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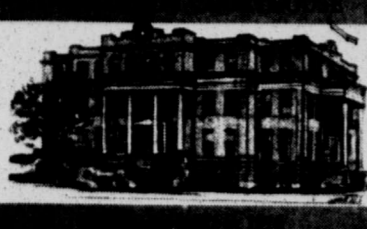
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Lynn County Bale Count

(as reported each Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	62,942
New Home Coop-Lakeview	35,701
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	31,677
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	20,565
Wells Coop Gin	17,551
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	21,005
Close City Gin-Post	6,747
Grassland Coop Gin	8,054
Lynn County Gin	3,700
TOTAL as of 1-11-05	207,942



County Stock Show Slated Next Week

The annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, Jan. 19-22. The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day. A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 5	45	37	
Jan. 6	46	29	
Jan. 7	57	29	
Jan. 8	68	27	
Jan. 9	73	32	
Jan. 10	64	41	
Jan. 11	73	46	
Total Precipitation in Jan.: 0.80"			
Total Precipitation to date: 0.80"			

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Fantastic Cotton Crop Pushing Ginning Season Into March

by JUANELL JONES
It's a spectacular sight in Lynn County these days, of thousands of cotton modules stretching across field after field, with rainbows of colored tarps protecting the best cotton crop area producers have seen in years - or ever, if bale counts soar as high as predicted. The fantastic crop, and wet weather delays, is creating a backlog at area gins, with many expecting to gin into March before completing the 2004 bale count.

Gin managers haven't seen this late a season since the 1972 cotton crop, when weather - not volume - created a late finish. "It was April 27, 1973 when we finished the 1972 crop at Woolam Gin," said Tommy Woolam, owner of Woolam Gin in O'Donnell. "I remember we had 13 separate snowstorms that year that put us so far behind," he added.

"Right now we are 50 days behind, and that will put us into March," Woolam said. "Our normal 10-year average is 18,000 bales in one season. We're already over 20,000 bales this week and we are well on our way to 35-40,000 bales," Woolam predicted. "I don't know where this is going to end up, but this year's crop is absolutely incredible. We've got gins trying to farm out some of the load to other areas where ginning is already finished, so they can get their customers out in a timely manner. It's just a weird year," he added with a laugh.

Lynn County producers planted 295,179 acres of cotton - the most of any county in Texas - with 217,835 acres of dryland and 77,344 acres of irrigated cotton, according to figures released by Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension Agent. Add in to the mix a record-breaking rainfall for the year - 42.85 inches - and the potential for record-breaking bale counts is high. Yields have been good, with many dryland reports of 1-2 bales per acre being reported, and 2-3 bales per acre and sometimes more from irrigated fields. Last year, Lynn County ranked fourth in Texas with 198,800 bales produced on 279,400 acres.

According to predicted estimates, Lynn County may produce an all-time record high number of bales this year, as much as 441,490 bales, based on the number of acres planted and the predicted yield estimates, says Reynolds.

The record for Lynn County cotton production was set in 1973 with 275,800 bales, and only nine other years (all since 1972) have produced more than 200,000 bales in the county's history.

Bob Ballard, manager at Farmers Coop Assn. #1 in Tahoka, said if the weather remains nice that they should finish ginning about the middle of March, and predicted that Farmers Coop would gin close to 50,000 bales.

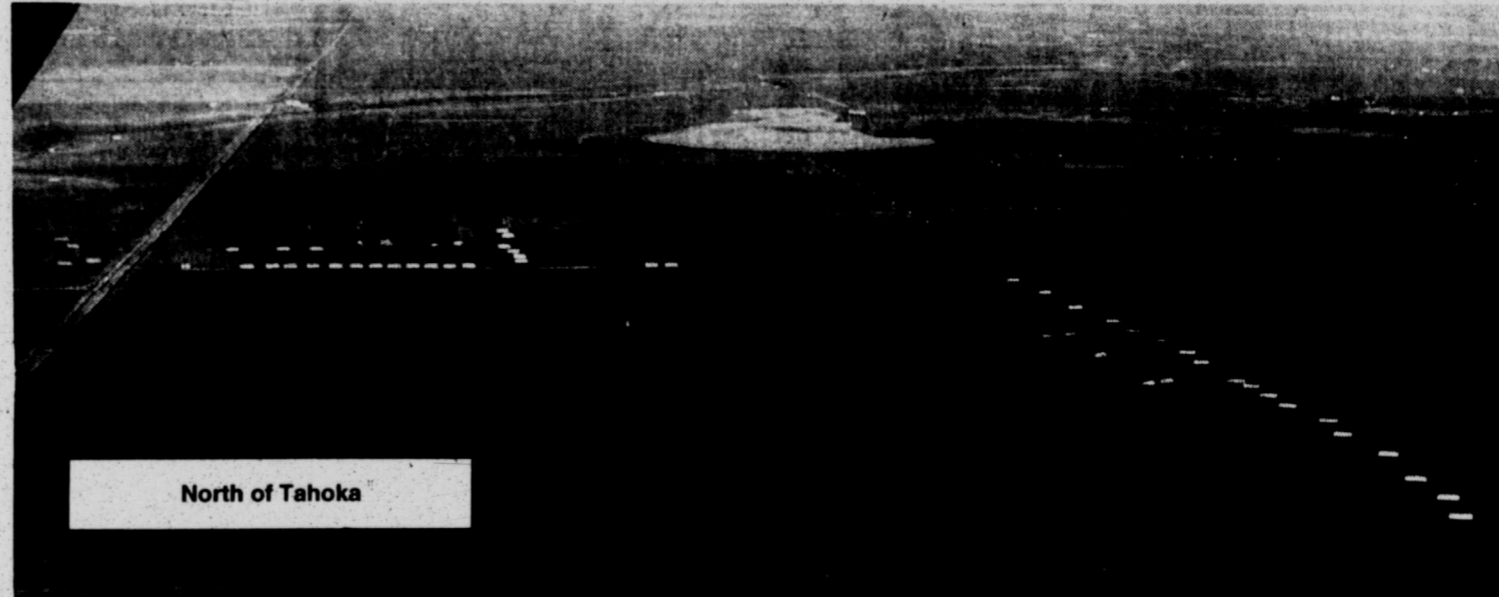
"Our average here is about 17-18,000 bales. This may be nearly tripled this year. I think the record here is 28,000 bales," he said. With a bale count of 21,005 as of Tuesday afternoon, Farmers Coop is well on their way to surpassing their record.

Wet weather has also prevented gins from picking up the modules already out in the fields. Ballard said he figured Farmers Coop had about 1800 modules in the fields to pick up as of this week.

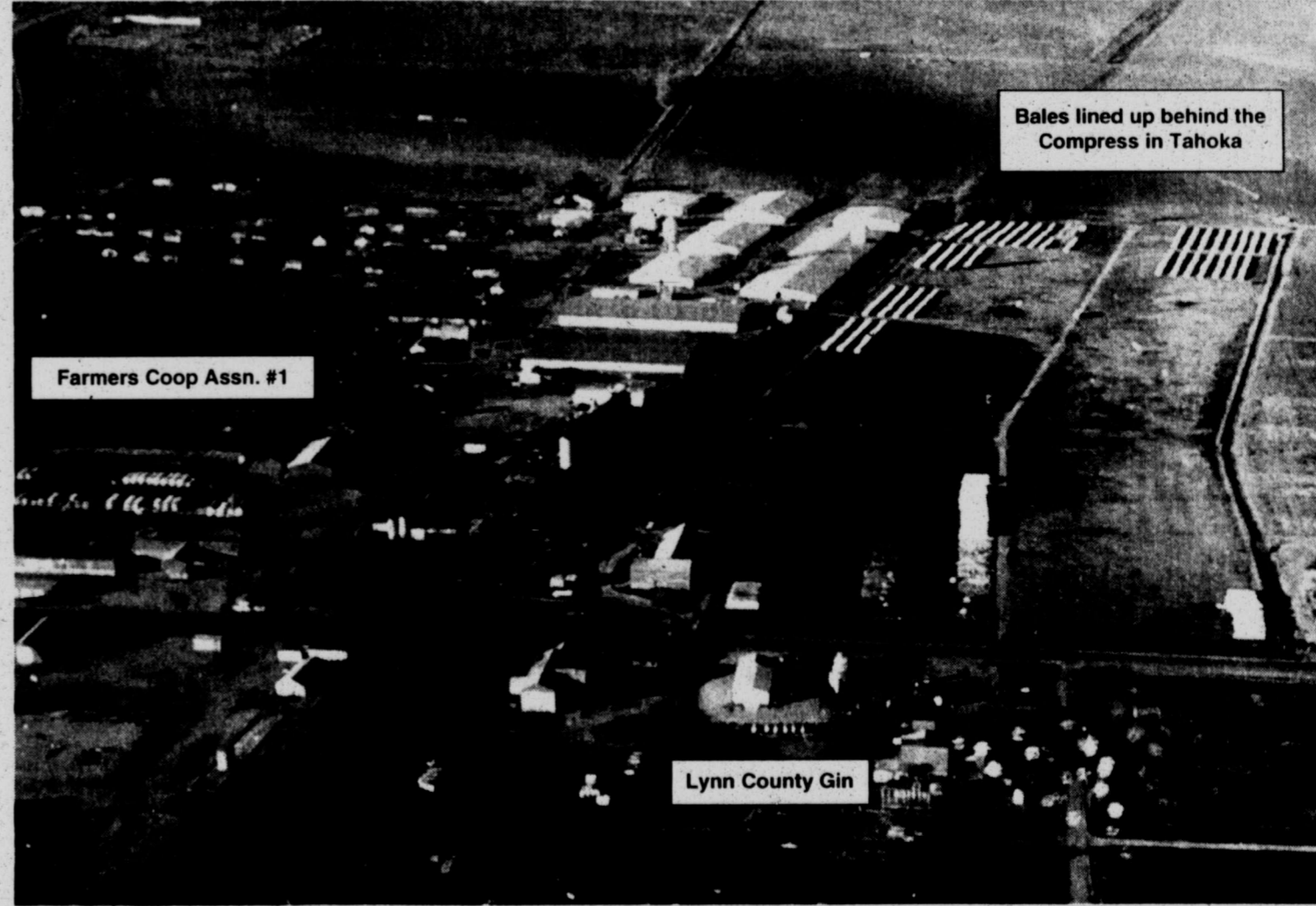
Figuring a conservative 10 bales per module, a predicted 441,490 bale count equals a mind-boggling 40,000+ modules in Lynn County that the gins have been working frantically to pick up and process.



North Lynn County



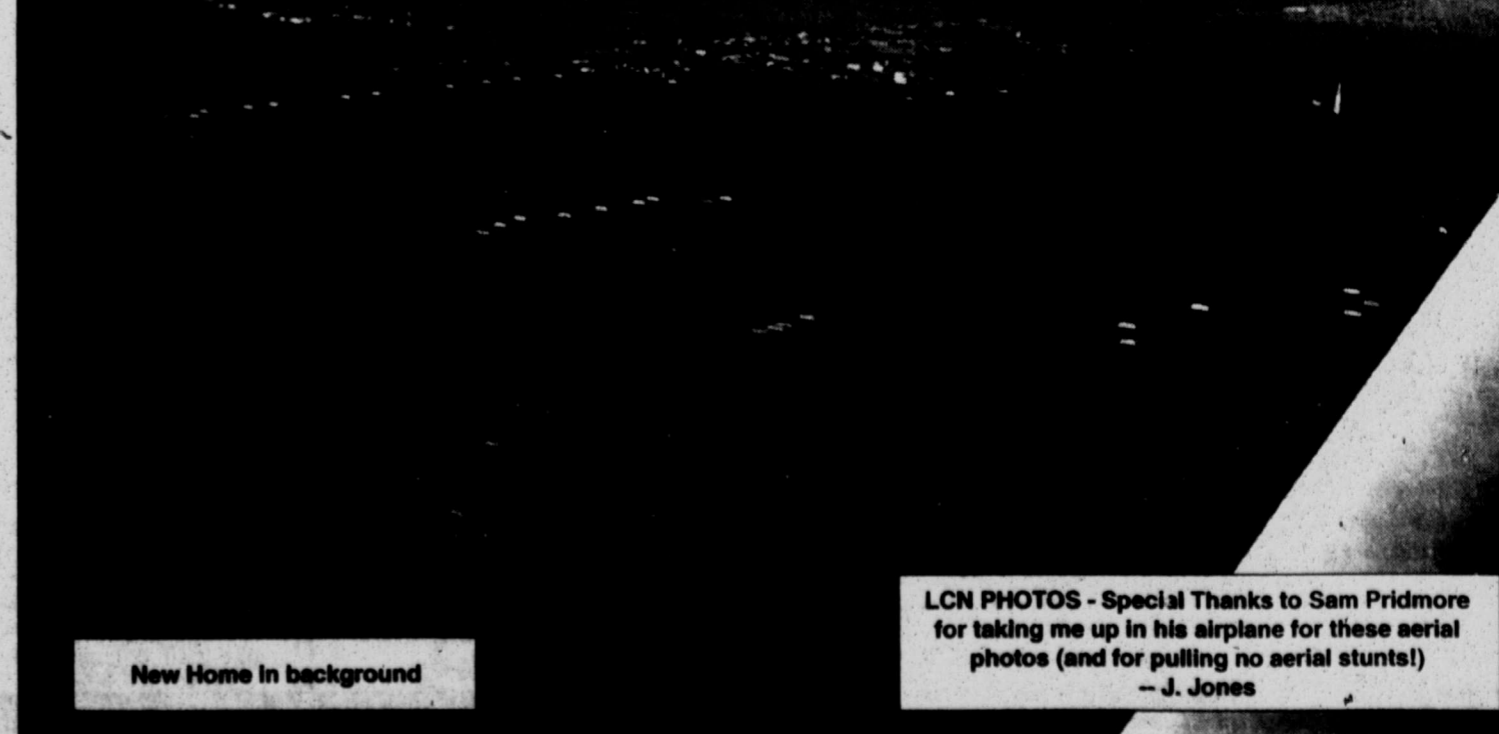
North of Tahoka



Bales lined up behind the Compress in Tahoka

Farmers Coop Assn. #1

Lynn County Gin



New Home in background

LCN PHOTOS - Special Thanks to Sam Pridmore for taking me up in his airplane for these aerial photos (and for pulling no aerial stunts!) - J. Jones

(See Cotton, page 4)



TAHOKA GIRLS IN TECH BAND - Tahoka High School exes Kyndra Selmon (left) and Crystal Amador are both freshmen members of the Texas Tech University Marching Band, shown here in uniform as they prepared to perform during halftime ceremonies at the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, CA in December 2004. Kyndra plays clarinet, and Crystal plays flute for the Red Raider band. Both were members of the Tahoka High School band during their high school years here.

Two Pickup Accidents, Burglaries Investigated

Two pickups were involved in separate accidents on U.S. 87 near O'Donnell last week, with no injuries listed in either accident.

On Friday morning a 1997 GMC pickup driven by David Baker, 19, of Stanton left the roadway and slammed into a ditch. He was not injured.

On Sunday morning about 10 a.m. at a point 2.9 miles north of O'Donnell, a 1999 Dodge pickup driven by Lisa Rodrigues, 28, of Lubbock went out of control after a rear tire separated, and struck a highway sign. Neither the driver nor a male passenger was injured.

Information was obtained this week on a collision which occurred the previous week just north of the north overpass at Tahoka on U.S. 87. Jessica Garza, 25, was driving a 1991 Chevrolet Blazer which collided with 1990 Jeep Cherokee traveling north on U.S. 87 as the Blazer was entering U.S. 87 from FM 400 during a fog. The driver and a passenger, Becky Escamilla, 25, also of Lubbock, were taken by Tahoka EMS ambulance for treatment at Lynn County Hospital emergency room and later released.

The driver of the Jeep, Barry Lance Johnson, 54, of Colorado Springs, CO was not injured.

Tahoka Police arrested Amanda Lee Gutierrez, 23, of Tahoka on an outstanding warrant for grand jury indictment on a forgery case.

Sheriff's officers are investigating two burglaries in the New Home area. On Jan. 3 a 2004 Dodge pickup owned by Gary Lee Cramblet was stolen and numerous items and cash were stolen from the home two miles west of New Home. The pickup, a generator and some other items were recovered after Dept. of Public Safety task force officers located the pickup in Lubbock and arrested a 20-year-old New Home man. Burglary charges are pending further investigation.

On Jan. 11, a farm shop owned by James Mitchell of Wolfthorh, located about five miles northwest of New Home, was burglarized, with various tools and equipment stolen, valued at a total of about \$1700. Investigation of this incident also was continuing, according to a sheriff's deputy.

Seven persons were jailed during the last week, bringing the total jail population as of Wednesday to 42, including 18 for Lubbock County. Charges against the seven included possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, grand jury indictment on six counts of forgery, driving while license suspended, DWI and warrant on parole violation.



BLAIR BEGINS ANOTHER TERM - Lynn County Precinct 3 Commissioner Don Blair (right) was officially sworn into office Monday by Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, at the county courthouse. Blair was re-elected to another four-year term as commissioner in the November General Election, but he was unable to attend the swearing-in ceremony held Jan. 1 for other elected officials.

Booster Club To Meet

The Bulldog Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Tahoka High School Library. Anyone interested in supporting TISD athletics is encouraged to attend.

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We would like to thank our family and friends for all the expressions of love and concern shown to our family during this time of loss. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

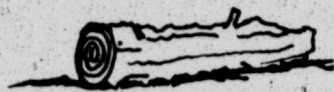
The Junior Costa Family

STORK REPORT

Delaney Shea Ellis was born to Mike and Robin of Montana on Tuesday, December 21, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She has one older sister, Kaleigh. Grandparents are Larry and Becky Moore of O'Donnell. Great-grandparents are Seanie Payne and Howard and Mamie Moore of O'Donnell.

woodwork by dalton



A WOMAN recently paid \$50,000 to have her dead cat cloned, according to a newspaper story which said the cloning was successful, giving her essentially the same cat she had pussyfooting around her for years until it finally gave its last meow.

I think that's a pretty foolish way to spend \$50,000, since I am of the (admittedly minority) opinion that the world doesn't need any more cats.

I don't have a lot of respect for the way some people fawn over their pets, and that includes dogs, although I like dogs and we have always owned dogs.

A lady I know tells me about a visitor bringing a large dog into her home at a time when the home was open to visitors touring homes. The person bringing in the dog announced that "this is my family and he (or she) goes everywhere I do." This is beyond rude, and that person should have been sent to the back yard along with her dog.

I don't like cats. The little monsters are just waiting for me to turn my back so they can sink their claws into me.

I must reiterate that this is just my opinion. All three of our children have dogs which live in their houses (ours stay out in the yard or doghouse). And two of them have had cats. Plus my sister just e-mailed me a bunch of kittens doing cute things.

Okay, so kittens are cute and lovable, but remember what poet Ogden Nash once wrote about them:

"The trouble with a kitten is that
It grows up to be a cat."

This will no doubt anger some cat lovers, but I don't want to hear from you. Especially I don't want any anonymous phone calls or unsigned letters. I did get one that was pretty funny, though, several years ago, from a woman in Wilson. She was upset because I had written that I only feed my dogs when I think about it (I didn't point out that my wife fed them every day). Anyway, she sent a letter saying she hoped that when I die, every dog in Tahoka comes and (does something really disgusting) on my grave.

Lubbock newspaper columnist Burle Pettit is always writing about his dog. He is a very good writer, and I know how hard it is to come up with column topics, but I am sick of reading about his dog. Now when I see the name Schnopper in the headline, I just go on to the sports pages.

I have no patience with people who carry on about their pets as if they were people. We have always had dogs, and when one dies, I feel bad for awhile, but I get over it, and get another dog.

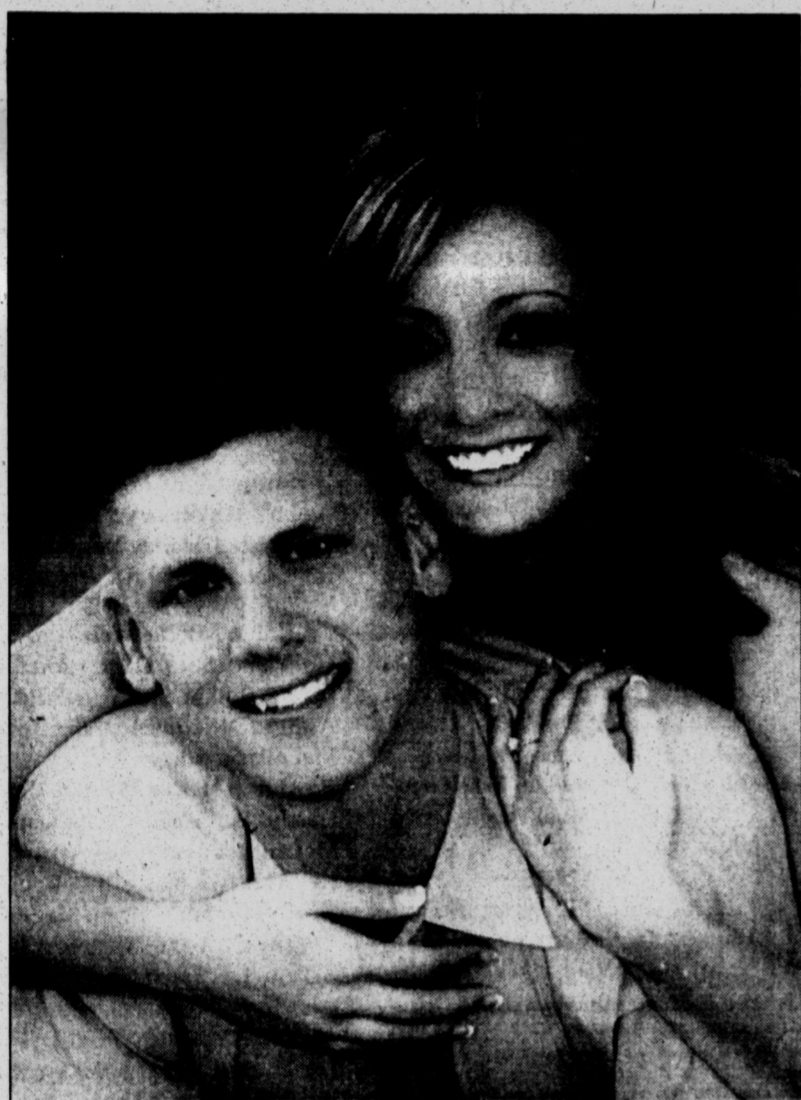
Once I heard a woman remarking about the recent death of her dog, saying "Losing poor little Fluffy was just like losing a member of the family." Another woman seated next to me (whose daughter had died years ago) muttered "she obviously has never lost a member of the family."

If someone has that kind of money, I guess it's okay to pay \$50,000 to have a cat re-created. Maybe she gave that much or more for the relief of people in Southeast Asia. But I doubt it.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 • functahoka@juno.com PASTOR: REV. JEFF BAYLEY Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future!" --JEREMIAH 29:11</p>	<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310 PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Evening Worship - 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship - Gospel Message) Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	
<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefor • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236 PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. LEWIS WILKINS TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School (for all ages) - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Grassland Nazarene Church Rt. 5 Box 360 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 PASTOR: DAVID PARKER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p>	
<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	<p>Message From: "God's Little Instruction Book" The greatest possession you have is the 24 hours directly in front of you. "There is a time there for every purpose and for every work." -- Ecclesiastes 3:17 We make a living by what we get - we make a life by what we give. "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." -- Acts 20:35 God has a history of using the insignificant to accomplish the impossible. "And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." -- Mark 10:27</p>			<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. KEN PETERSON Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>
<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549 PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p>	<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 INTERIM PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Gethsemane Baptist Church 1421 South 5th • Box 1017 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4577 PASTOR: REV. MINGO CHAPA Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Free Christian Movies Show every Sunday evening! Pot Luck Lunch Every Sunday - All Welcome! MATTHEW 11:28</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579 • website or email MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 INTERIM PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Gethsemane Baptist Church 1421 South 5th • Box 1017 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4577 PASTOR: REV. MINGO CHAPA Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Free Christian Movies Show every Sunday evening! Pot Luck Lunch Every Sunday - All Welcome! MATTHEW 11:28</p>	<p>If you would like your church to be a part of this Directory, call The Lynn County News 806-561-4888 Remember to Church Pastors: We need your message. Please FAX to The News, 561-6308, or e-mail to: lcn@llano.net</p>	

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**TANIA LEAH HAND and BRADY LYNN RAINDL
Couple Announce Engagement**

Gary and Gail Hand of Friona announce the engagement of their daughter, Tania Leah Hand, to Brady Lynn Raindl, son of Mitch and Donna Raindl of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of John and BillieJo Hand of Friona and the late Bill and Tera McGlophin. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Buddy and Juanell Fort of Midland and the late Bland and Quinn Draper.

The future bride is a 2001 graduate of Friona High School and received her Bachelor of Arts in Family Studies from Lubbock Christian University in December 2004.

Raindl is a 2000 graduate of Tahoka High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Texas Tech University in December 2003. He is currently executive director of the Perryton Activity Center in Perryton, Texas.

The couple is planning a March 12, 2005 wedding at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

**Pay Property Taxes By Jan.31
Or Face Additional Interest Fees**

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2004 property taxes have slightly more than two weeks left if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

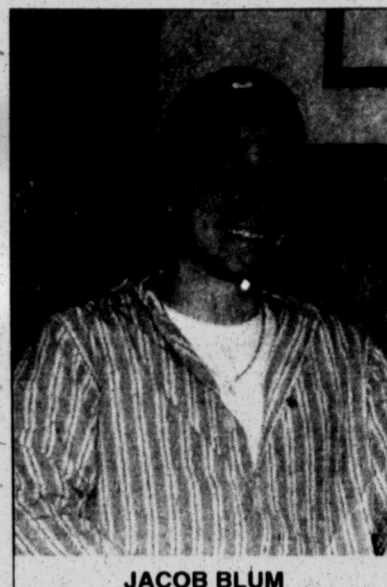
January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest amounts begin to add up quickly.

Those who wait until February will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every

month following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Because the 31st falls on a Sunday, property owners have until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 to pay their taxes in person (without additional interest) at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1636 Ave. J in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 561-4057.



JACOB BLUM

**Jacob Blum Is New
Youth Director At
Tahoka Methodist**

Jacob Blum, 19, has been named Youth Director at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, as of Jan. 1, 2005. Blum comes to Tahoka from Canyon.

"The Lord has blessed me with the opportunity to come to Tahoka. I hope to come to know everyone, so I would love to have the opportunity to meet you all. God has been so good to bless me with such a great community," said Blum.

"I will be getting married in July to Danielle LaGrone from Amarillo. We are both so excited to get things together here," he added.

Blum invites Tahoka youth to attend youth meetings at the Methodist Church on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., and Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. He can be reached by e-mail at bethefect7@yahoo.com.

**City Council
Meeting Held**

Tahoka City Council met in routine session Monday night, approving the city's participation in the Oller Engineering 2005 Seal-Coat program for city streets and approving monthly bills.

City Attorney Cal Huffaker and assistant Rebekah Curry presented information regarding city annexation issues to update the council on how the city traditionally annexed property.

Tahoka Fire Dept. Chief Jimmy Woodard reported on the fire department activities for the month, and Tahoka Police Officer Steve McKay presented a police department report.

All council members were present for the meeting led by Mayor Mike Mensch, including Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Rudy Fuentes, Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster.

**Gutierrez Named
To Dean's List**

Crystal Gutierrez was named to the South Plains College, Reese Center Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester with a GPA of 3.85. She is studying to be a surgical technician and is the daughter of Amelia Cervantez of Tahoka.

**Lynn County Merchants
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Obituaries

Janet Ruby Hunger

Services for Janet Ruby Hunger were held Monday, January 10, at Hope Lutheran Church in Lubbock.

She was born in Thorndale, Texas. At the age of seven her family moved to Wilson, where she attended school and later moved into the Tahoka School District. She graduated in 1955. She attended college at West Texas University in Canyon, TTU in Lubbock and University of Houston. She left junior college at Concordia Austin in 1957 and earned a Bachelor's Science in Education and Religion from Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska, in 1959. She married Gerhard Hunger in McAllen, Texas on April 23, 1960.

She taught school at Pilgrim Lutheran in Houston and St. Paul Lutheran in McAllen. She also worked as a Geophysicist in Oil Exploration in Bellaire, Texas, for seven years. For many years she worked in various cities in the field of statistics and accounting.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristie Hunger of Mesquite; brother, Leonard Dube of Wilson; and sisters, Laverne Austin of Wichita Falls and Vernell Nelson of Carrollton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerhard Hunger in 2001, and a sister, Lorine Talkmitt in 1987.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Texas District Church Extension Fund, 7900 East Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78724-2499; Hope Lutheran Youth Group, 5700 98th St., Lubbock, TX 79424; or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605.

**Texas Agrees To
Concealed Handgun
Reciprocity**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has signed a proclamation allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by Colorado to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas. Based on this proclamation, Colorado law allows Texas citizens with concealed handgun licenses to legally carry concealed handguns in Colorado. This action has the same effect as a reciprocal agreement.

"In essence, this agreement allows licensed Texans to enjoy the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said.

This is the 15th reciprocity agreement Texas has reached with another state. (These agreements were made possible by 1997 and 2003 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.) Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said.

**County To Seek
Bids For Insurance,
Bank Depository**

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, approving monthly bills and minutes from the previous meeting. They approved two action items, both for advertising for bids, with one regarding insurance for property, automobile and liability, and the other for the county bank depository.

Following the meeting, Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair was officially sworn into office, as he was unable to attend the ceremony held Jan. 1 for other recently elected officials.

All commissioners were present for the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.



ASHANTI HOOD

**Ashanti Hood
Chosen As Model**

Ashanti Hood, a 2004 graduate of Tahoka High School, was among 30 of 65 girls chosen to be models by Barbizon Agency at auditions held Jan. 9 in Lubbock. Hood says she will begin four months of modeling training in Lubbock on Jan. 22, and will be among a group of models going to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in February.

She is the daughter of Helen Payne and Robert Hood, of Tahoka.

**Senior Citizens
MENU**

January 17-21
Monday: Beef enchiladas, corn, beans, pineapple gelatin
Tuesday: Meat loaf, potato O'Brien, green beans, tossed salad/French, wheat roll, carrot cake
Wednesday: Hamburger steak, brown gravy, broccoli rice casserole, wheat roll, applesauce
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, gelatin
Friday: Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad/French, wheat roll, frosted spice cake

Shop in Tahoka!

Oops --
 The Lynn County Christmas For Kids Board inadvertently left out the following in our Letter of Thanks last week:

**Phebe K. Warner Club
Dollar General**

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Cotton...

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New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin Manager David Wied is also predicting they will be ginning into March, with a bale count this week of 35,701. "I figure we will have a bale count into the 80,000s at least, and maybe pushing 90,000 bales before we finish," said Wied.

Texas Star Gin has reported a total bale count of 62,942 for their plants at Wilson and Union as of Tuesday afternoon, and gin officials say they are hoping to finish around the first week of March, with an incredible 110,000 bales predicted.

All predictions are that the 2004 crop will be the largest in history in the United States, with an estimate of 22.5 million bales projected. Texas is expected to produce 7.7 million bales of cotton, and Lynn County producers are certainly doing their part to add to the state's total.

Total figures from the nine gins reporting bale counts in the Lynn County area this week surpassed the 200,000 mark, with 207,942 bales as of Tuesday afternoon. Normally, *The Lynn County News* is finished reporting bale counts by mid-January, but this year the bale count reports will continue until area gins are finished - whenever that may be.

Baked Goods Contest Set At Stock Show

The annual Lynn County Baked Goods Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Lynn County Stock Show, to be held January 19-22 at the show barn in Tahoka. Bake show items must be entered between 9:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the morning of Friday, January 21. Judging will take place at 10:00 a.m. A complete list of contest rules must be obtained from the County Extension Office before entering the contest.

Exhibitors may enter one item in each of the following divisions: Layered Cakes, Bundt Cakes or Sheet Cakes, Cookies/Bar Cookies, Brownies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, and Pies. An entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be charged.

For more information, contact Sheri Gickhorn, Bake Show Superintendent, at 806/628-6469 or the County Extension Office at 806/561-4562.

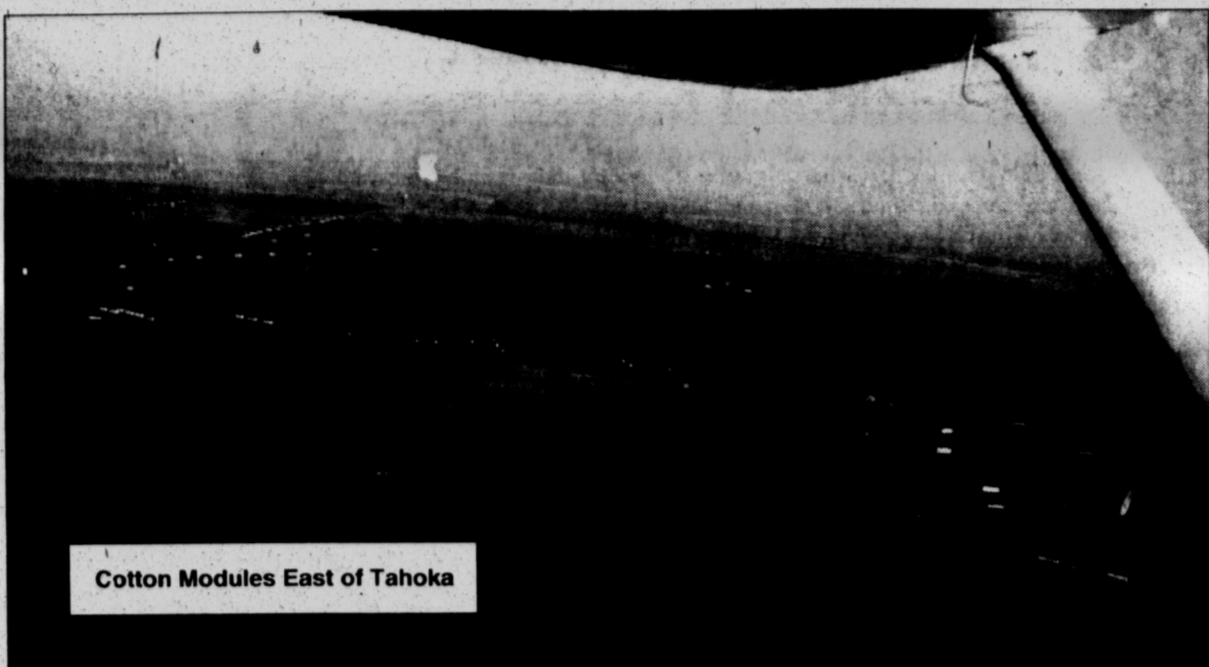
SPC Sets Late Registration

South Plains College's late registration for the 2005 spring semester will be Tuesday through Friday (Jan. 18-21).

Late registration at the Levelland campus and SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 18-20 and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

Registration will be in the Counseling Center, Student Services Building on the Levelland campus and in the Counseling Center, Building 8 at the Reese Center.

On-line late registration is available through CampusConnect for



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TAHOKA STOCK SHOW WINNERS - Showing Grand and Reserve Grand animals at the Tahoka Stock Show on Jan. 8 were, from left, Cassidy Gandy, Harley Reynolds, Wacie Barnett, Jay Martin, Kenzie Angeley, Morgan Lockaby, and Madison Lockaby. (See story for complete results).



SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS - Showmanship winners at the Tahoka Stock Show, held Jan. 8, include from left, Matt Saldana, Lauren Botkin, Wacie Barnett, Jay Martin, Kenzie Angeley, Morgan Lockaby and Garrett Barham.

new and returning students who have been accepted for admission and are TSI compliant. The Texas Success Initiative requires that new students entering Texas public colleges and

universities take a college placement exam to ensure success in college. Certain exemptions apply.

CampusConnect can be accessed at www.southplainscollege.edu.

For more information, contact the SPC Admissions Offices in Levelland or Reese at 806-894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572 or 885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660.

ASE EXAMS OFFERED

Automotive professionals who wish to become certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) can register to take computer-based ASE certification exams offered at South Plains College's ACT Center, located at the Reese campus in Lubbock.

Registration is underway now through Feb. 8 by contacting ASE's toll-free number at 800-525-6929. For more information, contact the ASE Help Desk at 319-337-1433 or visit the ASE website at www.ase.com/cbt.

Tahoka Stock Show Winners Named

The 2005 Tahoka Livestock Show was held Saturday, Jan. 8. Big winners for the day included Cassidy Gandy, who showed the Grand and Reserve Grand Barrow; Wacie Barnett with the Grand Champion Steer and Harley Reynolds with the Reserve Grand Steer; Morgan Lockaby, with the Grand Champion Heifer and Madison Lockaby with the Reserve Grand Heifer; Kenzie Angeley, who showed both the Grand and Reserve Grand Sheep; and Jay Martin, who showed both the Grand and Reserve Grand Goat.

Showmanship winners included Kenzie Angeley, Sheep; Jay Martin, Goat; Wacie Barnett, Steer; Morgan Lockaby, Heifer; Matt Sandana, Swine, Senior Division; Garrett Barham, Swine, Junior Division; and Lauren Botkin, Swine, First Time.

Other individual results are as follows:

LAMBS

Finewool Cross: Kenzie Angeley, 1st, Breed Champion

Medium Wool: Kenzie Angeley, two 1sts and a 2nd place, and Champion

GOATS

Light Weight: Jay Martin, 1st and 4th; Kohl Angeley, 2nd and 5th; Caitlynn Martin, 3rd

Heavy Weight: Jay Martin, 1st; Hadley Reynolds, 2nd and 3rd; Caitlynn Martin, 4th

STEERS

ABC: Harley Reynolds, 1st, Breed Champion; James Holdren, 2nd, Reserve Breed; Wacie Barnett, 3rd

European -Light Weight: Cassidy Gandy, 1st; Brandon Tomlinson, 2nd and 3rd

European -Heavy Weight: Wacie Barnett, 1st, Breed Champion; Cassidy Gandy, 2nd, Reserve Breed

HEIFERS

Angus: Morgan Lockaby, 1st; Madison Lockaby, 2nd

BARROWS

Berk: Luke Hawthorne, 1st, Breed Champion; Matt McLelland, 2nd, Reserve Breed

White OPB Light Weight: Josh Hawthorne, 1st; Levi Hawthorne, 2nd

White OPB Heavy Weight: Matt Saldana, 1st, Breed Champion; Brandon Tomlinson, 2nd, Reserve

Breed; Michael Paris, 3rd

Duroc Light Weight: Delci Willis, 1st and 2nd, Reserve Breed

Duroc Heavy Weight: Harley Reynolds, 1st, Breed Champion; Reed Williams, 2nd; Levi Hawthorne, 3rd

Spot: Cassidy Gandy, 1st, Breed Champion; Brandon Tomlinson, 2nd, Reserve Breed; Matt Saldana, 3rd

Hamp Light Weight: Garrett Barham, 1st, Reserve Breed; Matt Saldana, 2nd; Harley Reynolds, 3rd; Trey Thomas, 4th; Michael Paris, 5th

Hamp Middle Weight: Brittny Hair, 1st; Seth Hawthorne, 2nd; Lauren Botkin, 3rd; Troy Price, 4th; Audree Williams, 5th; Jessica McLelland, 6th

Hamp Heavy Weight: Cassidy Gandy, 1st, Breed Champion; Matt McLelland, 2nd; Jynna Askew, 3rd; Reed Williams, 4th; Brandon Tomlinson, 5th; Stormy Moore, 6th

York Light Weight: Jynna Askew, 1st, Breed Champion; Troy Price, 2nd; Cassidy Gandy, 3rd

York Middle Weight: Tyson Porter, 1st; Lauren Botkin, 2nd; Whitlee Anderson, 3rd; Tyson Porter, 4th

York Heavy Weight: Jynna Askew, 1st, Reserve Breed; Smith McLelland, 2nd; Skylar Owens, 3rd

Cross Light Weight: Kyle Preston, 1st; Kami Owens, 2nd; Skylar Owens, 3rd; Smith McLelland, 4th

Cross Light Middle Weight: Kyle Preston, 1st; Lance Murphy, 2nd; James Holdren, 3rd and 4th; Josh Hawthorne, 5th; Kami Owens, 6th

Cross Middle Weight: Jynna Askew, 1st, Reserve Breed; Maddie Barham, 2nd; Cassidy Gandy, 3rd; Jessica McLelland, 4th; Randy Carter, 5th; Luke Hawthorne, 6th; Seth Hawthorne, 7th

Cross Light Heavy Weight: Willie Vest, 1st; Harley Reynolds, 2nd; Skylar Owens, 3rd; Matt Saldana, 4th; Jynna Askew, 5th and 6th; Whitlee Anderson, 7th; Larry Murphy, 8th; Michael Paris, 9th

Cross Heavy Weight: Cassidy Gandy, 1st, Breed Champion; Trey Thomas, 2nd; Kyle Preston, 3rd; Audree Williams, 4th; Brandon Tomlinson, 5th; Graham Henley, 6th; Byron Moore, 7th; James Loftis, 8th

BARROWS

Berk: Luke Hawthorne, Champion; Matt McLelland, Reserve

White OPB: Matt Saldana, Champion; Brandon Tomlinson, Reserve

Duroc: Harley Reynolds, Champion; Delci Willis, Reserve

Spot: Cassidy Gandy, Champion; Brandon Tomlinson, Reserve

Hamp: Cassidy Gandy, Champion and Reserve

York: Jynna Askew, Champion and Reserve

Cross: Cassidy Gandy, Champion; Jynna Askew, Reserve

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

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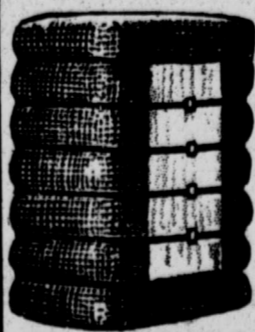
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Gene Walker & family
Travis Morgan & family
Jack & Jeanette Roseberry & family
Bill & Sue Cain & family
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We wanted to say thank you to everyone who called or visited Alison while she was in the hospital. To the community, we could feel the cover of prayer over us and are overwhelmed at the support we received during this time. As always, God is good.
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New Home ISD Honor Roll Listed

The New Home Junior High and High School Honor Roll for the third six weeks is as follows:
Seventh Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Josh Correa; "A-B" Honor Roll: Jacob Laseman, Heath Link, Kris Silva.
Eighth Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Mary Maeker, Mikaela Wallace; "A-B" Honor Roll: Rebekah Bartley, Whitney Decker, Hector Fiscal, April Torres, Hannah Warren.
Ninth Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Sarah Ussery; "A-B" Honor Roll: Jordan Clem, Allison Gibbons, Keely Nettles, Mark Overman, Trevor White.
Tenth Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Sarah Bygel, Sarah Clem; "A-B" Honor Roll: Tanner Comey, Adam Fiscal, Daniel Ford, Amber Holler, Kebbi Hutto, Ashley Zuniga.
Eleventh Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Rachel Bygel, Matthew Hymes, Maricela Rodriguez, Chris West, Ryan Wied; "A-B" Honor Roll: Chase Collinsworth, Laura Maeker, Blaine Paul, Krystle Webb, Stefanie White.
Twelfth Grade- Romica Cardova, Kargen Muniz, Krystal Muniz, Aaron Villarreal; "A-B" Honor Roll: Jordan Dorsett, Monte Jolly, Harvey Silva

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

Friday, January 14- Leopards hosts Wellman-Union
Saturday, January 15- New Home Stock Show
Monday, January 17- Jr. High hosts Whitharral
Tuesday, January 18- High School travels to Ropes
Wednesday, January 19- Lynn Co. Stock Show begins

***** NH School East Driveway No Longer Open**
The driveway on the east side of the school buildings will not be available for the remainder of the year due to construction at New Home ISD. Parents may pick up their children on that side, but the vehicles must remain on the street itself. Please travel from North to South on Stadium Drive to help with the traffic flow and to help keep everyone safe.

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Wilson Schools Honor Rolls Listed

ELEMENTARY

The Wilson Elementary Honor Roll for the third six weeks is as follows:

First Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Courtney Bingham, Katie Jones, Jr. Lerma, Tatyana Marquez, Bryan Pena, Jordan Wilhite; "B" Honor Roll: Mariah Garza, Skylar Munoz;

Second Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Roman Parmer, Dillon Gonzales, Mercedes Lerma; "B" Honor Roll: Julian Garza, Megan Lehman;

Third Grade- Lacy Caballero, Jesse Garza, Ray Parmer, Alex Rodriguez; "B" Honor Roll: Leann Garces, Chris Nino, Adrian Ramirez;

Fourth Grade- Kaitlin Garcia; "B" Honor Roll: Peggy Jackson, Ricka Taylor.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

The Wilson Junior High and High School Honor Roll for the third six weeks is as follows:

Sixth Grade- "AB" Honor Roll: Luke Buckner, Ashley Hernandez, Macayla Kirk;

Seventh Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Cody Cross; "AB" Honor Roll: Jenna Autry, Billy Bassinger, Lindsey Bjork, Heather Hare, Francisco Hernandez, Anastacia Marquez, Felipe Ortega, Savanna Pena;

Eighth Grade- "AB" Honor Roll: Dominique Escobaf, Alyssa Moreno, Kimberly Picon;

Ninth Grade- "AB" Honor Roll: Makenzy Buckner, Christian Garcia, Brittany Holder, Rayley Parmer, Rene Ramirez, Victoria Zepeda;

Tenth Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Tammy Gomez; "AB" Honor Roll: Andrew Borrayo, Yessica Gonzalez, Vivian Rios, Brandi Todd;

Eleventh Grade- "AB" Honor Roll: Amber Autry, Joel Gonzalez, Bryan Hart, Leticia Hernandez, Joline Martinez, Anastasia Sanders;

Twelfth Grade- "A" Honor Roll: Nick Simmons; "AB" Honor Roll: Heather Evans, Lorianne Garces, David Perez.



SHARING THE WARMTH — Wilson fourth and fifth graders participated in Share the Warmth Coat Drive. Pictured are, back row: Andrew Garza, Haley Kirk, Rebecca Benavides, Ricca Taylor, Chelsea Bingham, Meagan Kirk, Trista Matthews, Alaura Mendez, Mrs. Permenter, Mrs. Reed; front row: Austin Castillo, Ali Rodriguez, Coby Villarreal, Enrique Frasto, Erica Garza, Kaitlyn Garcia, Peggy Jackson, and Joel Poe.



TOYS FOR TOTS GIVERS — Wilson students were asked to bring toys for the Toys for Tots campaign for Lynn County. Mrs. Livingston's second graders had the highest percentage of toys from their classroom. They were rewarded with a pizza party on Friday, Dec. 17. Pictured are second and third graders, back row: Leann Garcez, Lacy Caballero, Alex Rodriguez, Jesse Garza, Ray Parmer, Chris Nino, Cedric Aguirre, Adrian Ramirez, Krista Lehmann; front row: Julian Garza, Dillon Rodriguez, Taylor Hernandez, Megan Lehmann, Roman Parmer, and Destinee Benavidez.

USDA Rural Development Forum To Focus On Program Availability

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, has announced a series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development. The forums will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum for Garza, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum Counties will be held Wednesday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Avenue K in Tahoka.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural

Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock, Texas, at (806) 785-5644, Ext. 4.

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs became 1-2 in district play January 7, after beating the Post Antelopes 45-35. Colby Gardner had a game high 17 points, and Larry Murphy was next with 6 points.

On January 4, the Bulldogs hosted the Shallowater Mustangs their second district game and were defeated in a nail biter 42-45. Larry Murphy led the Dogs with 15 points and Zach Tillman was also in double figures with 11.

The Bulldogs won the consolation bracket of the Sundown Classic, December 27-28. The guys began the tournament on a good hand by beating Whitharrel, 52-47. Tillman was high point scoring 17 points, and Patrick Dotson was next with 10. They then played the New Deal Lions and were defeated 58-74. Tillman had a game high 18 points, and Damon Moore was right behind with 16 points. Whitharrel then defeated them.

The Bulldogs were defeated by the New Deal Lions on December 21, 64-73. Murphy led the Dogs with 23 points and Tillman was next with 18.

The Bulldogs started district play December 17 and was defeated by the Abernathy Antelopes in a close one 55-56. Tillman was high point with 19 and Moore followed with 15.

7th grade Girls Basketball

By Ashdon Hancock
January 10, the Lady Dogs took on the Roosevelt Lady Eagles. The Girls tallied up another victory 39-17. Top scorers were Kyra Helm with 15 points, Griselda Lopez with eight points, and Brooke Inklebarger also contributed eight.

The 7th Grade Girls started off the new year the right way by winning the Idalou Tournament January 6-8. The Lady Dogs battled the Sundown Roughnecks 43-26. Top scorers were Kyra Helm with 12 points and Brooke Inklebarger with 10 points. Traveling through the winners bracket the girls met up the district opponent, Abernathy, defeating the Lady Lopes 38-24. Top scorers were Helm with 19, Inklebarger with seven, and Lindsay Munoz with five. The Lady Dogs continued their winning streak in the Championship game defeating the Floydada Whirlwinds 46-27. Top scorers were Helm with 23 points and Inklebarger with 12.

8th grade girls

By Callie Botkin
On Jan 10 the 8th grade girls beat Roosevelt 23-10. Top scorers were Cori Vega with 9, Brittney Hair with 5, and Nicole Taylor with 4.

The Lady Bulldogs played in the Idalou tournament last weekend. Their first game was against Sundown and they won 38-23. Top scorers were Vega with 17, Taylor and Hair, both with 8. The girls played Abernathy and won 31-27 in their second game. High point was Vega with 21 points. In the championship game the dogs beat the Idalou Wildcats 29-20. Vega had 13 points and Taylor added 8.

Varsity Girls Bball

By Meghan Saldana
The Lady Bulldogs defeated Post 52-38, on Jan. 7. Brandi Raindl led all scorers with 15 points, Meghan Saldana added 14, and Ashdon Hancock chipped in 10.

They were beaten by the Shallowater Fillies in a close game on Jan. 4. Angie Curtis was top scorer with 14 points.

JV Boys

By Samantha Andrews
The JV Boys beat the Post Antelopes on January 7, with a final score of 50-45. Byron Moore was the leading scorer with 12 points. Ja-Yaen Tillman and Daniel Baker both added 9 each.

On January 4 the JV Boys competed against the Shallowater Mustangs. The Dogs were defeated 32-20. Ja-Yaen Tillman lead the team with 9 points and Byron Moore was right behind him with 6.

7th grade boys

By Jessica Autu
On January 10 the 7th grade boys played the Roosevelt Eagles. The A-Team won 23-22. Top scorer for the game was Stormy Moore with 14 points. The B-team also defeated the eagles 23-17. Top scorer for the game was Ryan Rios with seven points.

Their next game will be January 17 against Denver City.

8th grade boys basketball

By Sarah Botkin
The 8th Grade Boys lost to Slaton last Thursday with a score of 17-43. The leading scorers in this game were Adrian Webster with 6 points and Antonio baker with 5 points. Monday the 8th grade boys played Roosevelt; they lost by 36 with a final score of 16-52. The leading scorer of this game was Adrian Webster with 7 points and following close behind him was Antonio Baker with 6 points. Mitchell Chapa and Kyle Larpenter also scored.

Tahoka High School Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 18- JV-V-G/B-BB-Roosevelt-H 4:00
Wednesday, January 19- Lynn County Stock Show thru 22nd

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Wilson School Menu

January 17-21
Breakfast

Choice of cereal and toast or hot entree

Monday: Staff Development Day
Tuesday: Breakfast pocket
Wednesday: Breakfast on a Stick
Thursday: Donut
Friday: Staff Development Day

Lunch
Monday: Staff Development Day
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, fries, fruit
Wednesday: Corn dog, pork n' beans, salad, fruit; (6-12) Same as above or salad bar
Thursday: Sub sandwich, baked chips, pickle spear, carrot sticks, fruit
Friday: Staff Development Day

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Girl Scouts Kick-Off Annual Cookie Sale

For the past 93 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies - an experience that helps girls build strong skills, values and friendships. This year marks the 68th Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, one of America's favorite and eagerly anticipated events.

Girl Scouts are excited to once again offer the Double Dutch and the Lemon Coolers which are back this year by popular demand. Chocolate lovers will find delight in the Double Dutch chocolate chip cookies. Semi-sweet and creamy milk chocolate chips double up to create this crunchy, dark chocolate cookie with a delicious brownie taste. The Lemon Coolers are reduced fat, bite-sized bursts of cool lemon flavor in crisp, vanilla cookies. In addition, consumers will see the return of six

Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mint (thin mint wafer covered with chocolate), Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut). All Abouts (shortbread cookies with a rich fudge bottom), the Tagalong (layered peanut butter and chocolate), the Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), and the Trefoil (shortbread).

The cookie program is fun for everyone; girls enjoy the experience and consumers love the cookies. But like most things in the Girl Scout program, the benefit to girls is that it's a skill-building exercise. Taking orders, handling money, tallying sales and distributing orders helps teach and reinforce money management, decision-making and goal setting. For many girls, it's a first time experience with such disciplines.

"The Council's annual cookie program makes girls mini business owners and that fosters business and entrepreneurial development," said Becky Burton, Executive Director/

CEO of Caprock Girl Scout Council. Over 4000 Girl Scouts for the Caprock Council's eighteen county area will begin selling cookies January 3rd through March 6th. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806 748 0769) or phone (806 745 2855). For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806 745 2855. Proceeds benefit individual troop programs and Council initiatives.

Tahoka School Menu

January 17-21
Breakfast

Monday: Morning sausage
Tuesday: Cheese toast
Wednesday: Cereal w/ graham cracker
Thursday: Biscuit sandwich
Friday: Student Holiday

Lunch
Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entree.

Monday: Crispy taco, Tijuana taco; PBJ sandwich, Chef salad, pinto beans, salad, pineapple chunks, fruit
Tuesday: BBQ on bun, Chicken taco supreme, PBJ sandwich, salad, cheese broccoli, blueberry crisp, fruit
Wednesday: Chili dog, wiener wrap, PBJ sandwich, salad, baked beans, pickle spear, fruit
Thursday: Frito pie, rice & bean burrito, PBJ sandwich, salad, campfire beans, lettuce & tomato, peach cup, fruit
Friday: Student Holiday

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