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FOOTBALL FRIDAYS:

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

Sundown at Tahoka Crosbyton at O'Donnell Borden County at New Home Klondike at Wilson

Tailgate Party

First tailgate party is Friday Aug. 26 behind the home side stands this week. Booster Club will be serving hamburgers, chips and a drink for \$3, serving from 6-7 p.m.

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No man knows his true character until he has run out of gas, purchased something on the installment plan, and raised an adolescent.

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

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Tahoka Bulldogs Varsity Football Squad

Bulldogs Await Sundown Friday Night

With two successful scrimmages behind them, the Tahoka varsity football Bulldogs are all set for Sundown to come to Tanoka Friday night when the two teams will kick off the new season.

Coach Steven Heryford said this week the varsity did well against Crosbyton in last Saturday's scrimmage, and there were no serious injuries.

The Varsity won the scrimmage 4-1. Jay Tillman scored on a 60 yard run to open scoring. "The offensive line then provided great protection and opened some huge holes as the 1st offense drove the field for the second score when Patrick Dotson ran and dove into the end zone from 12 yards out." said the coach. "Zach Tillman and Colby Gardner continually kept Crosbyton's defense off balance by catching short passes and keeping the chains moving. Damon Moore led the offense down the field and scored for the second offense.

Coach Heryford praised the defense, "led by great team pursuit and outstanding play by Moore, Kyle Preston, Lance Murphy, Josh Valdez, and Jay Tillman,"

kept Crosbyton inside their own 50 throughout the regular portion of the scrimmage. Zach Tillman intercepted a pass in the flats for a sure score to put the defense

During the live quarter, Tahoka's offense overcame some early jitters that led to penalties. Patrick Dotson again directed a balanced attack that culminated with Jay Tillman catching a 40 yard TD pass in the back of the end zone. Tahoka's defense appeared to have preserved their shutout as time expired but a late roughing the passing penalty negated a Lance Murphy interception and a broken play saw a Crosbyton receiver make an acrobatic catch along the right sideline for their only score of the night.

"I am pleased with the scrimmage," said Heryford. "We accomplished our goals, stayed healthy, and we now have an opportunity to learn from some very visible mistakes as we head into our first game week against Sundown.'

The coach said the junior varsity also did ' well against the Crosbyton JV, although

there was no scoring by either side.

Britt Wuensche, Jon Norris, Michael Gonzales, Josh Sastre, Eddie Saldana, and Tony Baker were standouts on defense. Adrian Webster, Brandon Tomlinson, Tony Baker, and Martin Garcia played well on

Burglary, Traffic Accident Reported

Briteway Cleaners on S. 2nd St. in Tahoka was burglarized Monday night or early Tuesday after a front door glass had been broken out with a large rock. The burglary was discovered at 6:49 a.m. Tuesday by a Tahoka police officer.

After the manager of the business was notified and came to the scene, it was discovered that a cash register and about \$65 were missing. The cash register, which had not been found as of Wednesday, was valued at \$500, and damage to the front door was estimated at another \$500.

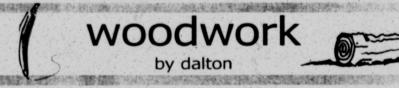
Police also investigated a traffic accident Monday, as a 2000 Dodge Neon driven by Paul Murillo, 39, of Tahoka struck a parked 1999 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Tim Devine of Tahoka. The accident occurred in the 1500-block of N. 14 St.

Police also made a drug bust Tuesday night, seizing a quantity of cocaine. Investigation of this case is still underway.

> 9th Annual "Labor of Love" **Blood Drive** Set in Tahoka Monday, Aug. 29

1:00-8:00 p.m. at the **Life Enrichment Center**

Donors will receive a t-shirt and can register to win a CD Player, and eligible for grand prize drawing for a Carnival Cruise or MP3 Player (See story inside)



JUST A FEW years back, taking a trip on an airliner was a neat adventure, and usually a pleasant experience, although even then, getting from the airport to where you really wanted to go sometimes was a hassle. Still it was mostly fun, and I enjoyed some of those trips we took by plane, to Boston, New York, London, Seattle, Frankfurt and Los Angeles. It was always good when you got to fly somewhere.

Now people no longer get to fly. Now they sometimes have to fly, and it's not a good experience.

Blame it all on the insane murderer Osama Bin Laden, who has never been caught and punished for his inhuman actions. So far as I know, American forces have no clue about the location of Bin Laden.

Anyway, since 9-11, traveling by commercial airliner has been about as pleasant as a colonoscopy. There are long lines at checkpoints, and few terrorists have been caught trying to get on planes, so far as I know. It certainly takes awhile to get on a plane, and the security procedures sometimes are

Of course, everyone wants security to catch the bad guys (or girls) before they can do something awful, but you have to wonder about making 90-yearold little old ladies take off their shoes and submit to searches (as happened to my wife's elderly sister recently) and refusing to let infants board planes because their names are the same as somebody's on the terrorist list.

An Associated Press story last week said that infants have been stopped from boarding planes throughout the U.S. because their names are the same as or similar to those of terrorists on the government's "no-fly list."

A woman named Sarah Zapolsky and her husband were trying to leave from Dulles Airport outside Washington in July when a ticket agent told them their 11-month-old son was on the government list. They were able to board their flight after ticket agents took a half hour to fill out paperwork. The story noted that some well-known people, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, also have been detained because their names matched some on the government

In Sen. Kennedy's case, that's okay. They should never let him out of Washington anyway. He does enough damage without turning him loose on the rest of the country.

ELSEWHERE in this edition there is a horror story about rats proliferating in Tahoka, with the ugly varmints turning up in alarming numbers in yards of homes, especially those next to open fields. Tahoka needs more population, but only of two-legged residents.

I once read a depressing report which said rats multiply so fast that there

is no way to get rid of all of them.

Maybe the city could pass an ordinance prohibiting rats in the city limits. Of course, it would take awhile to go into effect. Such ordinances must be read three times in regular council meetings before they can be rat-ified.



Local Homeowners Report Rat Invasions in Yards

by JUANELL JONES

Fifty rats in six weeks -

that's more than a rat per day, and unfortunately that's what the count is up to in the back yard of one of the houses located on Lockwood, near the western edge of Tahoka.

It's not an abandoned house it's a nice, well-kept home with neatly manicured lawns and a nicely-maintained alley where, for some unknown reason, the rat population has exploded into nearly-unbelievable numbers.

The rats are not just at that particular home, with mind-boggling reports coming in from other homeowners in that area as well, and occasional reports further into town.

The story of this particular rat-tale began in mid-July, when Billy and Jana Bishop and their family returned to their home in the 2500 block of Lockwood after a week's vacation, and found carcasses of more than a dozen rats in their back yard - courtesy of several stray cats that were, apparently, earning their keep at the Bishop home.

"Oh, there were 10-15 dead rats in the backyard when we got home," Jana Bishop said, "and the cats have killed rats just about every day. The count is up to 50 this week it's just awful," she said, adding quickly that none of the rodents have found a way to get inside their home, and that all have been outside in the yard.

The Bishops had intended to try to give away the stray cats that had found their way

(See Rats, page 4)



SEEKING OFFICE - Jim Landtroop and his wife Cathy visited Tahoka Tuesday morning on the campaign trail, shown here in front of the Lynn County Courthouse. Landtroop is running for State Representative in District 85, on the Republican ticket. He is a businessman from Plainview, and says he is beginning a grassroots campaign to meet people in District 85. "To be effective in the state legislature, we need to speak with one voice from West Texas," Landtroop said.

Officers Train For **School Situations**

Lynn County Sheriff's deputies, O'Donnell Schools, for making a Tahoka police officers and Tahoka Schools law enforcement officer participated in an ALERRT training program Aug. 11-12 at O'Donnell Schools. The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training was conducted by experts from over the state and concentrated on situations which might develop at schools, including any display of firearms or any possible hostage situ-

Sheriff Jerry Franklin expressed appreciation to area law enforcement agencies who participated, and also . to Dale Read, superintendent of

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"Their participation demonstrates that area law enforcement agencies are committed to protecting the welfare of our children and

Sheriff's officers and police also will take part in a taser training session at the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka Saturday morning. Officers in both agencies now have tasers for non-lethal control of suspects who cannot be stopped by other

students," Franklin said.

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Audit Approved For County

Lynn County Commissioners approved the 2004-05 audit for Lynn County following a report by Melvin Eaker with Gary, Bowers & Miller at the Aug. 22 meeting. Eaker stated that the audit gave Lynn County a "clean opinion" and commissioners voted unanimously to accept the au-

In other business, bonds were approved for two county officials. and monthly bills were paid. Commissioners worked on budget issues for the remainder of the meeting.

In a special called meeting on Aug. 15, commissioners approved raising the record management fee from \$20 to \$25 for fees collected on all criminal cases after conviction.

All four commissioners, J.T. Miller, Don Morton, Don Blair and Mike Braddock, were present for both meetings, led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

Migrant Council Offers Services For Migrant Children

The Texas Migrant Council is currently accepting applications for enrollment, and all migrant and seasonal families are encouraged to apply. The Migrant Council services include child development and health services, family services, nutrition services, transition services, and referrals for social services with other agencies, as well as assistance in continuing education.

Services are free, and families are encouraged to call 1-888-837-5151 for more information. Items needed for registration in the program include theck stubs for the past 12-24 months, proof of benefits such as TANF, Medicaid, Unemployment, etc.; a current record of children's immunization; and proof of migration, if applicable.

Services for children with disabilities include speech and language services, mental retardation, emotional and behavioral disorders, au- family. diological and other services as needed. TMC works in partnership surrounded by that family and many with Early Intervention programs, others who appreciated her sense of local school districts and other community agencies that specialize in her from possible mishaps. She atservices for children with special



Angelica and Bernado Vargas of New Home announce the birth of their son, Eric Renee Vargas, born-July 22, 2005, at 5:25 p.m. in Lynn County Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. and 8 ozs. and was 21-1/2 inches

Grandparents are Victor and Juana Rodriquez of New Home, and Benansio and Odilia Vargas of

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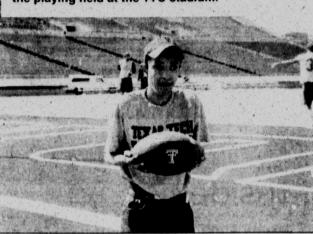
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Michael was given a TTU practice ball at the end of the tour. His mother told The News that Setencich issued the invitation when she and her sons were visiting her father, Rudy Tejeda, in a Lubbock hospital. Setencich was also at the hospital with his wife, and noticed Michael wearing a TTU t-shirt. He introduced himself, gave the family his card, and invited them to come watch the Raider team practice anytime. "Michael loved it - he had a great time and wants to go back soon," said Mary.

Michael visits Red Raider Training Camp ...

Michael Calvillo, 19-year-old son of Mary Calvillo of Tahoka, visited the Texas Tech Red Raiders football training facilities on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the invitation of TTU Defensive Coordinator Lyle Setencich (shown with his arm around Michael). Coach Dennis Simmons gave a tour to Michael, his younger brother, and their mother, introducing them to several players and coaches. Michael not only visited the new training facilities for the Raiders, but also went onto the playing field at the TTU stadium.



OBITUARIES



LAURA RUSHING

Laura Rushing

Laura Ann Ellis Rushing of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005. She maintained her sense of humor and passed peacefully. She was born at home on December 31, 1932. in Three Lakes, Texas and raised in west Texas by parents Thelma therapy, physical therapy, Braille Hickerson Ellis and James Hogg Ellis, among a large and loving extended

Laura grew up in Plains, Texas, mischief and adventure, and protected tended Texas Tech, and pursued a degree in Education as she continued to encourage a sense of adventure among her many friends. As a public school teacher, primarily in Kindergarten, but in other grades as well, Laura devoted 27 years to preparing children to approach life with confidence and curiosity. She worked to instill in her students an appreciation for other cultures and respect for all people. She shared, as well, her love of music, ranging from Fats Domino to Mozart.

Endlessly loyal to her friends, and fiercely protective of her family, Laura lived and loved intersely. Her stories about her family and friends engaged and entertained offers who shared her life. Although her children grew up away from west Texas, Laura's stories instilled a powerful sense of home.

Survivors include children, James Michiel Rushing of Austin, Texas, Cecil Jay Rushing of Trophy Club, Texas, and Terri-Ann Rushing of Atlanta, Georgia, and their respective partners, Deanna, Patty and Angela; Jay's children, Tyler Jake, Justin Tate and Trenton Jay; and brother James Hickerson Ellis of Bartlesville, Okla.

Visitation was held Sunday, August 21, at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 22 at 5 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Kerrville with Dr. Bill Blackburn and Dr. John Petty officiating. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. at Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com and selecting the "send condolences" link (PAID)

Pray for our Nation

Bobby L. Rains

· Services for Bobby L. "Red" Rains, 72, of Lubbock, were held 11 a.m. Friday, August 19, at W.W. Rix Chapel in Lubbock.

He died Tuesday, August 16. 2005

He was born August 30, 1932 in O'Donnell to Uriah C. and Gertrude Eaker Rains. He earned a bachelors degree from Texas Tech University. He joined Mass Mutual as an agent in 1957. He married Barbara "Bobbie" Barfield on September 4. 1960 in New Boston. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

Survivors include his wife. Bobbi; children, Lee Ann Hasek and Clay Rains; a sister, Lois Sherrill; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Lubbock Meals on Wheels, 2304 34th Street, Lubbock, TX 79411. (806) 792-7971

Jessie Ramirez, Jr.

Services for Jessie Ramirez, Jr. five-month-old son of Jessie Ramirez, Sr. and Crucifica Castillo of Lubbock, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at Calvillo Funeral Home with Father Martin Pena officiating. Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents, of Lubbock; a sister, Janeva Pena of Lubbock; grandparents, Ernest and Rosalinda Acuna of Lubbock, and Mario and Cruz Castillo of Crosbyton; great-grandparents, Dominga Conde of Raymondville, Eliverio and Virginia Acuna of Lubbock, Ignacia Castillo of Dallas, and Ramona Castaneda of Tahoka.

Senior Citizens MENU

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Monday: Enchiladas, Mexicorn & Beans, Peaches & Ice Cream Tuesday: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Cooked Beets, Cinnamon Roll Wednesday: Carne Guisada, Ejotes Guisados, Mexican Rice, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, Covotitas

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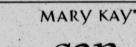
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Friday: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce. Zuechini, Cucumbers, Onions, Garlie Bread, Happy Birthday Cake

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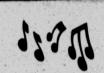




80-member band ...

Cathy at 998-5363.

The Tahoka High School Band continues to grow - both in numbers and in great sound - with membership this year climbing up to 80 musicians, according to band directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith. The 3-D Band will perform for fans at the first football game this week at Kelley Field, as Tahoka hosts Sundown. (LCN PHOTO)



BULLDOG **Booster** Club News

The Tahoka junior varsity football team will travel to Sundown Thursday Aug. 25. Game starts at 6:00. Booster club News

Tahoka varsity football team will open the season on Friday Aug. 26 at 7:30. Wear your blue and come out and support the Bulldogs. All these young athletes appreciate everyone's support.

First tailgate party is Friday, Aug. 26. We will be serving hamburgers, chips and a drink for \$3. We will start serving at 6:00 pm and will not serve after 7:00. The tailgate party will be behind the home side stands this week. Everyone is invited

Caps are now here, they will be for sale at the tailgate party along

with the new blue designed t-shirts, Tahòka Bulldog back packs, 3X5 Tahoka Bulldog flag, royal stadium bags (snug bugs) and pom poms. Anyone wishing to purchase anything before the games may call

The next booster club meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Anyone that wants to support all Bulldogs in all sports is invited to attend. We welcome anyone that is wishing to come out and show their support for the Bulldogs.

THS Band Boosters To Prepare Concession Stand

ALL band parents are ask to come help get the new concession stand ready for Friday night. We will meet Thursday, Aug. 25th at 6:00 pm at the football field. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

Aug. 29-Sept. 2

Monday: Cereal w/ graham cracker Tuesday: Cheese Toast Sandwich, Fresh

Wednesday: Tortilla Roll Up Thursday: (Menu not available) Friday: (Menu not available)

Lunch

Monday: Bulldog Burger, Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Buffalo Fries, Orange Half. w/ cherry. Fruit Cup Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Chicken Quesadilla, Mixed Veg., Celery Sticks w/ peanut butter, Fruit Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Mexicali Corn, Garden Salad, Fruit Salad, Pear Half w/ Cherry, Fresh Fruit Thursday: (Menu not available) Friday: (Menu not available)

2005 Yearbooks Available at THS

The 2005 yearbooks are in. Students may pick them up after school in Mrs. Lehman's journalism room. Any graduated senior can contact Mrs. Lehman at 561-4538 to make arrangements in getting the yearbook. There are a few extra copies that can be purchased for \$25.

SBA Financing Informational Workshop Set

There will be an SBA Financing and Informational Workshop, Wednesday, August 31, at the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2579 S. Loop 289, Lubbock. The workshop is being sponsored by the Texas Tech University Small

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MALLEY THE RAT-KILLER - Malley, a friendly little black Dachshund who belongs to Scott and Rebecca Dimak in Tahoka, has proven to be quite the rat killer, finding and killing more than 18 rats in the past 3-4 weeks in their backyard and alley, in the 2400 block of Lockwood. She sniffed out this cotton rat within 10 minutes of the Lynn County News photographer arriving to take her picture, killing it in mere seconds by snatching it up and shaking her head rapidly from side to side. The rat was hiding in tall grass in the alley, which abuts a cotton field.

who lives in the 2400 block of Rat Invasions ... Charles and the second section of the section of the

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to their home, but now say that until this bizarre rat population explosion is over, they are keeping the strays, around for rat patrol.

Citizens who own well-maintained homes up and down the western edge of Lockwood have reportedly seen rats in yards in recent weeks, and there have been reports in other areas of town as well - though none in numbers as horritying as the Bishops have reported, and none of these rodents have been reported inside homes.

Just a block further east from the Bishops down Lockwood, one home owner has a cute little Dachshund that is doing her own share of rat patrol. catching and killing 18 rats during the last 3-4 weeks in a fenced backyard that abuts a cotton field.

"Our dog. Malley, can't wait to get out every morning and go hunt rats in the backvard," said Rebecca Dimak,

Lockwood. "She has killed 18 rats in the last three or four weeks it's just unbelievable.

Her husband, Scott, added, "We've lived here 10 years and never even seen a rat. Now we're looking for them every time we let Malley outside and she can usually find one. We can tell immediately when she's spotted one because she gets all excited. One day she caught two at once," he said with a grin. Once Malley gets hold of a rat in her mouth, she shakes her head rapidly a few times, killing it within a few seconds, and then drops it onto the ground, no longer interested in a rat who doesn't move.

Leah Taylor, who also lives in the 2400 block of Lockwood, says her two cats - Sunflower and Midnight - have killed more than 30 rats in recent weeks, including several baby rats.

Jane and Ed. two Chihuahuas at the home of Mary Gayle Raindl in the 2300 block of Lockwood, were sent into a barking frenzy when a rat was

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brave enough to come up to the house and look inside the floor-length window. Raindl saw the rat looking in when she went to see why the dogs were causing such a racket. "I put out rat bait and it [the bait]

was gone within two days," said Raindl, adding that she later found four dead rats and several dead mice in her yard.

Homeowners on N. 2nd, N. 4th, and N. 6th have seen the occasional rat - some dead, some scurrying through the foliage - in their yards. according to unofficial reports.

After conducting some internet research, the Bishops believe the rats are of the Hispid Cotton Rat variety. and Lynn County Extension Agent Bryan Reynolds concurs. Cotton rats are a moderately large rodent with furry bodies and a scaly, sparselyhaired tail that is shorter than the combined head and body. Cotton rats have relatively large eyes, and the ears are large but almost hidden in the fur. Distinguishing characteristics are the rough grizzled appearance of the

quently breed again within a few hours after giving birth, and the offspring reach sexual maturity in about 40 days, and then they can breed.

"I know some of the rats the cats have killed are babies, so they are definitely reproducing," said Mrs. Bishop.

Reynolds believes that last year's unusually high amounts of rainfall have contributed to the rodent problem - as well as to unusually high numbers of other animals and insects. With the recent heavy rains in the last few weeks, he thinks the rodents may have been forced out of underground holes or low-lying areas.

"Unfortunately we have to take the bad with the good, when it comes to rain," said Reynolds. "We'll take the rain any day, but I do think the rains have produced lots of vegetation for rodents - I know last winter we had lots of mice at the county show barn to contend with. It's just another good reason to keep tall grasses and weeds mowed. We've also had a lot more reports of bees swarming this year, and the bird population has grown - I've

"When conditions are just right, the population explodes and we are hip deep in cotton rats before we know it."

blackish or grayish fur and the rather stiff black guard hairs.

The name, "Cotton Rats," apparently does not have anything to do with actual cotton crops, or at least no mention of a correlation is mentioned in the research material.

Normally this rat inhabits tallgrass areas, and in western Texas, where grassy ground cover is not available, cotton rats live in dens at the bases of small, low clumps of mesquite in otherwise nearly barren terrain. Preferred sites are old fields, natural prairie, unmolested rights-of-way for roads, and other places not subject to flooding and where the vegetation grows rank and tall. Occasionally, the rats take over and use the discarded burrows of gophers.

Cotton rats are prolific and produce several litters a year (of 2-10 young). The gestation period is approximately 27 days. Females fre-

New Home United

Methodist Church

350 N. Main

New Home, TX 79383

(806) 924-7549

PASTOR: RICK WOLFE

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Youth Activities

Wilson

First Baptist Church

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

(806) 628-6333

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 &

never seen more dove or quail than I have this year," he said.

Tahoka officially had over 42 inches of precipitation in 2004, the most precipitation of any year since records have been kept here. According to information from "The Mammals of Texas-Online Edition," the size of the population of cotton rats is correlated with the amount of suitable habitat, and suitable habitat in turn is correlated with the amount of rainfall. Thus, this rat is attuned to climatic changes and the population is subject to violent fluctuations

The last serious outbreak in Texas occurred in 1958 when millions of these rodents seemed to appear from nowhere and caused serious losses to farm crops, particularly peas, peanuts, watermelons, and eauliflower - as much as 90 percent in some instances.

"When the rains came in 1957 they were a blessing, not only to the ranch-

New Home

Church of Christ

St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383

(806) 924-7579 • website or email'

MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.

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

St. Jude Thaddeus

Catholic Church

South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373

PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO

Mass - 11 a.m. Sunday, 7 p..m. Wed. & Thur.

Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.

CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed

Wilson

Lutheran Church

13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381

St. John

DIMAKS ON RAT PATROL - Scott and Rebecca Dimak and their girls, McKenzie and Maci, accompanied their Dachshund, Malley, on a rat hunt outside their fenced back yard Tuesday, searching the high grasses and weeds just past the alley that borders a cotton field in the 2400 block of Lockwood. Homeowners in the area have reported mind-boggling numbers of rats seen in yards, (LCN PHOTO) and the Dimak's dog has killed more than 18.

ers, but also to the cotton rat. Ground cover increased, providing better cover and more nutritious green food, and the cotton rat population took off. Because green food was available in quantity during most of 1957 and well

2 of 50 rats ...

Shown here are two of the rats killed at the Bishop home, where cats have killed more than 50 rats in the last six weeks.

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into 1958, females were able to produce more and larger litters than normally. By late May 1958, they were found in unbelievable numbers in especially favorable areas. Estimates across fields and a dirt road a few miles were as high as several hundred rats per hectare... When conditions are just right, the population explodes and we are hip deep in cotton rats before we two homeowners with pools in Tahoka know it," the research indicated.

"Fortunately, every eruption is followed by a crash in the population that is brought on by a combination of factors, principally disease. Predators such as covotes, bobcats, hawks, owls. and certain snakes take their toll, but the main killer is disease. As the rats increase in numbers, the animals become more and more crowded and provide more contacts for the rapid spread of disease. At the same time, the virulence of the disease increases until finally the crash occurs and the population is low once again," read the online report (http://www.nsrl.ttu.edu/ tmot1/sigmhisp.htm).

Local suppliers for rat poison and rat traps say they have noticed an increase in demand for both poison and traps, and have heard more reports of rat sightings.

"I sell the 'Just One Bite' rat poison daily," said Kent Porter, manager at Higginbotham Lumber Co. "Some say they don't think the poison is helping that much, but I think there are so many rats that it is just hard to keep up with them. I have heard that the rats are just really thick this year," he told The News.

J.P. Stice, owner of Main Street Express Lumber Co., said he has also had lots of demand for the rat poison, and can hardly keep enough traps on hand because they sell so fast.

Tahoka City Administrator Jerry Webster said the city has received a few calls with questions about the rats. mostly from citizens who live on the west edge of town. He spoke with an official at the Lubbock Health Department to inquire if they had unusual reports of rats, and was told by a woman who worked there that they had some calls. She also told him she lived in Post, and that Post was having the same problem.

"My dogs have killed 10 or so rats in our yard." she told Webster.

Calls to city offices in Wilson. New Home and O'Donnell did not result in any rat tales, however, as officials there say they had not heard any talk around their towns about rat prob-

The cotton rat is basically nocturnal but will venture out in the daytime which one local meter reader can attest, seeing numerous rats scurrying west of Tahoka one morning on his way to a rural location. The rats can swim, and do not hesitate to do so - as can reportedly attest, after having to capture the swimming rodents.

Cotton rats may damage a variety of crops, including alfalfa, grains. grasses, vegetables, peanuts, fruit crops, sweet potatoes, and sugar beets. and are especially troublesome in sugarcane and melons. Since these animals will eat quail eggs, a high cotton rat population may have a detrimental impact on quail nesting success.

One local man says he has been told all of his life that when cotton rats come into town in large numbers that it is a prediction of a very severe winter ahead. If that is true, then Tahoka residents had better prepare for a harsh

Area residents are urged to be alert for the rodent problem, and to keep tall weeds and grasses mowed, especially in alleys and yards. If poison and traps can be placed out of reach of domestic animals, consider placing poison bait in areas such as storage sheds. barns, etc., and if placing traps, check them frequently.

Or - get a cat (or a Dachshund) for rat patrol.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

Sweet Street **Baptist Church**

(806) 561-5310 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.

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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.

Phone (806) 561-5317

For a ride to Sunday School or Church. call 561-5317

ТАНОКА

Church of Christ

2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 7937;

(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com

MINISTER: RON FANT

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m

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.

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

Message From: Jeff Bayley, Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Tahoka **CHANGED TO HIS LIKENESS**

We actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ. -- 1 Corinthians 2:16

The distance between our hearts and Jesus' heart seems so. immense. How could we ever hope to have the heart of Jesus?

Ready for a surprise? You already do ... If you are in Christ, you already have the heart of Christ. One of the supreme yet unrealized promises of God is simply this: if you have given your life to Jesus, Jesus has given himself to you. He has made your heart his home. It would be hard to say it more succinctly than Paul does: "Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20 MSG).

He has moved in and unpacked his bags and is ready to change you "into his likeness from one degree of glory to another" (2 Cor. 3:18 RSV).

(806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. LEWIS WILKINS

Sunday School (for all ages) - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m

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

(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON First Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Second Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages -

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4-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. Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays "For I know the plans I have for you. plans to give you hope and a future!"

Questions and Answers of the Day

The book of Jonah (Part 5 of a 5-part series)

Question: How significant are the shorter books of the Bible?

Last week we read abut Jonah's temper fit and a whole city receiving grace and mercy from God. The little book of Jonah has four chapters. It, however, is crammed full of wisdom and lessons. Much of the time we tend to head toward the thicker, longer books -- like Psalms, Matthew, etc. They are wonderful, too.

If we don't study and read the shorter books, it is our loss. God wants it all read ... from Genesis to Revelations. In our time we have many Jonahs. They don't all end up in a fish's belly, but they go through things because they don't want to do the uncomfortable things God calls us to do. We often worry about what others think and don't do as God has told us. Sometimes, like Jonah, we don't want to warn people, because we have had it with them. If God calls us to do something that we really don't want to do. then things often get worse, and will only get better when obedience comes. If we look through the eyes of God, we will want even our worst enemy to have mercy and salva-

Pray today, "God have mercy on us. Show us clearly what you want us to do. Forgive us if we have tried to run from our spiritual responsibilities. Strengthen us so we can do your work. In Jesus name we pray. Amen." GOD BLESS YOU.

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

Grassland Nazarene

Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655

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

Gethsemane **Baptist Church** 1421 South 5th • Box 1017 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-4577

PASTOR: REV. MINGO CHAPA Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch Every Sunday - All Welcome **MATTHEW 11:28**

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701 N. 1st • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone 561-5520 or 998-6092

PASTOR: CHARLIE STICE ASSOCIATE PASTOR: MICHAEL SCOTT

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 5:15 p.m. Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fem Barnes (806) 327-5583

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m

Draw First United Methodist Church

PASTOR: REV. TONI BAYLEY Sunday School following

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Lynn County Can Benefit:

New Form Offers "County of Title" Issuance For New Car Buyers

purchase new cars at dealerships elsewhere now have a new opportunity to tell the dealerships that they prefer to register their new vehicle in the county where they reside - a practice that will benefit Lynn

In the past, when purchasing a new vehicle, buyers could request that the car be registered in Lynn County, but there was no form available that the purchaser could fill out to designate the county - and sometimes dealerships would fail to honor those requests. Now the Texas Department of Transportation has issued information about House Bill 988 enacted by the 79th Texas Legislature that says, as of Sept. 1, "the motor vehicle dealer must make the form available to the purchaser of a motor vehicle at the time of pur-

That means, among with all the other forms signed when purchasing a new vehicle, buyers will now fill out a "County of Title Issuance" form that allows them to designate Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce she cautions.

Residents of Lynn County who urges all county residents to check the box designating "County of Purchaser's Residence" when buying a new car (it's the first box available to check on the form). All taxes, fees and other revenue collected as a result of the new car transaction will be sent to Lynn County, instead of the county where the vehicle was

Of course, the form also allows the buyer to check "County where motor vehicle is purchased," or "county where motor vehicle is encumbered (lien holder)," so buyers should be aware of which box is checked before they sign the "County of Title Issuance" form.

Mrs. Pearce suggests that anyone considering purchasing a new vehicle should come by the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's office located inside the Lynn County Courthouse, and she will provide them with a "County of Title Issuance" form which they can go ahead and fill out and take with them when they go car shopping.

"Car dealers are now required to their county of residence for regis- provide these new forms, but buytration. That means real money to ers must make sure which box is Lynn County, and Lynn County Tax checked before they sign the form,"

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COUNTY OF TITLE ISSUANCE

Seller Information:
Transportation Code §501.0234 requires a licensed motor vehicle dealer to apply for a

certificate of title and registration for a motor vehicle in the county as directed by the purchaser The purchaser of a motor vehicle shall designate which of the following counties (Transportation Code §501.023) will be the recipient of all taxes, fees and other revenue collected as a result of the transaction, which the tax assessor-collector is authorized by law to retain.

Purchaser(s) must select only one:

COUNTY OF PURCHASER'S RESIDENCE COUNTY WHERE MOTOR VEHICLE IS PURCHASED

COUNTY WHERE MOTOR VEHICLE IS ENCUMBERED (LIENHOLDER)

SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER

Notice

Notice is hereby given that Tahoka Independent School District intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services, prior to 1998-1999 school year. These records are located at

Tahoka High School

1925 Ave. P. Tahoka

Legal parent / guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records at the school.

AVISO

Aviso ésta dado que La Escuela de Tahoka tiene intención de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Educación Especial. Documentos que deben ser destruidos son para personas que recibieron educación especial, incluiendo servicios de terapia de lenguaje hasta el año escolar 1998-1999. Los unicos documentos qué van estar destruidos son los que estan localizados en:

Tahoka High School 561-4538

1925 Ave. P Tahoka

Padres/ guardián legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades física/ mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos en la escuela

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Tahoka Independent School District (TISD) offers career and technology education

programs in Business Technology, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and Agriculture. Admissions to these programs is based on attendance, attitude, and career goals. It is the policy of TISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the

Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of TISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age

Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, TISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to

admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Glo Hays, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4538 ext. 226, and the Section 504 Coordinator, Jimmy Parker, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-

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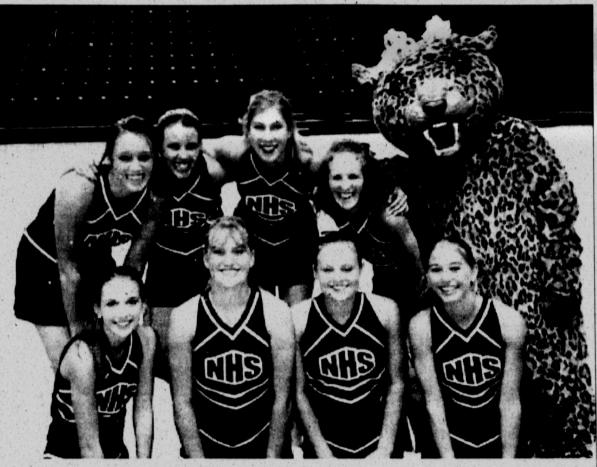
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TISD tomora las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todas los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o prodedimientos para quejas, communiquese con el Corrdinador del Titulo IX, Señora, Glo Hays, en P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4538, ext. 226 o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Señor Jimmy Parker, en P.O. Box 34-Itc 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4105.



NEW HOME VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - The New Home Varsity cheerleaders attended NCA Camp at San Angelo State University July 30-August 2, with each of the nine being All American Nominees. Back row left to right: Laura Maeker, Mary Maeker, Stefanie White, Katie O'Rourke, and Meghan O'Rourke. Front row left to right: Ashley West, Sarah Ussery, Allison Gibbins, and Hailey Wilkinson.

lost ones: 1939, 1940, 1943 through

contact Karon Durham at 924-7524, ext.

Community Calendar

Birthday Calendar is on sale now from

the New Home Student Council. Order

September 2. There are also a few spaces

Home. TX 79383.

The 2006 New Home Community

If you have any information, please

1946, 1953, 1958 through 1960.

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

School Calendar

Thursday, August 25- J.V. Borden County at 5:30 Friday, August 26- Please bring your loose change to the Pep Rally to help fill up the megaphone for the MDA. The varsity Cheerleaders will be helping Charles and Caitlin Kieth collect donations for this special organization. Saturday, August 27- Cross Country at

Tuesday, August 30-8:00 a.m.-ASVAB Tests, Last day to turn in Little Leopard Camp form and fee- it is scheduled for September 6 from 3:30-6:00

New Home Cheerleaders Attend NCA Camp

New Home Varsity Cheerleaders attended NCA Camp at San Angelo State University July 30-Aug. 2.

Each of the nine cheefleaders was All American Nominees. After trying out for All American, the following cheerleaders were named to the All American Squad; seniors Stefanie White and Laura Maeker, junior Natalie Bruton, sophomores Sarah Ussery, Allison Gibbins and Hailey Wilkinson, and freshman Mary

The squad received three certificates for their "Outstanding Motions and Techniques". The squad received a Top Team Nomination and brought home the

Also attending the camp was Leopard Mascot, Meghan O'Rourke, Junior. Meghan received a certificate for the "Mascot that worked best with their home Cheerleading Squad".

The Leopard Cheerleaders and Mascot will be leading spirit at the Friday Pep rallies and games. They are currently working on Homecoming 2005: "Back To The Future".

Little Leopard Camp

Little Leopard Camp will be held on Tuesday, September 6, from 3:30-6:00. in the activity gym for grades K-6.

Group lessons will be held to teach a cheer, chant and dance that will be performed at the Varsity Pep Rally on

Come dressed in shorts, t-shirts and athletic shoes. Also bring a bottle of water and an afternoon snack.

Looking For Ex-Leopard Kings and Queens of NHHS

We are currently working on plans for Homecoming 2005: "Back to the Future". We need help locating past Leopard Homecoming Kings and Queens for these years: 1938 through 1949, 1952, and 1957-1959, to introduce at the Pep Rally on September 23. The parade and pep rally take place at 1:00

If you have an extra yearbook that you are not wanting to keep, we could also use the following years to replace

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- SELL Used DVDs and New DVD players, and AmeriCard Phone Cards

Class Officers New Home students have elected

class officers for this school year. They are: Senior Class President Laura Macker, Vice President Blaine Paul, Secretary/Treasurer Katie O'Rourke: Junior Class Pres. Natalie Bruton, VP Freddy Tello, Sec./Treas. Daniel Ford; Sophomore Class Pres. Trevor White, VP Billy Kirk, Sec./Treas. Rachel Reagan: Freshman Class Pres. Mary Maeker, VP Mikaela Wallace, Sec./Treas. Ashley West; 8th Grade Class Pres. Kris Silva, VP Sterling Ford, Sec./Treas. Lexus Castro; and 7th Grade Class Pres. Jacobi Ford, VP Steelie Feaster, Sec./Treas. through any Stuco member or sponsor Abbey Melton. These students, along (Jessica Quillin and Marsha Scott), or with work-on members, will comprise pick up an order form at the New Home the Student Council, led by Stuco Presi-Post Office. Calendars are \$5.00 each dent Sarah Ussery. Vice President and a birthday or anniversary listing is Meghan O'Rourke, and Secretary/Trea-75 cents. Turn in paid orders by Friday. surer Kebbi Hutto.

2004-05 Yearbooks

available through September 2 for \$30.00 ads on the calendar; if interested, The 2004-2005 New Home yearcontact Mrs. Quillin or Mrs. Scott at the books have arrived and been distributed. school at 924-7543 or Box 248, New Extra books may be purchased from Mrs. Scott for \$34.00 each.

Blood Drive Set Here on Monday

Mix 100 and United Blood Services invite Tahoka to be a part of the 9th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive. This year's drive begins on Monday, August 29. Participants can donate every day through the end of the drive, Saturday, September 3rd, in the blood draw center at 48th and University in Lubbock. UBS will also be in a different outlying city every day.

The Drive will be at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, on Monday, August 29, from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m. Each donor will receive a 9th Annual Labor of Love T-shirt, and will be registered to win one of 6 portable AM/FM CD Players, with one of the Boom Boxes to be given away daily.

Also, everyone who participates in this drive will be included in the two final drawings, one for a 4 day 3 night Carnival Cruise and one for a MP3 player complete with FM Re-

New Home SCHOOL MENU

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Breakfast Monday: Cinnamon Roll Tuesday: Blueberry Muffins Wednesday: Biscuit & Sausage Thursday: Honeybun Friday: Pancake Pup

Monday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Corn, Ranch Pudding Tuesday: Steak Fingers, Whipped potatoes. Green beans. Gravy. Applesauce Cup Wednesday: Sub Sandwich Bar.

Pickle Spears, Carrots, Cucumbers Orange Wedges, Apples Thursday: Popcorn Chicken, Mac& Cheese, Calif. Blend Vegetables. Mixed Fruit Cup

Friday: Chili Cheese Dog. Chili Beans, Tator Tots, Peach Cobbler

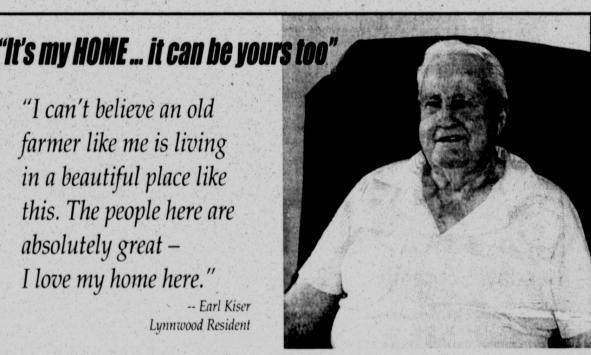
Spirit Tatoos

Varsity cheerleaders will be selling game day spirit tatoos for \$1 each on the following ddates and times: 7:30-7:50 a.m. in front of the cafeteria for the first game on Aug. 26, Homecoming an Sept. 23, and first district game on Sept. 30,

"I can't believe an old

farmer like me is living in a beautiful place like this. The people here are absolutely great -I love my home here."

-- Earl Kiser Lynnwood Resident



Welcome Home ... to Lynnwood

- ◆ Conveniently located adjacent to Lynn County Hospital District health care facilities
- Spacious living accommodations to be fur-
- nished with resident's own furniture
- ◆ Utilities included in room prices
- Three nutritious meals served daily in our large dining room

of genuine care.

Tahoka

- Regularly scheduled social activities Personal laundry facilities and
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- Library, beauty shop, & other amenities
- Independent living with safety and security

"Our goal is to provide our residents with a safe, homelike environment, yet have the privacy, independence and dignity to live a long and healthy life. Each resident will be afforded the highest level

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Susie Sosa, Lynnwood Administrator

Owned and Operated by Lynn County Hospital District

Lynnwood is a beautiful new facility with Studio, One-Bedroom and Couples rooms featuring large walk-in closets, and kitchens equipped with microwave ovenl refrigerator units.

> Call or come visit today!

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USDA Asking For Input On Upcoming Farm Bill

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking for your help in identifying ways to address agricultural issues in the next Farm Bill. The 2002 Farm Bill (officially entitled the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) authorizes many USDA programs, including farm price and income support programs. New legislation will need to be enacted prior to the bill's expiration in

USDA intends to develop recommendations for the new farm bill and believes that public input is essential to this process. Written comments may be submitted to USDA online at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill", which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message. You can also send your written comments by mail to the following address: USDA Farm Bill, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns. Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

In order for your input to be considered, please send your responses no later than Dec. 30, 2005.

Comments should address one or more of these six questions:

1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agricul-

2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global mar-

3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly dis-

tribute assistance to producers? 4: How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Senior USDA officials will host issue-specific forums throughout the nation focusing on these six questions. In addition additional forums will address conservation, rural development and nutrition issues. During these specialty forums, the publie will be asked to respond to questions that are tailored to those subject areas. These questions will be announced prior to the specialty forums and published on the USDA

The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and posted on the USDA website. Information on the forums can also be obtained by calling any USDA office.

NOTE: All comments, including names and addresses, provided by respondents are a matter of pubhe record. Comments may be viewed at the Department of Agriculture. To make arrangements to view comments, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116A. Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-

MUSTANG CHEERLEADERS ATTEND CAMP - Pictured with a National Cheerleaders Association staff member at NCA Summer Camp Wilson Mustang Cheerleaders, from left, Lett Hernandez, Ashley Brady, Kristian Garcia, Rayley Parmer, Donna Rodriguez, Victoria Zepeda, and Xia Rios, along with mascot, Makenzy Buckner. The cheer advisor is Val Perkins.

Gospel Jamboree Set In Wilson

The Gospel Jamboree, a free event sponsored by the local churches in Wilson, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, on the lot between First Baptist Church and St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson.

"We will begin serving food at 6:00 p.m., and the music will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to come and share an evening of good food, fellowship and great music," said a sponsor.

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Chips, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Thursday: Tator Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Corn. Fruit

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WISD Cheerleaders Earn Coveted Herkie Team Award At Camp

Association presented the Wilson Mustang Varsity Cheerleaders with the Herkie TEAM Award for exemplifying leadership, values, and teamwork at the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp, held at Plainview.

The girls also won the Spirit Stick three times throughout camp for showing the most sincere spirit and enthusiasm throughout the entire week at camp. This award was voted on by all teams.

As part of the 4-day camp curriculum, the National Cheerleaders Association also selects individual

The National Cheerleaders award winners at each of the camps Senior Captain, Lett Hernandez, received the most prestigious award in cheerleading today, the All-American Team Member award. She was judged on motion technique, jumps, tumbling, spirit and enthusiasm, voice projection and overall crowd appeal. Sophomore Rayley Parmer was also nominated for All-American as well as Makenzy Buckner for All-American mascot.

> The camp was held at Wayland Baptist University and attracted over 225 cheerleaders from the surround-

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Boll Weevil Eradication Assessment Notices To Arrive In Mail Soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Western High Plains and Southern High Plains/Caprock eradication

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due September 30, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 15.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a rebate on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the rebate.

To aid WHP growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are cur-

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their ac-

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner posLAND FOR

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Counties Included in Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Zones

Northern High Plains: Armstrong (part), Briscoe (part), Floyd (part), Hale, Randall (part), Swisher

Northern Rolling Plains: Archer (part), Armstrong (part). Briscoe (part), Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby (part), Dickens (part), Donley, Floyd (part), Foard, Garza (part), Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger

Northwest Plains: Bailey. Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Parmer, Randall (part)

Panhandle: Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Oldham, Potter, Roberts, Hartley, Ochiltree, Sherman, Hemphill

Permian Basin: Borden (part), Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, Midland (part)

St. Lawrence: Glasscock, Midland (part), Reagan, Upton

Southern High Plains/Caprock: Cochran, Crosby (part), Dickens (part), Garza (part), Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn (part), Terry (part) .

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High Plains Water District Tax Rate Remains Unchanged

During an Aug. 19 special meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Board of Directors voted to adopt a 2005 ad valorem tax rate of .0083 cents per \$100 property valuation. This is the same tax rate adopted in

The district's board of directors kept the tax rate the same as last year," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright of Lubbock. "While the tax rate remains the same, some taxpayers may see a slight increase in their water district taxes if property valuations increased.

For example, a person with \$100,000 in property value pays \$8.30 in taxes per year to the High Plains Water District. If the 2005 property value increased to \$110,000, then the individual's water district tax would increase to \$9.13 a year, or an extra 83 cents

valuations increased across the district, especially those in new conhad property value increases.

Conkwright said most property struction areas in Lubbock and Randall Counties. Also, areas of oil production in Hockley County likely

Created in 1951, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 provides for the conservation, preservation, protection,

recharging, and prevention of waste of ground water stored in the Ogallala aquifer within its 15-county service area. Additional information about the district's programs and activities is available on-line at www.hpwd.com.



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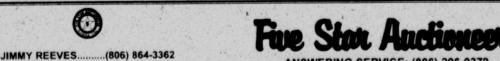
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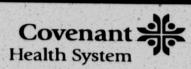
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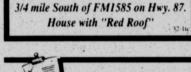
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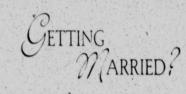
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Oct. 21-Post *

Oct. 28-Idalou *

Nov. 4-at Slaton * - district games H - Homecoming QUARTERBACKS/RECEIVERS for the 2005-06 Tahoka Varsity team includes (left to right): Daniel Baker (WR/DB), Troy Price (WR/DB), Matt McLelland (TE/LB), Zach Tillman (WR/LB), Byron Moore (TE/DL), Patrick Dotson (QB/DB), Damon Moore (QB/DB), and Colby Gardner (WR/DB).

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