.

In addition to the listing of the church address, phone, e-mail or website addresses and names of pastors, each church can list worship services or other activities. Pastors from each church are also invited to submit a short message that will be printed in the center of the church ad page on a random basis - one message every other week from a pastor of a participating church. Cost to churches is \$15 per month for the listing, which runs twice monthly.

'We are pleased to offer this Lynn County Church Directory in The Lynn County News, and hope that our readers will find it to contain useful information," said Mrs. Jones. "I would like to remind pastors who have already indicated that their churches are participating to submit their messages for center of the ad by April 1."

For more information, contact The News at 561-4888, or submit information by FAX to 561-6308.



Lubbock Woman

A Lubbock woman was injured at 3 a.m. came after the car had a blowout and the driver over-corrected, according to the investigating Dept. of Public Safety officer. The vehicle came to rest upside down.

took the driver, Linda Sierra, to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of undisclosed injuries.

Sheriff Fires Deputy Franklin Three Days After Election

Deputy for five years when Wilson took over the reins of the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. in April 2003. appointed by Lynn County Commissioners to fill the position when Sheriff Jake Diggs resigned. Wilson was the first candidate to file for the Sheriff's position in the recent Primary election, followed by Franklin just before the filing period closed. They were the only two candidates for the job. Just days after Franklin filed as a candidate against Wilson for the sheriff's election, Wilson demoted Franklin from Chief Deputy to patrol deputy and removed him from the Chief Deputy's office in the building, again citing local government codes for his action.

"The 1994 rules, which were in place way before I got here, say that upon officially becoming a candidate for any public office a deputy may. be asked to resign if that candidacy works a hardship on the department," Wilson said. "When he first filed, he never said a word to me for three days. I thought I was doing the man a favor by letting him keep his job. I think he should have resigned when he became a candidate but when I talked to him his exact words to me were, 'I won't resign, I need the job.' I told him if he would step down to patrol duty then I would let him keep his job." he explained, adding, "Most

Lynn County has had other depu-

Wilson told The News that Lynn

him he still has the responsibility of

overseeing the Sheriff's Department

until his term ends on Dec. 31, 2004.

but that the controversy over the elec-

he will continue in the position until



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"I have tried to make this a respectable department and do a good job. I have tried to do what is right since I have stepped in to this office. I came to perform a service for this county, but if they [commissioners] want me to resign, I will. Perhaps my value to this county is used up - when I first came I couldn't do anything wrong ... now I can't do anything right," Wilson said.

"Apparently the people of Lynn County want the control that's been here apparently since year one. I tried to stand up and do something right, but if somebody else wants to make the decisions then I won't be a part of it. When do I get some backing? This is ridiculous, and I am not going to put up with it," the sheriff said. "If this situation doesn't get back to some kind of reasonability, then yes



Hurt In Wreck early Wednesday morning as the 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving overturned on U.S. 87 eight miles north of Tahoka. The accident

Franklin edged out Wilson in the Sheriff's election. Lynn County EMS ambulance

Tahoka Police took a report on a forged check in the amount of

\$395.11 which had been passed at Thriftway Supermarket in Tahoka. Dawson County officers later advised Tahoka Police that a woman in jail

JERRY D. FRANKLIN

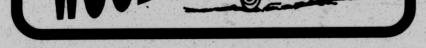
by JUANELL JONES Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy Jerry D. Franklin, who recently won the Democratic Primary election for Lynn County Sheriff, has been fired from his deputy position at the local Sheriff's Dept. by current Sheriff Bob Wilson. The action came about Friday morning, just three days after last Tuesday's Primary Election when

Voters gave Franklin 744 votes to 600 for Wilson, but Franklin won't take office until after the November General Election, in which he will be unopposed. Officially, winners in the November election take office on Jan. 1, 2005.

codes supporting the termination, filed." noting that "a deputy serves at the pleasure of the sheriff," and in fact Wilson said he had planned to let Franklin go regardless of who won ticeable controversy in the commuthe election. nity. Most recently, in 1996, deputy

took office in January.

Wilson cited local government people would resign the day they



AMONG THE MANY signs of advanced maturity is the tendency to want to talk to your contemporaries about your ailments and your grandchildren, conversation which nobody wants to hear, because they have their own much more impressive ailments and grandchildren, thank you.

Another sign, for men anyway, is that all the names in your little black book start with "Dr." and I think I have reached that age Doctors are mostly pretty nice people, but their main goal in life apparently is to make you feel bad about what you have been eating and doing for the last umpty-nine years and assuring you that it's too late to do anything now except take pills and worry.

Ironically one of the things they tell you to do is avoid stress. That's right after they tell you have six different diseases, any one of which could kill you before next week. How can you consider that, without having stress?

Personally I feel pretty good most of the time, and I would feel better if doctors hadn't guaranteed that I have high blood sugar, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, high blood pressure, high risk factors and high medical insurance premiums. The only thing about me not high (other than how tall I am) is I have a low tolerance for pain, turnips and Michael Jackson.

I have had some interesting conversations with medical people. Recently I was told by a doctor that I have high blood pressure and need to take pills to lower it. When I protested that I didn't want any more pills that I have to take forever, I was told, "You don't have to take them forever. Once you die, you can stop taking them." Very funny; I may die laughing.

Later I checked my own blood pressure at the pharmacy, and one of the workers asked me what the meter said. "All I got was a message saying 'Don't start any continued stories'," I told her.

Last week there was a health screening operation set up at the senior citizens center, and I wisely skipped most of the tests they offered, since I knew I already had all those problems. But I did take one, a bone density scan, and actually did well on it, learning that my bones, like my brain, are pretty dense. This test, designed to tell you if you need more calcium, was one I never had taken before. The woman told me to place my right hand inside the machine, so I did. As she finished, commenting that I passed the test, I saw a little light come on at the top of the machine, reading "Remove patient's hand." I jumped up and got out of there in a hurry, because I knew that would really hurt. I need both of my hands.

My optometrist once referred me to a glaucoma specialist to check the possibility of that disease. Of course, I knew the specialist wasn't about to tell me to "Go on home; your eyes are okay." If you go see any kind of specialist, he or she is going to assure you that yes, indeed, you do have (whatever they specialize in).

He told me I have glaucoma and a cataract. "You're wrong there, Doc," I said. "I have a Toyota." He wasn't too impressed by that, so during the examination, I helpfully informed him that when I was just a baby I stuck a mandolin string in my eye. "Which one?" he asked.

"I think it was the little E string," I said.

He got even with me when he sent the bill.

... THE WISE GUY at Wilson suggests that the newspaper person's creed is "Every morning is the dawn of a new error."

in that county said she had passed a check at the Tahoka supermarket. A 56-year-old Tahoka woman

stopped last Friday night for a traffic violation was arrested by police after it was learned she had an outstanding warrant from Hale County.

Lupe Rodriguez of Tahoka told police someone had broken into her 1993 Chevrolet at her residence Saturday, causing damage estimated at \$436. Nothing appeared to be missing from the car.

Police also investigated a report of an altercation between two Tahoka young men in which one apparently threatened the other with a knife. Total jail population as of

Wednesday was 41, including 16 from Lubbock County and eight for Garza County.

Open House For New Wilson Fire Station

Sunday, March 28th Wilson Fire Department will host an Open House at the new Fire Station. A ham/sausage/fixings meal will be served at a cost of \$6 for adult and \$3 for children. The meal will be from 11:30 til 1:00 and an auction will be held during the same time. All proceeds will benefit the Wilson Fire Department.

Public Input Sought For School Calendar

Tahoka Independent School District officials are publishing a proposed School Calendar for the 2004-05 school year, which may be seen in this issue of The News. Public input on the proposed calendar may be given by calling Superintendent Jimmy Parker's office at 561-4105. Trustees will vote on the calendar at the April board meeting.

The first day of school for students would be Aug. 16, with Christmas break set Dec. 20-Jan. 3, and Spring Break on March 14-18. Graduation would be on May 27, and other holidays are noted in the calendar

"I had already made the decision to let him go, because it [Franklin's Sheriff Jake Diggs in an election for candidacy] split this department. I did what I thought was best for this entire department," Wilson told The News.

Franklin declined to comment to County Commissioners have told The News, other than to confirm that his position at the department was terminated on Friday, March 12. He has worked for the Lynn Sheriff's Dept. for 11 years, serving under five tion has made him question whether different sheriffs at the helm.

Franklin had served as Chief that time.

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Weight Watchers **Meeting Changes**

Weight Watchers will begin meeting in Tahoka on Tuesdays starting March 23. Weigh-in is at 5:00 pm and meeting time is 5:30 pm.

and Vote! You must be registered to vote

REGISTER

30 days prior to any election.

Register at the Lynn County Courthouse Tax Office.

. Local, school and hospital elections are May 15, 2004.

• U.S. General Election is November 2, 2004.

I will resign. This is ridiculous fight ties who ran against incumbent shering this kind of stuff!" iffs in the past, without causing no-Should the sheriff resign, then it

is possible that Franklin would be appointed to the position by Lynn Charlie Smith defeated incumbent County Commissioners, taking office earlier than Jan. 1 if needed, to till sheriff, after which both continued in the interim. their respective positions until Smith

County Commissioners have a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 22, and it is expected they will discuss the controversial situation at the sheriff's department. Any personnel discussions will probably take place in closed session, but any action taken on the issue would not be considered until returning to open session.

17 More Candidates File: Most City, School, Hospital, **Elections To Be Contested**

Of the nine elections to be held in Lynn County on May 15 for city councils, school boards and hospital directors, seven of the entities will have contested races following a flurry of last-minute filings during the past week. Since the last report in The News, 17 more candidates have filed for places on various ballots. The filing period officially. closed Monday this week.

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

Following is a final list of all can² didates filing for elections in Lynn County, with incumbents listed with an (I) and those filing 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), Jeannie Stone, Jimmy Howard; 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, Mike Rivas; Precinct 5 - Carmen Chapa (I), Carlos Morales.

City of Wilson: Mayor and 2 council seats, 2-year terms. Filing: Mayor Jackie Bishop (I); Council

members: Oscar Follis (I) and Cody Donald (I).

Wilson ISD: 4 seats: Three 3year terms - Lonnie Paul Donald (1), J.B. Kirk, Janie Rios (1); and filing for a special election for a 2-year unexpired term, Janie Zepeda, Mike Buckner.

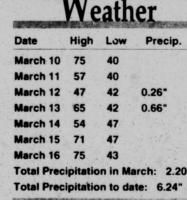
City of New Home: Three council seats, 2-year terms. Filing: Dale Clem (I), Jesus Ramirez, LaVonne Sharp, Billy Ray Smith, Mario Rodriguez, Louis Rodriguez (1). Roger Martin.

New Home ISD: 3 seats, 3-year terms. Filing: Michael White (1), Angie Kieth. Leo Torres, Jr., Kevin Mitchell (I), Paula Ford, Danny Nettles, Debi Maloney, Tommy Harmonson

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 (I). Willie Luera.

O'Donnell ISD: 3 seats, 3-year terms. Filing: Kirby Williams (I), Ben Franklin, Willie Villarreal (1). Dan Mott (1).

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



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Little League **Baseball**, Softball Signups Set Here

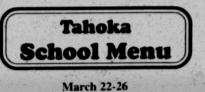
Tahoka Little League softball, tee ball, and baseball signups will be held at the same time on three different dates at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Signup times for all three leagues are 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30, and parents should bring their child's 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.



Breakfast Monday- Cereals w/ graham cracker.

banana, mill Tuesday- (Elem.) Yogurt w/apple, (High School) Cheese toast w/ sausage Wednesday-Rosalinda's breakfast sandwich, fruit juice Thursday-Blueberry muffin, fresh orange Friday- Banana, graham cracker, fruit

Lunch

Monday-Vegetable soup w/ cheese toast, turkey-cheese, cheese broccoli, tossed salad, blueberry cobbler, fresh fruit Tuesday- BBQ on bun, rib on bun, lettuce-pickle, buffalo fries, peanut butter cookie, fresh fruit Wednesday-Chicken spaghetti, chicken quesadilla, green beans, tossed salad, cranberries, fresh fruit Thursday-Pizza burger, grilled ham sand-

wich, celery w/ peanut butter, peas & carrots, rosy apple sauce, fresh fruit Friday-Cheese enchiladas, beef-cheese burrito, Spanish rice, campfires beans, lettuce & tomato, cherry shape-ups, fresh fruit-Grandparents Day

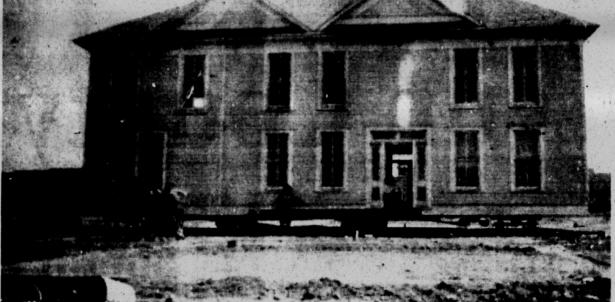
T-Bar Announces Golf Scramble

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.









MOVING THE ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE - Lynn County has had two courthouses built during its 100 year history, the first built in 1903, shown here. This building was sold in 1916 to L.L. Williams for \$750 on the provision that he move the building immediately and clear the lots for construction of the new (current) courthouse. Williams, owner of the St. Clair Hotel, had the building moved to the intersection of Main and Lockwood to be used as his hotel. Mark E. Keith, a 1911 settler, helped move the building and obtained some of the lumber from it with which to build the proposed Petty community school building.

(Photo courtesy of Tahoka Pioneer Museum)

Radiology Advances Are Helping **People And Animals**

A hairline fracture may not be so hairline if the right equipment determines the real scope of the injury.

New advancements in radiology are enabling medical practitioners to see broken bones better, cancerous tumors more clearly and suspicious areas in more detail. This is especially true in the treatment of animals, where often new treatments are used before eventually being refined and passed on to human patients.

"The advances in radiology have been exciting and may be even more so in the future," says Anne Bahr, assistant professor of large animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

'The bottom line is that we can make better diagnostic tests and these can result in better treatments and plans can be recommended because we have a clearer idea of what the problem is."

Radiology procedures are pretty much the same for animals as hu mans, Bahr explains.

These include X-rays, ultra-

TAHOKA SPORTS NEWS by THS Journalism Students

Girls Track By Samantha Andrews

Lady Bulldogs placed 5th in their first track meet of the season March 5 at Whiteface.

In Shot Put Ashanti Hood came away with first, and Ashdon Hancock took sixth. Haley Hall took third in Long Jump and fourth in Triple Jump. Carissa Hall placed second in Triple Jump. Skylar Owens came away with fifth in High Jump.

Ashley Lam, Kathryn Reno, Owens, and Jaquez Justice, members of the 400 Meter Relay team, came away with second. Damesha Harris and Kyndra Selmon took first and second in the 100 and the 200.

Justice placed third in the 200. Sarah Blaylock placed third in the 100 Hurdles and second in the 300 Hurdles.

The first place 800 Meter Relay Team consists of Owens, Selmon, C. Hall, and Harris. The fifth place 1600 meter relay team consists of Jessica Chancy, Lam, Christyn Chapa, and Jaci Hammonds. Hammonds also took fifth place in the 400 and Haley Hall placed fifth in the 800.

Varsity Tennis By Brandi Raindl

Varsity tennis competed in the SPCHEA tournament in Levelland on March 9. Ashley Lam and Brandi Raindl played varsity girls singles. Varsity doubles teams include Samantha Andrews and Meghan Saldana, Amanda Truelove and Kami Owens, Garret Autry and Damon Moore, and Daniel Baker and Josh Valdez.

Rain'dl brought home a medal. She won her first game 8-0, her second game 8-2, but then was defeated by the champion in the semi-finals 3-8. Raindl defeated a player from Coronado 8-0 to receive 3rd place.

Lam won her first two matches easily, 8-3, 8-3, but then was defeated in the quarterfinals by the runner up from Coronado 1-8.

Andrews and Saldana won their first match 8-4, but then took an early exit losing 2-8.

Baker and Valdez were defeated

Truelove and Owens lost their first match 0-8, but then won their next two 8-0, 8-1. In a nail biter they lost in the consolation semi-finals &

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Written by Nettie Wel

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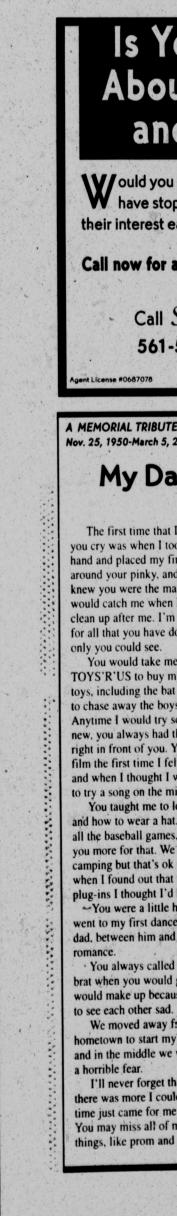
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the T-Bar Ranch, an Nevills, one of the pro





Phebe K. Warner

CLUB NEWS

On February 24, the Phebe K.

Zoe Kirkpatrick presented a pro-

Club members are collecting.

Volunteer

will do your heart good!

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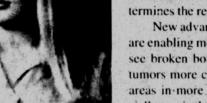
co-hostess.

CAITIE DALTON **NH Grad Places Second**

graduate of New Home High School, recognized speech contest at the Denver National 4-H Round-Up.

from the National 4-H horse show in-Perry, Georgia in July. Thirty-nine

Caitlin placed 2nd with her speech on the Genetics of Horse Color entitled "A Horse of a Different Color". Her presentation was videotaped and is being used as a teaching video for horse color genetics, in Wyoming and Colorado.



In National Speech Contest

Caitlin Dalton, a sophomore at Texas Tech University and 2003 recently participated in a nationally

The contest was a follow up show states were represented at the contest over a period of four days.

Thank You

My family and I would like to express our deep appreciation to the people of Lynn County for electing me as your next Sheriff. Your vote of confidence in me and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to all the people who helped with my campaign, for all the generous donations people gave, for the words of encouragement, and all the hard work people from all over the county did to help with the election campaign.

I have enjoyed serving the people of Lynn County the past 11 years and enthusiastically look forward to serving the citizens in Lynn County as your Sheriff.

> In great appreciation, Jerry D. Franklin

Poetry Contest Open To Tahoka Residents

Write a poem and win the \$1,000.00 grand prize through Hollywood's Famous Poets Society's new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee, and nothing to buy. There are 50 prizes in all to be awarded.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N Wilcox Ave #126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspocts.com.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets, even the shyest out there, to share their talent. We delight in discovering new poets and

sound tests. MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and other procedures that offer an inside look at the nature of an injury or potential problem area.

> Bahr says the biggest advance in recent years has been the use of computer systems that enable much more precise images.

think that Tahoka has its share of talent to draw from." The deadline for entering is April 24, 2004. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Editors reserve the right to publish winning poems online or in a pamphlet.

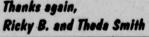
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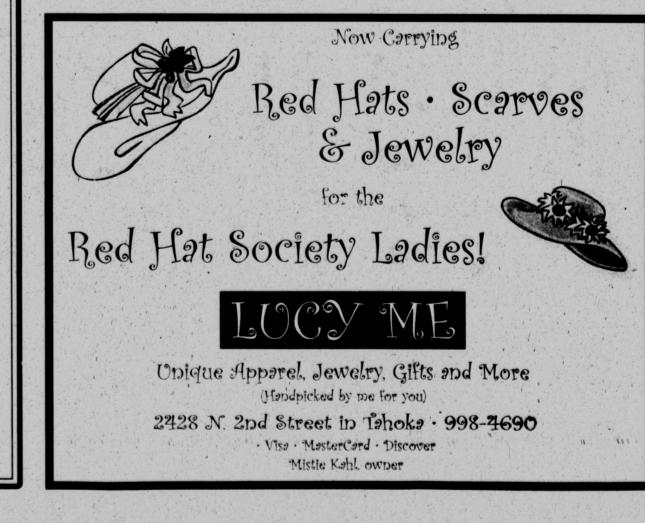
two matches 8-39-8, but were eliminated in the quarterfinals 7-9.



THANK YOU!

Theda and I thank all of you who supported us during the primary election for re-election to District Attorney. We are very grateful for all of the help you gave us. We look forward to your continued support heading toward the General Election on November 2, 2004.





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Lynn Pioneer Writes Of Days Gone By

Written by Nettie Wells Edwards

The court room upstairs in the courthouse in the early days was used for every occasion. A three-months. school was taught there, church services, all day singings and Saturday night dances were held there.

In the year 1905 a musical was given by a blind family from San Angelo in the court room. After the performance a contest was held to see who was the laziest man in town. And also who was the prettiest girl.

Lump Woods won a pocket book for being the laziest man and Miss Ivy Sherrod carried home a pair of gloves as her prize for being the prettiest girl.

Prof. J.B. Walker, from Aspermont, arrived in Tahoka on Sept. 1, 1905 to take charge of our school. They moved into the house vacated by the Whipps.

Sunday evening, June 28th, at 8:45 the marriage of Miss Jennie Crouch and Joe Nevills was solemnized at the Baptist church. Miss Linnie Bigham played the organ. Miss Zettie Crouch was maid of honor. Linnie Cowan was flower girl.

The bride entered leaning on the arm of her bridesmaid, Miss Hettie McCarley.

Mr. Otho Thomas as groomsman entered by the south door followed by the groom leaning on the arm of his best man, Mr. Walter Slaton.

A number of presents were received - Mr. And Mrs. Porterfield gave them a counterpain. Joe Stokes a water set, and Walter Slaton a tea set and butter dish.

The young couple will make their home in Tahoka

Mr. Elton George, a cowhand on the T-Bar Ranch, and Miss Callie Nevills, one of the prettiest ladies in Tahoka, were married on Dec. 21, 1905

Judge T.M. Bartley and Miss Min Henery of Floydada were married at the home of the bride's parents. They arrived in Tahoka Dec. 30, 1905.

The Walter Robinson family were in town Christmas shopping last week

On Aug. 25, 1905, Mr. Conrad from Amarillo and Mr. Stollard from Yellow House Canyon surprised the people in Tahoka with a visit, making the trip from Lubbock in an automobile, the distance of 45 miles in a little over three hours.

A barbecue was held on the courthouse square in 1905. Over a thousand people attended. They had enough food left to feed all the dogs and covotes in the county. A ball game took place in the afternoon. They played Gomez, getting beat 10-6 in favor of Gomez.

The players on the Tahoka team were Bill Steadum, Hall Robinson, Harry Whipp, Ben McGregor, Claud and Thurman Wells, Cloyd Shoo and **Bill Priest.**

Bob Rusk and Horace Hale run the mail back between Tahoka and Gail in 1905.

Miss Robbie Chisum happened to a very painful accident the other day. She was helping to put up a stove and a piece of the pipe fell, striking her in the face.

A gin by Wells & Welcher was opened on Oct. 12, 1906, at a cost of \$5,000. It was the biggest thing in the way of machinery in Tahoka.

The first musical recital was given last Friday night in the Methodist Church by Mrs. Maud Donaldson's class. The children all dressed in white looked like fairies upon the stage.

Some of her pupils were Miss Livana McCarley, Miss Nettie Wells and Cryte Wright.

Walter Smith started to school last week and because he always wears a cap pulled down on his head it makes his ears stick out. The kids all started calling him Happy because of his resemblance to Happy Hooligan in the funny papers.

Joe Elliott, Henery Lindley and Sumner Clayton left last week for Oregon on a pleasure and prospecting trip.

Jack Blankenship stacked 28 loads of feed and said he made twice as much as he expected.

The McGonigal family returned from a visit to Benjamin, their old home town. While there Miss Cleo and Gladys rode over to Rule on the first train to visit friends. They reported a wonderful time.

Bob Majors and wife accompanied by Mr. And Mrs. S.N. McDaniels made a trip to Post City in one of the new line cars.

On the 19th of May, 1906, the first telephone message was sent to the outside world just out of town from the T-Bar gate post to Lubbock. Joe Nevills became our first operator and proved himself to be as speedy on the run as he is when handling the exchange. Last Friday he outran his hat in a half mile race.

On March 6, 1908, Mr. A.L. Lockwood came in with his bride, Miss Baxter of Washington D.C. They spent a month in traveling. Miss Viola and Master Oscar and

Roscoe Roberts, children of Mrs. Becky Roberts, spent the week with their uncle, Walter Forrester. Mr. C.E. Brown's new automo-

bile came in Monday evening - a new 1907 Rio, a 20-horse power touring car. It weighs 1830 lbs. And cost \$1373, including the top.

Mrs. J.B. Stokes and son of Gail are visiting Mrs. J.E. Stokes. They have just arrived from east Texas and will establish a new hotel in Gail.

Bob Traywick and Miss Lula Lutrell were married Sunday, July 26, 1908. Judge Bartley officiated. Mat Williams brought in his brown Perchon Stallion Monday. Prince is a handsome 22-month-old horse, that weighed 1050 lbs. Mrs. G.W. Hickerson was a pleasant caller at the news office Thursday. She told of taking off four hens the day before setting on 58 eggs, out of which she got 54 chick-



for travelers and community parties, featuring family-style meals in its dining room.

(Photo from Tahoka Pioneer Museum, reprinted from LCN Centennial edition)

went to Yellow House Canyon to fish. wouldn't eat it to catch them in a trap The W.J. Crouch family moved to Tahoka in January 1908. It took five wagons and a buggy to move, them

Mrs. W.B. Slaton entertained with a 42 party. The lucky star hovered over Mrs. Belton Howell and bestowed upon her the honor of winning high score.

Charlie and Claud Kuykendall returned home in the T-Bar community after visiting relatives for a week.

A little girl baby made her appearance in the W.L. Davis home last night. They have named her Beaulah. She has two older sisters, Alta and Virgie, and a big brother Tommy.

Claud Donaldson with all of his freckles was considered the handsomest boy in school.

Bud Milliken moved his saddle shop into the old Lynn County bank building and had this ad put in the Lynn County News: "Why risk your wife's life with that old harness when you can get a new one at Bud Milliken's that will be perfectly safe."

The Dyers and Shattocks families went to Tahoka Lake on a pic-

W.E. Porterfield had a fine hitch rack built in front of his dry goods store this week.

and feed it to them - it would sure kill them.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up and does not stop until you get into the office. -Robert Frost



Questions and Answers of the Day

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

Answer: (Continued from last week) I found all the scripture I could on the subject. I will give you those this week, and next week I will discuss them and where they are in our daily lives. I Samuel 15:23, II Chronicles 33:6, Galatians 5, II Kings 9:22, Nahum 3:4, Leviticus 20:27, Deuteronomy 18: 9-12, Exodus 22:18, Leviticus 19:31, 20:6, I Samuel 28:3, 28, Il Kings 23:24, Isaiah 8:19, 19:3, Genesis 41:24, Exodus 8:18, 19, Exodus 9:11, Leviticus 19:26, II Kings 17:17, 21:6, II Chronicles 33:6, Isaiah 47:8, 9, Isaiah 47:12-14, Daniel chapters 1-5, Isaiah 2:6, Malachi 3:5, Joshua 13:22, Acts 16, Revelation 9:21, 18:23. I pray you will look all these scriptures up. If you read the scriptures before them and after them it will give you a clear vision of God's way of thinking. Most of these things deal with magic, talking to the spirits (seances, fortune tellers, Ouiji boards, psychics, etc...) We have shows on TV that say these things are a good thing. One lady works at a morgue. Those dead folks talk to her. Actually they are not always dead yet, so she has to prevent it. One of the soap operas has a lady who talks to the dead and they make it look alright because it helps people. Our help needs to come from God; our power from God alone; our abilities from God and only He is to be glorified with it.

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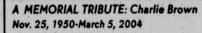
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C.C. McLaurin brought in the first bale of cotton to be ginned. On Sunday afternoon at Chimney Mills, Mr. Joe Nevills and Miss Laura were baptized. Over 200 people witnessed the ceremony.

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My Daddy Charlie Brown

By Tashianna Brown

The first time that I made you cry was when I took your hand and placed my fingers around your pinky, and you knew you were the man who would catch me when I fell, and clean up after me. I'm thankful for all that you have done if only you could see.

You would take me to TOYS'R'US to buy my favorite toys, including the bat you used to chase away the boys. Anytime I would try something new, you always had the video camera right in front of you. You caught it on film the first time I fell off my bike, and when I thought I was old enough to try a song on the mic.

You taught me to love all sports, and how to wear a hat. You took me to all the baseball games, and I loved you more for that. We never got to go camping but that's ok now, because when I found out that there was no plug-ins I thought I'd have a cow. ~You were a little hesitant when I

went to my first dance, believe me dad, between him and I there was no romance.

You always called me a spoiled brat when you would get mad, but we would make up because we didn't like to see each other sad.

We moved away from our hometown to start my freshman year, and in the middle we were faced with a horrible fear.

I'll never forget that day I thought there was more I could do, I guess the time just came for me to let go of you. You may miss all of my first time things, like prom and graduation, and

all the stress of achieving my goals and all the aggravation.

Daddy, I promise that I'll have a man just like you to walk me down the aisle, and I know you'll be on my other side standing with a smile. I hope when people meet me they think I'm a spitting image of you and my kids to come until my day is through.

Dad you had the biggest heart any man could dream of, but even though you are gone we know your up above. Your laughter was contagious and your smile filled the room, I'm still you're little girl it's too bad I've just begun to bloom.

There will never be a day that I don't think of you, I know we had our time but there was much more left to do. You will live in our hearts till the day that we die, I promise I'll take care of everyone until the day we join you in the sky.

.Daddy, it's time to say goodbye I wish so much we all wouldn't cry it's not too long till I see you soon maybe we can meet again on top of the moon. Now he took you from us and gave you wings please help us to understand these things.

Mr. Rob Terry and Miss Della Gilmore, Mr. Temp Skinner and Miss Lula Gilmore, Miss Mary Whipp and Cloyd Shook, Mr. Bud Milliken and Miss Letty Hughes left Tahoka early the other morning visiting Tahoka Lake. After rambling and climbing over the hills to their hearts' content, they went to the Shook home where the young ladies rolled up their sleeves and made a blackberry pie. It was made by such hands and watched over by such bright eyes. It was enough to make the boys founder themselves. In the afternoon they indulged in a new game chasing antelopes in their buggies. What a day will they ever see another like it!

Emmet Flemings was known to have talked his way out of trouble more than once. Mr. Walker, Emmet's teacher, met him at the door with a mesquite limb in his hand after warning him not to be tardy any more at school. It's needless to say Emmet talked his way out of the whipping.

Maurice Small arrived Thursday, May 26, 1906, to make his home with the G.W. Small family. George is hoping his son will follow in his Dad's footsteps.

Mr. Ira Doak and Miss Minnie Stokes were married Dec. 23, 1906. Rev. Gore performed the ceremony at the Stokes Hotel. They spent their honeymoon in Gail and Snyder visiting relatives.

The famous Merry Widow hats have come to Tahoka. Mrs. Jack Alley on her recent trip to market brought them back with her.

Miss Ethel Cook of the Tahoka Ranch, and Mr. Hall Robinson of this place were married May 5th, 1908. Judge Bartley officiated.

Mr. And Mrs. Walter May and family and the J.P. Hatchett family had an attack of fishing fever and

Judge T.M. Bartlett took the editor out for a ride in his rubber tired buggy.

Mrs. W.D. Nevills and Baby Ruth left Wednesday for Fluvana to take the train for Lampasas to visit her parents. Baby Ruth expects to see Santa Claus while there.

Mrs. T.C. Leedy and Miss Mandy and Grace just came in from Big Spring to make their home here. They put up at the Cosmopolitan Hotel for a few days till their home was made ready to move into.

Jake Leedy introduced rat poison in Tahoka. He made a trip to Indiana and brought back some of the poison with him. Jake said if the rats

To be continued next week ... God bless you all. LINDALOCKE . P.O. BOX 1722 . TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT **SWING BED PROGRAM**

What is Swing Bed? It is a sub-acute program for Medicare patients who have been in the hospital for at least 3 days, and are ready for discharge under Medicare criteria but need a little extra care before they go home. Swing Bed is the name for sub-acute care started by Medicare in 1969.

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 daily visits.

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

PAGE 4, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004 **Texas Farm Bureau Designates** March 14-20 As National Ag Week

The American Agriculture Council has designated March 14-20, 2004 as the 31st annual National Agriculture Week, a celebration of the work ethic and efficiency of American farmers

"National Ag Week is a time for Texans to reflect and appreciate the agriculture industry, which we sometimes take for granted," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Texas farmers and ranchers and their partners in agribusiness have made America the best fed nation in history."

National Agriculture Week ends with National Agriculture Day on March 20, the first day of spring, symbolizing the beginning of the new planting season.

Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo, said Texas Farm Bureau encourages statewide recognition of Texas agriculture for its role in the state economy. Twenty percent of all Texas jobs are related to agriculture, which also generates more than \$60 billion of economic activity in the state.

"The primary beneficiary of Texas agriculture is the consumer," Dierschke said. "Many people are losing touch with the agriculture industry. We hope National Agriculture Week provides greater understanding of our national food and fiber success story."

SPC Student From Tahoka To Compete At State Event

A student from Tahoka will join the South Plains College Skills USA/ VICA chapter in competition March 25-27 at the State Skills USA Conference in San Antonio.

Christopher Allen Craig, 23, chapter secretary and diesel service technology major from Tahoka, will compete in diesel skills and quiz bowl. He is the son of Al Craig and Sherri Craig.

He is among 29 SPC students competing at state. This is the largest contingent of students who have competed in the chapter's three-year history. Skills USA is a national organization serving a quarter-million high school and college students and professional members enrolled in technical, skilled and service occupations.

Winners will advance to the national competition June 23-24 in Kansas City. The SPC chapter has sent teams and individuals to nation-

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als since its inception. The chapter represents students in SPC's automotive and diesel service technology programs, welding technology and heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

"The students are entered in 50different contests and have been working hard since September to prepare for the state meet," said Gary Ham, instructor in automotive service technology and a chapter advisor. "The students will be tested on their trade, leadership and employability skills." They held fund-raisers and participated in community service projects to earn the funds for the trip.

Accompanying the students will be Skills USA advisors Ham, Tony Ortiz, assistant professor of automotive and diesel service technology. and Randall Redman, instructor in heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

REGISTER and Vote!

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to any election.

Register at the Lynn County Courthouse Tax Office.

· Local, school and hospital elections are May 15, 2004.

· U.S. General Election is November 2, 2004

Conservation Practice Incentives Offered

The sign-up for the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is still ongoing with the local NRCS office taking applications until April 16, 2004. Through this program producers can receive cost share assistance to install conservation practices to improve water quantity and reduce water erosion. Practices eligible for cost share

assistance are the following: installation of drip irrigation systems, installation of new center pivots, center pivot conversions, irrigation pipe-" lines, terraces and waterways. All funded practices will be cost shared at a 35% cost share rate.

For additional information or to make an appointment, please contact the local NRCS office at 998-4507 ext.3.



Tahoka ISD 2004-2005 Proposed Calendar

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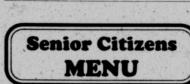
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ANN-MARIE SALEH Ann-Marie Salah Crowned Miss West Texas 2004

Ann-Marie Saleh, daughter of Sam and Sylvia Saleh, was crowned Miss West Texas 2004 on December 5, 2003. Ann-Marie is a 2001 graduate of Lamesa High School and is currently a Senior, Agricultural Communication major at Texas Tech University. Upon graduation in May, she will be attending Law School.

As Miss West Texas, Ann-Marie is promoting her platform of "Looking to the Future: It Makes "Cents" to Save". She will be traveling to several schools in the West Texas area to do presentations concerning this. issue.

Ann-Marie will travel to Ft. Worth to compete in the Miss Texas pageant July 4 through July 10. Miss Texas is part of the Miss America Organization, the largest scholarship organization in the world.



brussel sprouts, tossed salad/ranch. wheat roll, frosted vanilla cake Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak. white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, gelatin

Thursday-Meatloaf, corn, broccoli rice, casserole, wheat roll, apple or applesauce

Friday-Cheese or beef enchiladas, mexi corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad/1000 island, chocolate cake

Combs Declares Lynn Area "Suppressed" Of Boll Weevils

Gaines and Yoakum counties, and

Plains Caprock Zone initially ap-

proved a boll weevil eradication pro-

gram in 2001. The Southern High

Plains Zone covers more than 1 mil-

lion acres in Cochran, Crosby,

Hockley and Lubbock counties, and

parts of Dickens, Garza, Lynn and

Zones obtaining suppressed status

today were the Northern High Plains

around Plainview; Permian Basin

around Midland-Odessa; Northern

Rolling Plains around Childress;

Northwest Plains around Hereford;

and El Paso/Trans-Pecos around El

Paso. More than 4 million acres of

cotton are farmed in the suppressed

Wilson

School Menu

March 22-26

Breakfast

Tuesday-Egg, sausage cheese bake, juice

Lunch

Monday- Cheeseburger, fries, lettuce,

Tuesday- Beef n' macaroni, corn, green

Wednesday-Hot pocket, salad, carrot

Thursday-Tator tot casserole, green

Friday-Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

Wednesday-Biscuit, gravy, juice

Thursday-Egg, hash brown, juice

Monday- Donut, Juice

Friday-Donut, juice

tomato, pickle, onion, fruit

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Other Boll Weevil Eradication

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Growers in the Southern High

parts of Lynn and Terry counties.

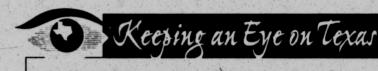
Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has officially declared seven Boll Weevil Eradication Zones as "suppressed," including the Lynn County area in the Western High Plains and Southern High Plains Caprock zones. "Suppressed" means that less than 0.025 boll weevils were found per trap per week during the cotton growing season.

"This is a great milestone in Texas' fight against boll weevils, a destructive pest that has plagued our state's cotton industry for more than a century," Combs said. "The determination and hard work of cotton growers in the Western High Plains. and Southern Caprock Zones, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation helped us reach this goal.

"Boll weevils cause more than" \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas every year, so obviously our ultimate goal is to eradicate this pest in Texas completely. Today we are much closer to that day," Combs said.

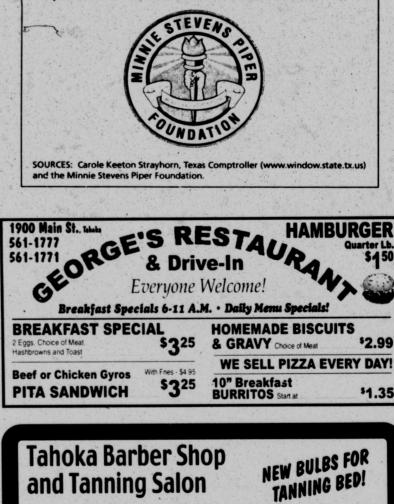
"It is indeed a proud moment for our producers when we can claim a region is nearing a weevil-free status," said Sen. Robert Duncan from Lubbock. "This spirit of hard work and cooperation for a common goal is commendable, and I hope it will continue as we face other challenges in rural Texas.

Growers in the Western High Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1999. The Western High Plains Zone covers almost 900,000 acres in Andrews,



College Compendium Calendar

Once again, the Comptroller's Office and the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation present the Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar, a list of Texas colleges and universities, admission requirements, total expenses for an academic year, financial aid data and helpful hints to the college-bound, together with a calendar of scholarship and testing deadlines. For more information, go to http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/



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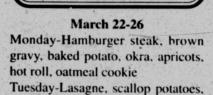
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Please direct comments regarding the proposed 2004-2005 school calendar to Tahoka ISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker at the Harvick Educational Building, phone (806) 561-4105.

NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's 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

ion issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

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 Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

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 ed 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 companias 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 Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto pará pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias 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 Applicación, VALOR propóne implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el día que la Comicion sumete el orden finál, por la solicitacion de Valor. La Commission puede establisar sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración.

Sobrecargos ELCS see applicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS. Valor háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residental: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.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; \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrendo sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada linea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la ComisiÚn, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines. Si la Segunda Enmendacion de Applicacion de Valor estará corobada, 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 Vaior 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 éste 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.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

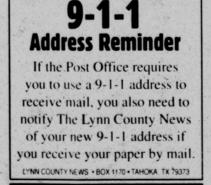
877-520-5220. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posiblé y no más tarde del dia 21 de Abril, 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.

Windbreak, Hardwood **Trees** Now Available At Local SWCD

Windbreak and conifer trees are now available at the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District. 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. in

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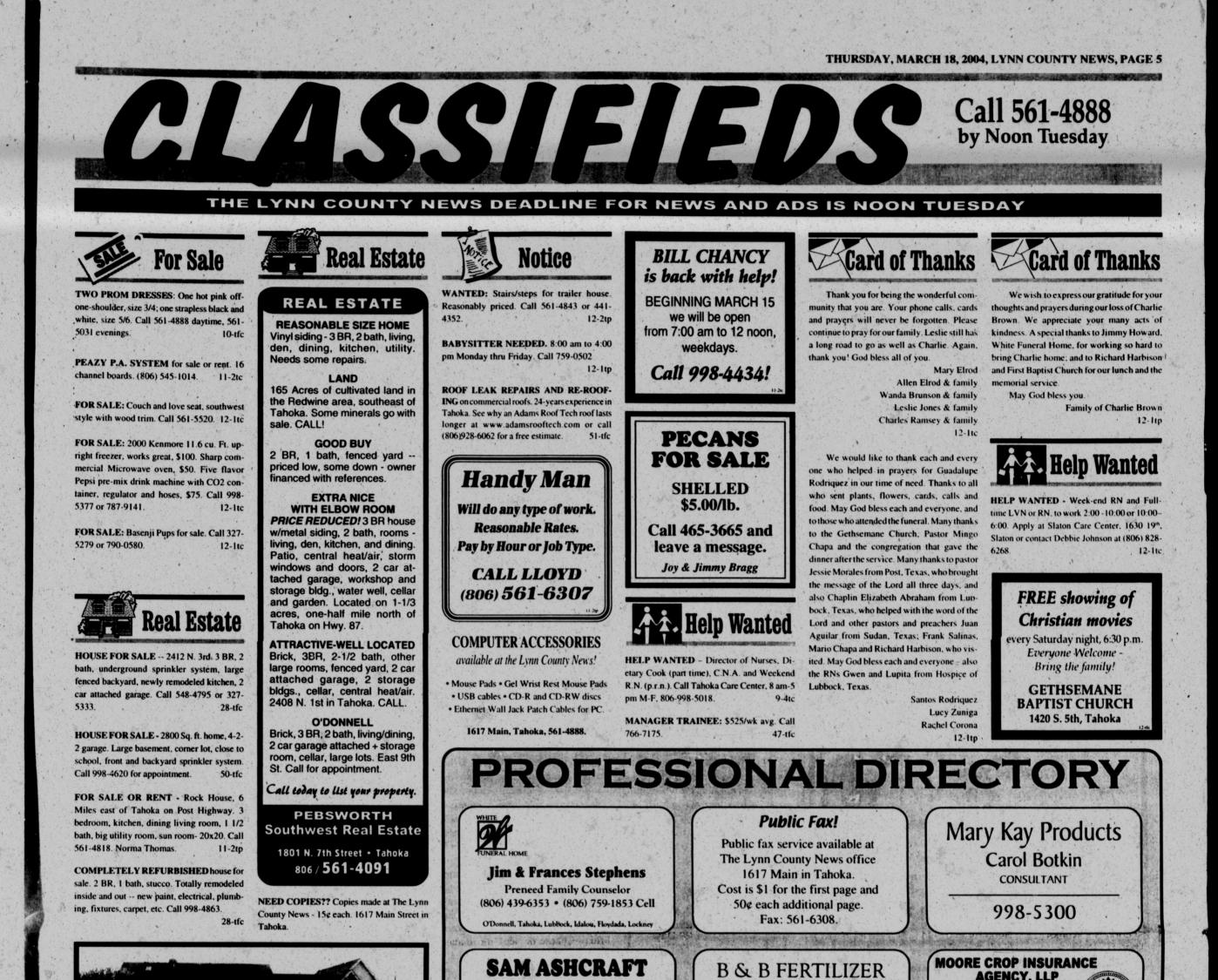
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New Home News The by Karon Durham • 924-7448

The High School Baseball team will play at Smyer on March 22. The High School District U.I.L. meet at Loop on March 23, along with Judging at Abilene. On March 24, the 3rd grade will be testing and Judging contest is at Tarleton on the 24th and 25th. The One Act Play will present "A Rose For Emily."

The public is invited to a dinner and dress rehearsal showing of the One Act Play, "A Rose For Emily" at 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 24. A spaghetti dinner will be served at

New Home

School Menu

March 22-26

Breakfast

Lunch

Monday- Steak fingers, whipped pota-

toes, green beans, pear cup, Texas Toast-

Tuesday- Pizza, lettuce/tomato, corn,

Wednesday-Sandwich bar, pickle spears,

baby carrots, cucumbers, orange wedges,

Thursday-Spaghetti & meatballs, lettuce/

tomato, broccoli w/cheese, peach cup,

Friday-Fish shapes, mac & cheese, car-

rot, cucumber, lettuce/tomato, mixed fruit

Monday- Cinnamon Roll

Tuesday-Biscuit/Sausage

Wednesday-Granola Bars

Friday-Breakfast Pizza

chocolate pudding

juice bar

garlic sticks

Thursday-Cinnamon Toast

per plate. On Wednesday, February 4 Angelica Rodriguez, Desiree Garza, Katie O'Rourke, Maricela Rodriguea, Mary Maeker, Mikaela

dent Council Convention. The convention was held at the

The day consisted of a general meeting, a rock band, a motivational

An Easter drawing will be March

The drawing will be held in Mrs.

Red Ribbon Spring Bake Sale is scheduled for April 7th. Hope you can help send items to sell.

Red Ribbon week activities



New Home Cafeteria, at a cost of \$5

Wallace, Jamie Salinas, Reynaldo Munoz, Adrian Villareal, and Mrs. **Ouillin attended the District Five Stu-**

Civic Center in Lubbbock.

speaker, and lunch.

22 and April 6. A chance to draw an Easter egg and see what prize you might have won will cost \$1.00 per chance. Prizes are valued from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Durham's office.

Both projects will help fund the



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A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST - This photo, taken from the files of the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, shows Tahoka Masonic Lodge members laying the cornerstone on Aug. 24, 1916 for the new Lynn County Courthouse. No one was identified in the photo.

(Photo courtesy of Tahoka Pioneer Museum)

Quilt Blocks Wanted For State Competition

The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the 2004 guilt block competition, open to participants across the state. For the first time, TDA will feature two separate themes for the competition with a goal of spotlighting children's nutrition and rural Texas, the focus of two new TDA programs.

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, mohair and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the win-

serve a packet for each quilt. To help defray the cost of mailing, the final quilting of the winning blocks and the traveling display of the quilt statewide, a \$12 donation for each packet Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco. Suzy's Quilt Shop of Garland, Sonora Mohair & Company of

Children's Health Insurance Program Still Available

children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Lynn County. That number has declined by 21% to 153 as of the end of February 2004, according to information from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. The trend in this area mirrors the decline further solidifies Texas' position as having the highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, with one on four children having no coverage.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is designed for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid health care, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance. The 78th Legislature in Texas made changes to the CHIP program in 2003. Many different scenarios regarding CHIP were reported as the media struggled to keep up with the proposed changes, which at one point included terminating the program. Ultimately, the Legislature tightened the eligibility requirements and discontinued vision and dental services whish lowered program costs, while continuing to provide coverage for some uninsured children. These changes caused some families to lose their eligibility. However, because of the many scenarios discussed, many people mistakenly believed that all proposed changes were made final, when in fact they were not. This confusion has caused eligible children to lose benefits, as some parents may mistakenly believe the progeam has been eliminated or that they no longer qualify.

The insure•a•kid program is a grant funded partnership between the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Lubbock area school districts. The goal of the program is to identify children without health insurance and to assist eligible families in obtaining coverage through CHIP and Children's Medicaid.

The CHIP program has changed, but it still provides many vital services such as well checks, prescriptions, lab work, x-rays, immunizations, hospitalizations and more. It is



In June of 2003 there were 193 the best affordable option for many working Texas families. A family of four can have a gross monthly income of \$3,067 and still qualify for CHIP. Earnings of parents, step and adoptive parents and money received on behalf of the children count toward this monthly total. The income of other relatives in the home such as grandparents, aunts and uncles or other unrelated persons is not considered in the total.

> Some families with higher incomes do not qualify for CHIP of Medicaid, but still are unable to obtain health coverage for their children. Parents can visit the Texas Department of insurance at http:// www.tdi.state.tx.us/consumer/ cbo72.html to see a list of all insurance companies in Texas that sell products for children.

> Any adult living with an uninsured child can apply for the program on behalf of children in their care. Children must be age 18 or younger and be US citizens or legal residents.

Co-pays in the CHIP program are affordable and the maximum monthly premium to cover all children in the household is \$25 per month. Many families who do not have coverage use the emergency room for their source of medical care. One trip to the emergency room can easily cost \$800, compared with an office visit co-pay of \$10 or less available through CHIP.

Coverage is provided for six months. Families who are already part of the CHIP program are encouraged to know the end date of their coverage period and to send in renewal information as soon as possible in order to maintain coverage. A 90 day waiting period is imposed on those who do not complete the renewal process in a timely manner.

Applications and assistance are available by calling TexCare at 1-800-647-6558, or the insure a kid office at 806-743-4686. Applications are also available online at www.insureakid.org and www.texcarepartnership.com.

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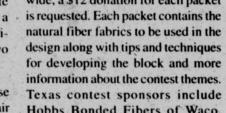
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED **TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS** Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 0905-00-036 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION in LUBBOCK County, etc. will be opened on April 07, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor NPO: 12514

State Office	Dist/Div Office(s)
Constr./Maint. Division	Lubbock District
200 E. Riverside Dr.	District Engineer
Austin, Texas 78704	135 Slaton
Phone: 512-416-2540	Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 12-21c

SOLICITATION FOR WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS (DIGITAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY)

The Lynn County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is soliciting written price quotations for aerial photography work covering Dawson, Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum Counties.

Submitted price quotations must be submitted in a sealed envelope, either mailed or physically delivered no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, March 26, 2004 to the Lynn County FSA office located at 1601 South 2nd Street, P.O. box 1430, Tahoka, Texas 79373, telephone 806-998-4501, ext. 2.

The quoted prices will be reviewed by the Key County Coordinator

Prompt delivery of the completed work (Digital Imagery), as specified by the FSA, is an essential part of the agreement. Quotations will not be considered unless the vendor has available equipment and personnel to complete the work required in the agreement. The County scheduled to be flown will not pay for aerial images in excess of the estimated ount needed unless requested.

FSA reserves the right to reject any or all quoted prices or to accept the quoted price or prices, which in the opinion of the FSA are in the best interest of FSA. 12-2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ORA MARIE DAVIS, Deceased, were issued on March 1, 2004, in Cause No. 2004-2736, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Elmer Owens,

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by

C/o: Mark A. Marshall Attorney at Law P.O. Box 968-1540 Avenue J Tahoka, Texas 79373 DATED the 16th day of March, 2004

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ning entries, which will be combined into two separate quilts. The two quilts will be unveiled at the 2004 State Fair of Texas and will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

Texas is the leading producer of wool and mohair in the country and has earned a global reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer for hides for leather and suede.

The two quilt block themes will be "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids," which will focus on the importance of proper childhood nutrition, and "Texas Yes!" which will be designed to showcase rural Texas and rural Texas communities.

To participate in the 2004 quilt block competition, call TDA's toll free GO TEXAN line at (877) 99GO-Tex e-mail or gotexanquilts@agr.state,tx.us to re-

Salado, P&B Textiles of Dallas and The Leather Factory of Fort Worth. The deadline to receive quilt block entries is May 28, 2004. The

winning blocks will be combined into the two final quilts during the summer and will be unveiled at the Texas State Fair in September 2004.

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