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## Local Stock Shows Set Next 2 Saturdays

Livestock Shows for youth in Lynn County are gearing up, with local shows slated in Tahoka and O'Donnell this Saturday, Jan. 8, and in New Home and Wilson on Jan. 15. The County Stock Show is slated for Jan. 19-22 at the county showbarn.

## Boys Little Dribblers Signups Scheduled

Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers signups have been scheduled for three dates in January. Boys in grades 3rd-4th and 5th-6th, ages 9-10 and 11-13 years old, are eligible to participate, but 13-year-olds will not be eligible for All-Stars. There is a \$30 fee for participating, and birth certificates are required at the time of signups.

The first signup date is Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9-11 a.m. at the Life Enrichment Center; then Friday, Jan. 14 at the Tahoka High School Gym, from 5:30-7 p.m.; and the last signup is Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9-11 a.m. at the Life Enrichment Center.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 29	65	35	
Dec. 30	77	44	
Dec. 31	72	45	
Jan. 1	73	44	
Jan. 2	67	48	Trace
Jan. 3	73	51	Trace
Jan. 4	56	44	0.80"
Total Precipitation in Jan.: 0.80"			
Total Precipitation to date: 0.80"			

## Words of Wisdom

There are three things that will endure:

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## O'Donnell Area Man Dies In Tahoka Wreck

A 27-year-old O'Donnell area man died Thursday night, Dec. 30, about five hours after the 2000 Chevrolet Camaro he was driving crossed the median of U.S. 87 and crashed into an 18-wheeler going the opposite direction in the northbound lane.

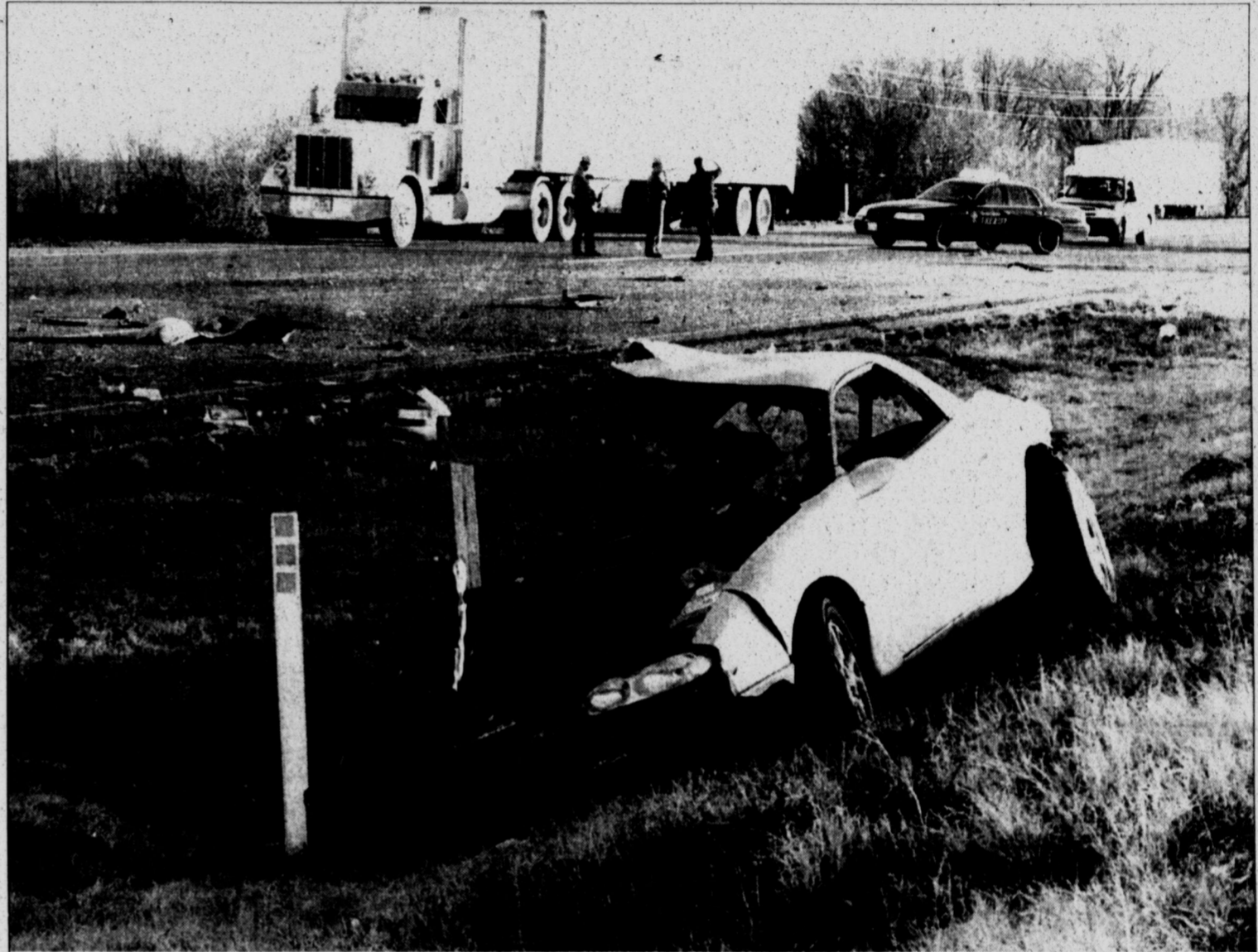
The accident at 4:56 p.m. was just inside the Tahoka city limits. Humberto Costa Jr., who lived on FM 1054 at Draw near O'Donnell, the driver of the Camaro headed south, was treated by Tahoka EMS ambulance attendants at the scene before being airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was traveling alone, and investigating Tahoka Police officers said they had no indication as to why he lost control of his car and it crossed to the other side of the highway.

The driver of the 1995 Peterbilt truck, Franz Banman, 30, of Seminole, was not injured, nor were any of his three passengers.

Another traffic accident on U.S. 87 occurred Tuesday when a vehicle turning from FM 400 into the northbound lane of 87 collided with another northbound vehicle near the north overpass at Tahoka. Two women in the car turning onto U.S. 87 were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital for treatment. No names of drivers nor any other information was available by Wednesday from the investigating Dept. of Public Safety patrol officers.

Police investigated an assault case involving an altercation between two Tahoka women, and took a theft report which later was closed when the stolen items "reappeared," according to the complainant.

Total jail population as of Wednesday was 43, including 17 for Lubbock County.



**FATAL CRASH** - Humberto Costa Jr., 27, of Draw died a few hours after this Chevrolet Camaro he was driving crossed the median of U.S. 87 and crashed into an 18-wheeler going the opposite direction in the northbound lane. The crash occurred at approximately 5 p.m. just inside the south cemetery overpass in Tahoka on Dec. 30. The driver and passengers in the 18-wheeler were not injured. Costa was treated by Lynn County EMS at the scene before being airlifted to Lubbock, where he later succumbed to injuries. (LCN PHOTO)

Latest detainees were held on charges of failure to appear on grand jury indictment for possession of cocaine, public intoxication, driving while license suspended, warrant on theft by check, warrant on no liability insurance and driving while intoxicated.

During December, dispatchers at Lynn County jail processed 255 calls, including 115 for the county, 87 for Tahoka police, 18 for O'Donnell police, 25 ambulance calls and 10 fire alarms.

The annual report of calls handled by the dispatchers showed a major increase in the number of calls to the sheriff's depart-

ment over the previous year, 3758 in 2004 to 2943 in 2003. All of the increase was in calls made for help from the sheriff's department; calls to all other purposes (fire, ambulance, O'Donnell and Tahoka police) were about the same as the previous year. Calls strictly for the county totaled 2193 in 2004, compared to 1326 in 2003.



**NEW SHERIFF** - Jerry D. Franklin (left) was officially sworn-in to office during ceremonies held New Year's Day at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center. Franklin takes over the reins from former Sheriff Bob Wilson. Officiating at the swearing-in was Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (right). A good crowd turned out for the ceremonies Saturday morning, as Franklin and other elected county officials were sworn-in, including County Attorney Jay Napper, County Tax Assessor-Collector Sherry Pearce, and County Commissioner Don Morton. Refreshments were served during the Open House that followed. (LCN PHOTO)

## woodwork by dalton

I AM TRYING to come up with some way to relate Amelia Earhart's disappearance to prostate problems, and I'm having a hard time finding any common factors among the two. So I'll just go back to the one thing they have in common, and that is the subject of this week's column - or two subjects, really.

Ladies first, so I was interested in a recent story which announced that some marine explorers are planning to search the bottom of the ocean again, starting this spring, to see if they can find the plane which Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan were flying when they vanished July 2, 1937 as they were trying to fly around the world.

David Jourdan plans to use sonar to search a 1,000-square-mile area of the Pacific Ocean floor for the plane, which he thinks may be reasonably intact because of the low temperatures at that depth.

That is, if the plane, a twin-engine Lockheed Electra, is down there at all. There have been lots of theories about what happened to Earhart and Noonan as they were nearing the final leg of their journey.

One of her last radio communications said she was about out of fuel and no land was in sight. Some have searched the sea, believing she ran out of gas. Others think she survived a crash landing but died on a deserted island. Another theory is that she was captured and killed by the Japanese.

It would be neat if they could find the plane, but it's unlikely. I can hear the searchers reporting now: "Well, we don't see any airplanes down here, but we did find a wallet belonging to Jimmy Hoffa."

PROSTATE problems are common among men, especially as they get older, but there is some good news. All that ketchup men love to eat is good for you, at least it contains something called lycopene which tends to reduce the risk of prostate cancer. According to a publication called *Today's Health & Wellness*, tomato products are the best sources of lycopene, and ketchup has more of it than tomato sauce or tomato soup.

Surely, plain old tomatoes are even better. I like tomatoes, one of the very few things I like which are good for me. I first learned to savor the taste of tomatoes when one struck me in the mouth when I was performing on stage years ago.

## YWAM Youth To Lead Weekend Of Activities Here

All Tahoka youth in junior high through high school are invited to participate in a special YWAM (Youth With A Mission) weekend at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, beginning this Friday, Jan. 7 and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 9.

Twenty-five college-age youth from YWAM will be here to lead the weekend geared towards the youth of Tahoka. Events begin with a Lock-In on Friday night, at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church, located at 1801 Ave. J in Tahoka. Food, dramas, devotionals, music, games and more will be offered, with the Lock-In ending at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

Youth and adults are invited to a special Saturday night Praise/Worship Service led by YWAM youth and others, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. YWAM will also lead the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 9th, and all are invited to attend this service as well.

For more information, contact Pastor Jeff Bayley at First United Methodist Church, phone 561-4503.

## Senior Citizens MENU

January 10-14

**Monday:** Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, broccoli, roll, oranges and bananas

**Tuesday:** Beef Stroganoff, noodles, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, hot roll, cake

**Wednesday:** Burritos Verdes, Squash casserole, lettuce tomato salad,

**Thursday:** Roasted chicken, carrots, tossed salad/ranch, hot roll, pears crisp

**Friday:** Polish sausage, pinto beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread, rice pudding

## Youth Invited Next Thursday

Tahoka Methodist Church Youth Pastor Jacob Blum invites Tahoka High School students to come meet him and join in games, food, and fellowship at his home on Thursday night, Jan. 13, at 2010 N. 4th Street in Tahoka, at 8 p.m.

## Local Youth Invited To Attend "Hot Hearts" Conf.

Youth from Tahoka and surrounding areas are invited to attend Hot Hearts Student Conference in Lubbock on Jan. 21-22, which focuses on the message of Christ presented through music, media, humor, worship and spoken word. Jacob Blum, Youth Pastor from First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, is coordinating a group to go from Tahoka, and invites any interested youth to join.

Students from across west Texas and eastern New Mexico will join together in the Hot Hearts conference, which will be held at United Spirit Arena on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock. The David Crowder Band will be one of the featured bands at the event.

The Tahoka group will go on Friday and stay overnight at a Lubbock hotel. Interested youth must pre-register by calling the Methodist Church at 561-4503 by Jan. 14.



## CARRIE TAYLOR and JEFF LONG Couple Announces Engagement

Doug and Leah Taylor of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie, to Jeff Long, son of Joby and Betty Long of Tahoka. The couple plan to marry March 12, 2005 at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka.

The bride-elect's grandparents are E.L. and Dink Short of Tahoka, and Dorothy and the late Warren Taylor of Trinidad, CO. The groom-to-be is the grandson of James and Bonnie Trammell of Tahoka and the late Marie and Olan Long of Grassland.

Taylor is a graduate of Tahoka High School, and is currently a senior elementary education major at Lubbock Christian University. Long is also a graduate of Tahoka High School, and is employed by American Pharmaceutical Services as a pharmacy tech in Lubbock.

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## Cash Donations Best Way To Help Tsunami Victims

In the wake of disaster, the most effective way to help is to make cash donations to known organizations. This point is always emphasized by relief workers, national voluntary organizations active in disaster, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM).

Here are some reasons why cash donations to known organizations are more efficient and effective than donations of material goods:

- Cash donations provide flexibility to help victims of disasters in situations that may be changing rapidly.
- Cash donations minimize problems involved in transportation, delivery and storage. This is especially important for areas where bridges, roads, warehouses and other infrastructure have been destroyed.
- Cash donations keep relief workers focused on their work with survivors, instead of diverting their efforts to sorting, storing, tracking and distributing goods.
- People in foreign nations may have cultures that are very different from ours, so it is important for relief workers to have cash to purchase food, clothing and other materials that are culturally acceptable.

More information is available at the following web sites: Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster for Texas can be reached at: [www.txvoad.org](http://www.txvoad.org). National VOAD can be reached at: [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org).

*Volunteer and help others -- it will do your heart good!*

## Mable Reece Morgan

Services for Mable Reece Morgan, 100, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2005 in the Sweet Street Baptist Church with Reverend Lynn Long officiating. Interment followed in the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Morgan was born in Lynn County, Texas to Jefferson Bart and Maddie Reece. She died on January 1, 2005 in Slaton, Texas.

She married William Oscar Morgan on June 4, 1921. He preceded her in death on January 3, 1953. Mrs. Morgan worked as an L.V.N. in Lamesa, Slaton and Lynn County, before retiring in 1974. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

She is preceded in death by one son, Dalton Morgan; one daughter, Lena Evelyn Thompson; and three brothers, Floyd, Archie and J.B. Reece Jr.

Survivors include one son, Travis M. Morgan of Midland; one daughter, Dorothy Walker of Tahoka; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Sweet Street Baptist Church or the Slaton Care Center.

## Humberto Costa Jr.

Services for Humberto Costa Jr., 27, of Draw were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church, in O'Donnell with Reverend Ken Peterson officiating. Military interment followed in the Draw Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He died December 30, 2004 in Lubbock.

He was born December 5, 1977 in Dade City, Florida to Humberto and Janie Costa Sr. He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1996. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp for four years, and was currently serving in the reserves. He was currently working at Wal-Mart and enrolled at I.B.C. He was a member of the Draw Methodist Church and a lifelong resident of Draw and O'Donnell.

Survivors include his parents, Humberto and Janie Costa Sr. of Draw; grandfather, Juan Costa of Himez Chihuahua, Mexico; two brothers, Israel Costa of Okinawa, Japan and Christopher Costa of Draw; one sister, Jennifer Costa of Draw; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Dan Howard Yandell

Services for Dan Howard Yandell, 85, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2005, at Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Odessa. He was buried in Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka, TX.

He died December 31, 2004, at Hospice House in Odessa.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in North Africa and Italy. As a medic, he was awarded two Silver Stars for bravery and numerous other medals.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Yandell of Odessa; daughters, Lyn Brewer, F. Joanne Miles, and Dana S. Beazley, all of Odessa; step-son, Allen Northcott of Anna, TX; step-daughter, Debra Evans of Beaumont; brother, Jim Yandell of Spring; sister, Nettie Autry of Robert Lee; 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Kingston Avenue Baptist Church, 5200 Kinston Ave., Odessa, TX 79762, or to Home Hospice, 516 N. Texas Ave., Odessa, TX 79761.



JEANNE McCORD

## Jeanne McCord

Services for Jeanne McCord, 77, were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 31, 2004 in the First Baptist Church with Reverend Marvin Gregory officiating. Interment followed in the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCord was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to Francis E. and Carrie Ann McPike Powell. She died on December 28, 2004 in Lubbock, Texas.

She married H.B. McCord in St. Louise, Missouri on December 24, 1949. They moved to Tahoka in 1951. Mrs. McCord was a member of the Eastern Star and the South Plains Women's Golf Association. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka for 53 years. She and her husband owned and operated the McCord Motor Company for many years, and she was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by one brother, Charles Powell and one sister, Peggy Ann Powell.

Survivors include her husband, H.B., of Tahoka; three sons, Jim and Terry, both of Dallas and Gary of Tahoka; two brothers, Frank and Don Powell; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Joe Arrington Cancer Research Center or the U.M.C. Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

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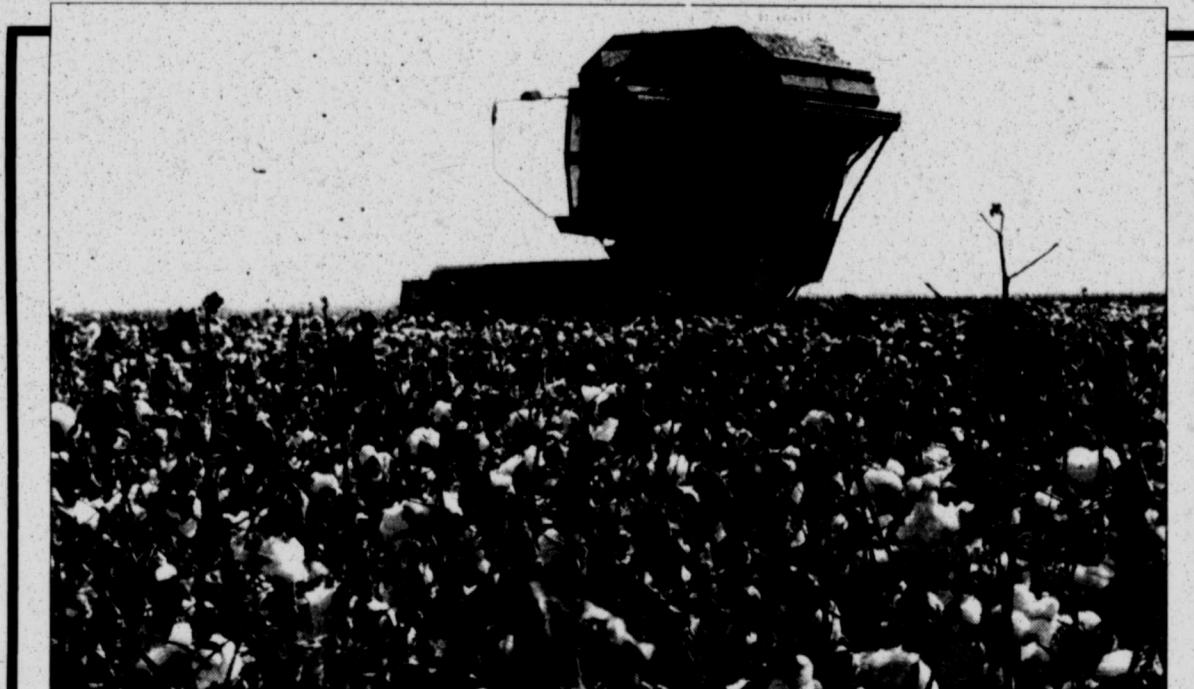
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**FIRST BABY** - Jaqueline Granados is the first baby of the year at Lynn County Hospital, born to Miguel and Cristina Granados of Tahoka. She was born at 5:23 p.m. Jan. 3, 2005, weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs., and was 21-1/2 inches long. She is shown here with her parents and an older brother, Miguel III. (LCN PHOTO)

**Painchaud-Curtis Vows Exchanged  
In November 20 Ceremony**

Renee Marie Painchaud and Capt. Jeff Curtis were married in a double ring ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 at Ashland Gardens Wedding Chapel in Del City, OK. Her grandparents are Paul and Jeanette Painchaud of Midwest City, OK and Yann Day of New Hampshire. The groom is the son of Carrie Line Curtis of O'Donnell, and the grandson of Harold Ivan and Gwyneth Line of O'Donnell.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a designer gown of candlelight peau de soie featuring an A-line skirt, cap sleeves and cathedral train. The sweetheart neckline and hem of her gown were trimmed with crystal beading. The back of the gown and the train were accented with fabric-covered buttons. She wore a fingertip veil attached to combs in her hair and carried a bouquet of silk red roses that she designed and made.

Mrs. Danielle Taylor of Del City, OK, served her sister as Matron of Honor, and the groom's sister, Rebecca Robinett of Wichita Falls, was a bridesmatron. Lt. Frank R. Cowan IV, stationed with the U.S.

Navy in Japan, was Best Man. Groomsmen were Capt. Ken Voight and Capt. Craig Towell, both of the U.S. Air Force, Oklahoma City.

Jaelie Warner of Oklahoma City was flower girl, and Christian Taylor, nephew of the bride, of Del City, was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Ashland Gardens Wedding Chapel reception room.

Following a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Del City, OK.

The groom is stationed with the U.S. Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree, and is a 1995 graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School in Port Arthur, Tx.

The bride is a graduate of Midwest City High School, Midwest City, OK, and earned an associate degree in liberal studies from Rose State College, Oklahoma and bachelor of arts degree in English education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is currently director of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church in The Village, a suburb of Oklahoma City, OK.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Thanks For Helping Children**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the people and organizations who helped with our Christmas For Kids program: Rotary Club, Poka Lambro, Harvest Festival Committee, CSR, LULAC, Tahoka Lions Club, Wilson Lions Club, Tahoka Student Council, Jim and Andra Solomon, Wilson St. John's Lutheran Church, Tahoka Drug, Tahoka Fire Department, Hazel Bennett Sunday School Class, Maurice and Grace Huffaker, South Plains Lodge #215, SPJST Lodge #215 Youth, Ike and Margaret Carter, First National Bank, Mike and Beth Huffaker, Lela Strickland, Leah Taylor, FBC- Retha's Leading Ladies, Jodie McNeil, Virginia Griffing, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee, Mary Henderson, J.A. and Joyce Pebsworth, Samantha Lee, Jean Meeks, H.G. and Janell Franklin, Don and Charlie Blair, Harold and Betty Green, Shirley and Johnny Draper, Erica Handley, Alicia Stephens, Margie Craig, Elbert Roberts, Keith and Janice Williams, Wilson Faith Chapel, Catherine and Chris Sawyer, Carl and Diane Reynolds, Math and Linda Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Morris, Bianca Flores, Tahoka National Honor Society, Lynn Co. Hospital Employees, Church of Christ, Tammy Fisher and family, Ray Don Box family, Pati Rambo's class, Kay Keller, Catholic Church 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Virginia House, Janie Zavala, Linda Owen, Amy Preston, Poka Lambro Commer, Dept., Poka Lambro Accounting Dept., Teresa Chester, Wilson High School Student Council, Wilson Jr. High Student Council, Mark Wuensche family, Mike and Susie Green, McAfee Group, M. Stice G.A.'s- First Baptist Church, Mark and Vivian McAfee, Alicia Garcia, Melba Thomas, Lois Roberts, Pat Hogg, Trish Sherrill, Becky Henley, Juanell Jones, Sandra Brown, Kim Mercer, Marcy Whitely, Beth Huffaker, Pat Treadwell, Sherri Pearce, Brenda Dotson, Susan Tipton, Judy Holden, Donna Gentry, Rigo Avila, Vendell Elliott and Jury Donations.

You helped us provide gifts for 235 children in Lynn County this year. Our organization could never succeed without all of you. There were a lot of happy little faces when packages were handed out and a few tears from moms.

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**WEATHER WHYS...**

**TOPIC: RAINBOWS**

**Q:** How are rainbows formed?  
**A:** You need two ingredients for rainbows - rainfall and sunlight, says Dr. Ping Yang of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you. "So to observe a rainbow, you must be facing the area of rainfall with the sun at your back," Yang explains. "Sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, and the light is scattered from the raindrops and produces colors of the spectrum - from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light - thus a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. That's why no two people ever see exactly the same rainbow - every person viewing it sees a different set of raindrops at a different angle. You can sometimes create a rainbow yourself by taking a garden hose, and with the sun at your back, turn it on to create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you'll see the spectrum of lights form - a rainbow. Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii or Florida, naturally have the most rainbows.

**Q:** How are double rainbows formed?

**A:** A double rainbow - the correct term is secondary rainbow - occurs the same way as the first rainbow in front of it except that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Yang. Just the right angle is required for an observer to see two rainbows, and the secondary rainbow is always fainter or lighter looking in appearance. That's because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflecting off the raindrops.

**TOPIC: LIGHTNING AND THUNDER**

**Q:** Does lightning cause thunder?

**A:** The answer is yes, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. "Simply put, if you don't have lightning, there can be no thunder," she explains. "When there is a bolt or flash of lightning, it is incredibly hot - as high as 60,000 degrees. That means the air around it is heated up instantly, and this air then expands and contracts very quickly, creating an explosion-like noise. Hence, the rumble of thunder you'll hear after seeing lightning. When lightning is very close to you, the thunderclap noise is always louder. If you see lightning but don't seem to hear any thunder, it's because the lightning is too far away for the sound to reach you."

**Q:** Why don't we hear thunder when we see lightning?

**A:** Because lightning travels at the speed of light - 186,000 miles a second - and thunder is at the speed of sound, which is 0.21 miles per second, which is thousands of times slower. Curtiss adds, "That's why lightning will always precede thunder," she says. "You have to remember that light and sound always move at far different speeds. By counting the seconds between the flash of lightning and the sound of the thunder and dividing by 5, you can estimate how far the lightning is in miles. When you hear



**MR. AND MRS. GABRIEL GIBBS nee J'LYN WILLIAMS Williams-Gibbs Vows Exchanged In Las Vegas Ceremony**

J'Lyn Williams and Gabriel Gibbs were united in marriage on November 29, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV, with the Rev. Danilo Oleros officiating. The bride's parents are Roger and Pat Williams of Tahoka, and she is the granddaughter of the late B.A. and Dorothy Young. The groom's parents are James and Debbie Gibbs of Brownsboro, TX, and Mark and Marsha Hoboway of Hamlin. He is the grandson of Margie Ritter and the late Pete Ritter.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a Chiffon split-front empire A-line dress with a beaded lace trim and an all-over beaded-corded lace design featuring a sweep train.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple returned to their home in El Paso. The groom is employed at Red Lobster and is also a full-time student. The bride is an employee of Keith & Miller Certified Court Reporters. She graduated from Arlington Career Institute with a degree in Court Reporting.

rolling thunder, that means the lightning is fairly far away from you. The thunderstorm is very close to you when you see lightning and instantly hear a clap of thunder. And remember that worldwide, lightning strikes the Earth about 100 times every second, so potentially there could be a lot of thunder to be heard."

**Q:** What's the science behind it?  
**A:** The red sky at night (sunset) is caused by the sun striking particles known as aerosols in the atmosphere. Curtiss adds, "But if a sunrise is reddish or rosy looking, and you can see clouds over the horizon, it might mean the good weather has passed and a storm system could move in. The saying goes back to biblical times and is even quoted in the book of Matthew, who wrote: 'When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering.' Various other mentions of the saying have occurred over the past 500 years, and in a book titled 'Weather Lore' written in 1893, the author wrote, 'Sky red in the morning is a sailor's sure warning; sky red at night is the sailor's delight.' One version of the saying goes 'Evening red and morning gray, send the sailor on his way.'"

**TOPIC: WEATHER SAYINGS**

**Q:** We've all heard the saying, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky at morning, sailor take warning." Is it accurate?

**A:** The answer is usually yes, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. The red-sky reference may be the most famous of all weather sayings, and like many ancient proverbs, there is some science behind it. "The saying goes back to observations made by sailors who had a clear 360-degree view of the horizon from their ships," she explains. "In the northern hemisphere, most weather patterns move from west to east, so if a sailor could see a red sunset to the west, it meant

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## Atmos Energy Helps Customers Prepare for Winter Gas Bills

Atmos Energy officials say their company is encouraging its customers to prepare for higher winter gas bills in several ways.

"No one benefits from higher gas costs — certainly not our customers, and not Atmos Energy itself," said Robert W. Best, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Atmos Energy Corporation, and the 2004 chairman of the American Gas Association.

Utilities like Atmos Energy purchase natural gas on behalf of their customers and pass on the cost each month to customers without any markup. Gas utilities earn income from the fees approved by the state regulatory agency for delivering the gas to customers and maintaining the distribution system, not from the gas itself.

"During the winter months, the gas-cost portion of a customer's bill can be as much as \$8 out of every \$10 of the total bill," said Best. "For fixed-income and low-income consumers, keeping warm can be a serious hardship."

To assist these customers, Atmos Energy and other member utilities of the American Gas Association have urged Congress to increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"Although we are pleased that Congress increased LIHEAP funding for fiscal 2005 to \$2.2 billion, it will not be enough to meet the needs that exist," Best said.

### Local fuel funds

Atmos Energy partners with more than 900 local energy assistance agencies to provide options for customers who have difficulty paying their gas bills. The utility also offers payment arrangements to eligible customers to defer their payments over several months, if necessary.

"We encourage all our customers to help those less fortunate by making a tax-deductible contribution to Atmos Energy's Share the Warmth Program," Best said. Through this program, funds contributed by customers are sent to local energy assistance agencies in that community for distribution to needy families.

Energy assistance agencies distribute funds to pay, on average, one-fifth of the annual energy costs of low-income consumers. Most recipients do not receive welfare but are working, elderly or disabled people with below-poverty incomes.

The Share the Warmth contributions supplement the federal LIHEAP funds, which historically have been exhausted by February, the time when heating bills are the highest.

### Hedging gas supplies

To help control the gas commodity charges on its bill, Atmos Energy uses its underground and contracted storage as well as a combination of purchasing methods and financing tools to moderate the swings in wholesale gas prices.

"Hedging has saved hundreds of millions of dollars for our customers," Best said. "However, it's become harder to achieve those savings this year because natural gas costs remained high throughout this past summer when we filled our storage fields."

Best said an equally important benefit of the gas-hedging program is to moderate price swings. "The wild up and down swings in past winter gas prices have been especially hard on our customers' bills. This volatility is the result of wholesale gas market conditions that react more to psychology than to reason. By fixing the cost of our storage gas, we can reduce the effect of high spot-market gas prices."

### Energy-savings tips

Atmos Energy recommends that its customers also take advantage of their own opportunities to lower energy bills.

Customers should contact a heating contractor for an annual inspection of all gas appliances to ensure they are operating properly and safely. Appliances operating improperly are less efficient and consume more gas, causing higher gas bills.

Customers can sign up for budget billing to help spread out annual gas bill payments throughout the year. The program is a "rolling 12-month" plan, so customers can sign up at any time of the year, with no



**MAKING IT OFFICIAL** — Lynn County elected officials were officially sworn in on Jan. 1, 2005 for another four-year term after winning their seats in the November General Election. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, pictured right in each photo, officiated the ceremony to swear in, from left, Pct. 1 Commissioner Don Morton, County Attorney Jay Napper, and County Tax Assessor-Collector Sherry Pearce. Also elected was Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair, who was unable to attend the ceremonies. (LCN PHOTO)

annual settle-up. Each month, the budget amount is calculated by averaging the customer's previous 12 months' billings and factoring in changes in gas prices and consumption.

Adding attic insulation and weatherization to doors and windows can lower the heat lost from a home. Building supply and hardware stores carry a wide range of materials and products and can offer assistance with installations.

### New Home Elementary Honor Roll Listed

The New Home Elementary honor roll for the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks is as follows:

First Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Lea Gustafson, Chelsi Rodriguez; "AB" Honor Roll: Dimitri Correa, David Gomes, Camryn Nieman, Felicia Portales, Kade Sherwood, Isabel Silva, LeeRoy Valencia.

Second Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Paige Ford, Isabel Gomez, Brady Kennedy, Brianna Laseman, Kaylan Lehman, Joarir Mireles, D.J. Ussery, Jennifer Valencia; "AB" Honor Roll: Abel Portales, Jamie Rodriguez, Michael Silva, Jesus Cruz, Mariano Torres, Ashton Link, Kegan Gibbins, Joadam Vasquez, Patrick Overman.

Third Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Merritt Mitchell, Alexis Torres; "AB" Honor Roll: Lindsey Burenheide, Donovan Sirey, Alexis Torres.

Fourth Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Maranda Hymes; "AB" Honor Roll: Madison Gass, Charles Kieth, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Joshua Paul, Taylor Shellman, Katlin Thompson; "Fifth Grade: "AB" Honor Roll: Allison Burenheide, Rikki Earnest, Linzee Ginnins, Justin Laseman, Naomi Nevarez.

Sixth Grade: "AB" Honor Roll: Jacobi Ford, Jessica Gomez, Kari Maeker, Garrett Kennedy.

Leopard Award: First Grade: Felicia Portales; Second Grade: Brianna Laseman; Third Grade: Lindsey Burenheide; Fourth Grade: Audra Bruton; Fifth Grade: Justin Laseman; Sixth Grade: Jacobi Ford.

**New Home Semester Awards:**  
First Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Lea Gustafson, Chelsi Rodriguez; "AB" Honor Roll: Dimitri Correa, David Gomez, Camryn Nieman, Kade

Sherwood, Felicia Portales, LeeRoy Valencia.

Second Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Paige Ford, Isabel Gomez, Brady Kennedy, Brianna Laseman, Kaylan Lehman, Joarir Mireles, D.J. Ussery, Jennifer Valencia; "AB" Honor Roll: Abel Portales, Jamie Rodriguez, Michael Silva, Jesus Cruz, Mariano Torres, Ashton Link, Kegan Gibbins, Joadam Vasquez, Patrick Overman.

Third Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Lindsey Burenheide; "AB" Honor Roll: Merritt Mitchell, Alexis Torres.

Fourth Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Maranda Hymes, Charles Kieth; "AB" Honor Roll: Madison Gass, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Joshua Paul, Zac Paul, Taylor Shellman, Katlin Thompson.

Fifth Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Allison Burenheide, Rikki Earnest; "AB" Honor Roll: Linzee Ginnins, Justin Laseman, Naomi Nevarez, Sammy Olsen, Desiree Vasquez, Zach West.

Sixth Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Garrett Kennedy; "AB" Honor Roll: Steellie Feaster, Jessica Gomez, Kari Maeker.

**Semester Perfect Attendance:**  
Kindergarten: Emilee Curtis, Emmanuel Rosa; First Grade: Dimitri Correa, Lea Gustafson, Caleb Ibarra, Isabel Silva; Second Grade: Brady Kennedy, Patrick Overman, Michael Silva, D.J. Ussery; Fourth Grade: Orlando Garza, Charles Kieth, Jonathan Nieman, Josh Paul, Zac Paul, Taylor Shellman, Katlin Thompson; Sixth Grade: Jacobi Ford, Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy, Travis Thompson.

**Special Awards, Kindergarten:** Busy Bee and Positive Behavior: Jose Valencia.

### The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

Thursday, January 6: Elementary Award Assembly at 10:45.

Friday, January 7: Leopards hosts Loop Longhorns in District Opener Saturday, January 8: J.H. B-Ball Tournament at Wilson, New Home FFA Auction

Monday, January 10: Jr. High travels to Loop Tuesday, January 11: Lubbock Symphony Orchestra; Leopards travel to Whitharral.

The New Home Student Council is sponsoring a coat and sweater drive through Friday, January 7. Please bring all new or clean, slightly used items to the cafeteria. Donations will be given to an area charity. Also, 2005 Community Birthday Calendars are available for \$5.00 at the school from student council members for sponsors, Jessica Quillin and Marsha Scott.

The yearbook staff announces the 2004-2005 yearbooks are now on sale for \$29.00 through February 28. Order from a staff member: Aaron Villarreal, Harvey Silva, Mandy Portales, Krystal Muniz and Karen Muniz or sponsor Marsha Scott.

## New Emergency Response Group Open To Lynn County Citizens

Lynn County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has only a few more volunteer positions available for those interested in serving their community. Lynn County received a \$20,000 grant to establish this new volunteer group to help in times of crisis in the county.

A Community Emergency Response Team is a component of the Citizen Corps Program. This program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERTs can provide immediate assistance to victims as well as helping non-emergency projects to improve safety.

Volunteers will participate in a 30-hour training program. No previous experience in emergency service is required, but participants should have an interest in such service and a willingness to serve once trained. This training is intended to

provide the knowledge and skills citizen volunteers need to effectively serve their community; efforts to prepare for local emergencies and respond to them are the focus.

CERT responsibilities include disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical aid, and light search and rescue. CERTs coordinate their efforts with, and are intended to supplement the efforts of, a community's professional emergency response staff. This volunteer group does not replace any current emergency services; it is designed to provide support and assistance to those groups.

This volunteer group is open to any citizen of Lynn County who is willing to commit to the training and to respond to emergency activations. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jack Jaques at 998-4975 for additional details.

### New Home SCHOOL MENU

Jan. 10-14  
**Breakfast**  
Monday: Cinnamon roll  
Tuesday: Egg, sausage, toast  
Wednesday: French toast sticks  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza  
Friday: Breakfast bar.

**Lunch**  
Monday: BBQ on bun, pickles, onion, fries, fruit  
Tuesday: Frito pie, beans, salad, fruit  
Wednesday: Hot pocket, salad, carrot sticks, fruit (grades 6-12) Same as above or salad bar  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, corn, roll, fruit  
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God bless each of you,  
H. B. McCord  
Jim and Nancy McCord  
Christy, Amy and Matthew Hudspeth  
Gary and Sherri McCord  
Marissa, Brandon, Zachary and Wesley  
Terry and Susan McCord  
Meghan and Matthew 1-tc

Thank you to everyone who purchased an ornament or greeting card from the 3rd Grade GA Class at the Craft Show. The girls enjoyed making the crafts and did a great job. We also want to thank the girls from the other GA classes who contributed to the Christmas for Kids fund. We had just over \$75 to purchase gifts for a small boy and girl.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa Cook  
Miranda Sice  
3rd Grade GA's 1-1p

We, the family of Tommy Leverett, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and sympathy during this time. We would also like to thank the Lynnwood staff for all they did in taking care of Tommy.  
Thank you,  
Melanie and Jon Davis  
Toni and Richard Kollinger  
Trent and Cindy Leverett 1-tc

We don't have the words to express our feelings and our appreciation for your love and care during Ray's long illness and passing. But these words, passed on by a friend, seem to say what is in our hearts.  
"God saw him getting tired, when a cure was not to be." He closed His arms around him, and whispered, "Come to me."  
In tears we saw him sinking; we watched him fade away.  
Our hearts were almost broken, he fought so hard to stay.  
"But when we saw him sleeping, in peace and free from pain, We could not wish him back, to suffer so again.  
So keep your arms around him Lord and give him special care; Make up for all he suffered, and all that seemed unfair."  
"Blessed are the people, who take time to understand Who always can be counted on, to lend a helping hand. Blessed are the people, who have faith in God above. For they bless others every day, with kindness and with love."  
Thank you all so much.  
Margret Crispin and children,  
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In accordance with Texas Education Code 25.0811, the New Home Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for the 2005-06 school year. The first day of instruction would be August 15, 2005 should the waiver be granted.

The District will hold a public hearing in March 2005 to solicit public comments regarding the start for the first day of instruction. The District will publish a Public Notice of the time, date and place of the public hearing. 1-tc

**BID NOTICE**  
Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) is currently accepting bids for a new chemistry analyzer for the medical diagnostic laboratory. Interested parties should provide a detailed bid and proposal, which includes operating details and specifications by January 20, 2005. Contact Joel Truelove at 806-998-4533, Ext. 408 for further information. 1-2c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public hearing on January 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the District's Administration Offices located at 2129 N. Main St., Tahoka, Texas. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The hearing will be held to accept public comments regarding the first day of instruction for the 2005-06 school year. The District intends to apply for a waiver that will allow the first day of instruction to be held on August 15, 2005. 1-tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public hearing on January 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the District's Administration Building located at 2129 N. Main St., Tahoka, Texas. The hearing will be to discuss and review the District's 2003-2004 Academic Excellence Indicator System Reports. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. 1-tc

**Notice of Drinking Water NITRATE Violation**  
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Wilson water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for NITRATE indicates a level of 11.01 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are working to correct the problem.  
We are receiving Technical assistance from TCEQ. We have a RO unit attached to a designated tap located at the city office for use by anyone desiring RO water.  
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.  
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**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY FLUORIDE NOTIFICATION**  
The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the City of Wilson water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for Fluoride at 4mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 3.8 MG/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in the developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.  
The City of Wilson has inquired about getting a Reverse Osmosis plant to deal with this problem and without the help from grants this system has been too costly to put in at this time. The City is also looking for alternative water supply sources.  
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## Annual Depth-to-Water Measurements Begin

Beginning in January, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will make annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 2004 on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

Water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately owned wells. These water level observation wells are spaced throughout the district at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

"We want everyone to be aware that water district staff will be in the field from early January until completion of this work effort," said Don McReynolds, geologist and technical division director.

Water district personnel make the water level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water.

The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the obser-

vation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

Water district personnel attempt to measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and continue to provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water measurement in individual wells is compared to that of the previous year to determine the annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the water district are published each year in The Cross Section. This water level issue of the newsletter also contains tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the average and annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals.

Additional information about the annual depth to water level measurements is available by contacting the High Plains Water District at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting the district's web site at www.hpwd.com.

## First Ag Credit Declares \$6.2 Million In Cash Dividends

First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors declared approximately \$6.2 million in cash patronage dividends at their December meeting for 2004. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent. This marks the seventh consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash patronage and they can expect their checks in early 2005.

First Ag Credit has returned over \$30 million in cash to its customers since the merger in 2001. First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.4 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices located throughout its territory.

## Lynn County Bale Count

(as reported each Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	56,899
New Home Coop-Lakeview	31,573
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	27,491
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	17,900
Wells Coop Gin	15,335
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	17,800
Close City Gin-Post	5,630
Grassland Coop Gin	7,005
Lynn County Gin	3,000
<b>TOTAL as of 1-4-05</b>	<b>182,633</b>

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Attention All Tahoka Youth: Come Join Us Jan. 7-9 for Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Weekend!



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## Friday Night Lock-In

Starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7th - Ends at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8th  
Open to ALL YOUTH in Junior High thru High School

## Youth-Led Praise/Worship Service

Saturday, Jan. 8th - 7 p.m.

Youth and Adults - ALL AGES - are invited to two special YWAM-Led Services at First United Methodist Church

## YWAM-Led Praise/Worship Service

Sunday, Jan. 9th - 10:45 a.m.

## First United Methodist Church

1801 Ave J in Tahoka - Call 561-4503 for more information



DEPUTIES SWORN IN - Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies were sworn in during ceremonies held at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center on the first day of the year, following the official swearing-in of new Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin. Six deputies work for the county, including from left, Jim Bingham, Abraham Vega, Pete Vallejo III, Jason Tucker, Danny Randall and Tommy Page. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin officiated. (LCN PHOTO)

## Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

### Order 2005 Yearbooks

Now is the time to order 2004-05 THS Kennel yearbooks. Yearbooks cost \$25 and plastic covers are \$2.

Yearbooks should arrive in late August. Extra copies may not be available, so pre orders are encouraged.

Send payment (or deposit) or contact R. Lehman at THS, PO Box 1500, Tahoka or call 561-4538 by Jan. 31, 2005.

### Parents Can Place Sr. Baby Ads In Yearbook

Parents, guardians, or grandparents can place a graduation ad in the 2005 yearbook for their graduating senior.

Parents can include a photo and a message for \$25 or \$35, depending on length.

Parents of seniors should have received an order form earlier in the year. The deadline for ads is Jan. 31. Contact R. Lehman at the high school to place an ad or for more information.

### 7th Grade Girls Basketball

The 7th Grade A team played the Slaton Tigerettes on Monday, Jan. 3. The Lady Dogs pulled off a 36-20 win over Slaton. Top scorers were Brooke Inklebarger with 12 points, Kyra Helm with 10 points, and Meghann Rivas with six points.

### 8th grade girls

The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs lost to Slaton on Jan. 3. The final score was 24-27. Top scorers were Cori Vega with 12 points and Brittney Hair with 11.

### Varsity Girls Bball

Meghan Saldana  
The Lady Bulldogs played in the West Texas Girls Invitational Dec. 27-29. They defeated Cooper 56-26 in the first round; Angie Curtis led all scorers with 16. Brandi Raindl had 15, and Meghan Saldana chipped in 10.

They beat Wichita Falls Hirschi in a close one 47-43. Curtis was top scorer with 19, Saldana had 10, and Raindl had 10.

The Slaton Tigerettes played the Lady Dogs a close game in the championship; however, Tahoka came out on top. The final score was 32-29; Raindl was high point with 14.

The Lady Dogs were beaten by New Deal on Dec. 21, 44-47. Raindl scored a game high 21 points.

The Lady Dogs defeated Abernathy on Dec. 17, 46-31. Saldana had 13 points, and Curtis helped out with 11.

The Lady Bulldogs killed Denver City 83-42. Raindl had 26 points, Saldana 16, Carissa Hall 14, and Ashdon Hancock 13.

### JV Boys

Samantha Andrews.  
On December 21, The JV Bulldogs lost to the New Deal Lions 54-47. Javien Tillman led the team with 12 points, and Josh Hawthorne was close behind him with 10.

### JV Girls

Jennifer Ceniseros  
The J.V. girls' Dec. 14th game against Denver City kept the crowd on the end of their seats as they went into overtime and ended the game 35-43. Top scorers for the game were Jessica McLelland with 7 points, and both Corlee Greene and Jaquez Justice tied with 6 points.

The game against Abernathy on Dec. 17th ended with a 10-24 loss for the girls. Top players were Haley Hall with 12 points and Jaci Hammonds with 10.

On Dec. 21st the J.V. Girls team battled New Deal with the final score being 35-48, another loss for the team. Top players for this game were Haley Hall with 15 points and Jaci Hammonds with 7 points.

The team played in the Sundown Tournament Dec. 27 - 29. The first game

against Trinity was a win. The final score was 45-38 with major point earner McLelland with a whopping 22 points and H. Hall with 11 points. The tournament game against Lubbock High ended in a 24-26 loss for the J.V. girls. H. Hall scored 12 points. Tahoka brought home a victory against Brownfield on Dec. 29th, ending the game with a score of 39-27. Top players for the game were Jaci Hammonds with 13 points and H. Hall with 11 points. The game against Cooper resulted with a loss of 45-55. H. Hall and McLelland both scored 14 points a-piece and Jaquez Justice scored 8.

Varsity boys scores were unavailable at press time, but will be included in next week's edition.

## Tahoka Lady Dogs Win Title In Big Slaton Tournament

Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs cruised unbeaten through the prestigious West Texas Girls Basketball tournament at Slaton during the holidays, beating a very good host Slaton team 32-29 in the finals, featuring stout defense by both teams.

Brandi Raindl scored 14 points for Tahoka in the final game, and later was named the most valuable player of the tournament. She and Tahoka's Angie Curtis made the all-tournament team.

Tahoka had a 20-18 halftime lead and held on to win the game through a low-scoring second half in which the Lady Dogs had 12 points and Slaton scored 11, with the Tigerettes getting only 2 points in the third period.

Coach Steve Fancher's Lady Bulldogs advanced to the finals with a semifinals win over Wichita Falls Hirschi.

Memorials and donations may be made to the  
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## Questions and Answers of the Day

Matthew 18, Matthew 17:19-21; John 14:12-15; John 16: 23-24; Matthew 21:21-22; James 1:6-8; Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalms 66:18; John 15:7; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:22, 24; James 4:3

**Question: Is there such a thing as hindrance to prayer?**

The Bible says definitely yes. Most of the time we want to chalk up unanswered prayer to "It must have been God's will. There are certain things God has set in motion, so no matter what we say, it's bound to happen." This is not always the case. Many times we don't want to think that we ourselves might be responsible. For instance in 1 Peter 3:10-12, when two people become one together it is a sin to conduct our marriage to each other any other way than the way God spells out here. In 1 Peter 3:7 it plainly states this. I John chapter 1:8-10 it discusses that we must confess our sins and we will receive forgiveness. Selfishness and unforgiveness will also hinder our prayers. God says if we don't forgive, He won't forgive us. Lack of faith hinders prayer. We cannot please God when we don't trust Him. Any unconfessed sin lays like a steel blanket over the top of our prayers. We have to confess, pray and denounce our sin. I know sometimes that's easy to say and hard to do; but it is what God says. In John 15:1-8, God says ask what you will and it will be done. Sometimes we just have to ask God to show us in our spirit anything standing in the way of our prayers. GOD BLESS YOU.

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## Lynn County RC&D Council Announces Matching Grants

The Lynn County RC&D Council has announced the availability of funds for the 2005 Matching Grant Program. Barry Pittman, Chairman of the RC&D County Council stated, "Our goal is to make these funds available to organizations in Lynn County for local projects."

Funds are made available through the RC&D program which is authorized under USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities.

The County RC&D Council must approve grant applications that are submitted. Grants will require an equal match of local contributions or donations and will be limited to \$500. Barry stated, "We feel that this is an excellent way to leverage federal dollars and improve our communities." Applications are due in the Lynn County NRCS office by January 13, 2005.

Barry added, "Grant dollars can be used for a variety of community projects. So if you have an idea or something you are currently working on, give us a call. For more information and to obtain grant applications, visit the Lynn County USDA-NRCS office, or call Helen Saldana at (806) 998-4507."

All NRCS and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and assistance are available without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Director, Office of Civil Rights, room 326W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Thursday, January 6 - Report Cards go out  
Friday, January 7 - JV-V Boys/Girls Post-T-4:00  
Saturday, January 8 - ATSSB Area/State Audition at Lubbock Cooper; Tahoka Stock Show  
Tuesday, January 11 - JV-V Boys/Girls BB. Idalou-T: 4:00

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