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## Track Meets Hosted Here Next Week

Tahoka ISD is hosting two track meets next week, on Tuesday and Friday. The Tahoka Middle School Invitational Track Meet will be held Tuesday, March 21, and the Tahoka High School Invitational Track Meet is scheduled for Friday, March 24. Athletes from Tahoka, Slaton, Post, Lubbock Christian (high school only), Lorenzo, Crosbyton and New Deal will compete.

Concession stands will be available, and the community is invited to attend both track meets. Admission is free.

## Area Bale Count

(as of Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union *FINAL	118,232
New Home Coop-Lakeview	96,558
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell *FINAL	81,654
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell *FINAL	56,668
Farmers Coop Assn. 1-Tahoka	57,456
Wells Coop Gin	45,650
Grassland Coop Gin *FINAL	18,624
Close City Gin-Post *FINAL	8,634
Lynn County Gin-Tahoka *FINAL	8,360
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>491,836</b>

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 8	73	56	
Mar. 9	68	42	
Mar. 10	75	42	
Mar. 11	77	49	
Mar. 12	79	47	
Mar. 13	62	39	
Mar. 14	67	32	
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Total Precipitation in 2005:			22.30"

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## Last-Minute Filings Add Interest: Six City/School Entities To Have Contested Races in May Elections

Six of nine entities in Lynn County will have contested races in the May 13 elections for city, school and hospital boards, after a flurry of last-minute filings added names to several candidate lists. The filing period closed Monday for all elections. Early voting will be conducted May 1-9. All elections will be conducted with the new electronic voting equipment provided by the county.

Both Tahoka city and school elections are contested, with three candidates for two seats on the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees, and six candidates for three seats on the Tahoka City Council. Incumbents Jimmy Dorman and Valton Stephens are joined by candidate Jana Lowdermilk seeking to fill two at-large positions on the TISD board of trustees, both three-year terms. In the city election, there are two candidates each for three different precincts, as follows: District 2, incumbent Clara Calvillo and Tony Salinas; District 4, incumbent Jay Dee House and Jeff Martin; and in the At-Large District 5, incumbent Ray Box and Chad Ford are vying for a term. All three council seats are two-year terms.

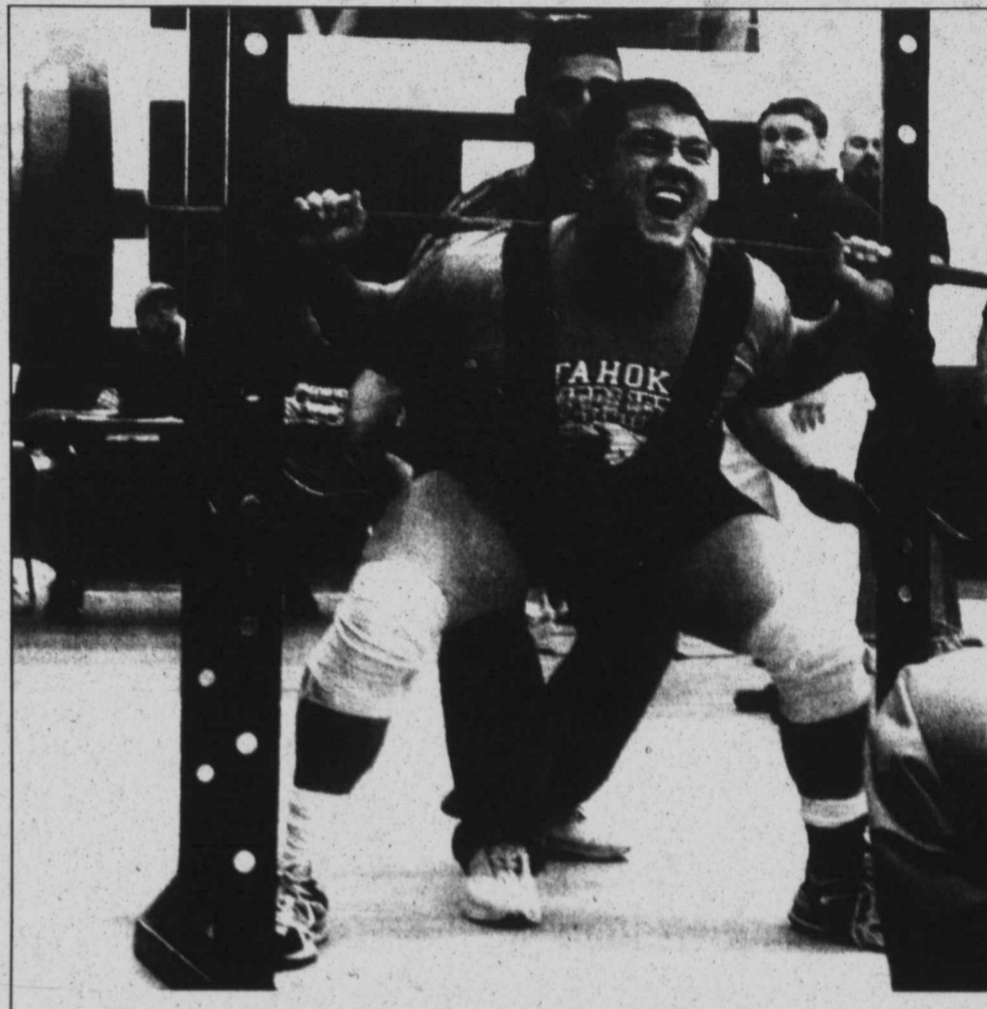
Wilson voters will also have several choices to consider, with both city and school elections having contested races. Five candidates are vying for two seats on the Wilson ISD board of trustees, including one incumbent, Ricky Cross, and newcomers Danny Mendez, Lana Garner Daniell, Casey Donald and Oscar Ortega Ortega. In the Wilson city election, two candidates are seeking the office of Mayor, including Victor Steinhauser (currently serving as Mayor Pro-Tem), and Cody Paul Donald, who is

coming off a term as councilman. The two city council seats up for grabs have only two candidates, Francine Williams and incumbent Oscar Follis.

In New Home, only the city election is contested, with five candidates filing for three seats on the city council, none of whom are incumbents. Shane Fiedler, Alan Nettles, Gene Link, Jesse Rameriz and LaVonne Sharp have all filed for that race. Only two candidates are seeking the two trustee seats open on the New Home ISD board, which will allow the school to cancel that election. Travis Smith and incumbent Andy Maeker are seeking the trustee terms.

The O'Donnell city election also has contested races for Mayor and two council seats. Incumbent Maurice Jackson faces James Williams for the two-year mayoral term, and three candidates are vying for two seats on the city council, including incumbent Harry Howell, and Anita Guajardo and Scott Martinez. No new information was available this week from school officials on the O'Donnell ISD election, but prior to this week two candidates had filed for two seats on the board, both incumbents, Renn Dorman and Monty Hancock. If they remain the only candidates, the school will most likely cancel that election.

And finally, Lynn County Hospital District will cancel their election, with unopposed candidates filing for three directors' terms. Incumbents Jerry Ford and Billy Tomlinson will regain their seats on the board, and newcomer Jannis Childress-Horwood will take the remaining director's term. All are three-year terms.



**Setting a Record ...** Ty Cloe broke the regional record for squat powerlifting with an astonishing 585 pounds at the Regional Powerlifting Meet at Brownfield. He placed second overall in his weight division, qualifying for the State competition in Aldine next weekend. Cumulative weight totals from the best in three different powerlifting events are considered, including squats, dead lift, and bench press. Competitors are given three opportunities to lift in each event, competing against others in their weight division.

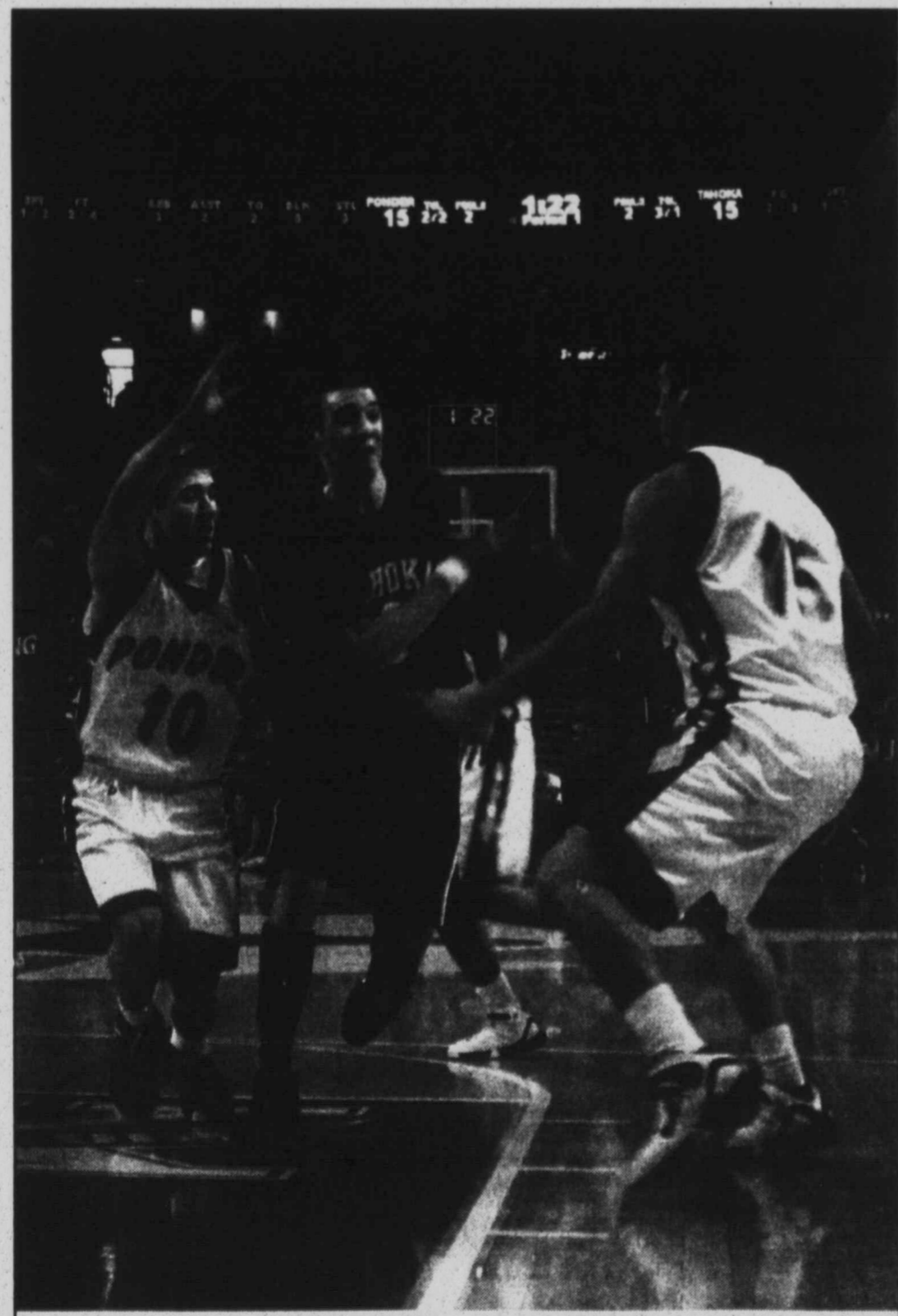
## Cattle Theft, Drug Raid, Sex Crime Investigated

Law enforcement officers in Lynn County were busy during the last week with reports of a variety of crimes, including theft of cows, a sexual assault of a teenage girl, and a drug raid conducted on March 3 which resulted in the arrest of two suspects.

Sheriff's officers and Dean Bohannon, inspector with the Southwest Cattle Raisers Assn., investigated a report that nine head of cattle had been stolen from the ranch of J.R.

Brady who lives in Lynn County on FM 1730 near County Rd. 1. It later was determined that the missing livestock had been run through a sale ring at Muleshoe on Saturday, March 4.

A 30-year-old former ranch hand was questioned and admitted the theft, according to Sheriff Jerry Franklin, who said some of the livestock apparently had been butchered. (See Police Report, page 3)



**Harassment ...** Colby Gardner (4) advances the ball for Tahoka, bothered by Tanner Deussen (10) and Nathan McPherson (15) of Ponder in the Class 2A State Semi-Finals game won by Ponder 56-47, Thursday morning at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. While the Bulldogs would have preferred making it to the state finals round, this season's playoff run was an exciting time for both players and fans, and Coach Drew Stone and his Bulldog squad can be proud of taking Tahoka to the state basketball tournament for only the second time in the school's history. See story, page 3. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

woodwork  
by dalton

LAST WEEKEND at Sweetwater the chamber of commerce and Jaycees hosted the annual Rattlesnake Roundup, an event which brings in 30,000 visitors and reportedly has an economic impact of \$5 million.

The actual participants in the roundup compete to see who can bring in the most pounds of rattlesnakes; they get paid \$5 a pound until 2,000 pounds have been collected. That's not so much, since one year they brought in more than 17,000 pounds of slithering serpents.

They have snake-handling demonstrations and show how to skin a rattler in preparation for cooking or using the skins. They even eat the disgusting things.

Because the roundup raises money for good causes, projects of the Jaycees and chamber, the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce director was quoted in one story as saying, "It's what we're known for. Nobody bad-mouths the roundup."

Well, let me be the first. Anybody who likes to stomp around in a pit full of rattlesnakes and enjoys handling them is several cards short of a full deck, in my opinion. And anybody who would eat one really has a problem.

I detest snakes of any kind, poisonous or otherwise (I was bitten by a copperhead when I was about three years old). A snake is a serpent, and a serpent represents the Devil. The only person I know who dislikes snakes more than I do is my wife, who won't even look at one on TV.

No, I have not been to a rattlesnake roundup. I don't need to go to know I wouldn't like it. Sweetwater is about a 100 miles from here, and that's about as close as I want to get to a bunch of snakes.

THE MAIN ST. MOMMA asks this: "Do you realize that in about 40 years we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?"

FRIDAY is St. Patrick's Day, observed primarily in New York City, Ireland and Shamrock TX, but not given a lot of attention around here. Most folks realize you are supposed to wear something green, or you may get pinched. Here's a warning, though: who you pinch (and where) may result in a slap in the face, even if it is an Irish holiday.

## Tahoka VFD Shows Council Members New Fire Truck

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night and members were treated to a look at the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department's new fire truck. Firefighters Math Bartley and Jeff Martin were present to show city officials the truck which carries a 1,500-gallon water tank and pump assembly and is designed primarily to fight grass and brush fires — a task which has engaged local and other county firefighters on numerous occasions during the recent dry conditions. City officials had approved the purchase of the truck in a meeting last year, with most of the funding coming from a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant and the city contributing ten percent.

In other business, council members designated May 2 and May 4 as the two 12-hour days for early voting in the May 13 city election, as

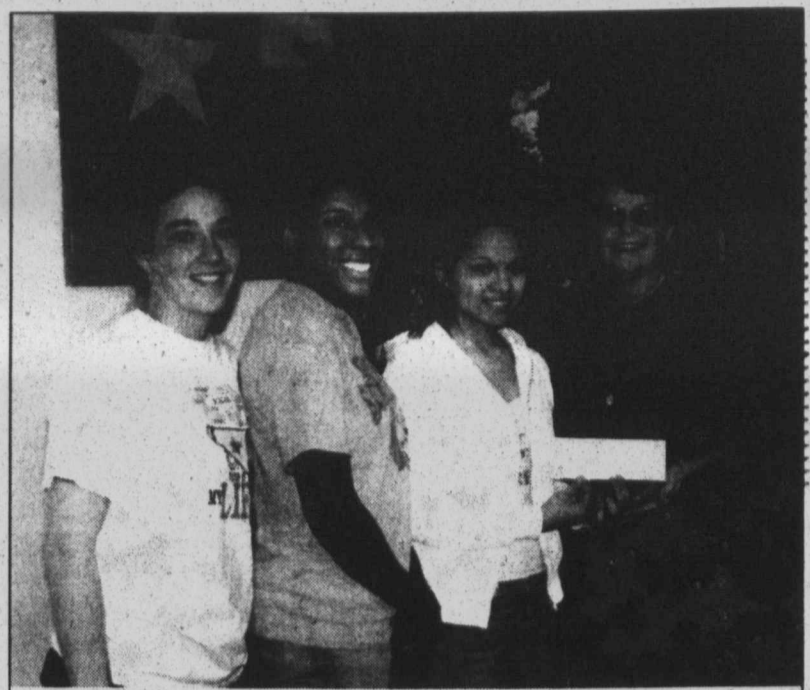
required by new election laws. Early voting will be conducted May 1-9 at the Lynn County Clerk's office during regular business hours (except for the two designated 12-hour days), with the new electronic voting equipment provided by the county.

Council members voted no to a request from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to join in a \$50-million bond issue to purchase additional water rights. According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, the city's portion would be \$19,000 per year for a 20-year time period, and after some consideration city officials decided it was not to the city's advantage to join in the bond issue.

"Tahoka gets their water from the CRMWA, and we are getting all the water that the pipes can accommodate already. Joining in this bond issue would not provide more water to Tahoka, because we are already at capacity, and the council decided at this time to not participate in the bond issue. It can be reconsidered every year during the bond issue, if city officials opt to join at a later time," Webster told *The News*.

Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee presented a report on his department, and monthly bills were paid as presented.

Mayor Mike Mensch led the meeting, and four of five council members were present, including Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Rudy Fuentes, and Clara Calvillo. Council member Amy Preston was absent.



## Students Raise Funds For Local Senior Citizens

The Tahoka High School senior class raised \$558 for Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center through a recent fund raiser. For donating \$1, THS middle school and high school students could break dress code, eat during first period classes, and have an extended lunch on Friday. Callie Botkin, Porscha Mitchell, and Kelly Rojo are shown here, representing the senior class, presenting the check to Nancy Guilliams, center director.

Swinford, Eva DeLeon, both of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mott of O'Donnell and Milton DeLeon. Great-Grandparents are Jo Swinford, Josie Rangel, and Mr. and Mrs. Monico DeLeon, all of Tahoka, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mott of O'Donnell. (PAID)



## STORK REPORT

Our bundle of joy has arrived! Kacey Rhae Swinford was born Monday, March 13, 2006 at 8:13 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19-1/2 inches long. She has a big sister, Karlie, who is 3 years old. Proud grandparents are Jackie

*Volunteer and help others -- it will do your heart good!*



**Regional Spelling Bee Finalist ...** Cody Cross from Wilson ISD participated in the 2006 Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 4, at the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University. He made it to the finals, placing 5th at Regionals.

Good manners have much to do with the emotions. To make them ring true, one must feel them, not merely exhibit them. —Amy Vanderbilt

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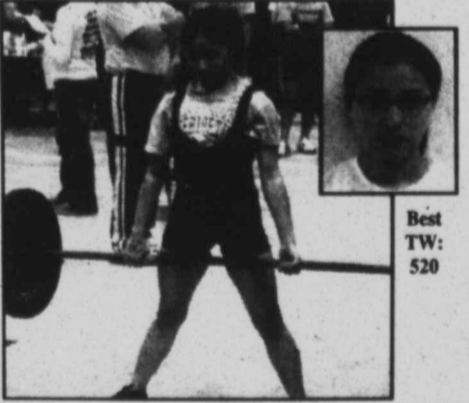
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**Abi Henderson - State Qualifier**  
165 lb. weight class; 1st Abernathy; 1st Coahoma; 2nd Roosevelt; 6th Plains; 1st place Regionals



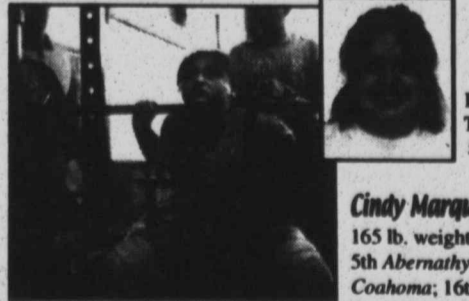
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**Marissa Gomez - State Qualifier**  
97 lb. weight class; 1st Abernathy; 1st Coahoma; 2nd Roosevelt; 1st place Regionals



Best TW: 685

**Kathryn Reno**  
148 lb. weight class; Abernathy meet; 3rd Coahoma; 3rd Roosevelt; 7th Plains; 2nd place Regionals



Best TW: 565

**Cindy Marquez**  
165 lb. weight class; 5th Abernathy; 2nd Coahoma; 16th Plains

# "Lift Hard OR GO HOME!"



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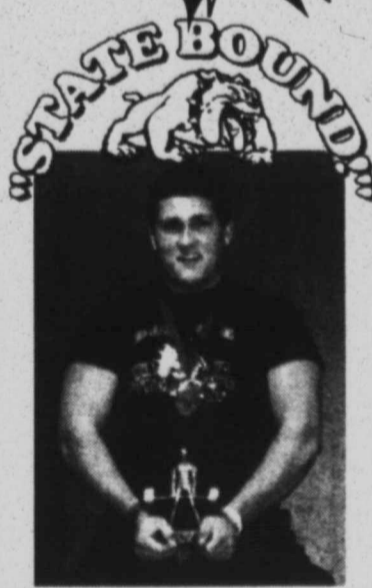
**Sonya Moralez**  
5th - Coahoma; Abernathy meet.



Best TW: 705

**Amanda Paredes**  
198 lb. weight class; 5th Abernathy; 1st Coahoma; 2nd Roosevelt; 8th Plains; 3rd place Regionals

Good Luck, Ty at State: March 24-25 in Aldine



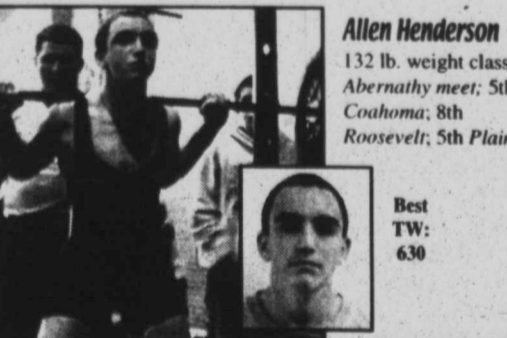
**Ty Cloe - State Qualifier**

242 lb. weight class; 1st Abernathy; 1st Coahoma - Best Lifter on the Heavy Platform; 1st Roosevelt; 1st Plains; 2nd place Regionals; Set Regional Squat record at 585 lbs.



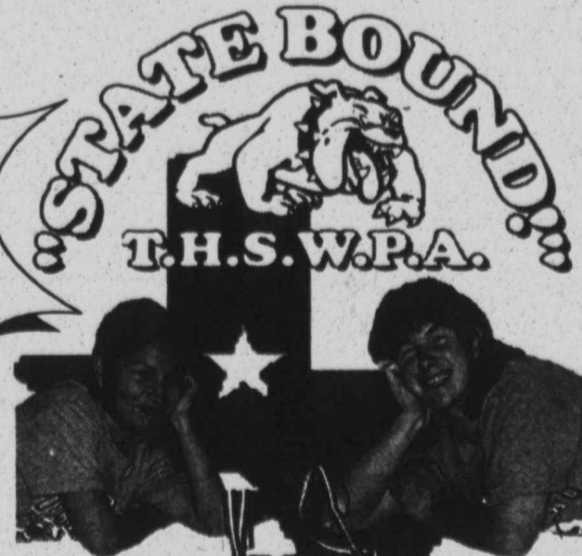
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**Heath Ross**  
165 lb. weight class; 1st Abernathy; 1st Coahoma. Best Lifter on the Light Platform; 1st Roosevelt; 1st Plains; 8th place Regionals



Best TW: 630

**Allen Henderson**  
132 lb. weight class; Abernathy meet; 5th Coahoma; 8th Roosevelt; 5th Plains



Girls team placed 1st at Coahoma and 2nd in Regionals

Powerlifting Coach: Rocky Coates



Best TW: 605

**Jacob Bingham**  
123 lb. weight class; Abernathy meet; 4th Coahoma; 6th Roosevelt; 3rd Plains

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JUDGE Judge Seeks As Jus

Incumbent seeking re-election for Lynn County Precinct 1. She on April 11 to continue her work of Lynn County runoff election.

The daughter of Mason and Walker was born and raised in Tahoka. She has a long time of experience as a Justice of the Peace. She has an additional experience as a Justice of the Peace. She has also the honor of being the Municipal Clerk of Wilson.

"During the past year, I have been instrumental in the procedures and for many improvements of the Peace, which large increase county," says constant requirement through Walker has seen and software keep pace with the demands of her office. "I have had training hours in the up-to-date well-versed in the Justice of the Peace of Lynn County. I create your own primary runoff Walker. (P)



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**JUDGE TERRI WALKER  
Judge Terri Walker  
Seeks Re-election  
As Justice of Peace**

Incumbent Judge Terri Walker is seeking re-election in the runoff race for Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. She is asking for your vote on April 11 for an opportunity to continue her work in serving the citizens of Lynn County. Early voting for the runoff election is April 3-7.

The daughter of the late Charlie M. Mason and Wanda Mason, Judge Walker was born and raised in Lynn County and is a longtime Tahoka resident.

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

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

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

"I have attended many varied training classes, totaling 480 hours in the last 7 years, to keep up to date with this position, and I am well-versed in handling the duties of Justice of the Peace. I am dedicated to continuing to serve the people of Lynn County, and will appreciate your continued support in the upcoming Democratic Primary runoff election," added Judge Walker. (Pol. Adv. paid by Terri Walker)

**Dream Season Ends  
Dogs Ponder Loss To  
Lions At State Tourney**

by KENT ELLIOTT

The Tahoka Bulldogs' majestic trip through the 2AA State Playoffs came to an end Thursday in the State Semifinals as the Dogs lost to the Ponder Lions 56-47. The Bulldogs, making their second-ever trip to the state tournament, ended the season with an outstanding record of 27-9. Ponder went on to meet Arp for the state title on Saturday, with Arp claiming the championship.

The Bulldogs' achilles heel came in three parts. The Dogs were able to survive the first two problems, which were 13 turnovers (nine of those in the first half) and Daniel McPherson's 26 points for the Lions. The fatal blow, unbeknownst to us all, started innocently enough with 5 minutes to go in the third period. Tahoka led Ponder by 5 at 33-28 when Damon Moore went to the bench with his third foul. Over the next 11 minutes, Tahoka only tallied one free throw while Ponder took control of the game. The scoring drought was too much to overcome.

Both teams were on fire from the opening tip. Zach Tillman's 10 points fueled Tahoka to a 19-15 lead after one period of play, with Colby Gardner and Damon Moore chipping in four each. McPherson countered with 10 for Ponder.

The Bulldogs lead shrank to two (28-26) at the half. Gardner and Jay Tillman had buckets in the stanza with Patrick Dotson nailing a 3.

With Tahoka in the midst of the scoring drought, Ponder came back to lead by 2 after three periods. As the quarter came to a close, a pivotal play happened as Zach Tillman blocked a Ponder shot only to have

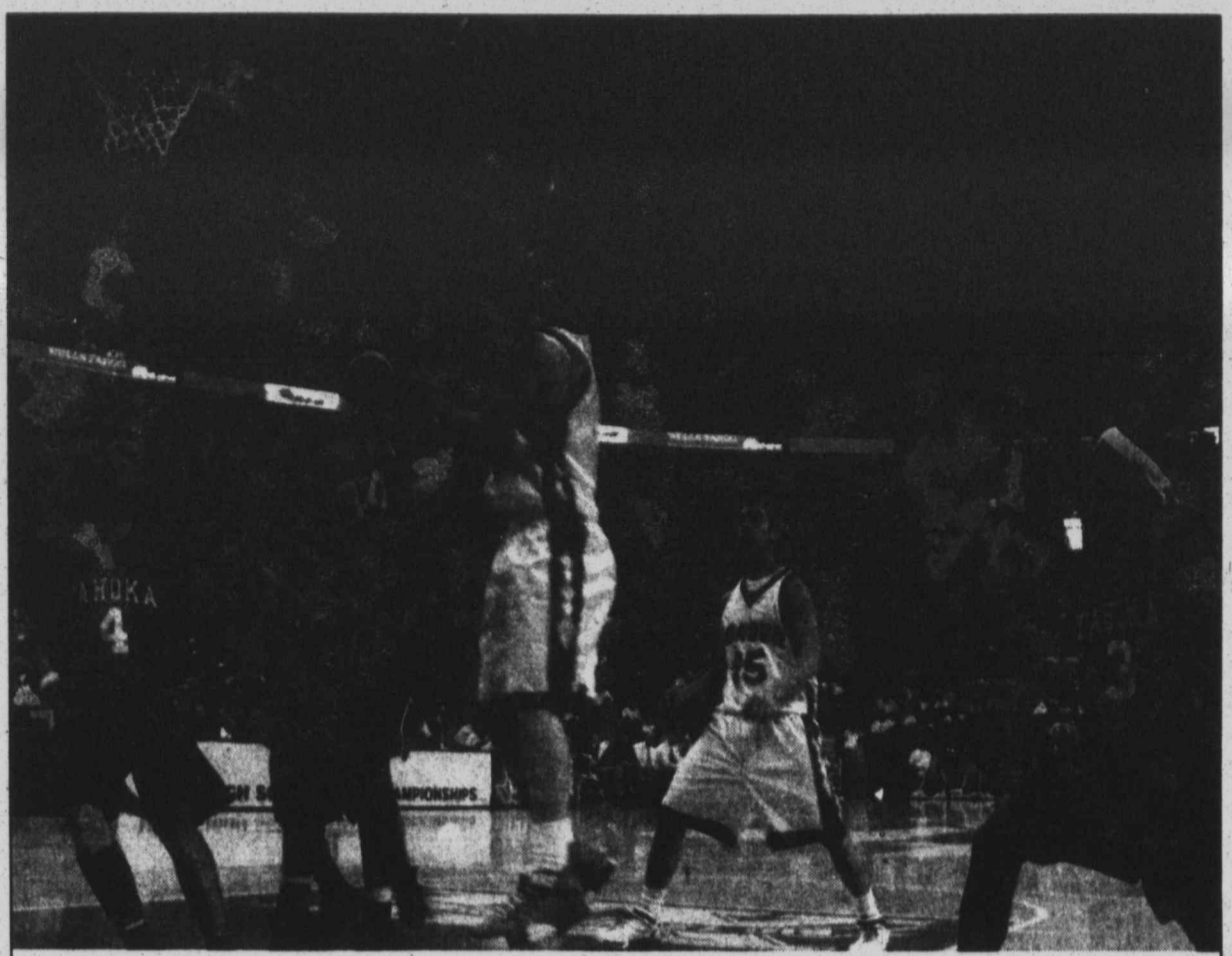
McPherson nail a 3 at the buzzer to give Ponder the lead.

Ponder used ball control in the 4th. Nathan McPherson and Daniel Lujan both got loose for 2 buckets each and Daniel McPherson sealed the deal with 4 freebies on his own. The Dogs scored nine in the final period. Zach Tillman had the last of his 18 points in the period, Gardner added a 3 and Jay Tillman scored 2 pts.

The final stats went this way: Zach Tillman had 18 pts. and was named to the All-Tournament Team for Class 2A; Damon Moore had 10 pts., Colby Gardner had 9, while Jay Tillman totaled 7; Patrick Dotson rounded out Tahoka's output with 3. Daniel McPherson (also named to the All-Tournament Team) tallied 26 while Matt Wolodzko had 10 to lead the Lions.

Tahoka shot 50% from the floor (20 for 40) to Ponder's 44% (21-47). Ponder hit 3 of 7 from the 3 point arc while Tahoka was unusually cool, shooting 3 for 14. Ponder was 11 for 15 from the line while Tahoka made 4 of 10. Ponder finished with 7 turnovers and 8 steals while Tahoka had those 13 turnovers, 3 steals and 7 blocks. Ponder had 34 points in the paint while Tahoka finished with 28.

It was a bittersweet ending to a fabulous year for the Bulldogs. On the way to Austin Tahoka racked up wins over #5 Olney and #2 Floydada and #20 Reagan County. Thanks go out to Coach Drew Stone, assistants Jon Galley and Jodie Meek, and the Bulldogs for a super season. Thanks for letting us all come along for the ride.



Prevention ... Tahoka's Colby Gardner (4), Zach Tillman (34) and Troy Price (3) are seeking to prevent this shot by a Ponder player in the state semi-finals at Austin Thursday. Tahoka lost by 9 points after having a lead in the third period. No. 15 for Ponder is Nathan McPherson.

(LCN PHOTO by Vendell Elliott)

**Police Report ... continued from page 1**

ered. Officers were to pick up three of the stolen animals Wednesday at Muleshoe. Total value of all the missing livestock was set at \$30,000 by the owner.

The parents of a teenaged Tahoka girl told police March 7 that their daughter had been sexually assaulted by a 29-year-old Tahoka man. Police talked with the victim and with the suspect, who admitted the assault. The suspect also was treated for apparently self-inflicted knife wounds to his wrist and chest.

On March 3, officers from the Lynn and Garza County sheriff's departments, Tahoka and O'Donnell police departments, and the Dept. of Public Safety raided a residence in the 1300-block of Ave. K in Tahoka, seizing five grams of cocaine and a small quantity of marijuana and arresting two of the 11 persons in the house at the time of the raid. Charged

with manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance were Charlene Speckman Flores, 32, and Rodney Dayon Rogers, 27, both of Tahoka.

A Tahoka woman told police Saturday that a 32-year-old Tahoka man had pulled a knife on her and took \$10. She said that she just wanted her money back. Police were unable to locate the suspect at that time.

Police Friday arrested a 21-year-old New Mexico resident after stopping his car for speeding on U.S. 87 and then finding a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

On Monday police were advised by Keith Paschal that he had chased two persons from his yard on S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., but could not catch them. The two had stolen three cans of spray paint, a tool box with plumbing fittings and an air nail gun. Total value of the stolen items was set at \$326.

Lydia Moreno Gutierrez of Tahoka told police March 6 that someone had stolen a stereo, VCR and DVD player from her residence.

Anna Torres of Wilson reported to the sheriff's department Tuesday night that someone had stolen a mailbox from her residence on Gouger St.

On March 6, a DPS trooper investigated a one-vehicle rollover on U.S. 87 just north of O'Donnell. Trooper David Hoard said the 2005 Nissan Sentra driven by Kitty Candal, 29 of Hesperia, CA, overturned. The driver was taken to Lynn County Hospital by Lynn County EMS ambulance, and kept overnight for observation. A passenger, Victor Candal, was not injured.

**Lynn Co. Hospital Auxiliary's  
Fun/Food Fest  
is April 8**

**LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR  
Election Runs Smoothly**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of Lynn County, who took the time to get out and exercise their right to vote. The turnout was good and everyone was patient and cooperative in using the new voting machines.

I also thank all the election judges and workers who made sure the whole election process ran very smoothly. Lastly the hard work and dedication of Susan Tipton and Lessia Clem should not go unnoticed. I very much appreciate all their hard work and assistance during this election and those in the past.

I would encourage everyone to mark his or her calendars for April 11, when the runoff election for Justice of the Peace Pct.4 will be held. Please take the time to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Greg Henley, Chairman  
Lynn County Democratic Party

**Little League Try-Outs  
Set Here Monday**

The Tahoka Little League try-outs will be held Monday, March 20, beginning at 6 p.m., at the baseball field located on S. 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**Good run at state ...** The Tahoka Bulldogs made a good run at the state championship in Class AA basketball, faltering in the semi-finals game at Austin Thursday after a good effort. Here Zach Tillman, who led the Dogs with 18 points, goes up for a shot in the first half. Jay Tillman (21) is at right, and the Ponder Lions players here include No. 25, Daniel McPherson, who led all scorers with 26 points, and Nathan McPherson (15). Zach Tillman and Daniel McPherson were both named to the Class 2A State All-Tournament Team. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

**Developer Meets With County Officials**

Glen Akin, a developer considering a new subdivision in northern Lynn County, met with Lynn County Commissioners at their regular session on Monday morning to discuss county regulations regarding subdivisions, mostly regarding road maintenance. The new subdivision would be located at the northern county line, near New Home, and would include 22 four-acre lots. Akin said the new subdivision would be called

Willow Ridge Estates. No action was taken on the subdivision issues, and commissioners noted that the issue would be put on the agenda for the March 27 meeting for consideration.

In other business, monthly bills were approved, and bonds were approved for several county employees. The meeting adjourned after less than an hour, at 10:45 a.m.

County Judge H.G. Franklin led the session, with all four commis-

sioners present including J.T. Miller, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Don Morton.

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**Obituaries**

**Wanda Hopkins Inklebarger**

Wanda Hopkins Inklebarger, of Tahoka, departed this life on March 14, 2006 at the age of 83 years. She was born August 11, 1922 in Floydada, Texas, to the late Walter and Etta Mae Gray Baxter.

Wanda married Ray Hopkins in 1943. He passed away June 3, 1963. Wanda then married J.W. Inklebarger in 1972. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2002.

Wanda was a billing clerk at Poka Lambro. She was active in the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and was an excellent seamstress and liked to crochet.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Glenn Hopkins in 1997 and four brothers.

Those left to mourn her passing include a son, Donald Hopkins and wife Nelda of Jacksboro; another daughter-in-law, Donna Hopkins of O'Donnell; one brother, Roy Baxter of Floydada; and one grandchild, Mackenzie Rhae Hopkins of Jacksboro.

Visitation will be Friday, March 17, 2006 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, with Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment will follow at Nevels Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home. To register or send condolences online, visit [www.whitefuneralhome.com](http://www.whitefuneralhome.com). (PAID)

**POLITICAL CALENDAR  
General Election**

November 7, 2006

(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

State Representative  
District 85

JOE HEFLIN  
(CANDIDATE)

District Judge  
106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
JAMES J. NAPPER  
(CANDIDATE)

REPUBLICAN PARTY

District Judge  
106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
CARTER SCHILDKNECHT  
(INCUMBENT)

**Notice**  
NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

COUNTY OF LYNN

DATED March 2, 2006, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the district Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on March 2, 2006, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, 2006, the same being the 4<sup>th</sup> day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Tahoka, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Lynn and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1951 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Narciso G. Garcia, Inocente P. Garcia, Yolanda A. Garcia, Leandro Aleman a/k/a Leonardo Aleman, Mary L. Bryant a/k/a Mrs. Perry Bryant, Joseph Luera, T.M. Pearce a/k/a Thomas Marcus Pearce, Jesus Amaro, Josephine Amaro, Margarita Solis, H.E. Sayles, Ella Sayles, Minnie Sayles, Parlee Sayles, Cruz Sayles, Chester Junior Hood, Robert Lee Hood, Mid State Homes, Inc., A Florida Corporation, Marshall Payton a/k/a Marshall Payton, Pearle Payton Hawkins a/k/a Pearlle Peyton Hawkins, Mary Caldwell, John Moxley, Elizabeth Moxley, Bill Driver, Briercroft Savings & Loan Association, Johnnie M. Hatchet and Cassandra Tillman

Lots 7 & 8, Block 95, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka

West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 97 of the Original Townsite of Tahoka

Par #0002292, Lots 3-4, Block 29, Original Townsite to the City of O'Donnell

Par #0010541, Lot 12, Block 30, Original Townsite to the City of O'Donnell

Par #0009999; Lots 19 and 20, Block 56, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

Par #0005820, Lots 15 and 16, Block 56, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

Par #0008933, Lot 14, Block 56, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

Par #0003630, Lots 20 & 21, Block 91, Original Townsite to the City of O'Donnell

Par #0009410, Lot 13, Block 75, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

03-12-02283 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Joseph Thompson and Robbie Thompson

Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 75, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

04-06-02287 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Hipolita Zuniga, Ind. & d/b/a/ the Lynn County Farm Workers Association

5.7 acres, more or less, out of the Northeast corner of the E.L. & R.R. Survey #508, Block 1, out of Abstract 954

04-06-02296 Lynn County Appraisal District v. H.E. Sayles, H.E. Sayles, Jr. and Erna Coleman

Lot 14, Block 75, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka

Lots 1 thru 6, Block 56, North Tahoka, City of Tahoka

05-01-02321 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Gloria Moore

Lot 7, Block 56, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

Lot 19, Block 76, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka

05-02-02330 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Deborah Draper

114 acres, more or less, out of the East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the TT & RR Co. Survey #21, Block 4

80.000 acres, more or less, out of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the TT & RR Co. Survey #204, Block 4

05-05-02340 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Ince Oil Company, Inc.

Lot 2, Jackson Subdivision out of the EI & RR Co. Survey #53, Block 8, out of Abstract 213

05-05-02343 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Travis Moore and Myra D. Moore

Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 59, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka

05-08-02346 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Alfred Martinez and Erna Martinez

The south 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 124, Original Townsite to the town of Wilson

05-08-02357 Lynn County Appraisal District v. Tomas Valdez and Sofia Valdez

Lots 1-6, Block 150, Original Townsite to the Town of Wilson

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 2, 2006, at Tahoka, Texas.

By Jerry D. Franklin /s/ Abraham Vega  
SHERIFF, Lynn County, Texas DEPUTY

You may contact the Plaintiffs' attorney at 325-672-4870. 10-3tc

**Tahoka Bulldogs**

- Troy Price
- Colby Gardner
- Matt McLelland
- Daniel Baker
- Jay Tillman
- Damon Moore
- Patrick Dotson
- Josh Hawthorne
- Zach Tillman
- Josh Freitag
- Nathan Garcia

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- Jodie Meek, Asst.

Manager: David Tillman  
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Video: Marissa Villegas

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- Haley Hall
- Amanda Truelove
- Samantha Andrews
- Carissa Hall
- Christyn Chapa
- Cori Vega
- Porscha Mitchell
- Jessica McLelland

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*- Helen Saldana*

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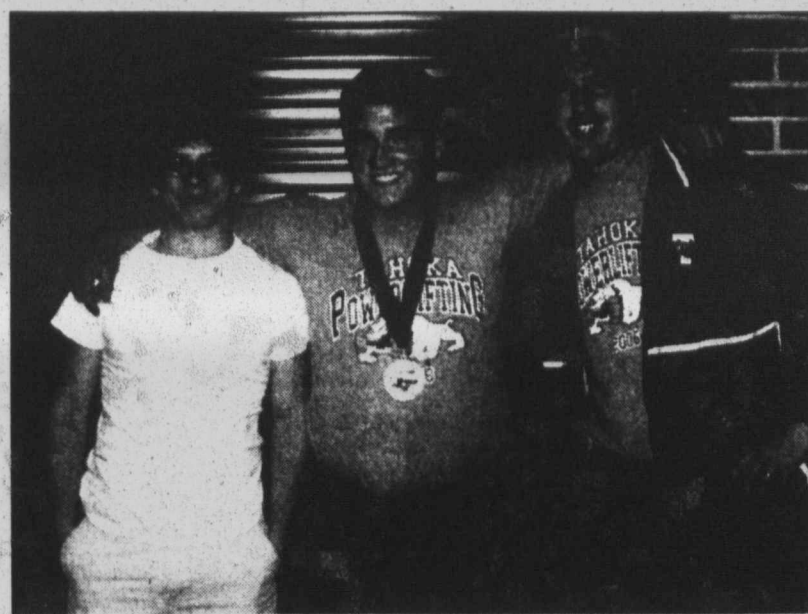


## Final Meeting Set For Track Meet Volunteers

The final meeting for all volunteers who would like to assist with the Tahoka ISD track meets on March 21 and 24 will be held Monday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the field house. The meeting is to finalize all plans for volunteers assisting with the Middle School invitational track meet on March 21, and the high school invitational track meet on March 24.

"This is an extremely important meeting, please come if you are planning to help us with these track meets," says Athletic Director Troy Hinds. "We appreciate the community for helping us with these events, and could not do it without you, but it is very important for all helpers to come to this meeting," he added.

Tahoka will also host the Middle School District Track Meet on April 6.



**Regional Powerlifting ...** Heath Ross and Ty Cloe, along with Coach Rocky Coates, went to the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Brownfield last week. Cloe placed second overall and qualified for the State Powerlifting Meeting. Ross placed eighth overall in his division. Both 1A and 2A schools competed in the regional event.

## Lodge 1041 NEWS

On March 7, 2006 the District Deputy Grand Master of District #94, Alton McGinty, made his official visit to the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041. His official job is to check the records and the overall performance of each officer in the lodge.

The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer, fellowship and a meal. There were 30 members and guests present.

The new E.A., Shon Overton, was present to hear the District Deputy speech and comments. Cake and coffee was served at closing, and everyone was pleased with the report.

Come and join the fellowship on April 4, at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see all members there.



**Masonic Lodge ...** Alton McGinty, center, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic Lodge #94, visited with members of the Tahoka Lodge #1041 including, from left to right, Troy Moore, Master, Frank Eaker, secretary, Charles Bonner, Senior Warden and Doug Taylor, treasurer.

## REGISTER and Vote!

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to any election.

Register at the Lynn County Courthouse Tax Office.

## Templo Alabanza To Sell Menudo

The Templo Alabanza will be selling menudo dinners with all the trimmings at 1120 Ave. J, on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 8 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person for each dinner with dine-in or carryouts available. For more information, call 561-6270.

## Miller Named To UT Honors List

Cade Miller has been named to the Honor's List for the fall 2005 semester at The University of Texas in Austin. He is a freshman Business Major.

Miller, a 2005 graduate of Tahoka High School, is the son of Steve and Carol Miller of Tahoka. He is the grandson of J.T. Miller, and Clifton and Joan Gardner, all of Tahoka.

## Ambassadors For Christ Set Fundraiser Dinner

Ambassadors For Christ will hold a Spaghetti lunch, Sunday, March 19, beginning at 12:30 p.m., at the church located at 1523 S. 1<sup>st</sup> in Tahoka, with all proceeds to go towards the annual Mexico Mission Trip. All lunches will be for carry out only.

For pick-up orders please call, Nita at 561-6092 or Tracey at 561-4073 no later than Saturday, March 18. Please leave a message on the answering machine with your order.

The meal includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a dessert for \$5 per person.

"Please help us in this worthy endeavor. This year the people participating in the mission trip will be traveling to Chihuahua Mexico, departing on Friday, March 24 and returning Friday, March 31. With God's help, we will be building a church for the people of Chihuahua Mexico in that one-week period. May God richly bless you for your support of this mission," said Reverends Charlie Stice and Mike Scott.

## Senior Citizens MENU

March 20-24

**Monday:** Enchiladas, Spanish corn, beans, salad, crackers, strawberries and bananas

**Tuesday:** Stuffed bell peppers, peas, carrots, rice pudding

**Wednesday:** Turkey and dressing w/ gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, cranberry sauce, pumpkin roll.

**Thursday:** Chicken w/ mushroom sauce, broccoli & cheese, black-eye peas, biscuits, ginger bread

**Friday:** Hamburgers w/ trimmings, chips or French fries, peach short cake

Relish tray, condiments and beverages served with each meal.

## Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers Try-Outs Set

The Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers will hold try-outs on Monday, March 20, at 6 p.m., in the Elementary Gym. Enter through the West door.

Last chance sign ups will be held right before the try-outs from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Bring a copy of birth certificate and a \$35 registration fee. Registration is open to all Tahoka girls in grades 2-6.

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## Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

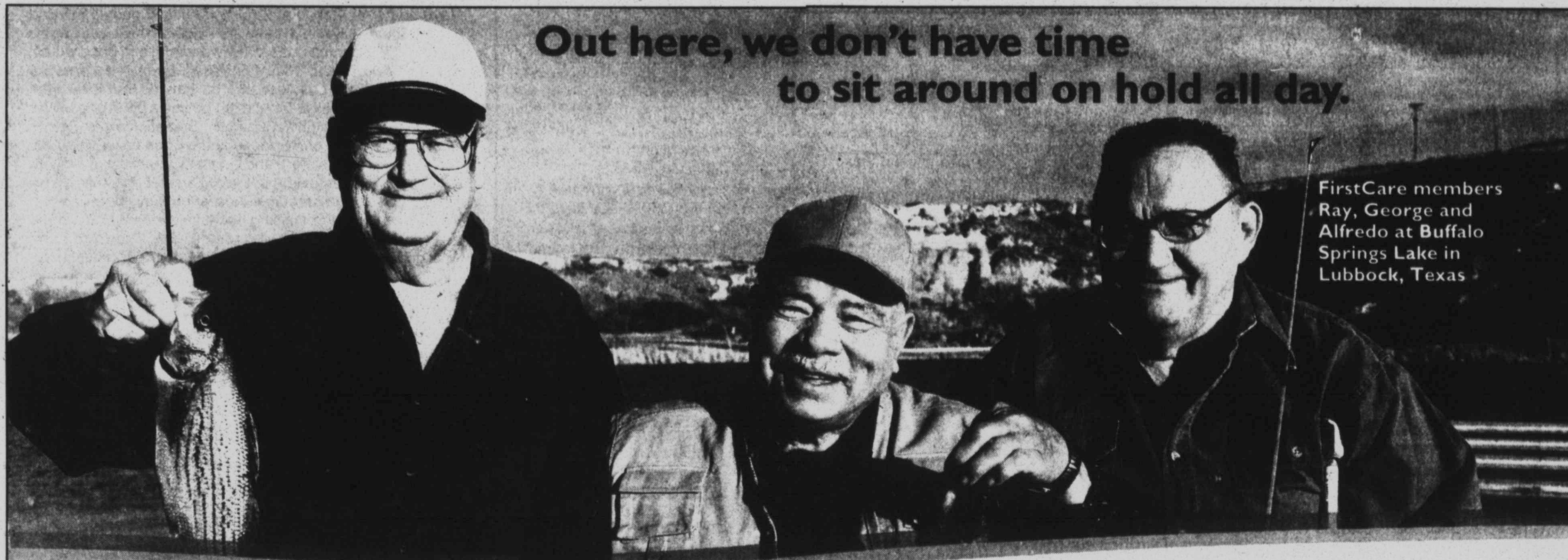
Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

THANK YOU for your support in the Democratic Primary. I appreciate your vote.

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March 22, 2006, 10 a.m., Shallowater Community Center, Shallowater  
March 22, 2006, 10 a.m., Senior Citizen Community Center, Sudan  
March 23, 2006, 10 a.m., Covenant Hospital Conference Room B, Plainview  
March 23, 2006, 10 a.m., Senior Citizens Center, Lecture Room, 2001 19th Street, Lubbock

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## Ag Week Celebrates Growth Of Agriculture In Texas

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 19-25 is National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to pay tribute to the hardworking men and women whose work in agriculture make Texas a giant in the industry and a model for other states to follow.

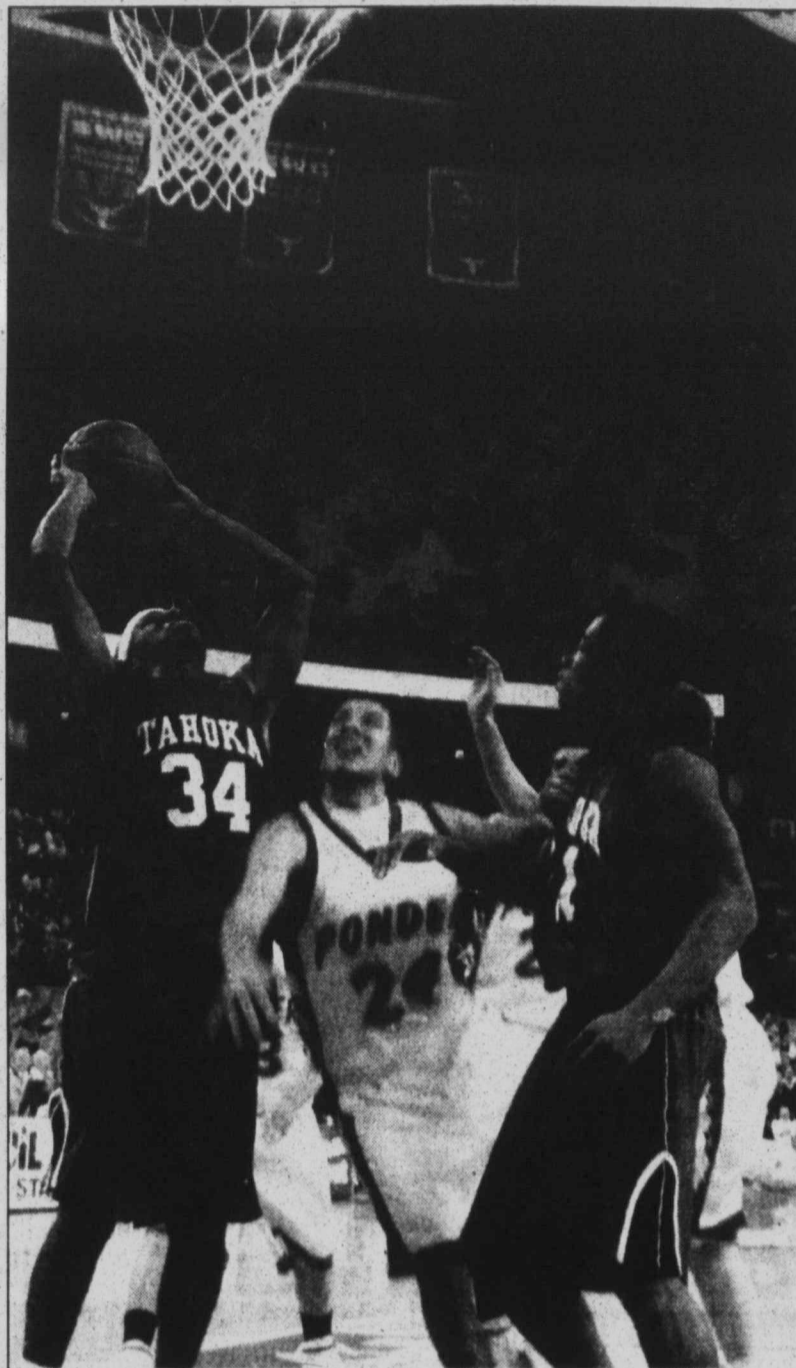
"It's a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy," said Combs. "Many people don't realize the impact agriculture has on their daily lives, whether it's through the food we eat, the clothes we wear or the plants we tend in our own backyards."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs about one out of every seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

"It's an industry that gives a huge boost to the nation's economy, but it stays true to its roots by the sheer nature of the dedicated families who live, work and breathe farming and ranching," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways."

National efforts are underway to educate Americans about how food, fuel and fiber products are produced and about the role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Today's farmers and ranchers have built an industry over the decades with advances in research, technology, production and marketing. Through its food, fiber and horticulture products, Texas agriculture is evolving to meet the changing demands of consumers.

"We've come a long way thanks to the spirit and drive of our farmers and ranchers," Combs said. "We must be thankful to our agricultural pioneers for their vision and for dedicating their lives to this larger-than-life industry."



**Two for Bulldogs ...** Zach Tillman makes a layup in the first quarter of the state semi-finals Class AA basketball game at Austin last Thursday. Tillman had 18 points, but Ponder won to advance to the championship game, where they lost to Arp. Jay Tillman of Tahoka is at right, and No. 24 for the Lions is Daniel Lujan. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

## New Report Reveals Alarming Trends in Girls' Use of Drugs

Despite commonly held beliefs that boys are at higher risk for using illegal substances, recent data indicate that girls have caught up with boys in illicit drug and alcohol use and have actually surpassed boys in cigarette use. More girls are also starting to use illicit substances than boys, according to information released by the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.

Although substance use among teens has shown steady declines in the past few years, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign is urging parents to be aware of the vulnerabilities unique to girls that can lead to substance abuse.

According to the latest research:

- For the last two years that research is available (2003-2004), more teenage girls than boys started using marijuana, alcohol and cigarettes.

- When girls use illicit drugs, marijuana is the most commonly used substance. In fact, girls use marijuana more than cocaine, heroin, Ecstasy, methamphetamine and all other illicit drugs combined.

- Adolescent girls are particularly susceptible to the physical and mental consequences of substance abuse, especially at a critical time in life, when their bodies and brains are still developing.

- Studies show that marijuana use may increase the risk of depression among girls. In fact, more than twice as many girls than boys reported having at least one major depressive episode in 2004.

- Girls may develop symptoms of nicotine addiction faster than boys.
- Adolescent girls who consume even moderate amounts of alcohol

may experience disrupted growth and puberty.

The findings show that teenage girls use drugs and alcohol for different reasons than boys. Many girls experience a dramatic transition during early adolescence, marked by a decline in their self-esteem and self-confidence. Indeed, surveys show that young females tend to use alcohol or drugs to improve mood, increase confidence, reduce tension, cope with problems or lose inhibitions. Another often-cited reason among girls for their substance abuse is issues with weight loss, including misuse of diet pills.

Parents play a crucial role in keeping their daughters healthy and drug-free. In fact, teens who are regularly monitored by their parents are less likely to use drugs. It's imperative that parents set clear rules and expectations about no drugs and alcohol and have regular conversations with their teen about the dangers of drug use.

You can get this information to your community by visiting the "Girls and Drugs" section on TheAntiDrug.com to: ([http://www.theantidrug.com/drug\\_info/girls-and-drugs-index.aspx](http://www.theantidrug.com/drug_info/girls-and-drugs-index.aspx)).

- Learn more about this issue and what parents can do to raise healthy daughters.

- Send an "E-Card"—email your daughter a card letting her know you are thinking of her.

- Get the answers you need on girls and drugs from our "Ask the Expert" section.

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### Farm Credit Co-ops Declare \$56.4 Million In Patronage

Rural financing cooperatives across the Tenth Farm Credit District will return a record \$56.4 million, or approximately 25.7 percent of their 2005 earnings, in patronage distri-

butions to their borrower-stockholders. The announcement highlighted the outstanding 2005 year-end financial results reported by the rural lending network.

In 2004 and 2003, the local lending co-ops, or associations, distributed \$39.8 million and \$26.8 million, respectively, based on annual earnings.

The Tenth District is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 21 rural financing associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, the associations finance approximately 48,500 farmers, ranchers, country homeowners, agribusiness firms and other rural landowners.

When the bank does well, it returns earnings to its stockholders, the 21 lending associations and four Other Financing Institutions (OFIs). When the associations have a successful year, they distribute patronage to their borrower-stockholders.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas also paid a record patronage of \$20.6 million to its customer-stockholders, based on average direct-note volume during 2005.

In addition to record patronage, the Tenth Farm Credit District reported record loan volume and asset growth during the year.

The district's loan volume totaled \$10.2 billion at Dec. 31, 2005.

### Questions and Answers of the Day

1 John 4:7-8; 1 John 3:18; Romans 12:10-13; Matthew 25:35-46; Hebrews 13:23; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:9-10; Mark 9:41; Acts 20:35; 1 John 3:17; 1 John 2:10; Isaiah 58:10; 11 Corinthians 9:7; Proverbs 11:24-25; Psalms 138:7

**Question:** Where are our absent members at church?

Have you ever looked around and noticed people missing from the pews? Some of them are long-term members, some are new. The church does many wonderful and good works. We have a weak spot today, however. Everyone's lives are so saturated with business and obligations that they often rush through a week without even getting a good grip on the previous one. I'm guilty as well. Sometimes our people walk out the doors one Sunday and we don't ever see them again. When our sisters and brothers are missing, we are to be as concerned over them as we are our children. Some people go through horrible things when they are not there. Sometimes they are missing because they are sick. Some don't come because a family member is ill. There are some who go through spiritual trials. Whatever the reason may be, if we wonder where they are then we should contact them by phone, letters and visits. There are people who stay day after endless day in hospital rooms. They need no less than five letters or cards per week. They need to hear from no less than ten members a week by phone. They need to hear that the pastor is not the only one that misses them. They need to hear the phrase, "Is there anything I can do," from not one, but many of their church-family. Let's get out there and find them. If they don't want to hear from us, they will say so.

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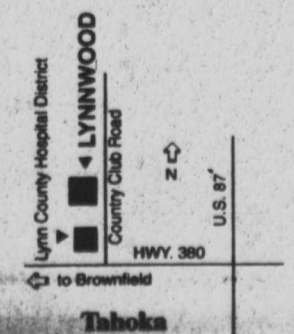
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**RC&D Presents Funds in O'Donnell ...** Barry Pittman, President of the Lynn County RC&D Council and Secretary/Treasurer of the WES-TEX RC&D Board of Directors presents a \$500 check to Darla Stidham, Coordinator of Neighborhood Missions in O'Donnell. The matching grant funds were presented to the Neighborhood Missions to assist with the roofing, clean up and other repairs on a home in O'Donnell. All the work is done by volunteers and made possible through generous donations from individuals, businesses and others. Others present for the grant presentation were Helen Saldaña, Secretary of the Lynn County RC&D Council, and Mario Avila, Resource Team Leader, NRCS.

**Defensive Driving Course Offered At FBC Tahoka**

A Defensive Driving course will be available on Saturday, March 25, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with a meal included.

With attendance of 15 or more the cost of the course will be approxi-

mately \$15 (unless it is for ticket dismissal, the cost will be \$25). A certificate will be given at the end of the course for insurance purposes.

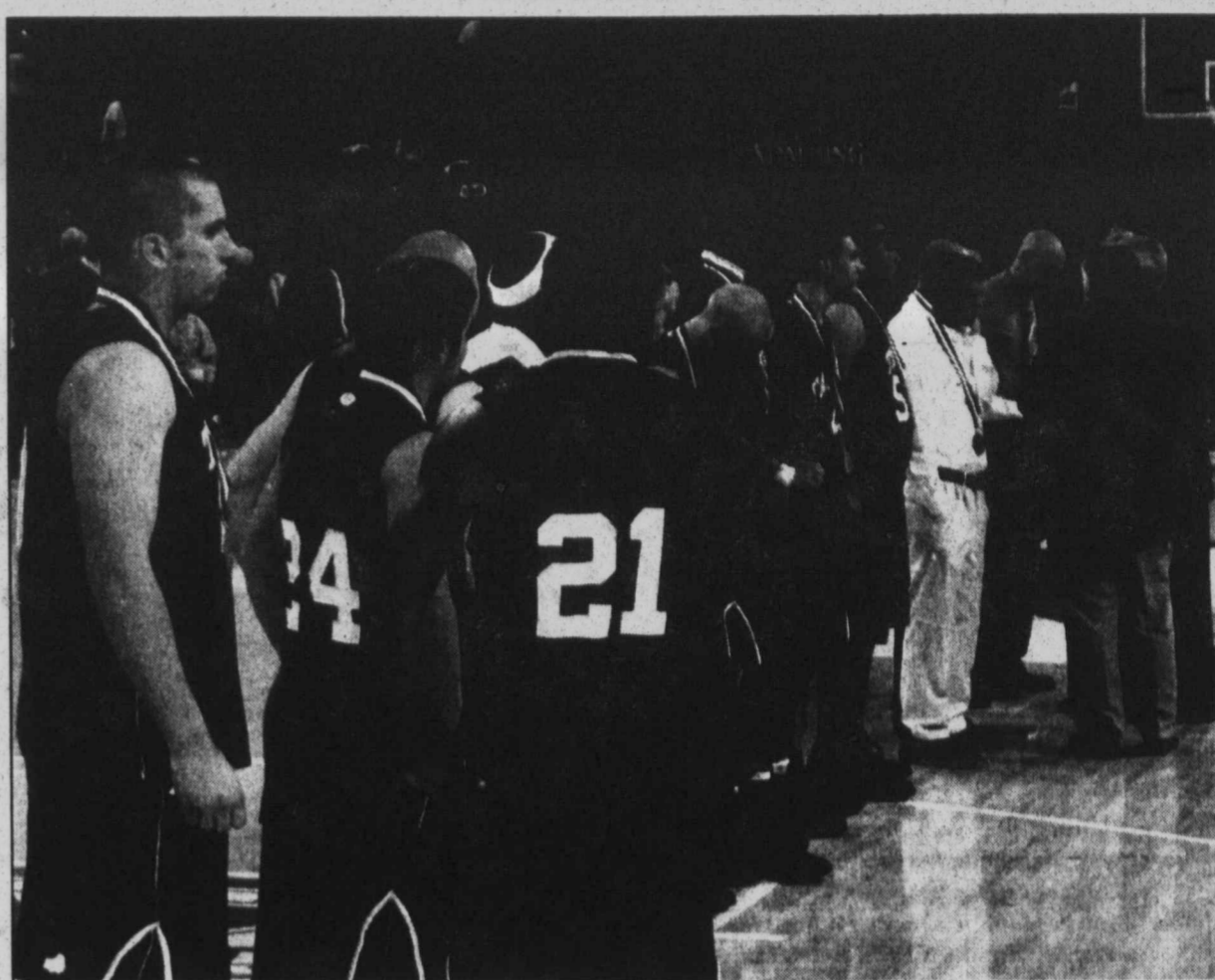
There is no deadline for registration, but the course is limited to 50 students. For more information and to register, call the First Baptist Church at 561-4557.

**The NEW HOME News**

- March 16- Jr. High Track at Gail
- March 17- High School Track at Gail
- March 21- High School UIL at Loop
- March 21- Baseball at Whiteface
- March 22- Jr. High Cheerleader Sign up
- March 23- Zone One Act Play
- March 24- Baseball at O'Donnell

**Track Meet Results From Wildcat Relays**

Thursday March 2, the New Home Junior High track team traveled to Lenorah to compete in the Wildcat Relays track meet. The results were as follows; Samantha Silva, 1<sup>st</sup> mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> 800 meter, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay, Abbey Melton, 2<sup>nd</sup> 400 meter relay, 6<sup>th</sup> 200 meter, Maribel Mireles, 1<sup>st</sup>, 400 meter, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 800 meter relay, Kari Macker, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay, and Jacobi Ford, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay. The results for the boys are; Lupe Gomez, 2<sup>nd</sup> discuss, 3<sup>rd</sup> shot, Sterling Ford, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1600 meter, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2400 meter, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay, Chase Hiracheta, 1<sup>st</sup> 400 meter, 1<sup>st</sup> 800 meter relay, 1<sup>st</sup> long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> high jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay, Josh Correa, 4<sup>th</sup> long jump, 4<sup>th</sup> 400 meter relay, Josh Tello, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200 meter relay, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 meter relay, 4<sup>th</sup> 400 meter relay, Jacob Laseman, 6<sup>th</sup> 400 meter relay, 4<sup>th</sup> 400 meter relay, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay, Kris Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> 110 hurdles, 1<sup>st</sup> 300 hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> triple jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 meter relay and Garrett Kennedy 4<sup>th</sup> 400 meter relay.



**Disappointed Dogs ...** Dejected over losing in the state semi-finals game, the Tahoka Bulldogs and Coach Drew Stone nevertheless are rewarded for a great season as they receive medals for reaching the state tournament just after losing to Ponder Thursday morning.

(LCN PHOTO by Vendell Elliott)

I do appreciate your vote for  
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I am looking forward to serving you in 2007.

Thank You!  
Brad Hammonds

**NEW HOME SCHOOL MENU**

March 20-24  
Breakfast

Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.

- Monday: Breakfast pizza
- Tuesday: Cinnamon french toast
- Wednesday: Granola Bars
- Thursday: Biscuit sausage
- Friday: Honeybun

**Lunch**

- Monday: Burrito, lettuce tomato, carrots/cucumber, Pineapple tidbits
- Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, french fries, grapes, cookie
- Wednesday: Pizza, lettuce, tomato, corn, carrots, cucumber, pudding
- Thursday: Chopped steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, peach cup
- Friday: Frito pie(k-3) Fiesta salad, refried beans, spanish rice, orange half

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**Trash fire gets out of hand ...** This pickup accidentally caught fire and quickly spread to surrounding grass on the property of Dan and Frances Thomas in Tahoka, just south of the local highway department complex on Tuesday afternoon. Tahoka volunteer firefighters and law enforcement officers responded quickly to the call and kept the fire from spreading, although a good portion of grass behind the Thomas home was burned. The couple had backed the pickup to the trash pit to unload more trash, and accidentally backed the wheels past the lip of the hole, and were unable to pull the truck out before it caught fire. No one was injured in the incident. (LCN PHOTO)

**Donation Drive Set For Green Memorial Park Cemetery**

Green Memorial Park Cemetery in Wilson is sponsoring its annual donation drive during the month of March. Funds may be deposited directly to Wilson State Bank or mailed

to the Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, TX 79381.

The board of directors, David Wied, Curtis Wilke and Curtis Gicklhorn, would like to thank everyone for their past contributions as they continue to make the cemetery neat and attractive.

**Windbreak, Hardwood Trees Now Available**

The Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District announces that windbreak and hardwood seedling trees have arrived. Windbreak trees include Red Cedars, Afghanistan Pines, Pinyon Pines, Italian Stone Pines and Colorado Blue Spruce. These trees sell for \$2.25 per tree or \$65.00 for a box of 30. Hardwood trees include Amur Honeysuckle, Black Cherry, Chinkapin Oaks, Lacebark Elms, Nanking Cherry, Old Fashion Lilacs, Red Oaks and Russian Olives. These trees will sell for \$1.25 per tree. Also available are 1-gallon Live Oaks, Chinkapin Oaks and Bur Oaks, for \$12.00.

Call Helen Saldaña at 998-4507 Ext. 3 for more information or come by the local SWCD Office at 1602 South 2nd St. in Tahoka.

**FSA Farm Loans Available For Minorities, Women**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and woman producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds- assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Curtis Barlow Farm Loan Manager for Lynn County FSA. By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinancing debt.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

**Wilson VFD Annual Dinner, Auction Set**

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled the annual Ham and Sausage Dinner and Auction for Sunday, April 2, from 11:00-1:30 at the fire station. The cost for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.



**RC&D Gives Funds To Fire Department ...** Barry Pittman, President of the Lynn County RC&D Council presents Jimmy Woodard, Tahoka VFD Fire Chief with a \$500 check from the WES-TEX RC&D. The \$500 was used as a matching fund amount for the Fire Department to purchase a laptop computer. The computer will be used for training materials creation, high speed internet connections for reports of fires, reports of training records, applications for grants, connection for fast information to Forest Service and Homeland Security, exchange of information with the State Fire Marshall, other state agencies, and other fire departments. The VFD will also use the computer for communications and document preparation and to keep fire department records. Shown in this picture are: Barry Pittman, President of the Lynn County RC&D Council, Helen Saldaña, Secretary of the Lynn Co. RC&D Council, Jimmy Woodard, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department Chief, and Mario Avila, Resource Team Leader, NRCS.

**Lynn Among 117 Counties Designated For Loan Eligibility Due To Fire, Drought Losses**

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures, and an extremely high number of wildfires on April 1, 2005, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, FSA Farm Loan Manager Chris Barlow said.

Lynn County is one of 117 counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures and an extremely high number of wildfires.

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow

said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 7, 2006, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster Emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*Thanks to my Precinct 4 neighbors and friends who voted for me in my unsuccessful bid for County Commissioner. I wish Brad Hammonds, our newly elected Commissioner, every success in his efforts to make the badly needed repairs and improvements to our rural roads for Precinct 4 residents.*

*- Curtis Gicklhorn*

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March 20-24 Breakfast

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- Wednesday: Banana mini loaf
- Thursday: Yogurt w/ banana
- Friday: Cereal w/ Graham Cracker

Lunch  
Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entrée.

- Monday: Chicken nuggets, grilled cheese, creamy potatoes, sweet peas, salad, fresh fruit.
- Tuesday: Macaroni, ham & cheese, bean & cheese burrito, chocolate pudding, fruit
- Wednesday: Pizza sticks w/ sauce, chicken quesadilla, mix veg., cinnamon applesauce fruit.
- Thursday: Tacos, bean & cheese burrito, santa fe rice, pineapple chunks, fruit.
- Friday: Chick fillet sandwich, fish on a bun, fries, corn the cob, fruit

**Wilson SCHOOL MENU**

March 20-24 Breakfast

- Monday: Donut, Juice
- Tuesday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy
- Wednesday: Egg, sausage, toast
- Thursday: Breakfast Bar
- Friday: Breakfast on a Stick

Lunch  
Monday: Cheeseburger w/ all the trimmings, fries, fruit

- Tuesday: Frito Pie, salad, chili beans, Fruit
- Wednesday: Corn dog, salad, mac & cheese, fruit
- Thursday: Sausage wrap, beans, salad, fruit
- Friday: Pizza, carrot sticks, salad, fruit

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Notice

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. 32681

**APPLICATION.** Texas Star Cooperative Gin has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 32681 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 1004 Mirron, Wilson, Lynn County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 13, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Lynn County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Clerk's Office, 1600 Avenue J, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act §382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we" request a contested case hearing; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**INFORMATION.** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or a contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Star Cooperative Gin, 4421 East FM 41, Slaton, Texas 79364 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, P.E., Director of Technical Services, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 476-8388. Issuance Date: March 1, 2006

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PET TALK

Invasion Of The Hummingbirds

It's not quite War of the Worlds, but it does sound like a 1950s Hollywood B movie - the invasion of the hummingbirds is about to hit Texas.

The tiny birds that weigh no more than a handful of Kleenex can give tons of pleasure to bird lovers. Millions of hummingbirds, called hummers by bird enthusiasts, are starting to arrive in the state and the tiny creatures put on one of nature's greatest shows on Earth. When springtime comes to Texas, hummers invade the state and their arrival can be a time of wonder for those interested in the birds.

Hummers frequently travel more than 1,500 miles from Central America and Mexico to get here and their route often takes them to Canada.

They are considered among the most fascinating of all birds because of their at-times peculiar behavior, but don't count on making pets out of them — as with many wild birds, it is unlawful to keep hummingbirds as pets. But they can still be admired and observed, and hummingbird feeders are a good way to do both, says Dr. Ian Tizard, a bird specialist at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

Tizard says the type of hummingbird you'll see in Texas depends on where you live. East of Interstate 35, residents will most likely see the Ruby Throated hummer, while those west of I-35 will probably see the Black Chinned hummer. "Austin-area residents can see both," he says.

In South Texas, the Buff Belled hummingbird is common, and in West Texas the aptly named Blue Throated and Magnificent hummingbirds are seen more frequently.

Many people install hummingbird feeders to attract the birds, with several types of feeders available at hardware stores. Hummingbirds will thank you for doing so: their rapid metabolism requires them to eat constantly.

"Hummingbirds can have a wingbeat rate as high as 80 per second, although the normal rate is about 50 or so when flying," Tizard reports. "And their heartbeat rate has been recorded as high 1,260 beats per minute. With all of that movement, they need a lot of nourishment."

Most hummers consume about one-half of their body weight in sugar each day, he adds.

"The substance in feeders is sugared water, and the best mix is about one cup of sugar for every four cups of water. Don't use red dyes. They will not attract hummers and are not good for birds."

Tizard says it's best to have space several feeders apart from each other. The reason: hummingbirds won't think twice about tussling with others for a food source.

"They are extremely territorial, especially the males," Tizard adds.

"Hummingbirds are known for fighting among themselves for food. That's why it's best to have more than one feeder out. A tree is an ideal place because hummingbirds will get a drink, fly away for a few seconds, and almost surely return."

Tizard says hummers must have solid food besides the quick sugar fix they get from feeders. Unlike other birds, they will not eat birdseed but prefer tiny insects.

"Their rapid movement requires that they eat almost constantly," adds Tizard. "If they don't, they can easily starve to death."

Although hummingbirds give people a natural entertainment show, the tiny birds do have some enemies. They include owls, hawks, cats, lizards, snakes and even praying mantises and spiders.

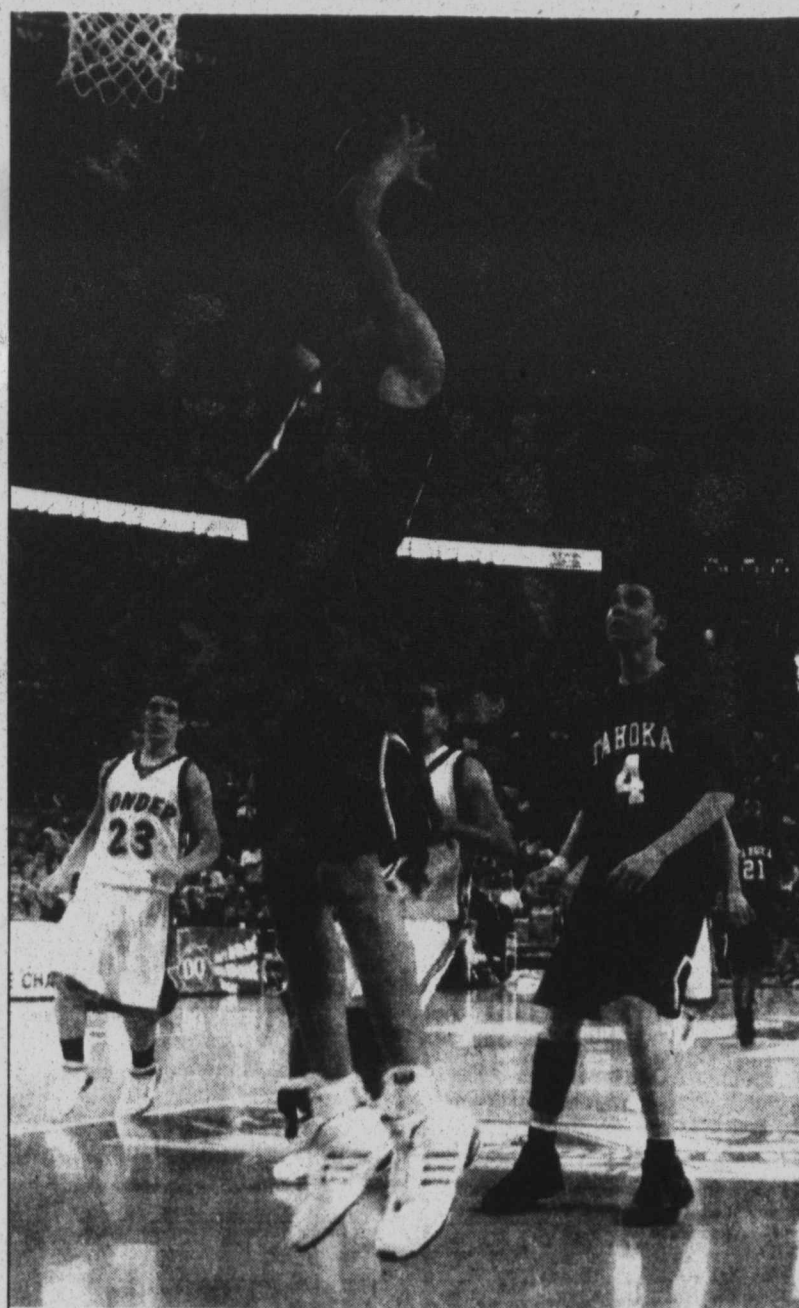
Hummingbirds can live up to 10 years. Sizes range from 2.2 grams to the giant hummingbirds of South America, which weigh more than 20 grams and are about the size of a sparrow, Tizard adds.

But the tiny birds are pure hunks when it comes to muscle and endurance, migrating thousands of miles each year searching for flowers and food. They've been clocked at 30 miles per hour, but it's suspected they can fly at least 50 mph, Tizard says.

In the air, they maneuver like no other birds — they can fly forward and backward, shift to either side and stop in mid-air. Hummers have very weak feet and rarely walk, Tizard adds.

They have a chirping sound that is not often heard. "When they get excited, they do make chirping sounds," Tizard explains. "But like the bird itself, it's a tiny sound not easily heard."

Tizard says numerous books and websites are available for those wanting to know more about hummingbirds, whose arrival in full force in Texas should happen during the next few weeks.

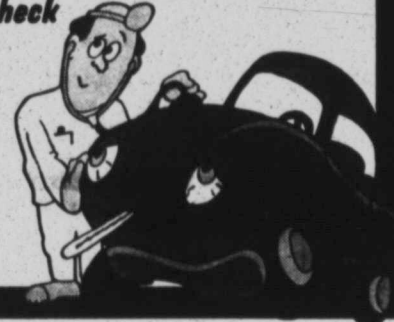


**Action at State ...** Damon Moore shoots for two at the state semi-finals game in Austin, where Tahoka lost to Ponder 56-47 last Thursday. No. 4 for Tahoka is Colby Gardner. Moore had 10 points and Gardner 9. No. 23 of Ponder is Matt Wolodzko, who also had 10 points. (LCN PHOTO BY Vondell Elliott)

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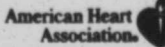
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