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## THS Musicians To Perform In Region Bands

Eleven Tahoka High School band members will perform in the ATSSB Region Band Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Lubbock Civic Center. THS musicians include Amanda Strickland - flute, Lindsey Barrientez - clarinet, Jennifer Ceniseros - clarinet, Crystal Gutierrez - clarinet, K'lyssa Selmon - 1<sup>st</sup> chair clarinet, Shataria Hughes - contra-alto clarinet, Ernest Gomez - baritone, Ty Stone - trombone, Cory Carrasco - tuba, Alex DeLeon - mallets, and Josh Freitag - mallets.

Additionally, Amanda True-love qualified for the ATSSB Honor Band for the second year in a row. The Honor Band Concert begins at 3:45 p.m. at the Civic Center. The public is invited.

Admission is \$2 per adult, which goes towards a scholarship fund and theatre rental.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 19	66	33	
Jan. 20	75	35	
Jan. 21	69	41	
Jan. 22	51	41	
Jan. 23	55	25	
Jan. 24	69	24	
Jan. 25	74	39	
Total Precipitation in Jan.: 0.80"			
Total Precipitation to date: 0.80"			

## Words of Wisdom

We can't all be stars but we can all twinkle.

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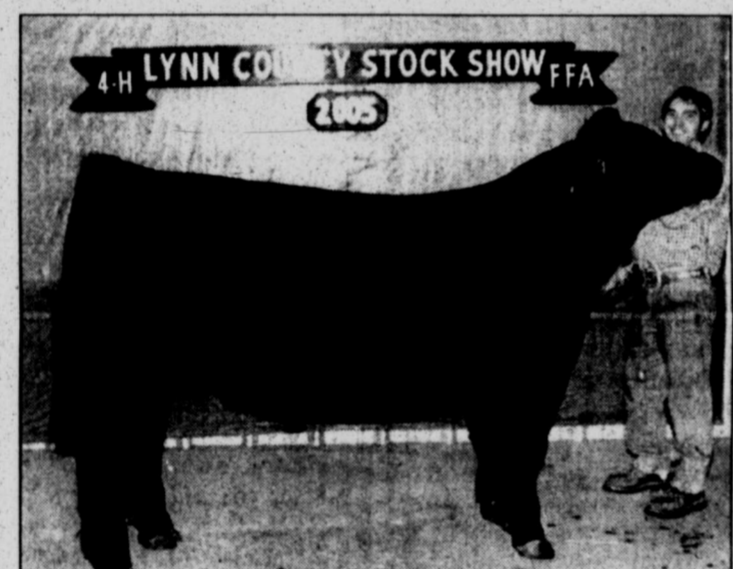
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## Grand Champions at County Show



**GRAND CHAMPION BARROW** - This pig was awarded the title of Grand Champion Barrow at the Lynn County Livestock Show on Friday. Exhibiting the barrow was Trey Thomas (middle) of Tahoka FFA. Also pictured are Bill Binder, Tahoka FFA sponsor (left) and Trey's father, Joe Thomas (right).



**GRAND CHAMPION STEER** - Justin Smith, a member of Lynn County 4-H, exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the Lynn County Livestock Show this past weekend.



**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** - Jordan Clem, a member of New Home FFA, exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb at the Lynn County Livestock Show on Thursday.



**GRAND CHAMPION GOAT** - Jay Martin, Lynn County 4-H member, dominated the goat show at the Lynn County Livestock Show on Thursday, exhibiting the Grand Champion Goat (pictured) as well as the Reserve Champion Goat. (LCN PHOTOS by Claudia Guin)

## Lynnwood Now Allowed To Have More Residents

Lynnwood Assisted Living facility has been approved for a maximum of 30 residents, and soon should be allowed up to 40. Lynn County Hospital Administrator Dan Powers told the district's board of directors Tuesday night.

The state originally approved a limit of 22 residents for the 20-room facility, and Lynnwood has been at that capacity recently, with several persons on a waiting list. For the assisted living facility built next to the hospital to have 30 residents or more, more couples would have to be accommodated in some of the rooms. The facility managed by Susie Sosa received very high marks of approval from a state licensing agency which recently made an inspection visit.

Powers also advised the group that the annual Fun and Food Festival is scheduled for April 16, and the district's chief operations officer, Jimmy Morris, advised the board that a new time clock system is about to be implemented.

The board voiced its support for a legislative bill involving Sen. Robert Duncan which would require all members of hospital boards to attend a specific number of meetings and also would stipulate that any member of such a board would have to be current in his or her property taxes.

Approved by vote were a resolution to allow Lynn County Appraisal District to purchase a building and move its main office, an annual assessment of community needs, and a semi-annual on status and quality of all hospital district operations.

Billy Tomlinson presided. Others attending were Powers, Morris and board members Jerry Ford, Joan Knox, Virginia Griffing, John Hawthorne and Dalton Wood. Member Mike Rivas was absent.

## Young Women Jailed After Fight Here

Two young women were arrested and taken to jail Saturday night after fighting on the parking lot of a business in Tahoka, and one of the two, age 26, was also charged with possession of marijuana.

David Willis of New Home told sheriff's officers Tuesday that someone had used one of his checks to purchase an item for \$427.65. Investigation was continuing.

Several old cases were cleared up by Lynn County sheriff's department Tuesday as they were submitted to district court, where some were dismissed. Sheriff Jerry Franklin indicated the cases were mostly routine and said they dated as far back as 1988.

Jailed during the last week were the two women for fighting with one also charged with possession of marijuana, two persons for driving while intoxicated and one person for evading arrest. Jail population as of Wednesday totaled 43, with 19 of these held for Lubbock County.

Watch for complete results of Lynn County Stock Show in next week's edition

woodwork by dalton

AMERICAN SCHOOLS have changed a lot since our grandparents went to school, with many improvements, along with some things which would have been better left alone. For some reason I recently was thinking of the old song "School Days," and its words which illustrate how different school life is today from what it was when that song was written.

No, I couldn't find out when it was written, but it must have been around 1920 or before, judging from the words. I also couldn't locate a copy of the words, but from my admittedly unreliable memory, it goes something like this:

*School days, school days - Dear old golden rule days.  
Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic - Taught to the tune of a hickory stick.  
You were my queen in calico - I was your bashful barefoot beau.  
You wrote on my slate, "I love you so" - When we were a couple of kids.*

What this brief song tells me is that things sure are different since those words were written. Taking them in order:

Dear old golden rule days - As I recall, the golden rule is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and since this comes from the Bible, vocalizing such a rule in the classroom would probably violate some federal law. Sadly pupils these days are too often taught to do unto others whatever you can get away with.

Taught to the tune of a hickory stick - Presumably this refers to being punished with a big stick if you misbehave in school. Now it's a no-no, and grounds for lawsuits by many parents who would rather get money out of the school system than have their kids learn discipline or anything else.

You were my queen in calico; I was your bashful barefoot beau - Nobody goes barefoot in school anymore. Even when I was a kid, they made us wear shoes at school, which I didn't mind, because my feet already were incredibly ugly. But I really got off on a tangent thinking about "my queen in calico." First I asked a few women if calico is a color or a fabric, and I got answers supporting each view. One mature lady, though, assured me it was a fabric, usually with printed colors. She said you still can buy it, but they don't call it that any more.

She was right. I looked it up in my encyclopedia, which described calico as "one of the oldest cotton fabrics...originally made in Calicut, India. It was highly valued in Europe for its fine texture and the beauty of its block-printed colors. Eventually the name calico was used to indicate most plain-woven cottons...Today, the name often means lightweight, narrow-width cottons, either printed or of a solid color, made into such items as aprons, curtains, blouses and skirts.

I guess little girls wore calico dresses to school way back when. My grandmother once told me that little girls' dresses often were made from flour sacks.

I remember a nursery rhyme about a gingham dog and a calico cat. I don't recall the exact words; it may have been a story instead of a rhyme. I do remember that these were stuffed animals which sat near each other and that they "ate each other up," which may explain why I couldn't find them in my internet search of nursery rhymes. They are not around any more.

You wrote on my slate - If the kid singing this song had his own slate, I must assume that each student had a slate, which must have been like a small blackboard, supposedly to do classroom exercises like math on. If each kid had a slate instead of a tablet, I wonder if they had to turn these in to the teacher for grading. If so, I'll bet she never took that armload of slates home with her.

I couldn't find anyone who remembered using individual slates in school, or who even remembered their parents or grand parents talking about it.

There is no slate in the Tahoka Museum. I don't know about O'Donnell or Wilson. Did you hear about the cross-eyed school teacher who couldn't control her pupils?



**ALL REGION BAND MEMBERS** - Tahoka High School band students who made All Region Band include, from left: Cory Carrasco, Ty Stone, Ernest Gomez, Josh Freitag, (next row) Shatara Hughes, Alex DeLeon, (bottom row) Mandi Strickland, Lindsey Barrientez, Crystal Gutierrez, Jennifer Ceniseros, Amanda Truelove, and K'lyssa Selmon. Amanda Truelove is the only member that made Honor Band, instead of All Region Band, however the concerts are on the same day at Lubbock Civic Center. The students qualified for ATSSB Region Band during competition held Thursday, Jan. 20 at Abernathy, with more than 458 students from surrounding A-AA bands auditioning. After intensive practices on Jan. 28 and the morning of the 29th, public concerts will be held Saturday afternoon at the Lubbock Civic Center with the ATSSB A-AA H.S. Region Band performing at 3:00 p.m. and the ATSSB Honor Band at 3:45 p.m. Truelove qualified for the second year in a row for Honor Band.

**Obituaries**



LESLIE JONES

**Leslie Jones**

Services for Leslie Robert Jones, 53, of Lubbock will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Reverends Steve Campbell and Richard Harbison officiating. Burial will be in the Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka.

He was born March 19, 1951 in Tulla, Texas. He died on January 25, 2005, in Lubbock.

Survivors include two sons, Craig Jones of Lubbock and Clark Jones of Houston; his mother, Mary Elrod of Tahoka; his father, C.O. Jones of Quanah; five sisters, Wanda Brunson of Lubbock, Gay Smith and Tori Beachy of Quanah, Moselle Harris of Cisco, and Delores Sikes of Waxahachie; four brothers, Allen Elrod of Tahoka, Jim Jones of London, England, Rodger and James Elrod of Cisco; and one grandson, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at First Baptist Church in Tahoka from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, Jan. 28.



**STOCK SHOW PRINCESSES** - These young ladies represented their respective organizations at the Lynn County Livestock Show held Jan. 20-22 in Tahoka. They are (from left) Cassidy Gandy, Senior Lynn County 4-H; Kenzie Angeley, Lucky Leaf 4-H; Bailey Hall, Tahoka FFA; Sabra Willis, O'Donnell FFA; Laura Maeker, New Home FFA. Not pictured is Tammy Gomez of Wilson FFA. Presenting roses to the princesses was Kevin Mitchell (right), President of the Lynn County Livestock Association. (LCN PHOTO)

AmeriPride Linen Service in the fall of 2000.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Preston of Van, Texas, and Angela Forsythe of Tahoka; a son, Bryan Campbell of Lubbock; two stepsons, Delt Roseberry of New Orleans, La. and Billy Roseberry of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren.



DR. NOBLE L. RUMBO

**Dr. Noble L. Rumbo**

It is with sadness we share the death of our loved one. Born December 12, 1926 in Dallas, TX and died January 21, 2005 in Richardson, TX. Dr. Rumbo served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. Following his military career he returned to Texas where he attended the University of Texas, Austin, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX and Southern Methodist University, School of Law. He practiced medicine in Tahoka and O'Donnell prior to moving to Richardson where he practiced for 37 years. Dr. Rumbo was a Lifetime Member of the American Board of Family Practice. He retired from active practice September 2000. Dr. Rumbo was recently given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Richardson Regional Hospital. Dr. Rumbo served the City of Richardson for twenty-one years on boards, commissions, as a city councilman and mayor protem.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 56 years, Mary Ann Rumbo, Richardson. Son, Clinton and wife Karen, Frisco, TX. Daughters, Rebecca Rumbo and husband David Stern, Storrs, CT; Claire Storey and husband Doug, Phoenix, MD. Grandchildren, Katherine and Christopher Rumbo, Joshua Stern and Nathan and Elena Storey. Sister, Sara Rumbo and an aunt, Pauline Wheeler, aunt and uncle Cliff and Polly Noble.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005, All Saints Catholic Church, 5231 Meadowcreek, Dallas 75248, Rev. Paul Gray, presiding. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or the Visiting Nurse Association of McKinney, Sunrise Plaza, Ste. 200, McKinney, TX 75071. (PAID OBIT)



**MRS. ABBE CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY** - Mildred Abbe (third from right), formerly of Tahoka, celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 in Lubbock. Shown with her are her family, from left, son Don, grandson Kevin and granddaughter Meredith; and in front, daughters-in-law, Sally and Reda, grandson Robert, and to Mrs. Abbe's right, granddaughter Loretta and daughter Barbara. "Mildred was thrilled to see old friends from Tahoka and to receive the numerous cards that were sent to her - thanks to all who helped make her 90th birthday such a special occasion," said a family member.

**T.C. "Scott" Burrow**

Graveside services for T.C. "Scott" Burrow, 70, of Wolfforth were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at the Girard Cemetery in Girard with Ron Huckleby of Plainview officiating.

He died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Burrow was born Nov. 13, 1934 in Girard. He married Ora Mae Ingram March 1, 1952 in Jayton. He lived in Wolfforth for the last 37 years, moving from Lubbock. He was past owner of B & D pump Company in Wolfforth.

Two brothers, O.C. and C.W. Burrow, and a son, Steven Wayne Burrow, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Ora Mae Burrow of Wolfforth; three sons, Travis Wade Burrow of Lubbock, David Burrow and Cameron Burrow of Wolfforth; a brother, R.S. Burrow of New Home; and four grandchildren.

**Show your colors! Fly the American Flag to show your support for our nation.**

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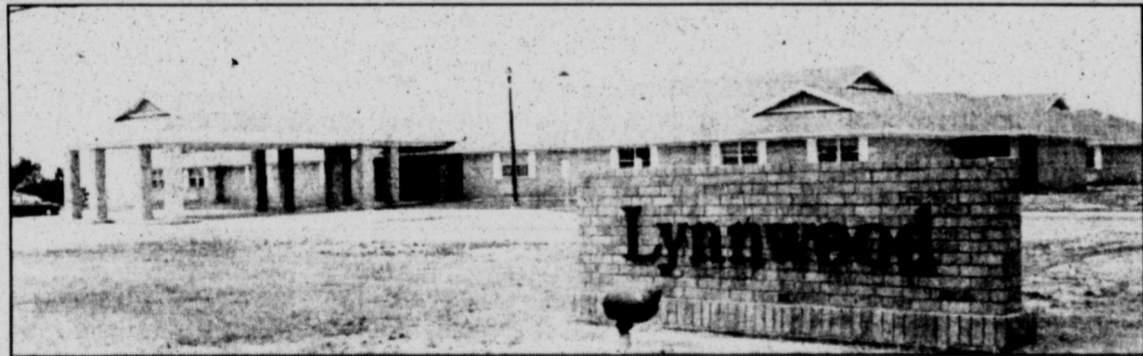
**Nelson Campbell**

Graveside services for Nelson Campbell were held Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 30, 1934; and died Jan. 20, 2005.

He married Vera (Polly) Wright in Jan. of 1952. He retired from

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A GIRL pets her Jan. 20-21 Forbes.

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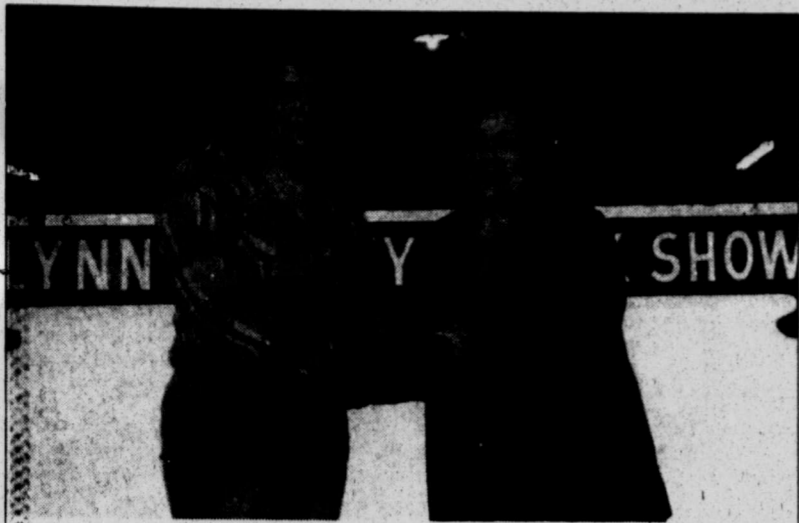
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**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** - Sandra Cox Kizer (right) presented the Sportsmanship Award to Roni Gill (left), a member of Wilson FFA. Mrs. Kizer presents the award annually in memory of her late husband, Bobby Cox. (LCN PHOTO)



**A GIRL AND HER PIG** - Two-year-old Fallon Forbes of O'Donnell pets her sister Hanna's pig at the Lynn County Livestock Show held Jan. 20-22 in Tahoka. Fallon is the daughter of Shannon and Stanley Forbes. (LCN PHOTO)

### TMS Students Earn Accolades For Behavior

On Thursday, Jan. 20, 107 Tahoka Middle School students traveled to Lubbock as participants in an incentive trip. Students had been told they would get to go bowling if their class raised at least \$50 for the tsunami victims and if they had all their school assignments turned in. Students met the requirements to go on the bowling incentive trip and got to choose their teammates for this event.

"Students behaved wonderfully! They followed school rules as well as bowling alley rules," said Glo Hays, TMS Principal.

The owner of Brunswick Bowling Lanes, Mr. McLain, said, "These must be your very 'top' students." When informed that the entire middle school campus was bowling, Mr. McLain said, "I've seen a lot of students this age come to our bowling alley, but I don't think I've ever seen a better behaved group of students. Their parents are to be commended for teaching them to behave."

Tahoka Middle School was a "Recognized" campus last year because of the results of student TAKS scores and dropout and attendance records. "I'm pleased when our students perform well on standardized tests. However, I'm also very pleased when our students behave appropriately!" said Mrs. Hays. "I agree with Mr. McLain that this year's middle school students are exceptionally well behaved!"

Adrian Webster posted the highest student bowling score and Amy Hoch posted the highest staff member bowling score.



**GRAND CHAMPIONS** - Students who exhibited the Grand Champion animals at the Lynn County Stock Show received their awards from buckle donors in ceremonies held on Saturday. Pictured are: Shon Overton representing West Texas Agri-Plex; Justin Smith, Grand Champion Steer; Trey Thomas, Grand Champion Barrow; Jay Martin, Grand Champion Goat; G.G. Fillingim representing Lynn Co. Farm Bureau; Jordan Clem, Grand Champion Lamb. (LCN PHOTO)

### Tahoka MS Region Band Students To Perform Saturday

Seven Tahoka Middle School band students qualified in competition against area 2A Middle School students earlier in January for the privilege of participating in the ATSSB 2A M.S. All-Region Band. They are Martin Rosas - clarinet, Benjamin Freitag - alto saxophone, Kyle Larpenter - baritone saxophone, Trey Daves - French horn, Brandon Moss - trombone, Kaleb Collins - trombone, and Kyra Murillo - mallets.

On January 28, these students will rehearse all day Friday and Saturday morning with all the other Region qualifiers. Then on Saturday afternoon, January 29, they will present a concert at 2 p.m. in the Lubbock Civic Center, to which the public is invited. There is a \$2 admission fee for adults, which goes toward scholarships and auditorium rental.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND HONORS** - Tahoka Middle School band students who made All Region Band include, from left: Kyra Murillo, Trey Daves, Brandon Moss, Kaleb Collins, (bottom row) Kyle Larpenter, Martin Rosas, and Benjamin Freitag.

### December Weather Slightly Warmer

Overall December was slightly warmer than normal with an average temperature for all stations 1.4 degrees above long-term averages, according to the National Weather Service. Despite the mild air during most of the month, the most memorable weather event for the month started on the 22nd when arctic air poured in from the north. This arctic front brought the coldest temperatures in 14 years, since December 1990, and also blanketed the area with 2-6 inches of snow, which lasted for 3 to 4 days. Temperature remained below freezing from 2 a.m. on the 22nd until late afternoon Christmas Day, thus providing the area with a white Christmas.

This weather event was also particularly noteworthy in that by Christmas Eve the extremely cold air had reached the Texas Coast and triggered an extremely rare snowstorm along all of the Texas Coast. The city of Brownsville at the southern tip of the state received 1.5 inches which was their first measurable snow in 105 years, and provided them with their first white Christmas on record.

### Now At The Library

The Exile  
By: Allan Folsom  
Night in the California Desert. John Barron—the youngest cop on the LAPD's feared 5-2 squad—will get a baptism of blood and fire he will never forget.

Panic on the streets of LA: An international hit man no one can stop—not the governments he threatens, not the prisons that try to hold him, not LA's bloodiest rogue cops. Rebecca Barron, John's ravishingly beautiful sister: A night of traumatic terror has left her tragically mute. Now, trapped in a web of global intrigue—and pursued by the same murderous hit man menacing institutions of power worldwide—she will find the shocking violence that robbed her of her speech was only the beginning of a far darker odyssey.

A world-famous baroness—as sensuous as she is singularly cruel—will stop at nothing to fulfill her own maniacal dream, one destined to topple governments and dethrone dynasties, catapulting her to the pinnacle of global power...while the world holds its breath and waits.

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<p>O'Donnell <b>First Baptist Church</b> 701 Standefer • 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 <b>Church of Christ</b> 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 <b>St. John Lutheran Church</b> 13th &amp; 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><b>Grassland Nazarene Church</b> 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><b>First Baptist Church</b> 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"</p> <p>Take care of your character and your reputation will take care of itself. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." -- Proverbs 22:1</p> <p>He who buries his talent is making a grave mistake. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." -- 1 Timothy 4:14</p> <p>People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. "The tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit." -- Matthew 12:33</p>		<p><b>Draw First United Methodist Church</b> (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><b>New Home United Methodist Church</b> 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 <b>First Baptist Church</b> 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 &amp; Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Gethsemane Baptist Church</b> 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 Shown 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 <b>The Lynn County News</b> 806-561-4888</p> <p>Reminder to Church Pastors: We need your message. Please FAX to The News, 561-6308, or e-mail to: lcn@llano.net</p>
<p><b>Tahoka Trinity Church</b> 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>LINDA LOCKE • P.O. BOX 1722 • TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373</p>		

### Questions and Answers of the Day

Luke 16:8, Matthew 18:3-6, Matthew 19:13-14, Mark 7:27-28; Titus 2:1-5; 1 Peter 3:1-8; Proverbs 19:7

**Question:** Do our loved ones fall to the bottom of our priority list?

There is nothing wrong with wanting to give our families prosperity -- but are we so consumed with having better or more, that we hurt or neglect the very ones we want it for? I have sadly stood by and watched happily married men and women fall apart at the seams because of the pursuit of more material things. I have known women who left a husband who loves them for careers, freedom, and their own space. Well, I have also known men who pushed their wives to work more for more material things. I have watched children act up, just for any attention -- even if it's bad attention. To the unsaved world this is not a way of life that Christians should be living. God has instructed women to bring Him first, then husbands and children next. Men are to bring God first, then wives and children. We as women are to esteem our husbands with high regard and respect. We are to make our husbands feel secure in our love for them. There is to be no human who should be allowed to hurt our marriage. Men should respect, love and cherish their wives. They are to love her like Christ loved the church. There is to be no infidelity. We are to love, nourish and care for our children. We cannot have lost time back. Mortar and brick does not a family make.

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**SHOW DEDICATION** - Each year, members of the Lynn County Livestock Association dedicate the stock show to someone who has been an integral part of the event. This year the show was dedicated to Lonnie Paul and Connie Donald of Wilson. Pictured with the couple are their sons Casey and Cody, and Billy Miller who presented the award. (LCN PHOTO)

### Research Information, Databases Available Thru Tahoka City/County Library

The TexShare Databases are a program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in partnership with the Tahoka City/County Library.

The City/County Library is required to pay a fee each year for these databases, we need the people of the community to be taking advantage of this wonderful information provided through the Texas State Library. Our fee is a small, small portion of what these databases would cost us if not for the State Library paying the larger price for this information available over the Internet. Come into the Library and I will be happy to provide you with a Login and Password for the databases," said Shirley Draper, Librarian.

These databases can be used from your home computers with the Login and Password you obtain from the City/County Library," Draper added.

Thanks to a partnership between the City/County Library and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Tahoka and other county residents have access to a wealth of information resources for research, education, enjoyment, and business purposes—free of charge. The Library of Texas contains accurate, current, and comprehensive information that is appropriate for all age group, unlike much of what is

found just searching the Internet. These electronic resources, available from the City/County Library, are easily accessible from the library, the home, or office.

This Web-based service at LibraryofTexas.org [or Library Page Link to LibraryofTexas.org] allows users to discover and retrieve information from the catalogs of public and academic libraries, as well as the TexShare online databases in one simple search session. Texans no longer need to use a separate interface for each individual library or database in order to search for online books, full-text magazine and newspaper articles, genealogy materials, medical reference books, and literary references.

Many search results from the TexShare research databases will include the original full-text article, satisfying the information needs of the user right away. Search results also include links to online bookstores where the materials can be purchased.

Visit the Library of Texas at LibraryofTexas.org. Users do not need a login ID or a password to search library catalogs. To make full use of the Library of Texas, including access to the TexShare databases, login to the service with a TexShare login ID and password available from the Tahoka City/County Library.

### Senior Citizens MENU

Jan. 31- Feb. 4

- Monday:** Baked Ham, Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch, Biscuit or Roll, Strawberry/Bananas
- Tuesday:** Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit salad
- Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, wheat roll, frosted cake
- Thursday:** Spaghetti, Harvard beets, tossed salad, garlic bread, pumpkin bars
- Friday:** Roast beef, roasted potatoes, carrots, peas, cinnamon rolls

### Correction On TISD Story

Incorrect information was provided to *The News* in last week's article about the Tahoka ISD Superintendent's health insurance package and contract term. TISD Supt. Jimmy Parker is provided health insurance through the school district, and his contract with the district is a three-year contract, not a two-year contract as previously reported.

The information was correct, however, in that the superintendent does not receive any car/house allowance along with his salary.

### Area Students Named To SPC Honor Lists

Residents from the Lynn County area have been named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2004 semester at South Plains College.

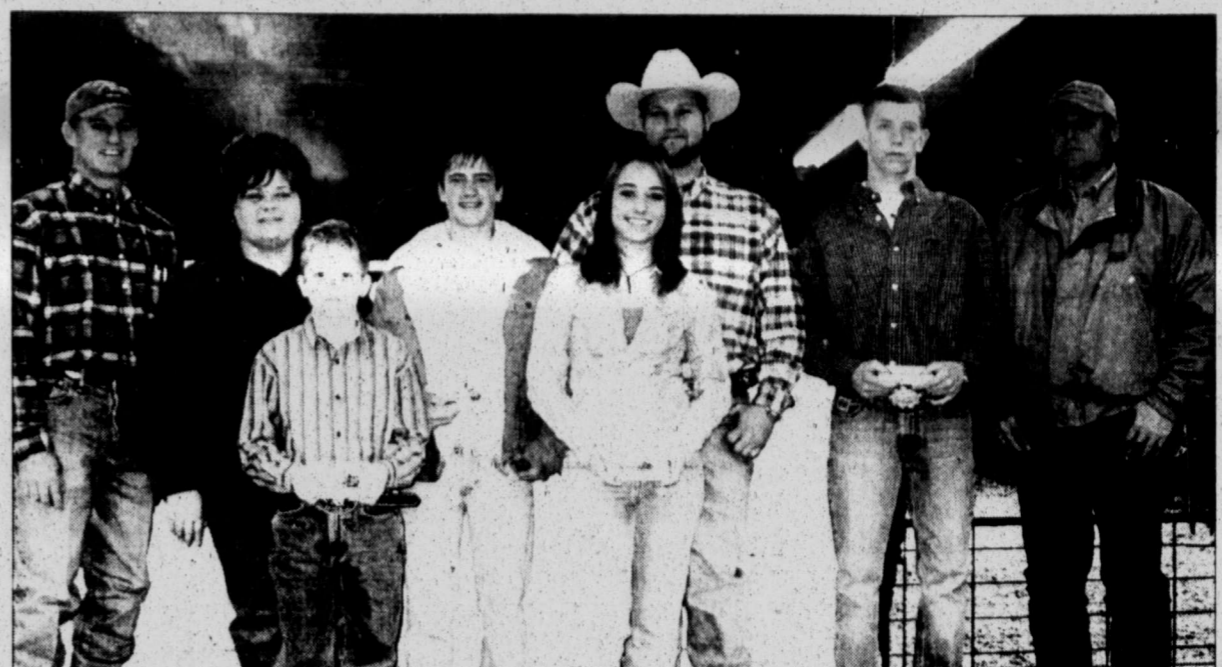
Named to the President's Honor List is Christopher McCallister from Tahoka.

Named to the Dean's Honor List are Crystal Gutierrez, Amy McAfee and Ashley McNeely from Tahoka and Brady Cross from Wilson.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

### Shop In Tahoka!



**RESERVE CHAMPIONS** - Four youngsters received belt buckles for exhibiting the Reserve Champion animals at the Lynn County Livestock Show held Jan. 20-22 in Tahoka. Exhibitors and buckle donors were: Kevin Mitchell representing Lee Lawn Feed; Marci Gandy representing Creative Awards and Trophies; Jay Martin, Reserve Champion Goat; Andy Mires, Reserve Champion Steer; Brad Ashbrook representing Ashbrook Show Pigs; Natalie Bruton, Reserve Champion Barrow; Ryan Wied, Reserve Champion Lamb; and Aaron Hendricks representing Farmers Cooperative Association of O'Donnell. (LCN PHOTO)

### Nine Names Drawn To Serve On County Grievance Committee

Nine names from the 2004 grand jury list were randomly drawn during the Lynn County Commissioners meeting Monday morning, to serve on the Lynn County Grievance Committee for 2005. They will be called to serve if any elected county official has a grievance to bring before the group. Those names drawn from the list included Elsa Caballero, Brenda Tillman, Don Harris, Jay Durham, Dale Robinson, Anna Elizabeth Martinez, Leland Harris, Chris Gattis and Lee Holden. Commissioners unanimously approved the list to serve on the committee.

In other business, commissioners gave consent to the Lynn County Appraisal District to purchase a building to be used as offices for the Appraisal District, with the Appraisal District proposing to use surplus operating funds for the purchase.

An annual contract between the county and the City of O'Donnell for fire fighting equipment and personnel was approved, with the county providing \$1,875 to the city to help with costs. The county also provides funding for the three other fire departments in the county, providing \$1,125 annually to both Wilson and New Home fire departments, and \$4,500 to Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioners also approved a list of 12 names to serve on the Lynn County Historical Commission, including Harold Hohn, Lenda Wood, Bettye Green, Bill Chancy, Clint Walker, Lottie Walker, Barbara White, Gloria Moore, Benny Sealy, Wendell Morrow, Burna Jo Hancock and James H. Sanders.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on the Sheriff Department, and sought approval for a contract with Nextel for two years for cell phone service for the department. He added that the local DPS officers would begin reimbursement for their monthly cell phone bills on the Nextel phones. Commissioners approved the request.

Lynn County Victim Assistance Director Lena Cloe will seek VOCA grant funding of \$55,788 for the local program, with the county to contribute \$4,200.

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting, with all four commissioners present, including Don Morton, Don Blair, J.T. Miller and Mike Braddock.

### Boys Little Dribbler Try-Outs Set Saturday

Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers Try-outs will be held this Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Tahoka Elementary gymnasium. Boys Little Dribblers is open to all boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Any boy interested in playing who has not already signed up may still come to the tryouts, but please arrive 15 minutes early to sign up.

### Now At The Library The Society

By: Michael Palmer

At the headquarters of Boston's Eastern Quality Health, the wealthy and powerful CEO is brutally murdered. She's not the first to die—nor the last. A vicious serial killer is on the loose and the victims have one thing in common: they are all high-profile executives in the managed care industry.

Dr. Will Grant is an overworked and highly dedicated surgeon. He has experienced firsthand the outrages of a system that cares more about the bottom line than about the life-and-death issues of patients. As a member of the Hippocrates Society, Will seeks to reclaim the profession of medicine from the hundreds of companies profiting wildly by controlling the decisions that affect the delivery of care. But the doctor's determination has attracted a dangerous zealot who will stop at nothing to make Will his ally. Soon Will is both a suspect and a victim, a pawn in a deadly endgame. Then, in one horrible moment, Will's professional worlds are destroyed and his very life placed in peril.

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### Tahoka High School Weekly Calendar

**Tuesday, Feb. 1:** JV/V-G/B Basketball - H - Post - 4:00; Softball scrimmage H - Estacado - 4:30.

**Wednesday, Feb. 2:** Student meeting at 3:30.

**Friday, Feb. 4:** JV/V-G/B Basketball - H - Idalou - 4:00; Softball Team vs. Muleshoe, H, 4:00; Calculus Bake Sale at basketball games.

**Saturday, Feb. 5:** Vocal/Solo/Ensemble contest at Estacado.

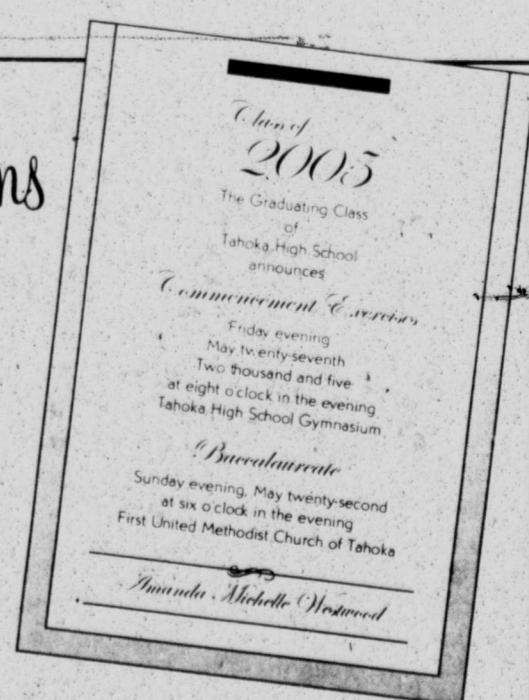
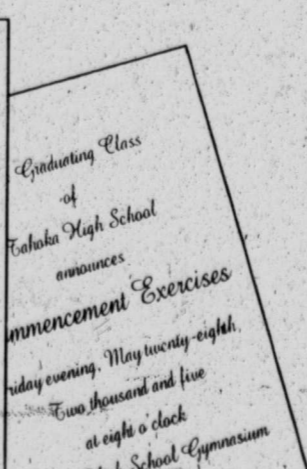
### THS Band Trip To Be Discussed At Meeting

Tahoka High School Band Parents will meet on Thursday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Band Hall. Up for discussion will be the up-coming annual Band Trip scheduled for April 22-26. During this meeting, we will discuss money matters and sponsors plus other important information that parents need to know.

"Please, we really need all high school band parents to attend this very important and informative meeting," said a sponsor.

## Graduation Invitations

The Lynn County News offers a variety of different graduation announcements... all at a reasonable price! Costs start as low as \$50 for 100 invitations, depending on your choice of design.



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Please order invitations by the first week of April, in order to have them printed in time.

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### Parent Categories

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## Parents, Must Report Student's Illness Category When Calling In School Absences

Parents are accustomed to calling the school campus office to report their child will be absent due to an illness - but a new request from the Texas Department of Health is prompting Texas schools, including Tahoka Independent School District, to ask parents what type of illness the child has. That information will then be entered (without individual names of students) into a TDH surveillance database called Rapid Syndrome Validation Project (RSVP).

What this means in real terms, according to TISD School Nurse Carol Miller, is that parents will be asked to report what type of illness is preventing their child from attending school. There are four categories of illnesses which Mrs. Miller will report to the database:

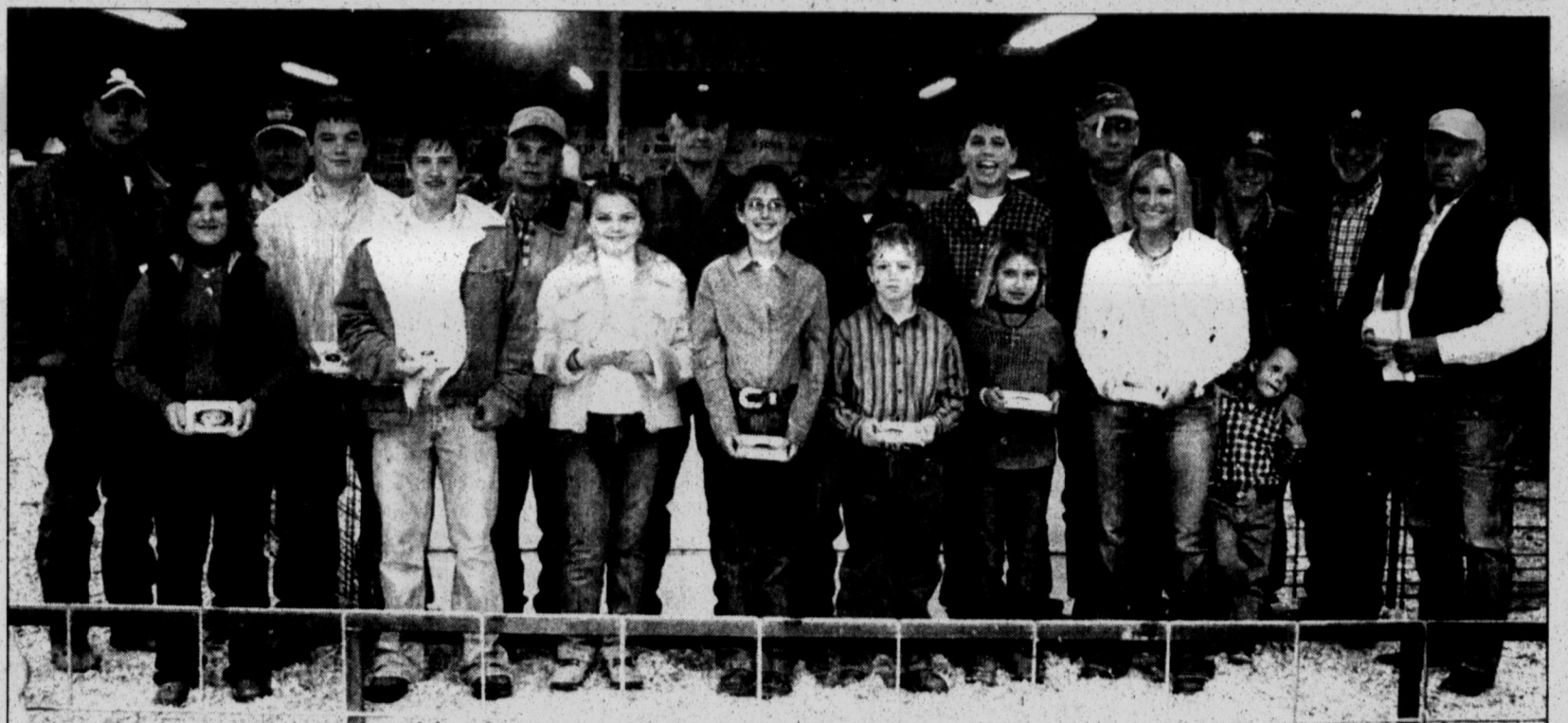
- 1) Number of students with Respiratory Problems;
- 2) Number of students with Acute Diarrhea;
- 3) Number of students with Fever and Rash;
- 4) Number of students with Headaches or Dizziness.

No report will include names of children or any individual health in-

formation, Mrs. Miller notes. The RSVP will allow the school nurse to access a graphic view of their school district's absenteeism due to illness and the illness syndromes related to the illness. TDH will monitor these reports daily and will provide information to the school nurses/administrators of infectious diseases occurring throughout the region, in accordance with HIPPA requirements.

The Texas Dept. of Health has received mandated initiatives to increase surveillance for infectious diseases due to biological and natural infectious diseases such as influenza, pertussis and shigella. The information being sent by school nurses to TDH is on a secured web based site, from a computer provided to the school by TDH.

"Again, we stress that no individual health information is included in these reports, and no child's name is included - it is strictly numbers of students in each category that will be reported," said Mrs. Miller. "We ask parents to please cooperate when asked about their child's illness so that we can cooperate with the TDH," she added.



**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS** - Showmanship winners at the Lynn County Livestock Show were presented their trophy buckles at the awards ceremony on Saturday. Winners and their buckle donors were: (back) Quinten Merkit of B.E. Implement Co; Jerry Montgomery of West Gaines Seed & Delinting; Bob Ballard of Farmers Coop Association #1 of Tahoka; Charles Anderson of Wells Farmers Coop Gin; Buzz Cooper of Texas Star Coop; Jordan Clem, Senior Lamb Showman; David Wied of New Home Coop Gin; Shawn Ballard of UAP Southwest and his son Jett; Danny Willis of Tahoka Warehouse, and Tommy Woolam of Woolam Gin; and (front) Cassidy Gandy, Overall Showman; Trevor Halfmann, Senior Goat Showman; Andy Mires, Senior Steer Showman; Maddie Barham, representing her brother Garrett Barham, Junior Barrow Showman; Kaimi Williams, Junior Lamb Showman; Jay Martin, Junior Goat Showman; Harley Reynolds, Junior Steer Showman; and Sabra Willis, senior steer showman. (LCN PHOTO)

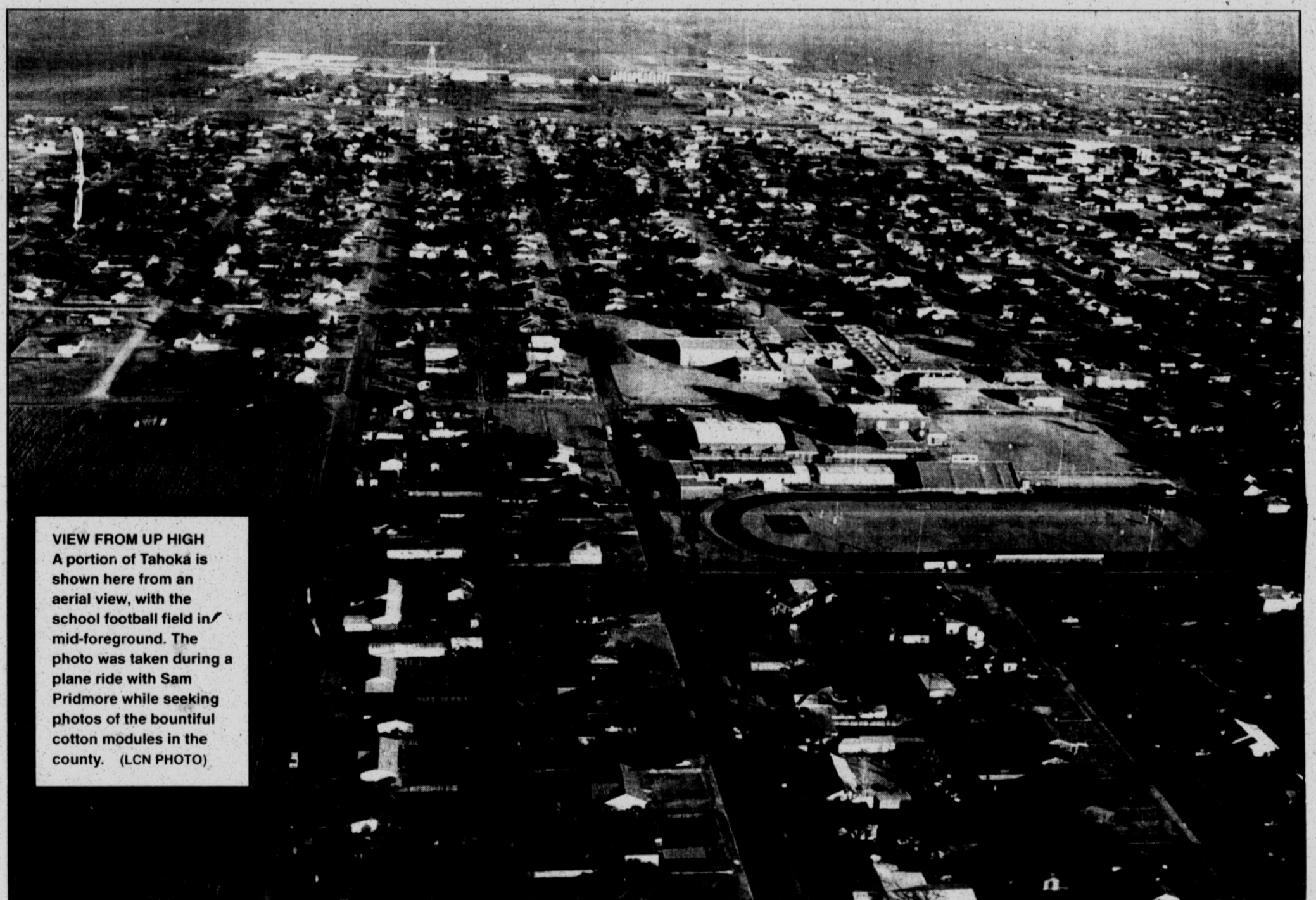
### Now At The Library

**Face The Nation**  
By: Bob Schieffer

With his critically acclaimed memoir *This Just In*, Schieffer proved himself a natural storyteller, a gifted writer able to capture the workings of television news with remarkable wit and insight. Now Schieffer focuses his keen reporter's eye in 50 years of *Face the Nation's* live broadcasts and the historic moments the program has captured. From its 1954 debut, an interview with Senator Joe McCarthy the day of the Senate Debate that would condemn him, to the broadcast's 1957 groundbreaking interview with a candid and controversial Nikita Khrushchev; from the brilliant analysis of communism made by guest Martin Luther King Jr. to the sometimes stunning, always revealing interviews with each sitting president; from the heroic and moving coverage of the terrorist attack of September 11, to the revolutionary coverage of the war in Iraq, Schieffer shares unforgettable anecdotes about the guests, the stories and the events captured by the venerable public affairs program.

Marked by the author's candid personal observations and wise, good humor, and featuring a special companion DVD of broadcast highlights created by CBS News for this edition, Bob Schieffer's look at 50 years of *Face the Nation* shines an entertaining and nostalgic light on America's presidents, culture, foreign policy and domestic affairs.

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**VIEW FROM UP HIGH**  
A portion of Tahoka is shown here from an aerial view, with the school football field in mid-foreground. The photo was taken during a plane ride with Sam Pridmore while seeking photos of the bountiful cotton modules in the county. (LCN PHOTO)

### O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	ESEA Title I, Improving Basic Program	Reading First	Other Governmental Funds	98 - Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,078,220.45	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 38,088.73	\$ 1,116,309.18
5800 State Program Revenues	2,403,394.21	--	--	158,965.95	2,562,360.16
5900 Federal Program Revenues	141,411.14	228,516.78	515,820.00	134,640.02	1,020,387.94
5020 Total Revenues	3,623,025.80	228,516.78	515,820.00	331,694.70	4,699,057.28
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
0011 Instruction	1,577,589.59	228,516.78	175,820.00	196,401.02	2,178,327.39
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	77,318.05	--	--	607.00	77,925.05
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	100.00	--	--	--	100.00
0023 School Leadership	105,900.03	--	--	1,564.95	107,464.98
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	12,557.70	--	--	152.00	12,709.70
0032 Social Work Services	--	--	--	375.00	375.00
0033 Health Services	21,971.74	--	--	743.00	22,714.74
0034 Student Transportation	125,728.20	--	--	2,537.00	128,265.20
0035 Food Service	214,373.41	--	--	8,093.00	222,466.41
0036 Extracurricular Activities	238,829.18	--	--	951.00	239,780.18
0041 General Administration	178,674.94	--	--	--	178,674.94
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	771,479.79	--	--	4,680.00	776,159.79
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,298.49	--	--	72.00	2,370.49
0053 Data Processing Services	88,276.14	--	--	629.00	88,905.14
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	29,446.42	--	--	85,000.00	114,446.42
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	6,182.54	--	--	41,250.00	47,432.54
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	--	--	715.50	715.50
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	9,000.00	--	340,000.00	--	349,000.00
6030 Total Expenditures	3,459,726.22	228,516.78	515,820.00	343,770.47	4,547,833.47
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	163,299.58	--	--	(12,075.77)	151,223.81
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES):</b>					
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	16,225.00	--	--	--	16,225.00
7915 Operating Transfers In	56,817.60	--	--	408.00	57,225.60
8911 Operating Transfers Out	(57,225.25)	--	--	--	(57,225.25)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	15,817.35	--	--	408.00	16,225.35
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	179,116.93	--	--	(11,667.77)	167,449.16
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	947,635.42	--	--	87,530.76	1,035,166.18
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,126,752.35	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 75,862.99	\$ 1,202,615.34

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Tuesday & Thursday 2 pm-7 pm  
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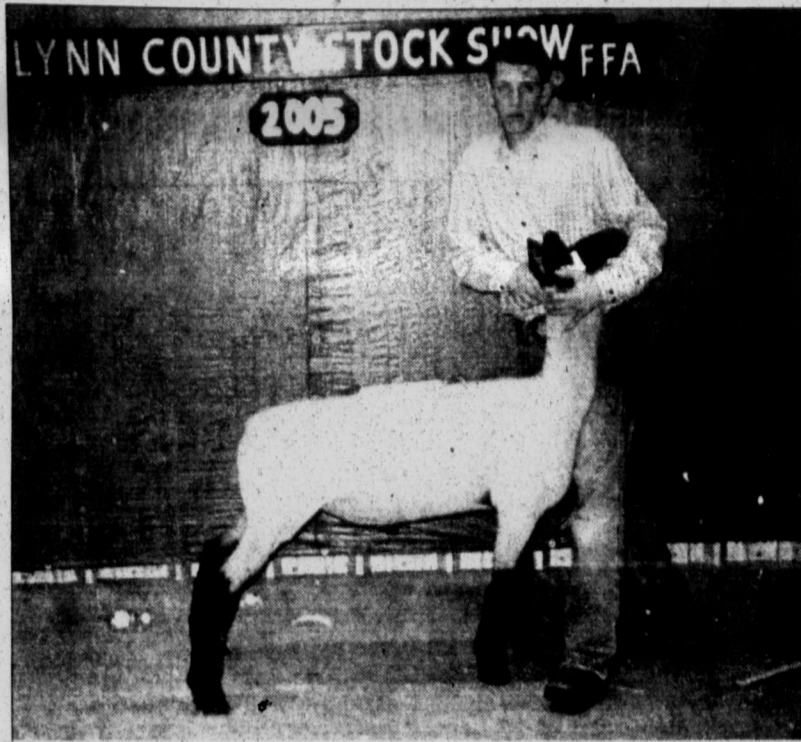
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**RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB** - Ryan Wied of New Home FFA exhibited the Reserve Champion Lamb at the Lynn County Livestock Show on Thursday. (LCN PHOTO)



**RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW** - Natalie Bruton of New Home FFA showed the Reserve Champion Barrow at the Lynn County Livestock Show on Friday. (LCN PHOTO)

## CPAs Compile List Of Birthdays That Change Your Tax Treatment

As you go through life, your birthday may seem less important. But for financial planning, tax, or retirement reasons, your birthday may be significant. The Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants has compiled a list of birthdays that change your tax treatment and give you cause to celebrate.

**DAY ONE** - Shortly after your child is born, he or she will need a Social Security number in order to be claimed as a dependent on your income tax return. A Social Security number is also required to open a bank account or buy savings bonds for a child.

**AGE 14** - When your child reaches age 14, the kiddie tax disappears. Under the kiddie tax, net unearned income exceeding a specific threshold (\$1,600 for 2005) that is received by a child under age 14 is taxed at the parents' highest marginal tax rate. At age 14 and older, income tax is paid at the child's tax rate, regardless of its source or the amount.

**AGE 17** - If your child turns age 17 during 2005, you can no longer claim the child tax credit (\$1,000 for tax year 2005 in accordance with the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004). This is also the last year for contributions to a child's Coverdell education savings account, unless the beneficiary qualifies as a "special needs beneficiary."

**AGE 18 or 21** - Depending on the state in which you live, age 18 or 21 is the age of majority, which means your child can do whatever he or she wants with any money you have put into a custodial account in his or her name.

**AGE 30** - All funds in a Coverdell education savings account must be distributed to the account's beneficiary 30 days after his or her 30th birthday. The balance of any unused funds in the account can be rolled over to a Coverdell for another qualified family member under the age of 30. This age limit does not apply to beneficiaries with special needs.

**AGE 50** - Age 50 is the first year you're eligible to take advantage of the "catch-up" retirement provisions. Catch-up amounts vary according to the type of retirement plan. For 2005, anyone age 50 or older can contribute an extra \$500 to an IRA. The catch-up amount for qualified retirement plans, such as a 401(k) plan, is \$4,000.

**AGE 55** - If you leave your job at any time during or after the calendar year in which you turn 55, withdrawals from your 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty. Distributions are subject to regular income tax.

**AGE 59½** - After reaching age 59½, you may be able to make withdrawals from an IRA or qualified retirement plan without incurring the 10 percent early distribution penalty. Ordinary income taxes may apply.

**AGE 60** - Sixty is the age at which a surviving spouse becomes eligible for Social Security benefits based on the deceased spouse's work record. If you elect to receive benefits at age 60, you will receive less than the full benefit your spouse would have received upon reaching full retirement age.

**AGE 62** - You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, though your benefits will be reduced by 20 percent or more. At age 62, you also become eligible for a reverse mortgage, a special type of loan that lets older homeowners convert the equity in their home into cash to help meet financial needs.

**AGE 65 TO 67** - The age when you begin to collect full Social Security benefits gradually is being shifted from 65 to 67. You're eligible for Medicare beginning in the month you turn 65.

**AGE 70** - If you postponed collecting Social Security benefits beyond your normal retirement age in order to maximize your payments, don't delay any longer. Your benefit amount stops increasing after you reach age 70.

**AGE 70+** - If you are a participant in a company retirement plan or a Keogh plan and you are not more than a 5 percent owner, the required beginning date for distributions is generally the later of April 1 following the year you reach age 70½ or April 1 following the year you retire. If you own a business interest of more than 5 percent, your beginning distribution date is April 1 of the year following the year you reach age 80½ even if you are still working.

Regardless of whether or not you are still working, if you reach age 70½ last year, you must begin to take minimum required distributions from your traditional IRA. Only money in a Roth IRA can continue to avoid taxation by April 1st of the year following the year you reach age 70½. Owners of a Roth IRA are not subject to minimum distribution requirements, but beneficiaries of a Roth IRA are.

If this seems like a lot to remember, keep in mind that a CPA can help you address your tax and financial needs, whatever your age. For more tax planning ideas, visit [www.valucyourmoney.org](http://www.valucyourmoney.org) and sign up for a free, monthly e-newsletter with personal finance tips from Texas CPAs.



**RESERVE CHAMPION STEER** - The Reserve Champion Steer at the Lynn County Livestock Show was exhibited by Andy Mires of O'Donnell FFA. Pictured with Andy is his step-father, Ben Franklin. (LCN PHOTO)



**JUDGING WINNERS** - Winners in the judging competition at the annual Lynn County Stock Show and Sale were (from left) Morgan Lockaby of Tahoka, junior division; Evan Clem of New Home, senior division; and Annette Burenheide of New Home, adult division. Presenting buckles to the winners was David Wied, representing All-American Chevrolet of Slaton. (LCN PHOTO)

## County Historical Commission To Preserve Local History

The official appointment of members to the Lynn County Historical Commission has been announced by County Judge H.G. Franklin. The County Historical Commission, which implements the state preservation program in this area, will cooperate directly with the Texas Historical Commission in Austin.

Harold Hohn of O'Donnell will be chair of the group. Other members are Lenda Wood, Bettye Green, Bill Chancy, Clint Walker, Lottie Walker, Barbara White, Gloria Moore, Benny Sealy, Wendell Morrow, Burna Jo Hancock and James H. Sanders.

Judge Franklin pointed out that the overall purpose of the commission's work is to identify, preserve and interpret local history

for the benefit of county residents as well as for the traveling public.

"County historical commissions work with local historians, county commissioners courts and tourist-related organizations to ensure the preservation of our history for future generations of Texans. As such, their work is vital to the growth, development and quality of life here in Lynn County," said Judge Franklin.

The County Historical Commission will meet at 2 p.m. Feb. 2 in the basement courtroom at the Lynn County Courthouse to hear a progress report from John Baker, architect for the courthouse restoration grant. Any interested persons are also invited to attend this meeting to learn more about the proposed restoration/renovation project.

Just when I found out the meaning of life, they changed it. -George Carlin

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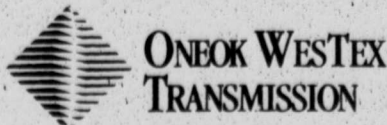
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## Lynn County Bale Count

(as reported each Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	77,534
New Home Coop-Lakeview	44,838
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	39,484
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	26,601
Wells Coop Gin	21,625
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	27,483
Close City Gin-Post	9,012
Grassland Coop Gin	10,718
Lynn County Gin	49,080
<b>TOTAL as of 1-24-05</b>	<b>306,375</b>

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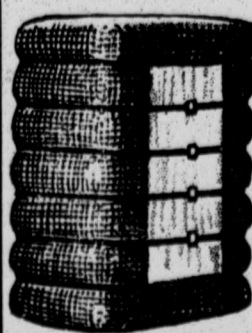
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