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Two Directors Terms To Expire On Hospital Board

Two directors for the Lynn County Hospital District have terms expiring this year, with Mike Rivas and John Hawthorne both ending their terms. Both seats are three-year terms, open to any resident of Lynn County who qualifies and completes filing procedures.

The election will be held May 7, in conjunction with city and school elections throughout Lynn County.

Interested candidates should contact Hospital Administrator Dan Powers for filing information. Deadline to file is March 7.

Weather

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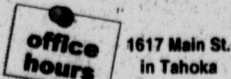
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Words of Wisdom

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

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Bi-District Champs! Lady Dogs Face Olney At Area Playoffs Friday

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs claimed the Bi-District Title in AA playoff action Tuesday night at Littlefield, beating Olton 67-48 to advance to the Area playoffs. The Ladies will face Olney at Area, in a game scheduled at Clyde High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Olney, District Champion in Class 8-AA, drew a bye in the bi-district round, so this will be their first playoff game.

Tahoka is designated as the visiting team for the Area game, and tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. TISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds reminds Tahoka fans that no banners or noisemakers will be allowed at the game. A full-page ad on page three of this edition lists area supporters of the Lady Bulldogs and shows a photo of the team with their Bi-District trophy. Directions for the location of the Clyde High School gymnasium for the Area game are also listed on the ad page.

A radio broadcast of the Area game can

be heard live on the internet at tsnmsports.com, but windows media player software is required, according to school officials. No video will be broadcast, but a play-by-play radio broadcast will be aired on the internet site.

The Bi-District win takes the Lady Bulldog season record to 25-7 as they prepare for the Area round. The winner at Area will advance to Regional Quarterfinals, which will most likely be played next Tuesday night.

In Tuesday night's Bi-District win over Olton, the Bulldogs led from the get-go, gaining a 16-11 lead by the end of the first quarter and increasing the spread to 29-18 by the half. The Tahoka girls owned the second half, leading 45-33 at the end of the third and maintaining the big lead to win by 67-48 at the final buzzer.

Coach Steve Fancher has taken his Lady Bulldogs team to the playoffs every year



EVERYBODY WANTS IT - Lady Bulldogs and Olton Fillies all have their eyes on the ball as Tahoka's Brandi Raindl stretches above the rest in the Bulldog Bi-District win. Angie Curtis (00) is at left. Coach Steve Fancher's Bulldogs take on Olney at Area playoffs Friday night, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clyde High School gym. (LCN PHOTO)

Two Persons Injured In Wreck On U.S. 87

A Lamesa couple suffered injuries early Sunday morning when their pickup was struck by a 2002 Ford Mustang on U.S. 87 seven miles south of Tahoka. Both vehicles were headed north.

Manuel Trevino, 24, of O'Donnell was driving the Mustang, according to DPS Trooper Wanda Raney, who said that alcohol and speed were factors in the accident.

Tommy Chapman, 56, of Lamesa was driving the 2002 Dodge Ram pickup which went into the median, then across the highway and overturned, coming to rest upside down in a ditch with water in it. Chapman and his wife, Imogene, 59, were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where Chapman was treated and released. Mrs. Chapman was transferred to a Lubbock hospital, where she was later released after treatment.

Tahoka Police made an arrest of a 67-year-old Tahoka man for assault/family violence, investigated an incident of criminal mischief and arrested a motorcyclist who

was clocked at 110 miles an hour going through the city on U.S. 87.

The criminal mischief case involved a broken window at a business owned by Ricky Barrientez on N. 7th St. Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon officer Steve McKay pursued a black Harley Davidson motorcycle to a point about seven miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87, at speeds of more than 100 miles an hour, before he was stopped. The 42-year-old Lubbock man was arrested and jailed for driving while intoxicated and fleeing, plus no motorcycle endorsement on his drivers license.

In jail during the last week were 44 persons, with 27 of these held for Lubbock County. Latest arrests were for intoxication plus assault with a motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated third offense or more, DWI second offense, fleeing from police, driving while license suspended, public intoxication and two persons held for the Immigration and Naturalization Services.



UP FOR TWO - Ashdon Hancock shoots for two during Bi-District action Tuesday night. The Lady Bulldogs beat the Olton Fillies 67-48 to advance to the Area game against Olney. (LCN PHOTO)

since he arrived in Tahoka in 2001. The Ladies were Bi-District and Area champions before losing to Seagraves in the Regional Quarterfinals in the 2001-02 season playoffs, which was the first time in 38 years that the girls advanced to post-season, play according to school records.

The Lady Bulldogs racked up their best season ever in 2002-03, when they missed making a trip to the state tournament by a mere 8 points in a heartbreaking loss to longtime rival Shallowater in the Regional Final game, when the Fillies won 48-40 to advance. The Lady Bulldogs had a 27-7 record that year, and a long list of championship titles, including District Runnerup, Bi-

District Champs, Area Champs, Regional Quarterfinal Champs, Regional Semifinal Champs (beating Olney 51-40) and Regional Finalists.

Last year's 2003-04 season saw the Ladies claiming the District Runnerup, Bi-District Champion, and Area Championship titles before bowing out to Shallowater 35-27 in the Regional Quarterfinals.

The three seniors on this year's team, Angie Curtis, Skylar Owens, and Ashdon Hancock, have played for Fancher all four years. Six juniors comprise the remainder of the team, including Meghan Saldana, Brandi Raindl, Samantha Andrews, Carissa Hall, Christyn Chapa, and Porscha Mitchell.



woodwork
by dalton

MY WIFE'S BROTHER has been around me so long that he is beginning to do things the same way I do, and may even have adopted my philosophy of "Stop. Think—there must be a harder way."

Anyway, he had a day like many of mine a couple of weeks ago when he bought a newer car and kept his old one (because dealers want you to just give them your old car, so they can make a whole lot of money, and they want to be sure you don't have any money left after the deal is completed).

My brother-in-law, who I will call Wayne, because that's his name, took his new car and went to eat breakfast at a Lubbock restaurant the morning after he bought the car. When he finished, he was embarrassed to discover his wallet was missing. Thinking it might be in the car, he went to the vehicle only to learn that his car key would not unlock the vehicle.

A man he ate with paid for his breakfast and offered to take him home, but Wayne explained that wouldn't help, because his house key was missing from his pocket, too.

He called the dealership where he bought the car and asked if they could send someone with another key to his car. No, they said, "but we can send you a locksmith to open the car". So he told them to go ahead and do that.

Just as the locksmith arrived, Wayne happened to feel in another pocket and came out with all the keys he needed. He had been trying to open the new car with his key to his old one. He told the locksmith he didn't need him and added, "I would pay you, but I don't have my billfold."

With most of the morning already wasted, he drove his new car home, and was able to get into the house because the keys to the house were in the car. He then searched his other vehicle and all through the house for his wallet, with no success.

Finally he gave up and started hunting the numbers of all his credit card people so he could cancel his cards. Then he saw his wallet lying on the bed in plain sight. It was a fun day, and much like some I have experienced.



WHOO'S THERE? - Two large owls have taken up residence in the large tree in front of the entrance to the Lynn County Courthouse during the past week, keeping a close eye on all who enter the building. (LCN PHOTO)

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Address Reminder**

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**McAfee Named
To Dean's List**

Leigh McAfee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAfee of Tahoka, has been named to the Dean's List With Distinction (3.6 to 3.84 GPA) at Grove City College, PA for the Fall 2004 semester.

McAfee, a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School, is majoring in International Business at Grove City College.

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Dionicio "Nicho" Sosa

Rosary for Dionicio "Nicho" Sosa, 80, of Tahoka will be held tonight (Thursday, Feb. 17) at 7:00 p.m. at White Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father Eduardo Teo officiating. Military Committal Services will follow in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He was born October 9, 1925 in Gonzales, Texas to the Mr. & Mrs. Luciano and Rosa Lopez Sosa. He died Feb. 15, 2005 in Lubbock.

He was a resident of Tahoka for 11 years, moving to Tahoka from Clayton, Georgia. He served in the US Army during WWII and was a member of the Catholic Church. His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include a brother, Luciano Sosa of Tahoka; four sisters, Chavella Ramirez, Paula Munoz, Yevva Galvan all of Cameron, Tx. and Tiodora Alejandre of Corpus Christi, Tx.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

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Benito C. Vega, Sr.

Funeral services for Benito C. Vega, of Lubbock, were held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at 3 p.m. at Iglesia Bautista Providencia with Pastors Ramon Ochoa and Eliseo Chapa officiating. Interment was at City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Vega died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 in Lubbock. He was born on March 21, 1929 to Ramon and Antonia Caballero Vega.

Vega married Felicitas Rodriguez on August 30, 1967. He was an Engine Lathe Machinist and a member of Iglesia Bautista Providencia. He played the accordion and the guitar. He was preceded in death by his son, Tony Vega in 1984 and two brothers, Francisco and Ramiro Vega.

Survivors include his wife, Felicitas of Lubbock; sons, Frank Banda of Amarillo, Floyd Banda of Houston, R.J. Gonzales, Jr. John Ben, Ernest, Gilbert, Richard, Albert, Robert Lee, and Benito Vega, Jr., all of Lubbock; daughters, Gloria C. Vega and Linda Reyes of Lubbock, and Mary Ellen V. Villegas of Casper, WY; five brothers, Luis Vega of Worland, WY, Celestino Vega of Scottsbluff, NE, Isidro Vega of Tahoka, Eljio and Ramon Vega, Jr., both of Lubbock; three sisters; Doris V. Campbell of Colorado Springs, Colo., Audelia V. Urias and Adelaida Vega, both of Lubbock; 47 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Kinney Koy Pugh

Graveside services for Kinney Koy Pugh, 40, of O'Donnell, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005 in the O'Donnell Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Visitation will be 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 in the White Funeral Chapel in O'Donnell.

He was born on October 20, 1964 in Lamesa, TX to Frank Loyd and Ruth Leona Horton Pugh. He died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 in Tahoka.

He graduated from O'Donnell High School and worked as a stockman and cowboy, and he enjoyed bull riding. He was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell.

Survivors include his parents, Frank and Ruth Pugh of O'Donnell; two brothers, Lonny Pugh of Midland, and Matt Pugh of O'Donnell; and one sister, Holly Kientz Pugh of Austin.

Robert Roy Locke

Graveside services for Robert Roy Locke, 79, of Brownfield were held Friday, Feb. 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock The Rev. Richard Harbison of Tahoka First Baptist Church officiated.

Locke died on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 in Madisonville, Texas. He was born on November 13, 1925 in Covington, Texas. He was a farmer in the Brownfield area, moving to Brownfield in 1975 from Lamesa.

Survivors include a daughter, Bobbye Locke, of Madisonville; two sons, Robert Roy Locke Jr., and Roy Thomas Locke of Giddings, Texas; a sister, Helen Levacy of Lamesa; four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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Three More Candidates File For Area Elections

Three more candidates filed during the past week for seats in Tahoka city and school elections. Candidates have until March 7 to submit their names for candidacy in city, school and hospital elections in Lynn County. Elections for all four city and school entities in Lynn County and the Lynn County Hospital District will be held Saturday, May 7.

Following is a list of entities and elected officials whose terms are expiring, and names of those filing. Information was provided by officials at each office as of Tuesday afternoon.

City of Tahoka: Two council seats, and term of Mayor, all 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor Mike Mensch, council members Rudy Fuentes in District 1, and Amy Preston in District 3. Filing: Fuentes for Dist. 1; Preston for Dist. 3.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees, single-member districts, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Math Bartley

in Pct. 3, Frank McLelland in Pct. 4. Filing: Bartley for Pct. 3; McLelland for Pct. 4.

City of Wilson: Three council seats, all 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Victor Steinhauser, Helen Stephenson, Lupe Guzman. Filing: none.

Wilson ISD: Three trustees, all 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Mike Taylor, Clyde Wilke, and one open seat to be filled. Filing: none.

City of O'Donnell: Three council seats, all 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Tommy Woolam, Larry Pyron, David Eaker. Filing: none.

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms, and one Special Election for two-year unexpired term of Willie Villarreal, who resigned his seat after moving from the district. Regular terms expiring: Stella Arguello, Benny Gass. Filing: none.

City of New Home: Two council seats, and Mayor, all 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor Steve Lisemby, council members LeRoy Nettles and David Gandy. Filing: none.

New Home ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Charles Burenheide, Brady Gass. Filing: none.

Lynn County Hospital District: Two directors, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Mike Rivas, John Hawthorne. Filing: none.

Senior Citizens MENU

February 21-25

Monday: Liver & Onions or Hamburger Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls or Biscuits, Strawberry Shortcake

Tuesday: Brisket, Au gratin Potatoes, Fried Okra or Squash, Pickles, Wheat Roll, Pecan Pie

Wednesday: Turkey, Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sweet Potatoes w/ Marshmallows, Hot Roll, Apple Cobbler

Thursday: Taco, Pinto Beans, Tortilla Chips, Cherry Burrito Delight

Friday: Pork Chop, Baby Limas, Harvard Beets/onions, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Crunch

Gigantic Garage SALE

Clean out your closets and garages and donate unused items for the Senior Citizen's gigantic Garage Sale Feb. 25-26

WE NEED YOUR HELP bring us your household items, including furniture, to the Senior Citizen's Center, 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka, or call us at 561-5264 if we need to pick up items!

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VALOR TELECOM COMMUNITY LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR ALL THOSE WHO SAID,
"I'll help."
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When the call goes out for volunteers to help in a time of need, have you ever responded to that call? At VALOR Telecom, we believe that the strength and vitality of our community depends on the hard work and ingenuity of our young people. That's why VALOR Telecom Community Leader Scholarships were created to recognize area youth for their civic involvement and academic achievement.

VALOR Telecom Community Leader Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors in VALOR service areas who have excelled with their minds and their hearts. The \$1,000 scholarships are presented to those youth who have stretched beyond academic achievement and served their community through volunteerism.

For more information or an application, visit your high school counselor's office or www.valortelecom.com.

Applications Due: **March 15, 2005**

COMMUNITY LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS TODAY'S YOUTH ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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- Lynn County Farm Bureau
- First Ag Credit FCS
- White Funeral Home
- John Benson, P.A. Fern Docekal, P.A. Dr. Griffith Thomas
- Fenton Insurance

- Lucy Me/ Slap-On Decals
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- Farmer's Co-op Association #1
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- Lynn County Hospital District / Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living
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Bi-District Champions and District Runner-Up!

CLASS 5-AA

AREA PLAYOFFS:
TAHOCA VS OLNEY
 AT CLYDE HIGH SCHOOL GYM
FRIDAY, FEB. 18 AT 7:30 PM

DIRECTIONS: Take Interstate 20 all the way to Clyde, 12 miles east of Abilene. Take the Hays Road exit. Turn right (south) on Hays road and the high school is about 1/4 mile on the right. You can see the school from the Interstate. Travel time is approximately 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

**Congratulations on beating
Olton 67-48 at Bi-District!**

**2004-2005
LADY BULLDOGS:**
 00 - Angie Curtis
 03 - Meghan Saldana
 10 - Brandi Rainill
 11 - Haley Hall
 12 - Jaci Hammonds
 20 - Samantha Andrews
 21 - Carissa Hall
 22 - Christyn Chapa
 23 - Ashdon Hancock
 24 - Porscha Mitchell
 25 - Skylar Owens
 31 - Jeni Hammonds
 Managers: Sarah Botkin, Tawnyee Murillo, Lindsey Barrientez, Jessica Antu
 Head Coach: Steve Fancher
 Assistant Coaches: Amy Hoch, Katie Craft, Liz Boyd

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MORGAN FISHER

Fisher Still Collecting Used Cell Phones

Tahoka Middle School student, Morgan Fisher is collecting used cellular telephones to help finance her trip to Europe as a People to People Student Ambassador. As a Student Ambassador, Morgan will learn about other cultures and show others about American culture.

Collection boxes will be set up at Thriftway, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, and Tahoka Elementary School and High School. Morgan will also be happy to pick up your donated phones. Individuals and Businesses may donate cell phones by calling 561-5314.

Morgan will receive \$300 for each phone that is donated. Phones do not have to be in working condition, as they will be reconditioned.

Morgan also still has several Pizza Hut punch cards. Anyone interested in purchasing one may contact her at 561-5314.

The drawing was held for the two Southwest Airlines tickets on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Jim Alexander of Big Spring was the lucky winner. Morgan expresses thanks to everyone who supported her in this fundraiser.

She is an eighth grade student at Tahoka Middle School, and the daughter of Rick and Tammy Fisher of Tahoka.

\$1,000 Scholarships Offered By Valor

Valor Telecom announces this week that applications for the Community Leader Scholarship program, which recognizes area high school seniors for volunteerism and academic achievements, are now being accepted through March 15, 2005.

"Since our company's inception in 2000, contributing to the growth, prosperity and well-being in the communities we serve continues to be an integral part of our business," said West Texas Division Vice President Danny Ammons. "The annual Community Leader Scholarship program is a way for Valor to invest in our youth and in the future of our communities."

This year, Valor will award \$1,000 scholarships to as many as 12 students living in communities served by the company. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors who demonstrate strong community leadership through volunteerism and civic involvement. They must also plan to enroll in an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational school, and must have maintained a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2005. Scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

"We encourage all qualified high school seniors in our West Texas communities to apply because the deadline is quickly approaching," said Ammons. Valor serves many West Texas exchanges, including Tahoka.

Valor communities are also home to many Valor employees. In addition to the Community Leader Scholarships, Valor created the Daughters and Sons Scholarship (DSS) program for high school seniors who are children of Valor employees. The DSS recognizes employees' children who are pursuing higher education, and who have contributed to the community through volunteerism, civic leadership and academics.

Valor Telecom launched both scholarship programs in 2004. Last May, Valor awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to high school seniors throughout its service areas in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.valor telecom.com and click on the Community Connection tab.



TEXAS MUSICAL - Tahoka Elementary 3rd, 4th and 5th graders presented "Texas, the Birth of the Lone Star State" musical on Feb. 8 for parents and students. Narrators at left include Maddie Barham, Sarah Freitag, Logan Tekell and Nancy Munoz. Vivian McAfee directed the musical.

Homebuyers Workshop Set

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Community Services Division, will hold a Homebuyers Workshop on Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 9:00-12:00 at the South Plains Community Action Room located at 1611 FM 300 (Sundown Highway), Levelland.

The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$10,000 per household. Assistance is available for working families residing in Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Residents of these counties who are interested in purchasing a home, may telephone Lynn County Community Action at 998-4521 for more information and requirements prior to attending the workshop.

Tahoka Little League Baseball Sign-ups Slated

Tahoka Little League Baseball is just around the corner. Sign-ups will be held on Monday, March 7th, and Monday March 21st; both sign-ups will be held at the Life Enrichment Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be for Little League Baseball and T-Ball only (Little League Softball will be played in the Fall).



COSMETOLOGY TRAINING - Dawn Howard of Tahoka has completed 1500 hours of training at Salon Professional Academy Cosmetology School in Lubbock.

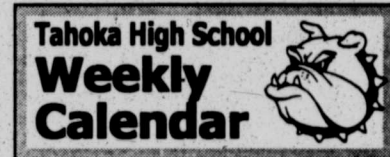
Sherrill Named To WSB Board of Directors

The Stockholders of Wilson Bancshares, Inc. are proud to announce that Stephen N. Sherrill was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Wilson Bancshares, Inc. and Wilson State Bank effective January 12, 2005. Sherrill was also elected to serve as Vice President of Wilson Bancshares, Inc. He currently serves as Vice President of Wilson State Bank and is Branch Manager of the Wilson State Bank located at 1900 Lockwood in Tahoka.

WBU Hosts Financial Aid Info, Meal At PJ's In Tahoka

Local seniors and their parents are invited to a free meal and presentation by Wayland Baptist University at PJ's in Tahoka this Thursday, Feb. 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students will be able to learn about financial aid, admissions procedures and the advantages offered at a private university. All necessary forms will be available at the meeting.



Friday, Feb. 18- All Staff Inservice Day/ Student Holiday

Saturday, Feb. 19- Solo and Ensemble Contest at Lubbock Coronado; Powerlifting Meet at Plains; Baseball Scrimmage- Colorado City- Here- Noon

Monday, Feb. 21- OAP Workshop at Denver City, 10:45

Tuesday, Feb. 22- TAKS, 9th Reading 10 and 11th ELA, TAKS Exit Level Retest ELA; Girls Softball at Lubbock Estacado, 4:30; Varsity Baseball at Trinity Christian, Lubbock, 4:30.

Wednesday, Feb. 23- NHS Meeting, 6:00; TAKS Exit Level Retest-Math; San Angelo Stock Show through 26th

Thursday, Feb. 24- TAKS Exit Level Retest-Social Studies

Friday, Feb. 25- TAKS Exit Level Retest-Science

Free Workshop Offered For Seniors, Parents At South Plains Mall

Texas Tech is hosting a free workshop for seniors and their parents at South Plains Mall on February 26; at 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Representatives from Texas Tech, South Plains College, Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University and Covenant School of Nursing will be available to answer questions about admissions, scholarships and financial aid. Assistance and web access will be on site to submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or to apply for a FAFSA PIN instantly. Students and parents should take their 2004 income tax returns with them to the workshop. Currently enrolled students will also be available to offer insight into the college experience.

Texas Musical Presented At Tahoka Elementary

"Texas, the Birth of the Lone Star State," a musical production about the historical and cultural heritage of Texas, was presented Feb. 8 at Tahoka for students and parents. Students in the third-fifth grades participated in the production directed by Mrs. Vivian McAfee.

Additionally, a portion of the production was performed for the Tahoka Rotary Club on Thursday, Feb. 10.

"The goal of our music program is to give our students a basic knowledge of the language and skills of music, performance opportunities, exposure to music of all cultures, time periods and styles, and tools for becoming consumers of music for the rest of their lives," said Mrs. McAfee. "We play instruments, study composers and their works, dance, create, read notation, put on public performances, evaluate ourselves and of course, sing. It is important for our students to have a certain group of patriotic songs memorized because it is a common bond shared among all of us," she added.

News From Tahoka Rotary Club

A very talented group of young performers entertained the Tahoka Rotary club this week. They were fourth graders from the Tahoka Elementary School who sang songs about Texas becoming a State. Mr. James Baker introduced the group. Some parents were also in attendance to hear the fine young performers sing.

The Club also said good-bye to our current president, Keith Williams, who will be working in Post. Keith has done a great job as Rotary President this year and will be missed.

We invite anyone wishing to join our club to be our guest anytime. The Tahoka Rotary Club meets each Thursday at noon in the Life Enrichment Center.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Sixteen Phebe K. Warner Club members met in the home of Betty Green with Jerry Brooks as co-hostess. Heather Tekell presented a program about her experiences as a photographer and exhibited examples of her work. Tekell also offered some tips to help members improve their photography skills. Members brought items to donate to MD Anderson valued at \$275. Virginia House and Barbara White were appointed to the city/county library board. Maxine Paris of Paris N Blooms donated a centerpiece used at the meeting as an expression of gratitude for the good that PKW does in the community.

The next meeting will be at the Life Enrichment Center on March 22 for a program presented by the winners of the youth writing contests.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!

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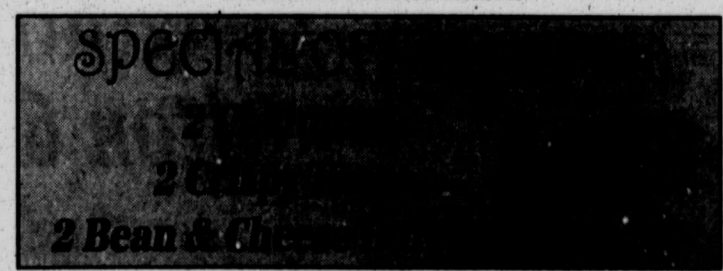
The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing.

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Wilson State Bank Named Lynn County Depository

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin was forced to break a tie in a decision naming the financial depository for all of Lynn County's financial accounts during Tuesday morning's commissioner meeting, after the four county commissioners voted two in favor of First National Bank of Tahoka and two in favor of Wilson State Bank. Judge Franklin cast his vote in favor of Wilson State Bank, which has served as the county's depository for the past two years. The decision makes WSB the county depository for the next four years.

Commissioners J.T. Miller and Don Morton voted for FNB, and commissioners Mike Braddock and Don Morton voted for WSB. Making presentations at the meeting were FNB President John Krey and WSB Vice President Steve Sherrill.

In other business, a new Lynn County Employee Safety Manual was approved, and Revenue Recognition policies were approved for three county offices in accordance with new auditing mandates regarding fees collected through the county.

County auditor Melvin Eaker worked with the District Clerk, Justices of Peace, and County Clerk ofices to draw up guidelines for the policies.

Two Dept. of Public Safety troopers, Calloway and Raney, met with commissioners to present requests for line item purchases in their budget, including two new radar systems, flashlights, window tint detectors, and office chairs, which were approved by the court at a total cost of \$7,815.95.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities for the month, and informed commissioners that the Sheriff's Department has renewed a contract with Nextel for phones.

Monthly bills were approved as presented and commissioners adjourned at noon. They reconvened in special session at 1:30 p.m. to consider a contract with GMAC for the purchase of a new Chevrolet 2005 pickup for the Sheriff's Office on the lease purchase program. The amount financed was \$27,048, and commissioners approved the purchase 4-0.



YOU PUT YOUR LEFT FOOT IN, AND YOU SHAKE IT ALL ABOUT - Tahoka's Angie Curtis (00) is caught in mid-leap in Tuesday night's Bi-District win over Olton. The Lady Bulldogs took control of the game early on to claim the trophy. In the foreground, #21 is Carissa Hall. (LCN PHOTO)

Elite Activity Appears To Be Pyramid Scheme

Have you been asked to go to an "invitation only" meeting or to visit a "private" web site with the promise that you will receive thousands of dollars if you get involved with this network?

Your Better Business Bureau advises caution. It is possible that you have just been invited to join a "gifting club" which has been called various names over the last few years: The Airplane, Friends Helping Friends, The Pit Stop, Jacob's Ladder, Women's Gifting, and the Original Dinner Club. Today, it is called Elite Activities (www.eliteactivity.tv).

Materials circulated by the scheme promoter show that a fee is NEVER required for participating in the activity itself; however, in other sections of the literature and according to other BBB and law enforcement reports, the program requires a gift of \$100; \$45 for three months of web site tracking and support; and \$20 for a debit card. While invitees initially may not be asked to pay any money up-front, eventually participants are reportedly asked to contribute anywhere from \$100 to \$5000. And, recruiters tell you it is legal, but it is not. Almost every state, including Texas, have laws prohibiting pyramid schemes and assess penalties on those who participate.

The philosophy of charitable giving is often used to draw people in. Organizers may cloak their schemes in religious terms, using the love of God as a sales pitch or employing feel-good words like renewal celebrations or "meeting others of like mind". Some clubs are touted as fund-raisers for a good cause or as an empowerment program to help people help themselves.

There are typically "levels" of participation that you can rise to as you and your recruits bring in more players. Players who get in early, walk away "winners" but experience shows that such pyramids always collapse and latecomers lose their entire investments.

The difference between a pyramid scheme and a multi-level marketing program is:

Pyramid Scheme — the majority of money earned is through the recruitment of individuals into a program. Pyramid schemes are illegal!

Multi-Level Marketing — the majority of money earned is through the sale of a product or service

Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

J.V. Girls Basketball by Jennifer Cisneros

The J.V. girls lost their game against the Slaton Tigers Tuesday, Feb. 8th.

The final score was 30-43. Top scorers included: Jaci Hammonds, with 7 points, Haley Hall, who scored 6 points, Corlee Green, who contributed 5 points.

8th grade girls by Callie Botkin

The 8th grade girls played their last game against Post on Feb 7, and won 39-13. Top scorer was Britney Hair with 16. Cori Vega had 11 points, Nicole Taylor had 8, and Samantha Pridmore and Monica Morales both added 2.

Powerlifting by Juan Hernandez

THIS Powerlifting team had a meet at Cooper this past Thursday, Feb. 10. Nate Jackson, Adrian Aleman, Jamie Madore, Ty Cloe, and Jessica Chaney placed second. Heath Ross, Josh Schwartz, and Kathryn Reno placed third.

Cameron Bobo placed fourth, Josh Garza and Abi Henderson placed fifth. Brandon Jackson and Sarah Blaylock placed sixth. Amanda Truelove placed eighth. Jessica Wilson placed 10th.

Varsity Girls Basketball by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldog basketball team defeated Seminole in a practice game on Feb. 11. The final score was 43-38; Brandi Raindl led all scorers with 15 points, and Angie Curtis had 10.

They beat the Slaton Tigerettes 46-36 in their last district game on Feb. 8. Meghan Saldana was top scorer with 14 points.

Varsity Boys Basketball by Brandi Raindl

The Varsity boys were defeated by the Roosevelt Eagles on Feb 11, 57-74. Damon Moore was high point with 11, and Patrick Dotson and Larry Murphy were right behind him with 10. Lance Murphy, Troy Price, and Zach Tillman all added 8 points each as well.

On Feb 8, the Bulldogs traveled to Slaton in hopes of another district win, but they were defeated 54-64.

Moore led the guys with 19 points, and Price and Tillman were also in double digits with 12 and 11.

JV Boys by Samantha Andrews

On February 11, the JV Boys lost to the Roosevelt Eagles 58-47. Matthew

Saldana led the team with 11 points, and Josh Hawthorne had eight.

8th Grade Boys Basketball by Sarah Botkin

The 8th grade boys battled it out against Idalou on Monday night, Feb. 14 and they kept the lead until the fourth quarter. They played a hard game, but still ended up losing with a score of 40-35. The leading scorers were Kyle Larpenier with 12 points and Adrian Webster with 10.

On January 31, the 8th grade boys played Shallowater and lost by 61 with a score of 83-22. The top score in this game was Antonio Baker with 18 of their total 22 points.

7th Grade B Boys Basketball by Jessica Antu

The 7th grade boys B team lost to Shallowater 14-19. The leading scorer of this game was Anthony Valasquez with 4 points.

January 31, the B team played Shallowater, and came out on top with a win. The final score of this game was 36-21. Valasquez was again the top scorer with 7 points.

7th Grade A Boys Basketball by Jessica Antu

On Monday night the 7th grade A team went to Idalou; they ended up losing by 16. The score of this game was 16-32.

Top scorers of this game were Stormy Moore and Seth Hawthorne with 8 each.

On January 31, the 7th grade boys played Shallowater, and they lost with a score of 17-56. Hawthorne was the leading scorer with 6 points.

Girls Softball by Callie Botkin

The THS Girls Softball team had their first game on Feb 14 in Lamesa, and lost 0-13.

Jessica Chaney and Marissa Villegas each had a stolen base.

"I thought our pitchers did well," Coach Boyd said. Sonya Morales started the game off and pitched four innings with one strike-out and Jessica Chaney finished the game pitching the 5th inning.

"We need a lot of work, but we will get there," Coach Boyd said.

The next game is Tues, Feb 22, at Lubbock Estacado at 4:30. On Fri, Feb 25 the girls will face Lamesa again here at 4.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

February 21-25

Breakfast

Monday: POP Tart

Tuesday: Breakfast Burger

Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday: Egg & Cheese Sandwich

Friday: Felm. & Middle School- Yogurt w/ Banana, High School- Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy

Lunch

Caesar salad and PB&J sandwich offered daily as an entree.

Monday: Buro Salad, Soft Taco, Santa Fe Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday: Oven Baked Chicken, Corn Dog, Chet Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Grapes.

Wednesday: Frito Pie, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Lettuce, Tomato, Orange Half

Thursday: Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Fillet, Buttered Corn, Jossed Salad, Mini Ice Cream Sandwich, Fresh Fruit

Friday: Chicken Fried Steak, Burrito, Creamy Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Pudding, Fresh Fruit

3-Year-Old Program Accepting Applications For Current Year

Applications for the 3-year-old Shapes Head Start program at Tahoka Independent School District are now being accepted for the current school year, due to some openings in the program for more students. Children must be three years old by Sept. 1, 2004 and parents must bring the child's birth certificate and Social Security card when applying, as well as updated immunization records, Medicaid, and income verification.

For more information, contact the SPCAA-SHAPES Head Start program at 1925 Ave. P, phone 998-4123, or call the main office at 894-2207 or 1-800-658-9632.

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Slow Down For Emergency Workers On Roads, Says DPS

Texas Highway Patrol troopers want drivers to show emergency workers they care. Beginning Feb. 14, drivers pulled over by DPS troopers for traffic violations will receive a flyer that reminds them to slow down or move over for stopped emergency vehicles that have emergency lights activated.

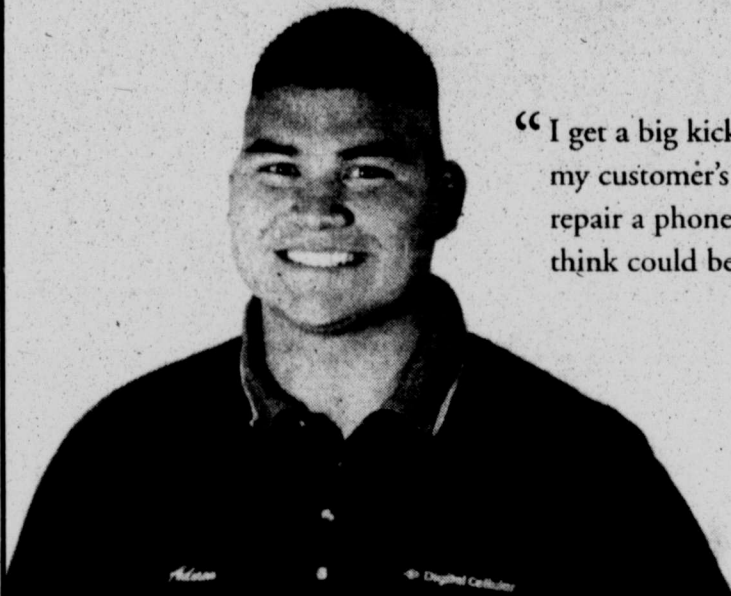
This reminder packs an added punch because it's the law. Since the slow-down or move-over law took effect on Sept. 1, 2003, DPS has written 2,304 citations and 14,404 warnings to drivers who have violated the law. Although DPS has issued several press releases concerning this law, troopers continue to see drivers who do not slow down or move over for emergency vehicles with lights activated, including police, emergency medical service and fire vehicles.

The slow-down/move over law requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated to either slow down

or change lanes. Specifically, the law states a driver must either slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit or vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph.) Drivers should only move over if they can safely and legally do so; otherwise, they should slow down.

"Our Highway Patrol troopers spend a large part of their time working on highways and roads with vehicles speeding past," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Just the slightest slip of the wheel can endanger them. This law requires drivers to give them and other emergency vehicles the space they need to perform their duties safely."

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500.



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Tahoka ISD 2005-2006 Proposed Calendar

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: (177)

First Six Weeks	August 15	to	September 23	29 Days
Second Six Weeks	September 26	to	November 4	28 Days
Third Six Weeks	November 7	to	December 20	29 Days
Fourth Six Weeks	January 5	to	February 17	31 Days
Fifth Six Weeks	February 20	to	April 7	29 Days
Sixth Six Weeks	April 10	to	May 25 (last day of school)	31 Days
Total Instructional Days				177 Days

STAFF DEVELOPMENT (9)
New Staff In-Service: August 8, 9
Inservice/Student Holiday:
August 10, 11, 12
October 10, 31
January 4
May 26

BAD WEATHER DAYS
April 24, May 12
HOME COMING October 1

HOLIDAYS

Labor Day September 5
Thanksgiving November 23, 24, 25
Christmas December 22-January 3
Spring Break March 13-17
Good Friday April 14
Comp Days/
Student Holidays Dec. 21, Jan. 20, Mar. 31

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION May 26, 2006

Please direct comments regarding the proposed 2005-2006 school calendar to Tahoka ISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker at the Harvick Educational Building, 2129 N. Main Street in Tahoka, phone (806) 561-4105. The Board will adopt a calendar for the 2005-06 school year on March 10, 2005.

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ANTICIPATION — Olton Fillies and Tahoka Lady Bulldogs all look up in anticipation of the ball coming down during Bi-District playoff action Tuesday night in Littlefield. Tahoka players shown here include Ashdon Hancock (23), Angie Curtis (00) and Porscha Mitchell behind Curtis. The Lady Bulldogs won 67-48 to advance to Area playoffs Friday night, where they will face Olney at the Clyde High school gym. (LCN PHOTO)

During her lifetime, the novelist Jane Austen had difficulty finding a publisher. As a result, two of her works—*Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion* were not published until after her death.

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Lynn County Bale Count
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Texas Star-Wilson/Union	97,078
New Home Coop-Lakeview	59,180
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	50,400
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	35,169
Wells-Coop Gin	27,990
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	36,691
Close City Gin-Post	11,520
Grassland Coop Gin	14,124
Lynn County Gin	6,616
TOTAL as of 2-15-05	338,768

Six Administrative Contracts Approved By TISD Trustees

Six administrative positions at Tahoka Independent School District were approved for contract renewals and salary increases by unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees at last Thursday night's meeting. All principals, assistant principals and curriculum director received a \$2000 salary increase and one-year extensions on their current contracts after trustees discussed personnel during closed session for approximately 1-1/2 hours.

Approved in six separate motions during open session, the seven trustees voted 7-0 in favor of each contract, except for the position of Assistant Principal Jenni McLelland, in which trustee Frank McLelland abstained from voting and the board voted 6-0 in favor of her renewal.

The renewals and salary hikes puts the administrators at the following salaries for the next school year: High School Principal Robert Webb, \$59,500; Athletic Director/Asst. High School Principal Troy Hinds, \$58,000; Middle School Principal Glo Hays, \$56,000; Elementary Principal James Baker, \$61,500;

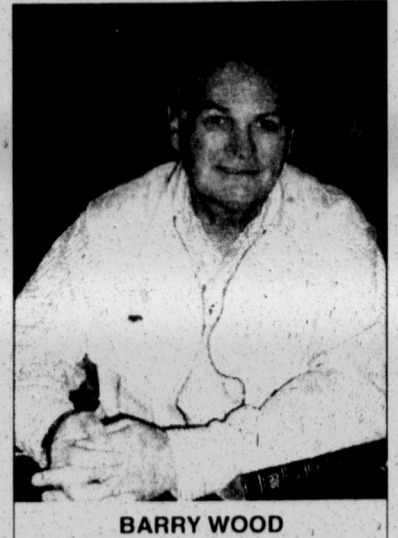
Asst. Elementary Principal Jenni McLelland, \$47,000; and District Curriculum Director Sherri McCord, \$56,409.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced the resignation of teacher/coach Richard Jackson effective at the end of the school year. Trustees approved a proposed 2005-06 school calendar, which is published in this and next week's *News* issues for public comment.

Trustees called for a trustee election for Precincts 3 and 4 to be held May 7, and appointed Donna Brooks as election judge, Kathy Long as alternate judge and Susan Tipton as early voting judge. Trustees whose terms are expiring include Math Bartley in Pct. 3 and Frank McLelland in Pct. 4. Candidates may file through March 7 for the election.

Board President Math Bartley read the names of trustees and the hours of training each board member has for the year. All trustees have received the required hours of training, he noted.

The next board meeting was scheduled for March 10.



BARRY WOOD

Barry Wood To Speak At NH Baptist Revival

Barry Wood, founder of Barry Wood Ministries in 1978, will be guest speaker at a One Day Revival at New Home Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 20. A special musical presentation by the Hands of Faith Choir from Oakwood Baptist Deaf Church will be presented during Sunday evening worship, Feb. 20th. Wood has shared the gospel for more than 25 years on four continents through crusades, youth conferences, parenting conferences and overseas ministries. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University.

Oakwood Baptist Deaf Church, pastored by Scott Steggs, has been a mission of Oakwood Baptist Church for about four years. Their choir, led by Mary E. Dickson, has performed at the Annual Southern Baptist Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Deaf Women's Retreats at Round Rock and Amarillo; and in churches in Abernathy and Midland.

Rabies Clinic Set Here Feb. 19

Dr. Larry Mills, veterinarian, will provide animal vaccines at a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19. The clinic will be held from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the old fire hall, just behind City Hall in Tahoka. Rabies shots are \$8, and other shots will be available.

Dr. Mills will also offer the new rattlesnake vaccine, which just became available. In appreciation for bringing your pet to get vaccinated to keep rabies down, Dr. Mills makes an annual donation to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

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COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

February 10, 2005

Strong export sales of U.S. cotton sparked buying at the New York Board of Trade that led cotton futures to settle higher on Thursday.

USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton reached a marketing year high for a second consecutive week. Sales of 417,200 bales in the week ended Dec. 3 were 12 percent more than the previous week and 39 percent better than the four-week average. Major buyers were China, with purchases of 159,000 bales, followed by Turkey and Pakistan with acquisitions of 69,300 and 47,000 bales, respectively. Sales of 17,300 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Mexico.

"We enjoyed a season's record of export sales, and yet prices still traded higher," said one analyst. "That's a very rare achievement for this market."

Export shipments of 243,300 bales were two percent less than the previous week and four percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Mexico and Thailand.

"Export sales were strong this week, and the active trade buying suggests that export sales are continuing at a strong pace," said a cotton market observer. "It was also China's biggest bite for the season, bringing them up to a shade over 300,000 bales for the two-week period and 1.3 million for the season-to-date," he added.

In spot cotton news, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 51,297 bales online in the week ended Feb. 10 compared to the previous week when 22,673 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.70 to 35.03 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 32.31 to 34.62 cents per pound.

In other news, the market was buoyed by USDA's monthly cotton supply/demand report released on Feb. 9. The department cut its estimate of world ending stocks to 46.74

million bales from 47.12 million last month, raised its estimate of U.S. cotton exports to 13.0 million, and boosted estimated imports by China, the world's top cotton consumer, to 9.0 million bales versus 8.75 million projected in January.

"The report was friendly," said one analyst. "The figures were encouraging, especially after a string of bearish USDA production reports over the past few months."

The figures were in line with market expectations, but some in the industry considered it to be a significant report. "USDA's report was significant in that it produced the first projected reduction in world ending stocks since its July report," an analyst noted. "It kept two other streaks alive, increasing both world production and mill use as it has since the beginning of the reports for this season," he added.

An analyst also said USDA has a record of continuing to cut the American cotton carryover following the February supply/demand figure. "Only twice in the last 10 years, in 1999 and 2001, did ending stocks grow from this time forward," the analyst noted. "The most prominent change was only four years ago when ending stocks increased by 1.5 million as both U.S. exports and consumption collapsed in the second half of the season."

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 - W-F WTS - QH - HR - Radio - Rubber
 - 1969 John Deere 4020 Diesel Tractor W-F
 - WTS D-H - Fenders - Power Shift - 18.4 x 38 Rubber
 - John Deere 158 Hyd Front-End Loader - Bucket
 - John Deere FE Loader Hay Bale
 - Prong Attachment

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HEARTFELT DONATIONS — O'Donnell Elementary students recently collected \$561.50 for Tsunami victims in Asia. The "To Asia with Love" relief fund began on January 18th and lasted until Valentine's Day on February 14th.



FILLIES AGAINST THE LADY BULLDOGS — Two Olton Fillies try to trap Tahoka's Porsche Mitchell (#24) who has the ball at the bi-district playoff game. Angie Curtis (00) is at left. The Lady Bulldogs won 67-48 to advance to Area. (LCN PHOTO)

The WILSON News
by Mike Jones
mikejones@esc17.net

Next week beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 22 many of our Wilson ISD students will be taking state tests throughout the week. Please remember to help your child by encouraging them to get enough sleep and to do their best on these tests. The following is a testing calendar for the week.

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd - special education SDAA test grades 4 and 7 in writing; TAKS writing test grades 4 and 7; TAKS reading test 9th grade; English Language Arts test grades 10 and 11.

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd - TAKS reading grade 3 and 5. These students must pass the reading test to be promoted to the next grade level next year and have three opportunities.

Thursday, Feb. 24th - Science retest for graduating seniors

We want to provide every opportunity for all of our students to pass and we need your assistance every step of the way.



Wilson SCHOOL MENU

February 21-25
Breakfast

Choice of cereal and toast or hot entree daily.

- Monday: Breakfast pizza
- Tuesday: Egg, Ham, Biscuit
- Wednesday: French toast, Sticks
- Thursday: Biscuit, Egg, Sausage
- Friday: Breakfast bar

Lunch

- Monday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Carrot Sticks, Fruit
- Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit
- Wednesday: Hot Pockets, salad, Green Beans, fruit 6-12 grade same as salad
- Thursday: Hamburger Patty, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll fruit
- Friday: Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

New Home Schools will be hosting a Health Fair on April 28, from 10:00-2:00, titled "Healthy Choices for a Lifetime". If you are interested in a booth, contact Karon Durham at (806) 924-7524, ext.26.

Community members and parents are encouraged to attend. The mobile coach from the Blood Bank will be at the school the same day.

- New Home School Calendar**
- Tuesday, Feb. 22- SDAA and TAKS Tests Grades 4,7,9, and 10
 - Wednesday, Feb. 23- TAKS Tests grades 3,5; San Angelo Stock Show through 2/27
 - Friday Feb. 25- Last Day for Penalties for Patients!
 - Saturday, Feb.26- High School and Jr. High Track Meet at Loop

New Home SCHOOL MENU

October 11-15
Breakfast

Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.

- Monday: Donut
- Tuesday: Rice Krispie Bar
- Wednesday: Biscuit/ Sausage
- Thursday: Mini Banana Bread
- Friday: Pancake Pup

Lunch

- Monday: Chicken fry on a bun, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber-pickle slices, pear cup
- Tuesday: Texas chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, watermelon
- Wednesday: Sandwich bar, pickle spears, carrots, cucumbers, apples, orange wedges, sherbet
- Thursday: Beefy nachos, lettuce/tomato, carrot, cucumber, grapes
- Friday: Chili cheese dog, tator tots, chili beans, peach cup

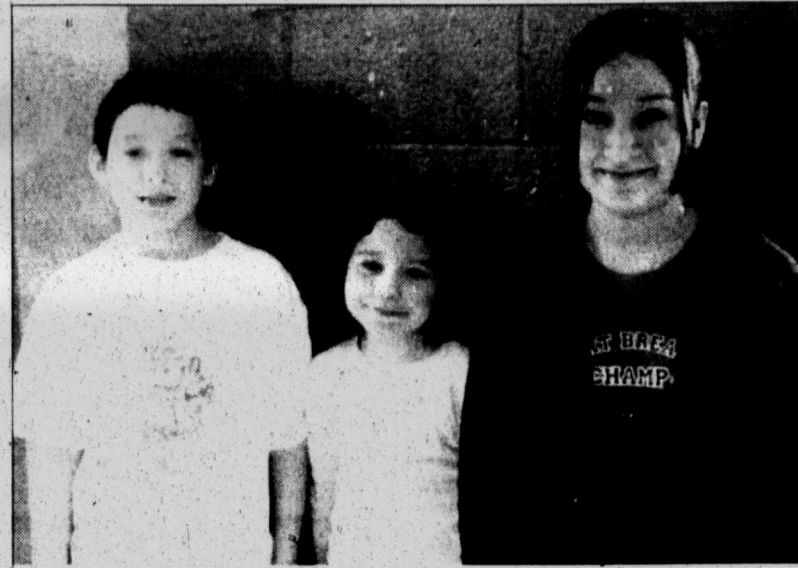
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WILSON STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Wilson I.S.D. named the following as February Students of the Month: (left to right) Johnny Valdez, sixth grade; Destinee Benavides, second grade; and tenth grader Sandra Reyna.

Wilson ISD Trustees Vote To Renew Principal's Contract With Salary Hike

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday, Feb. 10, approving a two-year contract for principal Larry Williams and increasing his salary \$2,000 beginning next year. Currently, the principal's salary is \$48,000, and the increase will put him at \$50,000 next year.

In other business, trustees approved the District Improvement Plan; approved revisions to the Gifted and Talented Handbook; ordered a trustee election for May 7, 2005 to fill the positions of Mike Taylor, Clyde Wilke, and one vacant position; appointed Maxine Nolte the early voting clerk and established office hours during March 14-18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and appointed Andrea Arellano as the election judge. Candidates have until March 7 to file for the election.

The Board recognized the following students and employee: Destinee Benavides, daughter of Jennifer Benavides, was selected as the Elementary Student of the Month.

SPC To Downlink With Space Station March 1

The date of South Plains College's downlink with the International Space Station has been moved to March first. The original date had been March 4th.

"NASA regretted having to change the downlink date, but there are so many variables to work with; it's a tricky thing," explained Dr. Phil Anderson, professor of mathematics and chairperson of the Math and Engineering Department who is coordinating the downlink.

SPC, in partnership with NASA, will engineer a live audio/video downlink March 1 with crew members on board the International Space Station.

About 250 area high school students and others are expected to be on hand when the downlink take place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Sundown Room of the Student Center. The time for the downlink should be confirmed by Thursday (Feb. 17).

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students in this area to communicate directly with astronauts in space," said Dr. Anderson.

For more information, contact Dr. Anderson's office at 894-9611, ext. 2737.

Johnny Valdez, grandson of Manuela Garza, was selected as the Junior High Student of the Month; and Sandra Reyna, daughter of Juan and Maria Reyna, was chosen the High School Student of the Month. Mrs. Janie Castillo was the WISD Employee of the Month.

Trustees suspended the meeting for level two training and reconvened following the training.

Board President Clyde Wilke announced that all board members had met or exceeded their annual continuing education requirements. All trustees were present for the meeting, including Wilke, Mike Buckner, Lonnie Donald, Jay Kirk, Janie Rios, and Mike Taylor, as well as Superintendent Mike Jones.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. The public is invited to attend.

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