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## BALE COUNT

Average counts as of Tuesday, Jan. 23

Tahoka Star-Wilson Union	57,464
New Home Coop Gr.	47,285
Woolen Gr. (O'Donnell)	43,293
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	41,357
Webb Coop Gr.	41,424
Farmers Coop. (O'Donnell)	40,949
Grassland Coop Gr.	33,364
Close City Gr. Prod.	32,632
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362,826</b>

\*Real Time Count

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Tahoka Police Dept.	561-5255
Lynn Co. DPS Office	561-5086
O'Donnell Police Dept.	428-5344
Lynn Co. Hospital	996-4533

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 17	35	22	Trace-Snow
Jan. 18	50	22	
Jan. 19	31	30	0.04"
Jan. 20	37	29	0.52"
Jan. 21	41	30	0.32"
(from 1" total)			
Jan. 22	34	23	
Jan. 23	49	23	Trace-Snow
Total Precipitation Jan.:	1.29"		
Total Precip. Year to Date:	1.29"		
2006 Precipitation:	22.32"		

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**Top Barrow**... Lynn County 4-H member Jynna Askew showed the Grand Champion Barrow at the Lynn County Stock Show, Jan. 18-20. Pictured with Ms. Askew is Keith Rowan, swine judge for the county show. (Lynn County Photo by Pam Strodt)

## Indictments Bring Arrests For Four; Bull Fatally Shot

Four persons indicted by a recent grand jury have been arrested, three of those on sexual assault charges. Indicted for sexual assault/indelicacy with a child were two Tahoka men, Roman Omar Lopez, 19, and Raul Rene Lopez, 19. Indicted for burglary of a habitation, attempted aggravated sexual assault, aggravated assault and retaliation was Benito Leonel Martinez, 18, of Tahoka. Indicted for driving while intoxicated, second offense or more, was Manuel Robles, 51, of Lamesa. Two incidents of criminal mischief have been reported to the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. On Jan. 17, a bull be-

longing to Frank Thomas of Tahoka was found fatally shot in a pasture near FM 1154 southeast of Tahoka. The owner valued the bull at \$1,000. T-Bar Country Club golf course reported two fairways, on holes number 4 and 7, damaged by someone driving a vehicle on them recently. Only one person was added to the list of inmates at Lynn County jail during the last week, as of Monday, a person arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. This brought the total number of jail inmates to 44, with 15 of those held for Garza County, eight for Lubbock, three for Gaines and two for Dawson County.



**Frozen Waterfall**... Roman Barrientez stands beside a frozen waterfall that formed on trees after a winter storm had passed through the county over the weekend. This photo was taken at his aunt and uncle's home, Joe and Linda Barrientez, at the corner of South 2nd and Ave. N in Tahoka. (Lynn County Photo by Pam Strodt)

## Area Youth Win Awards At County Stock Show

Lynn County youth showed 30 animals at the Lynn County Stock Show and Sale held Jan. 18-20, entering 219 barrows, 51 lambs, 40 steers and 11 goats. Lynn Co. 4-H member Jynna Askew showed the Grand Champion Barrow and O'Donnell FFA member Macy Mires had the Reserve Grand Barrow. In the steer division, Justin Forbes (O'Donnell FFA) showed the Grand Champion Steer and Haley Wilkinson (New Home FFA) showed the Reserve Grand Steer. Jordan Clem (New Home FFA) showed the Grand Champion Lamb and Jesse Terry (Lynn County 4-H) had the Reserve Grand Lamb. Hayden Smith (Lynn County 4-H) showed the Grand Champion West Goat and Jay Martin (Lynn County 4-H) showed the Reserve Grand West Goat. Andy Wiers (O'Donnell FFA) was named Senior Steer and Overall Showman at the stock show, and other Showmanship winners included Chase Hirschman (New Home FFA) Sr. Swine, Jordan Clem (New Home FFA) Sr. Lamb, Kristen Edwards, (O'Donnell FFA) Jr. Lamb, Brandon Perry, (O'Donnell FFA) Jr. Swine, Colton Stephens, (O'Donnell FFA) Jr. Steer, and Jay Martin (Lynn County 4-H) Jr. Goat. In the Baked Goods Division, Trevor Gickhorn (Lynn County 4-H) entered the Grand Champion Baked Good and Coy Mercer (Lynn County 4-H) entered the Reserve Grand Baked Good. Other winners were: McKenzie Dimak (Lynn County 4-H) Champion Layered Cake, Lee Gustafson (Lynn County 4-H) Champion Bun and Steen Cake, Merrit Mitchell (New Home FFA) Champion Bar Cookies, Kari Owens (Lynn County 4-H) Champion Quick Bread, Kari Wacker (New Home FFA) Champion Yeast

Bread, and Mac Dimak (Lynn County 4-H) Champion Pie. Princeses who assisted at the stock show included Haley Wilkinson, New Home FFA, Tiffany Hudson, O'Donnell FFA, Jessica McElrath, Tahoka FFA, Victoria Lopez, Wilson FFA, Jynna Askew, Senior 4-H and Coy Mercer, Lucky Leaf 4-H. Other winners are as follows.  
**BARROWS**  
Champion Barrow - Jynna Askew; Reserve Champion Barrow - Macy Mires; Champion White OPS-Heath Link; Champion Hampshire Barrow - Graham Healey; Reserve Champion Hampshire - Sarah Clem; Champion Poland Barrow - Taylor Shellman; Reserve Champion Poland - Tiffany Hudson; Champion Spot Barrow - Nyssa Barton; Reserve Champion Spot - Chelsea Brighton; Champion Yorkshire Barrow - Chase Hirschman; Reserve Champion Yorkshire - Landy Barton; Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow - Zach Paul.  
**STEERS**  
Champion Steer - Justin Forbes; Reserve Champion Steer - Haley Wilkinson; Champion English Steer - Merrit Mitchell; Reserve Champion English - Wade Warren; Champion American Steer - Trevor White.  
**GOATS**  
Champion West Goat - Hayden Smith; Reserve Champion West - Jay Martin.  
**LAMBS**  
Grand Champion Lamb - Jordan Clem; Reserve Champion Lamb - Jesse Terry; Champion Fine Wool - Jacob Lasetman; Reserve Fine Wool - Kenzie Angeley; Champion South-down Lamb - Kristen Edwards. Other results, not available as of press time, will be printed when that information is released.

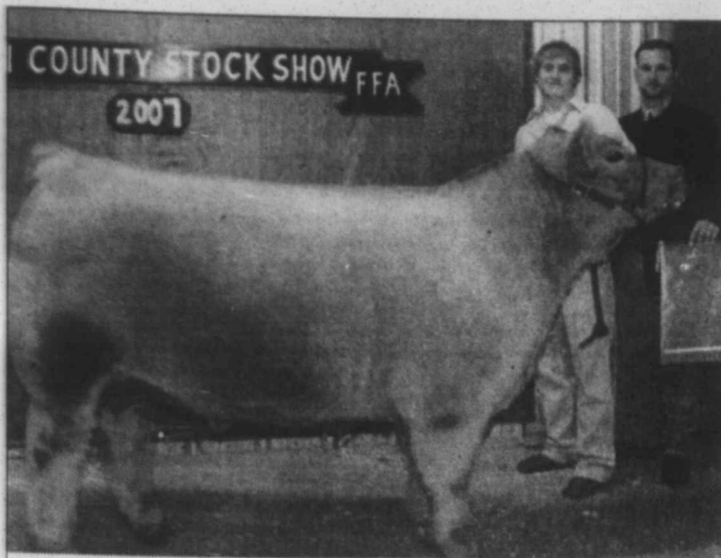
See photos of the Lynn County Stock Show throughout this issue of The News.

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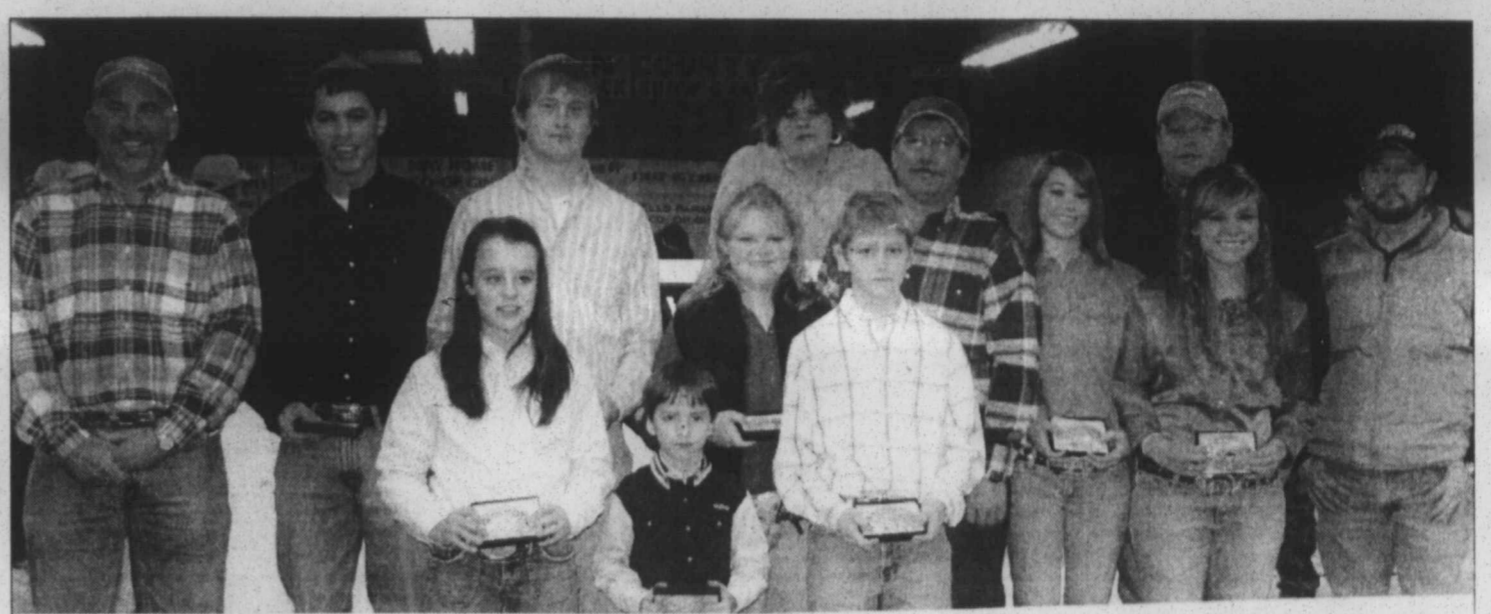
DURING THE last year, I have received several e-mails protesting the policy of many governmental and private business organizations of having automated choices of getting your answers in English or Spanish (actually, if you get any answers at all from government agencies they likely are in government-speak, which is a language all its own, understood only by a few egghead civil servants). Some of those e-mails said something like, "Press 1 if you understand English. If you don't understand English, hang up and learn it, and then call back." What these people are saying is, you need to speak English in this English-speaking country. And they are implying that English is the greatest language of all, spoken by the most people in the world. Well, if that's what they are implying, they are wrong, if I am to believe what I read in the 2007 World Almanac. (Of course, the World Almanac is published by the New York Times, which tells all kinds of lies to promote its political agenda, but which should have no reason to lie about who speaks what language). The almanac says the most commonly spoken language in the world is Mandarin Chinese, spoken by an estimated 674 million native speakers. So far as I know, I never have heard anyone speak Mandarin Chinese. Well, maybe I did, on an Alaskan cruise ship a few years ago. There were some Chinese tourists on board, whose conversations were totally weird to the rest of the travelers. A Lubbock woman, in fact, remarked that they "sound like a bunch of turkeys gobbling." I'm not even sure what a Mandarin Chinese person is. I like their little oranges, though.

I READ SOMEWHERE recently that the highest mileage ever recorded on any vehicle was 2 million miles on a 1966 Volvo. I wonder if it belonged to some Tahoka housewife who liked to shop at the mall in Lubbock.





**The Best Steer...** Justin Forbes, O'Donnell FFA, showed the Grand Champion Steer at the Lynn County Stock Show on Jan. 18-20. Pictured with Forbes is Ryan Rathman, the judge in the steer competition. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Buckle Winners...** Pictured here are the Grand and Reserve Champion buckle winners and sponsors at the annual Lynn County Livestock Show and Sale held Jan. 18-20. They are (from left) Ben Franklin, Helena; Jordan Clem, Grand Lamb; Justin Forbes, Grand Steer; Jynna Askew, Grand Barrow; Marci Gandy, Outerwear USA; Mike White, Lynn County Farm Bureau; Hailey Wilkinson, Reserve Steer; Macy Mires, Reserve Barrow; Aaron Hendricks, Farmers Coop-O'Donnell; Jeff Schrader, Woolam Gin. Front Row, Jesse Terry, Reserve Lamb; Hayden Smith, Grand Goat; Jay Martin, Reserve Goat. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Reserve Steer...** Hailey Wilkinson, a member of the New Home FFA, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Lynn County Stock Show and Sale held Jan. 18-20. Pictured with Ms. Wilkinson is Judge, Ryan Rathman, and Merritt Mitchell. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## County Gets "Clean" Report For 2005-06 Audit in all Offices

Lynn County Commissioners approved the 2005-06 financial audit for Lynn County at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, after hearing a report presented by Melvin Eaker, auditor with Gary, Bowers, and Miller. Eaker told commissioners that Lynn County was in compliance with the laws and regulations for counties and was given a "clean" opinion for all offices. Commissioners unanimously approved the audit as presented.

In other business, Mario Avila, resource team leader of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) expressed his

appreciation to Lynn County for their support, and gave a detailed report for the commissioners regarding the activities and workload of the SWCD for the three counties it covers. County Judge H.G. Franklin, on behalf of the Commissioners' Court, presented the SWCD with a \$1,000 check for their program, which is an annual contribution by the county.

A roofing bid from AB Construction was approved for a new roof for the Lynn County Extension Office building, with a contract approved for \$13,000 with the county to pay for a bond to cover the company at a cost of \$450 (for a \$15,000 bond).

Cell phone plans for county commissioners were discussed, and commissioners asked treasurer Pam Miller to research options for the commissioners and their precincts. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

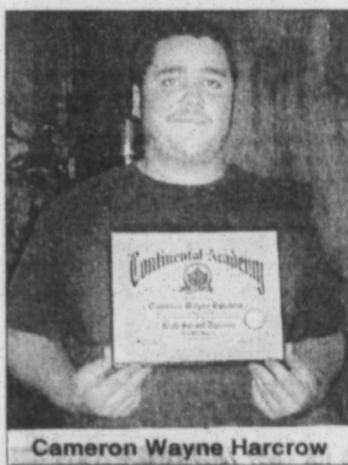
Present at the meeting were all four commissioners, including Mike Braddock, Don Blair, Don Morton and Brad Hammonds, with Judge Franklin presiding.



**Five Generations...** Janice Lee (left) of Wilson, is shown with her mother, Myrtle Zinanni (center) of Amarillo, her daughter Mandi Seaton (right) of Lazbuddie, and in front, her granddaughter, Shena Parks of Walters, OK and her great-grandson, Fisher Parks.

### New Home ISD Yearbooks Available

The New Home High School Yearbook Staff is selling 2006-2007 yearbooks for \$35 through January 31. A plastic cover is \$3, and a name printed on the cover is \$5. The book price increases to \$40 on February 1.



**Harcrow Graduates With Honors**

Cameron Wayne Harcrow, graduated with high honors from Continental Academy in Lubbock on November 21, 2006. He is the son of Mickey Lynn Harcrow of Tahoka, and Ronnie Wayne Harcrow of Lubbock. He is the grandson of Earnest and Viola Bertreaux of Tahoka.

### New Home Basketball News

**JV Lady Leopards**  
The New Home JV Lady Leopards lost 36-27 at Whiteface on Dec. 12. High scorers were Rayley Parmer with 12 points and Nichole Taylor with 10.

On Jan. 2, the JV Lady Leopards lost to Grady 46-32, with Nichole Taylor scoring 16 points for New Home and McKayla Wallace adding 8 points.

The JV Ladies had a victory over Southland on Jan. 9, 38-23, with both Parmer and Taylor scoring in double figures, with 14 points each.

Three players scored in double figures in the Jan. 12 win over Ropes, with Parmer tossing in 18, Taylor 10, and Becky Bartley 10. The JV Lady Leopards won 39-28.

Taylor and Parmer again led the JV Ladies to a victory on Jan. 16, with Taylor scoring 16 points and Parmer 12 in the Lady Leopards' 41-39 victory over Meadow.

### Wilson SCHOOL MENU

January 29- February 2  
**Breakfast**  
Monday: Cinnamon Rolls  
Tuesday: Mustang McMuffin  
Wednesday: French toast sticks  
Thursday: Not available  
Friday: Not available  
**Lunch**  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, carrots, corn, rolls, fruit  
Tuesday: Crispy tacos, salad, Spanish rice, chili beans, fancy gelatin  
Wednesday: Beef stew, grill cheese, crackers, broccoli, strawberry & bananas  
Thursday: Not Available  
Friday: Not Available

### Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

January 29- February 2  
**Breakfast**  
Monday: Breakfast pizza  
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick  
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Not Available  
Friday: Not Available  
**Lunch**  
Monday: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, roll, pineapple tidbits  
Tuesday: Taco salad, corn, fruited gelatin, brownie  
Wednesday: Hamburger w/ all trimmings, baked beans, baby carrots w/ ranch, crispy cereal treat  
Thursday: Not Available  
Friday: Not Available

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Santes, Jr. will be celebrating their 1-year Anniversary on Saturday with mere to come with help from a little angel in Heaven.

# Contemporary Worship Service

Saturday, February 3  
7:00 p.m. at  
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**Praise & Worship Time**  
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**Timber ...** Freezing sleet and snow that pounded the South Plains over the weekend left its mark by the many broken tree limbs found around town. The weight of the ice on this tree limb caused it to break and fall on this Ford pickup. This photo was taken at the corner of South 2nd and Ave. N in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**Bulldog Booster Club**

Don't miss out on all of the continuing terrific Bulldog district basketball and powerlifting action. Please come out and support our Bulldogs!

The following is a lineup of the events scheduled between January 25 and January 31:

- Tournament play begins Thursday through Saturday for our MS Bulldogs. They are participating in the Idalou tourney. Times to be announced.

- Our Varsity and JV Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs play on Friday, Jan. 26 when Idalou comes to Tahoka. Tip off is at 4pm. The Tahoka Tumblers will also be performing at half-time.

- Our Powerlifting team will be competing on Saturday in Snyder. The competition gets underway at 9am.

- Middle School regular district play resumes on Monday, Jan. 29 with Slaton. MS Bulldogs travel to Slaton; 7th grade begins at 5pm; 8th grade follows. MS Lady Bulldogs play at home; 7th grade begins at 5pm; 8th grade follows.

- Varsity and JV Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs district play continues on Tuesday, Jan. 30 when they travel to Post. Tip off is at 5pm.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** An Athletic Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 8pm in the LRC. All interested parents and community members are encouraged to attend.



**Trying out for All-Region Band ...** These Tahoka High School band students competed last Thursday, Jan. 18 against 450+ students from 1A & 2A students for the 120 member ATSSB All-Region Band which will perform this Saturday at the Lubbock Civic Center. Eleven Tahoka band members made the band (see story). Shown in back from left is Marissa Villegas, Josh Freitag, Trey Daves, Levi McKay, Lucy Perez, Ryan Rios, Martin Rosas, Benjamin Freitag, Kaleb Collins; and in front is Lindsey Barrientez, Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, K'lyssa Selmon, A'Leesha Truelove, and David Spruiel. Kristin Box is not pictured.

**Bueermann Named To President's List**

Kody Bueermann of Tahoka was named to the President's List - which includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term - at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview for the recent fall term.

Kody is a THS graduate and is the son of Wayla and Bill Bueermann of Tahoka.

**Tahoka Band Members To Perform In Region/Honor Bands Saturday**

Nineteen band members from Tahoka ISD qualified for their respective Region Bands and Honor Bands and will be performing this weekend at the Lubbock Civic Center. They will spend all day Friday in rehearsals plus Saturday morning. They then will perform that afternoon in a series of concerts with the 1A Middle School Region Band performing at 1:30 p.m., the 2A Middle School Region Band at 2:00 p.m., 3A Middle School Honor Band at 2:30 p.m., the 1A-2A High School Region Band at 3:00 p.m., and the High School Honor Band at 3:45 p.m. Following these concerts will be the 4A and 5A All-Region and Honor Bands. These students qualified by competing against the best bandsmen in Region 16.

Those making the Middle School All-Region Band from Tahoka are Nan'CMunoz - flute (alternate), Monica Strickland - clarinet, Sabrina Morales - trumpet, Taryn Bishop - trumpet, and Bryan Callahan - baritone.

Eleven THS band members made the High School All-Region Band: K'lyssa Selmon - 1<sup>st</sup> chair clarinet (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row), Martin Rosas - 7<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet, Ben Freitag - 4<sup>th</sup> chair alto sax, Raymond Hernandez - 5<sup>th</sup> chair trumpet, Levi McKay - 1<sup>st</sup> chair horn, Trey Daves - 2<sup>nd</sup> chair horn, Kristin Box - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair trombone, David Spruiel - 15 chair trombone, Mitchell Chapa - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair baritone, Josh Freitag - 2<sup>nd</sup> chair mallets, and Ryan Rios - alternate mallets.

Those making the ATSSB 3A Honor Band are Amanda Truelove (4<sup>th</sup> year), Brandon Moss - trombone, Ernest Gomez - euphonium, and Alex DeLeon - 1<sup>st</sup> chair mallet (2<sup>nd</sup> year and Area qualifier).

"We are extremely proud of these young people and all the hard work that these accomplishments represent. They are fine representatives of Tahoka," stated Tahoka band directors Carroll Rhodes and Jimmy Cannon.

**Service NEWS**



TRENTON J. CLOUD

Air Force Airman Trenton J. Cloud has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of James Cloud of Tahoka and is a 2006 graduate of O'Donnell High School.

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**Questions and Answers of the Day**

Psalm chapter 25

Question: Here lays Hope ... Does this sound familiar?

Psalm 25 (King James Version) <sup>1</sup>Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup>Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. <sup>4</sup>Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. <sup>11</sup>For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. <sup>12</sup>What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. <sup>13</sup>His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

This man is distressed; he has more trouble than he can deal with; he has many enemies and they hate him. He has sinned and messed up. He is desolate and afflicted and he has let God down. He is David. The same man who Jesus came out of his lineage. Please read this chapter. The same God of David can be yours as well.

Love -- your sister in Christ, Linda.

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## Care TO BE Aware

HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
by Monica Brown, RN, DON and Jeanie Stone, EMT-1, EMS Director

### KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

This week we're starting a new series called "know your numbers."

We're going to introduce you to a number of important laboratory tests that your doctor, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner may order for you. Each week we'll inform you about the purpose of the test, the normal lab values, and suggest a few points to ponder.

This week we'll cover Cholesterol and Triglyceride tests. Cholesterol and triglyceride tests are blood tests that measure the total amount of "fatty substances" (cholesterol & triglycerides) in your blood. Cholesterol is used by the body to help build cells and produce hormones. Too much cholesterol in the blood can build up along the inside of the artery walls, forming what is known as plaque. Large amounts of plaque increase your chances of having a heart attack.

**HDL** (high density lipoprotein) cholesterol helps remove fat from the body. It is sometimes called "GOOD cholesterol". A high level of HDL cholesterol may lower your chances of developing heart disease or having a stroke. **LDL** (low density lipoprotein) cholesterol carries mostly fat to various parts of the body. It is sometimes called "BAD cholesterol". A high level of LDL cholesterol may increase your chances of developing heart disease. Triglycerides are a type of fat our bodies use to store energy. Having a high triglyceride level along with high LDL cholesterol may increase your chances of having heart disease more than having a high LDL cholesterol level alone.

For accurate results, it is important that these tests are done in the morning before you've had anything to eat or drink. It is also important that you not eat a high fat meal the night before, and that you not drink alcohol or perform strenuous exercise prior to the test.

Following is a list of normal lab values for these tests. Of course these values may be altered by various factors like your age, the medications you take, and other health & lifestyle issues, so your health care provider will determine what is acceptable for you.

- **Total Cholesterol** - should be less than 200 (mg/dl)
- **HDL Cholesterol** - should be 30-70 (mg/dl). Greater than 60 is desirable.
- **LDL Cholesterol** - should be less than 129 (mg/dl)
- **Triglycerides** - should be less than 150 (mg/dl)

### Points to Ponder:

If you find yourself among the many Americans who have elevated cholesterol or triglyceride levels, lifestyle changes, such as diet changes, weight loss, and exercise may help lower blood cholesterol levels and increase HDL - "GOOD" cholesterol. (Of course, we suggest you consult your health care provider before making any changes.) Try reducing saturated (animal) fats and cholesterol in your diet. Examples include fatty meats like bacon, sausage, ground beef, cooking with lard or bacon grease, fried meats and vegetables, fatty dairy products like, sour cream, whole milk products, ice cream, and cheeses. Increase fiber in your diet by choosing whole grain breads and cereals, eat more fresh fruit & vegetables, and red beans, black eyed peas, and lentils. Increase the amount of exercise you get daily. Drink less alcohol. Men shouldn't have more than 2 drinks per day, and women should limit themselves to 1 drink per day. However, lifestyle changes may not be enough, and your health care provider may want you to take medication to help decrease your chances of developing heart disease or stroke.

Next week we'll discuss blood glucose (sugar) levels.



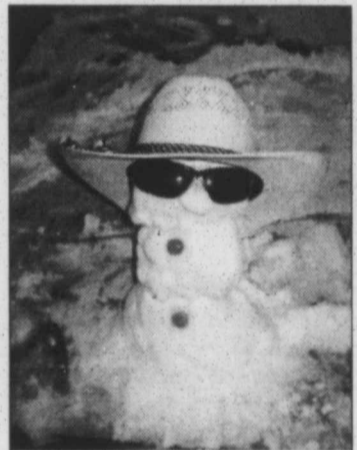
**Showmanship Winners...** Lynn County Stock Show Showmanship winners pictured with their buckle donors are, in back from left, Jolene Barnett; Bob Ballard, Farmers Coop-Tahoka; Charles Anderson, Wells Farmers Coop; Chase Hiracheta, Sr. Swine, Russell Barnett; Andy Miers, Sr. Steer and Overall Showman; Kendall Barnett, Lee Lawn and Feed; Jordan Clem, Sr. Lamb; Buzz Cooper, Texas Star Coop; David Wied, New Home Coop, Shawn Ballard, UAP Southwest. Front row, Kristyn Edwards, Jr Lamb; Brandon Pyron, Jr Swine; Colton Stephens, Jr Steer; Jay Martin, Jr Goat; Chris Snodgrass, B.E. Implement; and not pictured, Mikaela Wallace, Sr. Goat. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

### Final Sign-Up Today For Boys Little Dribblers

The final sign-up for Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers is scheduled for today (Thursday, Jan. 25) from 6 until 7:30pm at PJ's Deli & Bakery, open to all boys in 2nd-6th grade.

Parents need to bring a copy of their son's birth certificate. The registration fee is \$30.

Anyone interested in coaching should also attend signups. Any questions can be directed to Mike Rivas at 239-9567 or Bianca Baker at 561-1165.



**Frosty the Cowboy...** He may be small, but this little snowman made a cute cowboy at a home on South 2nd Street in Tahoka.

or insurance premium reduction. Course completion certificates are mailed from Austin for ticket dismissal 21-days following the class.

### SPC Offers Defensive Driving Course Jan. 27

South Plains College will be holding a defensive driving course on January 27 at the Levelland campus. All courses begin at 7:45 am through 3:00 pm.

Those attending must bring the course fee, driver's license and court information, if the class is for ticket dismissal. A driver's license is not required to take the class.

Courses are also scheduled

for February 17, March 24, April 14 and May 5.

The course fee is \$25 and cash, check or money orders are accepted. All students must pre-register prior to the class. To pre-register, call 806-894-9611, extension, 2291.

The six-hour National Traffic Institute Course discusses defensive driving, driving tactics, traffic rules and regulations, safety and proper operation of a motor vehicle on Texas highways. The course meets the Texas Education Agency requirements for ticket dismissal



**The Snowman Family ...** An entire family of snow people could be seen at the First Baptist Church parsonage after recent snowfall in Tahoka, at the home of Pastor Richard Harbison and his wife Carole, and their four children, Jackson, Bentley, Quincy, and Sarah.

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**Baked Goods Winners ...** These young people were the winners of the Baked Goods Contest held at the Lynn County Stock Show and Sale held in Tahoka Jan. 18-20. They are (back) Kari Maeker, Champion Yeast Bread; McKenzie Dimak, Champion Layered Cake; Kami Owens, Champion Quick Bread; Trevor Gicklhorn, Grand Champion Baked Good (Bundt Cake). Front row, Coy Mercer, Reserve Grand Champion Baked Good (Layered Cake); Maci Dimak, Champion Pie; Lea Gustafson, Champion Bundt and Sheet Cake; and Merritt Mitchell, Champion Bar Cookies. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

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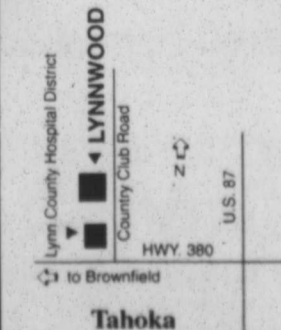
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**Wacie Barnett Scholarship...** The Wacie Barnett Scholarship is a new addition to the awards given at the Lynn County Stock Show and Sale that was held Jan. 18-20. Her family presented the award in honor of Wacie, with the scholarship given to Matt McLelland (left) of Tahoka, shown with Riley, Jolene, Kendall and Russell Barnett. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Pretty Ladies...** These young ladies represented various organizations handing out ribbons at The Lynn County Stock Show and Sale held Jan. 18-20 in Tahoka. They are (left to right) Hailey Wilkinson, New Home FFA, Tiffany Hudson, O'Donnell FFA, Jessica McLelland, Tahoka FFA, Victoria Zepeda, Wilson FFA, and Jynna Askew, Senior 4-H, and in front, Coy Mercer, Lucky Leaf 4-H. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**Rural Business Opportunity Grant Applications Accepted**

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced today the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program for the Fiscal Year 2007. Applications will compete nationwide for the funding. The primary objective of the RBOG Program is to improve

the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program includes technical assistance for business development and conducting economic development planning. The grants are available to the public bodies, non-profits, federally recognized Tribal groups and cooperatives. Applications for the RBOG non-earmarked funds will not exceed \$50,000 and for the multi-state projects \$150,000. Completed applications must be submitted to the Texas

USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, suite 102, Temple, TX 76502, by March 30. Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Office, with two highest scoring project applications being considered for funding and submitted to the National Office for final review and selection. For additional information or an application package, contact Danny Torres at (254) 742-9780.

**First Ag Credit Declares \$8.2 Million Dividend**

The board of directors of First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services recently declared approximately \$8.2 million in cash patronage payments for the year ending December 31, 2006. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent. This marks the ninth consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash payment, and they can expect their checks in early 2007.

With this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned more than \$57 million in cash patronage and stock retirements to its stockholders since 2001.

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.5 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices located throughout its territory.

**TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS**  
by THS Journalism Students

**7th Grade Boys Basketball**  
By Josh Freitag

Before the Christmas break, on December 18, the 7th Grade Bulldogs battled the Idalou Wildcats in Idalou.

The White Team played first and lost 14-19. The Dogs top scorer was Willie Vest with 5 points. Justin Forsythe added 4 points. Ian Zamarron and Brian Pena each had 2 points, and Jamie Bingham scored 1 point.

When the Blue Team played, the Wildcats scored 21 points in the first quarter and never gave the Bulldogs an opportunity to catch them. The Dogs lost 21-59. Leading the Bulldogs' scoring were Christian Ramirez and Andy Hinds with 6 points each. Zac Garcia scored 3 points, Tino Deleon and Isaac Vega scored 2, and Chance Cook and Chekota Parker both had 1 point.

**8th Grade Boys Basketball**  
By Valerie Sosa

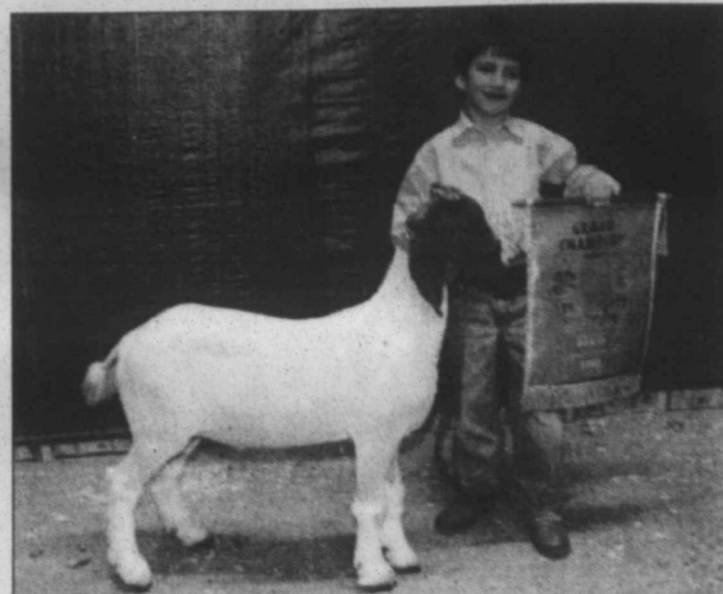
The Tahoka 8th grade boys played Idalou on Dec. 18. Idalou took the win with a score of 32-16. The top scorers were Neiko Garcia with 6 points and Kyrion Lawson with 4 points. Taylor Abel, Alex Webster, and Ricardo Delgado also helped out with the score.

On Jan. 11 the 8th grade boys played Post. The boys won with a score of 27-23. The top scorer was Kyrion Lawson with a total of 9 points. Neiko Garcia had 7 points, John Cantu and Taylor Abell both contributed with 4 points each, and Tanner Hall helped out with 3 points.

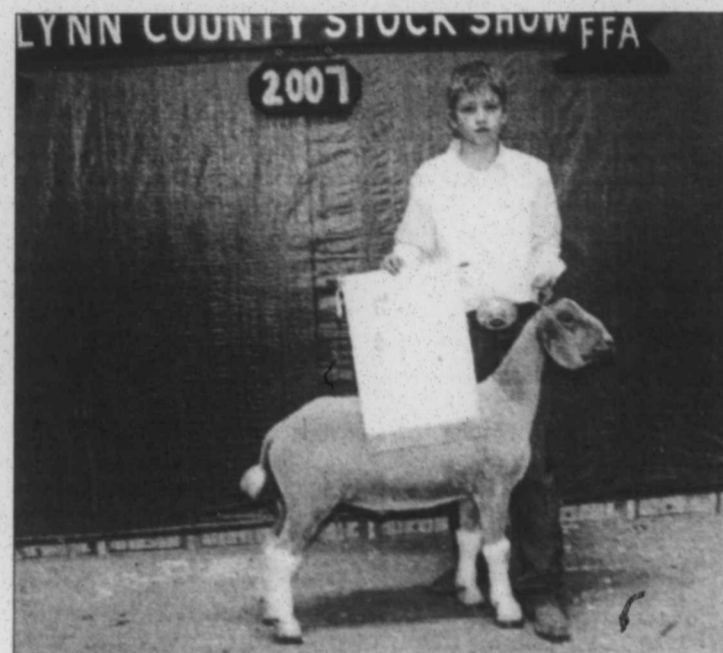
**8th Grade Girls Basketball**  
By D'Maris Murillo

The Tahoka 8th grade girl's basketball team lost to Floydada 26-29 on Thursday, January 18.

Scoring for the team was Kalee Wuensche with eight points, Sabrina Moralez with six points, and Kenzie Angeley, Taylor Ford and Morgan Lockaby scored four points each.



**Champion Goat...** Hayden Smith, a Lynn County 4-H member was the big winner in the Goat show, showing the Grand Champion Meat Goat at the Lynn County Show. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Reserve Goat Winner...** Jay Martin, Lynn County 4-H, showed the Reserve Champion Goat in the Lynn County Stock Show and Sale held in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**Varsity Girls Basketball**  
by Sarah Calvillo

The Tahoka Varsity Lady dogs faced the Roosevelt Eagles on Monday, Jan. 22. They had a victory 40-26. The top scorers were Cori Vega with 20 points, Kyra Helm with 10 points, and other scorers were Jessica McLelland, Haley Hall, and Meagan Hall.

**J.V. Girls Basketball**  
by Amanda Resendez

The Tahoka J.V. Lady dogs defeated the Roosevelt Eagles on Monday, Jan. 22. The top three scorers were Stephanie Deleon with eight points, Brittney Hair with six points, and Corlee Greene with five points.

**J.V. Boys Basketball**  
by Erica Villegas

The Tahoka J.V. Boys defeated the Roosevelt Eagles, 32-30 on Jan. 22. The top three scorers were Tony Baker with 10 points, J.T. Thomas with eight points, and Seth Hawthorne with six points.

**Varsity Boys stats were unavailable at press time.**

**Tahoka 7th grade girls**  
By Amanda Paredes

On Thursday, Jan. 11 the Tahoka 7th grade girls "A" and "B" team won both their games against Post. The "A" team won 28-14. The teams top players include #10 Stormee Martin with 11 points, #35

Gretchen Henley with 7 points, and #22 McKenzie Smallin with 6 points.

The "B" team won 25-12. Ariana Monsivias led scoring with 9 points, and #23 Jessica Moran posted 8 points.

**SPC Offers Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training**

South Plains College will be holding a Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training on February 5 at the Petroleum Technology Building on the SPC Levelland campus. All courses begin at 6:00 pm through 9:00 pm.

Other courses are scheduled for March 5, April 2 and May 7.

The cost of the one-day class is \$10 per person and the three-hour course covers all aspects of hydrogen sulfide including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks. The course meets safety-training requirements for oil field work.

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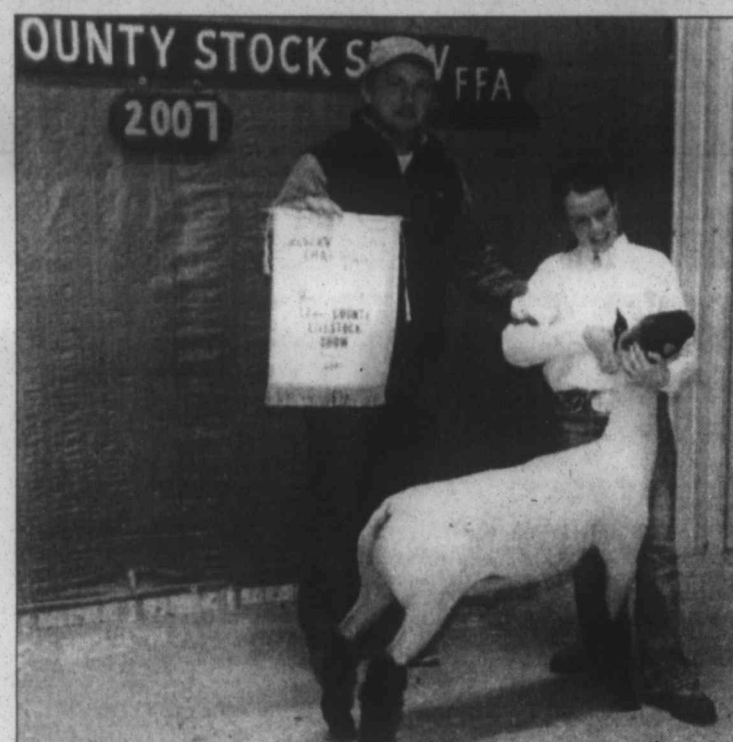
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**Reserve Lamb ...** Jesse Terry, a member of the Lynn County 4-H, showed the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Lynn County Stock Show. Will Winter, of Idalou, was the judge of the goats/sheep. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## Tahoka Elementary Lists Honor Rolls

Tahoka Elementary School listed the following students in the third six-weeks honor roll.

Perfect attendance for the third six weeks include: **Pre-Kindergarten-** Gracie Escobedo, Tamara Ramirez, Anna Marie Arce, Joey Herrera, Aaron Oliván, Marcos Pedroza, Andrew Saldana, Faith Arce, Riley Cook, Braden Stone, and Noah Williams. **Kindergarten:** Dalton Chapman, Mykeah DeLeon, Danielle Hernandez, Manuel Soto, Eileen Barraza, Matthew Diaz, Alyssa Dotson, Corbin Escobedo, Kenzie Henry, Shelby Meeks, and Alexa Ramero. **First Grade:** Nicholas Arce, Brandon Farrell, Patrick Herrera, Kyle Jones, Peter

Nickel, Katelynn Quinn, Ruben Quinonez, Abigail Rodriguez, George Sepeda, Spencer Mannis, Chris Benavides, Trejan Easter, Sebastian Pedroza, Austin Ramero, Cheyenne Rios, Natalie Stice, Bryan Yell, Glynn Shelton, and Bobby Barraza.

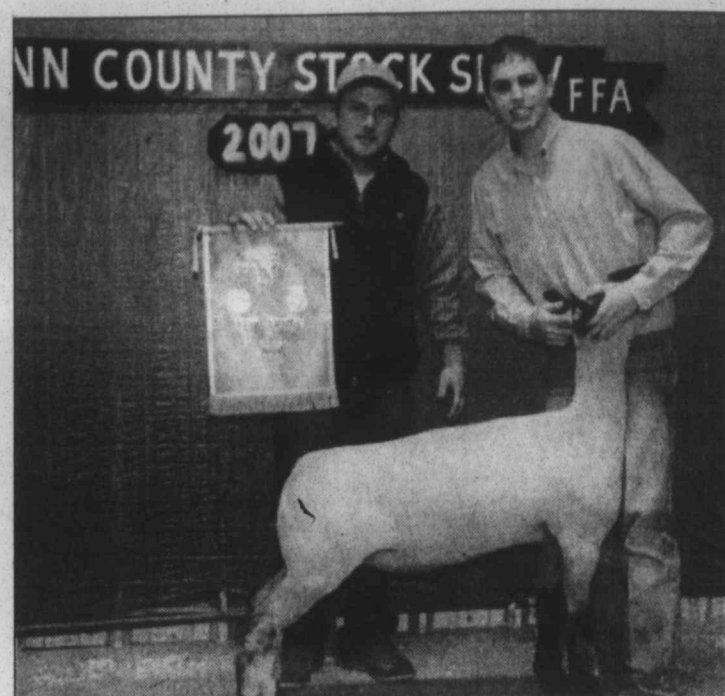
Superstar Honor roll includes: **Second Grade:** Ethan Foshee, Brit Lockaby, Haley Stephens, Daniel Alvarado, Perry Brickley, Braden Cook, KyLynn McCleskey, Emit Quintero, Jared Santos, Andrew Forsythe, Olivia Hammonds, Michaila Lopez, Averi Starkey, and Grant Tekell. **Third Grade:** Clarissa Lopez, Carlos Moralez, Xenia Charon, Kelsi Hilger, Alison Quisenberry, M'Lin Hill, Andrea Garcez and Grant Garvin. **Fourth Grade:** Sky Hager, Lauren Raindl, Dane Rivas, Gabriella Alvarez, Sonya Gonzales, Amanda Hill, Colton Taylor, and Jeremiah DeLeon. **Fifth Grade:** Kristal DeVing, Cort Fisher and Erynn Harris. **Sixth Grade:** Jori Chapa, Mady DeLeon, Sarah Freitag, Efrain Ramirez, Taya Bishop, and Smith McLelland.

tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site. Water District personnel attempt to measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and continue to provide satisfactory data.

The current depth-to-water measurement in individual wells is compared to that of the previous year to determine the average annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district.

Additional information about the annual depth-to-water level measurements is available by calling the High Plains Water District office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181 or visiting the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com).



**Grand Lamb...** New Home FFA Member Jordan Clem was the winner of the lamb show, taking home the award for Grand Champion Lamb at the Lynn County Stock Show. Pictured with Clem is Will Winter of Idalou, the judge for the Goats/Sheep category. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## HPWD Personnel Now Making Annual Depth-to-Water Level Measurements

High Plains Water District personnel are now making annual depth-to-water level measurements in the district's observation well network. This indicates the effect of pumpage during 2006 on groundwater levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

Water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water level observation wells are spaced throughout the district at a density of one well per nine square miles.

"We want producers and residents of the district to be aware

that our staff will be visiting well sites from early January until completion of this task," said Don McReynolds, geologist and Technical Group Supervisor.

District personnel take the water level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water.

The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of



**Powerlifting Medallists ...** Tahoka High School Powerlifters competed at Roosevelt recently, with five team members bringing home medals. They are, in front, Marissa Gomez (1st place) and Amanda Parades (2nd), and in back, Heath Ross (3rd), Coach Hilger, and Jacob Stevens (5th).



R.H. WHITTEN

## Whitten Selected To Wrangler All Star Rodeo Team

Leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), the oldest youth rodeo organization in America, appointed R.H. Whitten of New Home to the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first-ever corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team. He is a sophomore at New Home High School and the son of Jerry and Cathy Whitten of New Home.

The Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team is fashioned after Wrangler's Champion Rodeo Team, which includes superstars like Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortenson, Charmayne James, and Hall-of-Famer Jim Shoulders. R.H. Whitten earned a position on the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

"We are excited to again this year expand Wrangler's rodeo sponsorship program at the high school level," said Karl Stressman, special events manager for Wrangler Rodeo. "As always, it gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate the Wrangler brand with promising young men and women. We're confident each member of the team will be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo."

Members of the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team receive official competition apparel consisting of Wrangler Twenty X shirts embroidered with the team logo and two pairs of competition jeans. In addition, team members receive an official team certificate signed by rodeo greats Jim Shoulders and Ty Murray.

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