

# **ELynn County News**



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TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

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### **Congratulations to Area Students Advancing in Various Competitions:** Tahoka ISD

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Christyn Chapa Sonya Moralez Cindy Marquez Whitlee Anderson Ashdon Hancock Jessica Chancy Jessica Wilson Tawynee Murillo Ámy Barrera (mgr)

THS Band - Sweepstakes Winner!

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Vivian Rios Veronica Gill R.J. Lindsey

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Regional Track: R.J. Lindsey

### **New Home ISD**

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Daniel Ford Tyler Nieman **David Nevarez** Ryan Wied Pedro Estrada

Regional Track: Allison Gibbins Hailey Wilkinson

Daniel Ford Tyler Nieman

Golf: Monte Jolly

### O'Donnell ISD

Regional Track: Bianca Calzada Kaylee Eaker Mary Jo Lopez Korie Wilson

Jonathan Mecalco Jeremy Valadez **Brent Furlow** Jacobi Morado Matt Morado Josh Ramirez Heath Goad O.J. Hunter Bobby Gloria

Boys Golf: Andy Miers

Girls Golf Team: Tamara Wilson

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Girls Tennis Doubles: Rachel Jaime Ashley Cruz

See Academic Qualifiers inside!

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# **Drug Raid Nets Three Arrests** On Felony Drug Charges

Three Tahoka men were arrested on felony drug charges following a drug raid by city and county law enforcement officials in Tahóka Saturday night, April 16. Margarito DeLeon, 60, and Juan Calsoncit, 19, were each charged with possession of drugs with intent to distribute/manufacture and deliver a controlled substance, which are second degree felony charges that could result in 2-20 years of imprisonment and up to a \$10,000 fine. J.C. Payne, 46, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrests were the culmination of menths of ongoing narcotics investigations: conducted by Tahoka Police Department and Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. officials. The raid Saturday night was a joint effort between the two entities, with assistance from local DPS troopers, Seminole Police Department, and Gaines and Dawson County Sheriff's departments.

"We ran two search warrants simultaneously, and appreciated the assistance of these other law enforcement officials in the 106th judicial district which gave us the manpower needed to conduct the operations," said Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin. "After the South Plains Drug Task Force was disbanded last year, local law enforcement units are basically on their own with drug enforcement, so we contacted these other law enforcement agencies for assistance," the sheriff explained.

Officers met at 7:30 p.m. for a briefing on the raid, then split into two task forces targeting two different residences in Tahoka, one in the 1200 block of N. 6th in

east Tahoka, and one targeting the residence and business formerly known as the Tin Ranch (or Chicken Ranch), in south Tahoka. According to the sheriff, officers seized a substance believed to be cocaine, packaged for distribution, at the Tin Ranch location. DeLeon was arrested there.

Two other men were arrested later that evening at the Tin Ranch location on misdemeanor charges, including public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

Payne was arrested at the east Tahoka location, charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Calsoncit was arrested after officers stopped a vehicle passing by the residence, stopped on a traffic violation. Calsoncit, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested for possession of drugs with intent to distribute/manufacture and deliver a controlled substance. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on several misdemeanor traffic violations.

Sheriff's officials also assisted in another search in Lynn County on April 1, assisting Drug Enforcement Agency officials in a search of a Wilson business after a Wilson man was arrested by the DEA in Chicago, Ill. on drug-related charges. The DEA requested county law enforcement assistance in searching the business, but Sheriff Franklin said no arrests were made the night of the search.

"We are aware there is a drug problem in Lynn County and we are continuing our efforts in fighting the war against drugs,' said Franklin. "We will do all we can to keep drugs out of the county and to make Lynn County a safe place for our citizens," he

DRUG RAID - Officers from the Tahoka Police Department, Lynn County Sheriff's Office and the Gaines County Sheriff's Office are shown here after a drug raid at the business formerly known as the Tin Ranch, located in south Tahoka. Officers seized a substance believed to be cocaine and arrested Margarito DeLeon, 60, of Tahoka on felony charges of possession of drugs with intent to distribute/manufacture and deliver a controlled substance.



MOTORCYCLE WRECK - Robert "Cotton" Wheat, 64, was s∈ iously injured when he wrecked his Honda motorcycle about three miles east of O'Donnell on FM 2053 around 9 p.m. Tuesday. Wheat was brought to Tahoka by Lynn County EMS ambulance and then airlifted to a Lubbock hospital, with no report on his condition as of Wednesday.

# **Busy Officers Check** On Burglaries, Wreck

Law enforcement officers in Lynn County stayed busy over the last week, with drug raids, chasing fugitives, burglaries, criminal mischief and a motorcycle accident near O'Donnell Tuesday night.

Robert "Cotton" Wheat, 64, was seriously injured when he wrecked his Honda motorcycle about three miles east of O'Donnell on FM 2053 around 9 p.m. Tuesday. Wheat was brought to Tahoka by Lynn County EMS ambulance and then airlifted to a Lubbock hospital, with no report on his condition as of Wednesday.

Sheriff's officers and a Tahoka police officer spent several hours in O'Donnell Tuesday searching through underbrush, in houses and in abandoned buildings for an 18-year-old Potter County man who was wanted on three separate counts of aggravated assault. The man later notified officers that he wanted to turn himself in, and deputies returned to O'Donnell to take him into custody. He was jailed pending return to Amarillo.

Police were advised of a wallet missing from a locked 2003 Chevrolet pickup in Tahoka Sunday. Victim of the burglary was Aaron McCleskey.

On Friday night, police were called to the residence of a woman on N. 6th St. who said her home had been burglarized. When police arrived they discovered a 16-year-old burglary suspect inside the residence and arrested him.

On Saturday police investigated a break-in at the Cake Palace on Ave. J, where the front door glass was broken out, causing \$500 damage, and a jar containing about \$12 in pennies was stolen.

Black shoe polish was used last Wednesday to mark up a 2001 Chevrolet pickup owned by Eddy Saldona. And the

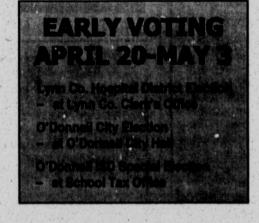
front door glass at a building on Main St. owned by a cable company was broken out with a rock Monday.

Sheriff's officers last Wednesday, April 13, were called to a home west of New Home where the body of Ronnie Roland Barron, 36, was discovered with a 12-gauge shotgun wound in the chest.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin said the wound appeared to be self-inflicted. As the justice of the peace was not immediately available, County Judge H.G. Franklin went to the scene, pronounced Barron dead, and ordered an autopsy, complete results of which have not yet been returned, according to the sheriff.

Charges for which new inmates were jailed during the last week included possession of marijuana under two ounces, public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and less than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance over1 gram, possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant on traffic violations, no drivers license, driving while intoxicated, DWI sec-

Total jail population as of Tuesday was 45, with 21 of these held for Lubbock County.





KNOTHOLES in the Woodwork:

. . . A leaflet inside the Lubbock daily newspaper last week advertised something called "Roly Poly" sandwiches and other Roly Poly items like soup and seafood. The menu on the back included something called "Thai Hot Tuna," which must be popular with some folks, but I'm not allowed to elaborate on this. Anyway, these Roly Poly items are mostly little rolled-up sandwiches, and the picture of them looked really appetizing. Too bad the leaflet omitted the address of the place which sells them. I know a lot of roly poly people, but I don't know where they buy their sandwiches.

. . . Another food item I noticed last week was in a report suggesting why more people in Atlanta, GA seem to have more health problems than residents of other cities. It was suggested that it might be because in Atlanta a popular food item is called a "Luther Burger," which reportedly is hamburger meat placed on top of a fried Krispy Kreme donut. Sounds awful, but that's what it said. Each Luther Burger must contain about 10,000 calories, a pound of unsaturated fat and all the other things which send you (happily) to an early

. . Saw an ad in a magazine which was promoting something which claimed to "Get Rid of Ringing in Your Ears," and I thought, who needs it? All you have to do is take the phone off the nightstand.

... I thought I didn't get enough sleep, but according to a story in the AARP magazine, a 63-year-old insurance broker in the Ukraine claims he has gone more than 20 years without any sleep. "He's not in any pain," said one of his baffled Russian doctors, "and so there isn't anything actually wrong with him."

A blonde called information: "Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?"

Operator: "I'm sorry, I don't understand who you mean.".

Blonde caller: "On page 2, section 5 of my fax machine's user guide, it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me Jack's number?"



MR. AND MRS. BRICE HOWARD JOHNSTON (nee AMBER MICHELLE STEGEMOELLER)

### Stegemoeller, Johnston Wed

Amber Michelle Stegemoeller Paso, and Carrie Gibbs of Lubbock. and Brice Howard Johnston were united in marriage March 19, 2005 Johnston: brother of the groom, of at Faith Lutheran Church, in Dumas, Groomsmen were J.B.

The bride, is the daughter of of Idalou, and Mike Vick of San-Clayton and Paula Stegembeller of Angelo. Sagerton, Grandparents of the bride are Wilton and Davie Payne of High School in 2000, and Texas Tech Tahoka, and Leon and Mae Slegemoeller of Sagerton.

The bridegroom is the son of Billy and J year Johnston of Water Valley, Texas. He is he grandson of .

Stephanic Dudensing, sister of the Texas. bride, of San Antonio. The bridesmaids included Megan Minkley of the couple will reside in the Ft. Worth Amarillo, Shannon Gutierrez of El area.

The best man was Quinn Miller of Lubbock and Cobey Turner.

Michelle graduated from Rule University in December 2004 with a degree in Horticulture. She is employed by the Brickman Group in Roanoke, Texas.

Johnston graduated from Water Jack Jaquess St. and the late Chris- Valley High School in 1998, and time Jaquess of Tahoka, and the late from Texas Tech University in De-Johnny and Ann Johnston of Water cember 2004 with a degree in Agricultural Economies. He is employed The matron of honor was by a welding contractor in Azle.

Following a honeymoon cruise.

### **THS Band Earns Third Consecutive Sweepstakes**

Tahoka's High School Band continued to grow the tradition it started last year by earning its third consecutive year of large Sweepstakes. which is a Superior rating in Marching, Concert, and Sightreading.

The band competed last Thursday. April 14, at Sundown at the Region 16 UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest, earning three straight I's for the first time ever in Concert and a I. I. II in Sightreading.

"This 2004-2005 3-D Band has earned more I's than any previous Tahoka Band, for out of nine judges over the past three contests, eight awarded Superiors. That is awesome!" stated director Carroll Rhodes. "Though I was without my associate. Lora Smith, due to her father's illness, she had already had everything lined up, ready to go. thereby, making contest day less stressful. I would be lost without Mrs. Smith's organizational skills, which in turn greatly helps the 3-D Band to succeed." he added,

These young people played outstandingly on stage. I have never had more fun conducting at contest than I did with this group," Rhodes said. The judges were very impressed with the group and especially how they seemed to be having fun on stage. The 3 D Band performed Karl King's circus galop, Circus Days, Dave Black's Dance of the Leprechaun from Two Irish Sketches, and William Himes' Barbarossa.

The public will be able to hear this award-winning band plus the high school choir perform their annual spring concert on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned high school auditorium.

Rhodes further stated that he greatly appreciated the police and the parents who met the 3-D Band at the city limits and escorted them through the drag and back to school. "The community support for the band is wonderful and all of us greatly appreciate it.

### "Safe Ride" Program Offered For Local Teens In "Unsafe" Situations

A group of local adults in Tahoka have organized a "Safe Ride" program which will provide safe transportation for any young person who finds themselves in an unsafe situation and needs a safe ride home.

Young people may find themselves in need of a ride due to a poor choice that they themselves have made or that one of their friends or a date has made. Whatever the case: the objective of this group is to provide a safe; confidential, non-judgmental ride home

We are in no way advocating underage drinking," commented one of the group's organizers. "However, we realize that young people unfortunately sometimes make poor choices and we want them to know that they have an alternative to driving impaired or riding with someone else who is impaired."

Information as well as the "Safe Ride" phone number will be distributed to young people soon. Group members will alternate being on-call. Safe Rides will always be provided. by two adults - one male and one female. Strict confidentiality will be maintained on each call received. Organizers realize that confidentiality is of the utmost importance to the success of the program. All members of the group are required to sign confidentiality agreements.

"We want the kids to know that we truly care about them and their safety. We want them to know that they can trust us and we aren't going to judge them or lecture them. If we save one persons' life we will feel like we have succeeded," added an

For additional information contact Dee Dee Pridmore at 561-5454 or Jeanie Stone at 561-5161



### Lee-Ward Vows Exchanged

Eric Lee and Connie (Parker) ate of Olton High School, attended Ward were united in marriage at Lake Ransom Canyon on February 11. 2005 with John Flynn of Greenlawn Church of Christ offici-

Connie is the daughter of Day ton and Jewel Parker, formerly of Tahoka. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Lubbock Christian University. She taught in Tahoka Elementary School and two Lubbock schools, Parkway Elementary School and Alderson Academy. She is currently teaching in Parsons Elementary School in Lubbock.

Eric is the son of Steve and Judi Lee of Olton, Texas. He is a gradu-

Abilene Christian University and graduated from Texas Tech University. He is currently part owner of a company called Bahama Bucks. He has a two-year-old daughter, Sophie.

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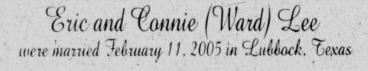
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Friends and family are invited to a come-and-go reception from 5-7 p.m. at Monterey Church of Christ (corner of 58th and Memphis in Lubbock) on Saturday, April 23. Refreshments and hors d' oeuvres will be served. In lieu of gifts, the couple asks only for blessings and good wishes for their marriage.



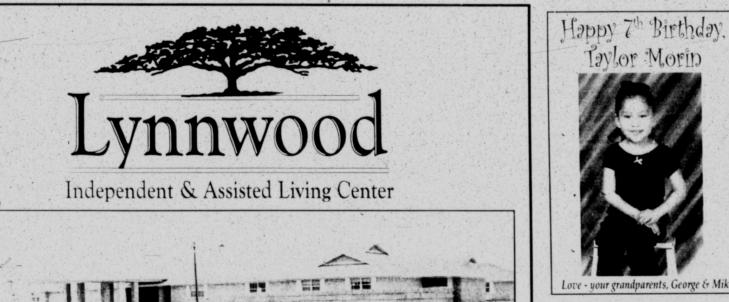
Dayton & Jewel Parker want you to meet their new son-in-law at a reception given by parents and friends

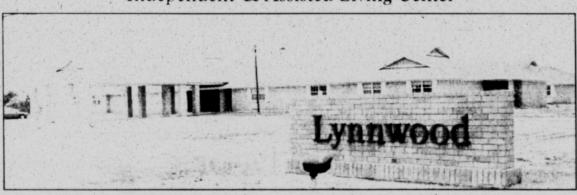
> Saturday, April 23, 2005 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monterey Church of Christ 3010 58th Street (Corner of 58th & Memphis) Lubbock, Texas 79413

Friends from the communities that Eric and Connie have been involved in are helping host the event.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us for a casual dress, come and go reception.

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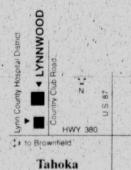
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### OBITUARIES

**RICKIE YOWELL** 

Rickie Lynn Yowell

Yowell, 52, of Wilson was held at

4:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, at

Westside Church of Christ in Slaton

with Mr. Bill Looney officiating and

Mr. Billy Parmer and Mr. Jack Gor-

don assisting. Interment followed at

Resthaven Memorial Park under the

direction of Resthaven Funeral

2005, in Lubbock. He was born on

June 8, 1952 in Brownfield to D.J.

& Ida Yowell. He married Carol

Aline Downey on August 6, 1977 in

Tahoka. He was a graduate of

Brownfield High School, and re-

ceived his Bachelors at Lubbock

Christian University. He later re-

ceived his Masters at Texas Tech.

University. He taught Special Ed.

at Slaton High School retiring in

2000 after teaching for 23 years.

Yowell served as President of Class-

room Teachers Association in Slaton.

He was an active member of the

South Plains Referee Assoc., refer-

eeing football, basketball, and base-

ball for 20 years. He was an elder at

the Westside Church of Christ. He is

preceded in death by a daughter.

Amber Aline Yowell, and his father,

Carol: three children, Lora Lynn

Yowell Smith, Jayson Mac Yowell, and David Joe Yowell all of Wilson; his mother. Ida Yowell of

Brownfield; two sisters, Judy

Woodard of Tahoka, and Kim

The family suggests memorials

Services for Ronnie Roland

Barron 36, of Meadow, were held

Monday April 18, 2005 at Our Lady

of Grace Catholic Church with Fa-

Survivors include his wife.

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Barron

to Vista Care Hospice.

**Ronnie Roland** 

ther David Cruz officiating.

He died Thursday, April 14,

Home of Lubbock.

Services for Rickie Lynn



**RON WEBSTER** 

### **Ron Webster**

Celebration of Life services for Ron Webster, 41, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, at White Memorial Chapel, in Lubbock, with Rev. Jon Baker, officiating. Interment followed in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Friday, April 15, 2005 in Azle, TX. He was born on December 28, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Robert Allen and Loretta Colburn Webster

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He moved to Tahoka from Birmingham in 1976. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1982 and was the Systems Administrator for Oller Engineering Inc. He was a Christian. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Alien Webster.

Survivors include his mother, Loretta Webster, of Lubbock; five brothers, O.B. Sparks, Jr. and Jerry Webster, both of Tahoka, Larry Webster, of Florida, John Webster, of Ft. Worth and twin brother, Don Webster, of Dallas; two sisters, Phyllis Taylor of Tahoka and Barbara Dipiazza, of Birmingham, AL.

The family suggests memorials to: Crossroads Baptist Church, Hwy. 7305 @ FM 1886, Azle, Texas, 76020 or the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Texas,

Note: Last week's LCN mispelled the following last name as "Hagler". The corrected obituary follows:

### Charlie Hager

Services for Charlie Hager, 98, of Rowlett TX, were held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. A.L. Draper officiating. Graveside services were held Thursday April 14, in Tahoka with Dr. Dan Rainey officiating.

He was born June 11, 1906 in Illinois. He grew up in Hardesty, Oklahoma Territory. He also resided several years in Tahoka and Brownwood, Texas. He was an auto mechanic in Shamrock, TX for 47 vears and operated his business on Route 66. He moved to the Dallas area in 1996.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Dan Rainey of Wylie. He had 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sallie Guyton, second wife Opal Drager and his son, Dwayne Hager, his parents Bill and Anna Hager, and two brothers and three sisters.

father on Dec. 4,1983.

Survivors include his daughter, Olivia M. Barron of Lubbock; his mother Rachel Barron of Shallowater, his sister, Margarita Barron-Ramos of Shallowater, and his brother Richard Barron of Lub-

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 3111 Erskine, Lubbock, TX. 79415, in memory of Ronnie R. Barron.



### **Johnnie Wesley** Mullins, Jr.

Funeral services for John Mullins, 77, of Lubbock, were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park

He died Friday, April 15, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born July 4. 1927, near Haskell, Texas. He married Alice Dorace Tankersley Mullins on July 21, 1948, in Lueders, Tx. He graduated from North Texas

State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Science'in Biology in June 1948. In August 1952, he received his Masters of Education from Tech Technological College.

John opened a TV repair business in May 1956, which later became Mullins TV. Later in life, he invested in land.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doe, on July 12, 2004.

Survivors include: his four children, Janice Curry, John Kerry, Debi Hall, and Penny Reid; three sisters, Marie Brown of Farmington, NM, Barbara Clarkson of Lubbock, Norma Dale Linton of Midland, and one brother, Royce Mullins of Ransom Canyon; twelve grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

### **Tahoka** SCHOOL MENU

April 25-29 Breakfast Monday: Banana Mini Loaf Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast Wednesday: Breakfast Sandwich Thursday: Biscuit w/ Sausage Patty Friday: Potato Egg & Cheese Burrito

Lunch Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entree

Monday: Chili Dog, Hot Dog, Salad. Baked Beans, Fruit Crisp, Fresh Fruit. Tuesday: Burrito w/ Chili, Fish Strips, Coleslaw, Tater Tots, Corn, Salad, Fruit Wednesday: Bologna, Salami & Cheese Sand.: Cheese Nachos, Broccoli Florets, Salad, Jello w/ Topping

Thursday: Meat Loaf, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese Salad, Frozen Peaches

Friday: Chicken Fried Steak, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes/ gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Salad,



GOLFER GOES TO REGIONALS - Tahoka High School junior Colby Gardner placed second at the District golf tournament to advance to the regional event next week. The tournament will be held at Baird next Monday and Tuesday. Gardner shot a 77 and 72 in two rounds of play at the district tournament for an overall score of (LCN PHOTO)

# -Ambassadors For Christ

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PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

Rosary was held Sunday at the same Church. Burial was at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery. He died Wednesday, April 13,

He was born Oct. 8, 1968, in Lub-

bock to Elfido E. (Alfred) Barron and Rachel Barron. He graduated from Shallowater High School and attended South Plains College. He was employed by D.K.&J. Farms of New Home, as a Manager-Foreman for the past nine years. He was an active basketball coach fro his daughter, niece and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

### New Home United Wilson **New Home** St. Paul Methodist Church

### **Baptist Church**

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St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO

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PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.

### **Church of Christ** St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383

(806) 924-7579 • website or email MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373

Phone (806) 561-5317

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.

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### 350 N. Main (806) 924-7549

New Home, TX 79383

PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. **Youth Activities** 

O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351

(806) 428-3236

PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship:

10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

### & St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381

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Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

### TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 e email: tcoc@poka.com

MINISTER: RON FANT

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

### Message From: Mario Chapa, Gethsemane Baptist Church

THE LOST SON (Luke 15:11-24) This story is about you and me. Whoever you are, man, woman or

teenager, this is the story of our lives. The Bible says, For all have sinned, all fall short of God's glorious standard (Romans 3:23). Every person has tried to live their life his or her own way, instead of God's way. The lost son in this story represents our own rebellion against God in our own lives. Until like the lost son, we find our lives out of control and out of God's will for us. We try to persuade ourselves that everything will work out alright. The truth is we are dead in our own sins and need life, lost and need to be found.

The lost son came to his senses. He repented of his lifestyle of sin and returned to his father's house. The father was waiting with the best for his lost son. In rebellion and separated from God's will for our own lives, God's best for our lives cannot happen.

Come on home to God, the Father. He is waiting with open arms. He wants to give His best to you. Peace of heart and mind with eternal life. God makes anyone right with himself who puts his trust in Jesus. "You are not truly living until you have prepared to

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PASTOR: DAVID PARKER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. unday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Youth - 5:15 p.m. Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m.

### Questions and Answers of the Day

Romans 10:17, Romans 8:25-26; Acts 3:16; John 15:7-9; Hebrews 4:2-11; I Timothy 2:1; I Thessalonians 5:11-27; Matthew 21:21-22; Luke 1:37; Mark 9:23; Matthow 28:28-30; James, chapters 1-5; Hebrews, chapter 11

Question: Have you ever been desperate to make something work, only to find it useless?

Sometimes we work so hard to make a better life for ourselves ... we work, strive and push to achieve this. Sometimes we quite literally exhaust ourselves in pursuit of a better life. Sometimes it seems we are no closer to that station in life than when we first began. The reality of life is -- we have never actually had control of anything. In our flesh, we ache to have that restful kind of life. Our human minds just struggle with acceptance of anything. but what we plan. The good news is -- we don't have to be in control of things to get them done. Sometimes our own efforts are not required in certain matters. God is bigger than any problem we have. There are times when His plans for us are better than our dreams. We can rest in Him, knowing all is taken care of. We must encourage each other in Christ, often. God has no impossibilities. If we rely on Him, He will do what's best. Let's be still and wait upon Him who holds the present and the future. We can wait upon Him with peace in our hearts. Let's praise Him for His love, mercy and grace. Have faith. GOD BLESS YOU.

LINDA LOCKE . P.O. BOX 1722 . TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.

### **Draw First United Methodist Church**

(established 1907) 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** 

### First United **Methodist Church** 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 • fumctahoka juno.com

PASTOR: REV. JEFF BAYLEY Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays "For I know the plans I have for you...

### Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

plans to give you hope and a future!"

# Gethsemane

1421 South 5th • Box 1017 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4577

Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.



BRANDI WINS DISTRICT - THS junior Brandi Raindl claimed the girls singles Championship title at the District Tennis Tournament recently, and now sets her sights on the regional tournament in Abilene next Wednesday and Thursday. This is Brandi's third trip to the regional tourney since her freshman year. Seeded second at the district tournament. Brandi received a bye in the first round and won the next three rounds to win first at district. (LCN PHOTO)

### **Early Voting Begins Here**

Early voting for three local elections begins this week, from April aname if they want to place both their 20-May 3, including the Lynn, votes for one person, or may check County Hospital District board of one box each beside two different directors election, and two elections - candidates' pames. No more than in O'Donnell. Other city and school two boxes may be checked on the elections in Tahoka, New Home and ballot Wilson have been cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

Early voting for the hospital elecation is being held at the Lynn County, Clerk's Office in the county courthouse, during regular business hours. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Six candidates are on the ballot for two seats on the hospital board, includ. Hall ing incumbents Mike Rivas and John Hawthorne, as well as candidates Regina Crutcher, Stephen Sherrill,

Cal Huffaker and Sherry Tilley All registered voters in Exnn County the school tax office. Mark Roye and may vote in the hospital board election. Cumulative voting is used in this election, which means there wiff be two boxes besideeach candidate's trustees was cancelled because those

two boxes beside one candidate's

Six candidates are also named on the city council election ballot in O'Donnell, for three seats on the council. Candidates include Scotty Martinez, Willie Lucra, Andy DeLosSantos, Max Mendieta, Roger Doss and Wayne Mott. Early voting is being conducted at O'Donnell City

The O'Donnell ISD special election to fill a two-year unexpired term on the board of trustees is also being held, with early voting underway at Ben Edwards have filed for the seat: The election for two regular threeyear terms on the OISD board of name on the ballot. Voters may check candidates were unopposed.

### **Letters To The Editor**

### Family Feels Town Has **Turned Against Them** Dear Tahoka.

My name is Camille (Hall)

Ouintero, Donald and Mildred Hall's daughter. Most of Tahoka knows my family. We have lived here on the same street since 1972. Before that we lived on N. 5th street. So I have lived here most of my life.

I was always proud to tell people I lived in Tahoka, Texas, that is until now. The way the town's people have treated my nephew the last two weeks or so has made me ashamed to live here. One person misquotes him and everyone shows their true feelings. Even old family friends have turned their backs on us and made comments like, "I don't want my kids around him." That to me means they weren't true family

There are some of the town's people that are giving us their support, but there are more that have turned agains! us. My family has always given our support to the town. I thought we had a lot of Tahoka people for friends, I guess I was wrong. For the first time I am really ashamed to tell anyone I live here.

I hope and pray no other Tahoka family has to go through what my family has gone through. Times like this, people really find out who their friends really are. And to those of you that has given us their support, " May God Bless You and your family. Ya'll are true family friends.

Camille Quintero P.S. I want to thank the town's people that keep this going on. Thanks for ruining his chances of going to the military camp that he as really looking forward to going to. Again. thanks to the ones that have done this to another fellow Tahoka resident.

### **Senior Companion Volunteers Appreciated**

Dear Editor:

The Points of Light foundation has set the week of April 17th-23rd as National Volunteer Weak. We would like to recognize those individuals that volunteer within Lynn County in all activities.

One such program of volunteers is the South Plains Senior Companion Program. The program has volunteers (seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults) who work within Lamb County for 20 hours per week. The Companions worked 5006 hours during 2004. To hire someone to do what the companions did would have costs the clients or their families over \$86,066.

The Companions that are presently active in Lynn County are: the late Lupe DeLos Santos. Gloria Garza. Maria Gutierrez, Delores Hernandez and Carlos Vega, in O'Donnell and Tahoka.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded thru the Corporation for National Service as past of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is thru South Plains Association, Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services are received thru South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) -the Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department of Aging (TDoA). The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by the volunteers. Several fund raisers are done each year to supplement the federal and state funds received. The program has companions also activein Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley. Lamb, Terry, and Yoakum counties.

> Sincerely, Patricia Hartin SCP Director

### **Dr. Eaker Explains Decision Regarding Lynn County Hospital**

I am writing this letter to explain a few important details of my decision not to come to Tahoka to the residents of Lynn County. Seven years ago, I asked the board of directors of the hospital district for their (and ultimately your) support through medical school. They agreed and for the past 7 years I have been preparing myself to return to Tahoka to establish my medical practice. The agreement was a loan repayment program where each year of my school that was paid for by the county and the State of Texas (half of each), I would owe a year of service to that community, which came

It is fairly standard for the hospital to provide some financial assistance to help get the practice off. the ground. I began calling the administrator in October to begin working on the contract for my return. The hospital district and I had worked out over the next four months, prior to writing a contract, what this assistance would be. And it was settled or so I thought. I proceeded to find a house and begin the early process for setting up my practice: setting up my corporation, looking for employees, computer software, etc.

The agreement was sent to the hospital's lawyer to draw up the contract. They had an issue with me being given additional financial incentive to come to the community when I was already obligated to come. It would, in their opinion, come too close to violating federal laws which state that hospitals can't pay doctors for referring patients to their facility. Despite the fact that this kind of deal is done at least 5 times a year across the state with doctors in similar circumstances, the lawyers refused to write the contract and so we were stuck. So we began working on alternatives to this plan, which would, in their eyes, be legal. They (the hospital and their lawyer) finally agreed that they could only pay me for what I did in the hospital, i.e. pay me for working in the ER. No practice startup money, guarantee on collections or insurance coverage, all of which are vital to getting a new practice off the ground. Instead, the hospital offered to pay an unacceptably low rate for my coverage in the ER.

An additional but probably most vital complicating factor is the population makeup of Tahoka and Lynn County. There are currently living in Lynn County just less than 7,000 people, some of whom don't get medical care in Tahoka. Population studies and research has shown that a doctor needs about 2500 patients in his practice to make it successful. As it stands now, there are 2 doctors and 2 PA/NP's in the county. As you can see, the numbers don't add up for making a strong argument that an additional doctor is needed in

Lynn County. However, 7 years ago, numbers were different as only 2 doctors were on staff and the population was closer to 8000 then.

The long and short of it is that there were just too many worrisome issues at hand for me to come in and set up a new business in an area that by population, didn't need me, and with little financial assistance. There was more risk than I was willing to take on myself.

The hardest issue of this all is the family and close friends, relatives and close acquaintances that were expecting me to be there this summer. I will really miss the chance to be close to all of you again.

My sincere apologies to Mr. Ike Carter and his wife, who found out that we wouldn't be buying their house on the day we were supposed to close. We would have loved your

All is not lost however. I will be joining another doctor just down the road in Sweetwater. I would love for any of you to stop in on your way through to visit. I'll be starting there around September.

And for you number crunchers, the money that was paid by the hospital district for my school will be repaid either by me or the other hospital in Sweetwater.

I thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. They have been needed and appreciated. Who knows, we may be there in years to come, but it is just not what God had for our lives at this

> Sincerely Robert Eaker, M.D. Lisa, Garrison, and Grayson

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



DR. D.L. LOWRIE

### **Bible Study Set Sunday At New Home Baptist**

New Home Baptist Church will host a four-session Bible study Sunday, when Dr. D.L. Lowrie, retired Baptist minister, will teach on the

Dr. Lowrie last year taught a similar study on the book of I Timothy, according to Rev. Jarrell. Rial, pastor of New Home Baptist. who invites all area residents to participate in this Sunday's study. Rev. Rial also said that copies of the Bible study will be available for \$6.95, "Please call the church by noon on Friday, April 22 to reserve a copy," he said, noting that Dr. Lowrie wrote the study on Mark for

Sunday's sessions will be at 10 a.ms. 11 a.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Dr. Lowrie has pastored many churches, including Baptist churches in Lorenzo, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Texarkana and Weatherford. He was director of State Mission Baptist General Convention of Texas (1986-1989) and is a past executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock form 1980-1986, and again from 1992-2001.

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### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 and used it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year ... and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled -- or if you're 65 years old or older -- you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or diabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (Starting this year, the county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2004 taxes as the highest amount for over-65 or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 or disabled homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. These homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home -- or if you've moved to a new home -- you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 1615 Main St. • P.O. Box 789 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5477

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers" Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn **Property Tax Division** P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121

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Regional **Qualifier:** Tahoka Junior Colby Gardner placed 2nd in District and will compete in Regionals April 25-26.



Regional Qualifier:

THS Regional Qualifiers in Boys Track:

Zach Gutierrez, Raymond Hernandez

Regional boys track events will be held

April 29-30.

Jessie Monsivias, Troy Price, Damon Moore, Ja-Vaen

Tillman, Lance Murphy, Kyle Preston, Josh Schwartz

Brandi Raindl placed 1st in District in Girls Singles and will compete in Regionals April 27-28.



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GIRLS TRACK

THS Regional Qualifiers in **Girls Track:** 

Carissa Hall **Angie Curtis** Haley Hall Jeni Hammonds Callie Botkin Skylar Owens **Bailey Hall** Alternates: Brandi Raindl

Jaci Hammonds

Regional girls track events will be held **April 29-30** 



unavailable at press time.

Softball Playoff

information was

Tahoka Girls Softball Team: Coach Liz Boyd, Callie Botkin, Kathryn Reno, Marissa Villegas, Skylar Owens, Angie Curtis, Abi Henderson, Stacie Green, Sasha Rodriguez, Bailey Hall, Amy Barrera (mgr.); (front) Christyn Chapa, Sonya Moralez, Cindy Marquez, Whitlee Anderson, Ashdon Hancock, Jessica Chancy, Jessica Wilson, Tawynee Murillo.

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DISTRICT TRACK WINNERS ADVANCE - These Tahoka High School Bulldog track team members qualified to advance to the Regional track meet in Abilene next weekend, after finishing in the top three places at the District meet. Qualifying in six different events (see story), were, seated from left: Josh Schwartz, Zach Gutierrez (relay alternate), Raymond Hernandez (relay alternate), Damon Moore and Jessie Monsivias: and standing from left, Ja-Vaen Tillman, Kyle Preston, Lance Murphy and Troy Price.

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### **Tahoka Sends 14 To Regional Track Meet**

Tahoka High School athletes competed in the District Track Meet on April 15 at Abernathy, with seven boys qualifying in six events and seven girls qualifying in seven events to advance to regional competition in Abilene, April 29-30.

Tahoka's relay teams did very well in district competition, with both boys and girls sprint relay teams claiming first place over all other district challengers, and the boys 1600m relay team claimed a second place finish. First place Sprint relay team members include, for the boys team, Ja-Vaen Tillman, Troy Price, Damon Moore and Lance Murphy, and girls sprint relay team members are Carissa Hall, Angie Curtis, Skylar Owens and Bailey Hall. Boys 1600m relay team, which placed second, includes Troy Price, Damon Moore Kyle Preston and Jessie Monsivias. Monsivias also placed first in the 110m hurdle event, Price qualified for regional with a second place triple jump, and Tillman was third in triple jump and the 100m run. Josh Schwartz was third in discus to advance to regionals.

Other district winners advancing to regionals on the girls team, in addition to the first place sprint relay team, include Haley Hall, who claimed first in the 800m run, and second in the 1600m run; Jeni Hammonds, 2nd in pole vault; and third place winners Carissa Hall in the f00m run and 400m run, Angie Curtis in the 200m run, and Callie Botkin in pole vault.

Following is a complete list of winners in the District 5-AA Track

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Kenney, Slaton, 50.48; 3. Green, Denver City, 4 Jones, Shallowater, 53.09; 5. Hoover, Post 53.34, 6 Wagner, Roosevelt, 53.92.

C.Hall), 52.21; 2. Denver City, 52.49; 3. Idalou. 52.63; 4. Slaton, 54.43; 5. Abernathy, 54.64; 6. Post. 800 relay: 1. Slaton (Vasquez, Francis, Davis,

Chapa), 1:48.90; 2. Idalou, 1:50.80; 3. Denver City, 1:52:17; 4. Tahoka, 1:56.32; 5. Abernathy, 1:58.24; 6. Shallowater, 1:58.94 1,600 relay: 1 Slaton (Davis, Vasquez,

Calderon, Chapa), 4:11:55, 2. Idalou, 4:17,39; 3. Post, 4:17.72, 4 Denver City, 4:21.83, 5. Shallowater, 4,31.06; 6. Roosevelt, 4:31.20. High jump: 1. Burnett. Shallowater. 5-4:12. Kirkpatrick, Abernathy. 4-10: 3. Green, Denver

8: 6. (tie) Owens, Tahoka, McLelland, Tahoka. Pole vault: 1, Ford. Abernathy, 8-6: 2: Hammonds, Tahoka, 7-6; Botkin, Tahoka, 7-0; 4. Andrews, Slaton, 7-0, 5. T mms, Shallowater, 6-

City, 4-8, 4. Hoover, Post, 4-8, 5. Davis, Slaton, 4-

6; 6. Rojas, Slaton, 6-6. Long jump. 1. Kitchens, Shallowater, 17-5 3/4, 2. Chapa, Slaton, 16-8; 3. Joiner, Denver City. 16-5; 4. Green, Denver City, 16-5; 5. Barrera.

Idalou. 15-11: 6. Lott. Post. 15-4. Triple jump: 1. Joiner. Denver City. 37-6; 2. Kitchens, Shallowater, 34-11 1/2; 3. Lott. Post, 34-9 1/2; 4. C.Hall, Tahoka, 34-5 1/2; 5. Warren, Denver City, 33-5 1/4, 6. Youngblood, Abernathy, 33-

Shot put: 1. McIntire, Shallowater, 34-11 1/ 2. 2. Hill, Idalou, 31-10 1/2; 3. Thompson, Denver-City, 31-9 1/4, 4. Branscum, Slaton, 30-10 1/4, 5 Patschke, Roosevelt. 30-0; 6. Vernon, Post, 29-8

2. McIntire, Shallowater, 117-5, 3. Roberts, Slaton, 100-11: 4. Tarter, Shallowater, 99-5: 5. Bednarz. Slaton, 95-0, 6. Thompson, Denver City, 88-10. BOYS Team results: 1. Idalou 143, 2. Tahoka 108.

Discus: 1. Escontrias, Denver City, 418-1,

3. Post 104, 4. Shallowater 87, 5. Denver City 70, 6. Roosevelt 58, 7. Slaton 32, 8. Abernathy 13. 100 meters: 1. John on, Shallowater, 11.06. 3. Tillman, Tahoka. 11:07; 4. Horsford, Abernathy.

200. 1. Johnson, Shallowater, 22.26, 2. Stone. Roosevelt. 22.76. 3. Curtis. Post. 22.84. 4. Dowdy. Idalou, 23.07. 5. Dewbre, Idalou, 23.47. 6. Horsfor L. Abernathy, 23.61.

11.14; 5. Sales, Idalou, 11.21; 6. Dewbre, Idalou,

400: 1. Price. Tahoka: 49 50, 2. Calvillo. Idalou, 52.02, 3. Martinez, Idalou, 53.36, 4. Moore, Tahok . 53.84. 5 Ramirez, Idalou, 56.81. 6.

Willfo d. Roosevelt. 59 48. 800. 1. Isom: Idalou, 2:06.07, 2. Martinez. Shallowater, 2 08.77, 3. Rivera, Post, 2.09.97, 4 Ortega, Denver City. 2 11.95, 5 Willford.

Roosevelt, 2 12 76, 6, Magee, Idalou, 2 14.85 1.600 1 McCune, Denver City, 4:54:67, 2 Martinez, Shallowater, 4.56.23, 3. Guinn, Idalou: 4 57 68: 4 Jones, Shallowater, 5 05 13: 5 Ortega. Denver City, 5:08:39; 6. Isom, Idalou, 5:12.23

3.200. 1: McCune. Denser City, 10:34:60; 2 Guinn, Idalou, 10:41 39. 3 Jones, Shallowater, 10.54.48, 4. Arguello, Idalou, 11:01:66, 5. Baker. Tahoka, 11 59 06: 6 Burciaga, Denver City.

110 hurdles, 1. Monsivias, Tahoka, 15.76; 2. Parsons, Abernathy, 15.89, 3. Trotter, Roosevelt, 16.08, 4. Murphy, Tahoka, 16.79, 5. Creech. Post. 16.80; 6: Dowdy, Idalou, 17.77.

300 hurdles: 1 Grisham, Post. 39.90; 2 Orona, Denver City, 41-14, 3. McDonald, Post. 41.32, 4. Tucker, Idalou, Idalou, 43.01, 5. Monsivias, Tahoka, 43.55, 6. Dowdy, Idalou, 45.55.

400 relay 1. Tahoka (Price, Murphy, Moore, Tillman), 43.52, 2. Idalou (Sales, Calvillo, Dowdy, Dewbre), 43.83; 3. Post, 44.18; 4. Shallowater 44.65, 5. Denver City, 47.65.

800 relay 1 Roosevelt (Sholiz, Stone, Knight, Khalafan), 1.33.18; 2. Idalou, 1.33.70; 3. Slaton, 1:34.27: 4. Denver City, 1:34.35: 5. Post. 1:36.30, 6. Shallowater, 1:37.97

Martinez), 3:32.74, 2. Tahoka, 3:34.61; 3. Denver City, 3:34.71. 4. Post, 3:36.81; 5: Roosevelt.

3.37.15, 6. 6. Shallowater, 3.46.38. High jump 1. Campbell, Idalou, 6-0, 2. Crow, Denver City, 5-10; 3, Johnson, Shallowater.

5-10, 4. Bravo, Idalou, 5-10; 5. Knight, Roosevelt, 5-10; 6. Trotter, Roosevelt, 5-8. Pole vault 1. Jones, Shallowater, 12-0; 2 Hays, Roosevelt, 11-6; 3. Madore, Tahoka, J0-6;

4. Hinch, Shallowater, 10-6. Long jump: 1. Curtis, Post. 21-5; 2. Sales. Idalou, 20-8; 3, Khalafah, Roosevelt, 20-8; 4. Tillman, Tahoka, 20-4; 5. McDonald, Post, 20-1;

6. Bravo, Idalou, 20-1 Triple jump: 1. Samuels, Slaton, 42-2; 2: Price, Tahoka, 42-0 3/4; 3. Tillman, Tahoka, 40-8; 4. Garay, Post, 40-6; 5. Curtis, Post, 40-3 1/2; 6. Golden, Denver City, 39-10.

Shot put: 1. Kacures, Slaton, 47-11; 2. Eilenberger, Post, 47-5 1/4, 3, Lain, Idalou; 44-11 1/2; 4, Schwartz, Tahoka, 44-10 3/4; 5, Nichols, Post. 40-7 1/4; 6. DeLeon, Idalou, 39-7 3/4. Discus: 1. Eilenberger, Post. 153-9; 2. Nichols, Post. 143-5; 3. Schwartz, Tahoka, 128-5; 4. Beggs, Post. 123-6; 5. Vasquez, Denver City, 121-5; 6. Jackson, Tahoka, 119-5.





GOING TO REGIONALS - Tahoka Lady Bulldogs qualified in seven events at the District Track Meet to advance to the Regional event April 29-30. They are, in back from left, Angie Curtis, Bailey Hall, Haley Hall, Brandi Raindl (alternate), Jeni Hammonds, and Jaci Hammonds (alternate); and in front, Carissa Hall and Callie Botkin. Not shown is Skylar Owens. See story for more details. (LCN PHOTO)

### Tribute to "Our Judge"

Judge George H. Hansard

1926 - 2005

To many the word Judge elicits the thought of black robes, cold halls of justice and stiff sentences. But to those of us who were blessed to have known. "Judge Hansard", Judge George H. Hansard, the word Judge was anything

I had the unique privilege of knowing Judge Hansard both personally and professionally for many years, and I can say without question he was one of the finest men I have ever known:

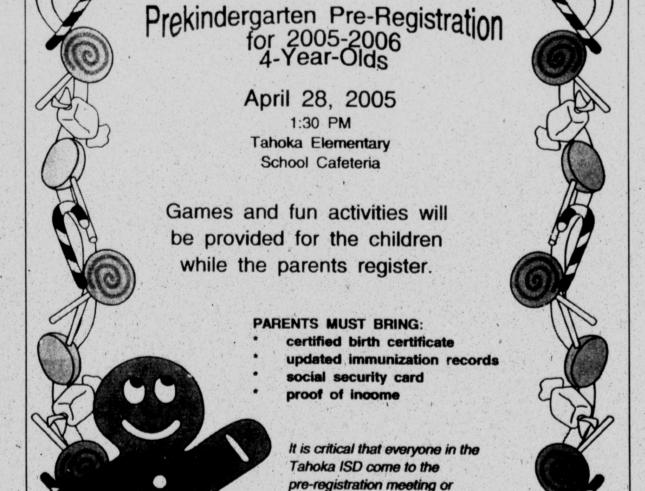
Judge Hansard was a man who took the daunting job of District Judge with great humility and dedication. He was the "Judge" all day long, every day of the year. He carried the title with the understanding that with it came great power, and yet a tremendous burden. He understood and believed that before you could stand in judgment over others you must first set an example to those around you to live within the law and uphold the law. You never had to question a decision he handed down as being fair and unbiased. The decisions he handed down from the bench were well thought out with heartfelt consideration of the facts brought before him, but according to the law of

He looked to the job at hand as that of a job, and to those who appeared before him as lawyers performing their jobs as advocates for their clients as doing theirs, and never took anything as personal affront to him. He treated each attorney — young or old, rookie or oldtimer, rich or poor — the same.

The Judge went out of his way to make sure the people who appeared before him as plaintiffs or defendants had their day in court. Each person leaving his court room may have not received what they believed right, but they each knew they had been judged upon the case at hand and not on who the parties were or who they knew. Criminal cases brought before him were handled so the accused was treated with dignity and fairness. He rarely ruled on Civil cases from the bench, especially when it the case involved family issues, because he believed it best for the parties to be away from the Courthouse when they were told of the Court's decision. Criticized at times for this practice, he stood steadfast to his habit of "taking cases underadvisement". I know for a fact the Judge deliberated his decision over and over, oftentimes praying for divine guidance.

The Judge was always quick to laugh and always wanted to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie with those of whom he worked with day to day. The enjoyment of his job spilled out onto those who were around him. Not only was his dry sense of humor contagious to those around him but also his high moral character. He not only lived the life of a wonderful husband, father and Judge, he lived the life of a man with character and respect for others. He was a shining example to those of us around him as one we should all strive to be. If you were not one of the lucky ones to have known the Judge personally you would, upon seeing and being around him, believe from just his presence that he was truly a good man.

We have all lost a true example of what a "Judge" should be. But because he was our Judge, we are all better people. The 106th Judicial District, be it Seminole, Lamesa, Tahoka, Post or in-between is a better place because of him. Farewell old friend until we meet again.



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### **Steve Miller Honored With Presidential Award For Years of Volunteer Service**

by JUANELL JONES

For 30 years Steve Miller was at the beck and call of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, ready at a moment's notice to stop whatever he was doing - including a good night's sleep - to volunteer his services as a trained firefighter. Miller recently retired from the VFD, and was honored with an award from the Presiing his many hours of volunteer ser-

During Saturday's Hospital Fun/ Food Festival, Tahoka VFD Chief Jimmy Woodard presented Miller with an official President's Call To Service Award pin and certificate of achievement, accompanied by a note. of congratulations from President George W. Bush. Most other members of the local fire department were there to witness the award, as the VFD members volunteer to cook the fish fry for the festival each year.

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The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President George W. Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make to this nation. To be eligible for the prestigious "President's Call To Service Award" an individual must have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their life-

Miller has far surpassed 4,000. hours of service during his 30-year. stint with the fire department. Countless hours have been spent actively fighting fires, as well as in voluntary training sessions and meetings. Being on call 24-7 figures out to more than 262,000 hours during the past 30-years - and that's while tending

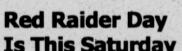
everyday life with his wife Carol, daughter Chelsey and son Cade.

Volunteer service is nothing new to the Miller family. Steve was eight years old when his father, J.T. Miller, became a member of the Tahoka VFD. J.T. was also a 30-year member of the department, serving as Chief for 15 years. Steve followed his father's footsteps into voluntary dent of the United States recogniz- firefighter service in Tahoka, joining at the age of 18 and dedicating the next 30 years to serving his fellow citizens of Tahoka and Lynn County. Steve also served as Chief for 15 years, succeeding his father in 1989 as the official leader of the 20-member volunteer unit. He was Chief until 2004, when Jimmy Woodard was named Chief.

> Miller retired from department on Feb. 15, 2005. Woodard notes that during Miller's years as Chief of the department, a new barn was built adjacent to Tahoka City Hall to house the department's trucks, and several new trucks were obtained, including a pumper, tanker, first responder truck, and rescue/personnel truck. He says Miller was chief when the 9-1-1 areas were designated for county departments, and when the dry hydrants for water sources throughout the county were installed to aid in fire safety.

Miller has supported fire department member training including attendance at the Area Wide Volunteer Fire Fighters Training in Lubbock.

'Steve grew up following a father that took fire-fighting seriously." to his farm and to the business of a said Woodard. "He has dedicated 30" years to the same cause, showing his concern for neighbors in times of emergencies when they are facing loss of property and life. The Tahoka Fire Department and local citizens appreciate his dedication, leadership. and years of service," added



Golfers wanting to support the Texas Tech Red Raiders are encouraged to participate in the annual Red Raider Day golf tournament at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka this Saturday, April 23. Tee off is at 1 p.m., and the tournament will conclude with a steak dinner. All donations are welcome, with all proceeds benefiting the Red Raider Club.

at 998-5305 or call Jimmy Bragg or Milton Edwards.

thanks to Miller's family. "His wife and family are due a big thanks during the time served. A firefighter depends on his family and they have to do extra duty to allow him to train and answer this type of call. He has missed family times due to this

thank you," Woodard said.

Both Steve and his wife Carol say it has been hard to stay still when they hear the fire alarm sound. "For years, when the fire alarm sounded, the kids would get up and come in our room to listen to the scanner until we found out where the fire was." said Carol. "Then we couldn't go back to sleep until Steve got back and we made sure everybody was okay. It just involved the whole fam-

membership. Again, we say a big

ily," she added. "We both still care very much about the safety of our local citizens and firetighters," said Miller. "It has been an honor to serve, and I was very surprised and honored by the presentation of the President's Call To Service Award," he added.

### TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS by THS Journalism Students

Girls Softball Are District Champs

by Callie Botkin

The Lady Bulldogs Softball team are district champs

They beat Idalou in their last district game, 4-0 on Monday, April 18. Tawynee Murillo pitched 3 innings and . had I strikeout and Sonya Moralez pitched 4 innings and had 2 strikeouts. Stacie Green had 2 hits and 2 RBIs

The girls played Roosevelt on April

and Ashdon Hancock had 2 hits.

16 and won 7-6. Moralez pitched for the Lady Bulldogs and had 5 strikeouts

Jessica Chancy helped out with 2 hits and 4 RBIs

This game determined district

On April 12, the Lady Bulldogs beat the Denver City Mustangs in an 8 inning district game. The final score was

Moralez pitched for the dogs and

had 2 strikeouts

Big hitters for Tahoka were Angie Curtis with 4 hits, 4 RBIs, and 2 stolen bases. Green with 3 hits and 4 stolen bases, and Abi Henderson with 2 hits.

### Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Thirteen Phebe K. Warner Club members met in the home of Bettve Green for a meeting on mental health. Gayle Binder spoke to the

group about healing after trauma. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Green and Gerald-Deane Wood. Members voted to donate a book to the library to thank Chloe Chancy for the presentation that she gave the club.

Shirley Draper and Grace Campbell were placed before the club to be considered for member-

The state convention is in two weeks at Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Wood are planning on attending that meeting.

The scholarship committee is working on the selection for this year's recipients.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th in the home of Suzanne Baker who will give a presentation on organizing essential records.

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PRESIDENTIAL AWARD - Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Woodard (left) presented the President's Call To Service Award to Steve Miller, who recently retired after 30 years of service in the Tahoka VFD. The presentation was made during Saturday's Fun/Food Festival. (LCN PHOTO)

**Senior Citizens** 

MENU

April 25-29

Monday: Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes,

Onions, Cheese, Refried or Pinto

Tuesday: Liver & Onions, Ham-

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Wednesday: Chili, Beans, Crackers

or Cornbread. Mixed Vegetables.

Thursday: Spaghetti, Meatsauce.

Green Peas, Cauliflower, Cornbread

Friday: BBQ Brisket, Potato Salad.

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Tiace Bean

cans and they can be placed inside

orange fence north of the back door.

We are still collecting aluminum

Salad, Pineapple Pudding Cake

or Biscuit. Peach Cobbler.

Beans, Apricots

Gingerbread

### **Pre-Plant Meeting** Set For April 27

A multi-county meeting to discuss weed control options as planting season approaches will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 9:00-12:00 noon at the Graham Community Center between Tahoka and

Topics to be covered include new technologies in weed control, planting strategies, controlling problem weeds, and pesticide safety.

Pesticide applicators will receive 3 CEU's. Lunch will be provided. All participants are asked to RSVP to the Lynn County Extension Office by Friday, April 2211



April 25- Regional Golf @ Baird Band Trip- San Antonio April 26- Regional Golf @ Baird: Baseball @ Denver City

Softball Game-TBA April 27- NHS-6 p.m.; Regional.

April 28- Regional Tennis @ ACU April 29- Student Holiday: Regional Track @ ACU April 30- Regional Track@ ACU

### Senior Class Parents Final Meeting Set

The final meetings have been set for the final preparations for the Class of 2005 Senior Party.

We encourage all parents to attend these meetings! which are scheduled for Sunday, April 24 and Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lyntegar Meeting Room.

### OHS Students Qualify For Reg. **UIL Academics**

O'Donnell High School is sending 14 students to the Regional UII. Academic competition in several

Regional qualifiers include Lynsey Romine, Journalism; Jayci Schneider, Journalism; Jacob Guenther, Journalism, Spelling, Calculator, Number Sense, Math. Meghann Turney, Journalism: Rebecca Brewer, Literary Criticism. L&D Debate; Sabra Willis, Prose Ashley Hanks, Poetry: Sara Olvera, L&D Debate, Persuasive Speaking: Tabitha Escobedo, Current Issues: Mandy Forbis, Calculator, Math. Susie Guenther, Calculator: Haden Popnoe, Math: Kurtis Miller, Computer Science; and Kalynn Jacobson.

# STORK REPORT

Ramon and Virginia Quintero of Tahoka announce the birth of their daughter, Kathyrn Hope. She was born Monday. April 11, 2005 at 2:42 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Kathryn has 3 sisters. Candice. Kayla, and Susie, and 2 brothers. Emit and Dylan.

Grandparents are Virginia Lara and the late Leonard Lara of Tahoka, and Paula Quintero of Big Wells, TX and the late Emilio Quintero of







Masonic News-The district 94. which includes Tahoka, Brownfield, Plains, Levelland, Denver City, and Anton, had the **Brisco Workshop in Brownfield** on April 14. Presiding over the workshop was Mrs. Charles Bonner, a member of Tahoka #1041. He covered the laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

During Miller's reign, Lynn County Commissioners also added. for countywide use, a Rescue/Command trailer and air compressor for refilling SCBA breathing equipment, which the department maintains.

Woodard also added a note of

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### **Health Fair Set April 28 At New Home Schools**

'Healthy Choices For a Lifetime" Health Fair on Thursday, April 28, which is open to all students and community members. The Health Fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m., with most of the booths set up in the activity gym and main school? hallway. All area residents are invited to attend.

Health screenings will be offered. for diabetes, hearing and vision. The Mobile Mammography van will beavailable, as well as the Blood Bank mobile donor coach. Booths will of ter a variety of information about drug/alcohol prevention and awareness, breast cancer awareness, sun Safety, fetal alcohol syndrome, immunizations, diabetes, eve health, dental health, nutrition, family counseling, hearing screening, child abuse prevention/awareness, hearth health, and more. In addition, representatives from the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. New Home Church of Christ, Lubbock Lone Stars, Tynn

New Home ISD is hosting a County EMS, and others will be at the health fair.

> Registration will take place in the main hallway that is located between the two buildings. A Healthy Choices Hot Dog meal will be available for the parents and community that day along with a Book Fair in the library (purchase one book and get one-free) from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Kindergarten Pre-Registration will take place at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### **NEW AT THE LIBRARY**

Two-Dollar Bill: A Stone Barrington Novel By Stuart Woods

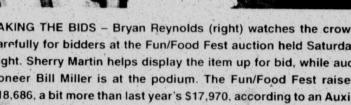
Reluctantly taking in a smoothtalking Texan who possesses a cache of rare two-dollar bills and who survives an apparent attack on his life. Manhattan attorney Stone Barrington becomes increasingly concerned about the man's credibility when a dead body is found in his



TAKING THE BIDS - Bryan Reynolds (right) watches the crowd carefully for bidders at the Fun/Food Fest auction held Saturday night. Sherry Martin helps display the item up for bid, while auctioneer Bill Miller is at the podium. The Fun/Food Fest raised \$18,686, a bit more than last year's \$17,970, according to an Auxiliary representative. (LCN PHOTO)

### Jr. High District Track

The junior high district track meet at Dawson April 7 produced the following winners: Girls Team 3rd Place: Samantha Silva-2nd 1600m, 4th 800m. 5th 400m. Mary Macker-1st Triple Jump, 3rd 1600m Relay, 2nd 400m, 3rd 800m, 4th Long Jump; Hannah Warren-3rd Long Jump, 1st 800m Relay, 2nd 300m Hurdles, 2nd High Jump, 5th 400m Relay: Whitney Decker-4th Triple Jump. 6th Long Jump. 5th 400m Relay. 4th 300m Hurdles, 1st 800m Relay, Ashley West-5th 400m Relay, 1st 800m Relay, 6th 200m; April Torres -4th Discus; Mikaela Wallace-5th 800m, 6th 2400m, 3rd 1600m Relay; Rebekah Bartley-4th High Jump, 3rd 1600m Relay, Maribel Mireles, 1st 800m Relay, s 5th 400m Relay, 3rd 1600m Relay; Boys Team Runner-Up. David Alvarado-1st Triple Jump, 1st 400m, 1st 800m, 2nd Long Jump, 1st 1600m Relay; Chases Hiracheta 2nd High Jump, 2nd 400m. 2nd 800m, 3rd Long Jump, 1st 1600m Relay: Hector Fiscal 3rd 400m. 2nd 800m Relay, 1st 1600m Relay; Sterling Ford-3rd 800m, 6th Triple Jump, 2nd 800m Relay, 1st 1600m Relay; Josh Correa-5th 200m, 6th 400m Relay, 2nd 800m Relay: Jett Rodgers-5th 1600m: Kris Silva-5th 300m Hurdles, 4th 100m Hurdles, 2nd 800m Relay; Lupe Gomez-6th Discus, 6th 400m Relay; Ethan Willis-6th 400m Relay: Jacob Laseman-6th 400ni Relay.



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

New Home Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide talent show Monday, May 2, at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. High school cheerleaders will provide a concession stand. Student council officer elections for the 2005-2006 school year were held March 23, with the following officers elected: President-Sarah Ussery, Vice President-Meghan O'Rourke. Secretary/Treasurer-Kebbi Hutto.

### One-Act Play

The One-Act Play competed March 22 at Ropes by presenting "Flowers for Algernon". Honorable Mention All-Star Cast awards were earned by Aaron Villarreal as Professor Nemur and Keaton Hutto as Charlie:

### **Academic UIL Winners**

High school academic UIL winning contestants from March 31 at Loop follow: Calculator Applications-1st Place Team-Regional Qualifiers Krystal Muniz-2nd Place, Karen Muniz-4th Place, Maricela Rodriguez, Josh Nieman; Literary Criticism-1st Place Team-Regional Qualifiers Katie O'Rourke-1st Place, Matthew Hymes-3rd Place, Meghan O'Rourke-4th Place, Kebbi Hutto-8th Place: Number Sense Monte Jolly-3rd Place-Regional Qualifier; Ready Writing-Katie O'Rourke-4th Place.

**District Track Winners Advance** The high school district tract meet at Wolfforth on April 8 produced these winners with the top four finishers advancing to the area meet: Girls Team 2nd Place, Tory Estrada 2nd Place 3200; Jennifer Speckman 4th Place 3200; Allison Gibbins 2nd Place 100 Hurdles; Stefanie White 1st Place 400; Hailey Wilkinson 1st Place 300 Hurdles; Allison Gibbins 2nd Place 300 Hurdles; Natalie Bruton 3rd Place 300 Hurdles; Tory Estrada 3rd Place 1600; Stefanie White, Hailey Wilkinson, Tory Estrada, Sarah Usserv 4th Place 1600 Relay; Hailey Wilkinson 2nd Place High Jump; Allison Gibbins 4th Place Long Jump; Sarah Ussery 3rd Place Triple Jump. Boys Team 4th Place: Daniel Ford 1st Place 800; Tyler Nieman 1st Place 400; Daniel Ford 1st Place 1600; David Nevarez, Tyler Nieman, Ryan Wied, Pedro Estrada 2nd Place 1600 Relay.

### Area Track Winners Advance,

Area track results from April 15 at gional Qualifier: Tyler Nieman 1st Place 400 Regional Qualifier; Tyler Nieman, Ryan Wied, Daniel Ford, Josh Nieman 7th Place 1600 (fastest time of year): Allison Gibbins-4th Place 100 Hurdles Regional Qualifier, 5th Place 300 Hurdles, 7th Place Long Jump; Hailey Wilkinson-4th Place 300 Hurdles Regional Qualifier, 6th Place High Jump; Sarah Ussery-7th Place Triple Jump: Stefanie White-6th Place 400; Tory Estrada-5th Place 1 mile and 2 miles; Jennifer Speckman-7th Place 2 miles; Natalie Bruton-7th Place 300 Hurdles.

### Jolly Qualifies For Area Golf

The golf team competed in the district tournament at Meadowbrook in Lubbock on April 12, with Monte Jolly placing 3rd which qualifies him for area competition.

New Home school's talent show will be held on May 2. Students and faculty are encouraged to sign-up. The New Home varsity cheerleaders will provide a concession stand. Please come and enjoy the evening with us.

The New Home cheerleaders will also selling Little Caesar's Pizza kits and cookie dough from April 19 through the 27, Delivery is scheduled for May 9th.

Everyone age 17 or older is asked to consider donating blood at the Health Fair on April 28th. You must be in good general health; be 17 years of age; weigh 100 pounds; not have taken asprin within 24 hours. You need to bring your driver's license and sign up with Mrs. Durham.

The blood donor coach will be here from 10:00- 2:00. There are prizes for the donors. Please come and sign-up as soon as possible. Every time you donate blood, you help out three different people in need. It's easy, it doesn't hurt. it doesn't cost you anything but a little bit of your time. Please come!

New Home School kindergarten pre-registration will be April 28th at 2:00 in the school cafeteria. The following items are needed: Birth Certificate, So-'cial Security Card, Current Immunization record. Please call the nurse's office if you have a child that will attend that day, at 924-7524-ext.26.

Come early on the 28th and visit the health fair that will be held in the activity gym from 10:00-2:00. There will be a booth offering immunizations if your child is behind in their childhood immu-

The district golf results were Monte Jolly, who placed 3rd individual, and Regional Qualifier. Tyler McAllister tied for 6th individual. The team that placed 3rd was, Monte Jolly, Tyler McAllister. Evan Clem, Nick Ramirez, and Tanner

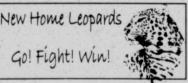
Other golfers included, Tyler Nieman, Trevor White, Nathan Willis, Jordan Clem, and for JV. Kyler-

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### **School Receives Grant**

New Home Schools recently reeceived a Salton Grant. The Grant pro-Wolfforth: Daniel Ford 2nd Place 800 vided the C.A.T.C.H. health program for Regional Qualifier, 1st Place 1600 Regrades K-6. The C.A.T.C.H. program meets all of the Texas Elementary Health requirements that must be implemented into the schools. The Salton Grant also provided training for the following people: Karon Durham, Nurse, Carol Fillingim, Elementary teacher representative, Mitzi Bruton, Elementary P.E. representative, and Annette Burenheide. parent representative.

> The C.A.T.C.H. program and the training were valued at \$1800.00. Plus New Home Schools was given \$600.00 to order P.E. Equipment that will work with the C.A.T.C.H. program. The total value of the Salton Grant for New Home Schools was \$2400.00.



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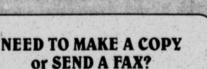
There are so many people who have helped us over the past two months. Our "stock show" family was the first to help taking care of Delci at San Antonio when I had to leave early for Mom's surgery. Lane, Amy, Ashton, Donna and Dewayne Schuknecht took care of our horses and pets when we couldn't. Lonnetta Hudgens and Gilda Taylor made several trips to Lubbock just to sit and hold our hands or tell us jokes to take our minds off

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Description

(with meter set)

(shut-in test required)

DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):

(meter read only required)

Reconnect delinquent service or

. Service temporarily off at customer's request

Miscellaneous service calls

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Turn on new service

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Turn on service

(with meter set)

AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:

(shut-in test required)

Miscellaneous service calls

(meter read only required)

Reconnect delinquent service or

Service temporarily off at customer's request

Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN

**ENVIRONS GAS RATES** 

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of

unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the

service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have

effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential,

tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916

same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The

been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates

Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning

Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in

The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly

Current

Bill (1)

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase it s Other Revenues

Current Charge

Current Charge

\$10.50

\$10.50

\$29.50

\$25.00

\$35.25

\$28.50

\$15.75

\$39.00

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the

2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The

proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division;

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

**Docket Services Section** 

Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)

Railroad Commission of Texas

Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Proposed

Bill (1)

\$15.12

\$43.10

Proposed Charge

\$32.00

\$23.50

Proposed Charge

\$15.00

\$11.25

\$37.50

\$25.00

\$48.00

\$35.25

\$22.50

\$16.88

\$56.25

Difference

\$1.13

\$0.05

Increase

\$8.50

\$4.50

Increase

\$4.50

\$0.75

\$8.00

\$0.00

\$12.75

\$6.75

\$6.75

\$1.13

\$17.25

commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274.

bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows

Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential

proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas

Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the



ATHLETES ADVANCE TO AREA – Nine Wilson High School students advanced to the area track meet held in Lubbock on April 15. Pictured left to right, top row: Coach J. Baum, Coach K. Baum, Nick Simmons, R.J. Lindsey, Coach Hallum; middle row: Vivian Rios, Lett Hernandez, Danielle Chance, Ana Sanders; and bottom row: Rayley Parmer, Veronica Gill, (not pictured, Clara Valdez). R.J. Lindsey will be advancing to the Regional Track Meet on Saturday, April 30.

### **Nine Wilson Athletes Advance To Area Track**

meet at Lubbock on April 15.

Danielle Chance - (Alt) 400 and 400 and 800 Relays: Lett Hernandez urday: April 30:

Wilson High School, advanced - 400 and 800 Relays; Ana Sanders nine athletes to the Area Track Meet. 400 and 800 Relays, 3rd Shot Put; The team had a great showing at the Clara Valdez - 400 and 800 Relays. athletes then advanced to the area Jump; Nick Simmons - 2nd Shot Put

**Lindsey To Regionals** R.J. Lindsey will be advancing (Alt) 800 Relays; Rayley Parmer - to the Regional Track meet on Sat-

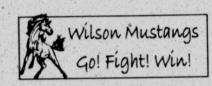
### Tahoka Rotary News

Tahoka Rotary Club met Thursday, April 14 with 30 people in attendance. Special guests were Teresa Simpson and Luine Simpson. Host Danny Preston presented Luine Simpson to the club as guest speaker. Mrs. Simpson is a resident of Levelland and gave a fascinating history of the Texas Flag. She also had a replica of all 13 Texas battle flags.

### by Mike Iones mikejones@esc17.net Wilson ISD Pre-K Roundup

Wilson ISD will be hosting a Prekindergarten Roundup for parents and children who may be eligible to attend Prekindergarten next year in Wilson. The Roundup will be held on Tuessday, May 3, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the elementary school. Parents of children that will be four years' old on or before September 1, 2005 are invited to attend this meeting. Kids will have fun and many questions will be answered for parents:

Please bring the following items to the meeting: The child's original birth certificate, social security card; and current immunization records. We will make copies and return the originals to you. State law requires that all students must be current on all immunizations before they will be allowed to attend school. Parents and four year olds are invited to stay and eat in the cafeteria following the Roundup meeting. The cost is \$1.60 for children and \$2.50 for adults. We look forward to seeing you and your child on the 3rd. Parents with questions may call Mike Jones at 628-6261 ext. 7.



### Wilson SCHOOL MENU

April 25-29 Breakfast

Choice of cereal and toast or hot entrée daily.

Monday: Donut Tuesday: Egg, Sausage, Biscuit Wednesday: Donut Thursday: Breakfast Pizza

Friday: Bad Weather Day

Gravy Green Beans, Fruit Salad, fruit 6-12 grade same as salad Thursday: Sub Sandwiches, Fruit Friday: Bad Weather Day

### District meet held at Lubbock on, 1st 200 Dash; Vivian Rios - 400 Run; Friday, April 8. Listed below are the Veronica Gill -1st Shot Put; R.J. results from the district meet. These Lindsey - 1st 100 Dash; Triple

### **New Home** SCHOOL MENU

April 25-29 Breakfast

Cereal and vogurt offered at breakfast

Monday: Waffles Tuesday: Biscuit & Sausage Wednesday: Breakfast Taco Thursday: Granola Bars

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday: Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Calif. Blend Veg. etables, Pear Half Tuesday: Beefy Nachos, Pinto Beans,

Grapes Wednesday: Steak Fingers, Carrots/ Cucumbers, Peach Cup

Thursday: Cook Out- Hot Dogs, Pickle spears, Carrots, Cucumbers, Apples, Grapes

Friday: NO SCHOOL

### **Historical Commission Discusses Courthouse Grant, Other Issues**

Application for the grant to restore the Lynn County Courthouse has been submitted to Austin. The Lynn County Historical Commission is hopeful that a grant will be given and funds will be available.

Betty Green agreed to submit bylaws for commission at the next.

Gloria Moore will bring information to committee for the Buffalo camp located near Tahoka. The committee hopes to be able to place a marker on site.

Don Vaughn was a guest at the meeting and told us of the recognition his farm received from Austin, TX. The Vaughn farm was founded in 1904 and has been in the family for 100 years. The committee is interested in finding homes in Tahoka that have been in family for 50 years. Please contact the County Judge office for information. Next meeting will be July 6.

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### "Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber -- not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2005 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of

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> > Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn **Property Tax Division** P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528

or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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