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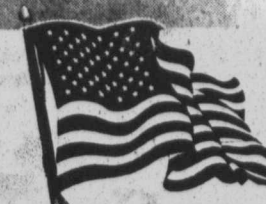
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(as of Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	*FINAL	118,232
New Home Coop-Lakeview		78,897
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell		78,237
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell		52,532
Farmers Coop Assn. 1-Tahoka		49,887
Wells Coop Gin		37,500
Grassland Coop Gin	*FINAL	18,624
Close City Gin-Post	*FINAL	8,634
Lynn County Gin-Tahoka	*FINAL	8,360
Weekly Total		450,903

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 8	73	32	
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New voting machines to be used: Early Voting Begins Next Tuesday For Primaries

Early voting for the March 7 Democratic and Republican Primaries begins next Tuesday, Feb. 21 and continues through March 3 at the Lynn County Courthouse. Registered voters must bring voter registration cards to the Lynn County Clerk's office for early voting, and may vote in only one primary election.

The new electronic voting machines will be used in the election for the first time in the county, and County Clerk Susan Tipton says there will be at least three voting machines set up in an office on the first floor of the courthouse to accommodate early voting (signage will direct voters to the correct room).

Election personnel will be available at all times to assist voters with learning how to use the new touch-screen voting machines and to show voters how to feed their ballot into the electronic counting machine.

If desired, voters may hand-mark their ballots, instead of using the touch-screen machines. Voters hand-marking their ballots must fill in an oval space next to the candidate's name they wish to vote for, instead of marking an X in a square.

All ballots, both electronically-marked and hand-marked, must be fed by individual voters into the electronic counting machines for tabulating the ballots.

The County Clerk's office will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., with election personnel also available during the noon hour for the early voting period.

All local county offices will be decided in the Democratic Primary, with contested races for the Lynn County Treasurer's seat, Justice of Peace Pct. 1 seat, and County Commissioner Pct. 4 seat. Five other county offices are uncontested, although there is a lone Democratic challenger for the four-county 106th District Judge position, currently held by a Republican incumbent. That contest will be decided in the November general election.

State and national offices will also be on the ballots, as well as two referendums on the Democratic Primary ballot and four referendums on the Republic Primary ballot. Referendums that pass in the primaries will be placed on the ballot in the November General Election for all voters to consider.

Barn Burglaries, Vandalism Cases Reported In County

A recent rash of barn burglaries and vandalism to tractors and cotton strippers in Lynn-County has some farmers upset and has motivated Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin to revive the long-dormant Crime Line with a reward of \$500 offered for information on any of the recent crimes.

"If anyone has any information that leads to an arrest or conviction, we want to hear from them," said the sheriff. "We'll keep their names confidential, or they can remain anonymous, if desired. We'll work out a way to pay the reward." Call Crime Line at 561-4026 to offer information.

Recent reports to the sheriff's department included: J.E. Nance Jr., who advised on Feb. 8 that someone had shot windows on his John Deere cotton stripper at his barn four miles north of Tahoka on the west side of U.S. 87. Total loss was estimated at \$4675.

Jay Kelln reported windows shot out on three of his John Deere tractors at a location on U.S. 380 at County Rd. P, reported Jan. 9. Loss estimated at \$937.50.

Craig Taylor reported Feb. 8 that tools had been stolen from his barn six miles west of Tahoka on U.S. 380, and also that windows on a cotton stripper were broken. Total loss was estimated at \$2095.

Police talked with two suspects in the alleged beating last Friday of a 15-year-old Tahoka youth. Police also arrested a 21-year-old Tahoka man on an outstanding warrant from Lubbock County and found a quantity of cocaine in the vehicle, leading to

the arrest of a 23-year-old Tahoka man for possession.

Another 27-year-old Tahoka man was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense plus evading arrest, and a 17-year old male from O'Donnell was arrested for assault on an 18-year-old Tahoka female at a Tahoka residence.

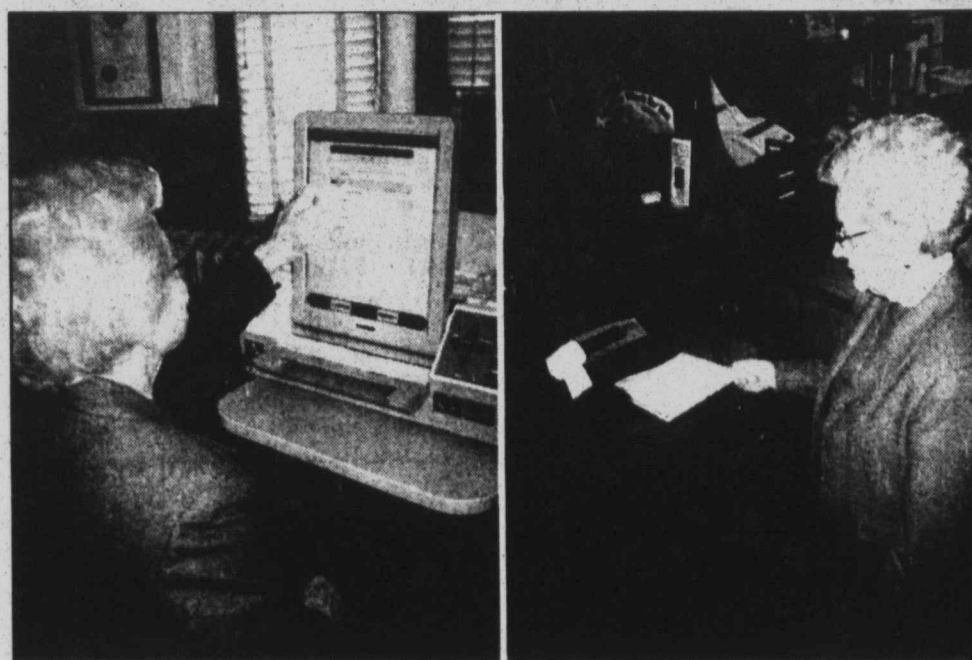
A total of 36 inmates were housed at Lynn County Jail as of Feb. 15, including two each for Lubbock and Gaines County, and one each for Dawson and Garza County.

Howard Pollard Named O'Donnell ISD Interim Superintendent

Howard Pollard, a retired superintendent residing in Lubbock, has been named interim superintendent for O'Donnell ISD. Pollard most recently served as an interim superintendent for Denver City ISD, school officials told *The News*. He began his duties at O'Donnell on Monday.

According to school officials, OISD trustees have hired TASB to conduct a superintendent search to fill the superintendent's position at OISD.

Former superintendent Dale Read retired in January after serving 32 years at O'Donnell. A retirement reception for Read will be held Sunday, Feb. 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the O'Donnell Elementary Commons.



Touch Screen is easy to use ... Dovie Miller touches the computer screen (left photo) to mark her practice ballot at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, to learn how to use the new electronic voting machines that will be used in the Primary elections. At right, she feeds her ballot into the tabulating machine that will count votes, eliminating the need for hand-counting of ballots. Early voting starts Tuesday at the Clerk's Office, and Lynn County voters will get their first opportunity to use the new voting machines in an election. (LCN PHOTOS)

LYNN COUNTY OFFICES IN THE MARCH 7 PRIMARIES

106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (R) <i>Incumbent</i> James J. Napper (D)	Commissioner, Pct. 2 Mike Braddock (D) <i>Incumbent</i>
County Judge H.G. Franklin (D) <i>Incumbent</i>	Commissioner, Pct. 4 Curtis Gickhorn (D) Brad Hammonds (D)
District Clerk Sandra Laws (D) <i>Incumbent</i>	Justice of Peace, Pct. 1 Ginger Henry (D) Terri Walker (D) <i>Incumbent</i> Quaydene Caswell (D)
County Clerk Susan Tipton (D) <i>Incumbent</i>	Justice of Peace, Pct. 4 Ed Follis Jr. (D) <i>Incumbent</i>
County Treasurer Helen Calvillo Saldana (D) Pam Miller (D)	

Early Voting is Feb. 21-March 3, conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
Candidates listed here in order of placement on ballot. All Lynn County offices are on the Democratic Primary ballot. (District Judge race will be decided in Nov. General Election)

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IF YOU WANT to try out one of those new-fangled electronic voting machines which will be used in all elections from now on, you have today and Friday to get over to the courthouse and let them show you how it will work.

Since I already suggested a few months ago that these voting machines would probably cause some people to just skip voting, I thought I'd better go over and try one.

When I first suggested that the machines (mandated by the federal government, but paid for by us local suckers) would scare some folks off, County Clerk Susan Tipton was not overjoyed. She pointed out that they are really pretty easy to use, will really speed up the vote-counting process, and besides, if anyone really wants to mark their ballot with a pen in the old way, they can do that.

I told her I didn't want to hear a bunch of facts; my mind was already made up.

Anyway, I went over to her office one day to try the machines and to give her a hard time, because she is always so nice about it anyway. I couldn't do that, though; she apparently saw me coming down the hallway and hid behind a door while another worker had to deal with me.

I hate to admit it, but the machines are kind of neat, and not hard to use at all. You just touch the screen on the name of the person you want to vote for. Then when it's all finished, you can look at it, then go back and make changes if you wish (like one of the candidates just came into the office and slipped you a bunch of money).

The ballot then goes into another machine which counts the votes. This will save a lot of time on election days. The days when people would go downtown and the results would be posted on a board on the side of a building are gone forever.

Incidentally, the reason you will have to test the machines Thursday or Friday is because the clerk's office will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, which is Presidents Day. ...

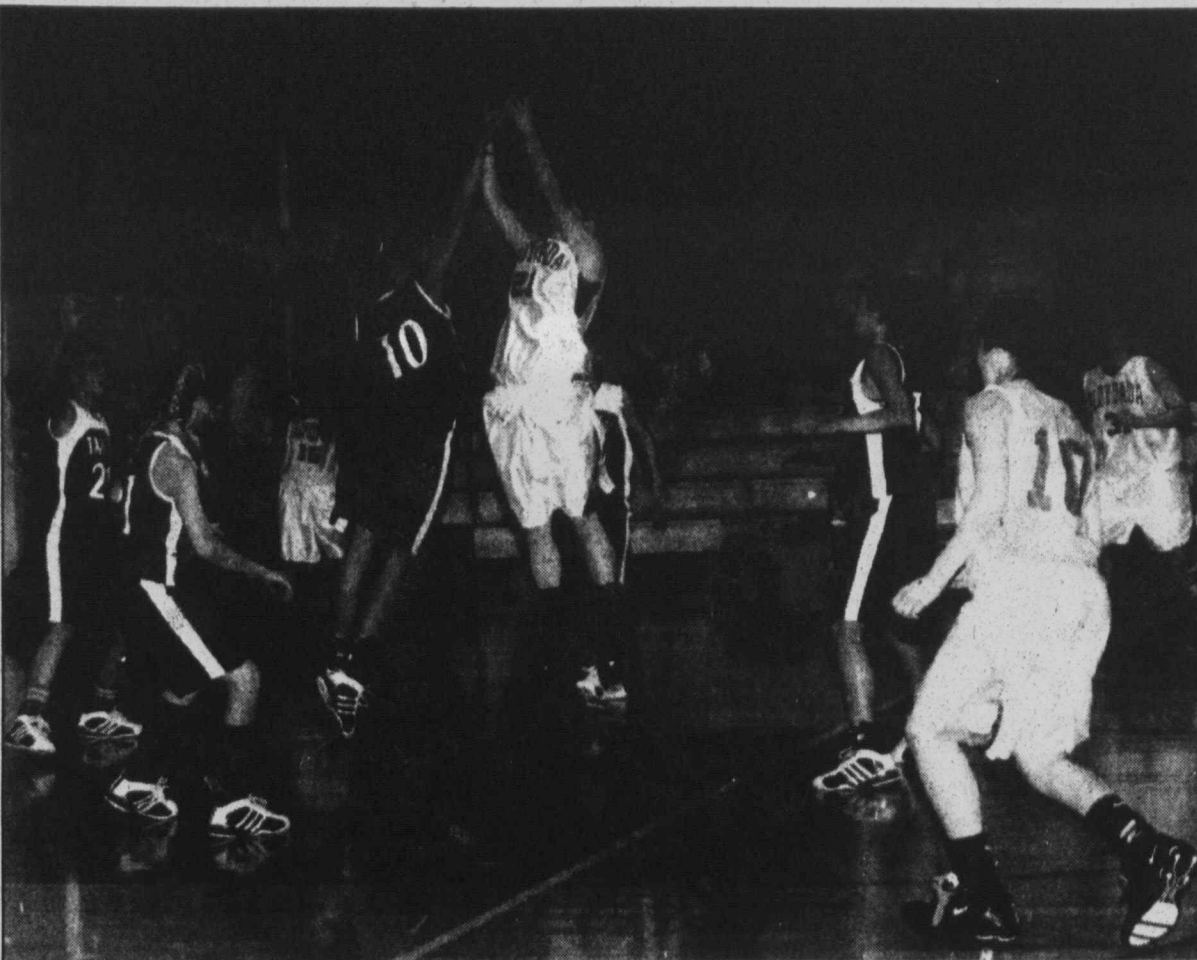
THE GRASSLAND Granny says the only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

Congratulations to ...

Tahoka Lady Bulldogs - Bi-District Champions
 Area Playoff: Tahoka vs. Canadian
 6:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Canyon High School gym

Tahoka Bulldogs - District Runnerup (tied for 2nd with Denver City)
 Bi-District Playoff: Tahoka vs. Friona
 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at South Plains College, Levelland

New Home Lady Leopards - District Runnerup
 The Lady Leopards lost in Bi-District playoffs to Lorenzo Tuesday night, ending a good season for the Lady Leopards



Team Leaders Clash ... Lindsey Leatherman of Floydada (21) fires at the basket while going up to defend is Brandi Raindl (10) of Tahoka. Each led their team in scoring as Tahoka won bi-district 54-39 Tuesday. Other Tahoka players above are, from left, Samantha Andrews, Carissa Hall and Meghan Saldana. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Lady Dogs Advance By Beating Floydada

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs won bi-district with a 54-39 win over Floydada at Monterey High School gym in Lubbock Tuesday night, boosting their season record to 26-7 and moving into the area round against state-ranked No. 2 Canadian (29-2) in Canyon Friday night. The game is set for 6 p.m.

Coach Steve Fancher's Lady Bulldogs, ranked No. 20 in state, had their hands full for the first half of the game at Lubbock Tuesday. Floydada hit four three-point shots

in the first quarter alone, and the Lady Whirlwinds shot a high percentage to manage a 26-26 tie at half-time.

Brandi Raindl scored 18 points to lead all scorers, and Meghan Saldana added 13 to lead Tahoka to the bi-district win. Tahoka broke open the close game with a 17-7 run in the third period, and then had an 11-6 margin in the fourth. Porscha Mitchell scored 8 points for Tahoka.

Lindsey Leatherman led Floydada with 14 points.

STORK REPORT

Telyssa Munoz and Lupe Liendo of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their twins on Feb. 2, 2006. Deryan Jeremiah was born at 4:45 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. and was 17-1/4 inches long, and Jalyn Deanna was born at 4:46 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs. 5 oz. and was 17-1/2 inches long. They have a brother, Zavien and a sister, Malorie.

Grandparents are Robert and Beverly Munoz, Jane Menchaca and Jose Liendo, all of Tahoka.

OBITUARIES



SYLVIA GONZALES

Sylvia C. Gonzales

Funeral Services for Sylvia C. Gonzales, 47, of New Home were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in New Home's First Baptist Church with Rev. Ed Sena officiating. Interment followed in Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson.

She died Sunday, February 12, 2006. She was born September 30, 1958 in Lubbock.

She was a life-long resident of New Home except for a brief residence in Austin. She was a 1978 graduate of New Home High School. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Josh Correa of New Home; a daughter, Serena Garcia; her father, Santiago Correa of Dimmitt; brothers Alfredo Correa, Raymond Correa, both of New Home, Alex Correa of Lubbock, and Jimmy Correa of Tampa, FL; sisters, Olga Hiracheta of Austin, Frances Caballero of New Home, Gloria Menheart of Little Rock, AK; and two granddaughters.

Calvin Tucker

Services for Calvin Johnston Tucker, 81, of New Home, were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at New Home Baptist Church with Morris Pruitt officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

He died February 8, 2006 in Lubbock. He was born November 18, 1924 in Idalou, Texas to Millard Hughes and Virgie Mae (Wheeler) Tucker. His parents, one brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Tucker married Colleen White on October 24, 1948 in Lubbock. He was a farmer until retirement after 46 years. He was a board member of New Home Co-op Gin and Farm Bureau; and was a member and a deacon of New Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen, of New Home; a daughter, Lisa Barnett, of Houston; a sister, Orena Crosno of Lubbock, and one grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the New Home First Baptist Church.

Geneva Louise Carter

Services for Geneva Louise Carter, 85, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Tahoka, were held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Chapel in Mount Pleasant with Dr. Clint Davis officiating. Interment followed in Nevills Chapel Cemetery in Mount Pleasant.

She was born Aug. 8, 1920 in Soper, OK to G.S. and Myrtle Males Patterson. She died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 in Tyler, Tx. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John Carter, and a daughter, Geneva Louise Green.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Carter of Bankelman, NE., and Buck Carter of Mount Pleasant; a daughter, Sandi Brockman of Mount Pleasant; a brother, Jack Patterson of Commerce, LA.; and sister, Loraine Roach of Palo Pinto, Tx.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Louise Anderson Wyatt Smith

Services for Louise Anderson Wyatt Smith, 96, formerly of Tahoka, will be held Monday Feb. 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

She died Sunday Feb. 12, 2006 near Spokane, Wa. 'ington.

No other information was available at press time.

Little League Sign-Up Dates Set Feb. 21, 27

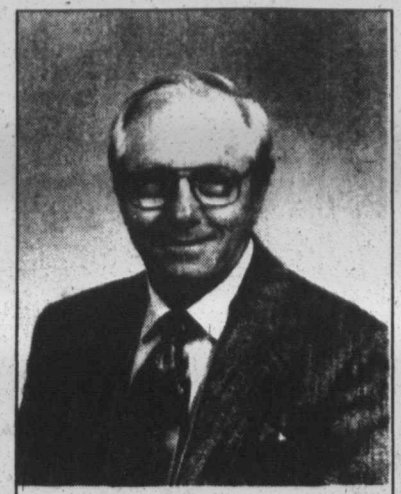
Tahoka Little League sign ups for the 2006 season will be held on Feb. 21 and 27, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center. To be eligible for play, a child must be five or before May 1st. Exception for 2006 only: If a child turns five during May, June or July of 2006 he or she is eligible for play.

The registration fee for Tee Ball, Minors and Majors is \$35.00, and \$45.00 for Jr. League. There will also be an additional fee of \$15.00 per child to be paid up front for raffle tickets for this year's fundraiser. Please bring original birth certificate as proof of age.

Any sign-ups after Feb. 28, will have a \$5.00 late fee and will be taken on an as needed basis. Fall softball sign-ups will be in the summer and the same fees will apply.

For more information call Amanda at 561-4458.

If any Freshman or Sophomore boys are interested in playing Senior League Baseball, please contact Marty Hammonds at 759-1281.



JOHNNY JOVAN SCHUKNECHT

Johnny Jovan Schuknecht

Services for Johnny Jovan Schuknecht, 66, of Pattison, were held Wednesday Feb. 15, 2006, in the Memorial Lutheran Church in Katy, with Pastor Erik Stadler officiating. Interment followed in Cat Spring Cemetery.

He was born June 18, 1939 in Petty, Tx. to Johnny and Gertrude Scheffel Schuknecht. He died Saturday Feb. 11, 2006 in Katy. He was a member of the Memorial Lutheran Church.

He married Carol Schaer on Sept. 25, 1962 in Houston, Tx. He was retired from Lubrications System. He was preceded in death by his father and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of Pattison; two sons, Johnny Jovan Schuknecht and his wife, Louanne of Somerset, and Carl Wesley Schuknecht and his wife Pamela, of Cat Spring; one daughter, Trudy Lou Bubela and her husband, Glen of Daevang; his mother Gertrude Schuknecht, of Tahoka, two brothers; David Schuknecht and his wife, Cathy, of Wolfforth, and Dewayne Schuknecht and his wife Donna, of Tahoka; three grandchildren, Nicky Schuknecht, Sarah and Alex Bubela, and one great grandson, Dakota Garcia.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, Tx. 78761 or to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720. (PAID)

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Bulldogs Claim District Runnerup Title ... The Tahoka Bulldogs finished regular season play Tuesday night with a 67-61 win over Denver City, led by Zach Tillman with 25 points. The win gave the Bulldogs a 10-4 district record to tie for second place in district with Denver City. Shallowater boys are district 5-AA champions. Tahoka won a coin toss with Denver City for 2nd place seeding in the playoffs, and will face Friona next Tuesday night, Feb. 21, at South Plains College in Levelland. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m. Coach Drew Stone's team is 22-8 for the season. Team members include, standing from left, Colby Gardner, Damon Moore, Matt McLelland, Zach Tillman, Nathan Garcia, Josh Hawthorne; and kneeling in front, Michael Lam, Patrick Dotson, Lance Murphy, Troy Price, Jay Tillman, and Daniel Baker.

Local Teachers, Students Named To Who's Who

Two teachers from Tahoka and one teacher from Wilson were featured in the 9th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among America's teachers 2005. From Tahoka High School, the teachers were, Danna Curry and Rebecca Shaw. The teacher from Wilson was Cathy Sawyer.

Students that were featured in the 4th Annual Sports Edition for 2004-2005 were; Brent Furlow of O'Donnell, Katie O'Rourke, Meghan O'Rourke, Sarah Ussery, and Stefanie White, all of New Home, and Tammy Gomez of Wilson.

Featured in the 39th Annual Edition of the Who's Who Among American High School Students of Lynn County were; Bonnie Brewer, Brent Furlow, Amanda Mott, Alberto Castro, Kalynn Jacobson, Cassidy Ogden, Daniel Baker, Sarah Botkin, Erika Chavarria, Ernest Gomez, Stephanie Lara, Jessica McLelland, Katie O'Rourke, Meghan O'Rourke, Rebecca Pando, Brandi Raindl, Klyssa Selmon, Jay Tillman, Sarah Ussery, Stefanie White, Amy Barrera, Logan Cannon, Shelley Gandy, Stacie Green, Steven Lara, Cade Miller, Shon Overton, Maria Perez, Amanda Resendez, Kason Stanley, Amanda Truelove, Krystle Vargas, Trevor White, Tammy Gomez, Nicholas Simmons, and Ana Sanders.

Trisha Castillon, a student at Texas Tech University, and Lexi Wied a student at the Texas A&M University, were featured in the 28th Annual Edition of the National Dean's List, 2004-2005.



BOBBY JOLLY JR. and TRACI REED

Couple Announces Engagement

Joyce and Thomas Probst of Tahoka, and Jimmie Reed of Brownwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Traci Reed of Tahoka, to Bobby Jolly Jr., son of Bobby and Peggy Jolly of Tahoka.

The future bride is a 1999 graduate of Early High School and is currently employed by Wilson State Bank.

Jolly is a 1989 graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. He has a daughter, Bayle Jolly.

Reed and Jolly are also volunteers for Lynn County EMS. The couple is planning a private ceremony on April 8, 2006 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Filing Period Continues For City, School, Hospital Elections

The filing period opened Feb. 11 and continues through March 13 for candidates interested in filing for city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County. As of early Tuesday, only two candidates had filed for seats, one in the Tahoka City election and one in the O'Donnell City election.

A complete list of all seats up for election in city, school, and hospital elections follows. Candidates filing this week are listed in *italics*.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms, At-Large seats. Terms expiring: Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens. Filing: *none*.

City of Tahoka: Three council seats, 2-year terms, District 2, District 4 and District 5 (At-Large District). Terms expiring: District 2-Clara Calvillo, District 4-Jay Dee House, and District 5-Ray Don Box. Filing: *Ray Don Box*.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Mike Buckner, Ricky Cross. Filing: *none*.

City of Wilson: Mayor and two council members, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: councilmen Oscar Follis, Cody Donald. Councilman Victor Steinhauer has been serving as Mayor Pro-Tem since the death of Mayor Jackie Bishop in June

2005. Filing: *none*.

New Home ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Andy Maeker, Scott McAllister. Filing: *none*.

City of New Home: Three council members, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Louis Rodriguez, Mickey Kieth, and a vacancy. Filing: *none*.

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Renn Dorman, Monty Hancock. Filing: *none*.

City of O'Donnell: Mayor and two council members, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor-Maurice Jackson, Council members-Harry Howell, Anita Guajardo. Filing: *Harry Howell*.

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Billy Tomlinson, Jerry

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Ford, and John Hawthorne (who is finishing the term of Virginia Griffing, who resigned). Filing: *none*.

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—David Baum

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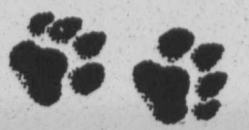
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2005-06 LADY DOGS:

- 03 - Meghan Saldana
- 10 - Brandi Raindl
- 11 - Haley Hall
- 20 - Samantha Andrews
- 21 - Carissa Hall
- 22 - Christyn Chapa
- 23 - Cori Vega
- 24 - Porscha Mitchell

Head Coach: Steve Fancher
Assistant Coach: Katie Craft



CLASS 5-AA

Taboka Lady Bulldogs are Bi-District Champs

AREA PLAYOFFS: TAHOKA VS CANADIAN
FRIDAY, FEB. 17 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CANYON HIGH SCHOOL IN CANYON

- Tejeda Cafe
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- West Texas Agriplex
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Taboka Bulldogs are District Runnerup

CLASS 5-AA

THE COIN TOSS PLACED TAHOKA 2ND AND DENVER CITY 3RD FOR PLAYOFF SEEDING. (SHALLOWATER WAS 1ST IN DISTRICT.)

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS:

TAHOKA VS FRIONA

TUESDAY, FEB. 21 AT 7:30 P.M.
SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE IN LEVELLAND

2005-06 BULLDOGS:

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| 03 - Troy Price | 21 - Jay Tillman |
| 04 - Colby Gardner | 23 - Damon Moore |
| 05 - Lance Murphy | 24 - Patrick Dotson |
| 10 - Matt McLelland | 32 - Josh Hawthorne |
| 12 - Daniel Baker | 34 - Zach Tillman |
| 14 - Michael Lam | 52 - Nathan Garcia |

Head Coach: Drew Stone
Assistant Coach: Jonathan Galley

WE'RE PROUD TO BE BULLDOG FANS!



Solo and Ensemble Musicians ... These Tahoka High School band members earned ratings of Excellent and Superior at Solo and Ensemble Contest. They are (not shown in order) Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, Brandon Moss, Kristin Box, Garret Autry, Corry Norwood, Mitchell Chapa, Jonathan Hernandez, Kaleb Collins, Earnest Gomez, Trey Daves, Mandi Strickland, Alex DeLeon, Amanda Truelove, K'lyssa Selmon, Lindsey Barrientez, Connie Medina, Amanda Paredes, Levi McKay and Heath Ross.

Tahoka Band Students Score High At Solo and Ensemble Contest

Last Saturday at Lubbock Coronado, Tahoka High School 3-D Band students performed very well in their solos and ensembles, earning ratings of Excellent and Superior. Those earning an "Excellent" rating were two brass quartets: one quartet was Raymond Hernandez - trumpet, Vicente Salinas - trumpet, Brandon Moss - trombone, and Kristin Box - trombone. The other quartet consisted of Garret Autry - trumpet, Raymond Hernandez - trumpet, Corry Norwood - trombone, and Mitchell Chapa - baritone. Also earning an "Excellent" rating was the trombone trio of Brandon Moss, Jonathan Hernandez, and Kaleb Collins. Ernest Gomez - baritone and Trey Daves - horn also earned "Excellent" ratings on their solos, which they played by memory. In addition, eleven musicians earned a "Superior" on their class I solos and ensembles. For the fourth year in a row, senior Mandi Strickland earned a "Superior" on her flute solo. Ten musicians not only earned a "Superior" on a class I solo or ensemble but also were certified to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Con-

test in San Marcos on May 29. Those earning a "Superior" and going to State on their solos are Kristin Box - piano and Alex DeLeon - marimba. Two ensembles also earned a "Superior" and qualified for State: the clarinet quartet of Amanda Truelove, K'lyssa Selmon, Lindsey Barrientez, and Connie Medina; and the brass quartet of Garret Autry, Amanda Paredes, Levi McKay, and Heath Ross - baritone.

Directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith stated, "We are very proud of all of these young people, especially the two quartets who due to a sudden illness had to switch people around and bring in new ones in just three days. Garret and Raymond both learned new parts and Garret took on an extra quartet. That is what being part of a team is about, supporting each other and doing what is necessary to be successful and all these were. Each one who competed is a better musician as the result. Even though we personally did not agree with some of the ratings, we are very proud of all these fine, outstanding young people and their performances."



Practicing for State ... Tahoka High School band member Alex DeLeon is shown practicing for the ATSSB 3A All-State Band for which he qualified January 7 at Lubbock Cooper in Area competition against the best from four regions. He will be going to San Antonio this Wednesday to practice with the ATSSB All-State Band Thursday and Friday at the Texas Music Educators Convention. On Saturday a performance will be given by the ATSSB All-State Concert and Symphonic Bands at the Scottish Rite auditorium, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., which is open to the public.

SPC Job Fair Set For March 7

South Plains College's annual Job Fair is scheduled for March 7 from 10 am to 2:00 pm in the Sun-down Room of the Student Center. The job fair is open to current and former SPC students as well as the general public. The event is free of charge to job applicants and employers. The deadline for online employer registration is February 24.

The event is expected to attract several hundred job-hunters as well as a wide array of employers representing numerous industries from the South Plains area.

"Diverse employers representing numerous career opportunities in the South Plains and other parts of Texas and New Mexico attend our annual job fairs," noted Rushing.

"The best advice I can give to job seekers is to come prepared. Applicants who dress to impress through conservative professional clothing and provide organized, accurate resumes usually have the best success. SPC's job placement counselors at the Levelland and Reese campuses always welcome appointments to assist with clothing questions as well as resume and interviewing skills," said Rushing.

Employers may register for SPC Job Fair 2006 and find more event information on-line at www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling/jobs/jobfair.htm. Also, whether attending the job fair or not, employers are invited to register and post jobs at www.collegecentral.com/southplainscollege.

For more information, contact Susan Rushing, 894-9611 ext. 2359.

Senior Citizens MENU

February 20-24

- Monday:** Beef Stew, cornbread applesauce
- Tuesday:** Lemon chicken, au gratin potatoes, fried squash, cherry cobbler
- Wednesday:** Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes w/ marshmallows, green beans, salad, pumpkin roll
- Thursday:** Hamburgers w/ trimmings, fries, cookies
- Friday:** Lasagna, Italian veggies, garlic bread, salad, peaches



TMS Band Members Make All-Region Band ...

Five Tahoka Middle School band students qualified for the 2A M.S. All-Region Band on December 3 in competition against 300+ students from surrounding 2A schools. These five participated in the ATSSB M.S. Region Band which practiced all day Friday, January 27, and Saturday morning, January 28, and performed that afternoon in the Lubbock Civic Center. They are Benjamin Freitag - alto sax, Kenzie Angeley - alto sax (not pictured), Amanda Hernandez - trumpet, A'Leesha Truelove - trombone, and Ryan Rios - 1st chair mallets (not pictured). "We are proud of all the students who auditioned and especially of those who made the band. All who participated are better musicians as the result," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

Feb. 20-24

- Monday:** Breakfast on a stick
- Tuesday:** Sausage, toast, hash browns
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Pizza
- Thursday:** Cinnamon Roll
- Friday:** Breakfast Bar

Lunch

- Monday:** Cheese burger w/ trimmings, fries, fruit
- Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit
- Wednesday:** Fish shapes, chili beans, salad, fruit
- Thursday:** mini Corn dogs, mac & cheese, carrot sticks, fruit
- Friday:** Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit



The Hall way ... Carissa Hall of Tahoka brings the ball downcourt against Floydada, with teammate Porscha Mitchell (24) in the background. Carissa often brought the ball down, and in the fourth period of the game won by Tahoka Tuesday, she hit some key free throws. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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3-D Band Students Participate in All-Region Weekend ... These Tahoka High School 3-D Bandsmen all participated in the Region 16 All-Region and Honor Bands, January 27 - 28, at the Lubbock Civic Center. After practicing all day Friday and Saturday morning, a series of concerts by the different region bands started at 1:30 a.m. and continued until past 8 p.m. with the 5A's. Amanda Truelove and Alex DeLeon were members of the ATSSB 3-A Honor Band. Making the ATSSB 1A-2A All-Region Band were K'lyssa Selmon - 1st chair clarinet, Connie Medina - clarinet, Kayla Quintero - contra-alto clarinet, Sarah Draper - trumpet, Trey Daves - horn, Brandon Moss - trombone, Ernest Gomez - euphonium, Josh Freitag - mallets, and Kristin Box - alternate - trombone. "These outstanding young people worked hard to achieve this level of performance and are to be commended for their hard work and excellence," stated Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith.

SPCAA To Operate Energy Assistance Program Here

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has re-

ceived funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Jan. 2006 through Dec. 2006.

The primary intent of this pro-

gram is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, handicapped individuals and families with young children under the age of six. Bills for services prior to Jan. 2006 are not eligible for this funding.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy induced hardship.

For more information contact Sara Alvarado at 1629 Ave. J, Tahoka, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call 806-998-4521.

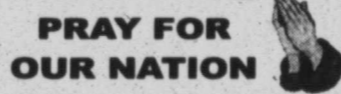
FCCLA Members Compete At Conference

The Tahoka Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America attended the Region I Conference held in Odessa, Feb. 9-11. The chapter members were among 900 delegates attending the two-day conference.

The youth developed theme, "FCCLA: The Brand of Excellence," was carried out through tracks featuring a series of specialized workshops and general sessions in which members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participated at the regional meeting. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Callie Botkin, senior at Tahoka High School placed first in the Illustrated Talk Senior Division competition. Porscha Mitchell, a senior at THS, placed first in the Job Interview Occupational Specific category. Christyn Chapa, Carissa Hall, and Krista Cloe, all seniors at THS placed second in the Focus on Children Occupational Specific event. Also, the new officer team for 2006-2007 was elected to carry the organization forward. Amy Barrera, sophomore at THS was elected as the Region I VP of Membership. Her duties will begin at the State FCCLA conference in Fort Worth in April.


FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as the central focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are ready to "Be Branded in Excellence" and progress with programs related to parenting, child development, management (personal and financial), interior hospitality, and career awareness. This organization is sponsored locally by Patti Rambo and Donna Stone.



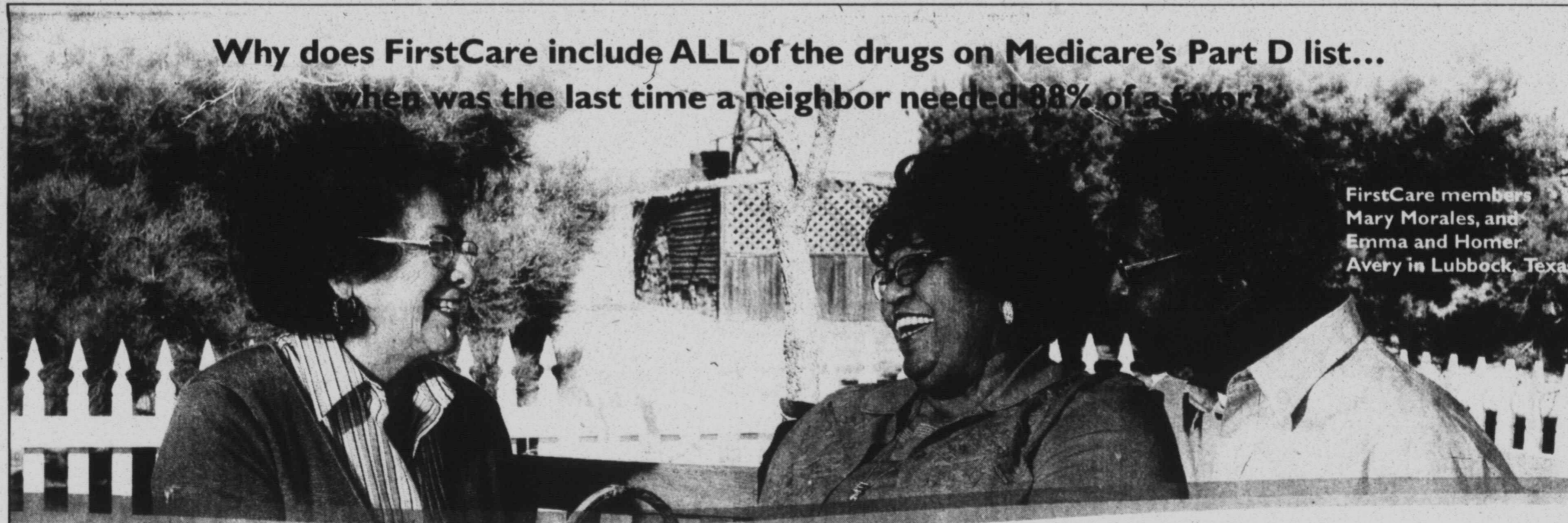
FCCLA Leadership Conference Participants ... These THS students attended the FCCLA Conference in Odessa, bringing home several awards. They are, front row, Krista Cloe and Porscha Mitchell; back row, Stacie Green, Christyn Chapa, Carissa Hall, Callie Botkin and Amy Barrera.



Two Make Honor Band ... Last December 10 in competition against 300+ students who were mainly from 3A schools, THS musicians Amanda Truelove and Alex DeLeon qualified for the ATSSB 3-A Honor Band which rehearsed January 27-28 and performed the afternoon of the 28th at the Lubbock Civic Center auditorium. Amanda and Alex are shown immediately following the 3A Honor Band performance. This is Amanda's third year to make the Honor Band and Alex's first, but he also advanced to Area, where on January 7, he earned the honor of being a member of the 2006 ATSSB 3A All-State Band, which will perform this weekend in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educators Convention. "Competing against 3A schools is quite a challenge but these two students rose to it and succeeded. They are to be commended for this high level of performance," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith.

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- February 23, 2006, 10 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, O'Donnell



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Fire Threatens Ehlers Home ...

Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell volunteer firefighters responded to a fire alarm Tuesday afternoon when flames and smoke were spotted in a bar ditch along FM 400, approximately four miles northeast of Tahoka. The grass fire quickly spread in high winds, threatening to consume the home of David Ehlers east of FM 400, but quick work by firefighters saved the home, although there were some frightening moments when some Tahoka firefighters were in possible danger from the fast-spreading fire.

The flames burned all the CRP on Ehlers' land and burned up onto the grass lawn surrounding the home (no one was home at the time). Tahoka VFD Fire Chief Jimmy Woodard said the Tahoka squad answered the call about 2:30 p.m. and returned to the station at approximately 6:30 p.m. He estimated 320 acres of land burned, including Ehlers' CRP, and some CRP owned by Max Spears, as well as some pasture land belonging to Steve Miller and Tom Ellis.

Lynn County EMS ambulance was called to help evacuate a man from a home near Tahoka Lake, who had just returned home from a hospital stay and was on oxygen.

"David Ehlers, who was in San Antonio, called me and was very appreciative that we were able to save his home. We were able to save his barn and diesel tank, so there were no houses or buildings damaged in this fire, thanks to the very good work of all the fire departments," said Woodard.

The photo at right, taken later that evening, shows the blackened lawn at the Ehlers home, and shows just how close the fire came to consuming the property.

(LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)



Administrative Contracts Renewed at Tahoka ISD

by JUANELL JONES

Contracts for four administrators were extended with salary hikes at the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday, and Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced the resignations of two teachers in the district.

High School Principal Robert Webb, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Troy Hinds, Elementary Principal James Baker, and Assistant Elementary Principal Jenni McLelland all had their contracts extended by one year and a \$1500 salary increase approved by trustees. The vote was a unanimous 7-0 decision on the first three administrators listed, and on Mrs. McLelland's contract the vote was 6-0 with trustee Frank McLelland abstaining from voting on his wife's contract.

Currently, the high school principal's salary is \$60,000; the assistant principal/AD salary is \$58,500; the elementary principal's salary is \$62,000; and the assistant elementary principal's salary is \$47,500.

Resignations announced included Steve Wiseman, effective immediately, who taught high school science and was head baseball coach; and Suzan Dunnum, middle school science teacher, effective at the end

of the school year. Athletic Director Troy Hinds told *The News* that Coach Rocky Coates would be taking over as head baseball coach for the Bulldogs.

In other business, trustees approved the new electronic voting machines owned by Lynn County for use in early voting and for the General Election in May for the school trustee election. A lease agreement, at no cost to the school district, was approved with the county for the voting equipment.

Early voting will be conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, as usual, but trustees voted to move the May 13 election voting poll from the school location to the Life Enrichment Center, to allow easier access to the public and to coincide with voting poll locations with the city and hospital district elections.

The May 13 election was called for the election of two trustees, both at-large positions on the board, both three-year terms. Currently, trustees Jimmy Dorman and Valton Stephens hold the two at-large seats. The filing period opened Feb. 11 and continues through March 13. For the at-large positions, any interested candidate residing within the district is eligible to run for the seat, and all voters residing within the school dis-

trict may vote in the upcoming election. The other five seats on the board represent single-member districts, which means that only those voters residing within those districts may vote in those elections.

Jackie Stephens was named Election Judge, Connie Hallmark was named alternate judge, and County Clerk Susan Tipton was named Early Voting Judge.

A contract with Head Start was renewed for the 3- and 4-year-old programs at TISD, and the district's Emergency Operation Plan was approved as presented. Trustees approved requesting a waiver for a modified schedule during TAKS testing days.

The seven trustees met with Supt. Jimmy Parker for a one-hour Level II board training session prior to the 7 o'clock board meeting. The superintendent announced that all trustees have completed the required training hours for the 2005-06 school year, with no deficiencies reported.

School principals presented reports on campus activities and en-

rollment figures, and Supt. Parker reported that Tahoka resident Clifton Gardner, a former TISD administrator, was seeking re-election on the ESC 17 Board of Directors.

The next board meeting was set for March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Harvick Educational Building. Present for the meeting were all seven trustees, including Board President Math Bartley, Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens, Frank McLelland, and Kent Kahl. The meeting included a 45-minute closed session from 8:05-8:50 p.m. for personnel discussions.

SPAG Honors Joe Heflin

Former Crosby County Judge, Joe Heflin, was honored for his five years of dedicated service to the board of the South Plains Association of Governments at the Feb. 7 board meeting. Gene Carter, President of SPAG and a Hale Center city councilperson, presented Heflin with the award. Heflin now the Democratic candidate for State Representative, District 85, served as the representative for Crosby County to the

SPAG board.

Judge Heflin most recently served as treasurer of the SPAG executive committee. The honor was conferred after his resignation to seek the District 85 post. "It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of the South Plains as a member of the board and as treasurer of the executive committee of SPAG," said Heflin. "I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of this area in the Texas Legislature, as the State Representative for District 85."

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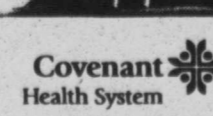
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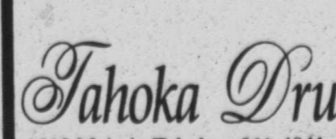


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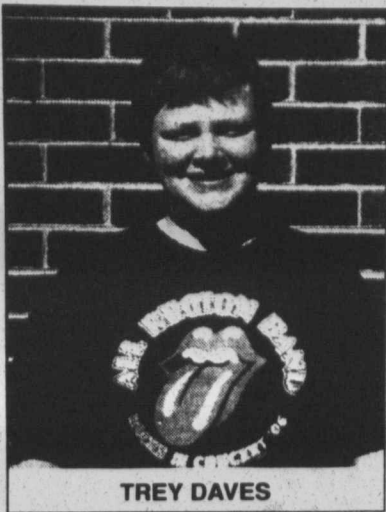
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TREY DAVES

Daves To Sing At State Contest

Tahoka High School freshman Trey Daves earned a Superior on his class I tenor vocal solo at Frenship High School at the Region 16 UIL Choral Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 4, thus qualifying him for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos on May 29. Daves performed by memory Stephen Adams' "The Holy City" and was accompanied by Vivian McAfee.

"Trey is the first student from Tahoka to advance to the TSSEC in voice in a very long time, if not ever. This is quite an accomplishment, especially since the number is an "old war horse" and is vocally challenging, especially for a freshman. We are very proud of him and his accomplishment. We also are greatly indebted to Vivan McAfee for the hours she put in preparing to play for Trey," said directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith.

Commissioners Approve County's Financial Audit

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning in regular session, approving the county's financial audit for the year ending Sept. 30, 2005. Melvin Eaker, CPA with the firm of Gary, Bowers, and Miller, presented the audit and gave the county a "clean" report. Commissioners unanimously approved the audit as presented.

A contract for leasing the county's new electronic voting machines to other entities within the county was approved, that each entity (such as the city, school and hospital district) must sign in order to use the equipment for their elections. The contract notes that the voting machines will be leased "at no cost" to the other entities (since the county purchased the machines with grant funding, at no cost to the county), other than cost-sharing any maintenance that may be required.

In other business, commissioners appointed Richard Lopez as the county's representative to the South Plains Regional Housing Authority, and discussed the purchase of a new motor grader for Precinct 2. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin gave a report on the sheriff's department activities, and bonds were approved for several county personnel. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

John Baker presented an update on the restoration grant application for the courthouse. He and County Judge H.G. Franklin recently trav-

eled to Austin for a conference with representatives of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program and to get final recommendations for any additional documentation for the courthouse grant application package from Lynn County.

"We hope to know whether our grant has been accepted by mid-summer," Judge Franklin told *The News*. "Our liaison with the preservation program in Austin is still very encouraging each time we talk with him, and we are hopeful of receiving this grant, although they still tell us that closing the road to restore the 'square' around the courthouse would be advantageous in bringing us more points for our grant application," he added. "That is something we still need to consider."

Present at the meeting were commissioners Don Blair, J.T. Miller and Mike Braddock, with commissioner Don Morton absent. Judge Franklin presided over the two-hour meeting.

SPC Names Area Students To Honor List

Eight Lynn County students were named to the South Plains College President and Dean's Honor List for the fall 2005 semester.

"It is exciting to see students achieving high grade point averages and we want to recognize this accomplishment by naming them to the honor lists," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Brady Cross, Ashley McNeely and David Perez were named to the President's Honor List. Students named to the Dean's List were Jennifer Crank, Amy McAfee, Christopher McAllister, Karen Muniz and Krystal Muniz.

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

Students named to the Dean's Honor earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.



Lady Leopards in Playoffs ... The New Home Lady Leopards, District Runner-up in Class 1A Division II, came up short in the Bi-District playoff game against Lorenzo Tuesday night, with Lorenzo's Lady Hornets holding New Home to 38-21 to end their playoff run. The Lady Leopards finished with a 6-4 district record and 13-15 for the season. The team is comprised of, in back from left, Coach Ruben Osuna, Natalie Bruton, Sarah Ussery, Sarah Clem, Meghan O'Rourke, Coach Gene Valentine; in middle from left, Laura Maeker, Stefanie White and Katie O'Rourke; and in front, Tory Estrada and Mary Maeker.

Rabies Clinic Set Saturday

Dr. Penny Kelso, DVM will join with the City of Tahoka to host "Love Your Pets" on Feb. 18, from 2-4 p.m. in the Old Fire Station behind City Hall.

Dr. Kelso is from Lubbock and owns Animal Housecalls. She will be providing rabies vaccination for \$8.00 and other shots will also be available.

Dr. Kelso will be traveling to Israel with a group from her church in Lubbock this summer and she is donating the proceeds of her vet clinics to the youth of her church who are going on the trip with her.

Dr. Kelso also reminds us that all warm-blooded animals can carry rabies. Some rumors have surfaced that rats and cats can't carry rabies, but she dispels that rumor. Last year Tahoka had an influx of cotton rats. Dr. Kelso advises to stay on top this as a community and have all pets vaccinated for rabies.

Girls Little Dribblers Sign-Up Dates Set

The Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers Basketball sign-ups will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6-8 p.m. and Mar. 4 from 9-11 a.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Parents must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to the sign-up.

FSA Supports Establishing Firebreaks On CRP Land

In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said Jimmy Woodard, County Executive Director for the Lynn County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to

modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.

With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences, Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that may cause a fire to spread.

There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

Woodard added, "Although fuel prices are high, a little fuel and some sweat equity may prove to be cheap insurance in the long run."

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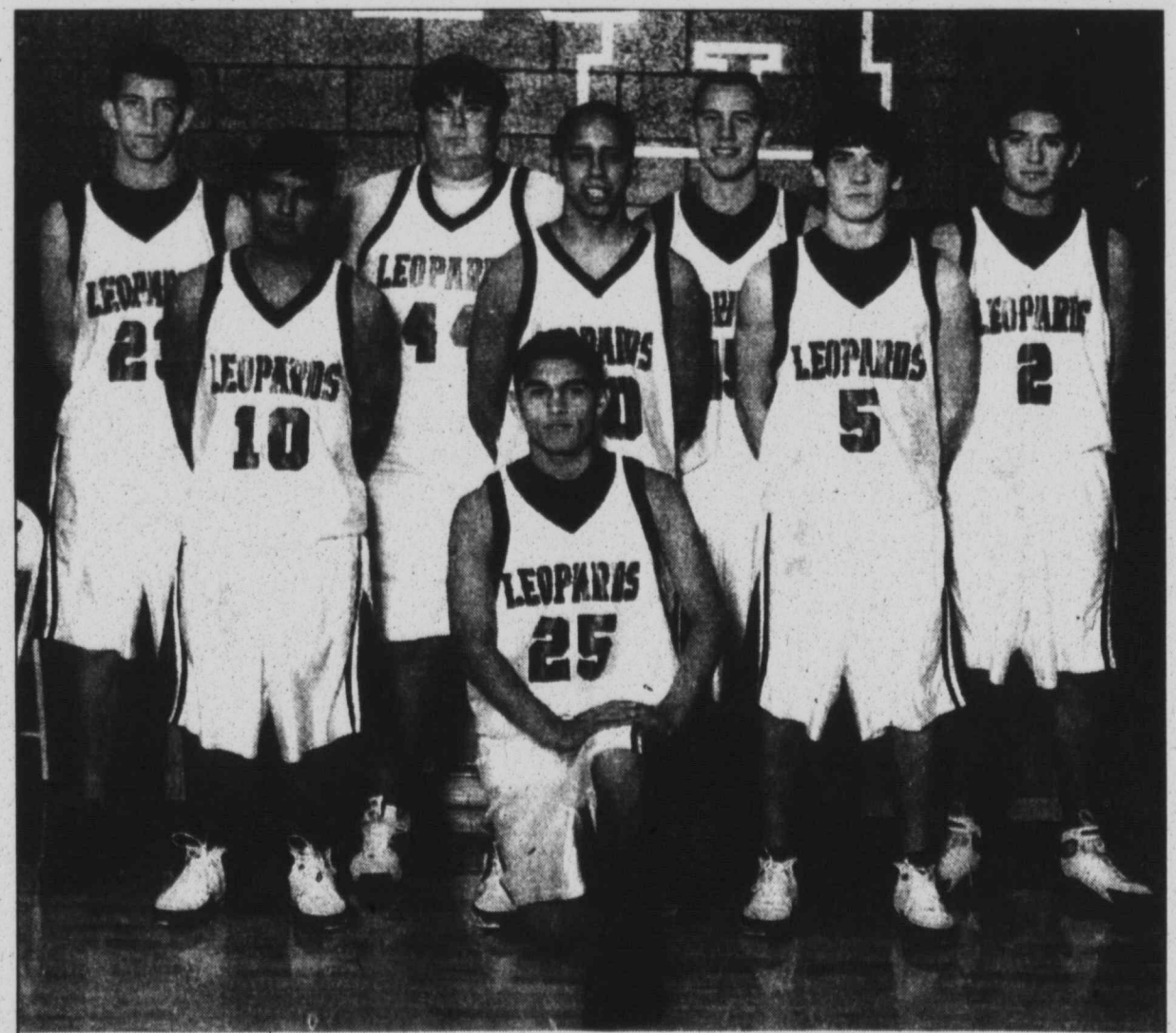
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Leopards End Season ... The New Home Leopards basketball team ended their season with a 5-5 district record and 14-13 season record. Coached by Shawn Harrison, team members include, in back from left, Ryan Wied, Matthew Hymes, Daniel Ford, Tyler Nieman; in middle from left, Leo Torres, Blaine Paul, Kyler Livingston; and in front, David Nevarez.

Neugebauer Announces Upcoming Mobile Congressional Offices

In effort to better serve the constituents of the 19th District, U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to visit one of his mobile offices.

Staff members from Neugebauer's district offices will be setting up the offices on Tuesday Feb. 21 in Hale Center, O'Donnell, (from 1-2 p.m. at the office of the Justice of the Peace office located at 1015 9th Street), and Lockney: Whiteface, Post, and Mulshoe on Wednesday Feb. 22; Merkel, Gail, Rising Star, Jayton, Baird, Clyde, Friona, and Earth on Thursday Feb. 23.

Former New Home Resident Invents Leveling Device For Boat Radars

A Port Isabel resident who grew up in West Texas and went to school at New Home has invented a device designed to end the radar frustration of boaters.

Pat Caudle developed a device, known as the Patrick Level, which is a remote controlled radar antenna leveling mount that allows a boat's radar to be used at all times, not just when it is parallel with the water.

"For the radar to see, it needs to be dead center," Caudle was quoted in a recent article by Amanda Harris in the *Island Breeze*, published on South Padre Island.

Caudle said the idea of the Patrick Level originated about five years ago when he bought a boat in Florida and ran it home to Port Isabel. He couldn't see anything on the radar except when the boat floated idle. He realized that radar works on line of sight and each time the boat tilted up or down, the radar would lose its bead and not detect objects.

The Patrick Level, now manufactured in three models, has controls which allow radar to adjust angles, come automatically. Caudle has three employees who help make the devices, now sold in several coastal states.

Caudle's wife, Debbie, said she



Powerlifters ... The Tahoka High School Powerlifting Team traveled to Acuff for the 5th Annual Roosevelt Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 11, winning several honors, including two first place awards, for Heath Ross and Ty Cloe. (See THS School News for complete information.) Team members are, standing from left, Abi Henderson, Ty Cloe, Kathryn Reno, Amanda Paredes, and kneeling in front, Allen Henderson, Marissa Gomez, Heath Ross, and Jacob Bingham.

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

JV Girls Basketball
by Callie Botkin

In the final game of the season, the JV girls lost to Slaton, 16-33, on Feb. 7. Corlee Green was high point with 8 and Jessica McLelland was close behind with 6.

The girls' final record was 6-19, 2-12 in district. High point for the season was McLelland with 200, averaging 8 per game. Nichole Taylor was next, with 97 points, averaging 4 per game.

JV Boys Basketball
by Juan Hernandez

The JV Basketball boys played against the Idalou Wildcats, 32-67. The top players of the night were Kasen Stanley and Antonio Baker, each with a total of 9 points. Josh Freitag scored 6.

Tahoka and Slaton bumped heads once again, as the JV Basketball boys met on the court, 37-46. Freitag held top scoring position with 11 total points. Jared Thomas had 10 total points and Stanley had 6.

Varsity Girls BBall
by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs finished district Feb. 7, against Slaton. They lost 44-48; Meghan Saldana was high scorer with 20 points and Samantha Andrews helped out with 11.

They were named Tri-District Champs. along with Slaton and Shallowater. After a coin flip, it was determined that the Lady Dogs would go into the playoffs as the number 3 seed.

They played Statford for a practice game in Canyon on Feb. 10. They defeated them 42-41. The leading scorer was Saldana with 19 points and Brandi Raindl added 10.

7th Grade Boys Basketball
by David Hernandez

The 7th Grade Boys bulldogs lost against the Idalou Wild Cats on February 13, with a score of 23-25. The leading scorers were Tanner Hall with 10 points followed by Taylor Abell with 7 points.

Powerlifting
by Juan Hernandez

The Bulldog Powerlifting team met Feb. 4 in Roosevelt, for their third meet. Amanda Paredes placed second in her weight class with a total weight of 665. Abi Henderson placed second in her weight class with a total weight of 710. Marissa Gomez also was second in her weight class with a total weight of 495.

Kathryn Reno placed third in her weight class with a total weight of 675. Ty Cloe placed first in his class with a total weight of 1330. Heath Ross also placed first in his weight class with a total weight of 1115.

Jacob Bingham placed sixth in his class with a total weight of 590, and Allen Henderson placed eighth in his weight class with a total weight of 625.

Freshman Boys Basketball
by Juan Hernandez

The Freshman boys faced off the Idalou Wildcats winning 26-18 on Feb. 13. The leading scorers were Antonio Baker with 11 points, Matt Bryant with 6 points, and Adrian Webster with 4 points.

The freshman boys met on the court with the Post Antelopes Feb. 6. The leading scorers were Webster and Baker with 11 points, and Kyle Larpenner with 6 points.

On January 30, the boys played against the Shallowater Mustangs and lost 24-36. The leading scorers were Jared Thomas with 8 points, Webster with 5 points, and Baker with 4 points.

January 24, the boys played Abernathy Eagles and lost 33-62. Baker scored 9 points; Larpenner scored 5.

January 16, the Freshman faced off in Denver City; the turn out was a defeat 20-59. The high scorers were Baker with 16 points, and Larpenner with 4 points.

January 9, the Freshman boys played against the Roosevelt Eagles and lost 35-42. Antonio Baker and Adrian Webster each scored 11 points, and Kyle Larpenner had 5.

December 19, the Freshman boys took on the Slaton Tigers and lost 37-29. Matt Bryant led scoring with 12 points. Jared Thomas scored 5, and Adrian Webster had 4 points.

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Notice

Wilson ISD Request for Proposal
 Notice is hereby given that Wilson Independent School District will receive proposals from qualified performance contractors for the implementation of a district wide Comprehensive Operational Efficiency Program. Wilson Independent School District plans to select the most qualified performance contractor to implement the program. Copies of the request for proposal are available from the office of Mr. Mike Jones, Superintendent at Wilson Independent School District. Written proposals are due by 3:00 PM, February 24, 2006, at the Central Office Building located at 1411 Green Ave., Wilson, TX 79381. Proposals will be opened and examined on February 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. The Board of Trustees will consider submitted proposals on March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the regular March board meeting. The public and interested vendors are welcome to attend. 7-2tc

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS
 Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
 Contract 0905-00-041 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on March 08, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

State Office	Dist/Div Office(s)
Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540	Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 7-2tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF LYNN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Lynn County, on the 6th day of February 2006, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
90-02-1773-CV	O'Donnell Independent School District v. Mary Beatrice Follis	1. 0.918 acres of land more or less out of Section 53 Block 8, E.L. RR RR Co. Survey in Lynn County, Texas. Same tract being Tract 4 Singleton Subdivision of Tracts 1-6 out of Section 53, Lynn County, Texas.
95-08-2060-CV	O'Donnell Independent School District v. Wayne Popnoe	2. Lot 7 and West 15' of Lot 8, Block 55, Original Town Addition to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.
99-04-2163-CV	O'Donnell Independent School District v. Mary Amaro	3. Lot 4, Block 107, Original Town Addition to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.
04-07-2302-CV	O'Donnell Independent School District v. Elvira Sanchez Ind/Heir of Lee Rodrigo Sanchez, Deceased	4. South Half of Lot 1, 2, 3, Block 24, Original Town Addition to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas. 5. North Half of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 24, Original Town Addition to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of March, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of Lynn County, in the City of Tahoka, Texas.
 Levied on the 6th day of February, 2006, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.
 "ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE."
 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006.
 /s/ Jerry D. Franklin
 Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas 6-3tc

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