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County Stock Show Slated Next Week

The annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, Jan. 18-21.

The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day.

A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.

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Wells Coop Gin	25,000
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	34,50
Farmers Coop Assn. 1-Tahoka	35,14
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	54,720
New Home Coop-Lakeview	56,643
Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union	90,20

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 4	66	47	
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Napper Seeks **Judicial Seat** In 106th District

James J. "Jay" Napper is giving up one elected position in hopes of gaining another.

Napper, who has a law practice in Lamesa and serves as county attorney for Lynn County, is seeking election as district judge for the 106th Judicial District of

The lone Democrat for that position, Napper will be challenging Republican incumbent Carter T. Schildknecht in the November general election.

The 106th Judicial District consists of Dawson, Gaines, Garza and Lynn counties. "I believe I can serve as a fair and

impartial judge," Napper said. He said that, if elected, he hopes to reduce the cost of operating the district

judge's office. "The counties in our district have been

asked to increase their funding of the district judge's office substantially over the past four years," Napper said. "I believe that I can do a good job as district judge without spending as much."

A licensed attorney for 13 years, Napper said he believes his experience in the legal profession qualifies him for the post. He has served as county attorney for Lynn County the past six years.

"I've tried a variety of cases in that time and I believe that qualifies me to hear a

variety of cases," Napper said. He is giving up the county attorney's position to run for district judge.

Under state law, Napper said, filing for judge automatically triggered his resignation as county attorney. However, he said the state constitution requires him to continue serving in that post until the Lynn County Commissioners Court appoints a successor.

Having grown up in Lamesa, Napper graduated from Lamesa High School in 1985. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas in 1989 and graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1992.

Napper worked for the Austin law firm of Martinec, Hargadon and Wise for two years before returning to Lamesa to open his own law practice in 1994.

While noting that most of his legal work has been in Dawson and Lynn counties, Napper notes, "I have practiced in all four counties in the district."

He was initially appointed as the county attorney for Lynn County when the previous county attorney vacated that office. Napper has since been elected twice to that position.

Napper has been a resident of O'Donnell for the past six years. His wife, Gina, is a teacher in the O'Donnell, school system and they have a daughter, Chesney,

who is in the fourth grade there. A member of the Lamesa Bar Association and the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, Napper also is a member of First Baptist Church of O'Donnell.

(Pol. Adv. phid by James J. Napper)



JUDGE TERRI WALKER

Judge Terri Walker Seeks Re-election As Justice of Peace

Incumbent Judge Terri Walker has filed for re-election as Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. The daughter of the late Charlie M. Mason and Wanda Mason, Judge Walker was born and raised in Lynn County and is a longtime resident of Tahoka.

Judge Walker has seven years of experience in the position of Justice of the Peace and has an additional four years of experience as a Court Clerk in the Justice of the Peace's office, both in Lynn County and in Wichita County, Texas.

She has performed the duties of Justice of the Peace, which also includes the duties of a Magistrate, the duties of a Coroner and for over five years she was also the Municipal Judge for the City of Wilson.

During the last six years, I have been instrumental in updating office procedures and have been responsible for many improvements in the operation of the office of Justice of the Peace, which has resulted in a large increase of funds to the county," says Judge Walker. With the constant requirements for greater efficiency through technology, Judge Walker has seen that new computers and software have helped her office keep pace with the increasing requirements of her office.

"I have attended many varied training classes, totaling 480 hours in the last seven years, to keep up to date with this position, and I am well-versed in handling the duties of Justice of the Peace. I am dedicated to continuing to serve the people of Lynn County, and will appreciate your continued support in the upcoming Democratic Primary election," added Judge Walker.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Terri Walker)

Pay Property Taxes By Jan. 31 or Pay **Additional Interest Fees**

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2005 preperty taxes have slightly more than two weeks left if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest amounts begin to add up quickly.

Those who wait until February will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every month following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Property owners have until 5 p.m. Tuesday. Jan. 31 to pay their taxes in person (without additional interest) at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 561-4057.



Heflin Announces Candidacy For State Representative

Former Crosby County Judge, Hoe Heflin, has announced his candidacy for State Representative, District 85, which is being vacated by the retiring Pete Laney. Heflin, who has served as County Judge for the past five years, was required by Texas law to resign to run for the post. Before serving as county judge, he was elected to two terms on the Crosbyton city council. He believes that his experience in both county and municipal government has prepared him to represent the citizens of District 85 effectively

Governor Rick Perry appointed Heflin to the South Plains Regional Review Committee. As county judge, Heflin was a member of the Board of Directors of the South Plains Association of Governments, which serves 15 South Plains counties. As a member of the SPAG Executive Board, he was

Recently, Joe worked closely with Senator Robert Duncar, during a series of town hall meetings regarding rural health care. Heflin is concerned about this issue and others affecting all of us, but especially the

(See Heflin, page 3)



Ginger Henry Announces For Justice of Peace

Ginger Henry of Tahoka announces her candidacy this week for the office of Lynn County Justice of Peace, Pct. 1. She has filed on the Democratic ticket for the four-year term, and her name will be on the ballot in the March 7 Democratic Primary

Mrs. Henry has lived in Tahoka for 18 years. "I have raised three children here and believe in a great future for my grandchildren here in Lynn County," she says.

She has worked with the public over the years in various ways, including serving on the Tahoka ISD school board and volunteering as an EMT on the Lynn County EMS for the last 15 years.

"This community has a great group of people that I would be honored to serve in the office of Justice of the Peace with respect and honesty, and I will gladly commit my time and efforts to fulfill the duties required of this office, I will appreciate your support and your vote in the Democratic Primary," added Mrs. Henry.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Ginger Henry)

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BACK IN THE Dark Ages, like in the 1950s, there were Little Moron jokes; later the same kind of jokes about how dumb people can get became Aggie jokes, and more recently, blonde jokes. All of these have run their course, or at least I thought so, until I heard a couple of blonde jokes last week which I had not heard before.

Does anybody except me remember the Little Moron jokes? Here's one I recall: Did you hear about the Little Moron who took his pregnant wife to the grocery store because he heard they had free delivery?

The more recent Aggie jokes were numerous and almost everybody had their own favorites. Like, How Do You Get a One-Armed Aggie Off a Telephone Pole? You wave at him. Or the Aggie football player who took a periscope to the game because he heard the coach might send him in as a sub. And about a jillion other dumb jokes.

Blonde jokes became popular in the last couple of years, but I have not heard many of them lately. I was handed a sheet of six blonde jokes last week, though, and two of them were new to me:

A Russian, an American and a blonde of undetermined nationality were talking one day.

The Russian said, "We were the first in space!"

The American said, "We were the first on the moon."

The blonde said, "So what? Blondes are going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot," said the Russian. "You'll burn up!"

To which the blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at

And this one: A blonde playing Trivial Pursuit rolled the dice and landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

FRIDAY the 13th comes up this week, and many people will be cautious this Friday because lots of folks are superstitious and believe something bad is more likely to happen that day than on other days. I believe that bad things can happen any day, and good things, too. I don't walk under ladders (actually I don't walk anywhere if a ride is available). I do avoid black cats, because I try to avoid all cats. I just don't believe in superstitions.

If something bad happens to me Friday, I'll be sorry I said that.



GEORGIA WILLIAMS and JACOB REED Couple Announces Engagement

Richard Williams of Austin, and Glenda Williams of Tahoka, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Georgia Williams, to Jacob Reed, son of Danny and Lodima Reed of

The future bride is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Wayland Baptist University. Currently she is a high school English teacher at the Riverside School in Prague, Czech Republic.

Reed is a graduate of Canadian High School, Wayland Baptist University and Kansas State University. He is currently working with the International Mission Board as a missionary and an agronomist in the Karamoja region of North East Uganda in Africa.

The couple plans to marry July 8.

Tahoka Boys Little Dribbler Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for the Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers will be held Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Lyntegar meeting room, and on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center.

Any Tahoka boy currently in 2nd through 6th grade may sign up to play. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. Cost

of registration is \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 fundraiser fee, with the total of \$40.00 due at sign-up.

Admission to games will be \$2.00 per person for ages kindergarten and up.

Anyone interested in coaching needs to attend one of the sign-ups as well. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Mike Rivas at 239-9567 or Tammi Angeley at 561-4213.



Felicitas Aleman

Funeral Mass for Felicitas H. Aleman, 81, of Lubbock, was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church with Father Jim O'Connor and Father Michael O'Dwyer officiating. Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She died on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 in Lubbock. She was born November 20, 1924 in Taft, Texas to Alfonso and Petra (Saldana) Hernandez.

She married Martin Aleman September 11, 1943 in Taft. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Michael Aleman.

Survivors include her husband, Martin of Lubbock; six sons, J.J Aleman, Chris Aleman, Rudy Aleman, and Arnold Aleman, all of Lubbock, Martin Aleman Jr. of Houston, and Johnny Manuel Aleman of Tulsa, Okla.; three daughters, Lupe Torres, and Cecilia Aguirre, both of Lubbock, and Sara Gaitan of Las Vegas, Nevada; three brothers, Pedro Hernandez of Taft, Texas, Ernest Hernandez and Gumecindo Hernandez, both of Lubbock; three sisters, Louisa Deanda and Lupe Narvaiz, both of Lubbock and Andrea Arellano of Wilson; 24 grandchildren; and 30 great grand-

Maria Elvira Quintana

Services for Maria Elvira Quintana, 67, of O'Donnell will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerard Kenney officiating. Burial will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11.

She died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born April 2, 1938 in San Marcos. She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Quintana in 1977, and her son, Juan Ramon Quintana, in 1972.

Survivors include six daughters, Adelia Saenz, Martha Carrizales, Irma Almager, Maria Aguilera, Mary Jessie Rosales and Rosalinda Quintana; two sons, Juan Jr. and Juan Ramon Quintana; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Driving, Drinking, Drugs Bring Arrests

Nine persons were jailed in the county during the last week, on these charges: driving while intoxicated third offense or more, driving while license invalid, warrants on driving while license suspended, issuing bad check, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, DWI second offense, possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than 400 grams, theft over \$20 and less than \$500.

Total jail population as of Tuesday was 49, with nine held for Lubbock County, two for Dawson County, three for Gaines County and one for Garza County.

Girl Scouts Begin Cookie Sales

Girl Scout Troops in Tahoka and surrounding areas began cookie sales this week and continue through March 5. New to the selection of cookies is the "Café Cookie", a gourmet-style crisp cookie caramelized with brown sugar, with a hint of cinnamon spice. The price per box is \$3.00, with eight different selections to choose from, and the Lemon Coolers and Tagalongs have 0 grams of trans fat.

For more information or to order from Tahoka Girl Scouts, contact Jr. Troop Leader, Melody Locke at 561-1528 or Brownie Troop Leader, Elizabeth Tew at 561-9994.

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Jan. 16-20 Monday: Baked Ham, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots and pears Tuesday: Hamburgers w/ trimmings, chips and Gingerbread Wednesday: Beef Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and empanadas Thursday: Baked pork chops, baked

Friday: Chicken strips w/ gravy, au gratin potatoes, corn and dried jello

potatoes, mixed veggies and lemon

Sr. Citizen's Plan **Movie Night**

On Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:00 p.m., the Sr. Citizen's will have a movie night featuring "Cheaper By The Dozen". Popcorn, tea, punch and coffee will be provided. If you would like to bring a snacks to share, that would be appreciated as well. There is no charge for the movie, but donations will be accepted.

Donations are still being accepted for the upcoming Garage Sale. The sale will be held at the Center located at 1600 South 3rd.

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Autry-Jordan Vows Exchanged In December 23 Ceremony

D'Lea Autry of Tahoka, and Jamar Jordan of Lubbock were united in a double ring ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Dan Reynolds officiated the

The bride is the daughter of Robbie and De'Aun Autry of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Bob and Paula Foley of Goodland, TX, Tom and Linda Autry of Midland and Jack and Helen Stephenson of Wilson. The groom is the son of Bennie and Carolyn Jordan of Lubbock and the grandson of Elaine Rodgers and Emma Rowe, both of Lubbock

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown by Maggie Sottero. The gown featured a one piece strapless corset back, a runched band neckline, a couturier styled skirt embellished with diamond shaped pearl motifs, and a semi-cathedral length train. She carried a bouquet of white lilies.

Kara Heinrich of Morton, cousin of the bride, served as matron of honor, and Amber Autry of Wilson, cousin of the bride, served as brides- Plainview. maid.

Doug Harrell of Plainview served as best man, and Iseral Cansino served as groomsman.

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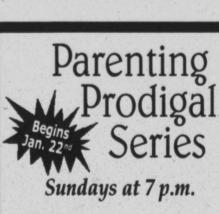
Ushers were Chase Autry of Tahoka, brother of the bride, cousins of the bride, Canaan, Caleb and Colton Heinrich, all of Muleshoe, and KeVondrick Jordan of Lubbock, brother of the groom.

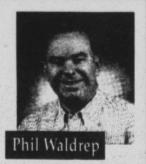
Pianist was Debbie Flo, and playing the trumpet was Garret Autry, brother of the bride. Soloist was Alyssa Hill singing, "You're My Inspiration'

D'Lea was a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School and is attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She is currently employed by American State Bank in Plainview. Jamar is a 2002 graduate of Estacado High School and attends Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He is currently employed by UPS and Wayland Bookstore.

The couple will reside in





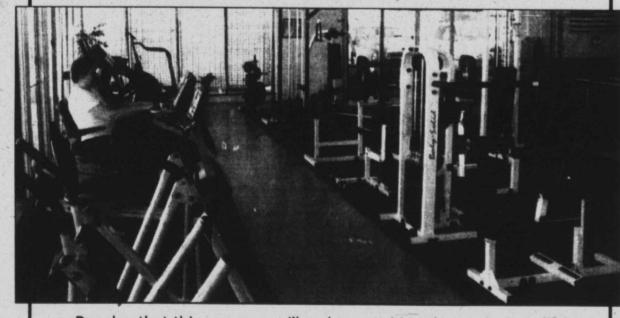


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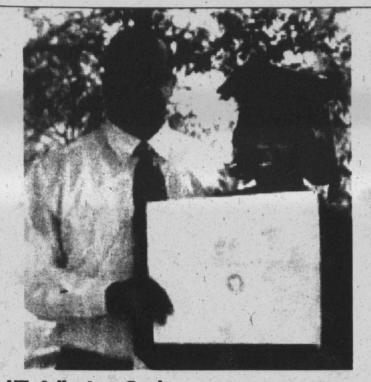




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UT Arlington Grads ... Sedrick Williams and Shana Harris, both 2000 graduates of Tahoka High School, graduated recently from The University of Texas at Arlington. Harris is the daughter of Rayford and Deborah Harris of Tahoka, and Williams is the son of Wanda Williams of Tahoka, and Jerry and Mary Williams of Fort Worth. Both are the grandchildren of Ollie Brown of Tahoka. Harris graduated from the School of Social Work and is currently employed with Texas Mentor in Arlington, and Williams graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting.

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legislative session, he carried letters of senior citizens to Austin and delivered them to our West Texas representatives and Senator Duncan. These letters addressed the financial crisis of area senior citizen centers caused by recent cuts in funding.

Heflin is a native West Texan. He was born in Morton, Texas, where he attended public school until his freshman year when his parents moved the family to Big Cabin, OK. Immediately upon graduation from high school, Joe returned to West Texas to attend South Plains College in Levelland. He attended Eastern New Mexico University on a rodeo scholarship. He received an associates degree from SPC and his bachelor's degree from ENMU. During his college days, Heflin worked as a cowboy and a horseshoer.

Heflin and his wife, Linda, are both attorneys who received their law degrees from Texas Tech School of Law. They have lived the last ten years in Crosbyton where he practices law. He is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas and is admitted to practice in all courts of the State of Texas and in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the College of the State Bar.

Heflin was named 2003 Man of the Year by the Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce. Both Joe and Linda are involved in church and civic activities in Crosbyton. They have two daughters, one son-in-law, and two granddaughters.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Joe Heflin)

Wilson Honor Roll

The student making the A honor roll for the third six weeks was WHS junior Marlen Guillen.

Students making the A-B Honor Roll were: Sixth Grade; Rebecca Benavides and Juana Lopez. Seventh Grade; Michael McAliley, Naomi Rios and Johnny Valdez. Eighth Grade; Jenna Autry, Lindsey Bjork, Cody Cross, Felipe Ortega and Janet Valdez. Ninth Grade; Domenique Escobar, Samantha Gill, Heriberto Gonzalez, Jesus Lopez and Alyssa Moreno. Tenth Grade; Makenzy Buckner. Eleventh Grade; Veronica Gill, Yessica Gonzalez, Sandra Reyna, Vivian Rios and Brandi Todd. Twelfth Grade; Amber Autry, Lett Hernandez, Joline Martinez, Jonathan Perez, Reuben Quezada, Norma Reyna, Anastasia Sanders and Landon Wilke.

Enter TISD Track From East Side

Tahoka ISD has now opened the running track for public use after the track was resurfaced and painted. The track is in excellent condition, according to school officials.

TISD would like to make the public aware of the change in location for public access. "We are asking that you enter from the east gate by the home stands. There is more parking available there and it will be easier to access the track from the east side," said Superintendent Jimmy Parker.

Additionally, school officials remind patrons of the following prohibited items: no roller skates or roller blades; rubber-sole shoes only; walk/ jog in outside lanes only, 6 or 7; no bicycles; please stay off jumping mats and out of jumping pits; no glass containers and please help keep our track clean by leaving no trash.

"TISD thanks you in adyance for your cooperation," said the Superin-

Tahoka ISD Recognizes School Board Members

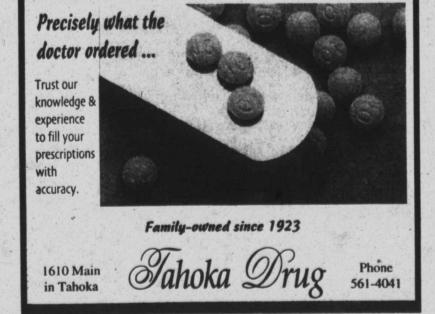
January is school board recognition month. Tahoka ISD joins over 1000 other school districts in the state to recognize these men and women for their unselfish dedication to the students and patrons of the state of Texas.

"These dedicated men and women do not receive any compensation for their service to the school district. They are rewarded when they see the students and staff of the district being successful in academics and extracurricular activities and more importantly, each year as the senior class graduates to begin the next phase of their lives," said Supt. Jimmy Parker.

Tahoka ISD Board Members include Board President Math Bartley, Vice President Joe Calvillo, Board Secretary Carmen Chapa, and members Frank McLelland, Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens and Kent

"Please join us in expressing our gratitude to these seven members for their service to our children," says Supt. Parker.

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City To Contract With Slaton **For Animal Shelter Services**

Tahoka City Council voted unanimously Monday night to contract with the City of Slaton for animal shelter services, to house animals formerly held in the Tahoka city dog pound. Concerned citizens Jack and Barbara Jaquess approached city officials on the issue, requesting that the city update the animal shelter facilities to meet state guidelines. The Jacques's were present at Monday night's meeting to discuss the issue with council members.

"Tahoka's city-owned animal shelter facilities are substandard and outdated, and fail to meet state guidelines," City Administrator Jerry Webster told The News, adding that the cost of a new facility has prohibited city officials from pursuing new

"A town the size of Tahoka is not required to have an animal shelter, and so until we can figure out our options, we are going to contract with the City of Slaton Animal Shelter on a short-term basis to house any animals the city picks up," he added, noting that grant funding has been researched but no sources have been found for such projects.

Tahoka does not have an animal control officer, but when the city receives a call they send out an employee to pick up the animal, and it is taken to the dog pound across from the city warehouse.

"If we pick up an animal that is obviously neglected and no one claims it within three days, the animal is euthanized. However, if the city employees pick up a puppy or an animal that is well-cared for and obviously is someone's pet, they try very hard to find the owner or adopt the animal out if no one claims it, and we don't always adhere to the three-day rule," explained Webster. "They're very compassionate about these animals. We realize our facilities are outdated, but we do try to take care of the animals," he added.

With the new contract with Slaton Animal Services, city employees will still handle calls as before, picking up animals as requested and holding them at the dog pound until the Slaton Animal Shelter officer can pick it up and carry it back to Slaton. Cost to the City of Tahoka will be \$3 per day for food and water for each animal and \$0.45 cents per mile for transporting it to Slaton. An owner wanting to retrieve their pet from the shelter must travel to Slaton Animal Shelter and pay the fees before picking up the dog there.

At the Slaton Animal Shelter, all animals will only be held for a period of three days, and if not claimed by the owner, the animal will be euthanized on the fourth day. Euthanasia services will cost the City of Tahoka \$5 per animal.

In other business at Monday night's council meeting, a resolution was approved for the city to participate in the TexStar (Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program) financial pool. Another resolution to join with other West Texas cities in the Oller Engineering Inc. Sealcoat Project for 2006 was also approved.

A request was tabled from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority asking the city of Tahoka to join in a 2006 bond issue to purchase additional water rights, with city officials seeking more information before a decision could be

Jimmy Woodard presented a report on the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept., and Steve McKay presented the monthly Police Dept. report.

Present at the meeting led by Mayor Mike Mensch were council members Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Rudy Fuentes and Amy Preston, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and City Attorney Cal Huffaker. Councilwoman Clara Calvillo was absent from the meet-

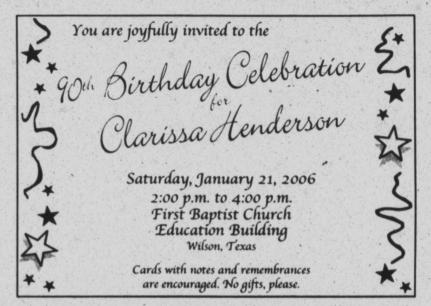


Wagon Train Reunion ... The Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train 20th year reunion was held Jan. 2, 2006 at Billy Bob's in Fort Worth, where the wagon train left on Jan. 2, 1986 and traveled 3,000 miles around Texas. It camped in Tahoka on May 8, 1986. Attending the reunion were, standing from left, Dana Hartey of Bilhary, OK, Mary Bess Edwards of New Home, Molly Franklin of New Home, Nelda French of Whiteface, and seated, John Edwards of New Home. Nelda, Dana, John and Mary Bess were all part of the Wagon Train.

Bobby Ramon and Misty Torres of Lubbock, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlynn M'Kenzi Ramon, born December 27, 2005 at 8:43 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. and 15 ozs.

and measuring 18 inches long. She has a sister, Kymberli, 2 years old.

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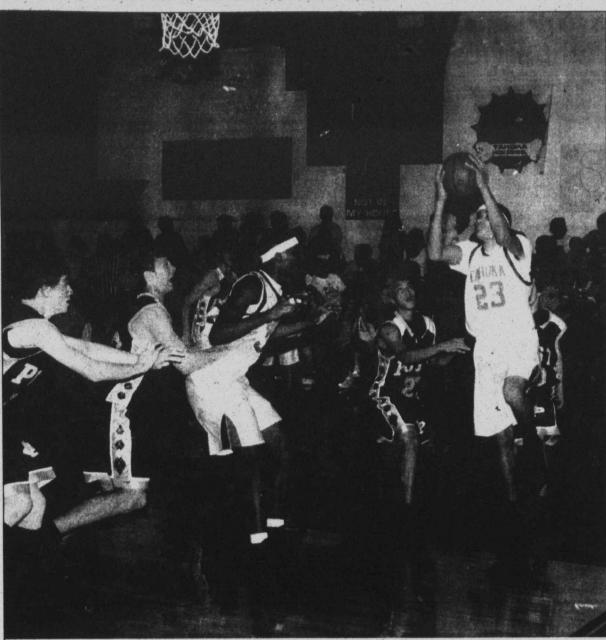
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Lots of points ... Damon Moore (23), is shown shooting the ball above as the Bulldogs scored 80 points to just 46 for Post here last Friday. Moore scored 21 points and Zach Tillman, just to Moore's (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones) left, led scoring with 24.



Tough loss ... Jackie Hays of Post goes up for a shot against the Lady Bulldogs here last Friday, when Post won 45-42 in overtime, giving each team identical 4-1 marks in district. Tahoka players from left are Carissa Hall, Cori Vega (23), Brandi Raindl (10) and Porscha Mitchell (24). Raindl led Tahoka scoring with 21 points, and Vega had 10. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs played their 5th district game of the season against the Post Lady Lopes on Jan. 6. They lost a close one in overtime; the final score was 42-45. Brandi Raindl led all scorers with 21 points, and Cori Vega added 10. This brings their district record to 4-1.

They played in the West Texas Invitational, in Slaton, on Dec. 28-30. They defeated Floydada in the opening round, 52-49. Raindl was high scorer with 14, and Meghan Saldana chipped in 12 points. In the second round they beat New Deal 55-46. Saldana was top scorer with 17, and Raindl had 13. They played Seminole in the semi-finals and were defeated 42-48. Raindl scored 17 points and Saldana had 12. They walked right through the Lamesa Tornadoes in the 3rd place game; the final score was 59-27. Raindl was the leading scorer with 18 points, and Carissa Hall was close behind with 15. Brandi Raindl and Meghan Saldana were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Dogs finally beat the Shallowater Fillies on Dec. 20. The score was 50-48; Hall was high point with 1/ and Raindl helped out with 14.

JV Girls by Callie Botkin

The JV Lady Bulldogs lost to the Post Lopes on Jan. 6, 27-37. Jessica McLelland was high scorer with 15 and Nichole Tav-

lor added 7. This brings their district record

The girls played in the Slaton Tournament on Dec. 28. In their first game they lost to Coronado, 23-51. Taylor and Lauren Botkin were high scorers, each with 6. The girls then played Seminole, and lost 18-33, with McLelland scoring 9.

On Dec. 20, the JV Lady Bulldogs played Shallowater, and lost 26-44. Taylor and Botkin each had 7 points and Maegan Hall pitched in 6.

On Dec. 16, the girls played Abernathy and lost 12-18. Taylor and McLelland each had 4 points.

8th Grade Girls by D'Maris Murillo

The 8th grade girl's basketball ball team defeated the Roosevelt Eagles 38-34 on Jan. 9: The leading scorers were Kyra Helms with 25 points, Brook Inklebarger with 8 points, and Stephanie DeLeon with 3 points. The 8th grades record is 7-1.

The 8th grade girls placed 3rd in the Idalou Tournament Jan. 5 -7. The first game they played was against Lubbock Cooper, and they won 37-31. After losing to Abernathy 21-24, they were sent to play for third place. They defeated Idalou 43-28 in their final game.

Leading scorers for the tournament were Helms with 57 points, Meghann Rivas with 21 points, and Sylvanna Hernandez with 9 points.

The 8th grade team defeated Slaton 32-18 on Dec. 19. The top three scorers were Helms with 12 points, and Rivas with

7th Grade Girls Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Bulldogs competed in the Idalou Tournament on Janu-

In the first game of the tournament, the Lady Dogs defeated Lubbock Cooper in overtime, 42-41. Leading scorers that game were Sabrina Moralez and Kenzie Angeley, both adding 11 points to their

Game 2 had an unusual turnout for the Dogs; they lost to Slaton 25-39. Taylor Ford, Morgan Lockaby, and Kalee Wuensche all had 7 points.

The 7th grade Lady Bulldogs defeated Idalou 31-7, in their last game of the tournament. Taylor Ford and Angeley contributed 8 points each for their team

On January 9, the 7th grade Lady Dogs defeated the Roosevelt Eagles 34-15. Lockaby led the team with 9 points, and Kadi Larpenter was close behind with 8.

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs hammered the Post Antelopes, 80-46 on Jan. 6. Zach Tillman and Damon Moore led the Bulldogs with 24 and 21 points. Troy Price added 13 points and J Tillman had 8

During the Christmas break, the Bulldogs played in the Lamesa Holliday Tourment. They defeated Midland Greenwood 54-40 to start the tournament. Moore led the team with 16; Price was right behind with 14; and Daniel Baker added 11.

Their second game, on the other hand, was a bit different; they were defeated by Glen Rose 43-69. J. Tillman was the only Bulldog in double figures with 20. To end the tournament, the Bulldogs lost to Andrews, 51-53. Z. Tillman was high point with 18 and Moore had 12.

On Dec. 20, the Bulldogs faced the toughest team in the district, the Shallowater Mustangs. They received their first district loss, losing 47-55. Z. Tillman led with 24 points and J. Tillman added 14.

Also before the Christmas break, the Bulldogs defeated the Abernathy Antelopes in a tight one, 66-63 after being forced into overtime. Moore was high point with 26, and Z. Tillman had 15.

7th Grade Boys Basketball by David Hernandez

The 7th grade B team played against the Slaton Tigers on Dec. 19. The game as close, but the Dogs couldn't quit pull it off ending with a losing score with 9-13. Their leading scorer was Jason Newdiger with a

The A boys team also played against the Slaton Tigers, and also lost a close one. 20-25. Their leading scorer was Tanner Hall with a score of 9

The 7th A team lost against the Roosevelt Eagles Jan. 9, 20-26. Their leading scorer was Kyron Lawson with a score of 9, followed by Hall with a score of 6.

8th Grade Boys Basketball by Garret Autry

The 8th grade boys played here against Roosevelt on Jan. 9th. The high scorer was shared between Xavier Zamarron and Garrett Barham with 6 points. The game was close, but in the end the boys pulled out 25 points, where the Eagles only scored

Before the Christmas break, the 8th graders played Slaton at home, Dec. 19. The final score of the game was 30-18. Stormy Moore contributed 17 points coming in as the high scorer.

JV Boys Basketball

by Juan Hernandez The JV Boy team gamed up against

the Abernathy Antelopes, 27-33. Top scorer was Josh Freitag with 12 points, Kasen Stanley with 7, and Antonio Baker with 6.

The JV boys battled on the court against the Shallowater Mustangs, a battle



ALEX DELEON

DeLeon Places First Makes All-State Band

This past Saturday at the Area **ATSSB 3-A All State Band auditions** at Lubbock-Cooper, Tahoka High School sophomore Alex DeLeon, in competition against the best mallet players from four regions (Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa-Midland, and El Paso) earned first place and qualified for the ATSSB 3A All State Band which will rehearse and perform in San Antonio at the TMEA Convention, February 15 - 18.

Directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith stated, "We are extremely proud of Alex for he has worked very hard to achieve this level of recognition. Only one mallet player is selected from each of the five Areas so competition is very keen." Alex is only the fifth student from Tahoka to ever make the ATSSB All-State Band.

Alex is the son of Abel and Gloria DeLeon of Tahoka.

in which they didn't come out so well, 29-57. Top player of the game was Britt Wuensche with 8 points, second was JT The JV played in tournament action ,

during the holidays. Their first game was a loss against Seminole, 28-55. High points were Antonio Baker 8, Josh Freitag 6, and Britt Wuensche 4. Their second game was against Cooper, 44-47. Top scoring honors went to Freitag with 19, and Britt Wuensche 9. The third game was played against Midland, 36-44. Kasen Stanley was high point with 11: Josh Freitag had

Back in action the Christmas break. the boys battled the Post Antelopes this past week. The collision was exciting as known rivals faced; the Bulldogs came out victorious 32-19. The player of the night was Britt Wuensche with 10 total points. second was Garret Autry 6, and right behind him was Josh Freitag with 5.





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Showmanship Winners ... Showmanship winners at the Tahoka Stock Show, held Jan. 6-7, included Trey Thomas -Senior Swine, Jay Martin - Goat, Harley Reynolds - Junior Swine, Brandon Tomlinson - Senior Steer, and not pictured, Kenzie Angeley - Lamb, and Madison Lockaby - Junior Heifer.



Heifer Awards ... Madison Lockaby (left) showed the Reserve Grand Heifer and won the Jr. Heifer Showmanship award at the Tahoka Stock Show. Morgan Lockaby (right) showed the Grand Champion



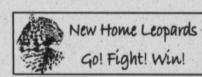
Lamb Awards ... Kohl Angeley (left) showed the Reserve Grand Lamb and his sister, Kenzie Angeley (right) showed the Grand Champion L mb at the Tahoka Stock Show. She also won the Lamb Showmanship award.

Baked Goods Contest Scheduled At Stock Show

The annual Lynn County Baked Goods Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Lynn County Stock Show, to be held January 18-21 at the show barn in Tahoka. Bake show items must be entered between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the morning of Friday, Jan. 20. Judging will take place at 10:00 a.m. A complete list of contest rules must be obtained from the County Extension Office before entering the contest.

Exhibitors may enter one item in each of the following divisions: Layered Cakes, Bundt Cakes or Sheet Cakes, Cookies/Bar Cookies, Brownies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, and Pies. An entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be charged.

For more information, contact Sheri Gicklhorn, Bake Show Superintendent, at 806/628-6469 or the County Fatension Office at 806/561-



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Questions and Answers of the Day

1 Corinthians 6:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 13:4, Proverbs 31:10, Exodus 20:14, Matthew 18:20, Matthew 5:27

Question: What are the ramifications of infidelity and adultery?

If you are about to start an adulterous affair or are thinking about cheating ... please take notice of what I am writing to you. First of all, God will not bless it. You will experience so many problems once it begins, you will become heartsick. Infidelity is a rottenness -- not unlike cancer -that oftentimes makes misery in everyone around it. I am so thankful when a man and woman can work past a betrayal. It is very rare. You see, if we look at our spouse the way God says, they are part of us. We are no longer separate. Marriage is one of the most Holy unions that exists. Our salvation and union with God is first and our union with our spouses is second. Do you know that children who live through unfaithful parents are more likely to have the same problem when they marry? We are their role model. They trust us, so whatever we do must be alright. If you have already done this; repent and do it no more. It's not worth losing the blessing of spouses or children, not to mention respect. It's not worth the heartache it produces. I pray for marriages in America. I pray we are so in love with our spouses that thoughts of adultery sicken us. Amen. GOD BLESS YOU.

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Cotton Gins May Operate Thru March

Lynn County area cotton gins are still operating at full speed to process this year's abundant cotton crop, with some gin officials estimating that work will continue through March and into April before the 2005 crop is ginned.

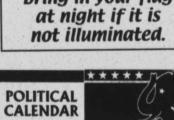
The total for nine area gins this week surpassed the 300,000 mark, up to 324,776 bales reported as of Tuesday afternoon. Texas Star Cooperative Gin in Wilson/Union has reported 90,207 cotton bales ginned to date, with approximately one more month of ginning remaining. officials estimate. At New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin, it is estimated that ginning will continue up until mid-March, and their bale count is up to 56,643 this week.

Farmers Coop Gin in O'Donnell has ginned 54,720 bales to date, and estimate another five weeks of ginning. The Farmers Coop Assn. #1 in Tahoka estimates 50 days remaining for gin processing, with 35,141 bales ginned as of this week. Woolam Gin in O'Donnell is close behind, with 34,507 bales ginned, and an estimated 60 more days of ginning.

Wells Coop Gin officials figure it will be into April before they finish processing, with a bale count this week of 25,000. Lynn County Gin has 6,600 bales ginned to date, and estimate they will finish ginning in two weeks. Grassland Goop Gin has processed 13,324 bales, with a goal of 19,000 bales ginned before the season finishes.

Close City Gin in Post is the only gin reporting to The News that has completed their ginning season, with a total of 8,634 bales reported on Jan.





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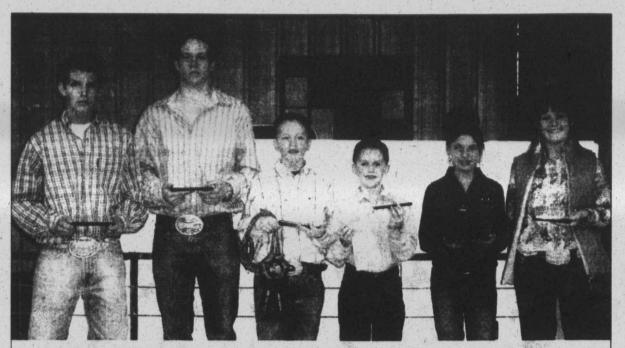
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Grand / Reserve Champion Winners ... The Tahoka Stock Show was held Jan. 6-7, with the big winners shown here. Matthew Saldana showed the Reserve Champion Hog, Kyle Preston showed the Grand Champion Hog, Jay Martin had the Grand Champion Goat, Colton Taylor had the Reserve Champion Goat, Harley Reynolds had the Grand Champion Steer, and Wacie Barnett showed the Reserve Champion Steer.

Countywide Burn Ban Now Effective; Co. Treasurer Resigns

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved a countywide burn ban during Tuesday morning's regular session, in an effort to remind citizens to take special care in preventing fires during the current drought conditions. The ban is effective immediately, and prohibits outdoor burning.

Commissioners noted that there are exceptions to prohibition of outdoor burning, including controlled burns of agricultural land, but they urge anyone planning a controlled burn to contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. beforehand to let officials be aware of the area of the burn, and to use common sense in determining wind strength and direc-

The ban does not prohibit fires for cooking, such as outdoor barbecue grills, and also allows rural burning of household trash, as long as precautions are taken to prevent fires from spreading from within the containers.

Fireworks of any kind are not allowed in Lynn County, and citizens are urged to report any fires that look to be untended in the county.

In other business, commissioners accepted a letter of resignation from County Treasurer Janet Porterfield, who is retiring effective Jan. 31, 2006. At the next regular meeting on Jan. 23, commissioners are expected to appoint Judy Holden. currently a deputy clerk in the treasurer's office, as county treasurer to fill the remainder of the term until a new treasurer is elected in the November general election. The newly elected treasurer will take office on January 1, 2007.

John Baker was present at Tuesday's meeting to provide information on the status of the county's grant proposal for courthouse restoration/renovation. He told commissioners that the revised grant proposal has been sent to his liaison at the Texas Historical Commission in Austin for their final draft review.

"Our contact at the Historical Commission has been very helpful, and we have made numerous changes in the grant proposal, per their request, including asking for more money," Baker said. "As it stands now, the proposal seeks \$3,505,656 in grant funding, which includes rerouting the road to restore the 'square' around the courthouse, which the Historical Commission felt should be included. With this proposal, the county's contribution

is roughly \$580,000, of which half torical Commission put to us in June that amount can be in-kind contributions (including tearing down the old jail building)," he added.

"Our original cost estimate was dated August 2004 and costs have gone up since then, and after reviewing our proposal the Historical Commission contact said we needed to raise the funding request," Baker explained. He added that grant funding has not yet been addressed by the state legislature for courthouse preservation projects, and it is not known when the legislature will address the

"Right now, we hope we have answered all the questions the His-

New Home Honor Roll Awards Held

Perfect Attendance awards for the third six weeks were Clara Barrington. D'Audree Dominguez, Joel Sanchez, Garrett Jameson, Emmanuel Rosa, Dimitri Correa, Izamar Fiscal, Jasmine Placencia, Kade Sherwood, Isabel Silva, Natalie Vasquez, Isabel Gomez, Taner Heatley, Caleb Ibarra, Joarit Mirles, Patrick Overman, Omar Sanchez, David Ussery, Ramiro Gomez, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Josh Paul, Kaitlin Thompson and Caitlin Kieth.

Making the Superintendent's Honor Roll was Katherine Barrington. The Principal's Honor Roll includes Maegan Jameson, Chelsi Rodriquez, Kaylan Lehman, Lindsey Burenheide, Miranda Hymes, Allison Burenheide and

Students on the Teacher's Honor Roll were Emilee Curtis, Kayla Gonzales, Devan Hargrove, Reagan Kennedy, Nick Rosa, Nikolaus Coldiron. Dimitri Correa, David Gomez, Lea Gustafson, Cornello Hildebrand, Caleb Ibarra, Camryn Nieman, Jasmine Placencia, Austen Reyes, Kade Sherwood, Isabel Silva, Michael Torres, Paige Ford, Isabel Gomez, Brianna Laseman, Joarit Mireles, Patrick Overman, Jaime Rodriguez, D.J. Ussery, Ramiro Gomez, Jacob Hildebrand, Merritt Mitchell, Alexsis Torres, Madison Gass, Charles Kieth, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Joshua Paul, Taylor Shellman, Caitlin Kieth, Justin Laseman, Naomi Nevarez, Sammy Olsen and Zachary West.

The following kindergarten awards were; Superintendent's- Michaela Rodriguez, Carolynne Olsen, Clara Barrington, Ariah Morales and Vicente Fuentes. The Principal awards were Britney Escabedo and Danielle Torres. Teacher's awards were presented to Bobby Barraza, Heaven Hargrove, Maddison Truhlicka, D'Audree Dominguez and the Leopard award went to Jayton Rodgers.

when we were there for review. This final draft review which we just sent should take about two weeks to review and then we can make any further changes they suggest." said Baker.

"I think we have a better than average chance of getting this grant, for several reasons. Our courthouse is in relatively good shape and remains true to much of its original design. and we have the backing of the Texas Historical Commission, who has been working closely with us. I understand many of the projects [in the courthouse preservation program] ask for more funding than we are asking, upwards of \$6-\$8 million, to restore buildings that are in much worse shape than our courthouse, so I believe we do have a very good chance of getting this grant," Baker told commissioners.

In other business, problems with internet service to county offices was discussed, and District Clerk Sandra Laws presented a request to use office space on the third floor for a jury room in order to allow expansion of her office to the current jury room on the second floor. "We are running out of room and desperately need more space," Mrs. Laws told commissioners, who said they would consider her request and get back to her. Currently, no rooms on the third floor of the courthouse are used, and there is no access to electricity, or heating/AC systems.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on the Sheriff's Dept., and monthly bills were approved.

Present at the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin were commissioners J.T. Miller, Mike Braddock, Don Morton and Don Blair, and others.

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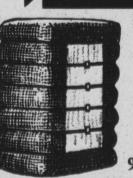
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