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Mexican Stack Lunch Set Sunday

Area residents are invited to a Mexican Stack Lunch at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka this Sunday, Feb. 27, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. The meal is offered on a donation basis, with all proceeds to benefit the youth.



HOT ON HER HEELS – An Olney player is hot on the heels of Tahoka's Meghan Saldana, who just threw a pass downcourt in the Area playoff game.

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Words of Wisdom

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Aggravated Sexual Assault Case Cleared Here After 12 Years

On Aug. 23, 1993, a young woman was awakened in her home at two o'clock in the morning by a man wielding a knife, who threatened to kill her and her children. The woman, in her late 20's, lived in a home in the north part of Tahoka, and she was raped at knifepoint, fearing for her life and the lives of her children asleep in another part of the house. She was unable to clearly see the face of her attacker, who had gained entry to the house through a window.

That was 12 years ago, and police were never able to positively identify any suspects – until recently, when DNA analysis proved the identity of the man.

Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee and Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy Abraham Vega reported this week that her attacker has been identified as Danny Leon Garner, 52, of Johnson County, Texas. Garner is currently imprisoned in Wichita County, serving three life sentences for aggravated sexual assaults which all occurred in the Cleburne, Johnson County area of Texas. Garner, a Caucasian, was a commercial truck driver who drove through this area enroute to New Mexico during the time of the assault here.

While Garner has not confessed to the attack on the Tahoka woman, DNA samples conclusively match evidence taken at the crime scene in 1993, and law officials here say the case is cleared. Because the man is already serving three life sentences for other aggravated sexual assault cases, no charges will be filed in the local incident.

"We felt it was in the best interests of the victim and her family to not put them through that," Vega said. "The man is already serving time for three life sentences, and this would not add any time to his sentence," he added.

Vega explained that DNA analysis techniques have improved greatly over the past 12 years, and that when local Sheriff's Dept. officials requested Texas Rangers to resubmit DNA evidence to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) which has DNA samples of felony prisoners, a match was found.

"In 2003, the Texas Ranger stationed in Brownfield retired. When the new Texas Ranger came on board, he looked through any open cases still pending and we requested a new check on the DNA sample, since analysis techniques have improved so much in the last few years," Vega explained. "He stayed only a short time in the Brownfield office, and then Sgt. Brad Oliver took over. He's the one who found the DNA match through CODIS, and he actually went to the Allred Unit in Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas, where Garner is incarcerated, to obtain another DNA sample. That sample proved conclusively that Garner was the man who assaulted the Tahoka woman,

"We immediately notified the victim, who was relieved to finally discover the identity of her attacker and know that he was already in prison," Vega said.

Police Chief Lee said the case is now considered closed.

Area Match Finishes Lady Bulldog Season

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs finished a terrific 25-8 season Friday night in a disappointing 34-31 loss to Olney's Lady Cubs at the Class AA Area playoffs held at Clyde. Both Olney and Tahoka had 25-7 season records going into the match, and Coach Steve Fancher's team had high hopes of continuing their playoff run, but the Lady Cubs held off a fourth quarter push to claim the Area trophy.

Tahoka girls got off to a great start in the game, leading by a good margin during the first few minutes, but Olney closed the gap to two points by the end of the first quarter, trailing by 14-12, and moved ahead to claim the lead 19-18 by the half. The third quarter proved to be the Bulldog's downfall, when

Tahoka gained only 5 points to Olney's 11, and the Lady Bulldogs trailed 30-23 going into the final period.

Tahoka made a fine effort in the last quarter, and pushed to a 31-30 lead with 1:42 remaining in the game, but a free throw by Olney gave the lead back to the Lady Cubs just 20 seconds later. They held the Lady Bulldogs at 32-31 until the last 23 seconds of the game, and then tossed in two more free throws to claim the victory, 34-31.

Brandi Raindl was high point Bulldog for the night with 9 points, followed by Angie Curtis with 8 and Carissa Hall with 6. Meghan Saldana and Ashdon Hancock each tossed in a three-pointer, and Skylar Owens added 2 for the night.

Items Stolen In Burglary Found In Antique Stores

A grandfather clock and old radio in a wooden cabinet, two of many items stolen in a recent burglary just outside the Tahoka city limits, were recovered by a sheriff's deputy this week. The items were located at two antique stores in Lubbock. The home on S. 6th St. is owned by Leta Pierce McClendon.

No arrests have been made in the case, and investigation is continuing.

The sheriff's department also has filed felony theft by check charges against an Ackerly man who currently is being held in jail at Midland on three other similar charges. Danny Cook of Woodrow told officers that the Ackerly man gave him two checks in December, totaling \$3,000, to purchase 600 bales of hay, which the man later sold to someone else. The checks were in-

Chelsea Bullock of Slaton reported Tuesday that the glass on a back door of a house she owns in Wilson had been broken out. The loss was estimated at \$80.

On Monday Tahoka Police investigated a traffic accident on Thriftway's parking lot, where a 1986 GMC Suburban driven by

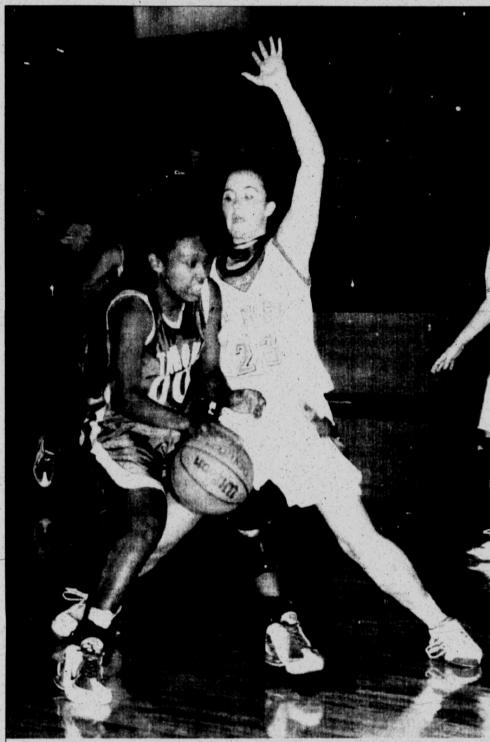
Leah Roxanne Martinez, 27, of Tahoka backed into a parked 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier owned by Macaria Curtis of Tahoka.

Charges on which ten more persons were jailed during the last week included possession of marijuana under two ounces, warrant on assault, driving while license suspended, driving while intoxicated, insurance hold, warrant on violation of protective order, warrant on theft and public intoxication. Jail population totaled 47, with 29 of these held for Lubbock County.

Claudia Guin Named City/County Librarian

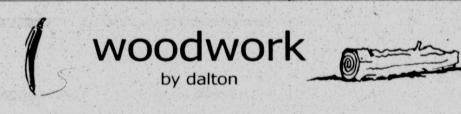
Claudia Guin of Tahoka has been employed as the new librarian for the City-County Library in Tahoka, city officials announced this week. She will begin her duties at the library on March 7, training with current librarian Shirley Draper who is retiring in April

The City-County Library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center, at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.



OUTTA MY WAY – Tahoka's Angie Curtis is blocked by Olney's Lyndsey McClelland at the Area playoff game Friday night. Olney edged out the Lady Bulldogs 34-31.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



I WAS READING a newspaper recently which someone left at the office for me, and one of the stories was headed "Casey Jones Killed in Train Wreck."

There were other stories, including ones with these headlines: "Wright Brothers Build Powered Flying Machine" and "Donner Party Menaced by Mountain Snow."

As intriguing as these headlines are, none of them compare with my favorite, from a National Enquirer several years ago, which said "Statue of Elvis Found on Moon." I never did read that story, but the others mentioned above are at least based on real incidents.

Those stories were included in a publication called *Old News*, which apparently is published nine times a year by some company in Pennsylvania. It takes famous incidents from history and treats them as a current news story. I presume that most of the facts have been researched, so this makes them more interesting, as one can learn details not generally known about the different incidents.

For instance, I never knew that the real name of the engineer Casey Jones was John Luther "Casey" Jones, or that he was a "tall, thin, gray-eyed man, 36 years old," according to *Old News*.

I would not even have ever heard of Casey Jones (the railroad engineer, not my grandson or the big guy who used to play football for Texas Tech) if I had not heard and even sung the old folk song which was written around 1910, a decade after Jones died in the wreck at Vaughan, near Canton, Miss.

According to the story, the fatal collision occurred about 4 a.m. as the Illinois Central Railroad Cannonball passenger train "was running under a full head of steam when it crashed into the rear end of a caboose and three freight cars which were standing on the main track. The caboose and two of the cars were smashed to pieces. The engine left the rails and plowed into an embankment, where it overturned. The engineer was killed by the concussion. His body was found lying under the cab with his skull crushed and the right arm torn from the socket. The fireman jumped just in time to save his life."

I remember one line from the song about that: "He (Jones) turned to the fireman and said, 'Boy, you'd better jump, 'cause there's two locomotives that are going to bump'."

Of course, there was just one locomotive in the crash, but I guess the songwriter couldn't work all that in.

Anyway, this story and the others about things that happened long ago are interesting. I can't vouch for the truth in all the details, but hey, I can't vouch for the truth in today's newspaper and TV stories, either.

Except, of course, in The Lynn County News.



SMALL FIRE - Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department members quickly doused an engine fire on this pickup parked on North 1st Street last Thursday night. The truck belongs to Gilbert Arellano, who told firefighters he was driving it when the engine missed a couple of times and then flames shot out from underneath the hood. He quickly stopped on North 1st and called the fire department. (LCN PHOTO)

First National Bank Announces Promotions

John Krey, President of the First National Bank of Tahoka, reports the following action taken by the bank's Board of Directors at its regular monthly meeting: Carl Reynolds has been promoted to Senior Vice-President/Loan Officer, Jo Beth Rentro promoted to Vice-President/ Cashier." and Tommy Botkin promoted to Assistant Vice-President/Loan Officer.

The Board is proud of each of these individuals and is pleased to have such a dedicated staff which is well known to our community." Krey said in making the announcment. "Carl, Jo Beth and dominy work hardsfor their customers and always go the 'extra mile'." he added.



March 1- Softball @ Ralls-4:00 p.m game will be played at Monterey's

Baseball @ Seagraves 5:00 p.m. March 2: STUCO Meeting at 3:30 Golf Girls/Boys @ Denver City March 3- Softball Prairie Dog Classic (a Lubbock through March 5-TBA Baseball @ Colorado City-TBA March 5- Varsity Track Meet @ Snyder

Sr. Class Parents To Meet Sunday

A Tahoka Senior Class parents meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 27, at 4:00 p.m., at the Lyntegar Meeting Room. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Four More Candidates File For Area Elections

O'Donnell city and school elections, one for City of Tahoka, and one for Lynn County Hospital District board of directors. Candidates have until March 7 to submit their names for candidacy in city, school and hospital elections in Lynn County. Elections 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, with those filing during the last week listed in italies.

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; Mike Mensch for Mayor.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees.



New Home Baptist To Host Special **Sunday Night Meeting**

A special Sunday night meeting will be held this Sunday. Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at the New Home Baptist Church.

Mark McMillan, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wolfforth will preach that night and Nick Watts. Youth Minister of the same church will lead the music.

Everyone is invited to come to this special meeting.

Four more candidates filed dur- single-member districts, 3-year ing the past week for seats in area terms. Terms expiring: Math Bartley elections, including one each in 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:

Wilson ISD: Three trustees, all 3-vear 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: Scotty Martine-

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees, 3year 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: Stella

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:

New Home ISD: Two trustees. 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Charles Burenheide, Brady Gass.

Lynn County Hospital District: Two directors, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Mike Rivas, John Hawthorne. Filing: John Hawthorne.

Little Dribbler Sign-ups

The girls Little Dribblers Basketball will have registration on March 3 and March 8, from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at the Life Enrichment Center. Parents need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. The fee is \$30.00 per player. Players must be enrolled in the Grades 2nd through 6th. Games will begin after Spring Break.



SPELLING BEE WINNERS - Nikki Box (far right) was the winner of the Tahoka Elementary 4th-5th-6th grade Spelling Bee, earning the right to advance to Regional Spelling Bee competition on March 5 at the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University. Second place winner was Andy Hinds (in back), and Jacob Wright (left) was third place winner. Tying for fourth place were (in front after Wright) Kaitlyn Reno, Jori Chapa and Bryan Pena.



TOP SPELLERS - Pictured here are winners in the Tahoka Elementary 1st-2nd-3rd Grade Spelling Bee held last week. From left, Trey Darnell placed 5th, and tying for first place were four third graders, including Kristal DeVine, Nicole Taylor, Erynn Harris, and far right, Kirstin Stice. Lauren Raindl (second from right) placed 6th.

Abigail Marie Isham was born to Josh and Brandy Isham of Tahoka on Tuesday February 15, 2005 in Tahoka. She was born at 2:42 a.m., weighed 6 lbs. and 14 ozs. and was

Grandparents are Bobbye Kieth and Tracy Bailey of Lubbock, Brian and Catherine Kieth of New Home. and Roy and Sharon Isham of Wilson. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Joann Kieth of New Home, Jo Swinford of Tahoka, and Frances Morris of Lubbock, and a greatgreat-grandfather, Garland Peek of New Home.

Madison Jade Sepeda was born to George and April Sepeda of Tahoka on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at UMC in Lubbock. She was born at 6:42 p.m., weighed 8 lbs. and 6 ozs, and was 20 inches long. She has one brother, George Sepeda, III.

Grandparents are George and Andrea Sepeda of Tahoka, Primo and Delores Camacho of Slaton, and the late Bibian Saldana.

Tahoka ISD Reduces Employee Injuries

Tahoka ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Diamond Star Award for savings to the district of \$18,098. Tahoka ISD, represented by Superintendent Jimmy Parker, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to 19 inches long. She has one brother, prevent employee injuries in the work place.

> gram has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$184 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

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Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS, explained," Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Fourteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

O'Donnell First Baptist Church

101 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.

First Baptist Church

806) 561,4557 • www.fbctahoka.org

PASTOR REV RICHARD HARBISON

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.

e K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373

TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-4060 • email tccc@poka.com

MINISTER: RON FANT

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (306) 628-6573

Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and LEADERS: REV. LEWIS WILKINS Sunday School (for all ages) - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults:

-First United Methodist Church

(806) 561-4503 • fumctahoka@juno.com PASTOR: REV. JEFF BAYLEY Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

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Grassland Nazarene

Church

Rt. 5 Box 360 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 327-5656, 327-5655

PASTOR: DAVID PARKER

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357

or Fem Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. KEN PETERSON

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following

New Home

Church of Christ

(806) 924-7579 • website or email

MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Wilson

First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381

(806) 628-6333

INTERIM PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

inday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study &

Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.

address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383



at The Center

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Message From: Rev. Jeff Bayley, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Tahoka

You're Something Special

We want to know how long God's love will endure... Not just on Easter Sunday when our shoes are shined and our hair is fixed... Not when I am peppy and positive and ready to tackle world hunger. Not then. I know how he feels about me then. Even I like me then.

I want to know how he feels about me when I snap at everytning that moves, when my thoughts are gutter-level, when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does he feel about me then?

God answered our question before we asked it. So we'd see his answer, he lit the sky with a star. So we'd hear it, he filled the night with a choir; and so we'd believe it, he did what no man ever dreamed. He became flesh and dwelt among us. He placed his hand on the shoulder of humanity and said, "You are something special."

Peace and mercy -- Jeff Bayley

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Gethsemane **Baptist Church**

(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

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Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood . Box 1168 . To Saa. TX 79373

Phone (Sub) 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 nde to Sunday School or Church. call 561-5317

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

South 4th & Ave. M' Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436

PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Wilson

St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.

"Where Christ'Serves People"

Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310

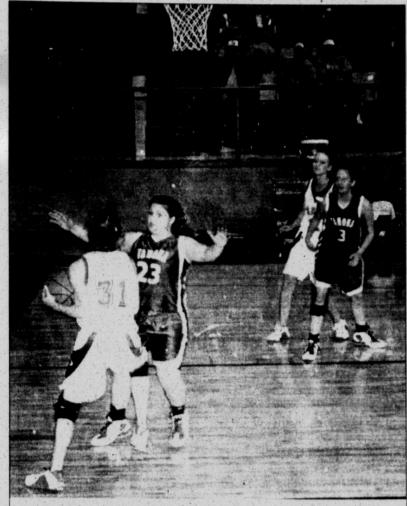
PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Mini. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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DEFENSE - Ashdon Hancock (23) is shown in defensive action at the Area playoff game against Olney Friday night. Tahoka lost the game by 3 points. At right is Meghan Saldana (3).



TWO FOR BRANDI - Brandi Raindl shoots for 2 of her 9 points against Olney Friday night, when the Lady Bulldogs were edged out in the Area playoffs. No. 21 for Tahoka is Carissa Hall. (LCN PHOTO)

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Angie Herrera

Rosary for Angelita "Angie" Garcia Herrera, 47, formerly of Tahoka, was held on Friday, Feb. 18, at Calvillo Funeral Chapel in Tahoka. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial followed at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

She died Monday, February 14, 2005 in Jouranton, Texas. She was born in O'Donnell, to Fidel Sr. and Dominga Garcia. She attended Tahoka schools. She married Domingo Rodriguez in 1999 in Jouranton, where she moved in 1985 from Tahoka. She was a nurse's aid for Home Health Care Service and a Catholic

Survivors include, her husband, Domingo Rodriguez of Jouranton; a son, Joe Garcia of Tahoka; three brothers, Manuel Garcia and Paul Garcia, both of Tahoka, and Fidel Garcia Jr. of Pleasanton; and a sister, Vera Ortiz of Pleasanton.

Pallbearers were Fidel Garcia III, Nicholas Rodriguez, Nathan Garcia, Andrew Ortiz, J.R. Ortiz and Randy Carter.



Juana G. "Juanita" Pando

Rosary for Juana G. "Juanita" Pando, 74, of Brownfield, was held Sunday, Feb. 20, at Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel. Services were held 10:00 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Brownfield, with Father Gerald Leatham officiating. Burial followed in Brownfield Cemetery

Mrs. Pando died Feb. 18, 2005 in Brownfield. She was born May 23, 1930 in El Carrizo, Julimes, Chihuahua, Mexico. She married Cipriano Pando Jan. 19, 1947 in Julimes Chihuahua Mexico. She moved to Brownfield in 1962. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. She is preceded in death by two sons, Manuel and Cipriano, Jr.; one daughter, Juanita Pando; one grandson, Gabrielito; five brothers and sisters, Benito, Beto, Tacha, Petra, and Beto Gallegos II.

Survivors include her husband; Cipriano, of Brownfield, three daughters, Manuela Corrales and Rosario Vitolas of New Home, and Tilda Carrasco of Tahoka; three sons, Alejandro and Genaro of Brownfield, and Alonzo of West Point; brothers and sisters, Catalina Melendes, Pilar and Felipe Gallegos and Gomisinda Garzia of Mexico, and Quica Gallegos of Albuquerque, New Mexico; 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Socorro Carrasco, Federico Vitolas, Jr., Cipriano Pando, II, Juan Pando, Genaro Pando, and Jesus Manuel Corrales.

Danny Wright

Celebrations of Life services for Danny Wright, 52, of Lubbock were held Monday, Feb. 21, at Genesis Baptist Fellowship Church in Lubbock with Pastor Roger Garrett officiating. Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow. Arrangements were by White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died on Thursday, Feb. 17,

2005 in Lubbock, TX. He was born Feb.24, 1952 in Lubbock to George and Lucille Horn Wright

He attended Tahoka and O'Donnell schools. He married Kathy Lynn Byars, August 15, 1987 in Lubbock. He was employed by Hallgren Company for 10 years in the construction division and Texas Tech Plant Operations as a locksmith for 6 years. He completed his GED in 1990. He moved to Lubbock from Tahoka in 1999. He worked with Habitat for Humanity and was a member of Genesis Baptist Fellow-

Survivors include, his wife, Kathy Wright of Lubbock; two daughters, Marla Galloway of Lubbock, and Shae Rodriguez of Taboka: a brother, Bill Wright of Cookville; a sister, Ann Ayres of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Genesis Baptist Fellowship Church, 4212 E. 2nd St., Lubbock, TX 79403.

Peggy Brown Hubbard

Services for Peggy Sue Brown Hubbard, 58, of Lorenzo, were held Feb. 16 at the First Baptist Church, Lorenzo with Pastor Dennis Williams officiating. Burial was in Lorenzo Cemetery.

She was born September 4, 1946 in Baird. She died Feb.14, 2005 at UMC in Lubbock after a sudden ill-

She and her family had lived in Wilson for many years. She married Billy Hubbard March 31, 1962 in Tahoka. He preceded her in death June 1, 1998

Survivors include; three daughters, Karen Garcia and Susan Garcia of Idalou and Patricia Garcia of Ralls; her mother, Oma Brown of Lorenzo: five brothers, Alton, Junior, George, Richard and Jimmy Brown, all of Lorenzo; three sisterin-laws, Betty Jolly and Genay Jolly of Tahoka, and Shirley Burkhalter of Carrollton; and six grandsons.



AGRESSIVE CUBS - The Olney Lady Cubs team played agressively against Tahoka, shown here keeping pace with Brandi Raindl as she eyes the goal. (LCN PHOTO)

Correction On **Commissioners Story**

Lynn County Commissioner Don Morton did not vote twice in the Commissioners meeting regarding the choice of bank for the county depository, as reported in last week's Lynn County News.

The News mistakenly reported Don Morton as voting for First National Bank of Tahoka and then voting again for Wilson State Bank. Don Morton voted for Wilson State Bank, while commissioner Don Blair voted for First National Bank. Our apologies for confusing the two commis--- Editor



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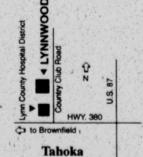
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3-D BAND STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE-These proud THS students show off their medals for Superior performance at the regional UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held last Saturday at Lubbock Coronado. Not only did they earn a "1" on their class 1 music, they qualified for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest heid each Labor Day Weekend in San Marcus. This is the first time for the clarinet trio of Crystal Guiterrez, Lindsey Barrientez, and Connie Medina to advance to State as well as the first time for the brass quartet of Sarah Blaylock (who advanced on a solo last year), Garret Autry, Jessica Wilson, and Ernest Gomez. The clarinet trio of Jennifer Ceniseros, Amanda Truelove, and K'lyssa Selmon are very familiar with the competition since this is their second year in a row to advance to State. Mandi Strickland has qualified for State three years in a row on her flute solos. Directors Smith and Rhodes stated, "These eleven are the most that Tahoka has ever taken to the State contest in over 15 or more years. We are thrilled with the results of these students hard work, playing difficult pieces. They have and will represent Tahoka very well."



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Wilson SCHOOL MENU

February 28-March 4

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Monday: Chicken Patty Sandwich. Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion,

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn. Fruit Wednesday: Corn Dog. Mac & Cheese. Salad. Carrot Sticks, fruit- 6-12 grade same as above or Salad Bar Thursday: fish Shapes, Tartar Sauce,

Corn. Beans Fruit Friday: Pizza, Salad, Fruit 3-D Band Students Score Well at Solo and Ensemble

School 3-D band students performed very well in their solos and comprised of fifteen students in a woodwind/percussion group composed of flutes- Mandi Strickland and Katie Webster, clarinets- Jennifer Ceniseros, K'lyssa Selmon. And Grystal Gutierrez: bass-clarinet- Marissa Villegas and contraalto- Shatara Hughes, saxes-Amanda truelove, Jesse Monsivais, Michael Hernandez,

sion- Alex DeLeon, Josh Freitag, Connie Medina and Shon Overton. Additional ones earning an

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Last Saturday at Lubbock of Raymond Hernandez-trumpet, Sa- a brass quartet of Sarah Blaylock-Coronado, these Tahoka High rah Blaylock-trumpet, Levi McKay-trumpet, Garret Autry-trumpet, horn, and Corry Norwood-trombone Jessica Wilson-trombone, and and another brass quartet of Diego Ernest Gomez-baritone. ensembles earning ratings of Ex- Perez- trumpet, Amanda Paredescellent and Superior. The largest trumpet, Stephanie Munoz-horn, Lora Smith stated, "We are very ensemble ever sent fro: Tahoka and Jessiça Wilson-trombone. Alex proud of all of these young people. earned an "Excellent" and was DeLeon earned a rating of "Good" on his mallet solo.

> Those earning an "Excellent" on their solos were Kristen Box- piano. Raymond Hernandez-trumpet, Stephanie Munoz-horn, and Ty Stone-trombone

> Both Ernest Gomez-baritone and Amanda Strickland- flute earned "Superiors" on their class 1 solos. Three ensembles earned "Superiors": clarinet trio of Jennifer Ceniseros, Amanda Truelove, and K'lyssa Selmon, another clarinet trio of Crystal Gutierrez Lindsey Barrientez, and Connie medina, and

Directors Carroll Rhodes and especially four who stepped in at the last minute to fill in holes due to grades or absences. Amanda Truelove learned to play the sax in less than 5 days and Crystal Gutierrez had to learn a part she had never played in those same days. On the day of the contest both Sarah Blaylock and Jessica Wilson had to step in and fill in for people who were still competing at a power-lifting meet. That is what being part of a team is about, supporting each other and doing what is necessary to be successful and all these were."

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

Varsity Girls Basketball by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs lost the area round playoff game 31-34 against Olney on Feb. 18. Brandi Raindl was high scorer with 9 points.

They defeated Olton in the bi-district round on Feb. 15; the final score was 67-48. All five starters scored in double figures. Angie Curtis scored 16 points, Meghan Saldana and Ashdon Hancock 13 points, Raindl 12, and Carissa Hall 11.

JV Boys Basketball by Samantha Andrews

On February 21, the JV boys lost to Denver City 53-29. Byron Moore led the team with 15 points and Josh Valdez

Student Council **Hosts Blood Drive** by Sarah Botkin

What a great gift - the gift of red on Valentine's Day.

Student Council hosted its 4th annual blood drive on Monday, February 14th.

"We had a goal of 35 pints, and by the end of the day, we had received 47 pints," Philena Farmer, StuCo sponsor

"We would like to thank all of the donors for giving such a great gift to Fourth Grade -Mrs. Reed- A Honor Roll: people in need and for their time on this special day," she said.

This is also the first year that the United Blood Service has brought its platelet machine, and it turned out to be a great success too.

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. Signups will be for Little League Baseball and T-Ball only (Little League Softball will be played in the Fall).

The WILSON News by Mike Jones

mikejones@esc17.net

Wilson Elementary 4th- 6th Weeks Honor Roll

First Grade: Mrs. Thompson- A Honor Roll-Courtney Bingham, Mariah Garza, Katie Jones, Tatyana Marquez, and Bryan Pena. B Honor Roll: Jr. Lerma, Zackk Mendez, Skyler Munoz, Jordan · Wilhite.

Second Grade- Shelly Livingston- A Honor Roll: Dillon Gonzales, Roman Parmer, Mercedez Lerma. B Honor Roll: Tayler Hernandez, Jasmine Frausto, Julian Garza, Megan Lehmann, Destinee Benavides.

Third Grade-Ms. Racca- A Honor Roll: Ray Parmer, Chris Nino, Jesse Garza, Lacy Caballero. B Honor Roll: Alexandria Rodriquez, Adrian Ramirez, Cedric

Kaitlin Garcia B Honor Roll: Chelsea Bingham, Erica Garza, Mayra Gonzalez, Peggy Jackson, Ricka Taylor.

Fifth Grade-Ms. Permenter-B Honor Roll: Rebecca Benavides

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former Tahokan **Misses Friends Here**

Dear Editor:

Here is my check for the Lynn County News, as I enjoy reading about Tahoka people, whom I dearly love! I save each copy for Barbara as she visits me quite often, since Grapevine is only a three-hour drive from Abilene. I miss our church, and my friends also.

Ann Whorton

Take Pride In Town

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the owner(s) of the area west of town, on the corner of the Ave. B and Lockwood, for cleaning up that part of town. More business owners and residents (the community in general) should take notice of their effort to clean up our town.

Someone told me once that there was/is a program here in town that helps clean up our neighborhoods. If this is true, we should revive this program and start cleaning up our town. I am volunteering myself to this program and others who need assistance. So if there is such a program, will the person that heads this program please call me at 561-1140.

We should take pride in our town and do our part to beautify it!

Mechelle Torrez

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Bill Would Add New Rules For Serving On Hospital Board

A legislative bill to be introduced by Sen. Robert Duncan for the Lynn County Hospital District would require members of the hospital board to be current in payment of their federal, state and local property taxes and also would require that they attend at least three-fourths of the board's regular meetings.

Hospital board members last Thursday unanimously approved

Girl Scouts Falling Short On Cookie Goal

With less than two weeks left in the 2005 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, Girl Scouts of Caprock Council is still about 15% shy of their cookie income goal. Income from the cookie program provides almost 49% of the Caprock Council budget each year. The cookie sale continues through March 6.

"All cookie sale revenues remain with and directly benefit the Caprock Council's eighteen-county area," said Becky Burton, Executive Director. "The Girl Scout Cookie Sale teaches girls a valuable set of life skills, such as how to set goals, take responsibility, practice money management and the importance of following through on commitments."

A portion of each package sold goes to Girl Scout troops to fund troop activities such as field trips, camp outings, and community service projects.

Cookies may be ordered directly from participating Girl Scouts or by contacting the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806-745-2855 or via fax at 806-748-0769.

these requirements for board membership to be included in the bill which Sen. Duncan plans to propose in the current session of the legisla-

The bill would apply only to Lynn County Hospital, administrator Dan Powers told the board. Some members of the board said they had mistakenly believed that this was a legislative bill which could result in a state law applying to all elected governing bodies, such as school boards and city councils, but Powers explained that these boards probably can set their own rules; however, legislative action is needed specifically for the hospital, since the Lynn County Hospital District was set up by a legislative act, and any changes in the hospital's enabling act (charter) must be done by legislative

It was noted that under the new rules, a member who misses a board meeting for what is considered a valid reason may be excused from counting that meeting as an absence provided the other board members vote that the absence is justified.

The hospital board last Thursday called for an election of two directors on May 7. Terms of John Hawthorne and Mike Rivas are scheduled to expire. The terms are for three years.

Powers reported that Lynnwood Assisted Living center now has 24 residents, the highest total ever.

Billy Tomlinson presided over the board meeting. Others present were Powers, chief of operations Jimmy Morris and board members Joan Knox, Virginia Griffing, Dalton Wood, and Jerry Ford. Absent were members Rivas and Hawthorne.

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FOR LOVE OF AMERICA - Four-year-old Zacharias holds onto his daddy with one hand, and waves an American Flag in his other hand. Too little to understand why American soldiers must leave their homes to serve their country, he nevertheless knows his daddy won't be home for a long time. His father, Sgt. Jose Cuevas of Tahoka, is currently serving a 545-day tour of duty in Taji, Iraq, located approximately 15 miles North of Bagdad. Sqt. Cuevas is a diesel mechanic with the 223rd Maintenance Company based out of Grand Prairie, Texas. He and his wife, Mandi, have a four-yearold son, Zacharias. Sgt. Cuevas is the son of Adolph and Carmen Cuevas of Lubbock and son-in-law of Bobby and Sherry Martin of Tahoka. When asked about his service, Sgt. Cuevas replies, "I love my wife and son, but feel I was called to serve my country ... this a duty I was called to do."

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham

924-7448

Fourteen students will take a field trip to Texas Tech on Friday, Feb. 25 for a presentation and a tour of the library to prepare us for our research project on Viet Nam.

A baby shower for Paige Gandy will be held on Saturday, March 5th, from 10:00- 11:30 a.m. in the New Home Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Selections for Jaylee Grace are available at cancer patients. Donations will be ac-Toys R Us and Target in Lubbock.

Health Fair

The Health Fair will be on April 28. from 10:00-2:00 at the New Home Schools. Community members and parents are also welcome to come and visit the booths.

The United Blood Services Donor Coach as well as the Covenant Health Systems mobile Mammography Unit will be at New Home during the Health Fair on April 28. Please call the school nurse to schedule an appointment at 924-7524 ext.26. Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance will be accepted for the Mam-

Students: Make a "Healthy Choices for a Lifetime" commercial on VHS and give it to Mrs. Durham before April 15 for judging. Prizes will be available and the winning commercial will be shown at the Health Fair on April 28. Individuals, clubs, or classes are encouraged to

New Home School Schedule Feb. 28- Last Day to Order Yearbooks March 1- Mandatory sign-up meeting for H.S. Cheerleaders 1:51; Baseball Scrimmage at Slaton 5:00 p.m.

March 3- Jr. High Track at Sands March 4- High School Track at Sands



Yearbook

The New Home High School Yearbook Staff would like to remind everyone that this year's yearbook is on sale for \$29 through Monday, Feb. 28. A plastic cover is \$2, a name imprinted on the book is \$4. The price of the book increases to \$34 on March 1

Pennies For Patients

The NHS Student Council encourages involvement in its Pennies for Patients project, sponsored by The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to benefit cepted in each class's room through Friday, Feb. 25. The winning class celebrates with a pizza or ice cream party.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

Feb.28-March 4

Breakfast

Cereal and vogurt offered at breakfast daily

Monday: Pancake Pup Tuesday: Donut Wednesday: Biscuit/Sausage Thursday: Blueberry Muffins Friday: Cinnamon French toast Lunch

Monday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Frozen Peaches;

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Calif. Blend Veggies, Grapes Wednesday: Pizza Dippers, Lettuce/ Tomato, Corn, Carrot/Cucumber, Pud-

Thursday: Enchilada Casserole Refried Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Pineapple Slices Friday: Grilled Cheese, Curly Fries, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit Cup, Cookie THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, PAGE 5

Whatever Happened To... **Allison Rhodes?**

By JAMES HOLLARS

How many young women can put on their resume that they graduated from an Ivy League College, produced a live network television show, served as the press liaison for a presidential candidate, now work as chief-of-staff for a top officer in the largest financial institution in the world and once yodeled "I Want to be a Cowboy's Sweetheart" in a state beauty pageant? At least one. And she calls Tahoka home.

Allison Rhodes lived in Tahoka from 1983 to 1990 while her dad. current Tahoka High School band director Carroll Rhodes, was minister of music at First Baptist Church.

"I was in the third grade when we moved there and in the tenth when we left, so it was basically where I grew up," she says.

Looking back at Tahoka from a decade of living in New York City. Allison says, "Tappreciate the security that came from living in such a small, supportive community. It inspired me to dream and to have the confidence to pursue anything.

She is especially grateful for Tahoka people and cites Clay and Hazel Bennett ("Everyone called them Granny and Pappy because they loved like only grandparents' can") and Joe Craig ("One of the greatest minds I have ever come in contact with") as examples of the positive influence so many had on her life.

She moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico when she was in high school: It was in Ruidoso that she learned to yodel. A world champion yodeler was part of the nightly show at the Flying J Ranch Chuck Wagon Show where she worked after her freshman year at Hardin-Simmons. Allison paid attention. She learned to yodel and used it in the talent portion of the Miss New Mexico pageant where she placed first runner-up.

Her dream was to graduate from an Ivy League college and she jumped when the opportunity came to enroll at Barnard College, which is affiliated with Columbia University in New York City. She had never set foot in New York and says going to college there was "a leap of faith... out of my comfort zone."

She earned a degree in political science and economics from Columbia and then stayed in New York where she has worked in banking, television news, and politics. She produced the live television show Power Lunch for CNBC. She was in the CNBC studio in New Jersey on 9/11. She could look out the window and see the smoke billowing from the World Trade Center across the river in Manhattan.



Her strongest memories of the days that followed are the smell coming from Ground Zero, the noise of trucks rumbling past her apartment carrying away debris from the site, and the photos of missing loved

"It was haunting and devastating. Every telephone pole, elevator, bank, public park, and even the gym locker room was plastered with pictures placed there by relatives."

Allison worked, as a volunteer with the city helping people who had lost loved ones with the necessary

She left CNBC for a job as press liaison in General Wesley Clark's campaign for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. When that came to an end, she took her present position as chief of staff to the Global Head of Equity Research for

New York City may seem a long way from Tahoka, but not to Allison Rhodes. She says she loves talking about Tahoka and often carries her copy of The Lynn County News to share with friends who have never lived outside the city.

"They are so intrigued they will keep the paper and read it cover to cover. They just cannot imagine what life must be like in a small town. I always encourage them to visit."

About the Author: James Hollars is. a former Tahokan, who now lives in Fort Worth. He may be contacted by e-mail at hollers@sbcglobal.net.

Hollars says," Tahoka is a small town of amazing people. I lived there only eight years and have been gone since 1969, yet those incredible people made an indelible impact on me that has lasted for 35 years. People in Fort Worth, Texas, and Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo, Ohio, know all about Tahoka people because, no matter where I have lived, I have never stopped talking about them."

New Home Leopard Baseball Schedule

March 1	at Slaton	5:00 p.m.
March 8	O'Donnell	5:00 p.m.
March 22	Whiteface	4:00 p.m.
March 25	at O'Donnell	4:00 p.m.
April 2	Morton	10:00 a.m.
April 5	Plains	5:00 p.m.
April 9	Smyer	10:00 a.m.
April 11	at Seagraves	7:00 p.m.
April 16	at Whiteface	10:00 a.m.
April 26	at Morton	5:30 p.m.
April 30	at Plains	7:30 p.m.
May 3	at Smyer	5:00 p.m.
May 6	Seagraves	5:00 p.m.

Tahoka ISD 2005-2006 Proposed Calendar

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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT (9) New Staff In-Service: August 8, 9 Inservice/Student Holiday: August 10, 11, 12

May 26 **BAD WEATHER DAYS** April 24, May 12 **HOMECOMING** Undecided

October 10, 31

January 4

HOLIDAYS ... September 5 Thanksgiving November 23, 24, 25 Christmas December 22-January 3 Spring Break March 13-17 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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100,000TH BALE GINNED AT TEXAS STAR - Texas Star Coop Gin at Wilson/Union hit the 100,000 mark in number of bales ginned last week. Shown here at the Wilson plant are Darrow Talkmitt (left) and Quinton Talkmitt (far right) of Wilson who owned the cotton that was counted as the 100,000th bale, ginned at 2:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Shown with the Talkmitts are, from left, E pard President Eugene Bednarz, Plant Supt. Bruce Basinger, and Man-(LCN PHOTO) ager Buzz Cooper.

Senior Citizens MENU

February 28-March 4

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Fried Okra, Picante Sauce, Pinto Beans, Apricots

Tuesday: Meatloat, New Potatoes w/ Sauce, Broccoli, Celery Sticks, Wednesday: Salmon, Mac & Cheese. Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pud-

Thursday: Polish Sausage, Scallop Potatoes, Spinach, Tossed Salad, Wheat Roll, Frosted Cake

Friday: Baked Fish. French Fries or Tots. Tartar Sauce. Coleslaw. Hushpuppies, Strawberry Shortcake hold a majority interest.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by hail that occurred from June 17,2004 through October 5,2004, and October 9,2004, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, FSA Farm Loan Manager Curtis Barlow has announced.

Lynn County is one of eight counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the hail.

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial enders, the interest is 3.75 percent

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan." Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss." Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Oct. 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season,"

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster Emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and fely on farming who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.



FUN AT THE HOOPS - Area youth are taking advantage of the four new basketball goals at the City Park in Tahoka, where the city tennis courts were formerly located. In the foreground are two boys practicing their shots, while older youth in the background have a pickup game at another goal.

Lynn County Bale Count (as reported each Tuesday)

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Summer Peace Officer Academy Deadline Nears

The March 1st national financial aid deadline for summer college courses applies to students planning to attend South Plains College's Basic Peace Officer Summer Academy.

SPC's academy, which provides peace officer training toward licensure in Texas, begins May 4 and will run through Aug. 18

Approximate costs for the academy are \$1532 for in-district students and \$2051 for out-of-district students. Books and supplies cost about \$150. Tuition and fees are payable on the first day of class.

'We don't want financial worries to become a block to their education, and we want students to know that financial aid assistance is available to help them make the most of their educational opportunities," said Larry Nichols, academy coordinator, professor of law enforcement and chairperson of SPC's Professional Services and Energy Department.

Students must pre-register for rollments after this date will be provisional and at the discretion of the academy coordinator.

A non-refundable \$50 application fee is required for a state and federal background check through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) at the time of initial application and police academy entrance exam testing.

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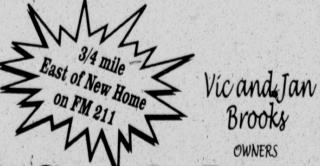
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the seventh (7th) day of May, 2005. in Lynn County Hospital District for the election of two (2) directors. Each director will serve a three-year term. Said election to be held in accordance with the resolution and order passed by the Board of Directors of said District on the 17th day of February, 2005 and said resolution and order being made a part of this notice, for all intents and purposes. This notice of election. is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the resolution and order of the Board of Directors of Lynn County Hospital District and under

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Forms to have your name placed on the ballot for hospital directors may be picked up at Lynn County Hospital District Business Office and must be returned no less than-sixty-two (62) days prior to the election or by 5 00 p.m., March 7, 2005.

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Early voting will be held in the office of the County Clerk of Lynn County at Lynn County Courthouse, commencing April twentieth (20) and ending May third (3), 2005. The County Clerk's official mailing address is P.O. Box 936, Tahoka, Texas 79373

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