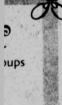
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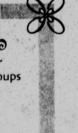
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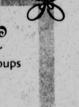
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THE BEGGAR'S OPERA

Shown here are the cast and crew of Tahoka High School's One Act Play, "The Beggar's Opera," which will be presented at the District One Act Play Contest this Saturday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at Post High School. Tahoka fans are invited to attend the OAP competition and support the Tahoka presentation under the direction of Ronny Powell. The story details the exploits of a ragtag company of beggars on a stage in the 1730s, demanding comedic timing from the cast, gags and lots of stage combat.

(See story, page 3) (LCN PHOTO)

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New Home Girls Slightly Hurt In Wreck

and 10, suffered apparently minor injuries Saturday evening when a 1993 Isuzu SUV driven by the older girl, Sierra Estrada, flipped end over end near the intersection of FM 1730 and to rest upside down after the driver

County Rd. 2 near New Home. The driver and Desiree Vasquez 10, were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where they were treated and then reMendez, 39, of New Home, was not treated for injury.

Investigating DPS Trooper Wanda Raney said the vehicle came failed to negotiate a curve about 8:15

Tahoka Police Dept. made two arrests of persons on outstanding warrants during the week, and inves-



I WONDER if anyone else in Lynn County has ever owned a Simca. That's a French car, manufactured from 1934 through 1981, according to my computer. It was sold in the United States for some of those years. I know, because I bought one (used) somewhere around 1959, and I remember it well because it burned more oil than it did gasoline.

At the time I bought it I had just acquired the weekly newspaper The Sudan Beacon-News. I lived in Lubbock and for awhile I drove back and forth to Sudan every day. The little French car ran okay, and got about 35 miles to a gallon of gasoline, but it would burn two quarts of oil in a 50-mile trip: I remember pulling into a station once and telling the attendant to "fill it up with oil, and check the gas."

Simca apparently is no longer manufactured, although the website I accessed had something vague about an alliance with

The only other French car I ever owned was a Renault, back in the early 60s. All I remember about that one is that it was blue and the wheels pointed out at the bottom like it had a broken axle.

These were just two of about 50 vehicles I have owned in about that many years. Soon I may discuss some of the others, especially some of the earlier models.

Many of the cars I have owned have been Fords. They were mostly good ones, even if our son does say that FORD stands for "Found On Road Dead.."

BLONDE strikes back: The blonde babe on Sixth St. tells about an argument she had with a company from which she had purchased some storm windows:

'Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane energy efficient kind. But this week I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year ago and I had yet to pay for them. Boy oh boy, did we go around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year... that in one year the windows would pay for themselves.

"There was silence on the other end of the line so I just

hung up and I haven't heard back. "Guess I won that stupid argument."

Two New Home girls, ages 18 leased. A third passenger, Joe tigated a report of a gunshots in the area of N. 6th St. Friday, talking with some persons involved in an alterea-

> Fourteen more inmates were held in Lynn County jail this week, bringing the total jail population one past the normal limit of 49. Ten were held for Garza County and 20 for Lubbock County.

Charges for which persons were jailed during the last week included: three on traffic warrants, with one of these also charged with theft by check more than \$20 and less than \$500; failure to identify to a peace officer plus no seat belt plus driving at unsafe speed, no liability insurance, failure to identify plus possession of controlled substance, failure to appear plus no drivers license, possession of marijuana under two ounces, no drivers license, failure to appear plus no seat belt, grand jury indictment on possession of controlled substance, minor driving under influence, Tarrant County warrants for possession of marijuana and theft over \$1500 and under \$20,000, Gonzales County warrant for DWI.

Bishop Named CEO Of Wilson State Bank

The Board of Directors of Wilson State Bank is pleased to an nounce the promotion of Jackie B. Bishop to CEO/President of Wilson State Bank and Wilson Bancshares. Inc. Bishop has been with Wilson State Bank for 40 years and has

served as President since 2002. Also elected was Sharon Isham as Vice President of Wilson Bancshares, Inc. Isham has been with Wilson State Bank for 28 years and serves the Bank as Vice President.

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VISITORS AT COMMISSIONERS MEETING - More than a dozen visitors waited outside closed doors at Monday morning's Lynn County Commissioners Court meeting at the courthouse while commissioners met in executive session for just over an hour. The visitors were waiting for possible news regarding the controversy surrounding the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. Here, County Attorney Jay Napper informs guests that commissioners are returning to open session but that the sheriff's department issue will not be addressed in open session since the agenda merely stated that commissioners would meet with their attorneys, and no action could be taken. (LCN PHOTO)

Commissioners Meet With Attorneys, But Make No Comments On Sheriff Controversy

Monday morning met at 9 a.m. with County Attorney Jay Napper and another attorney who has represented Lynn County in the past, Charlotte Bingham of Lubbock, for just over an hour in closed session while more than a dozen visitors waited outside the closed doors in hopes of hearing news regarding the recent controversy in the Lynn County Sheriff's Department. Commissioners, however, made no reference to the closed session when they returned to open session at 10:20 a.m., and took no action on the issue since there was no official agenda item stated other than the executive session to meet with their attorneys.

Commissioners will consider the issue again when they convene in a called meeting next Monday afternoon. As of press time Wednesday morning, the meeting was tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the courtat that time. The agenda must be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting. Commissioners' Court meeting agendas are posted for the public on the bulletin board in the foyer of the courthouse entrance.

Controversy has arisen in the community since the March 9 primary elections, when Sheriff's Deputy Jerry D. Franklin defeated incumbent Sheriff Bob Wilson and was subsequently terminated from his job with the department three days later. Franklin is unopposed in the November General Election, and should take office in January 2005.

Neither Franklin nor Wilson was present at Monday morning's commissioner session, and no lawyers representing anyone other than Lynn County attended the executive session. Rumors regarding any lawsuits filed against the county are un-

Lynn County Commissioners house, but no agenda had been posted founded at this point, according to the county attorney Tuesday morning.

> Those meeting in closed session Monday included the four commissioners, J.T. Miller, Don Blair, Mike Braddock and Don Morton, and the two attorneys. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, who leads commissioner court sessions, recused himself from the executive session because of his relationship to Jerry D. Franklin, who is his half-brother. He joined the court when it returned to open session and conducted the remainder of the meeting, which pertained to routine business.

> A lone bid for the sale of a motor grader from Precinct 3 was opened and commissioners unanimously approved the bid from Warren Cat for \$32,500. A bond for a county employee was approved, as were monthly bills, and the court adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Residents Invited To Forum On Community Issues Here

Maybe It Wasn't That Heavy Shopping Bag.

Weakness On One Side May Mean A Stroke.

Questions and Answers of the Day

Answer: (Continued from last week) Did you know that in

every town and city there are people who practice the things I

have been writing about the last few weeks? This needs to be

prayed about. We need to make sure these people not only

hear God's word concerning such matters, but we need to get

the word out that Christ's blood can separate them from the

damage made. By the way, did you know that some of the

information gotten for Harry Potter was gathered from actual

practicing witches. Some of the chants that are in this movie

and others and in some cartoons are actually quoted from wiz-

ards and witches. As a Christian we owe it to God and our

children to say what they may watch or participate in. We should

always listen to, watch, or examine what our children hear.

see, do. We owe it to them to stand strong in our beliefs. Once

they are grown and support themselves then they can do as

they please. God says to train up a child in the way he should

go and when they are old they will not depart from that. It takes

a lot of work to raise them this way, but if you don't teach them

-- someone will. Please receive this with all my love for you

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To be continued next week ... God bless you all.

and your children. Receive it with all God's love for all of us.

warn us from dangerous things we get

Question: Would God actually love us if He didn't

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HEART ATTACK STROKE

What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives here?

"All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families, and our community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 30 at The Center For Housing and Community Development (1400 Avenue K) in Tahoka," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of The Texas A&M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups, and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Texas as a whole," said Reynolds, "We also

want other local, state, and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through cooperation and partnerships among the agencies and organizations that serve them."

"The Future Forum process will help Extension develop its longrange plan for the next four years, 2005 through 2008," Reynolds said. However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common needs and define a process for addressing these needs to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

"We view this as a partnership effort, all of us working together for the future of Texas," Reynolds said.

"We encourage everyone to let their voices be heard in the Lynn County Forum on Tuesday, March 30," said Reynolds. "This is your opportunity to speak to the future!"



DANIELLE HILL and TIM BURROW

Couple to Wed May 8

Sidney and Glenna Burrow of New Home announce the engagement of their son, Tim Burrow, to Danielle Hill, daughter of Byron and Diana Hill of Stanton. The couple plans to marry May 8, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in New Home.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Sands High School and is a psychology major at Lubbock Christian University. She employed by Delta and Pineland.

The future groom is a graduate of Snyder High School and is employed with the City of Lubbock as a firefighter.

Golf Tournament Set April 3-4 At T-Bar

A four-person open scramble has been set at Tahoka T-Bar for April 3 & 4. Entry fee is \$30.00 per person and mulligans are \$5.00 per person, carts are extra. For entry and more information contact T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305.



Mom, Brandon, uncle Albert, Pablo, Grandma, Grandpa, Melissa, and Carla

Poka Lambro Annual Meeting Set March 25

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 53rd Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, March 25. The meeting will be held at the Poka Lambro business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. One important item of business on the agenda will be the election of two directors of the Cooperative.

Other meeting highlights will include the reports of officers and directors, the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships, and any other business that may come before the membership. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting.

For more information contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

Blessed Sacrament To Host Fish Fry

The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Youth Organization in Wilson will host a Fish Fry Friday, March 26 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the church. Cost will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Carry out will be

Dr. Ray To Preach At New Home Baptist

Dr. George Ray, a former pastor at Tahoka First Baptist Church, will preach this Sunday March 28 at New Home Baptist Church. He is filling in during the absence of their pastor, Rev. Jarrell Rial, for the day, and will be giving the message at both the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. All are invited to hear Dr. Ray.

Palm Sunday Cantata Set In Wilson

MAJESTY! will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 4, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson, at 6:00 pm. The cantata will be sung by members from St. John and from the First Baptist Church in Wilson.

Following the presentation, a fellowship with light refreshments will be held in the Education Building.

Everyone is invited to attend this special event to begin Holy Week.

Pre-Registration Set For Headstart, **Pre-K Programs**

The Tahoka Independent School District officials will be hosting a preregistration for a full-day Headstart program for the 2004-2005 school year. This program will be open to all three-year-olds in the district with consideration for those who meet income qualifications being enrolled

"If you have a child that will be at least three years of age by September 1, 2004, and would be interested in a full-day Headstart program. please come to the pre-registration. The registration will be held on Wednesday, April 7, at 1:30 pm at the school cafeteria," said Elementary Principal James Baker.

Pre-Kindergarten pre-registration for four-year-olds will also be conducted at the same time. This program is for children who will be at least four years of age by September 1. 2004, and would be interested in a full day Pre-K program.

Games and fun activities wifl be provided for the children while the parents register. Parents must bring the child's certified birth certificate. updated immunization records, socialsecurity card, and parents' verification of income.

For more information, call Tahoka Elementary at 561-4350 or 561-4233.



TY GARDNER Ty Gardner Has **Acting Part In** 'Friday Night Lights'

Ty Gardner, a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School, recently was chosen to portray a Permian football player in the movie "Friday Night Lights." To spent seven days filming in Odessa at different locations. The movie stars Billy Bob Thornton as head coach Gary Gaines and Tim McGraw as a former star player that is now a father of one of the players.

Ty said the whole experience was very interesting and the days long. They averaged 12-hour days in windy and cold conditions. They were portraying the hot days of August so the players were continually sprayed with water to simulate sweat.

"Filming a production is a lot of hard work and many retakes until the director feels everything is perfect." Ty said. They filmed a bus scene for three hours that may last only a minute on film. Ty was seated next to actor Derek Luke for the duration of that seene and enjoyed talking with

Ty was a member of Tahoka High-School's 2003 State-qualifying One-

"Friday Night-Lights" will premiere October 15, 2004 in theatres across the country.

Methodist Pastor To Leave Tahoka

Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor of Tahoka First United Methodist Church for the last 13 years, announced from the pulpit Sunday that he will be leaving the Tahoka church in mid-June to become pastor of First Methodist Church in Seminole.

Rev. Gregory has been pastor of the Tahoka Church longer than any other minister has served that church. He also has been very active in community events.

His wife. Diane, is an elementary teacher at Tahoka Elementary

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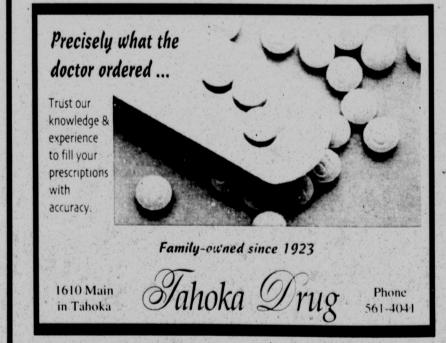


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TTU Men To Offer Free Basketball Clinic Here This Saturday

Texas Tech University Men's Basketball Team members will conduct a free basketball clinic this Saturday, March 27 from 1:00-2:30 and 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the Tahoka High School Gym.

These clinics have been conducted for the past several months in Lubbock and surrounding communities and were initiated by Coach Bobby Knight to promote involvement between Tech team members and young basketball players. Ronald Ross and Jason Imes are two of the players who have attended almost all of the previously-held clinics. Other players who have participated in these clinics in the past have included Andre Emmett, Mikey Marshall, LaQuinta White, and Daryl Dora.

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"Tech players will give autographs if you bring something you want autographed, "stated a represen-

Females and males in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades may attend this clinic. For more information about this program, call Glo Hays at 561-4538 or 998-4039. Space is limited. Participants must pre-register with Mrs. Hays by Thursday afternoon, March 25, at 3:30.

Ms. Hays will notify students on Friday of the definite time of their clinic. If there is enough interest in this program 5th and 6th grade students will probably participate during the first time period and 7th and 8th grade students during the following time period.

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JOHN AND MARY BESS EDWARDS

Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

John and Mary Bess Edwards of New Home will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception on Sunday, April 4th, at the Tahoka Housing Authority from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

John is the son of Ida Mae Edwards of New Home, and the late J.W. Edwards. Mary Bess is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Eades. John and Mary Bess were married at the New Home Baptist Church on April 3, 1954. Their son, John, and daughter, Karon, would like to invite all family and friends to come to the reception.

Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Boys Track By Samantha Andrews

The Bulldogs placed 2nd in their first track meet in Whiteface March 5.

First places for JV, include Lance Murphy in long jump Jamie Madore in 400m. and Heath Ross in the 200m.

Second places went to Jonathan Hernandez in the 3200, Byron Moore in the Shot Put, and J.R. Perez in the High Jump and the 800m, and Kyle Preston in the 100.

The JV 800 relay and the 1600 relay both placed second.

Matthew McLelland placed third in triple jump; Murphy came away with third in the 100, and Jonathan Norris also placed third in the 200.

Norris also placed fourth in Triple Jump. Damon Moore placed fourth in the 100, McLelland came away with fourth in the 400, and Perez placed fourth

Fifth place finishers include Josh Deleon in the 3200, Ross in the long

jump, and Hernandez in the 1600. Norris placed sixth in the Long Jump, Moore placed sixth in the 200.

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Chase Tillman placed first in the 100along with Jessie Monsivias in the 300 Hurdles. Michael Deleon also placed

The Varsity Guys took first in the 400

Second place finishers include Josh Schwartz in the Shot Put and 200m. Michael Deleon second in the long jump, Jessie Monsivias in the 110 Hurdles Michael Nance placed third in the High Jump, and Patrick Dotson placed third in the 100. Brandon Jackson took third in the 300 Hurdles. The Varsity Mile Relay placed third.

Schwartz placed fourth in the discus, and C. Tillman placed fourth in the Long Jump. The 800 Relay also placed fourth

Cade Miller came away with fifth in the 3200 and the 1600. Brandon Jackson placed fifth in the Discus.

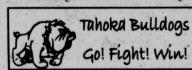
Robert Baker and Nance both placed sixth in the Shot and 400 respectively.

Varsity Boys Baseball By Ashdon Hancock

The Dawgs attended the Ralls Tournament March 11. Due to bad weather the boys were only able to play one game. against Smyer. The Dawgs came out on top, winning 4-2. Derek Stephens went 2-4 with a single and a homerun, Patrick Dotson had a stolen base. Kody Bueermann went 2-4 with two singles. and Larry Murphy went 1-3 with a single

The Bulldogs traveled to Lamesa March 9 to play the Golden Tornadoes. The Bulldogs went down early in the game 0-8, then came alive and pulled out a 13-11 victory over the Tors. Stephens went 3-4 with a single, a double and a triple, Murphy went 3-3 all being singles, Josh Hawthorne went 2-4 with 2 RBI's. and Dotson went 2-3 with one stolen

The Dawgs started district play here. March 23, against the Roosevelt Eagles.



THS Cast To Present "Beggar's Opera" At District OAP Contest Saturday

Play "The Beggar's Opera" will be presented at the District 4-AA contest this Saturday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Post High School.

"I've got nine actors back from our cast that made it to State last year. These kids have been a major plus in helping us prepare the rest of the Cast in what to expect," said Ronny Powell, Theatre Director. "We have been to three workshop/festivals and each of the judges at these events have given us some excellent tips and ideas for our show. I really like our chances at the District Contest," added Powell.

The cast, crew and alternates for this year's show are: Cade Miller as Peachum, Sarah Box as Mrs. Peachum, Jessica Wilson as Polly, Garret Autry as Filch, Cory Carrasco as Lockit, Kyndra Selmon as Lucy. Robery Baker as MacHeath, Brandon Jackson as Jem, Landon Bartley as Ned, Zach Tillman as Matt, Christyn Chapa as Dolly, Corey Green as Jenny, Ashley McNeely as Mrs. Coaxer, Shatara Hughes as Mrs. Slammekin and Larry Murphey as us this Saturday," said the director.

Tahoka High School's One Act Ben. The Crew includes Stage Manager; K'lyssa Selmon, Lights; Mitchell Elrod, Curtain; JC. Garza. Alternates include, Amanda Truelove, Shelly Gandy and Crystal

> The story details the exploits of a ragtag company of beggars on a stage in the 1730's. MacHeath, the predatory highwayman, secretly marries the daughter of an underworld boss, but is soon betrayed by his sinister in-laws and sent to prison. After being freed by the jailer's daughter, he is again betrayed by some local tarts in a nearby tavern and is sentenced to be hanged! In a witty epilogue, the actors protest this unhappy ending and as an alternative finale, the players set MacHeath free and the gang of beggar's finish the show with

a jolly ending. This is a show that is loaded with laughs, gags and lots of stage combat. We are doing a show that is very physically demanding and comic timing is the key to our success. I hope that many folks from Tahoka can come over and support



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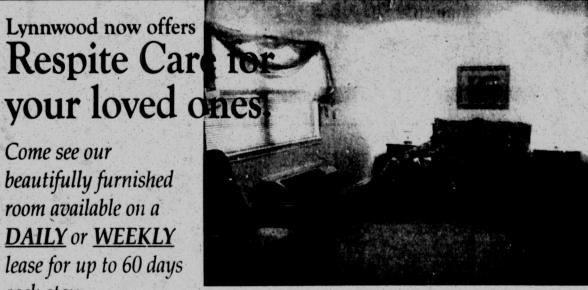
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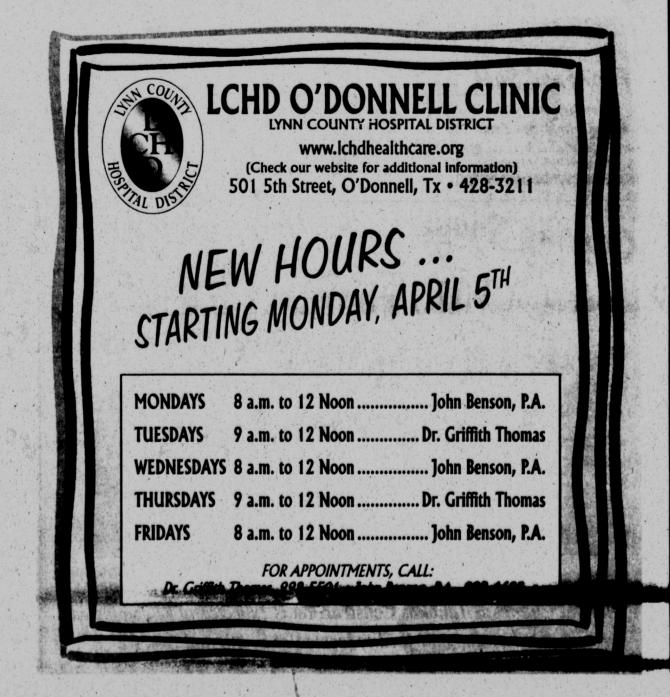
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18th Annual Trash-Off Set For Saturday, April 3rd

Lubbock District Adopt-a-Highway groups will hit the highways Saturday, April 3, to clean up Texas. More than 500 volunteers from 17 counties in the Lubbock District will participate in the 18th Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off with volunteers from more than 1,300 Adopta-Highway groups across the state, including two groups in Lynn County

The National Honor Societies from Tahoka and New Home high schools both participate in the program, with the Tahoka NHS sponsoring two miles on US 380 west from the Tahoka city limits, and New Home NHS sponsoring two miles on FM 211 from the eastern city limits of New Home.

Last year, 1 million pounds of trash was picked up by more than 70,000 Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers across Texas, making it one of the most successful years in Trash-Off history.

"The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to clean up our roadsides and take pride in Texas," said Penny Mason, Lubbock District Public Information Officer and Adopt-a-Highway coordinator.

In the Lubbock District, more

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than 300 volunteers from 23 groups collected almost 500 bags of litter at the 2003 event.

"This year's event is even larger," said Mason. "The response this year shows that citizens are genuinely concerned with beautifying the state and their local communities."

Since 1994, volunteers have picked up more than 14 million tons of trash on Texas highways. according to Doris Howdeshell, Directo, of the Travel Division for the Texas Department of Transportation, the organization that runs the state litter prevention campaign. "This equals 1, 417 pounds for every man, woman and child in Texas," she said.

Kyle Frazier, President of Keep Texas Beautiful, the grassroots arm of Don't Mess with Texas, agrees. "In order to bring together the volunteers who will take to the highways during this year's roadside collection, every organization in every community plays a vital role. The goal is to heighten the visibility of the event to make this year the biggest and best

For more information or to find out how to participate, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org or contact Penny Mason at 806 748-4337 or pmason@dot.state.tx.us.

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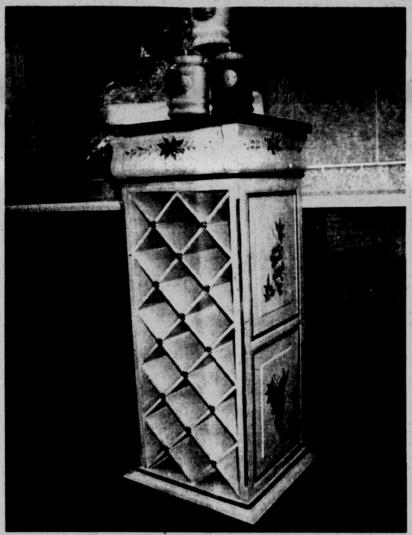
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AUCTION ITEMS - This unusual wine rack/cabinet featuring hand painted grapes on the sides has been donated by Lacks Furniture in Lubbock for the Lynn County Hospital Fun/Food Festival and Auction. Also shown here are candles from Avia, and a scrapbook basket donated by Down Memory Lane. The festival will be held April 17 at the County Showbarn. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka **School Menu**

March 29-April 2

Breakfast

Monday-Pop Tart, fresh apple Tuesday- Breakfast burrito, fruit juice Wednesday-Cinnamon rolls, fresh orange Thursday-Elementary: Yogurt w/orange; MS/HS: French Toast, chocolate milk Friday- Donuts, fresh apple, milk

Lunch Monday-Steakfingers, Chicken nuggets, mash potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, pears, fresh fruit

Tuesday-Frito pie burrito, ranchero beans, lettuce-tomato, pineapple chunks,

Wednesday-Bulldog burger, fish sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fries, fresh fruit, ice cream scoop

Thursday-Pepperoni pizza, chicken fillet sandwich, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, fresh fruit Friday-Turkey w/gravy, cornbread dressing, cheddar cheese potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, tossed salad, cranber-

Little League Baseball, Softball Signups Set Here

The last two signups for Tahoka Little League softball, tee ball, and baseball will be held at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30. 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 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.

Got Stuff?

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

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

MEMORIAL

OBITUARIES

Floyd T. Cox

Funeral services for Floyd Cox. 76, of Lubbock, were held Friday, March 19, 2004 at Monterey Baptist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. **Dustin Hatley officiating and Pastor** Roger Garrett assisting. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Cox died Monday, March 15, 2004, in Lubbock.

He was born June 27, 1927 in Lubbock. He married Dorothy Curry on December 30, 1969. Cox was a member of Elks Lodge, Yellowhouse Masonic Lodge, Khiva Shriners, Southplains Archeological Society, Boy Scouts, National Association of Letter Carriers, Scottish Rite, and attended Monterey Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. and was an avid arrowhead hunter. He was preceded in death by a wife. Ethel Farris on July 5, 1968; two brothers, O.R. Cox and Joe Cox; a sister, Lillian Cox; and a son, Jeff Curry.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Teresa Pierce of Lubbock and Dimmie Keys of Grand Prairie; five sons, Robby Cox of Tahoka, Carroll Cox of Lubbock. Billy Cox of Lubbock, James Curry of Hillsboro, and Don Curry of Corsicana; four brothers, David Cox, John Lee Cox, Don Cox, and Marvin Cox, all of Lubbock; a sister, Ann Dotson of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Shriners Hospital in Dallas.

Hazel Harvey Ford

Services for Hazel Harvey Ford, 94, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka with Reverend Richard Harbison officiating. Interment will follow in the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She was born April 8, 1909 in Titus County, Texas to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Nickelson and Ida Johnson Harvey. She died on March 22, 2004 in Denver City.

She married John Leslie Pord on March 21, 1926 in Titus County, Texas; he preceded her in death on September 16, 1988. They moved from Motley County to Lynn County. 1943, where she lived until moving to Denver City in 2001. Mrs. Ford was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, Aubrey Faye in 1967 and one sister Gladys Marriworth in 1957.

She is survived by four sons, Harry Ford of New Deal, Jerry Cody Ford of Tahoka, John Harvey Ford of Denver City and Nick Ford of Denver City; 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 20 greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Parsonage Fund or a favorite charity.

A Gift to the **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Esther Stevens

Services for Esther B. Stevens, 89, of Lubbock, were held Monday, March 22, at 10:00 am at White Memorial Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Woodworth officiating. Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lub-

She died Friday, March 19, 2004. Esther Bairrington Stevens was born on October 6, 1914 in Navarro County to the late Benjamin Phillip and Annie McGlaun Bairrington.

She graduated from Tahoka High School. She married Curtis Stevens on August 6, 1933 in Lovington, New Mexico. The family lived all over the South Plains and moved to Lubbock in 1974 from Seminole. She was employed by Lena Stephen's and worked in ladies Ready to Wear for 16 years. She was a longtime member of the Tahoka Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Jerry M. Stevens of Lubbock; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; and one brother, Chester Bairrington of Redding, CA. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Jack Stevens on February 9, 1973 and a granddaughter, Andrea Lee Stevens, August 9, 1981.

The family suggests memorials to: Hospice of Lubbock 1102 Slide Rd. Suite 3, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 29-April 2

Monday- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, hash browns or tots, peaches, mayo, mustard, ketchup Tuesday-Chicken & gravy, broccoli w cheese, wheat roll grapefruit or orange sections, pumpkin pie or bars Wednesday-Turkey, cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, hot roll, apple cobbler

Thursday-menu unavailable Friday-menu unavailable

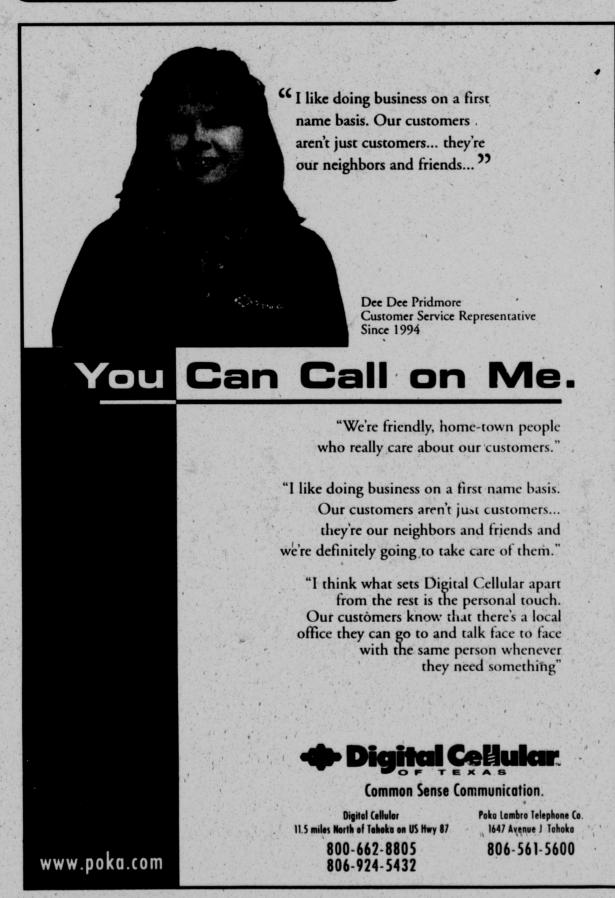


Lynn County residents are proud of the men and vomen serving in our country's armed forces, Listed here are those from or related to those from Lynn County. Submit information/photos to The Lynn County News, PO Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 or e-mail to lcn@llano.net.

Navy Fireman Jordan L. Bednarz, a 2001 graduate of Wilson High School, recently departed on a routine scheduled deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Bednarz is one of more than 6,300 Sailors and Marines who comprise the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) which deployed in support of the global war on terrorism.

Amphibious assault ships like WASP are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons available.



Coming Soons CALVILLO FUNERAL CHAPEL IN TAHOKA Calvillo Funeral Home broke ground in January 2004 for a new Funeral Chapel in Tahoka. Construction is expected to be completed

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BBB Warns Of "Online Job **Application Scam**"

The South Plains Area Better Business Bureau has issued a warning about a scam that could possibly hit the South Plains, if it hasn't already. The South Plains BBB is aware that the scam has recently hit Southern Colorado and the U.S. Customs is currently investigating this theft ring and is looking for any information that consumers might have to share. Here's how the scam works: Job seekers answer an advertise-

ment for work in the local or area newspaper by faxing or emailing their resume to the number or email address given. Within hours, someone from the company, known so far as C DIRECT, ZEK, ZMC, THE PHASE COMPANY, PHASE DI-**RECT, PHASE USA PURCHAS-**ING, "C", CG18 CORPORATION, 53 DIRECT and LGI, calls the victim and instructs them to fill out their application online, including their checking account number to be used for direct deposit of earnings. What they don't know at that time is that the website is stolen and renamed to look official - and the information they give out will be used fraudulently by a company or persons operating out of Mexico.

The ads usually show up under the following "Help Wanted" classifications: Human Resources, Administrative Assistant, Drivers, Purchasing Assistant, and Computer Technician. The positions offer to pay anywhere from \$14-\$17 an hour. The contact information lists only a fax number or an email address - and sometimes a fake local company name is used to make the ad appear

This is warning is to help prevent this from happening here in the South Plains. The South Plains BBB encourages consumers to be on the look out for any of the above-company names or 'method of operation' and asks them to contact their office if it is suspected in your area. Contact the South Plains BBB at 806-763-0459, 1-800-687-7890, or email: info@bbbsouthplains.org.

House, Congressional, and USDA officials. The meetings focused on ways to support rural job creation, homeownership, business development, and public utility and community infrastructure needs in rural

Daniel said "USDA Rural Development will concentrate on providing staff resources and financial assistance in key areas to continue economic growth, job creation and provide support for rural families in Texas." To accomplish this, USDA Rural Development will: 1) utilize USDA Rural Development funds and partnership financing to increase the level of rural homeownership; 2) promote, through business and industry loan guarantees, value-added agricultural grants, and other programs, expansion of local business ventures and job creation; and 3) expand community access to information technology for business development and advanced health and educational services by building technology infra-

USDA Rural Development seeks to support local efforts by providing financing to create housing, business development, and essential community facilities. In FY 2003, more than \$280 million were invested into rural Texas.

"USDA Rural Development programs deliver the tools needed to help develop vibrant, sustainable communities for you and your children. We have helped to provide improved water service for more than 61,000 rural households, better healthcare facilities and public safety equipment provided to more than 46 different communities; more than 1,400 jobs were created and saved; alternate energy sources were created, and affordable housing brought to more than 1,800 rural families in Texas in 2003", said Daniel

Daniel urges communities to take advantage of USDA Rural Development programs. "If you feel one of our programs can help you or your community, I urge you to contact one of our offices. Our staff is ready to help you," said Daniel.

Contact the USDA Rural Develent State Office at (254) 742-9710 or your local USDA Rural Development Office generally listed in the blue pages of phone directories. Visit: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

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BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY - Shown here are two pieces of jewelry, a necklace and a ring, which have been donated for auction at the April 17 Fun/Food Festival benefiting Lynn County Hospital District. The ring features a sapphire surrounded by simulated diamonds, in 14K gold, from Diamontrique, and the necklace is from J Keith's, a sterling silver/14K gold necklace accented with an amethyst drop. (LCN PHOTO)

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NOW AT THE LIBRARY The Third Child

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By Marge Piercy In the politically prominent

Dickinson family, ambition comes first, and Melissa, the third child, has always felt that she comes last. Going to college offers her a chance at a life free from her mother's constant scrutiny and her famous father's lack

There she meets Blake, a man of mixed race and apparently unknown parentage. His adoptive parents are lawyers whose defense of death-row cases has brought them head-to-head with Melissa's father, the former governor of Pennsylvania, now a U.S.

Melissa and Blake's attraction is immediate; yet Blake is keeping a dangerous secret from Melissa, one that could destroy them - and their

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Four Tahoka High School basketball standouts were named to All-District Basketball selections, according to information released by Coach Drew Stone this week. Zachary Tillman, a sophomore, was named to the 5-AAAII-District Team, and three others were listed as Honorable Mention, including sophomore Colby Gardner and seniors Casey Hall and Michael Nance.

Most Valuable Player honors went to Eric Morris of Shallowater, and Defensive MVP was Nathan Stone of Roosevelt. Newcomer of the Year was Dakota Bybee, a junior at New Deal.

Other All-District Team members included Houston Howell, Brandon Arencibia and Tyler Dipprey, all of Shallowater; Terrell Green and Jonathan Harris, of Roosevelt: Mitchell Mills and Justin Grisham of Post; and Justin Moore of New Deal.

REGISTER

seniors are encouraged to attend. Congratulations to Cody Cross, 6th grade, for representing Wilson in the Avalanche Journal Spelling Bee competition in Lubbock at the Cultural Center at Texas Tech on March 6th. We appre-

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Church Senior Supper will be held Mon-

day, March 29th at 6:00 pm. All Wilson

week: Brady Cross and Brady Evans

The U.I.L. District Academic Meet will be held in Loop on Tuesday, March 23rd for High School students. We will publish the results of this meet next week.

Wilson **School Menu**

Monday- Breakfast pizza Tuesday-Egg, sausage, toast Wednesday-Sausage Pancake on stick Thursday-Sausage, egg cheese bake.

Friday-French toast sticks Lunch

Monday-Cheeseburger, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fruit Tuesday-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls fruit Wednesday-(grade PK- 5th)Grilled ham n' cheese, fries, sàlad, fruit; (grade 6-12) same ads above or salad bar Thursday-Spaghetti with meatballs. salad, garlic toast, fruit Friday-Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

There will be a school holiday April 9th and 12th. There will be bad weather day holidays April 30th and May 3rd. Please mark these dates on your calendar as the school year begins to wind

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By Stephen Mansfield Explore the religious ideals that drive the policies and politics of George W. Bush as president and that privately shape him as a man.

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From the tragedy of September 11 to the present-day conflict in Iraq. President Bush has learned to use his faith to help him live his life - both in office an din private. This book will inspire others to do the same.

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March 29-April 2 Breakfast

30 days prior to any election. Register at the Lynn County

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

Courthouse Tax Office.

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

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Tahoka ISD 2004-2005 Proposed Calendar

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: (177) First Six Weeks August 16 Second Six Weeks September 27 Third Six Weeks November 8 Fourth Six Weeks January 4 Fifth Six Weeks

December 17 27 Days February 11 28 Days February 14 May 26 (last day of school) 32 Days

STAFF DEVELOPMENT (10) *w Staff In-Service:* August 9, 10 Inservice/Student Holiday:

Total Instructional Days

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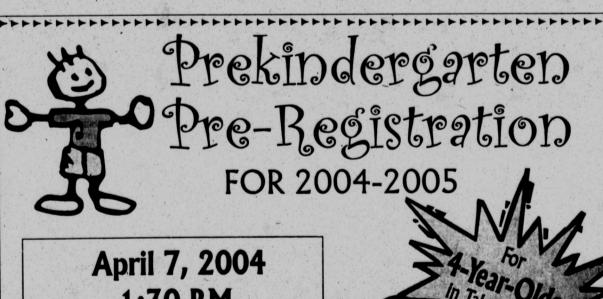
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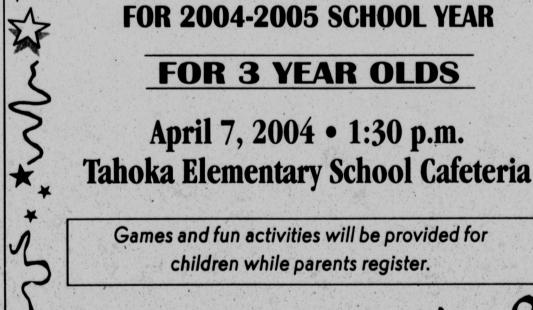
HOMECOMING October 1 Labor Day .. Thanksgiving November 24, 25, 26 Comp Days/Student Holidays April 8, 29

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION May 27, 2005

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.

Headstart Pre-Registration





 $PARENTS\, MUST\, BRING$

- · Certified Birth Certificate
- Updated Immunization Records
- Social Security Card
- · Proof of Income



It is critical that everyone in the Tahoka ISD come to the pre-registration meeting or contact us at 561-4350.

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1:30 P.M. **Tahoka Elementary Cafeteria** Games and fun activities PARENTS NEED TO BRING: will be provided · Certified Birth Certificate for the children while Updated Immunization Records the parents register! Social Security Card Proof of Income It is critical that everyone in the Tahoka ISD come to the pre-registration meeting or contact us at 561-4350. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SPC Offers CNA, Phlebotomy Classes

A Certified Nurse Aide class begins May 10 at South Plains Col-

Classes will meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through June 12 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 100. Clinical instruction will be scheduled Saturdays at the Levelland Nursing Home.

Tuition is \$325, state exam fee is \$76 and cost of textbook is \$36.58. Textbook is Skills and Techniques for the New Nursing Assistant, 6th edition, by Barbara Gillogly. Instructor is Barbara Brattain, L.V.N.

The course will cover necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. On completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction, students will be required to take the State of Texas certified nurse aide competency

Students need to provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current negative TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 14 students. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 8.4 continuing education units.

A Basic Phlebotomy class begins June 7 at South Plains College in Levellands

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patient identification, labeling of specimens and quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning will be emphasized. Topics include professionalism, ethics and medical terminology.

Classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays through July 22 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Instructor is Georgia Mulloy.

Tuition is \$325, plus textbook. Textbook is The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy, 2nd edition, by Lynn B. Hoeltke.

Extensive additional clinical assignments will be needed to complete ASPT pre-certification requirements.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus, hepatitis B and have a current negative TB test. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 4.8 continuing education units. Enrollment is limited to 14 students.

To register for either of these classes or obtain more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

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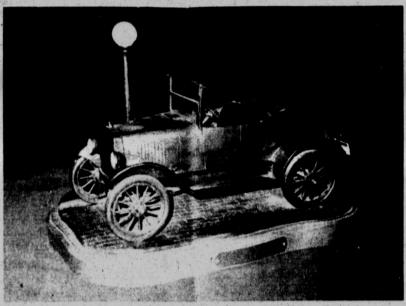
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BRONZE ORIGINAL - First National Bank of Tahoka, a longtime supporter of the local hospital's annual fundraiser, this year is donating an original bronze artwork by the late Bill Craig for the April 17 Fun/Food Festival and Auction. The old-fashioned car standing on a brick street is entitled "The Good Old Days" and is #2 of 30, according to the brass (LCN PHOTO) plaque on the front of the base.

First Ag Credit Distributes \$5.2 Million In Cash Dividend

First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services' stockholders will receive a total of \$5.2 million cash patronage dividend being distributed based on 2003 financial results. The patronage dividend will reduce most customers' net cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent.

This is the sixth consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash dividend from their agricultural financing cooperative. Members will receive their checks this month.

Since January 1997, the association has returned approximately \$35 million in cash to its customers. Keith Vandivere chairman of the board from Brownfield, said the refund is an indication of the financial strength of the organization as well as "the dedication we have to our stockhold-

First Ag Credit, FCS has nearly \$1 billion in loans outstanding and serves a 113-county territory in Texas with 36 primary credit offices.

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DARS Offers Early Childhood

Intervention Services

The new Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), which provides services to families of children with development delays, encourages parents to monitor key developmental milestones in their children.

"Studies have shown that children grow, learn and develop so much during the first three years of their young lives," said Mary Beth O"Hanlon, DARS assistant commissioner for Early Childhood Intervention Services. "Each child is unique and develops at his or her own pace, but skills such as walking and talking are learned very rapidly during these formative years. Identifying and addressing problems early in a child's life helps minimize or prevent future problems,"

Certain skills, or milestones, usually happen by certain ages. As a child grows it is important for parents, family members and caregivers to watch and see when a child reaches these milestones.

At three months old, a child

Turn toward bright colors and

· Reach and grasp for toys and · Make sounds like gurgling, coo-

ing or babbling. At nine months, a child should:

· Copy sounds or gestures.

Reach for crumbs or other small

· Straighten his or her arms to lift head or chest when lying on stom-

At 15 months, a child should:

· Look for an object that is shown, then hidden.

· Drink from a cup with help.

· Say one or two words. Possible signs of developmental delay during the first months of a baby's life can include feeding slowly, failing to blink when shown a bright light, failing to respond to loud sounds, rarely moving arms and legs, or seeming to be excessively

loose in the limbs or floppy. According to O'Hanlon, parents and close caregivers are the best judges of a child's immediate needs. If parents have concerns about their child's developmental progress, O'Hanlon advises them to ask their doctor or call Early Childhood Intervention Services at DARS at (800) 250-2246. Learn more about DARS at www.dars.state.tx.us.

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Neugebauer Introduces Legislation To Address Windstorm Hazards

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer introduced legislation last week to reduce loss of life and devastation caused by windstorms.

H.R. 3980, which creates the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program (NWIRP), will bring together federal efforts to find ways to reduce the loss of life and property from windstorms. The National Weather Service estimates that between 1995 and 2002, hurricanes, tornadoes and thunderstorm winds caused an average of 4.5 billion dollars in damage every year. Texas alone averages 124 tornadoes a year, which is more than double the average of any other state.

Improving the wind resistance of buildings can only be achieved when there is a demand for wind-resistant construction by homeowners.

"We've seen a lot of technological advancements this century and that's paved the way for better, more accurate severe weather watches and warnings. And yet, we still suffer billions of dollars each year in property and economic losses due to windstorms." Said Neugebauer. "West Texas is particularly at risk and the human costs are all too painful. The costs will continue to escalate unless things improve: technology, education, and public policy.'

Damaging windstorms, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and tropical stroms, cause several billions of dollars in property and economic losses each year. In recent decades, population has grown in high-risk areas, particularly in coastal areas. Until now, federal efforts to address windstorm impacts have been relatively

"I believe my bill is a step in the right direction. This program will bring together different levels of government, universities from all over the United States, and private sector companies to improve the under-

standing of windstorms and reduce their impact," said Beugebauer, who serves on the House Science Com-

Neugebauer believes partnerships are an important part of this bill. His bill allows various government organizations to work with Texas Tech's Wind Engineering Research Center to improve wind programs.

Neugebauer's legislation has been endorsed by the Wind Hazard Reduction Coalition, which includes the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), American Association for Wind Engineering (AAWE), International Code Council (ICC), and Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).

"Significant reductions in lives and property lost from windstorms such as hurricanes and tornadoes are achievable if we educate the public and research new wind-hazard reduction technologies. I commend Representatives Neugebauer for working with the community to craft this technically and scientifically sound legislation," said ASCE President Patricia D. Galloway. P.E., F.ASCE.

Neugebauer's bill is one-fourth the cost of similar legislation, H.R. 2020, but accomplishes the same re-

"I've seen Texas cities after a tornado has blown through. The pure devastation reminds me of how vulnerable we are to the elements, and how serious we've got to be about severe weather safety," said Neugebauer.

A joint Science Committee hearing was to be held on the legislation on Environment, Technology, and Standards on Wednesday, March 24 at 2:00 pm. The Committee will receive testimony on the legislation from representatives of NSF, FEMA. ASCE, and the Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Notice

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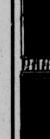
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They stay in local RV parks and as quickly as they show up, they are gone - taking hundreds if not thousands of dollars with them - leaving behind disappointed South Plains residents with empty pockets and with nothing to show for the money they spent.

According to a representative with the Texas Department of Public Service, the gypsies that run their scams here on the South Plains make claims that they were on a "road crew" OR "...we did the drive down the way" as their come-on to lure unsuspecting consumers to buy into their paving scam. "Typically, these traveling work crews purchase the materials from local suppliers and then misrepresent it plus they do not apply it correctly," according to Nan Campbell, President of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains.

"They claim that the product they have was left over from a previous job and they can do the job for 'you' at a bargain price which turns out to not be such a bargain after all. They offer to 'pave' or 'seal coat' your drive way - sometimes causing more damage than repairs," Campbell stated.

If you need a new driveway, parking lot, roof or other repair job, you may be the target of these traveling gypsies especially if you live outside the city. The BBB offers these

tips if you are considering having some repair work done to your home or property

 DO NOT pay up front - always pay after the work is completed and never pay with cash - make a check out to the company;

- · ask for local references;
- · verify the legitimacy of the company with the BBB;
- get at least three bids from local companies that do the same or similar work, and
- if it sounds too good to be true. then it probably is.

Consumers being approached by these gypsy travelers should call the Texas Department of Public Safety at 806.472.2700 or the Lubbock Sheriff at 806.767.1441 or any surrounding county sheriff's office immediately to report them in your area. Campbell advises that if the equipment they are using looks new, that this is a 'red flag' to law enforce-

Remember, there is great value in doing business with local, established businesses in the South Plains and with companies that have a proven customer track record. Call the BBB at 806.763.0459 or 1.800.687.7890 for a list of member companies in a particular industry or log on to the web at www.bbbsouthplains.org and click on the Find Members button.

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WOODEN CRAFTS - This wooden cross and church birdhouse, handmade by Richard and Marcy Whitley of Tahoka, will be auctioned at the Lynn County Hospital Fun/Food Festival on April 17. Donations for the auction are still being accepted at the hospital for the annual event that benefits the hospital.

(LCN PHOTOS)

Cancer Society Encourages Men to Know Their Risk

For men and their loved ones. two of the many issues surrounding prostate cancer are fear and confusion. An estimated 220,900 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. According to the American Cancer Society, uncertainty over testing and treatment can cause some men to ignore the realities of the cancer. And in some cases, men will make rash decisions about their health care without fully understanding all avail-

At times, a physician may recommend a period of "watchful waiting," using regular checkups to safely monitor the status of the cancer. When treatment is recommended, a patient armed with factual information is much more comfortable with his decision

The Society's messages on prostate cancer are:

· Get as much information about prostate health as you can.

 Talk with your doctor to determine your personal risk for prostate

· Understand all available testing and treatment options so you can make an informed decision.

 Contact the American Cancer. Society for information about all aspects of prostate cancer 24 hours a

day, seven days a week at 4-800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Many African American men don't realize they are at higher risk for prostate cancer and two times more likely to die from the disease than other American men. And for all men, age and family history are risk factors. The American Cancer Society estimates more than 28,000 men in the United States will die from this disease this year, accounting for approximately 10 percent of all male cancer-related deaths.

That's why the American Cancer Society strongly urges universal access to and education about prostate screening options. The Society recommends both the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal exam (DRE) for men who decide to be tested.

The current American Cancer Society guidelines are recommendations, not rules. Written for both doctors and the public, the guidelines are flexible in order to accommodate individual medical and personal needs.

• Men 50 and older should be offered early detection tests (PSA and DRE) annually.

· Men at high risk (family history, African Americans) should begin early detection testing (PSA and DRE) at age 45.

· Prior to testing, all men should be provided with information about the benefits and limitations of test-

Given the implications of early detection testing, the American Cancer Society encourages men to consider it carefully. Some men who get

tested may benefit from early detection and treatment, thereby living longer, but other men may have complications from treatment without achieving any significant benefit. The American Cancer Society also believes it is reasonable to caution medical professionals that screening men with less than a 10-year life expectancy may be unnecessary.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

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The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

On Thurs., March 25, the 4th -12th grades will have RPTE tests; the Jr. High will go to Tahoka for a track meet beginning at 1pm. Friday will be judging contest at Canyon and High School track meet in Tahoka at 1pm. Saturday the judging team will travel to €larendon. The Baseball team will meet Morton at New Home on Monday. One Act play performs at Jayton and the new Student Council officers and Cheerleaders will be elected on Tuesday. A High School golf tournament will be held on Wednesday.

Football Schedule

A tentative 2004 football schedule has been released for New Home Leopards, with Homecoming set for September 17, hosting Sands. The first game of the season is against Happy on September 10, as September 3 is an open date. Other games include Spade on September 24, Ropes on October 1, Meadow on October 8, Whitharral October 15, Southland October 22, Amherst October 29, and Wilson November 5.

Baseball News

New Home High School Baseball team is in their second year of High School Baseball, and first year of district play. They lost their district opener to Smyer 15-4 on March 22. Team members include: Bear Chesley, Keaton Hutto, Monte Jolly. Aaron Villereal, Kyle Comey, Tanner Comey, Leo Torres, Pedro Estrada, Tyler Nieman, Adam Fis-. cal, Blaine Paul. Guy Warren (ineligible right now), and they are coached by Gene Valentine and Mr. Zant.

New Home School Menu

March 29-April 2 Breakfast

Monday- Pancakes Tuesday-Funnel Cake Wednesday-Biscuit/Sausage Thursday-unavailable Friday-unavailable

Lunch

Monday-Chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce/tomato, pear cup Tuesday-Mini Corndogs, breaded okra, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, pine-Wednesday-Popcorn chicken, whipped

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REAL ESTATE: 4 Acres (At Sale Site_With 40'x40' 2 Story Office & Parts Supply Building, Counter, Restrooms, Set 34 Ft. Scales w/Digital Readout Along With a 27'x24' Shop Building, Insulated With Heating & A/C. (Legal Description of Property Will Be Given in Contract & Deed)

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TRAILERS - ELECTRIC **DISCONNECTS & JUNCTIONS** 82-Box Bed Drying Trailers (14'x8'x4') on 4 Wheel Chassis

45-Blanton Galvanized Drying Trailers (14'x8'x6') w/Stands 3-Carry All Trailers w/Hydraulic Lifts For Blanton Bins 42-Electric Disconnect & Drying

Selling for West Texas Peanut Handlers **PEANUT EQUIPMENT** 1-Lewis-Carter Model 40 Peanut

2-Double Grading Stands 1-Pneumatic Peanut Sampler 3-Truck-Trailer Cable Lifts 1-40' RR Boxcar w/2 Baths/ Showers: Boxcar Converted To Truckers Lounge (To Be

NON CLASSIFIED 1-Phone System 1-Pepsi Refrigerated Machine 1-Fairbanks Print-O-Matic

Dial Scale Head

1-Lot Conveyor Belts - 36" 1-Lot Conveyor Rollers 1-H.D. D/A Elec. Grinder

1-8"x24' Auger w/Elec. Motor

1-Material Storage Rack 1-2" Centrifuga! Pump w/ Elec. Motor 2-Desk Chairs

1-Lot Tires & Wheels 1-Lot Items Too **Númerous To List**

Junctions For Peanut Dryers REAL ESTATE: 6 Acres (Sale Location) With 4-1,000,000# Bolted Bins w/Distributor Leg, P.T., Lift. With Office & Scale Building 20'x35'. 65 Ft. Below Ground Scales With Digital Readout. With 30'x60' Shop Building.

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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 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 Commission 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

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 speechimpaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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 Emmendación de Applicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de andido de Llamadas Locales"

Servicio Expandido de Llainadas 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 para 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 Comición sumete el orden finál, por la solicitación de Valor. La Commissión 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.

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

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 Ilmite 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.