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- Tahoka Police Dept. 561-5255
- Lynn Co. DPS Office 561-5086
- O'Donnell Police Dept. 428-3344
- Lynn Co. Hospital 998-4533

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 28	75	39	
Mar. 1	57	37	
Mar. 2	58	28	
Mar. 3	48	28	
Mar. 4	59	24	
Mar. 5	67	24	
Mar. 6	74	32	
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.36"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			1.39"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			1.75"
2006 Precipitation:			22.32"

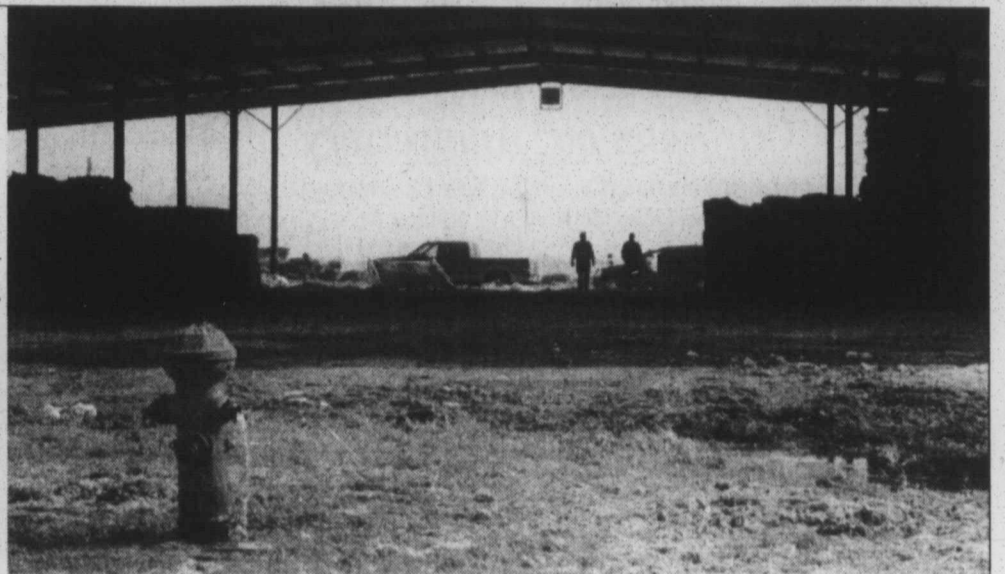
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Fire Evacuates Homes in Wilson ... Three homes in Wilson were evacuated due to heavy smoke from a fire at a nearby Wilson cotton mote facility (pictured at right) last Wednesday. The flames ignited dry grass surrounding the area, shown in the background of the picture at left with a hazy smoke behind the home. Firefighters from Wilson, Tahoka and Slaton responded to the scene about 12:30 p.m. and the fire was contained by 4 p.m. None of the homes were damaged by fire, and residents were able to return to their homes the next morning, although it was reported that there may have been smoke damage to the homes. Cause of the fire was unknown. (LCN PHOTOS)



State-Bound ... Marissa Gomez prepares to lift 230 pounds in the dead lift competition at the Girls Regional Powerlifting competition in Big Spring. The Tahoka High School sophomore won first place in her weight division with a total weight of 555 pounds (totals from dead lift, squat and bench press) to advance to the State Powerlifting Meet in Killeen, March 17.

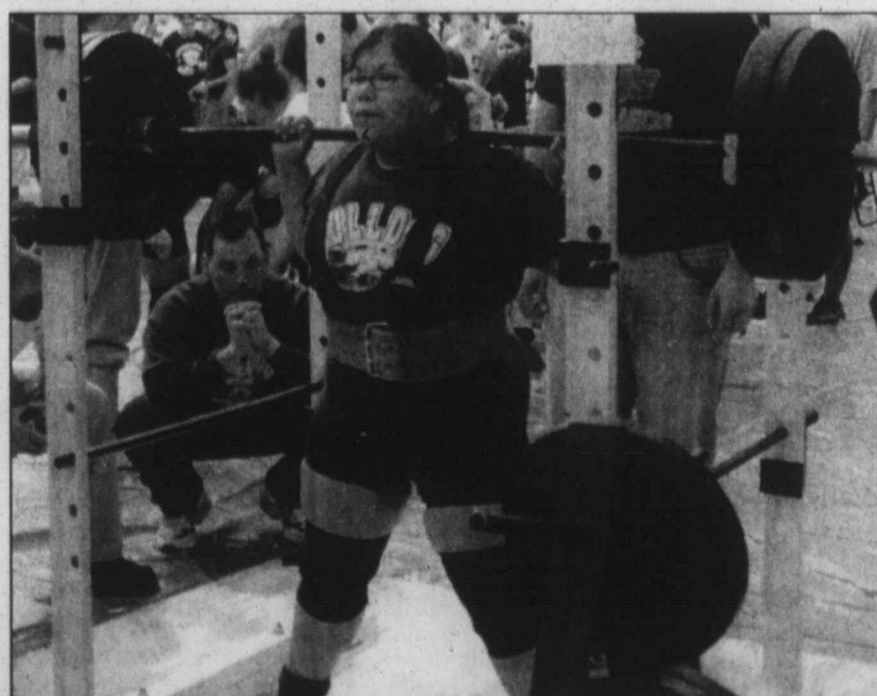
Tahoka Lady Powerlifters Headed For State Event

Two Tahoka High School girls qualified for state competition in powerlifting events recently, after achieving high marks in the regional competition last week. Marissa Gomez and Amanda Paredes will compete at the State Powerlifting Meet on March 17 at Killeen.

Marissa won a first place medal in the Girls Regional Powerlifting competition at Big Spring on Saturday, March 3, and Amanda won third place.

Marissa lifted a total weight of 555 pounds, including 225 pounds in the squat competition, 100 pounds in the bench press, and 230 pounds in the dead lift, to win first in her weight division.

Amanda lifted a total weight of 840 pounds, including 385 pounds in the squat competition, 155 pounds in the bench press, and 300 pounds in the dead lift, to win third in her weight division at regionals.



State-Bound Too ... Amanda Paredes, a Tahoka High School senior, qualified for the Girls State Powerlifting competition after winning third place in her weight division at the regional event. She is shown here in the squat-lift competition, where she successfully lifted 385 pounds. She also lifted 155 pounds in the bench press, and 300 pounds in the dead lift competition, for a total weight of 840 pounds.

One Wreck, Domestic Disputes Investigated

Tahoka Police investigated one accident in the city, with no injuries, made several arrests and refereed some domestic disputes during the last week.

On Saturday at the intersection of Ave. K and S. 2nd St. a 2003 Ford F150 pickup driven by Lupe Alonza Solorzano, 67 of Tahoka and a 2005 Ford Mustang driven by Thomas Owen Jones Jr., 50 of Tahoka were involved in a collision.

Police arrested a 44-year-old Tahoka woman last Thursday in possession of a stolen 2006 GMC pickup after it was discovered there was a warrant for her arrest from Lea County, NM on a charge of embezzlement.

A 22-year-old Lubbock man was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.

Police talked with a couple, both age 25, regarding an alleged assault by the man against the woman. Police also arrested a 20-year-old Tahoka woman Saturday on an outstanding warrant

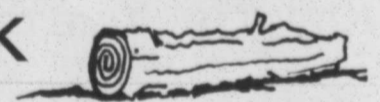
from McKinney related to a child custody dispute.

Twelve persons were added to the list of jail inmates over the last week, three of them on charges of possession of marijuana (one on a motion to adjudicate). Others were charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (warrant from Lea County, NM), Class C misdemeanor warrants, driving while license invalid (four persons in separate cases), warrants from Collin and Garza County, unlawfully carrying a weapon and driving while intoxicated.

Forty-seven persons were in Lynn County jail as of Monday, with 15 held for Garza County, five for Lubbock and three each for Dawson and Gaines counties.

During February, dispatchers at Lynn County sheriff's department answered 259 phone calls, including 121 for the county, 100 for city of Tahoka, 22 ambulance calls, seven fire alarms and nine calls for the city of O'Donnell.

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MARCH to the Alamo: On March 6, 1836, the Alamo fell to Mexican forces. In 2006, or 170 years later, Hispanics became the largest ethnic minority in the United States, with 13.5 per cent of the population. Part of the reason for this may be because many Mexicans stayed in San Antonio; some are still wandering around the Alamo.

The Alamo was built as a Spanish mission in the 1700s, but later "fell into decay" according to my encyclopedia, and was at various times used as a hospital and a troop garrison. A group of about 190 Texans took refuge in the Alamo and after holding out for 12 days against the forces of Santa Anna, were massacred. Except for one woman, all of the non-Mexicans were killed, including Davy Crockett, Stephen F. Austin and John Wayne.

I visited the Alamo once, years ago. My brother lived in San Antonio for many years before he ever went over to take a look at it.

The Alamo now is a tourist attraction and probably will not be allowed to "fall into decay" again, although it possibly could fall into de-river, which runs nearby.

I think the Alamo's main function now is renting cars.

ANOTHER March fact is that on March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for an invention he named the telephone. If he could have foreseen all the people today running, walking, and driving while using cell phones, he might have had second thoughts.

THE GOVERNMENT keeps messing with our clocks, and Daylight Savings Time now will start in March, this Sunday morning in fact. I think Arizona is the only state which stays on the same time all year; I wish Texas would do the same; I wouldn't even care whether it was on standard or savings time.

I seriously doubt any electrical energy is saved by substituting sunlight for electric lights; it will just be an hour later when the sun comes up. There's a song in the Methodist hymnal called "Those Who Sit in Darkness," quite possibly referring to church services which are held early in the day during daylight savings time.



MR. AND MRS. BINIE WHITE
Couple Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Binie (Edna) White of Tahoka celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 3, 2007 at III Forks Steakhouse in Dallas.

White and the former Edna Parker were married March 3, 1957 in Seminole. The couple have two children, Brad White and wife Gigi of Houston, and Denise Goodwyn and husband Craig of Plano, and four grandchildren.

Four File In Elections

Four more candidates, including three incumbents, added their names to election lists in O'Donnell and Tahoka as of Wednesday morning this week. Wayne Mott and Roger Doss filed for re-election to the City Council in O'Donnell, and Joe Calvillo filed for re-election for another term as school trustee in Tahoka, for Precinct 2. Tony Garcia also filed as a candidate, for the Precinct 5 seat on the TISD Board of Trustees.

With just a few days remaining before the filing period closes on Monday, March 12, several candidates are still needed to fill elections. In Wilson, four candidates each are needed for both the city and school elections, where no candidates have yet filed, and no candidates have filed for two directors terms at Lynn County Hospital District. No candidates have filed in New Home for the mayor's seat and two council terms.

Both O'Donnell city and school elections are now contested races, with four candidates for three city council seats, and four candidates for three school trustee terms. The Tahoka City election has a full slate of incumbents seeking re-

election for mayor and two council terms, and Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees election has a full slate of candidates for three trustee terms.

Candidates interested in filing should contact business offices of the respective city, school or hospital entity.

Steve Sanders Elected New FNB Director

Steve Sanders, owner of the Tahoka Thriftway grocery store, has been elected as a new director at First National Bank of Tahoka, bank officials announced this week. Sanders was unanimously elected at the Feb. 26 shareholders meeting, filling a seat left vacant by the retirement of long-time director Clint Walker last year.

"We are pleased to announce Steve Sanders as a new director at First National Bank," said Fred Hegi, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Steve has been an asset to the Tahoka community for many years, and he will be an asset to the FNB board," Hegi added.

Sanders and his wife, Judy, who is an elementary teacher at Tahoka Independent School District, have two children. Their son, Matt, is a bank examiner in Amarillo, and their daughter, Mandy, is a math teacher in Hillsboro.

Sanders moved to Tahoka to manage Thriftway in 1985. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and he is a longtime member of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department and the Tahoka Rotary Club.

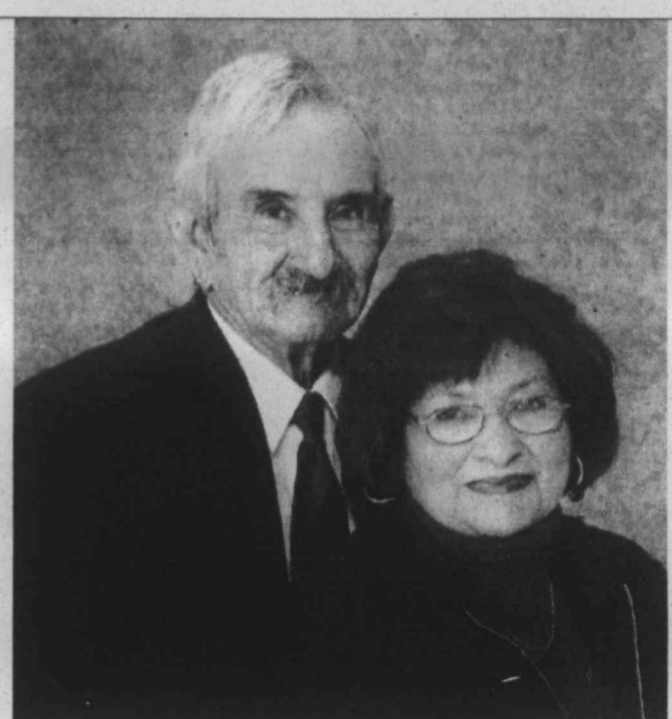
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MR. AND MRS. RUDY TEJEDA
Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Rudy and Mercy Tejada of Tahoka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 4, 2007 with a dinner hosted by their children. Tejada and the former Mercy Alvarado married March 6, 1957 in Lovington, NM.

The couple have four children, Tommy Tejada, Rudy Tejada, Mary Calvillo and Sylvia Tejada, all of Tahoka, and the late Daniel Tejada, and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Audit Shows Financial Gains For Hospital

The annual audit report for 2006 was presented at the monthly meeting of the Lynn County Hospital District Governing Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 6, showing good financial gains for the local hospital.

Brandon Durbin, CPA, gave the audit presentation in which the hospital's net assets increased \$413,059, or 28.8% for 2006. For fiscal year 2005 net assets decreased by \$10,506. Hospital operating losses for 2006 were at \$287,166, compared to \$662,068 in 2005. Operating losses in 2006 improved by \$374,902, or 56.5%, over the loss reported in 2005. Nonoperating revenues increased by \$9,630 or 1.5% in 2006 compared to 2005.

Durbin pointed out that the biggest challenge the hospital district currently faces is the loss of a physician. The audit report was accepted and approved unanimously.

Administrator Jim Morris informed directors that a physician search firm has been retained to recruit a new physician for the

hospital district.

In other matters, the board approved the motion to pursue conversion of the Suite C clinic to a Rural Health Clinic, which would provide additional benefits to operations. Approval was also given to pursue options available to the hospital in physically combining the Suites B and C clinics, which would help to consolidate operations under a centralized business office.

Medical staff privileges were granted to a number of physicians that will provide radiology services for the hospital. The monthly bills and financial statement was unanimously approved.

Members attending the meeting were Jannis Horwood, Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher, Billy Tomlinson, Jerry Ford (Board President) and the hospital administrator, Directors Dalton Wood and Virginia Griffing were absent. Others attending included Brandon Durbin, and Donna Raindl, who was present for the audit presentation.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

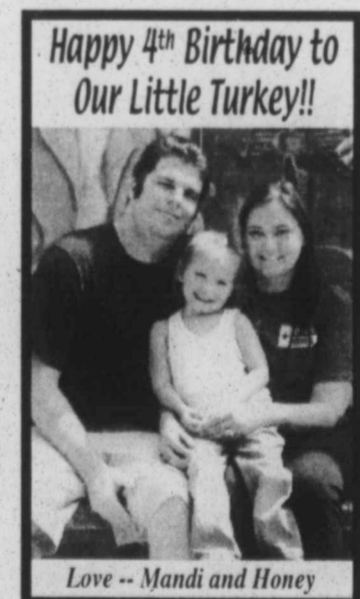
Phebe K. Warner Club members honored EMS and Firefighter volunteers with a reception, February 27, at the First Baptist Church. Barbara White, President, expressed the clubs appreciation for the many hours these volunteers donate serving the community. Hostesses for the reception were Pat Park, Virginia House, Deloris Short and Gerald Deane Wood.

A business meeting was called to order, following the reception, with Mrs. White presiding. The club will purchase 100 new flags to be used for the Veteran's Cemetery project, using a portion of a \$1000 grant received from Walmart last year. Virginia House will talk to the Highway Department about the possibility of sowing wildflower seeds around Tahoka city limits.

Members were encouraged to attend the TFWC Caprock District annual convention, March 17 at My Father's House in Lubbock. Suzanne Baker and Deloris Short were voted to serve as delegates at the convention, with Shirley Draper serving as alternate.

Next meeting will be at the First Baptist Church, March 27. The winners of the Youth and Member writing contest will present their winning entries.

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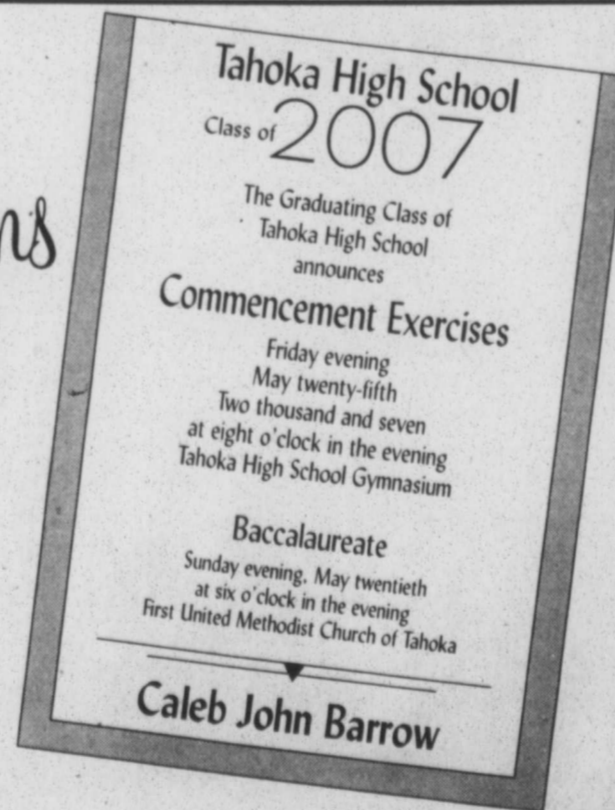
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CASEY DONALD and NIKKI BULEN

Donald, Bulen Announce Engagement

Jim and Barbara Bulen of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Bulen to Casey Donald, son of Lonnie and Connie Donald of Wilson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of John and Evelyn Zalman of Hermleigh, and Jim and Ruby Bulen of Lubbock. She is a graduate of Monterey High School and South Plains College LVN Program and is currently employed by NursCare Home Health in Slaton.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Carl and Gladys Gickhorn of Wilson, and the late Lester and Janet Donald of Potosi. He is a graduate of Wilson High School and attended Lubbock Christian University. He is self-employed.

The couple plans to marry June 22, 2007 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Fun/Food Festival Slated For April 14

The annual Fun/Food Festival that benefits Lynn County Hospital District will be held this year on Saturday, April 14, at the Lynn County Showbarn. Tahoka Rotary Club is sponsoring this year's auction event, and donations are currently being accepted at the hospital or by Rotary Club members. Julia Allen is coordinating the event at Lynn County Hospital District, and she is also accepting auction items.

This is the 27th annual festival, which in years past has been sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary in conjunction with the hospital. The auxiliary disbanded at the close of last year's festival, and Tahoka Rotary Club has volunteered to assist the hospital this year in their annual fund-raising event.

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department members also help with the festival each year: preparing fried fish, fries and hush puppies for the all-you-can-eat fish fry that is a big draw for area residents. Phebe K. Warner Club members also offer their ser-

vices, by preparing and serving homemade ice cream, and Lynn County 4-H members serve drinks at the event. The Baptist Young Women also assist by selling homemade baked goods.

Any and all items from individuals and/or businesses are accepted for the auction, with some items designated for the live auction and some items designated for a Silent Auction table at the festival. All proceeds from both auctions and food sales benefit Lynn County Hospital District.

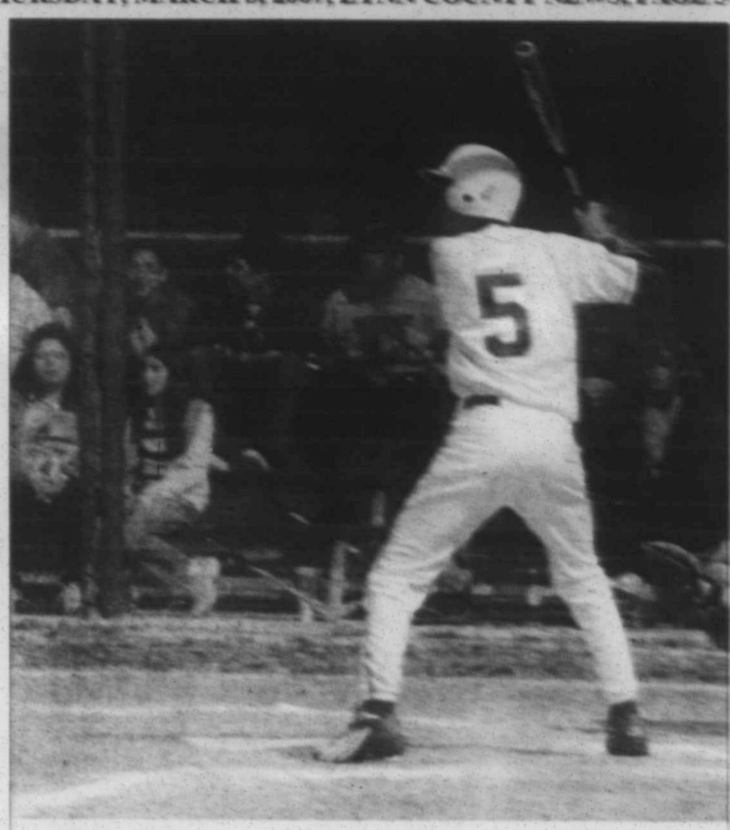
Last year's event raised more than \$23,000 for the hospital, the most ever raised at the annual festival.

Ashley Gill Named To Dean's List

Ashley Hannah Gill, a Lynn County junior at Texas A&M University has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll as an honor student for the fall 2006 semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Ashley is studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.



Batter up ... Tahoka's J.T. Thomas is up to bat at the Ralls-Tahoka baseball game on Feb. 27. Tahoka lost the game 14-2. (TISD PHOTO)

Angel Food Ministries Now "The Provider's Pantry"

The Tahoka Trinity Church is now offering "The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, formerly Angel Food Ministries. Orders will be taken at Tahoka Trinity Church on March 16 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for March, and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Menus and order forms may also be picked up at the following Tahoka locations: The Community Action Center located at 1629 Ave. J, Tahoka City Hall, Virginia's Beauty Shop, Lynnwood Assisted Living Center, Delia's Hair Styling, 1638 Ave. J, and Poka Lambro, 1647 Ave. J.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, March 31, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood.

For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 561-4912 or Charlene Williams at 561-4565.



Little League Sign-Ups Are March 8 & 20

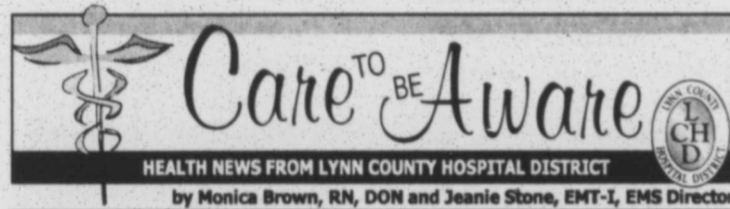
Tahoka Little League Signups will be held March 8 and 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Life Enrichment Center. All children ages 5-14 as of May 1 are eligible to sign up. Partici-

pants must bring a certified birth certificate or some other valid proof of age. The registration fee is \$35 per child.

If anyone is interested in coaching teeball, kidpitch minor league or major league or has any other questions please call Amanda at 561-4458.

Severe Weather Training Slated

A representative from the National Weather Service will conduct a severe weather training session in Tahoka at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center next Tuesday morning, March 13, according to Bill Schoemann, Lynn County Emergency Services Coordinator. Area fire department members, weather spotters, and city/county/state law enforcement officers may attend the training focusing on proper identification/reporting of severe weather and other aspects involving public safety and severe weather. The training session will be held from 7-9 a.m.



USING 911 TO REPORT EMERGENCIES

9-1-1 is the number set aside by telephone companies throughout the United States to put you in touch with emergency aid agencies. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our community of the importance of using the 911 system and why we would prefer you always use this system rather than dial the hospital's main number to request an ambulance.

When you use the 911 system, the number you are dialing displays on the dispatcher's screen, providing the address. There have been instances when callers have given their address by mistake, or given the wrong address, sending the ambulance to the wrong location. Had the 911 system been used, the dispatcher would have been able to give the correct address to the ambulance crew. This is especially true for rural addresses, when obtaining directions are so important, and minutes could save a life.

You should be aware that when using a cell phone, all the system will show is the cell phone number you are using and the location of the tower, not your location. So when using a cell phone be prepared to give more detailed information about your location.

In Lynn County, all calls to 911 are answered at the Lynn County

Sheriff's Office and dispatched accordingly. If you have a medical emergency and need an ambulance, your call will be forwarded to Lynn County Hospital District where the ambulance is immediately paged out while a nurse is taking your information. *Be patient* - you will be asked questions. Please don't assume that because you are being asked questions that the ambulance is being delayed. The ambulance is being dispatched while information is being gathered from the caller. The information that is being obtained will help prepare the ambulance crew to treat the patient and request any additional help they may need. *The questions asked have a purpose.*

Calling 911 can save valuable time in an emergency. Remember, calling 911 is for real emergencies - situations when you need police, fire, or an ambulance in a hurry. When people don't use 911 properly, or abuse the system making prank, silent or unnecessary calls, they tie up the phone lines and make it hard for others who really need help right away to get through. It is also a Class B Misdemeanor to knowingly misuse the 911 system.

Next week we'll discuss how you can make an efficient 911 call and how you can help a patient before the ambulance arrives.

Questions and Answers of the Day

Romans, chapters 1-6; Ephesians 5:1-11; Psalm 106:1-48; Ezekiel 2:5 thru Chapter 48

Question: Is there such a thing as free passes to sexual immorality?

In the seventies, people talked about free love. They were not actually talking about love at all. What they really meant was rebellion. What they should have said was, "we are rebellious and we are going to do whatever makes us feel good." The seventies was a time when many think we evolved or improved the quality of life. Don't get me wrong, not everything was bad. God was still at work in some places.

Since the seventies, divorce, abortion, pedophilia, murders, school killings, porn, robberies, disrespect of parents, rebellion, drugs, disease, alcoholism, parents hurting children, adultery and so many more things are on the rise. So, I ask you, how's it working for us?

When our morals are the trade-off to do whatever feels good, we suffer as a nation. As a nation, America is in trouble. Even America's children are suffering as a result of the so-called freedom movement. I believe we have need for concern. There are no free passes to sexual immorality. There is only one way to turn this mess around. As a nation we must repent, receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and ask for mercy. You know God still gets angry. His anger is far worse than anything the known world even understands. I plead with you out of love, turn toward God, as an individual or as a nation.

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CHARLES SHAW, JR.

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Funeral services for Charles Shaw, 86, of Wilson were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, in Wilson's First Baptist Church with Billy Farmer officiating. Interment followed in Wilson's Green Memorial Cemetery.

He died March 4, 2007. Shaw was born January 10, 1921 in Deoni, OK. He graduated from Martin High School in 1938. He was a veteran of WWII having served in the US Navy. He moved to Wilson in 1980 from Littlefield. He went to work for Wilson Oil Co. and later worked for Briercroft Savings & Loan in building and grounds maintenance supervision, retiring in 1986. He married Gladys Flaniken on February 17, 1945 in Maple, TX.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys of Wilson; daughters Patsy and husband, Don Schmeider of Wilson, Barbara and husband Harry Hutcherson and Betty and husband Philip Hunt, all of New Braunfels, TX, a brother, Sam Shaw of Broken Arrow, OK, a sister, Naomi Adams of Littlefield, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, PO Box 67, Wilson, TX 76781 or Green Memorial Cemetery Association, PO Box 179, Wilson, TX 76781.



JIMMIE R. CASTILLO

Jimmie R. Castillo

Rosary for Jimmie R. Castillo, 72, of Lubbock was recited Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at White Memorial Chapel. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Martin Pina officiating. Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Castillo died Saturday, March 3, 2007 at his residence. He was born on July 9, 1934 in Bryan, TX to Antonio and Maria (Ramirez) Castillo. In 1965, he married Trinidad Tijerina in Ballinger, TX. She preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 2005. He worked for the City of Lubbock in the Solid Waste Dept., and in 1982 retired after 30 years of service. Jimmie enjoyed taking walks and was a self-taught mechanic who loved to work with cars. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lubbock.

Castillo is survived by one son, Julian Castillo of Lubbock; four daughters, Jessica Castillo, Norma Castillo and Rosemary Castillo, all of Lubbock, and Janie Lopez of Wilson; six grandchildren; two brothers, George and Freddy Castillo of Houston; and two sisters, Olivia and Florencia Castillo, both of Houston.



GROVER WILLIS

Grover Willis

Funeral services for Grover Alfred Willis, 69, of New Home, will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the New Home Baptist Church with Rev. Mark McMillan officiating. Interment will follow in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Willis died Saturday, March 3, 2007 in Lubbock. He was born December 1, 1937 in Welling, OK to Grover and Charity Wright Willis. He married Ellen McNutt on November 7, 1959 in Vian, OK. Mr. Willis retired from the United States Army with the rank of SFC E7 after serving his country for 20 years. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree while in college. He coached high school sports for eleven years before retiring from Repesville High School in 1993. He was a member of the American Legion Post 575 for 17 years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Mike, and two children, Belinda and Richard Willis.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; two sons, David Willis and wife Imelda of New Home, and Johnny Willis and wife Durla of Ogleby; one daughter, Rhonda Bowen and husband Don of Sierra Blanca; nine grandchildren, Nathan and Ethan Willis of New Home; Justin, Kelsi, and Kylee Willis of Coleman; Kristen Buzbee of Ogleby; Pamela Konke of New York; Katherine Bowen, and Mary Bowen of Brownsville; one great-granddaughter, Caroline Konke of New York.

five brothers, Bill, Arthur, Alonzo and Paul Willis of Oklahoma, and John Willis of Missouri; four sisters, Francis Newton of California, and Mabel Murray, Sadie Tremain, and Leona Eidson, all of Oklahoma. (PAID)



Douglas Marcus Bellew

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Services for Douglas Marcus Bellew, 93, of Gardendale, formerly of O'Donnell, were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday March 5, 2007. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home. He died Thursday, March 1, 2007 in Odessa.

He was born November 5, 1913 in O'Donnell to Burl and Winnie Warren Bellew. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked in road construction as a heavy machinery operator. He married Ruth Marie Howard and she preceded him in death in 1991. He then married Louise Bowles and she preceded him in death in 2005. He was also preceded in death by his parents; one son Anthony Bellew; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one son, Mark Bellew; two sisters, Willadeen Reed and Doris McCormick; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 12-16, 2007

Monday: Baked Ham, Butter Beans, Cabbage, Fresh Rolls, Apricots

Tuesday: Chili with/without Beans, Jalapeno or Plain Cornbread, Crackers, Pina-Colada Pudding

Wednesday: Baked Chicken, Okra, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Cookies

Thursday: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Cake

Friday: Tuna Or Chicken Salad Sandwiches with all the Trimmings, Banana Pudding

Tahoka ISD Lists Honor Roll Students

Tahoka lists the Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks. Middle School students include: Logan Tekell, Kenzie Angeley, Taryn Bishop, Emily Box, Sabrina Moralez, Caleb Renfro, Monica Strickland and Patrick Wells.

High School students include: Anissa Alvarado, Stephanie DeLeon, Benjamin Freitag, Griselda Lopez, Meghann Rivas, David Spruiell, Matt Taylor, A'Leesha Truelove, Morgan Fisher, Marissa Gomez, Tiffany Lam, Samantha Pridmore, Valerie Sosa, Cori Vega, Amy Barrera, Lindsey Barrientez, Kristen Box, Joshua Freitag, Ernest Gomez, Bailey Hall, Jessica McLelland, Garret Autry, Daniel Baker, Erika Chavarria, Joshua DeLoof, Sarah Draper, Haley Hall, K'lyssa Selmon, Amanda Truelove and Kathryn Webster.

should seek assistance no later than March 1.

For a more detailed list of admission requirements, log onto www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

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Letters To The Editor

Thanks to Local Fire Departments

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the Slaton and Tahoka Fire Departments for their help and support with controlling the cotton fire we had in Wilson. We would also like to thank all the individuals who provided water and snacks for the volunteers.

Thanks again,
 Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.
 Clyde Wilke, Fire Chief

1945 Article Found

Dear Ms. Jones,
 In the process of filing my old records and papers, I found an old news article that was sent to me during WWII. You may have ran into the article or one similar, but if not, I thought you would find it interesting.

As I remember, I was a seventeen year old homesick sailor in port after a long cruise at sea and receiving my first mail in about two months. The article was in a letter from home. It was not a great moral builder. Ha.

Anyway I just thought you might enjoy reading it and maybe comparing this to the old Lynn County News files.

Sincerely,
 Ed Banks

The following story was printed in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday Oct. 20, 1945:

ALL IS SADNESS IN TAHOKA: THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS CALL IT QUITS

TAHOKA, Oct. 19 (AP)—There is no joy in Tahoka tonight. The mighty Bulldogs have bowed out.

In normal times, Fridays in Tahoka were devoted to the Bulldogs and both young and old Tahokans poured out on the field to watch their favorite football team operate.

Not so Friday night.

The Bulldogs have walked out on their coach, the coach has walked out on the teachers, the teachers have walked out on the high school principal, the principal has walked out on the superintendent, the superintendent has walked out on the school board, and five school members walked out on the Tahokans.

And it's all because of the Bulldogs.

During the last five games, the Bulldogs have been on the short end of the final count—and Tahokans like winners.

Meanwhile a Tahoka civic club is attempting to put teeth back into the Bulldogs by circulating a petition pledging support to the present independent school district board. The board will meet Saturday and is expected to receive the petition then.

Friday Tahoka football fans went to nearby Lubbock for their weekly grid feast.

REGISTER and Vote!

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

Register at the Lynn County Courthouse Tax Office.

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Independent & Assisted Living Center

Come see our beautiful new facility with Studio, One-Bedroom and Couples rooms featuring large walk-in closets, and kitchens equipped with microwave oven/refrigerator units.

- Studio (One Large Room) 471 sq. ft.
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- Large One Bedroom (Double Occupancy) 757 sq. ft.

Call for availability and prices.

- \$350 Damage Deposit is required, refundable upon satisfactory condition of the room upon move out.
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Prices include all of the following amenities:

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- Spacious living accommodations to be furnished with resident's own furniture and choice of decor.
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4th Grade Readers ... These Tahoka 4th graders were Bluebonnet Award winners, reading 5 of 20 books written by Texas authors. They volunteered to read and cast a vote on their favorite book, along with students throughout the state. They include Devin McCleskey, Blake McCleskey, Dane Rivas, Jeremiah DeLeon, Jackson Harbison, Skylar Hager, Amanda Anderson, Shelbee Forsythe, Sonya Gonzales, Alyssa Pesina, Charlie Duran, Coy Mercer, Amanda Hill, Tori Ford and Caley Bingham.

Tahoka Elementary Lists Honor Rolls

The following students were listed on the Honor Rolls at Tahoka Elementary.

Perfect Attendance: Gracie Escobedo, Kade Hurt, Anna Marie Arce, Marcos Pedroza, Angel Ramirez, Joel Calsoncit, Dalton Chapman, Gabrielle Garcia, Jaden Garcia, Maritza Morin, Jo Rosas, Manuel Soto, Desiree Alba, Aly Dotson, Chris Benavides, Gavin Doyle, Lisa Morales, Eric Saldana, Natalie Stice, Brayden Castillon, Brandon Farrell, Patrick Herrera, Breklyn James and Kyle Jones.

Superstar Honor Roll: Andrew Forsythe, Olivia Hammonds, Michaila Lopez, Averi Starkey, Grant Tekell, Perry Brickley, Braden Cook, Kendra DeLeon, Klynn McCleskey, Emit Quintero, Jared Santos, Christian Aleman, Ethan Foshee, Brit Lockaby, Haley Stephens, Miranda DeLeon, Alison Quisenberry, Maci Dimak, M'Lin Hill, Andrew Garcez, Sarina Ybarra, Dane Rivas, Skylar Hager, Amanda Hill, Colton Taylor, Jeremiah DeLeon, Kara Larpenner, Kristal DeVine, Erynn Harris, Sarah Freitag and Efrain Ramirez.

Bulldog Honor Roll: Alicia Brown, Alfredo Martinez, Daniel Alvarado, Colton Stice, Clarissa Lopez, Carlos Morales, Xenia Charon, Nick Garcia, Kelsi Hilger, Hadley Reynolds, Kaci Rodriguez, Grant Garvin, Joseph Hernandez, Kohl Angeley, Jackson Harbison, Lauren Raindl, Tori Ford, Gabriella Alvarez, Sonya Gonzales, Vanessa Mendez, Coy Mercer, Shelbee Forsythe, Kaitlyn Lehman, McKenzie Dimak, Lane Green, Nicole Taylor, Jori Chapa, Mady DeLeon, Swade Hammonds, Taya Bishop, Smith McLelland and Kayla Hall.



Baker's Ball ... Tahoka's Daniel Baker is ready for the next pitch at the Rails-Tahoka baseball game on Feb. 27. Baker hit a home run in the fourth inning to knock in Brandon Tomlinson for the Bulldogs' two runs in the 14-2 loss. (TISD PHOTO)

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

Program Offers Parenting Help

The Parenting Cottage in Lubbock is offering the "Parents As Teachers" (PAT) program in Lubbock and surrounding counties, including Lynn County. The free program is a parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age 5.

Parents are supported by PAT-certified educators trained to translate scientific information on early brain development into specific when, what, how and why advice for families. By understanding what to expect during each stage of development, parents can easily capture the teachable moments in everyday life to enhance their child's language development, intellectual growth, social development, and motor skills.

As a PAT family, you receive:

- **Personal visits** - during which your parent educator will share age-appropriate child development and parenting information, help you learn to observe your child, and address your parenting concerns
 - **Parent group meetings** - which are opportunities to share information about parenting issues and child development. Parents learn and support each other, observe their children with other children and practice parenting skills.
 - **Screenings** - to assess your child's overall development as well as health, hearing and vision.
 - **Resource network** - that links your family to other community services.
- To find out more about the Parents As Teachers program, contact The Parenting Cottage in Lubbock County at (806) 795-7552.

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
February 17	Sat	Littlefield	Littlefield	1:00
February 22-24	Thur-Sat	Littlefield Tournament	Littlefield	TBA
March 1-3	Thur-Sat	Snyder Tournament	Snyder	TBA
March 10	Sat	Shallowater	Tahoka	11:00
March 15	Thur	Brownfield	Tahoka	12:00
*March 16	Fri	Slaton	Slaton	2:00
*March 20	Tue	Idaho	Tahoka	5:00
*March 24	Sat	Post	Post	12:00
*March 27	Tue	Denver City	Tahoka	5:00
*March 31	Sat	Roosevelt	Roosevelt	12:00
*April 3	Tue	Slaton	Tahoka	5:00
*April 6	Fri	Idaho	Idaho	5:00
*April 10	Tue	Post	Tahoka	5:00
*April 13	Fri	Denver City	Denver City	5:00
*April 17	Tue	Roosevelt	Tahoka	5:00

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Lynn County Hospital District
Spring Break CLINIC Schedule
During the week of Spring Break (March 12-16) the operating hours for LCHD's Out-Patient Clinics are as follows:
Suite C (West Clinic)
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Suite B (Benson Clinic)
Monday thru Friday, regular clinic hours
O'Donnell Clinic
Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Family Wellness Clinic
Will NOT be seeing patients. Clerical staff available. Will resume regular hours on Monday, March 19.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236 PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549 PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>
<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. TONI BAYLEY Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>"Transforming the Desert" Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another. -- Hebrews 10:25 My first year in Bible college had ended. During the holidays, I returned to my job to earn much-needed income. Former workmates welcomed me back with tough assignments and ribald humor. As the weekend approached, I felt weary, barren, and dirty in body, heart, and mind. As I sat in church that Sunday morning, my spirit felt as dry as desert sands. During the hymns and prayers, I felt God refreshing me. The Holy Spirit seemed to cleanse me as I shared in the Lord's Supper. The accumulated muck was washed away; the desert sands knew God's rain and began to bloom. I remembered then the desert which Isaiah wrote would "blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing" (Isa. 35:2). God was equipping me for another week. I have never forgotten that experience. It reinforced the importance of worship, the significance of Christian fellowship, and the power of God's word. God enjoys our worship. But God has also made worship for us as a defense against the desert sandstorms that assail us. <i>Thought for the Day: Being with the people of God is an oasis. --From The Upper Room</i></p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON First Service - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Second Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School (for all ages) - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>
<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 • lumctahoka@juno.com PASTOR: REV. JEFF BAYLEY Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 6 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Family Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future! -- JEREMIAH 29:11</p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310 PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Evening Worship - 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship - Gospel Message) Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministers) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. RHODE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	

Farm Credit Co-ops Declare \$120.5 Million In Patronage To Customers

Twenty Farm Credit financing cooperatives across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas declared a total of \$120.5 million in patronage distributions to their customer-stockholders during 2006.

For these rural lending co-ops, which are part of the Tenth Farm Credit District, the record patronage represents more than half of their 2006 earnings. It is more than double the \$53.6 million in patronage that the Tenth District association lenders declared to customers last year.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas and the 20 rural financing co-ops, or associations, in the five-state region. Together, they finance approximately 50,000 farmers, ranchers, country homeowners, agribusiness firms and other rural landowners.

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Bulldog Relays Set March 22-23

Tahoka Independent School District will host the annual Bulldog Relays invitational track meets for middle school and high school on March 22-23. The Middle School Invitational Meet will be held Thursday, March 22, and the High School Invitational Meet will follow on Friday, March 23.

A meeting will be held on March 19 at 7 p.m. in the THS field house for anyone who would like to assist in working at the track meets. For more information, contact Athletic Director Drew Stone at 561-4538.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

High School Track

By Nick House

Tahoka Track teams ran at the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder on March 3.

In the **JV Boys** division, Seth Hawthorne received 3rd place, 32'7" in triple jump; David Spruiell, 76'8", 5th place and Ridge Hall 6th place, 74'7" in Discus; Raymond Hernandez, 2nd place 400m Run. The 1600 Meter Relay placed 3rd.

In the **Varsity Boys**, Ja-Vaen Tillman placed 1st in Triple Jump, 42'7";

Shon Overton placed 5th in 800 Meter Dash.

Lance Murphy placed 5th and Xavier Zamarron placed 6th in the 400 Meter Dash

The 400 Meter Relay and 800 Meter relay placed 2nd.

The 1600m relay came in 1st.

The **Varsity Girls** were also well represented, placing 3rd as a team, with the following results: Samantha Pridmore placed 2nd in high jump, Bailey Hall 2nd place and M. Hall, 5th place long jump.

Kyra Helm placed 3rd and Haley Hall placed 7th in triple jump

Sylvana Hernandez placed 6th and Monica Morales placed 7th in Discus.

B. Hall placed 2nd in 200M Dash, Corlee Green placed 3rd and Nadine Aguirre placed 6th in 400M Dash.

M. Hall placed 3rd in 800M Run, and 2nd in 3200M Run.

Pridmore placed 4th in 300M Hurdles.

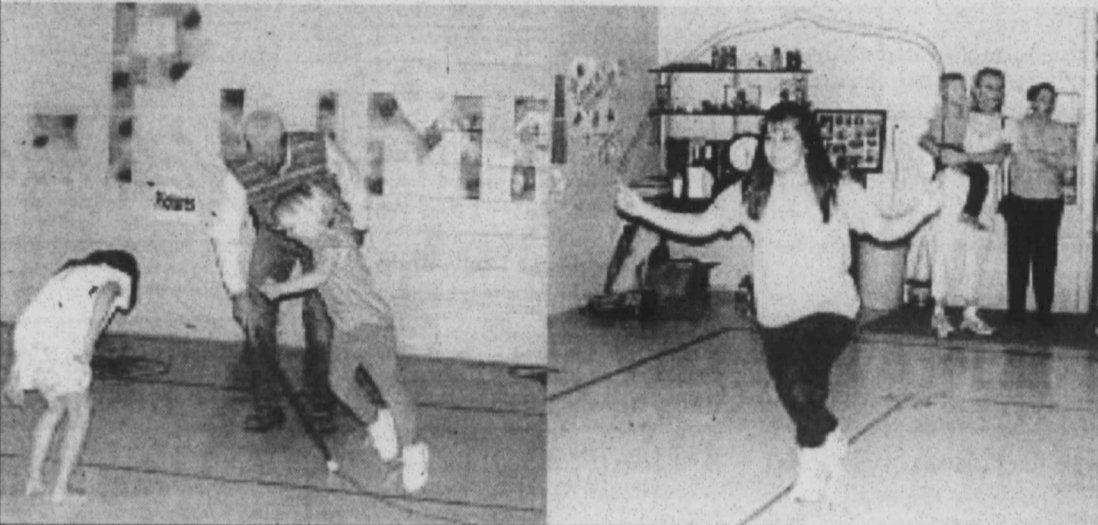
The 4x100M Relay team came in 3rd, the 4x200M Relay team and 4x400M Relay team came in 2nd.

The **Varsity Girls** also ran in the Munday Relays on Feb. 24, placing 5th overall.

The 4x100M Relay and 4X200 Relay came in 4th. The Girls 1200 Sprint Medley came in 2nd. Monica Morales placed 7th in Shot Put and 6th in Discus.



Jump Rope for Heart ... Wilson Elementary School hosted the Jump Rope for Heart Fair on February 27. The elementary students raised \$805 for the association. Parents and students attended the hour and a half long event, participating in jump rope tricks, Double Dutch, speed racing, pictures and Jump the River. Money raised by the event will go to fund potentially lifesaving research into heart and blood vessel diseases and educational and community programs. "We want to send out a big thank you to the Wilson community for all of your support and participation in this fun-filled family event," said Stefanie McAliley, Physical Education Coordinator at Wilson ISD.



Linedancers ... These energetic ladies from Hodges Community Center and Highland Hospital in Lubbock visited Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center Tuesday afternoon, performing a linedance routine for the residents there. Members of the group include instructor Lyniece Hill, Martha Whitson, Nell Hays, Alma Myers, Myrna Pyke and Oli Ott, all from Lubbock.

A Gift to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEMORIAL PROGRAM strikes a blow against cancer

Ag Texas FCS Returns \$3.23 Million To Customers

Ag Texas Farm Credit Services (FCS), a Lubbock-based rural financing cooperative, will return \$3.23 million in cash patronage and allocated equity to its customer-stockholders over the next four months.

The distribution will be composed of \$1.55 million in cash patronage based on the co-op's 2006 earnings, to be paid in late February, and \$1.68 million in 1998 allocated equities, to be distributed in June.

"The Ag Texas board and staff are extremely pleased to be able to return a record sum to our customers this year," said Mitchell Harris, Ag Texas FCS chief executive officer. "As a cooperative, we are committed to sharing our success with our customers. They are the owners of the association, so they should benefit when we do well."

The patronage payment will effectively reduce the interest rate that customers paid in 2006 by an average of 0.57 percent, while the distribution of allocated equity will have the effect of lowering borrowers' interest rates by an average of 0.62 percent.

The distributions highlighted the strong 2006 year-end financial results that Ag Texas FCS posted recently. The lending association closed \$118 million in new loans during the year and reported net income exceeding \$4.3 million for 2006.

Ag Texas FCS provides financing to more than 2,500 farmers, ranchers, agribusiness firms, country homeowners and other rural landowners in Central and West Texas. The lender has offices in Brownfield, Comanche, Corsicana, Eastland, Fort Worth, Hillsboro, Levelland, Lubbock, Ralls,

Seminole, Stephenville and Tahoka.

Ag Texas is a part of the \$163-billion nationwide Farm Credit System.

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Green Memorial Park Cemetery

Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual DONATION DRIVE during the month of March.

Funds may be deposited directly to Wilson State Bank or mail to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

The board of directors, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Curtis Gickhorn, Dennis Moore, and Curtis Wilke, would like to thank each of you for your past contributions as they continue to make the cemetery neat and attractive.

FISH DAY

- 4"-6" Catfish = \$33 per 100
- 6"-8" Catfish = \$49 per 100
- 8"-11" Catfish = \$89 per 100

Crappie, Bass, Hybrid Blue Gill, Straight Blue Gill, Red Ear Brim, Minnows, and Sunperch

DELIVERY DATES: Thursday, March 15 • in Post • 12 noon-1 p.m. Mason Farm & Ranch • 806-495-2776

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1941 County Stock Show Brought Smaller Cash Prizes

Stock shows bring cash prizes to youth who show steers, lambs, goats and pigs. But in 1941, the cash prizes were significantly lower than today's standards, although the youth probably worked as hard - or harder - to prepare their animals for the annual county stock show.

Lynn County News reader Jerry Steen of Wilson brought by a copy of the Wilson Mustang News, published by the senior class of Wilson High School on April 1, 1941, that listed the results of Wilson youth in the 1941 Lynn County Stock Show, including the cash prizes they received.

The story is reprinted here: **Lynn County Stock Show**

The FFA boys attended the Lynn County 4-H Club-FFA Stock Show Wednesday, March 19 (1941) with a very good record. The livestock consisted of fat lambs, fat calves, fat barrows, gilts, and brood sows, with \$220 contributed by the Tahoka business men as prizes and ribbons. Both money and ribbons were given over the first ten places in each class.

The winners from Wilson included:

Fat Lambs: First place, Robert Mock, \$7.50; Second Place, Ray Cook, \$6.00; Third place, Carlton Schaffner, \$5.00; Fourth Place, Bob Corley, \$4.00; Fifth place, Alton McKinney, \$3.00; Sixth place, Ray Cook, \$2.00; Seventh place, Alton, \$1.00; Eighth place, Ray Cook, \$1.00; Ninth place, Billy Joe Bartlett, \$1.00; Tenth place, Royce Hemmeline, \$1.00.

Gilts: First place, David Evans, \$7.50; Tenth place, Rayburn Hahn, \$1.00.

Fat Barrows: Fourth Place, Melton Bruster, \$5.00; Fifth place, Melton Bruster, \$4.00; Eighth place, Melton Bruster, \$1.00.

Fat Calves: Fourth place, Deryl Moore, \$10.00.

Sows: First place, David Evans, \$7.50; Fifth place, Neil White, \$3.00.

The above winnings total \$70.50, and competition was with the New Home and Tahoka FFA boys and the 4-H clubs from all the communities in the county. This gives the Wilson boys a better than a pro-rata share of the "pot." And they won the \$70.50 with animals that carry less premiums than cattle, save one fat calf that Deryl Moore had. The cattle carry prizes as high as \$25.

The above is a good record for Mr. Grist and his boys this year. ***

First Wilson Stock Show Held March 21

On Friday, March 21 (1941) the Wilson FFA had its first stock show, in the bus barn.

Lubbock Meat Show

The annual Meat Show ended at Lubbock Wednesday, March 25 (1941) and the Wilson boys brought back the following prizes:

Pigs: Champion Berkshire, Troy Bruster; First place light weight Berkshire pig, Melton Bruster; Second place light weight Berkshire pig, Melton Bruster; Third place heavy weight Berkshire, Melton Bruster.

Lambs: Second place, mutton, Bob Corley; Tenth place, mutton, Ray Cook; Fifth place, fine wool, Charles Cade; Sixth place, fine wool, Dick Cade; Seventh place, fine wool, Dick Cade.

Alton McKinney placed second in the group of 5 fat muttons, and Ray Cook placed third.

The Lynn County group of 15 placed first as a county group with 13 Wilson and 2 Tahoka lambs competing.

The only calf from Wilson was fed by Deryl Moore, and it placed 17th among 89 calves that were left in the show after sifting out 84.

The Wilson boys showed 33 lambs, 12 pigs, and 1 calf. There were 173 calves, 244 lambs and 260 pigs in the show.

In the sale Wednesday the calf sold for 14-1/2 cents, and was bought by Standard Milling Company, Lubbock.

The lambs averaged 11.35 cents per pound and the pigs 14 cents.

The Bruster boys wish to thank Mr. A.D. Wenzel for his special prize of \$2.50, they say, for the Champion Berkshire pig of the show.

State Expenditures Made Public

Comptroller Susan Combs has posted detailed expenditure lists for eight state agencies on the Web site, enabling Texans to easily see how their tax dollars are being spent. Making state expenditures public is part of the Comptroller's initiative to make state government more transparent.

"As the window on state government, the Comptroller's office can't have the blinds pulled down," Combs said. "During my first week as Comptroller, I began posting my agency's expenditures online, right down to pencils, and I asked other state agencies to join us."

In addition to the Comptroller's office, expenditures by the following agencies are posted at www.window.state.tx.us: Texas Education Agency, Texas Workforce Commission, Health and Human Services Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Department of State Health Services.

Not all state agencies currently have an automated system necessary to report their expenditures to the Comptroller's Web site. The Comptroller is developing a plan to put more agencies' expenditures online.

"This is a first for Texas," Combs said. "We're setting a new standard of transparency and accountability in state spending. It's the taxpayers' money, and the taxpayers deserve to know whether their money is being spent in a responsible manner."

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Bluebonnet 5th graders ... These Tahoka 5th graders were Bluebonnet Award winners, reading 5 of 20 books written by Texas authors. They volunteered to read and cast a vote on their favorite book, along with students throughout the state. Shown are David Castaneda, Gino Arriazola, Jonathan Alvarez, AJ Rohlfis, Alex Rodriguez, Cort Fisher, Erynn Harris, Crista Stanley, Abigail Santos, Gabriella Pando, Selena Tello and Kaitlyn Lehman, Kirstin Stice, Madison Lockaby, McKenzie Dimak, Kristal DeVine. Not pictured, Colton Taylor.



Bluebonnet 6th graders ... These Tahoka 6th graders were Bluebonnet Award winners, volunteering to read 5 of 20 books written by Texas authors, and voting on their favorite book, along with students throughout Texas. Shown are Luke Hawthorne, Alex Hinds, Efrain Ramirez, Smith McLelland, Levi Hawthorne, Syrel Tillman, Keaton Stice, Brandon Proctor, Justyn Williams and Marcus Gonzales, Samantha Antuna, Kayla Hall, Jori Chapa, and Damien Montez, Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, Janel Arriaga, Madylin DeLeon. Not pictured, Swade Hammonds.

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Middle School Track

By Sarah Calvillo

Middle School track teams competed in the Plains Junior High Re-lays on Feb. 22. The 8th grade girls team placed 1st, and the 7th grade girls team placed 2nd. The 8th grade boys team placed 4th, and the 7th grade boys placed 3rd.

8th grade girls results:
The girls' 4x100 Meter relay placed 1st overall.
The girls' 4x200 meter relay placed 2nd.
The 4x400 meter relay placed 3rd. Amber Zigler placed 1st and Nikki Box placed 4th in the girls 800 meter run. Kenzie Angeley placed 1st in the 100 meter dash. Danielle Wilborn placed 2nd and Lacy Devine placed 4th.
Kalee Wuensche placed 1st in the 400 meter dash. Kaitlyn Reno placed 3rd and Morgan Lockaby placed 4th.
Taryn Bishop placed 1st and Box placed 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles. Brittani Ford placed 2nd. Lacy Devine placed 3rd and Sabrina Moralez placed 5th in the 200 meter dash.
Bishop placed 3rd. Monica Strickland placed 5th and Kadi Larpen-ter placed 6th in the 1600 meter run.
Wuensche placed 1st and Lacy Devine placed 3rd in high jump.
B. Ford placed 3rd and Bishop placed 4th in long jump.
Moralez placed 1st and Lockaby placed 2nd in Discus.
Wuensche placed 1st. T. Ford placed 2nd and B. Ford placed 3rd in triple jump.

7th grade girls results:

The 4x100 meter relay team placed 1st.
The 4x200 meter relay placed 1st.
The 4x400 meter relay placed 2nd.
Kayla Long placed 1st, Jessica Moran placed 4th and Nancy Munoz placed 9th in the 100 meter dash.
Stormee Martin placed 4th. Gretchen Henley placed 6th and Ariana Monsivas placed 7th in the 400 meter dash.
McKenzie Smallin placed 2nd.
Morin placed 4th and April Lam placed 6th in the 200 meter dash.
Isabell Resendez placed 4th and Hannah Thomas placed 6th in the 1600 meter run.
Smallin placed 4th and Lam placed 5th in high jump.
Susie Lara placed 3rd, Long placed 5th and Smallin placed 6th in long jump.
Munoz placed 1st. Gretchen Henley placed 4th and Monsivas placed 6th in discus. Breanna Campbell placed 4th in shot put.
Long placed 1st, Martin placed 2nd and Lam placed 3rd in Triple Jump.

8th grad boys results:
The 4x100 relay team placed 2nd.
The 4x200 meter relay placed 2nd.
The 4x400 meter relay placed 4th.
Joel Lowdermilk placed 3rd in the 800 meter run.
Jac Calvillo placed 3rd, Kyrin Lawson placed 9th and Alex Webster placed 11th in the 100-meter dash.
Nick Aguirre placed 4th in the 400-meter dash. Tanner Hall placed 7th in the 300-meter hurdles.

Taylor Abel placed 3rd and Kyle Reno placed 16th in the 200-meter dash. Sabino Perez placed 2nd in the 1600 meter run.

7th grade boys results:
The 4x100 meter relay placed 3rd.
The 4x200 meter relay placed 2nd.
The 4x400 meter relay placed 1st.
Zach Garcia placed 2nd and Cheketa Parker placed 6th in the 800 meter run.
Kyle Hall placed 4th in the 110 hurdles.

Traivone Smith placed 11th. John Deleon placed 13th and Jonathon Morin placed 16th in the 100-meter dash.
Ian Zammaron placed 2nd. Bryan Pena placed 7th and Kyndle Nance placed 10th in the 400-meter dash.
Andy Hinds placed 2nd. Chance Cook placed 11th and Byron Callahan placed 12th in the 200-meter dash.
Tino Deleon placed 3rd. Zach Garcia placed 5th and Justin Forsythe placed 6th in the 1600-meter run.
Zammaron placed 4th and J. Deleon placed 7th in long jump.

Varsity Baseball

By Josh Freitag

The Bulldog baseball team battled the Floydada Whirlwinds on February 20th here in Tahoka. The score was tied 8-8 when the time limit ran out. After one extra inning of play the Dogs lost 9-22.
The Dogs played the Ralls Jack-rabbits on Tuesday, February 27th in Ralls. Tahoka's bats never really got rolling as they lost in five innings 2-14. Daniel Baker hit a home run in the 4th inning to knock in Brandon Tomlinson for the Bulldogs' two runs.
Ernest Gomez started the game pitching and had 2 strikeouts. Kyle Larpen-ter came in during the 3rd and got 1 strikeout. Josh Freitag came in for the final out of the 3rd inning and remained in for the rest of the game recording 4 strikeouts.

Varsity Softball

By D'Maris Murillo

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Snyder for the Snyder Invitational Tournament March 1-2. The team competed against Levelland, Seminole, Alpine, Greenwood, and Monohans.
On March 1st the team played Levelland and lost 0-13. D'Maris Murillo pitched four innings with two strike outs. Following that day the Lady Bulldogs played against Seminole and lost 3-7. Cori Vega and Kyra Murillo both had two hits each. Whitlee Anderson, Sarah Zuniga, and D. Murillo all had one hit each. D. Murillo pitched four innings with four strike outs.
On March 2 the Lady Bulldogs started their day by facing Alpine and losing 0-4. K. Murillo and Anderson both had one hit. D.

Murillo pitched six innings and had two strike outs.
Greenwood followed, and the team lost 0-2. Zuniga had two hits, and K. Murillo had one hit. D. Murillo pitched five innings and had five strike outs. Finishing the day the Lady Bulldogs played against Monohans and lost 0-12. D. Murillo had one hit. D. Murillo pitched four innings and had two strikeouts.

The Varsity Softball team traveled to Littlefield February 22 for the Littlefield Tournament. The team played against Abernathy and Muleshoe.
Starting the day against Abernathy the Lady Bulldogs lost 11-19. Getting big hits were D. Murillo, and K. Murillo with three hits each. Vega and Brooke Inklebarger with two hits each.

Also getting hits were Zuniga and Amanda Truelove with one hit each. K. Murillo pitched six inning and had three strikeouts.
After Abernathy the team played Muleshoe and lost 6-19. Bringing the sticks around were D. Murillo with two hits. Bailey Hall, Vega, Zuniga, K. Murillo, and Brooke Inklebarger each hit one. K. Murillo pitched five innings and had four strikeout.

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