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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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(Thursday, Feb. 2)



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Cost is \$800 per block.

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(as of Tuesday)

Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union	112,288
New Home Coop-Lakeview	70,710
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	69,254
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	45,354
Farmers Coop Assn. 1-Tahoka	44,914
Wells Coop Gin	32,500
Grassland Coop Gin	17,650
Close City Gin-Post	*FINAL 8,634
Lynn County Gin-Tahoka	*FINAL 8,360
Weekly Total	409,664

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 26	64	33	
Jan. 27	65	43	
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Jan. 31	75	32	

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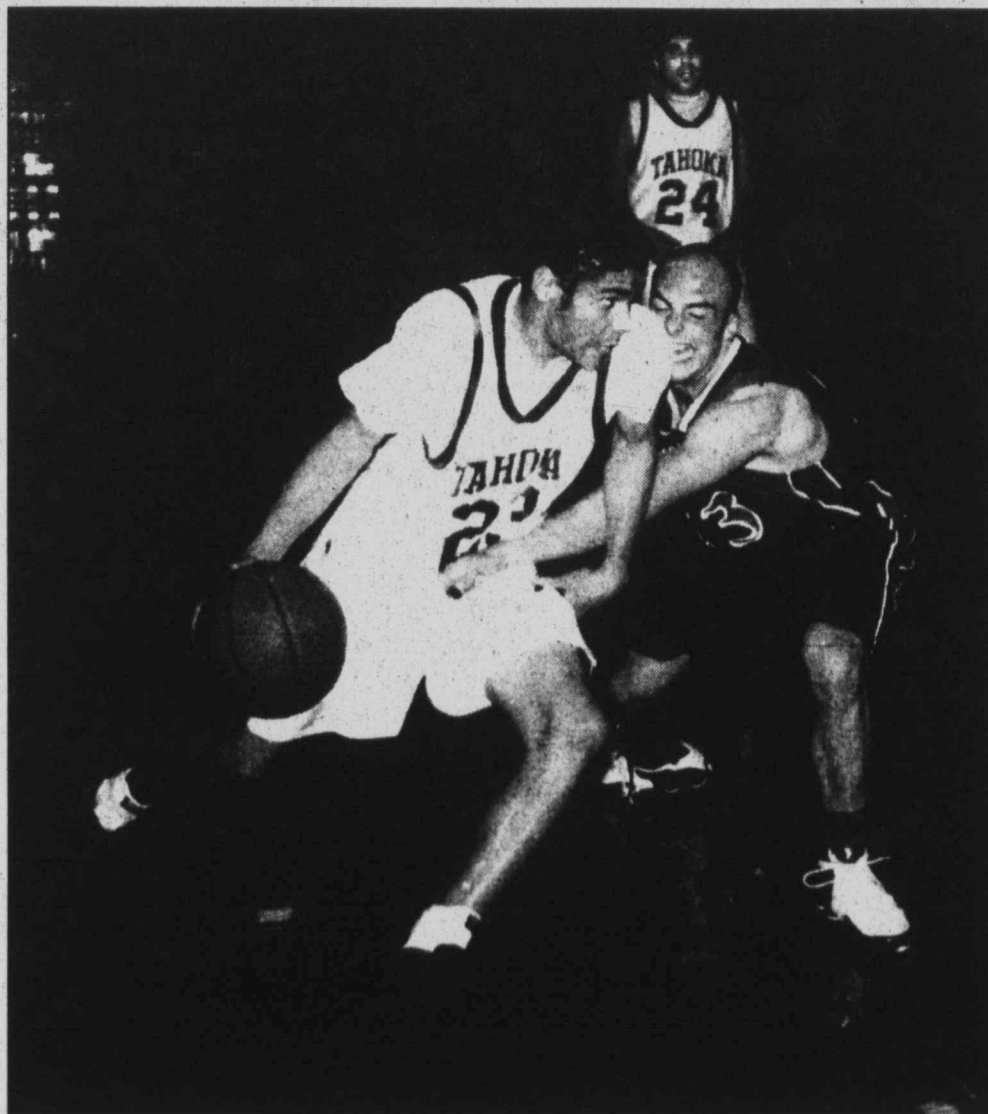
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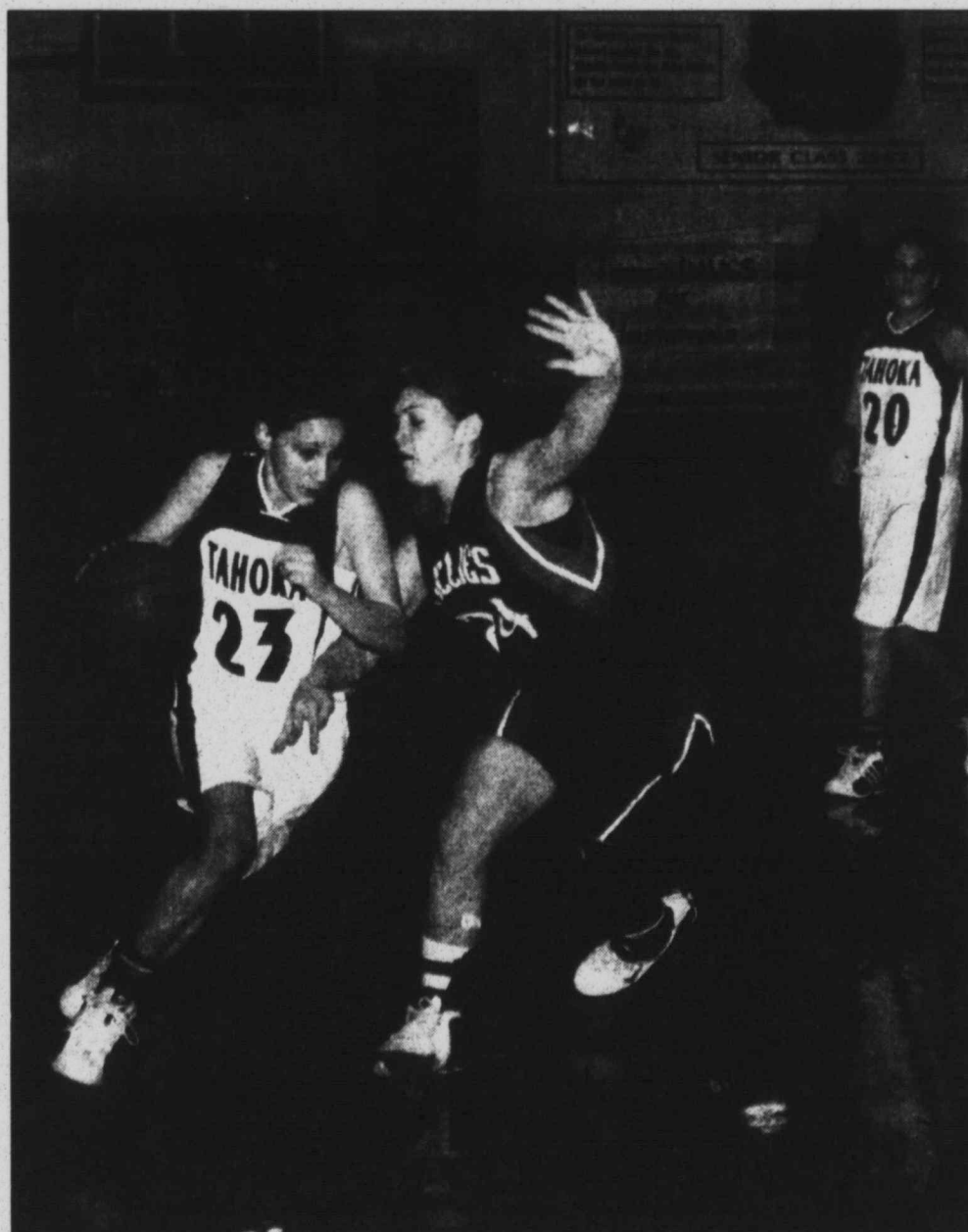


Driving ... Damon Moore drives toward the goal for Tahoka as the Bulldogs beat Shallowater 42-35 here last Friday. Moore scored 12 points. The Mustang defender, who looks like he is about to take a bite out of Moore's shoulder, is Andrew Morris. With the win, Tahoka went to 17-7 and 5-4 in district, while the Mustangs dropped to 7-2 in district. The Dogs went to 6-4 after Tuesday night's win over Post, 50-44. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

District Records for Lynn County Basketball Teams

(as of 2-1-06)

Boys	Girls
6-4 Tahoka	Tahoka 10-2
2-5 O'Donnell	O'Donnell 3-5
4-4 New Home	New Home 5-3
1-7 Wilson	Wilson 1-7



Last second loss ... Tahoka Lady Bulldogs lost at home in the last second to Shallowater last Friday, 45-43, leaving the Lady Dogs tied with Slaton for the district lead at that time, 9-2 each. Here Cori Vega has the ball for Tahoka. No. 20 for Tahoka is Samantha Andrews. After the Lady Bulldogs' 43-38 win over Post Tuesday night, Coach Fancher's team leads the district with a 10-2 record, with only two games remaining, at Idalou Friday and hosting Slaton next Tuesday. Close behind in the standings are Shallowater and Slaton, both with 9-3 records. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Accidents On U.S. 87 Involve Cows, Vehicles

Cows on the highway about 2.5 miles south of Tahoka Sunday night were considered a factor in two traffic accidents, but no serious injuries resulted, according to investigating state troopers.

The first accident occurred about 9 p.m. when a Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by Arturo Catenada Favela, 68, of Olton struck a cow on U.S. 87. The cow was killed and Favela and his 59-year-old wife were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance for treatment at Lynn County Hospital emergency room, and then released.

A little later, at the same approximate location, a semi-trailer driven by Porfirio Torres, 41, of Lamesa and a Toyota SUV driven by Robert Knight, 24, of Lubbock both swerved to avoid hitting cows on the highway and the 18-wheeler then struck the rear of the Toyota, causing both to overturn. The truck driver was trapped inside his cab for a time, then freed and airlifted to Lubbock, where he was treated and later released.

A former employee of White Funeral Home in Tahoka who was indicted by the latest 106th District grand jury for theft was taken into custody Jan. 7 in Sanger, the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. was advised this week. Appearing before authorities in Denton County was James T. Howard, 34.

Last September Tahoka Police took statements from Tahoka residents who said they had paid Howard by check in 2004 for a headstone which was never delivered. Funeral home officials told police that Howard, who had moved away from Tahoka the day before the headstone was promised, apparently had cashed the \$1,900 check, but had not put it into the funeral home account or the account of the monument company. It also was reported that the monument never had been ordered.

Police took a report from Hernando Juan Castellon of Tahoka, who said someone had caused a dent and scratches to his 1994 Pontiac Sunbird while it was parked at his residence on S. 7th St. last Wednesday night.

Hospital Board Election Moved To Life Enrichment Center

Residents of the Lynn County Hospital District who live in Tahoka this year will have a different place to cast their ballots when the district holds an election May 13 for three directors to serve three-year terms.

The board set the election date and the change in the Tahoka voting place at a meeting last Thursday. Voting in Tahoka will be at the City of Tahoka Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St.

In previous elections, Tahoka voters went to Lynnwood Assisted Living Center to vote, but that was changed so that hospital voters in Tahoka would be casting ballots at the same location and time as voters in the city election and the Tahoka School board election.

Hospital voters at New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell will still have their own voting places, except for early voting in all the elections, which will be at the Lynn County Clerk's office from May 1 through May 9.

Hospital directors whose terms are

scheduled to expire this year are Billy Tomlinson, Jerry Ford and John Hawthorne, who was seated as an interim member to finish the term of Virginia Griffing, who resigned due to illness.

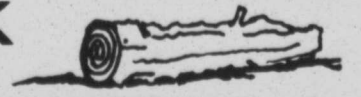
Anyone wishing to run for the hospital board may pick up forms at the hospital business office. The forms must be returned to the hospital no later than 5 p.m. March 13.

At last Thursday's meeting, Hospital Administrator Jimmy Morris also announced that the annual Hospital Auxiliary Auction would be on April 8. He also advised members of the need for some additional equipment to be used by hospital personnel in event of a biohazard incident, such as a truckload of chemicals overturning and spilling, or a terrorist-type of incident.

Tomlinson presided, and all board members were present, including Ford, Hawthorne, Joan Knox, Regina Crutcher, Cal Huffaker and Dalton Wood.

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I GOT A PHONE CALL a couple of weeks back from that Looney Lady on Lockwood, Lotta Tahokum, who said she had just read in the A-J that U.S. scientists were spending \$700 million to find out what Pluto looks like.

"They should have saved that money," I said. "Pluto has big eyes and teeth, a long tongue and is usually pretty close to Mickey Mouse. Every kid in the world knows that."

"I'm talking about the planet Pluto, silly," said Lotta. "This is the last planet in the solar system which hasn't been explored. I'll bet you don't know anything about that Pluto."

"Well, I guess I could learn," I told her. "But I'm a spontaneous sort of guy—when I do something, I really don't wanna planet."

She hung up about then, but I was intrigued enough to go back and read in the Lubbock newspaper that an unmanned "piano-sized" NASA spacecraft lifted off about two weeks ago on a nine-year journey to the planet Pluto, "where they hope to learn more about the icy planet and its large moon, Charon, as well as two other recently discovered moons in orbit around Pluto."

The story didn't say how cold it gets on Pluto, so I looked it up on the internet, and found that the average surface temperature is about 382 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit (about the same as Denver in December).

Hey, guys, this would be a great place to take your girl friend to sit outside and court in the moonlight. She certainly wouldn't mind cuddling close in that temperature.

Pluto has a thin atmosphere of nitrogen, and this makes it 18 degrees colder than Charon, which has no atmosphere.

Pluto is 30 times further from the sun than the earth, about three billion miles (to get an idea of how many miles that is, think of all the roads under construction in the state of Texas). For you math types, the Earth is only 93 million miles from the sun.

The NASA space probe, called New Horizons, also will study an area near Pluto called the Kuiper Belt, a mysterious zone of the solar system that is believed to hold thousands of comets and other icy objects (the Grumbler on Ave. G thinks maybe they'll find his first wife there).

Some of you more adventurous types may want to sign up now for the first manned mission to Pluto, possibly around 2025. Plan to take a lot of clothing.



County Treasurer Retires ... Janet Porterfield was honored with a retirement reception Monday afternoon at the Lynn County Courthouse, honoring her 20 years of service in the treasurer's office. Mrs. Porterfield has served as Lynn County Treasurer for the past 15 years (1991-2006), and was a deputy clerk in the treasurer's office for five years (1986-1991). She retired Jan. 31, 2006.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Sixteen members met in the home of Mary Belew on Tuesday, Jan. 24 to hear Patty Hartin explain the Senior Companions Program. Co-hostess for the meeting was Carole Harbison.

Members brought items to send to M.D. Anderson Hospital. A short business meeting was held to discuss the poetry and prose contest and the beautification project.

Nominations were made for the new officers for 2006-2008. The club will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Life Enrichment Center. Members are asked to bring supplies and sewing machines to make heart pillows for patients at the Heart Hospital.

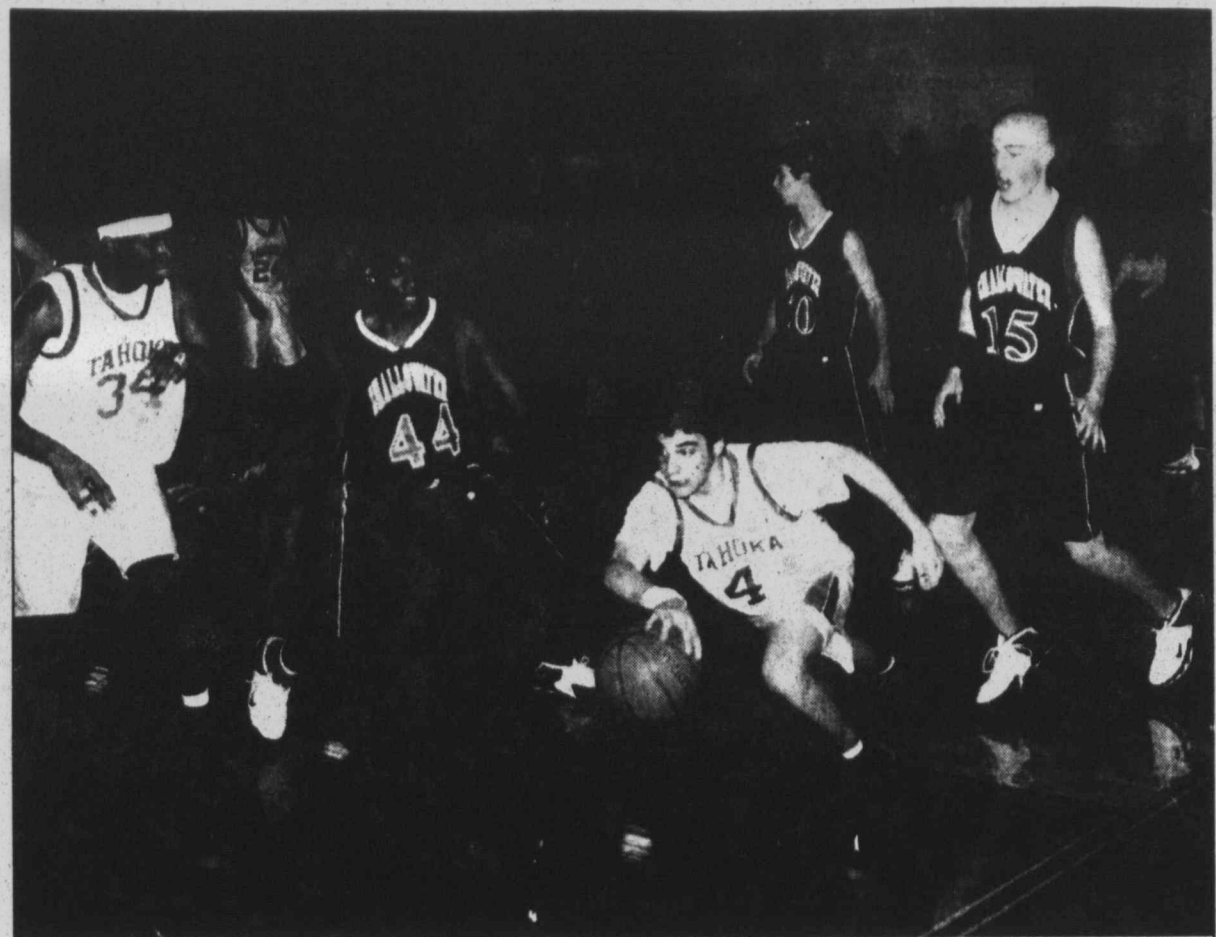
WEATHER WHYS

Q: Does the wind chill temperature make water freeze faster?

A: It might seem that way, but the answer is no, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Wind chill is how we measure the affect of cold air on people," McRoberts explains. "It is based on how much heat loss from exposed skin is caused by cool air moving over it. The more wind, the higher the rate of heat loss at a quicker rate. So because wind chill is based on how much heat is removed from a human body, there is no such thing as a wind chill on non-living things. So water will not freeze faster than the actual air temperature."

Q: So the wind chill temperature does not affect water pipes either?

A: No, adds McRoberts. "There is a faster heat loss because of the higher winds, so the amount of time for an object to cool to the actual air temperature is less," he adds. "But things such as pipes or car radiators will not get colder than the actual air temperature no matter how high the winds are. So if the 'real' temperature is 10 degrees but the wind chill makes it feel like minus-30, your car's radiator will not drop lower than 10 degrees."



Moving On ... Driving in at full speed is Colby Gardner (4) of the Tahoka Bulldogs, who upended Shallowater here Friday 42-35. At left is Zach Tillman (34), who had 12 points for Tahoka, which went to 17-7 and 5-4 with the win. For Shallowater, No. 44 is Eric Hightower, and 15 is Jordan Scaff. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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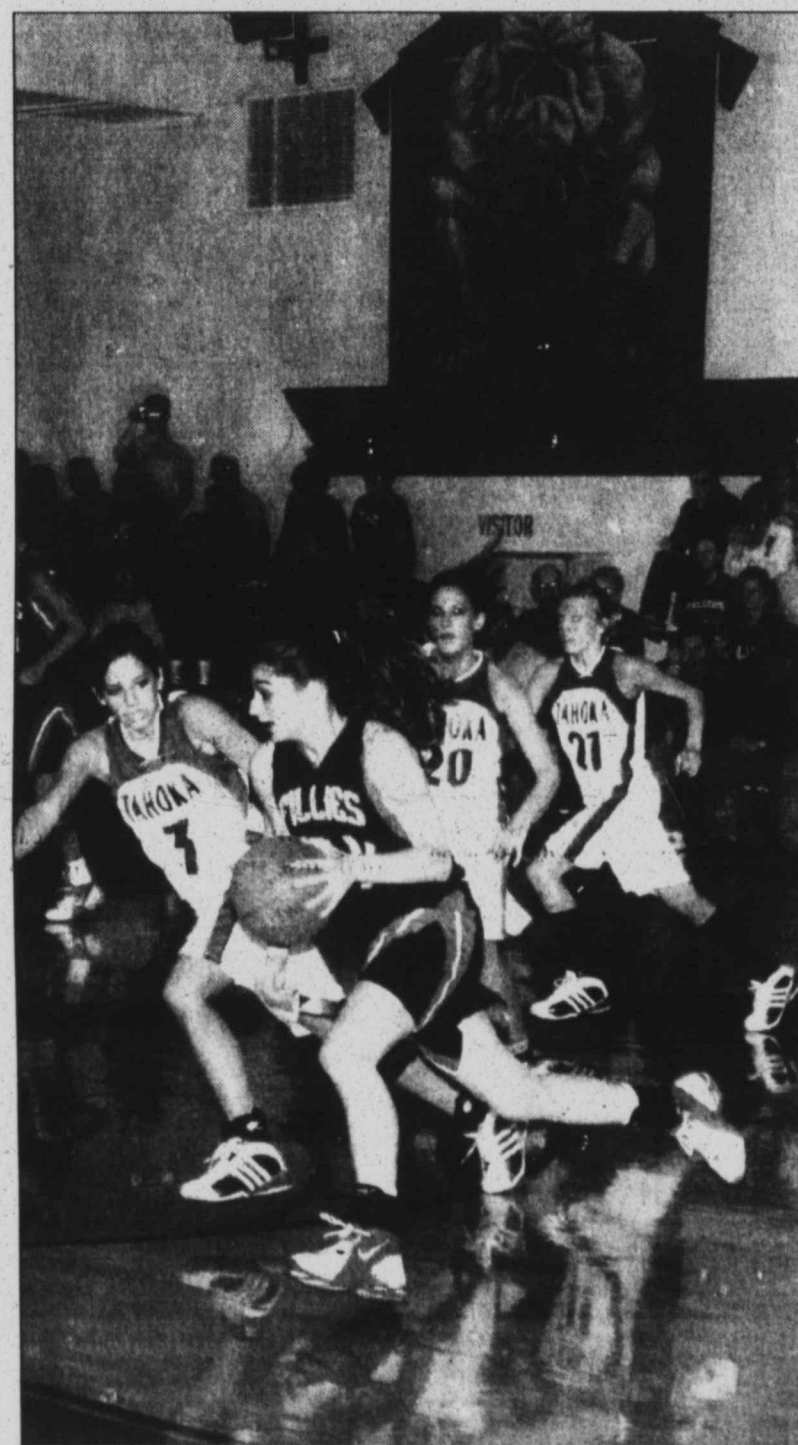
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Chasing a Mustang ... Tahoka Lady Bulldogs Meghan Saldana (3), Samantha Andrews (20) and Carissa Hall (21) chase a Shallowater Mustang during last Friday night's game. Tahoka lost at the buzzer, 45-43, only their second loss in district play. They increased their district record to 10-2 Tuesday night with a win over Post, and face only Idalou and Slaton to round out the regular season. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

"WEATHER WHYS":

TOPIC: FROST

Q: What causes frost to form?

A: Frost forms when the temperature at the ground reaches freezing, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Very often on calm, clear nights, the temperature near the ground can be three or four degrees cooler than temperatures several feet above the ground," McRoberts explains. "The thermometer might read 36 degrees on top of a fence or near a roof, but at the ground, it might read 32 degrees. This is because the ground loses heat quickly. So water vapor in the air, because it is so cool, condenses as supercooled dew and then turns to frost and maybe ice. Frost tends to form on glass, such as car windshields or windows, metal or rock surfaces first because these tend to lose more heat quicker. So usually, a car windshield will frost over before vegetation does."

Q: Does frost form quicker in some areas than others?

A: Yes, Roberts says. "Cold air is dense and it tends to sink," he explains. "On a calm night, cold air will tend to sink into low spots."

That's why valleys can be much cooler than the surrounding area because the cold air from the hills sinks into the lower areas. So when the cold air starts sinking, frost will form quicker in the low spots than the high ones. It's not uncommon for some valleys to be cooler by 10 degrees or more, thus more frost tends to form in these low areas. Also, some soil types, such as sand, retain less heat than others, and frost tends to form quicker on these."

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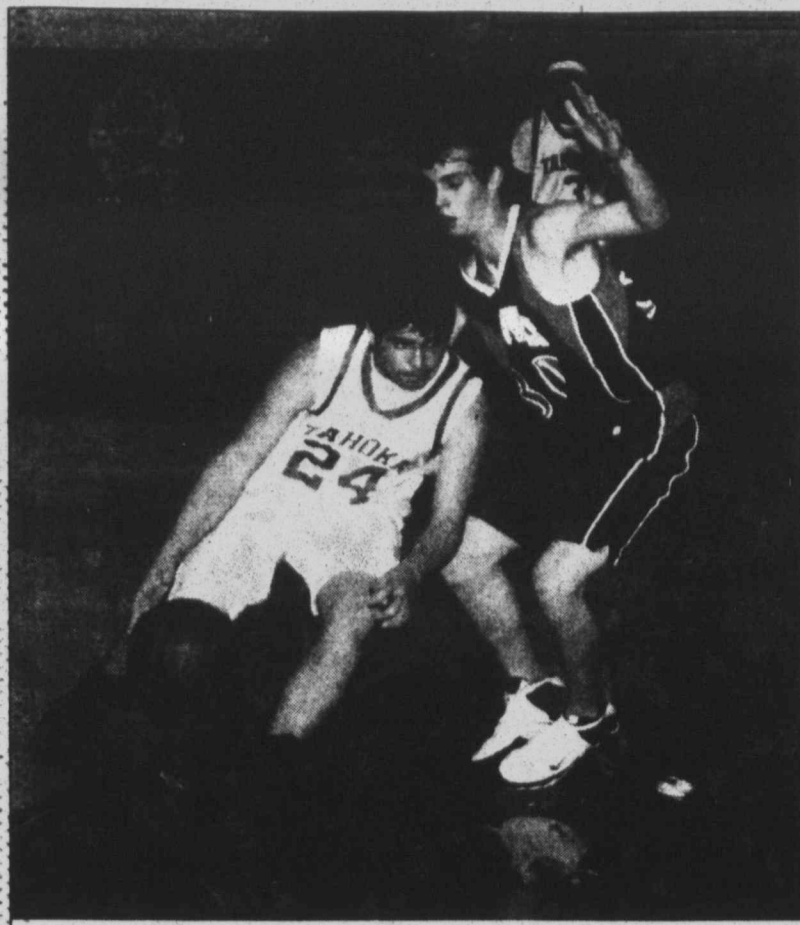
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Centrifugal force ... Patrick Dotson (24) of Tahoka leans into the turn as he moves in with the basketball against Shallowater. The Bulldogs won the game at home last Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Letter To The Editor

Thanks Expressed For "End of Era" Article

Dear Editor,
I would like to publicly thank Juanell Jones for the amazing article, "End of an Era," which appeared in the January 19th edition of The Lynn County News.

The article about my dad was such a heart-felt tribute not only to him but also the students, teachers, and board members that it literally brought tears to the eyes of friends and family!

As a junior high English teacher, I talk to my students quite often about the "power of words" in writing. Juanell Jones' pen flowed with such a moving eloquence that a simple thanks fails to be enough. I have read this wonderful article at least two times and have had tears of joy for the overwhelming impact my dad has made mixed with feelings of sadness in seeing him retire from a life he truly loved.

Thanks again,
Sherri Read Kinard



Voting for their favorite author ... These Tahoka Elementary students voted for their favorite author for the Bluebonnet Award after reading at least 5 books from a list of 25. The Bluebonnet Award is a prestigious statewide event, where children in grades 4-6 may vote for their favorite author if they voluntarily read from the reading selection, and the winner is announced at the Texas Library Convention in February. Tahoka students pictured here are, in back, Jacob Arriazola, Logan Tekell, Taya Bishop, Braiden Fisher, Andy Hinds, Bryan Pena, Stormee Martin, Jay Martin, Damien Montez, April Lam, Zach Garcia; and in front, Jori Chapa, Madylin Deleon, Gabriella Pando, Kaitlyn Lehman, Kayla Hall, and Kyle Hall. Not pictured are Swade Hammonds and Alex Hinds.

OBITUARIES

Elaine Henexson

Services for Elaine Henexson, 61, were held Jan. 21, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home in Lubbock. She died Jan. 19, 2006 at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1944 to Preston and Avis Shelton Buchanan in Del Rio. She was raised in Tahoka, and graduated from Tahoka High School. She attended the University of Texas in Austin and Texas Tech University. She worked many years as a secretary and in accounting. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristi Henexson of Lubbock; one brother, Delvin Buchanan, of Tahoka; and one grandson.

Thelma Christine Smith

Services for Thelma Christine Smith, 90, of Slaton were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006 at Westview Baptist Church in Slaton with the Rev. Jerry Gentry and Pastor Kirk officiating. Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, under the direction of White Funeral Home.

She was born October 28, 1915 in Ivanhoe, TX to James Percy and Essie Estelle Baker Warren. She died January 30, 2006, in Slaton.

She married J.B. Smith in Bonham, TX Dec. 23, 1937. Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Jan. 29, 1999; a daughter, Pat Hurst, March 30, 1999; and a granddaughter, Tonia Martin, Dec. 24, 1985.

Survivors include a son, Dwayne Smith of New Home; two grandsons, four great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Westview Baptist Church, 810 S. 15th Street, Slaton, Tx. 79364.

Thelma Jonita (Brown) Smith

Services for Thelma Jonita (Brown) Smith, 66, of Lubbock were held Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at 1 p.m. at Community Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Brooks officiating.

Ms. Smith died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at Covenant Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Her parents, two sisters, and one brother preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, John C. Smith; three daughters, Jonita Taylor, Bridgett Dewberry, and Janet Bridges; three sons, Henry Dewberry, Lester Dewberry and John C. Smith Jr.; two step-children, Stevie Smith, currently serving in Iraq, and Carletta Henderson of Ft. Worth; two sisters, Drucilla Houston, and Shirley Graves of Tahoka; one brother, Leonard Brown; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family has set up a memorial fund in memory of Thelma J. Smith at American State Bank.

Senior Citizens MENU

February 6-10

Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, apricots

Tuesday: Roast beef w/ vegetables, spinach or greens, banana pudding w/ topping

Wednesday: Meat loaf, mac & cheese, green beans, old fashioned peach cobbler

Thursday: Baked ham, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, biscuits, Strawberries & bananas

Friday: Fish, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies, pineapple supreme cake

PRAY FOR OUR NATION



Managing Diabetes Through Nutrition Can Help Control Glucose Levels

Diabetes is a fact of life for millions. According to figures from the American Diabetes Association, more than 17 million Americans are living with diabetes, and 16 million of them have type 2 (formerly known as adult onset diabetes). In fact, approximately 10 percent of Texans have diabetes, but nearly half don't even know it. More than 300 people in Lynn County are diagnosed with diabetes.

Diabetes can cause health problems throughout the body, but those who have type 2 can do a lot about improving their own health by keeping a careful watch on their nutrition. People with diabetes can live long, healthy lives if they take good care of themselves - particularly by controlling blood glucose levels through good nutrition.

The first step in making good food choices is understanding the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines, which were developed by nutrition experts. The goal of establishing these guidelines is to help people understand how their eating habits can affect their health. These simple guidelines can help everyone improve their health, whether or not they have diabetes.

1) Make smart food choices from every food group. A healthy eating plan:

- * emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products;
- * includes lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts; and
- * is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium) and added sugars.

2) Find your balance between food and physical activity. Be physically active at least 30 minutes most days of the week; about 60 minutes a day may be needed to prevent weight gain. Children and teenagers should be physically active for 60 minutes most every day.

3) Get the most nutrition out of your calories. Choose the most nutritionally rich foods you can from each food group each day - those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients but lower in calories. Most packaged foods have a Nutrition Facts label that allows you to determine the nutrient content of the food item. On the label, you can check serving sizes, calories, fat, sodium, carbohydrates, fiber, protein and some vitamins and minerals.

Within these basic guidelines, the keys to controlling diabetes are making wise food choices, exercising and taking prescribed medication as recommended by a health professional.

People with diabetes also must monitor their blood glucose levels regularly and make adjustments when needed. Blood glucose levels can be controlled by reducing intake of starches and sugars, controlling portion sizes, increasing exercise and monitoring blood glucose levels.

Monitoring blood glucose levels can help people with diabetes re-

duce their complications affecting eyes, nerves and kidneys.

Planning meals may look like an impossible task, but it's really not that difficult. Information from the American Diabetes Association and the American Diabetic Association is available by calling (800) 342-2382 or (800) 366-1655, or by visiting the Web at <http://www.diabetes.org/> or <http://www.eatright.org/>.

People with diabetes don't have to follow complicated meal plans or eat special foods. All they need to do is eat healthfully, the same foods as everyone else in the family. The key is making better food choices.

First, add up the amount of fiber you eat every day * fiber is found in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans. Then, carefully monitor intake of sugar, fat and salt * eat less each day.

And be sure to choose foods from a wide selection each day. These meal-time choices are good for everyone, whether they have diabetes or not. Healthy eating is a goal for everyone in the family.

Here are some tips to help make meal management easier:

- * Eat meals and snacks at about the same times every day. People with diabetes especially need to do this, in order help their bodies utilize carbohydrates.
- * Eat about the same amount of food every day. Follow the meal plan and portion sizes ordered by your health professionals.
- * For more interesting and appetizing meals, experiment with new

foods and be willing to try new ones. * Don't skip meals. That can lead to overeating at the next one.

* Use portion control; keep serving sizes monitored. And plan for eating out.

If you adopt good eating habits and eat nutritionally balanced diabetes meals, you will be making a great start. Add to that all the other healthy habits * such as exercising regularly * and you will be on the road to staying healthy, whether you have diabetes or not.

For more information on living with diabetes, contact Amy Baugh, Texas Cooperative Extension agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 561-4562.

Retirement Reception Set For Joy Bragg

A retirement reception will be held for Joy Bragg on Thursday, Feb. 2, honoring her 23 years of service to the Lynn County Appraisal District. The reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. All area residents are invited to attend.

NEW AT THE CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY

50 Harbor Street by Debbie Macomber

Revisiting the town of Cedar Cove, Washington, this new novel centers around Corrie McAfee and her husband, a private investigator, as they solve a mystery from their past, while their daughter Linette moves back home and opens a new medical clinic and finds unexpected romance.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

Feb. 6-10

Breakfast

Monday: Donut, Juice
Tuesday: Egg, Sausage, Toast, Juice
Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick
Thursday: Biscuit, Gravy, Juice
Friday: Breakfast Bar, Juice

Lunch

Monday: Cheese Burger, fries and fruit
Tuesday: Soft Tacos, beans, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Mini-corn dogs, mac & cheese, carrot sticks, fruit
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, green beans, corn, roll, fruit
Friday: Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

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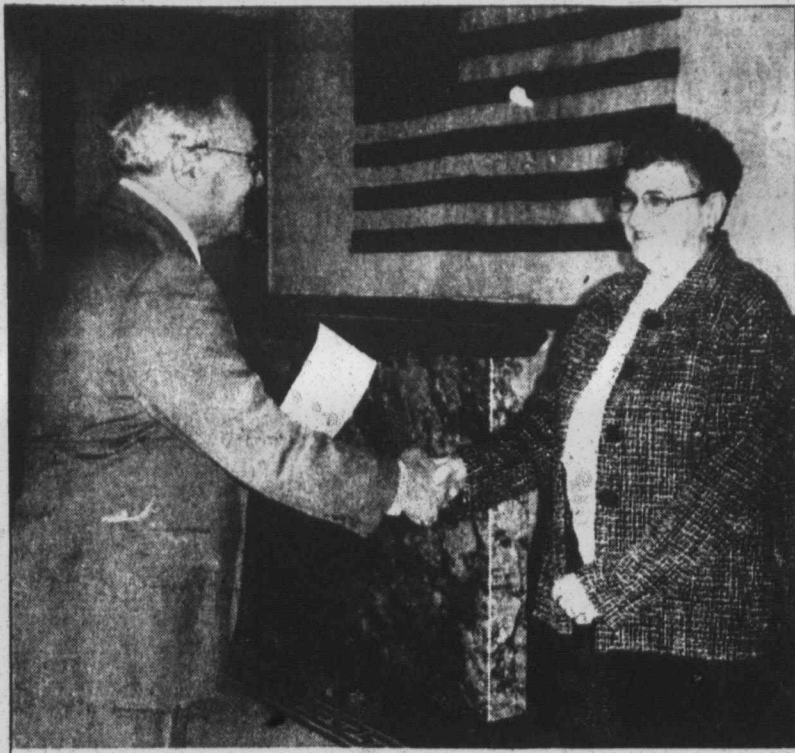
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New County Treasurer ... Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (left) welcomes Judith Holden to the office of Lynn County Treasurer after officially swearing in the newly-appointed official during ceremonies held Tuesday, Feb. 1. Mrs. Holden succeeds Janet Porterfield, who retired Jan. 31 after working 20 years for the county. (LCN PHOTO)

Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

By Curtis Blair
Seniors Only Financial

Identity theft, including the misuse of Social Security numbers, names, driver's licenses, bank accounts, PIN numbers and credit/debit card numbers, is one of the fastest growing crimes for all Americans, young or old. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received 246,570 identity theft complaints just last year. According to an FTC survey, an average of one in every 30 Americans became a victim of identity theft in a one-year period, beginning in the spring 2002.

The total cost of this crime approaches \$50 billion per year, with the average loss from the misuse of a victim's personal information being \$4,800, according to the FTC. It can take years of frustrating effort to set the record straight. The potential toll on retirees with vulnerable income sources can be severe.

Arizona, Nevada, California and Texas had the highest rates of iden-

tity theft in 2004. Arizona had 142.5 fraud cases per 100,000 people. Regardless of where you live, take precautions. It happens everywhere. With just your name, Social Security number and birthday, identity thieves can clean out your bank accounts, apply for health insurance, get a driver's license in your name, open credit accounts or go on a shopping spree using your existing credit cards.

So what can you do? Identity theft is still primarily a crime of opportunity, so make yourself a hard target. Protect yourself by taking preventive measures to block the theft of your identity and your financial security. Here are some things you can do:

1. Guard your Social Security number. Don't give it out, don't carry it in your wallet or purse and definitely do not have it printed on your checks. If your number is stolen, contact the Social Security Administration fraud line (800-269-

0271) immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number.

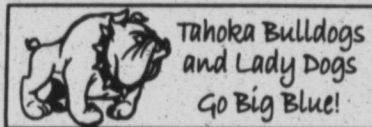
2. Buy a paper shredder. Don't just throw your personal information into the trash where a thief can retrieve it. Shred all documents that have your name, Social Security number, birthday or other personal information, including bank statements, insurance forms and even those annoying credit card offers that come in the mail.

3. If you carry a wallet or purse, photocopy the contents. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, insurance card, etc. Put the photocopy away in a safe place. If your wallet should be stolen, you will have a record of everything that was in it, including account numbers and the phone numbers needed to call and cancel them.

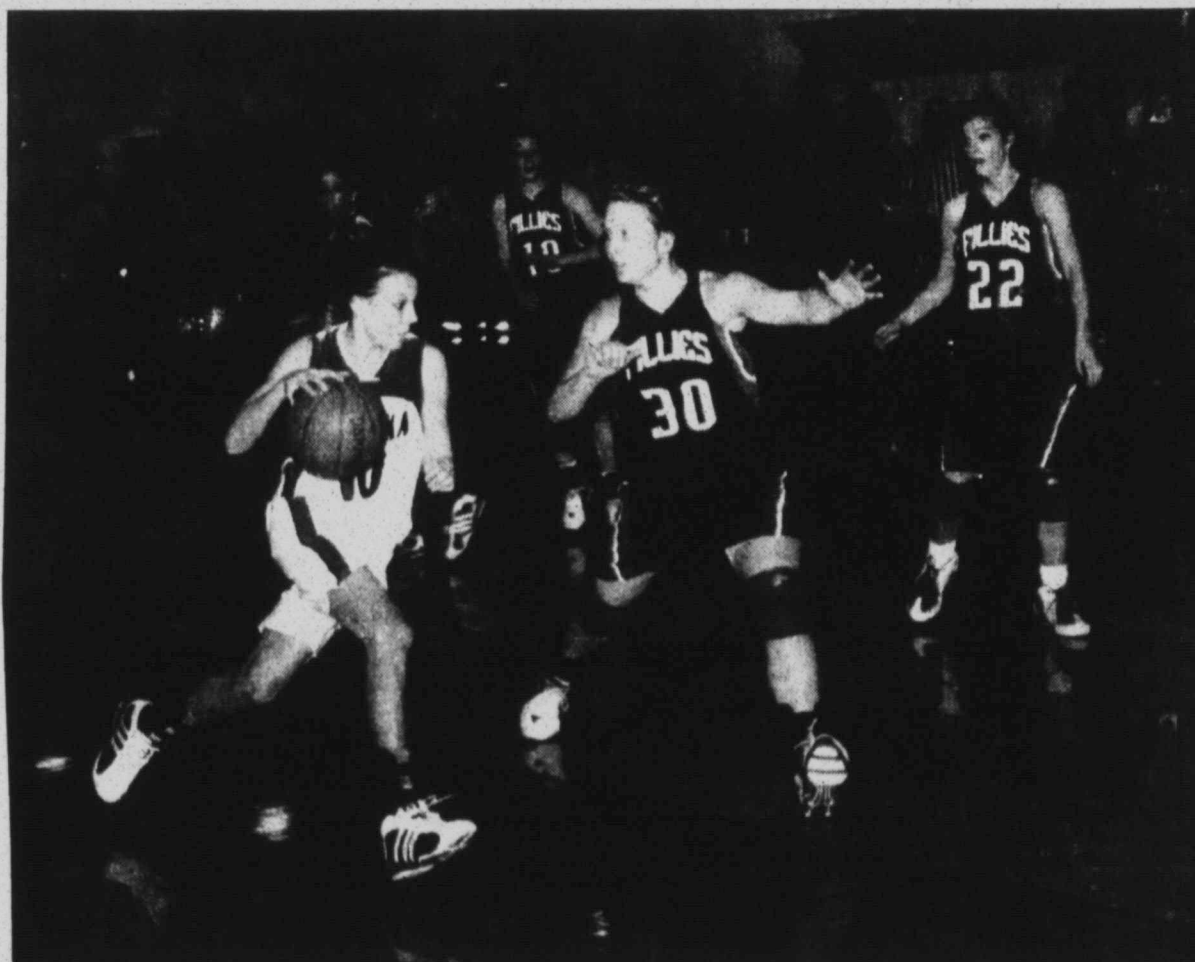
4. Immediately cancel any credit cards that are lost or stolen. Most importantly, call the three national credit-reporting organizations, Equifax (800-525-6285), Experian (888-397-3742) and TransUnion (800-680-7289), as well as the Social Security fraud line. The alert will indicate to any company that checks your credit that your information was stolen. Also, file a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where the theft or loss occurred. This will prove your diligence to the credit card company.

5. Check your credit report regularly. Review your credit report at least once a year. Be alert for credit activity that you have not authorized. False transactions can be disputed and removed.

According to the FTC, identity theft is significantly smaller if the misuse of personal information is discovered quickly. It will be even less of a hassle if you take the necessary steps to guard your identity from thieves. If you believe your identity has been stolen, report the crime to authorities and the FTC (1-877-IDTHEFT). It can help save what you work your whole life for your assets.



Action at home ... Tahoka's Carissa Hall (21) goes high for a shot against Shallowater last Friday. The visiting Fillies won the game at the buzzer, 45-43. No. 24 at left for Tahoka is Porscha Mitchell. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Looking for path ... Brandi Raindl moves around the Shallowater perimeter looking for a way inside as the Lady Bulldogs lost a close one to the Fillies here Friday night, 45-43. With three games left at that time, the Lady Dogs' record was 22-6 for the season and 9-2 in district. Meghan Saldana led Tahoka scoring against Shallowater with 18 points for Coach Steve Fancher's team. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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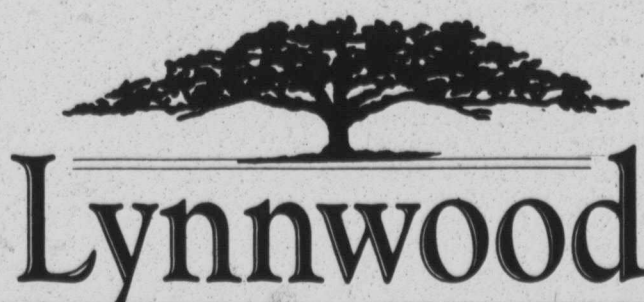
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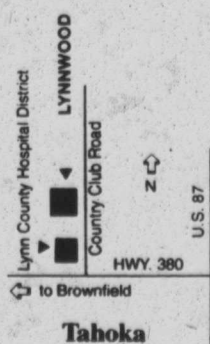
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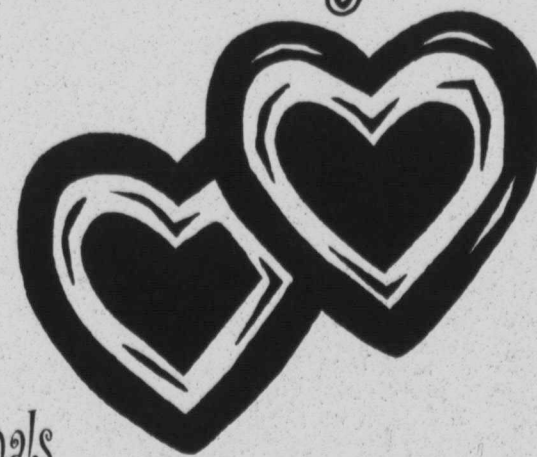
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Candidate visits Tahoka ... Joe Heflin and his wife, Linda, shown here in front of the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka, visited at the Lynn County News office last Wednesday. Heflin, a former Crosby County Judge, is the lone Democratic candidate for State Representative, District 85, which is being vacated by the retiring Pete Laney. Three Republican candidates are on the ballot in the March Primary for the opportunity to run against Heflin in the November General Election. (LCN PHOTO)

TTU Rural Health Education Scholarship Application Available

The Texas Tech University Health Science Center Office of Rural and Community Health has opened the 2006-2007 Rural Health Education Scholarship application. The Rural Health Scholarship Program provides approximately \$150,000 in financial assistance annually to students who are committed to returning to a rural community to practice.

The Rural Health Education Scholarship Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students.

Entering freshman, junior college transfers, and current students at Texas Tech University as well as incoming and current students at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, who are eligible for in-state tuition, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must show a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas. Priority is given to students from rural Texas.

The scholarship amount for undergraduate students is generally \$2500 per year for a maximum of four years and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average and participates in rural health-focused activities. The number and amount of awards offered are based on funding availability.

For more information on the scholarship and to submit applications online visit <http://www.ttuhscc.edu/ruralhealth/scholarships.asp> or contact Liz Inskip-Paulk in the Office of Rural and Community Health at (806) 743-1338.



New Home Stock Show Winners ... Pictured here are winners from the New Home Stock Show, held January 14. They are, in front from left, Allison Burenheide, junior steer showmanship; Merritt Mitchell, Reserve Champion steer; Justin Laseman, junior lamb showmanship; Ashton Link, junior swine showmanship; and in back, Laura Maecker, Reserve Champion hog; Stefanie White, Grand Champion hog; Trevor White, senior steer showmanship; Ryan Wied, Reserve Champion lamb; Jordan Clem, Grand Champion lamb; and Justin Smith, Grand Champion steer.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!



Grandparents: Get Your Pictures Ready!

The Valentine Brag Page will be in next week's February 9th issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$8 each picture. So, bring your photos to the news office!

Deadline is 5:30 p.m. today -- Thursday, Feb. 2.



Show your colors! Fly the American Flag to show your support for our nation.

County Sheriff Issues Appeal To Citizens In Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin announces that Lynn County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Membership invitations will go out in the mail soon. The funding provides critically technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. Anyone who receives a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriff's Association of Texas name, should report it to their local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

Dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers. Contributions are tax deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Franklin.

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741 or log on to www.txsheriffs.org.

Wedding Announcement Policy

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News Office, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4888, Fax 561-6308.

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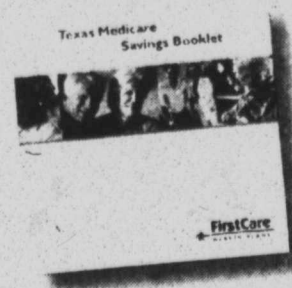
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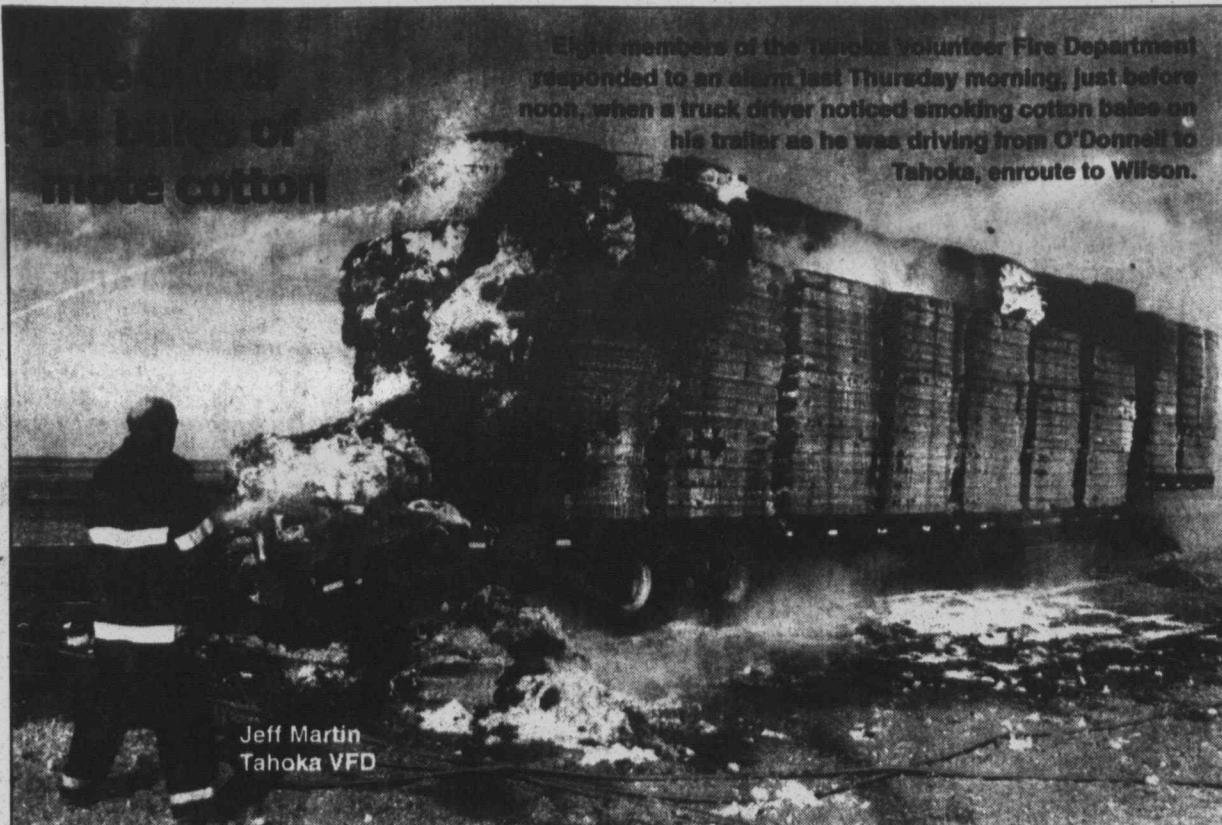


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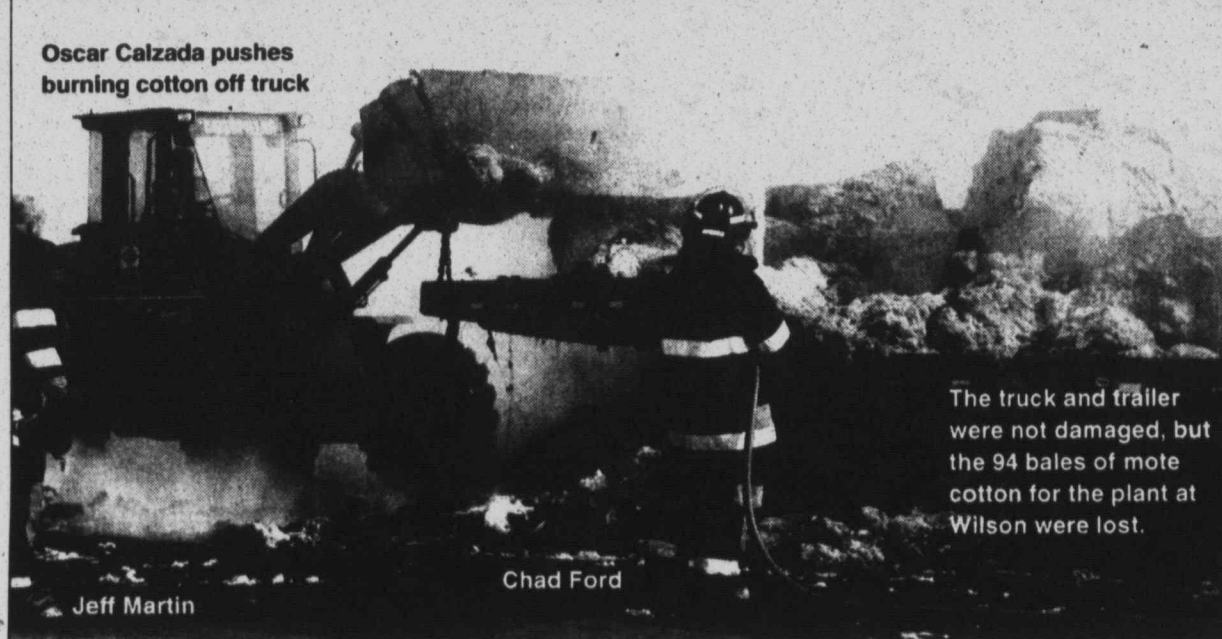
February 8, 2006, 11 a.m., New Deal Travel Center Restaurant, New Deal
February 8, 2006, 11 a.m., Al's Café, Hale Center
February 9, 2006, 12 p.m., Sundown Senior Citizens Center, Sundown

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Eight members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to an alarm last Thursday morning, just before noon, when a truck driver noticed smoking cotton bales on his trailer as he was driving from O'Donnell to Tahoka, enroute to Wilson.

Jeff Martin
Tahoka VFD

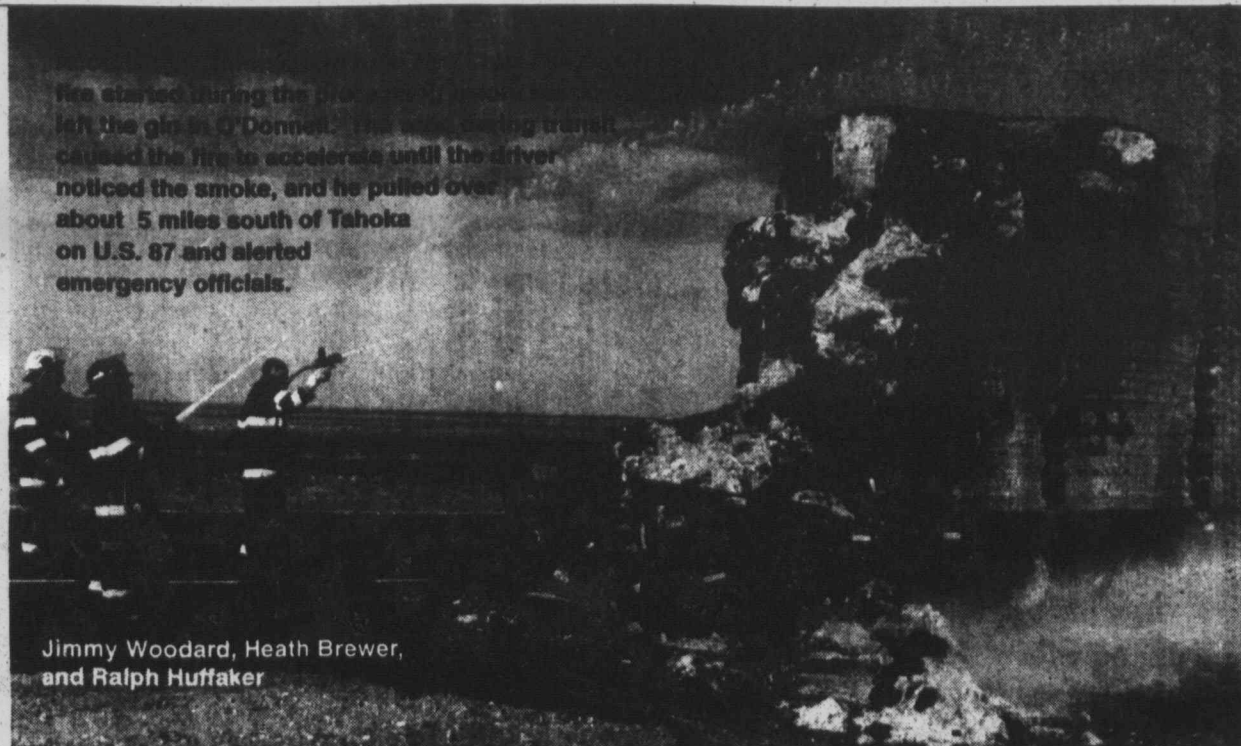


Oscar Calzada pushes burning cotton off truck

Jeff Martin

Chad Ford

The truck and trailer were not damaged, but the 94 bales of mott cotton for the plant at Wilson were lost.



Jimmy Woodard, Heath Brewer, and Ralph Huffaker



The dense smoke caused Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. to stop northbound traffic on Hwy 87 several times at 15-minute intervals until the smoke cleared and debris could be removed off the highway.

Firemen were on the site for more than 2 hours

TxDOT employees Kim Byrd and Steve Renfro and Commissioner Mike Braddock's crew, Oscar Calzada and Robert Costa, assisted moving the burning bales off the truck with front-end loaders. Cotton was pushed off the truck and allowed to burn in the adjoining field for several hours.

LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod



EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO PREVENTING LAWSUITS.

Vicki Hart Wilmarth practices employment law in Amarillo, Texas. She has developed extensive experience representing businesses in employment related disputes, including defending them in discrimination, harassment and other types of wrongful termination cases.

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Thursday, February 9th, 2006
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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School Reminds Businesses To Check Sources

Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds reminds area businesses who may be contacted by sales personnel who say they are representing Tahoka High School, that Bryan Baker with Great Texas Sports is the only sales person the school works with who actually represents the school.

"If there is ever any question about whether a sales person is representing the school, please contact me at the school immediately," says the AD.

Gandy Named To WTAMU Dean's List

Cassidy D. Gandy, a freshman agriculture/animal sciences major from Tahoka, has been named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the fall 2005 semester. She is the daughter of Roddy and Marci Gandy of Tahoka.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

The NEW HOME News

Jr. Class Making Plans for Prom
The New Home Junior Class is making plans for the Jr.-Sr. Prom scheduled for April 1. They would like to borrow any of these following items: artificial greenery, artificial trees, table top topiaries, clear twinkle lights, small bistro size table and two chairs and artificial grapes. Please contact Karon Durham if you would like to loan any of these items to the Junior class, at 924-7524 ext. 26.

The Red Ribbon Week bake sale will be held on Feb. 20.

Cheerleader Tryouts
Try outs for Varsity Cheerleader and Mascot will be held on March 2, at 2:40 for the student body and public. A closed session with the judge will follow.

Valentines For Sale
New Home High School yearbook staff is currently selling Valentines through Thursday, Feb. 9. Red and white roses are \$1.50 each, and a Lips Pop lollipop is 75 cents. Place your order through any yearbook staff member: Amber Holler, Ashley Zuniga, Blaine Paul, David Nevarez, Freddy Tello, Leo Torres, Mallory Alvarado, Maricela

Rodriguez, Rachel Bygel, Sarah Bygel, Tory Estrada or adviser Marsha Scott.

Cafeteria Staff Earns Accolades

Supt. Leland Zant received the following letter on Jan. 20 from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, praising the district's cafeteria program. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Zant: We are excited to acknowledge you and your Child Nutrition Program team because your district attained an excellent review during our recent Coordinated Review Effort on Jan. 19, 2006.

"Mrs. Betty Holder and her department clearly are committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of their student diners, providing nutritionally adequate meals and teaching children the relationship between proper eating and good health. She and her staff exemplify the highest standards of caring and service.

"Child nutrition personnel succeed in their work only through the support and cooperation of the school board, superintendent, administration, teachers, and support staff. Thank you for promoting that cooperation and support in your district."

—from Frederick Higgins, Assistant Commissioner, Food and Nutrition Division

Band Boosters To Meet February 6

The Band Boosters will have a band parent meeting on Monday, Feb. 6th at 5:15 p.m. in the band hall. Up for discussion once again will be the band trip, track meets and fundraisers. Every band parent is welcome to attend this very important meeting.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Republican Primary
March 7, 2006
Early voting February 21-March 3
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

District Judge
106th Judicial District
CARTER SCHILDKNECHT
(INCUMBENT)

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Democratic Primary
March 7, 2006
Early voting February 21-March 3
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

State Representative
District 85
JOE HEFLIN
(CANDIDATE)

District Judge
106th Judicial District
JAMES J. NAPPER
(CANDIDATE)

Lynn County
Justice of Peace, Pct. 1
QUAYDENE CASWELL
(CANDIDATE)

TERRI WALKER
(INCUMBENT)

GINGER HENRY
(CANDIDATE)

Lynn County
Treasurer
PAM MILLER
(CANDIDATE)

HELEN CALVILLO SALDANA
(CANDIDATE)

Lynn County
Commissioner, Pct. 4
BRAD HAMMONDS
(CANDIDATE)

NEW HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT							
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE							
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS							
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005							
DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	ESEA Title I, A Improving Basic Program	National Breakfast and Lunch Program	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:							
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 531,263	\$ --	\$ 24,930	\$ 13,489	\$ 35,774	\$ 605,456
5800	State Program Revenues	1,141,872	--	848	--	24,356	1,167,076
5900	Federal Program Revenues	--	63,861	56,338	--	44,861	165,060
5020	Total Revenues	1,673,135	63,861	82,116	13,489	104,991	1,937,592
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
0011	Instruction	868,779	--	--	--	125,132	993,911
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	44,438	--	--	--	455	44,893
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	3,546	--	--	--	--	3,546
0023	School Leadership	71,151	--	--	--	510	71,661
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	68	--	--	--	300	368
0033	Health Services	18,316	--	--	--	342	18,658
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	102,218	--	--	--	--	102,218
0035	Food Services	2,098	--	84,004	--	1,285	87,387
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	42,092	--	--	--	170	42,262
0041	General Administration	146,359	--	--	--	3,157	149,516
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	224,477	--	--	--	1,600	226,077
0053	Data Processing Services	32,324	--	--	--	127	32,451
Debt Service:							
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	18,373	--	--	--	--	18,373
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	21,730	--	--	--	34,839	56,569
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	--	--	--	35,000	36	35,036
Capital Outlay:							
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	--	--	--	565,409	--	565,409
Intergovernmental:							
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	652	--	--	--	--	652
6030	Total Expenditures	1,596,621	--	84,004	600,409	167,953	2,448,987
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	76,514	63,861	(1,888)	(586,920)	(62,962)	(517,395)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
7911	Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	--	--	700,000	--	700,000
7915	Transfers In	--	--	5,641	--	79,453	85,094
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(5,641)	(63,861)	--	--	(15,592)	(85,094)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(5,641)	(63,861)	5,641	700,000	63,861	700,000
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	70,873	--	3,753	113,080	899	188,605
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	730,857	--	2,069	--	--	732,926
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 801,730	\$ --	\$ 5,822	\$ 113,080	\$ 899	\$ 921,531



Celebrating Food Check-Out Week ... Lynn-Garza Farm Bureau provided \$215 worth of groceries for the Lynn county Pioneer Senior Citizens Center to celebrate Food Check-Out Week on Monday, Jan. 30. Shown here at Thriftway, who also contributed paper goods to the center, are Rosa Longoria, Pioneer Center Director Nancy Guilliams and Farm Bureau Agency Manager, G.G. Fillingim. (LCN PHOTO)

Farm Bureau Celebrates Food Check-Out Week By Donating Food To Senior Citizens Center

To celebrate Food Check-Out Week, Jan. 24-Feb. 4, the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau donated food to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior-Citizens Center in Tahoka, which provides food for senior citizens in the county. Farm Bureau provided \$215 worth of groceries for the Pioneers at Tahoka Thriftway, who also contributed paper good items to the local senior citizens center.

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," said Milton Edwards, President of Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. "As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role our farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

"Food Check-Out Week is celebrated across the state in a number

of ways, most involving donations of food or money to those in need in local communities," said Kenneth Dierschke, Texas Farm Bureau President.

According to the latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department, the average American devotes only 10 percent of his or her disposable income to pay for a year's supply of food, Dierschke said.

"Compared to other expenses facing our families, food is a bargain," he said. "While Americans must only work until Feb. 4 to pay for their food, last year they had to work until mid-April just to pay for their taxes. Farmers and ranchers are proud of their contribution to society, and Food Check-Out Week gives us the opportunity to share some of our success with others."

Hochheim Annual Meeting Set Feb. 17

The Hochheim annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The annual meeting is for all Hochheim members and a meal will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 16, by calling 561-4128.

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VOICES Coalition Promotes Activities For Drug/Alcohol Prevention

The Lynn County V.O.I.C.E.S. Coalition continues monthly meetings, with the next meeting set for Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. The volunteer group works with law enforcement and school and community events to promote drug/alcohol prevention awareness. Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to attend meetings.

At their January meeting, the group discussed having the HBO film, "Smashed" or Shattered Dreams played to the schools to reinforce the purpose of the MADD trailer, which will be displayed at Tahoka High School on March 6 or 8, in partnership with NHS. Red ribbons with prevention messages may be distributed at Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. The coalition also discussed installing "Alcohol/Drugs Prohibited" signs at the town parks and baseball fields in the four communities.

For more information contact Kim White, Coalition Coordinator, Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders, Inc. at 806-780-8300.

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Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

JV Boys Basketball by Juan Hernandez

The JV Boys played against Abernathy, 32-48, on Jan. 24. Top players of the day were Josh Freitag with 12 total points, Britt Wuensche with 8 total points, and Levi McKay with 6.

Varsity Girls Bball by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs were edged by Shallowater on Jan. 27, 43-45. Meghan Saldana was the leading scorer with 18 points. They defeated the Abernathy Lady Lopes 53-49 on Jan. 24. Saldana was high scorer with 24 points, and Brandi Raindl added 10.

Powerlifting by Juan Hernandez

The Powerlifting team had their second meet had several medalists. Abi Henderson was 1st in her weight class with a total weight of 685 lbs. Amanda Paredes was 1st in her weight class with a total weight of 575 lbs. Marissa Gomez was also 1st in her weight class with a total weight of 440 lbs. Cindy Marquez placed 2nd in her weight class, lifting 565 lbs. Kathryn Reno came out 3rd in her weight class with a total weight of 630. Sonya Morales was 4th in her class with a total weight of 490 lbs. Heath Ross and Ty Cloe were 1st in their class with a total weight of 1135 lbs. and 1375 respectfully. Jacob Bingham placed 4th in his weight class with a total weight of 605 lbs., and Allen Henderson came in at 5th in his weight class with a total weight of 630 lbs.

JV Girls Bball by Callie Botkin

The JV Lady Bulldogs lost to the Shallowater Fillies on Jan. 27, 18-28. Jessica McLelland was the high scorer with 11 and Nichole Taylor added 4. On Jan. 24, the JV girls lost to Abernathy, 26-47. High scorer for the Lady Bulldogs was McLelland with 12 points. Corlee Greene and Britney Hair each had 5 and Taylor had 4.

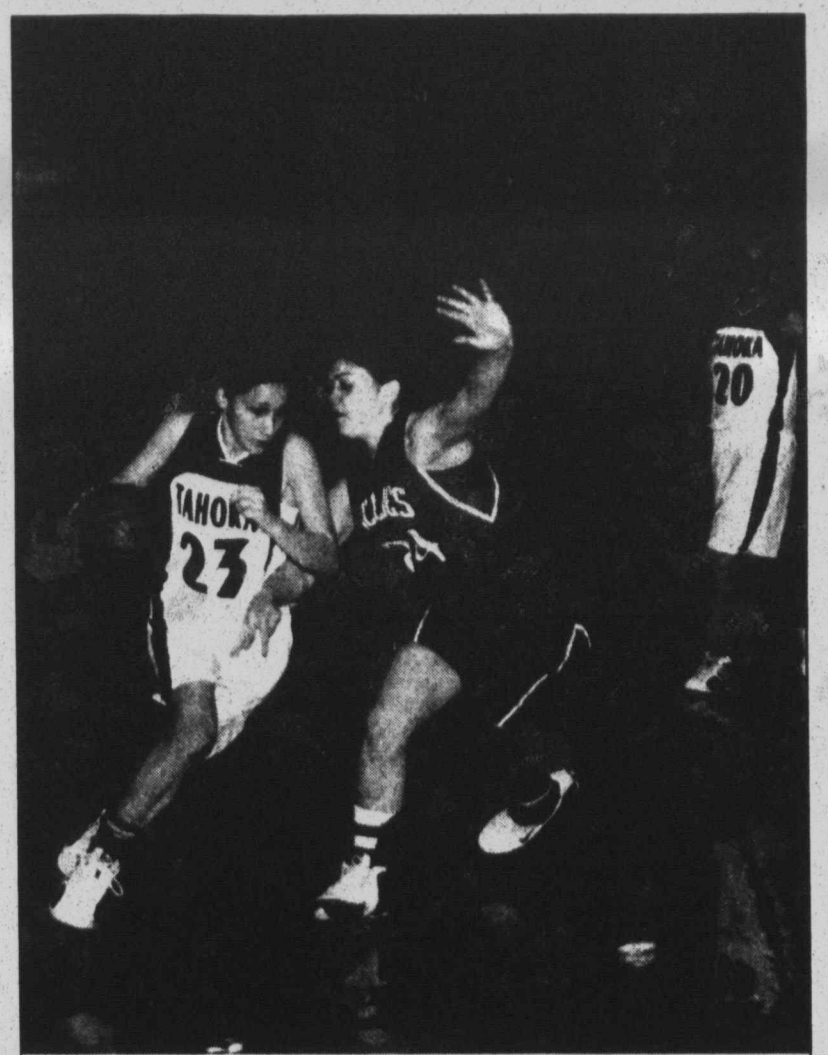
8th grade Girls Basketball D'Maris Murillo

The 8th grade lady Dogs lost 31-32 against the Shallowater Mustangs on Monday Jan. 30. The leading scorers were Brooke Inklebarger with 16 points, and Kyra Helms with 12 points.

Middle School Girls B-Team by D'Maris Murillo

The Middle School girl's B team lost to Shallowater 20-26 on Jan. 30. Leading the team in points was Danielle Wilborn with 10 points.

Go, Bulldogs and Lady Dogs



Last second loss ... Tahoka Lady Bulldogs lost at home in the last second to Shallowater last Friday, 45-43, leaving the Lady Dogs tied with Slaton for the district lead at that time, 9-2 each. Here Cori Vega has the ball for Tahoka. No. 20 for Tahoka is Samantha Andrews. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

feated in an extremely close game, 50-53. Tillman was high point with 13, Moore had 10, and Price added 9.

7th Grade Boys by David Hernandez

The Bulldogs lost against the Shallowater Mustangs with a score of 22-36 on Jan. 30. The leading scorer was Tanner Hall with 10 points and followed by Kyrion Lawson with 7 and Taylor Abell with 6.

8th Grade Boys by Garret Autry

The 8th grade boys played Shallowater on Jan. 30 losing 10-45. The top scorer of the game was Stormy Moore with 7 points, and Tanner Hall contributed 2 points.

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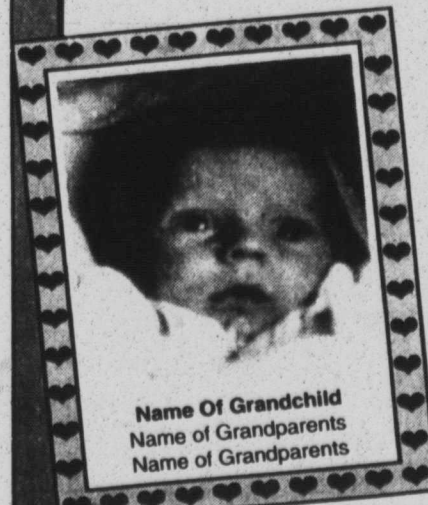
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New Officers Elected To Local FSA Committee

Lynn County producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1 held an election to fill the seat on the Lynn County FSA Committee. LAA 1 is located North of HWY 380 and West of FM 400. Producers from this area elected R. S. Burrow to the position of Committeemen with John Fields as first alternate, Mary Graves second alternate, and Bobby G. Wilson as third alternate. These terms will be for three years beginning January 1, 2006.

The Lynn County Committee held an election within the membership with the following results: Bobby Knight, Chairman, Delbert McCleskey, Vice-Chairman, R. S. Burrow, Member, and Darla Stidham, Advisor. The Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at the Lynn FSA Office.

Burrow replaces Lynn Maeker on the Committee. Maeker has served producers of Lynn County for 17 years on the Committees with the last 9 years being on the County Community. Maeker was not allowed to have his name on the ballot due to having served the maximum of 9 consecutive years.

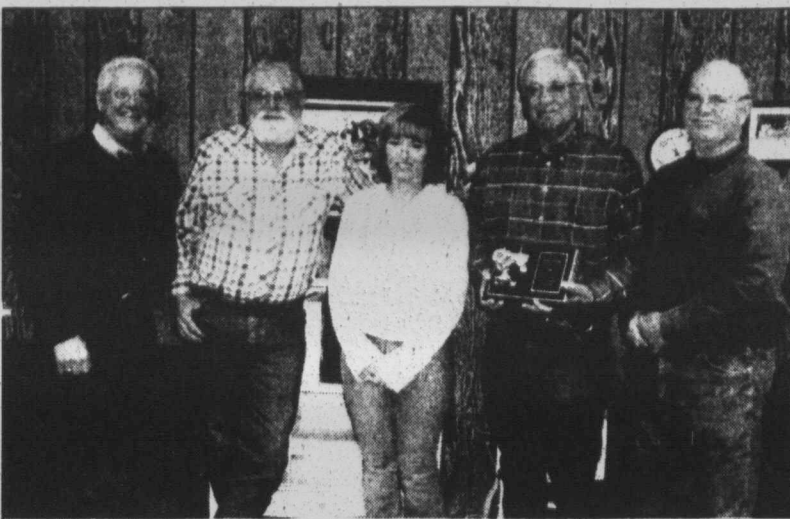
"It has been a pleasure to work for the Committee during Mr. Maeker's membership. He served as Chairman for most of the years he was on the Committee," stated Jimmy Woodard, CED, Lynn County FSA Office. "He has been a very good committeeman as he has represented Lynn County producers.

The staff and I are looking forward to working for the Committee including the new member, Mr. Burrow," Woodard added.

The Lynn County Committee supervises the local FSA office employees as they work with producers of Lynn County. Producers participate in USDA programs such as Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment, Prices Support programs including Loan Deficiency Payments, Seed Cotton Loan, CCC Crop Loans, Conservation Reserve Program, Crop Disaster Programs, and Non-Assisted Crop Insurance programs.

FSA, is the administrative division of USDA with five employees on the commodity side and two employees on the credit side in the Lynn County Office. The local office is the headquarters office for the four-member credit team that serves producers in both Lynn and Terry counties.

Lynn County has 1278 farm numbers with 581 operators for a total of 2890 owner and operator producers. Funds sent to producers of Lynn County Farms from the local FSA office was over \$38 million in 2004 with \$32 million sent in 2005. Producers have completed harvest of the 2005 cotton crop and are signing up for Price Support programs as they continue to market their crop. The Lynn County office has completed a little over half of the sign up for the 2006 Direct Payment program.



FSA Committee Officers ... Pictured from the Lynn County FSA office are, from left, Jimmy Woodard, CED, Bobby Knight, Chairman, Darla Stidham, Advisor, Lynn Maeker, Outgoing Chairman, and Delbert McCleskey, Vice-Chairman of the County Committee.



Troy's in charge ... Tahoka's Troy Price takes charge of the ball as Mustangs converge on him during last Friday night's game against Shallowater. The Dogs won 42-35. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

EQIP Application Deadline Is Feb. 17, Says NRCS

The deadline for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial EQIP allocation to Lynn County. Last year all EQIP applications in Lynn County were funded.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Lynn County, the LWG set the following priorities; although, producers may apply for any practice listed in the Field Office Technical Guide:

Ogallala Ground and Surface Water Fund

The top concern to be addressed with "ground and surface water conservation funds" will be water quantity.

The high priority practice that will be funded is irrigation pipelines.

The medium priority practices that will be funded is drip (20 acres or less) and center pivot sprinkler upgrades.

All other irrigation practices that are not high or medium priority will be considered low priority.

County Base Fund

The top concerns to be addressed with "base allocation funds" will be: Soil Erosion • Water Quality • Water Quantity.

The high priority practices that will be funded to address these concerns will be terraces and/or waterways.

The medium priority practice that will be funded is brush management (1000 acres or less of chemical treatment or 160 acres or less of mechanical treatment).

The high low priority practice that will be funded is drip (20 acres or less).

All other conservation practices in the NRCS Field Office Tech Guide that are not high-medium or high low priority will be considered medium low priority.

Cost share rates are 50% for all practices under Ground and Surface Water and County Base funds. For Limited resource Farmers and Ranchers, the cost share rate is 90%.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Tahoka at 1601 South 2nd or call 806-998-4507 ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Cotton, Weed Management Meeting Set February 7

Area ag producers are invited to a Pre-Plant Cotton Management and Weed Update to be held on Tuesday, February 7. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Graham Community Center (located 5 miles West of Post on Hwy. 380 & 2 miles South on FM 399).

Topics to be addressed by Extension Agents and specialists include weed resistance to herbicides, Roundup Ready Flex System, Blight/Wilt Tolerance and quality cotton seed.

Three (3) CEU's will be offered to pesticide license holders. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6 to your County Extension Office: Lynn County - 806/561-4562; Garza County - 806/495-4400; and Borden County - 806/756-4336.

near the heart of the state, measurable snow has occurred 45 times from 1898 to 2004 for an average of once every 2.3 years. The most-ever snow for Austin was 9.7 inches on Nov. 22-23, 1937, while San Antonio easily topped that with 13.5 inches of snow on Jan. 12-13, 1985."

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Q: What about central Texas?

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Witness our hands and seal of said district this 26th day of January, 2006.
/s/ Billy Tomlinson Board President /s/ Jim Morris Board Secretary

Forms to have your name placed on the ballot for hospital directors may be picked up at Lynn County Hospital District Business Office and must be returned no less than sixty-one (61) days prior to the election or by 5:00 p.m., March 13, 2006.

To be eligible for office of Director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, Texas, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the administrator of the Hospital District.

Early voting will be held in the office of the County Clerk of Lynn County at Lynn County Courthouse, commencing May first (1st) and ending May ninth (9th), 2006. The County Clerk's official mailing address is P.O. Box 936, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

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EN CAUSO DE QUE ESTE AUSENTE PUEDO VOTAR EN LA OFICINA DEL COUNTY CLERK DEL CONDADO DE LYNN COUNTY EN LAS CASA DE CORTE CONDADO DE LYNN, EN LA CASA DE CORTE CONDADO DE LYNN, COMENSANDO EN MAYO 1, 2006 Y EL FIN EN MAYO 9, 2006. EL FUNCIONARIO DEL EMPLEADO DEL CONDADO QUE ENVIA LA DIRECCION ES P.O. BOX 936, TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373. 5-1tc



Powerlifters Earn Honors... Every member of the Tahoka High School Powerlifting Team brought home an award from the Coahoma Meet on Jan. 28. Team members are, in back from left, Coach Coates, Abi Henderson, Ty Cloe, Heath Ross, Cindy Marquez, Kathryn Reno, and in front, Allen Henderson, Jacob Bingham, Sonya Moralez, Marissa Gomez and Amanda Paredes.

THS Powerlifters Earn Top Honors at Coahoma Meet

The Tahoka High School Powerlifting team traveled to Coahoma on Jan 28, for the 5th Annual Powerlifting meet. Every team member brought home an award. Girls won the first place team award. Heath Ross received the Outstanding Lifter trophy for the boys light weight platform, and Ty Cloe received the Outstanding Lifter trophy for the boy's heavyweight platform.

The girls' individual results are as follows: First in individual weight class- Marissa Gomez-total weight of 440, Abi Henderson-total weight of 685, and Amanda Paredes-total weight of 575. Second in her weight class was Cindy Marquez with a total weight of 565, third was Kathryn Reno-total weight of 630, and fourth in her class weight, Sonya Moralez with a total weight of 490.

The boys' individual results were: First in 165-weight class-Heath Ross with a total weight of 1135, and Best Lifter on the Light Platform. First in the 242 pound class was Ty Cloe with a total weight of 1375, and Best Lifter on the Heavy Platform. Fourth in the 123 pound class was Jacob Bingham with total weight of 605, and Fifth place in the 132 pound class was Allen Henderson with a total weight of 630.



Outstanding Performance ... THS Powerlifter Heath Ross received the Outstanding Lifter trophy for the boys light-weight platform at Coahoma.



The Strongest ... THS Powerlifter Ty Cloe received the Outstanding Lifter trophy for the boys heavyweight platform at the Coahoma powerlifting meet.

GUIDE TO AUTO INSURANCE

Texas CPAs Explain What You Need to Know Before Buying a Policy

Are you spending more than necessary to insure your car? According to the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the auto insurance premiums you pay can vary significantly based on the insurer, your coverage, and the type of car you drive. Other factors that in-

fluence cost are the age, gender, and driving records of family members on the policy and your state of residence.

UNDERSTAND THE COVERAGE YOU'RE BUYING

An auto insurance policy actually includes a number of different

types of coverage. These include liability, comprehensive and collision insurance.

Liability insurance covers injuries to other people, including medical bills related to bodily injury and lost wages. It also pays for the repair or replacement of property other than your own, damaged in an accident. Liability coverage is often quoted in a series of three numbers, representing thousands of dollars of coverage, such as 50/100/25. The first number represents the bodily injury liability maximum for one person injured in an accident; the second number is the bodily injury liability maximum for all injuries in the accident; and the third number is the property damage liability maximum for an accident. Individual states establish the required minimum level of auto liability insurance.

Comprehensive and collision insurance cover damage to your car due to fire, flood, theft, or collision. The medical insurance component pays all or a portion of the medical expenses for injuries to you and other riders in the car.

ASSUME MORE RISK WITH HIGHER DEDUCTIBLES

Your auto insurance deductible represents the amount of the loss you must absorb before the insurer makes a payout. If you are willing to accept a higher deductible, you will pay lower premiums since you are able to absorb the cost of small losses and rely on the insurance company only to cover the larger losses.

DROP COLLISION AND COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE ON OLDER CARS

It may not be cost effective to have collision or comprehensive coverage on older cars. The amount the insurer would pay for the car's repair or replacement would be relatively small even if the vehicle were severely damaged in an accident.

CHOOSE YOUR CAR WISELY

The cost of your car and its make and model will affect your insurance premiums. Cars that are expensive to buy and to repair or that are favorite targets for thieves are more costly to insure. This is particularly true of sports cars and other high-performance vehicles. Call your insurance carrier to check on the cost of coverage for a car you are considering buying.

DISCOUNTS CAN LOWER YOUR INSURANCE COSTS

Many insurers offer discounts for cars with safety features such as automatic seat belts, air bags, and anti-lock brakes, and for installing anti-theft devices. You also may qualify for a discount if you buy both your auto and homeowners insurance from the same insurer. Dis-



First Place ... THS Girls Powerlifters won the 1st Place Team Award at Coahoma. They are, in back, Amanda Paredes, Abi Henderson, Kathryn Reno, and in front, Marissa Gomez, Sonya Moralez and Cindy Marquez.

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Auto insurance premiums for the exact same coverage on the same car can vary widely between different insurers, so it pays to shop around. Ask your friends or business associates for recommendations or

call the Texas Department of Insurance at 1-800-252-3439. But CPAs caution that you shouldn't select a policy based on price alone. The insurer you select should be financially sound, offer fair prices and excellent service.

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O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	261 Major Special Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 910,443	\$ --	\$ 60,759	\$ 971,202
5800 State Program Revenues	2,113,643	--	193,990	2,307,633
5900 Federal Program Revenues	140,436	524,960	591,281	1,256,677
5020 Total Revenues	3,164,522	524,960	846,030	4,535,512
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	1,698,515	184,960	678,320	2,561,795
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	45,551	--	379	45,930
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	626	--	1,469	2,095
0023 School Leadership	117,323	--	507	117,830
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	13,196	--	126	13,322
0032 Social Work Services	853	--	23,948	24,801
0033 Health Services	21,490	--	430	21,920
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	151,963	--	2,408	154,371
0035 Food Services	214,550	--	8,969	223,519
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	219,564	--	653	220,217
0041 General Administration	180,911	--	--	180,911
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	577,098	--	3,928	581,026
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,230	--	570	2,800
0053 Data Processing Services	92,765	--	505	93,270
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	30,883	--	90,000	120,883
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,746	--	37,000	41,746
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	--	--	716	716
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	9,000	340,000	--	349,000
6030 Total Expenditures	3,381,264	524,960	849,928	4,756,152
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(216,742)	--	(3,898)	(220,640)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	700	--	--	700
7915 Transfers In	60,380	--	757	61,137
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(61,137)	--	--	(61,137)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(57)	--	757	700
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	(216,799)	--	(3,141)	(219,940)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,126,753	--	75,864	1,202,617
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 909,954	\$ --	\$ 72,723	\$ 982,677

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