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County Government Week

Lynn County will be among the 254 counties of Texas participating in County Government Week, April 22-28. County officials invite all citizens to visit the county offices.

TISD REMINDER

TISD reminds parents that April 27 will be a regular school day.

Due to cancellation of classes earlier in the year, the bad weather day scheduled for Friday, April 27 will be a regular school day.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr. 11	68	38	
Apr. 12	78	39	
Apr. 13	72	47	
Apr. 14	58	36	
Apr. 15	74	36	
Apr. 16	70	37	
Apr. 17	68	43	0.10"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.31"
Total Precipitation Mar.:			4.22"
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.36"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			1.39"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			6.28"

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Good crowd at the Fun & Food Festival ... Lots of people attended the Fun & Food Festival on Saturday evening, benefitting Lynn County Hospital District. The fish fry and other concession items, silent auction, and live auction raised more than \$20,000 at the 27th annual event, sponsored this year by the Tahoka Rotary Club. A final tally of funds raised was not available as of press time Wednesday, but Rotary members and hospital staff were pleased with the community's support of the event. (LCN PHOTO by Vendell Elliott)

TTU Names Carletta Renfro Outstanding Math Teacher

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District administrators have always strived to provide the best teaching staff to educate the students of Tahoka. Last week an internationally renowned specialist in mathematical analysis let TISD officials know that they had chosen well when they hired Mrs. Carletta Renfro to teach math at Tahoka High School.

Mrs. Renfro was honored at the 2007 Texas Tech University Mathematics Awards banquet as an "Outstanding Public High School Teacher" last Tuesday, April 10. Presenting the award was Dr. Roger W. Barnard, a TTU professor who established the award in honor of his high school math teacher, Helen I. Medley.

Dr. Barnard has a broad international experience in both teaching and research and has held numerous visiting professor positions in several countries. He formed a committee of mathematics professors at TTU to consider applicants for the award, inviting principals, teachers and students to nominate outstanding teachers from within a

150-mile radius of Texas Tech University. Nominations from approximately 200 schools were submitted for this award.

After reviewing the nominations, six finalists were chosen and Dr. Barnard and another committee member, Dr. Brock Williams, visited the campuses of the finalists to sit in on classroom sessions to watch them teach, and also visited with current and former students who had studied with the nominees.

"They came and sat in on one of my classes on the last Friday in March, which happened to be my TAKS class to prepare students for the TAKS test," said Mrs. Renfro, who also teaches calculus and geometry at Tahoka High School. "Then they asked to visit with the students, so I left the classroom—and this is one of my classes where I have some students that I never know what they might say," she added with a smile.

At the TTU awards banquet, Dr. Barnard repeated some of the students' comments, bringing another smile to

(See *Outstanding Teacher*, page 2)



Outstanding Teachers ... Tahoka High School math teacher Carletta Renfro (front left) and Julie Wyrick (right), a Lubbock High School teacher, were honored as Outstanding Public High School Teachers at the Texas Tech University Mathematics awards banquet recently. Presenting the awards were, in back from left, Dr. Carl Sequist, Dr. Roger Barnard, and Dr. Brock Williams.

Burglary, Traffic Accident, Thefts Of Guns Reported

A minor traffic accident, thefts of guns and other items, an attempted burglary and domestic violence incidents kept peace officers busy during the last week.

The door and facing of a storage barn and shop owned by James Cloe were damaged Saturday when someone attempted to break into the building in the 800-block of Ave. J. Damage was estimated at \$700, and police were given the name of a suspect.

A 20-gauge Mossberg shotgun, a 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun and a

Remington .243 rifle were stolen in a recent burglary of the home of Kent Porter on Ave. J in Tahoka. The owner told police the guns, valued at a total of \$1,500, were found to be missing on April 8.

On April 18, James Wesley Bingham told police a .45 caliber Springfield pistol was missing from his home. The pistol, valued at \$700, is believed to have been stolen on April 11. Investigation was continuing.

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MANY older persons refuse to have their monthly social security payments deposited into their bank accounts, preferring to actually get the checks in their own hands and then cashing them (or losing them, or taking them to Ruidoso). There's nothing wrong with wanting the checks put into your mail and in your hands, except it increases the risk that someone could steal your money.

A recent survey showed that 57,000 signatures were forged on U.S. Treasury-issued checks last year, resulting in the loss of about \$54 million to people who should have received the money. The survey claimed that during the same period, problems with direct-deposit payments were "negligible." Granted, that may be government-speak for "Okay, there are a few problems out there."

I have always used direct deposit; I'm less tempted to go blow it all at once, as I might if I had the check in my hand. Besides, years ago, I got tired of having to do what comedian Red Skelton used to claim he did, saying "I took my pay check down to the bank today, because it was too little to go by itself."

On the other hand, even if I got my checks in the mail, I would not be too concerned with identity theft. I can't imagine that anybody really wants to be me.

TWO patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require hip surgery. The first patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following day. The second sees his family doctor after waiting three weeks for an appointment, then waits eight weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for a month from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The first is a Golden Retriever. The second is a senior citizen. Next time take me to a vet.

Outstanding Teacher ...

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Mrs. Reiff. "She said that they said things like, 'She's such an excellent teacher.' ... I don't know if that's true or not, but I know she's a great teacher."

Mrs. Reiff is a 20-year veteran teacher, having taught six years at Lufkin ISD and the last 14 years at Tahoka ISD. She is a graduate of Wayne State University, and grew up in Tahoka, TX, where she graduated from high school. The TTU award is not limited to Tahoka graduates.

She is an enthusiastic teacher, loving students, creative, learning, and offering her time to do what she can to help students succeed. She has been called her teacher a "home away from home" because they get such a particular homework problem, and will be contacted with her to work on a really good project. She Mrs. Reiff encourages.

"Sometimes they will call me and say 'I'm having trouble with this in the right direction. I want them to work, to see, but I give my home phone and call

them, numbers of all my children's numbers," she admits.

"I like to make things that are hard to do, but I don't do things with out the way, but you can do it by their faces when a teacher says it. ... I like to make things happen," said the teacher.

Usually, the TTU Award Department presents only one award to an outstanding teacher in the annual program, but this year two awards were presented.

"Dr. Bernal said this year there were two deserving teachers and they just couldn't narrow it down to one, so another teacher got the award," said Mrs. Reiff. The other teacher was Mike Wenzel, a teacher at Lufkin High School.

"We are very proud of Mrs. Reiff," said Troy Hinds, Tahoka High School Principal. "We have always known her as an outstanding teacher. But it is especially nice to know that other people think so. It is recognized by the Texas Tech multi-department and by some of the Bernal's experience is quite an honor. She is very deserving of this award," Hinds added.



9-1-1 Telecommunicators ... Answering the 9-1-1 phone calls in Lynn County are these Law Enforcement Center employees, from left in back, Eusebio Rosencio, Lina Diaz, Cheryl Estrada, Li Luis Vasquez, who is the Communications Supervisor; and in front, Misty Roberts, Felicia Vega, and Sandy Powell.

Telecommunicator Appreciation Week Celebrated April 8-14

Governor Rick Perry dedicated the week of April 8-14 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. The week honors the many telecommunicator professionals who aid in providing 9-1-1 emergency assistance to citizens. South Plains Association of Government recognizes the hard work and dedication of the call takers in its region to demonstrate.

In Lynn County, a staff of six runs the 9-1-1 telecommunication system at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center. Li Luis Vasquez is Communications Supervisor, and other staff members include Lina Diaz, Cheryl Estrada, Misty Roberts, Felicia Vega, and Sandy Powell. An appreciation luncheon was held at the law enforcement center Friday, April 13 in their honor.

"Our dispatchers are the amazing heroes in the sheriff's department," said Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin. "They are working 24/7 and always in the background getting the job done. We need to honor them for the great job they do. We added 'Every day, the citizens of

West Texas depend on the skill, expertise and commitment of public safety telecommunicators who help save countless lives by responding to emergency calls, dispatching emergency professionals and equipment, and providing moral support to distressed people. These critical services are difficult and stressful, by recognizing their first response and assistance we can honor the vital link these professionals provide to the public in times of crisis. Please support your local officials in thanking those who contribute their time to ensuring the public's interest in safety and competent emergency response," said a SPAG official.

SPAG recognized over 85 individuals in 12 counties for their tireless dedication as telecommunicators in the 9-1-1 emergency system.

Library to Show Movie Tonight

The City-County Library and First National Bank of Tahoka will present "Third Thursday Theater" tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Tahoka High School NHS members will be special volunteers.

The feature will be a Grated film based on the classic book by Anna Sewall about a black horse named Beauty, whose joyous and heartbreaking life takes him from idyllic country life to London's cobblestone streets.

Admission to the event is free; however, children under 10 must be accompanied by a guardian who is at least 13 years of age. Free soft drinks and popcorn will be served, and children are invited to bring pillows so that they may lie on the floor if they would like. Also, several copies of the book that inspired the movie will be given out as door prizes.

Hospital Views Plan Related To Billing On Indigent Care

Members of Lynn County Hospital's board of directors last Thursday night listened to a proposal which reportedly would aid in providing services for indigent care through the Upper Payment Limit program being developed and implemented throughout the state. The directors took no action on the proposal, presented by Brent Fuller of Lubbock, representing the accounting firm of Darbin and Co.

Jimmy Morris, administrator, told the board that the hospital has been in contact with several doctors in an effort to recruit additional physicians for the clinics.

Morris and some of the board members met Friday at noon with one of the candidates. Present for Thursday's meeting, held in the family din-

ing room at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center, were Fuller and board members, Billy Tomlinson, Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher, Jannis Horwood, Dalton Wood and Virginia Griffing. Absent was Jerry Ford.

Terms of Wood and Ms. Griffing are scheduled to expire in May and they did not seek reelection. However, according to Morris, the incumbents would continue to perform the duties of office until their successors are qualified and appointed by the board, per the so-called "hold-over" provision of Article XVI, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution.

He indicated that one or more such appointments could come at the May meeting.

Police ...

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Police arrested a 46-year-old Tahoka woman in relation to a domestic disturbance after the woman reportedly became abusive and violent when police were called to the scene last Saturday. The woman also was charged with resisting arrest.

Police also were called to another scene of domestic violence, and a third such incident was handled by sheriff's deputies. Police talked with a 43-year-old man accused of choking and dragging a 44-year-old woman last Thursday at a home in Tahoka.

On Saturday deputies were called to the scene of a domestic disturbance about six miles north of Tahoka, where a woman reportedly had been assaulted by her live-in male companion. The woman did not require treatment, and the man was gone when officers arrived. As of Wednesday the woman had not filed any charges.

On Thursday in the 1900-block of Ave. P in Tahoka a 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Ambrosio James DeLeon Jr., 20, struck a parked 2001 GMC Yukon owned by Jennie Forsythe of Tahoka. There were no injuries.

Police were advised Sunday that someone had stolen a black rubber bed mat from a pickup owned by Danny Dwayne Follis. The mat was valued at \$100.

Thirteen more inmates were added to the Lynn County jail population during the last week, bringing the total early this week to 50, including 27 held for Lynn County, 14 for Garza and others for Gaines, Dawson and Lubbock counties.

Jailed most recently were three persons for driving while license was invalid, two for driving while intoxicated, two for public intoxication and others for warrant from Lubbock, violation of protective order, failure to identify to a peace officer, resisting arrest plus disorderly conduct, warrant from Dawson County, parole violation and grand jury indictment for DWI second offense or more.



PFC DAVID G. HARGIS

David Hargis Is Marine Grad

PFC David G. Hargis graduated Platoon Honorman from the U.S. Marine Corp Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA on March 9, 2007. He graduated in the top seven of Hotel Company, consisting of over 350 Marines. David was also 1 of 2 recruits that either performed as squad leader or guide the entire time of boot camp training.

He is the son of Kim (White) and Doug Albrecht of Lubbock. He is the grandson of Don and Billie (White) Everett of Lubbock.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

- April 23-27
Breakfast
- Monday: Muffin
 - Tuesday: Donut
 - Wednesday: Blueberry Mini-Loaf
 - Thursday: Sausage Biscuit
 - Friday: Cinnamon Rolls
- Lunch
- Monday: BBQ Chicken, Mac and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread
 - Tuesday: Steak fingers, mash potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar
 - Wednesday: Chicken Fajita over rice, broccoli and cheese, corn, French bread stick, apricot fruit fluff
 - Thursday: Pizza, salad, banana, chocolate cake
 - Friday: Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup

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**Pre-Registration Set Tuesday
At Tahoka Elementary School**

Tahoka Elementary has scheduled Tuesday, April 24 as the pre-registration date for students entering the Headstart 3-year-old program, the 4-year-old pre-kindergarten program, and the 5-year-old kindergarten program for the 2007-08 school year.

Parents and children are invited to the elementary school cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. for the pre-registration process. Games and fun activities will be provided for the children while their parents fill out registration forms.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, updated immunization records, Social Security card, and for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs, proof of income.

"It is critical that everyone in the Tahoka school district

come to the pre-registration or call the Elementary office at 561-4350," said a school official.

Both the 3-year-old Head Start program and 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten programs are offered through a proof of income procedure. A student who is currently enrolled in the 3-year-old program at TISD must also register on Tuesday to reserve their place in the 4-year-old program.

The TISD kindergarten program is open to all children who are 5-years-old by Sept. 1, 2007. Students who are already in the current pre-kindergarten program do not have to attend this registration.

For more information, call the Tahoka Elementary office at 561-4350.



Yum, let's eat ... Kenzie Henry pulls her plate of fried fish closer to her, at Saturday's Fun/Food Festival held at the county show barn. She is the daughter of Donnie and Amy Henry of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

**THS Sending 13 To
Regional Track Events**

Six girls and seven boys from Tahoka High School are advancing the Regional Track Meet after placing in several events at the District Track Meet last week. The Regional event will be held April 27-28 at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

In the boys' competition, Heath Ross was District Champion in the Pole Vault competition. Jay Tillman is competing in four events, including the 100m dash, long jump, triple jump and the 4x100m Sprint Relay team. Also on the Sprint Relay team are Kyle Preston, Britt Wuensche and Lance Murphy. Ty Cloe will compete in the discus event, and Mitchell Chapa will run in the 400m dash.

Lady Bulldogs won several District championship titles, including Samantha Pridmore, who was District Champ in both the 300m hurdles and high jump events; Jeni Hammonds, who was the District pole vaulting champion; and Maegan Hall, District Champ in the 800m run. Hall will also be competing in the 3200m run at regionals; Sarah Draper will compete in the 100m hurdles; Haley Hall will

compete in the triple jump; and Bailey Hall will run in the 200m run.

**National Volunteer
Week is April 15-21**

The Points of Light Foundation has set the week of April 15-21 as National Volunteer Week.

One such program of volunteers is the South Plains Senior Companion Program. The program has volunteers (seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults) who work for 20 hours per week. The Companions worked 3,658 hours during 2006. To hire someone to do that would cost the clients or their families over \$66,026.

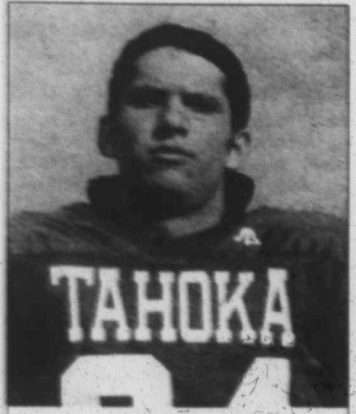
The Companions who are presently active in Lynn County are Belia Alvarado, Gloria Garza, Shirley Witt and Carlos Vega in Tahoka and Wilson.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded thru the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is thru South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services is received thru South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) the Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department on Aging (TDOA). The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by the volunteers. Several fund raisers are done each year to supplement the federal and state funds received.

**THS Announces
New Time For
Grad Ceremonies**

Tahoka High School has announced that graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. this year in the high school gymnasium on Friday, May 25.

**TAHOKA
SCHOOL NEWS**
by THS Journalism Students



MATT McLELLAND



JA-VAEN TILLMAN

**McLelland, Tillman
Invited To Red-Shirt
Football at WTAMU**

Tahoka High School seniors Matthew McLelland and Ja-Vaen Tillman received letters recently from the West Texas A&M University football program inviting them to become a red-shirt member of the Buffalo football team. As a red-shirt member, both will work out in practices, but will not be eligible to play for the Buffaloes until the following year.

The former Bulldog football standouts will graduate in May from Tahoka ISD, and plan to attend WTAMU in Canyon in the fall.

McLelland is the son of Frank and Jenni McLelland, and Tillman is the son of Clifford and Linda Oages.

**Varsity Baseball
By Josh Freitag**

The Bulldogs played the Idalou Wildcats here on Saturday, April 7. The Dogs remained close but fell apart again late in the game. After being up 5-4 through five innings, Tahoka gave up a five run 6th inning rally and lost the game 4-9. Brandon Tomlinson had two RBIs. Antonio Baker and Daniel Baker each had one RBI. Josh Freitag pitched the entire game for the Bulldogs and recorded nine strikeouts.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Dogs traveled to Post to challenge the Antelopes. The Antelopes scored early in the game and their bats never died down. A walk-off double in the 5th gave Post the win 1-11 over the Bulldogs. Freitag had one RBI for the Dogs. Ernest Gomez started on the mound and pitched the whole game. He threw one strikeout.

The Bulldogs hosted the Denver City Mustangs on Saturday, April 14. The Dogs jumped out to an early 5-1 lead but as the Mustangs began coming back, the game got intense. After yelling matches and an ejection of a Denver City player, both teams received warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct and were forced to calm down. The Bulldogs could not ever get the momentum back and ended up losing the game 5-11. D. Baker had two RBIs. Freitag pitched a complete game and had ten strikeouts for the Dogs.

Tahoka went to Roosevelt to play the Eagles on Monday, April 16. The Bulldogs were haunted all day by errors including one that scored the last Roosevelt run in the 6th. Tahoka lost 2-12. Jacob Stephens had one RBI for the Bulldogs. D. Baker started on the mound and pitched until Gomez came in during the 3rd.

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Care TO BE Aware
HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
by Monica Brown, RN, DON • Jeanie Stone, EMT-1, EMS Director

BICYCLE SAFETY

It's that time of year again. Kids are looking forward to riding their bicycles. Although riding is fun, it can also be dangerous. It is believed that every 6 hours a bicyclist is killed in the United States, so we want to ensure that our citizens especially the children are aware of safe ways to enjoy this past time.

Children need supervision when riding. It is recommended that young children only be allowed to ride in enclosed areas. Children under the age of 12 have not fully developed depth perception; therefore, they are not able to safely maneuver on public roadways.

It is important that bicyclists observe the following safety guidelines:

- Bicyclists should wear safety helmets. Nearly 75% of all serious bicycle injuries and deaths involve head injuries.
- It is recommended that bicyclists wear light colored/ reflective clothing at night or during

low visibility conditions.

- There should be reflectors on the frame and wheels of the bicycle.
- Children should ride bicycles that are size appropriate. They should be able to easily reach the ground, peddles, handle bars, and hand brakes.
- Bicycles should be regularly maintained. Check the air pressure in the tires, check the brakes and chain, adjust the seat to meet the needs of your growing child, replace broken reflectors.

The law requires riders to follow the same rules as motorists. Multiple bicyclists should ride single file with the traffic - not against it. Avoid major roadways, heavily traveled areas, poorly maintained sidewalks and roadways. Riders should verbally announce their presence when coming up behind pedestrians and other riders.

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Knox gives firemen new cooker ... Leighton Knox Jr. (right) presented the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department with a new cooker that he made at Wildcat Manufacturing, which the department initiated into use at the Fun/Food Festival to fry the catfish for the Fish Fry on Saturday evening. Department members had approached Knox about building a new cooker, but were surprised when he generously donated it to the department. Shown here with Knox are VFD members Clay Taylor, Shi Dotson and Shon Overton. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

Former Tahokan's Column, Tribute To Wife, Gets Top Writing Award from AP Editors

(Note: The following information was emailed to the Lynn County News, detailing an award-winning column written by Perry Flippin, a former Tahokan who writes a column for the San Angelo Standard-Times.)

SAN ANTONIO - Perry Flippin's tribute to his late wife, Ingrid, won first place in general column writing at the annual meeting March 31 of Texas Associated Press Managing Editors.

Flippin, a 1962 graduate of Tahoka High School, is editor emeritus of the San Angelo Standard-Times. He has been a newspaperman for 42 years, in five states from Washington, D.C., to Southern California. The Flippins were married for 38 years.

Mrs. Flippin, born in Germany's Rhine Valley, was diagnosed in September 2005 with terminal cancer. She died 14 months later, leaving her husband and daughter, Anne Flippin, a newspaper editor in Las Vegas, Nev.

Describing the winning entry, the Ohio judge said, "Perry Flippin tackles the column no matter how personally and profoundly painful. Not a filigree of ornamental description. Clear, pointed, even if painful."

Flippin has lived in San Angelo for eight years. His parents were the late Welch Flippin and the late Marian Draper Flippin, both of Tahoka.

Following is the Nov. 27, 2006 column that won first place:

Luck, love and goodbye - Husband grateful for 38-year journey

Perry Flippin, editor emeritus, pflippin@sastandardtimes.com Monday, November 27, 2006

Ingrid Flippin neared the end of a rugged 14-mile hike through Montana's Glacier National Park in August 1998, seven years before her terminal cancer was diagnosed.

Neither grizzly bears, rockslides, blisters nor sunstroke deterred her from enjoying nature's grand spectacle. Her 14-month battle with cloacogenic carcinoma ended in death on Nov. 19.

Ingrid didn't need anyone to tell her that The Monster had won, or that it soon would take her life.

Wearing a somber expression, the German doctor entered Ingrid's hospital room on Sept. 8, a week after I arrived in Germany to find my wife recovering from emergency surgery.

Trying to translate, I understood the gray-haired physician to say, "I'm very sorry, Frau Flippin, but there are no more medical options to treat your cancer. We will make you comfortable."

We sat silent as the words sank in. In a heartbeat, hopes of beating The Monster vanished. This would be the end, among well-meaning strangers whose words confound me.

Only intravenous fluid flowing from a plastic bag kept Ingrid alive. The Monster destroyed so much of her insides that she couldn't eat enough to survive.

In 2004, Ingrid was in perfect health. Yet at age 61, she signed a legal directive to physicians saying if she were ever hopelessly stricken, she wanted no artificial means to prolong her life.

Now, she quietly, stoically told the doctor to disconnect the IV and let nature take its course.

We said our goodbyes to 38 wonderful years of marriage. We reminisced about trips and friends and adventures. We cried a little.

Then we waited. With no nutrients, Ingrid began to fade. One morning I arrived to see her face as gray as plaster. She slept a lot. Said little. Ate nothing.

The end, I surmised, must be near. Our daughter, Anne, and I met the town's funeral director and made final arrangements — in our broken German.

On the eighth day of her fast, instead of dying, Ingrid rallied: "There is a chance you could get home to Texas," she surprised doctor told us.

"I'll take the chance," Ingrid

said, realizing such a project would require ambulances, special airline clearances, wheelchairs, IVs, catheters, ostomy bags and a truckload of willpower.

Homeland Security forbade an IV on the airliner.

Meanwhile, a steady stream of encouraging phone calls, e-mails, cards and letters from friends in San Angelo and elsewhere constantly reminded us that prayers on our behalf were being lifted daily. We aren't churchgoers, but we, too, prayed for a safe homecoming.

The Standard-Times generously excused me to attend to Ingrid in her twilight. Except for running errands, I stayed close as we promised each other long ago in that Gothic church on the hill — for better and for worse, in sickness and in health.

We meant it.

On Sept. 21 — exactly one year after Ingrid's cloacogenic carcinoma was diagnosed in San Angelo — we touched down at Mathis Field. Friends cheered the exhausted Ingrid as she was wheeled into the terminal.

Some people counted her return a miracle.

I gained a new respect for hospice. Also for homemakers. Even in grim hours, being Ingrid's caregiver was a privilege.

Amid familiar surroundings, kind neighbors and our mutt, Lupus, we sought a soft landing.

"I'm glad I took the chemotherapy," Ingrid told me one day. For six months, she endured regular visits to the hospital while battling nausea, baldness, exhaustion, depression and fear.

That treatment, she said, extended her life an extra year. Enough time to visit friends on the West Coast. To organize a small family reunion in San Angelo with German cousins who had never met. To reach her dying mother in Germany and dispose of the estate.

Ingrid accomplished much — creating a home filled with love; rearing a healthy, well-adjusted daughter; building friendships wherever we went. When my mother needed a home for 24 years, Ingrid took her in.

She loved nature and animals, always keeping at least one dog under foot. She loved art in all its expressions. And she loved politics — the kind that takes seriously the

OBITUARIES



JIM DRAGER

Jim Drager

Memorial services for Jimmy Wayne "Jim" Drager, 72 of Ponca City, OK and former resident of Tahoka, was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the First Assembly of God in Ponca City, with Pastor Doug Everaard officiating.

He died Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Shawn Manor Nursing Home. He was born April 27, 1934, to Ernest and Opal Drager in Tahoka, TX. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He married June O'Neal on August 27, 1952 in Pecos. He worked for Conoco where he was a geophysicist.

Survivors include his wife, June Drager of Ponca City, OK; one son Jay and wife, Nicki of Lubbock; two sisters Brenda Stephens and husband Don of Brownwood, and Sharon Drager of Florida; two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter and three step-great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Gerald Drager and sister Billie Riley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 1904 N. Union Suite 103, Ponca City, OK 74601.

concerns of ordinary people.

I shall miss her clear mind and pure heart.

She was the most interesting woman I ever met.

No woman made me happier to be alive.

We talked about her monster, and wondered why cancer strikes people who get regular checkups, eat right, exercise and avoid risky behavior.

We asked how a benevolent creator could subject us to such cruel curses as disease, poverty, ignorance and war.

We compared musical tastes — her Vivaldi, my Bob Wills. Her "Four Seasons," my "Right or Wrong."

We marveled at life's mysteries: How could a Fraulein from the Rhine and a Yellow Dawg from West Texas' High Baldies find happiness chasing newspaper dreams across five states from Virginia to California and ultimately the Concho Valley?

We never seemed to settle any issues, but what wonderful conversations we started. I suspect those talks will echo in my mind until the day my heart, too, stops.

On Nov. 19, Ingrid died. The Monster won.

I shall grieve Ingrid's loss someday, but not today. She gave me too many reasons to be grateful. Although our life together wasn't as long as we wanted, Ingrid knew she was all the world to me.

Even in her distress, she reminded me: "We were lucky."



BETTY JOLLY

Betty Ann Jolly

Funeral services for Betty Ann Hubbard Jolly, 70, of Tahoka, were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, with Rev. Jeff Bayley officiating. Interment followed in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Jolly passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born, October 31, 1936 in Dallas, Texas, to Dave Hubbard and Beulah Young. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1954. Betty married, Roy "Dob" Jolly on July 10, 1954 in Tahoka. She was a homemaker and worked for The Lynn County News for 29 years before retiring in 1996. Betty was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Dave and Beulah Hubbard, and brother Billy Dale Hubbard.

Survivors include her husband Dob, of Tahoka; a daughter, Shirley Ann Jolly of Tahoka; a son, Carlton Jolly and wife Yolanda of Post; one granddaughter, Kindra Jolly and husband Kody Ruthardt of New Braunfels, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Aspy and Ethan Ruthardt; and two sisters, Genay Jolly of Tahoka and Shirley Burkhalter of Carrollton, Texas.

Pallbearers were David Jolly, Jacky Jolly, Jimmy Jolly, Tim Jolly, Richard Burkhalter, and Kody Ruthardt.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

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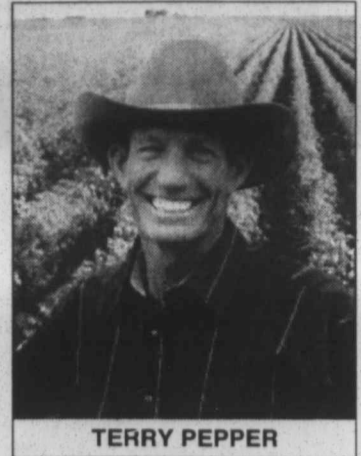
Monday: Polish sausage, cabbage, oven potatoes, cornbread, jal. cornbread, rice crispy squares

Tuesday: Liver and onions/hamburger steak, au-gratin potatoes, spinach, rolls, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday: Turkey and Dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, homemade rolls, giblet gravy pecan pie

Thursday: Steak fingers, homemade gravy, corn, salad, rolls, brownies w/ pecans and cool whip

Friday: Chicken strips, homemade gravy, mashed potatoes, pea salad, bread, cookies and apricots



TERRY PEPPER

Terry Pepper

Memorial services for Terry Pepper, 50 of Borden County, were held at 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Church of Christ in Lamesa with Mike Schneider, Mike Christensen and Jim Beck officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Sunday, April 15, 2007 at his residence. He was born November 19, 1956 in Bexar, Texas to Leslie Pepper and Betty Jean Verett Pepper, and was a 1975 graduate from Sabin, Texas. He received a degree from Abilene Christian University in 1979 and then moved to Borden County where he was an Organic Cotton Farmer. Pepper was a member of the Church of Christ. He married LaRhea Minter December 28, 1977 in Riverton, Wyoming.

Survivors include his wife LaRhea; his mother, Jean Pepper of Lubbock; two sons, Talin Minter Pepper and wife Amanda, and Lee Kendall Pepper and wife Ashley; one daughter, Kelly Strickland; three grandchildren; two brothers, Kelly and wife Lesa Pepper; and Carl and wife Debbie Pepper.

Memorials may be made to Wyoming Youth Camp at P.O. Box 447, Lander, Wyo. 82520.



IRENE BENAVIDES

Irene Benavides

Rosary for Irene Benavides, 54 of Slaton, was held Sunday, April 15 at 7 PM at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Slaton on Monday, April 16 at 10 AM with Father Martin Pina officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, April 12, 2007. She was born on November 30, 1952 in Hearne, Texas to Vidal and Maria Benavides. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. She moved to Slaton in 1987 from Tahoka.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a granddaughter, Crystal Gail Caballero on October 9, 2005.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond Moreno of Lubbock, Eric Moreno and Jesse both of Slaton; two daughters, Merna Avalos of Lubbock and Silvestra Avalos of Slaton; her boyfriend, Armondo Fernandez of Slaton; three sisters, Ines Flores of Tahoka, Martha Laureles of Slaton, and Victoria Benavides of Lubbock; six brothers, Jack Benavides and Joe Benavides both of Tahoka, Felix of Slaton, Jesse of Lubbock, Benito of Springfield, Tx., and Ascencio Benavides of Temple, Tx.; 23 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Memorials and donations made to the **Lynn County Pioneers** 1600 S. 3rd • P.O. Box 223 Tahoka, Tx 79373 will benefit our local senior citizens center.

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... to the Tahoka Rotary Club for committing to continue the Fun & Food Festival to benefit Lynn County Hospital District.

It was wonderful to see so many men, women and youth involved in volunteer work! Keep up the good work - it was worth the effort and time!

Volunteers are very special people. The LCHD Ladies Auxiliary dedicated themselves to 26 years of making a difference! Thank you to each one of these sweet, caring, giving, generous, unselfish ladies as well as their families for the many years of dedication.

Thank you to our Auctioneer, Emcees, Auction Spotters, Lynn County 4-H, Tahoka FFA, Phebe K. Warner Study Club, Tahoka Volunteer Firemen, Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts, Lynn County Hospital District Board and all the LCHD employees as well as every donor and buyer that made our Fun & Food Festival a success each year.

May our Lord continue to bless each one of you. It is with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude that I say, "Thank you, job well done!"

Betsy Pridmore
Retired President of LCHD Ladies Auxiliary

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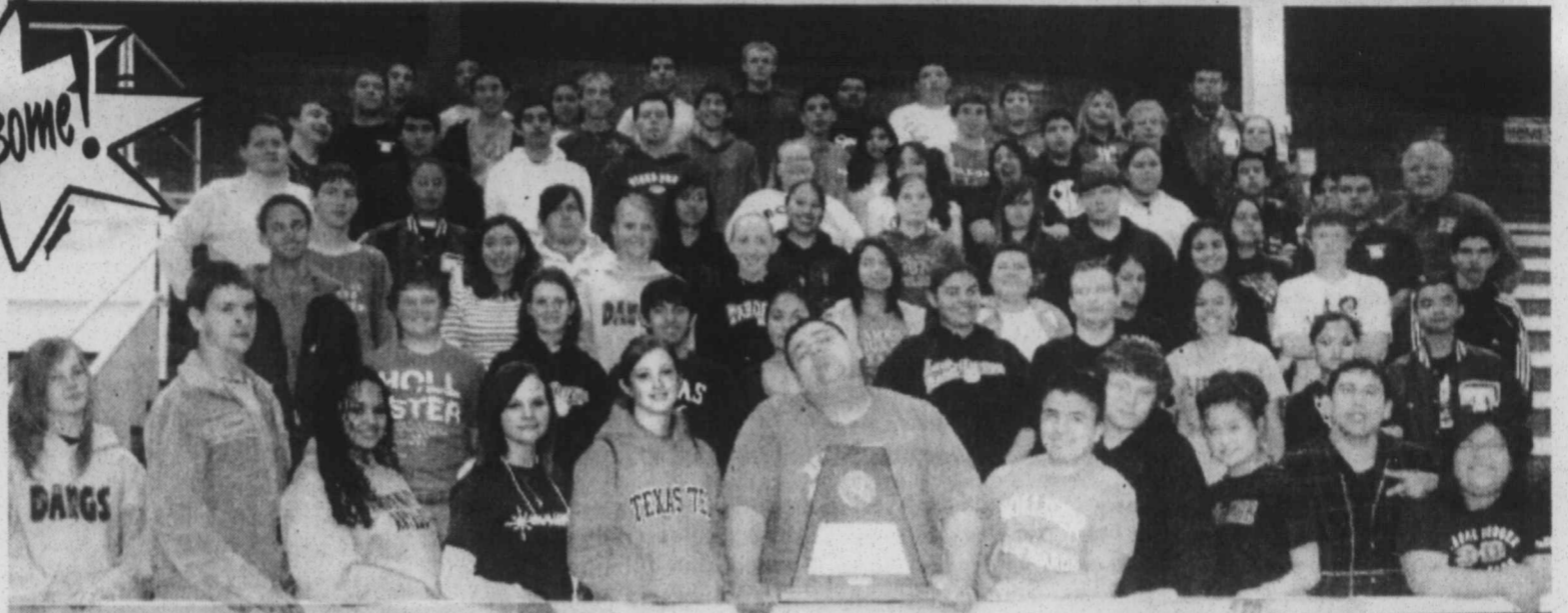
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- Britt Wuensche, Sprint Relay
- Jay Tillman, 100m Dash, Long Jump, Triple Jump & Sprint 4x100m Relay
- Lance Murphy, Sprint Relay
- Kyle Preston, Sprint Relay
- Ty Cloe (not pictured), Discus

BOYS TRACK COACH: Rocky Coates



GIRLS TRACK

THS Regional Qualifiers:

- Sarah Draper, 100m Hurdles
- Samantha Pridmore, District Champ in 300m Hurdles & High Jump
- Haley Hall, Triple Jump
- Bailey Hall, 200m Run
- Maegan Hall, District Champ in 800m Run, 3200m Run Qualifier
- Jeni Hammonds, District Champ in Pole Vault

GIRLS TRACK COACH: Katie Craft



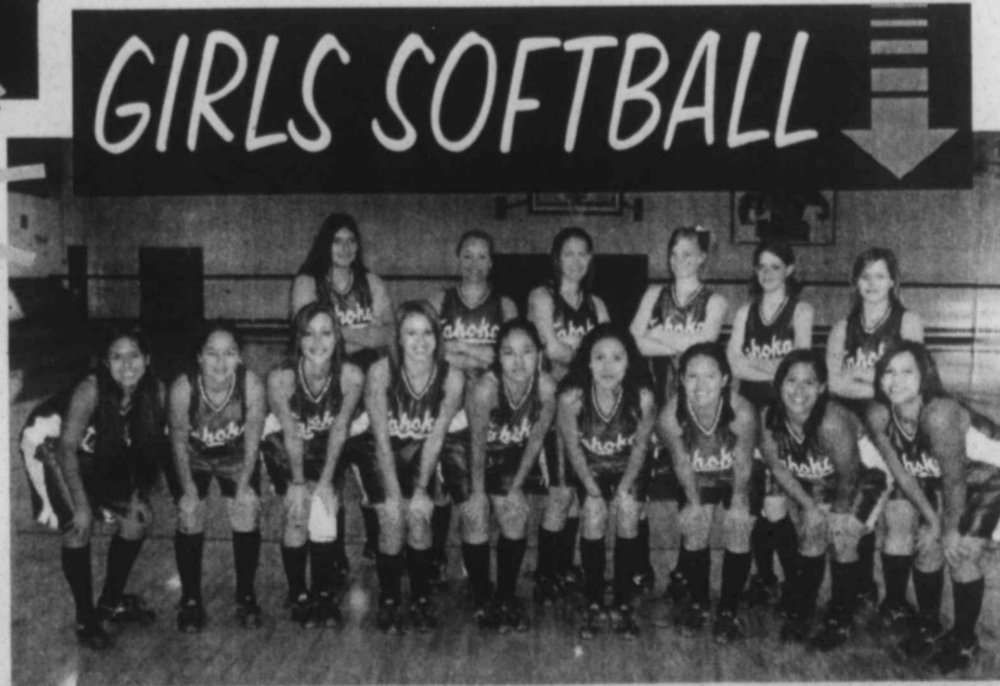
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Services for Terry Borden County, 10 p.m. Monday, Church of Christ Mike Schneider, and Jim Beck arrangements were in White Fu-Tahoka. Monday, April 15, 1979. He was born in 1956 in Leslie Pepper Verett Pepper, 5 graduate from He received a bilene Christian 1979 and then in County where organic Cotton was a member of hrist. He married December 28, n, Wyoming. nclude his wife ther, Jean Pepper wo sons, Talin ver and wife ee Kendall Pephley; one daugh- rickland; three ; two brothers, Lesa Pepper; and Debbie Pepper. may be made to th Camp at P.O. er, Wyo. 82520.

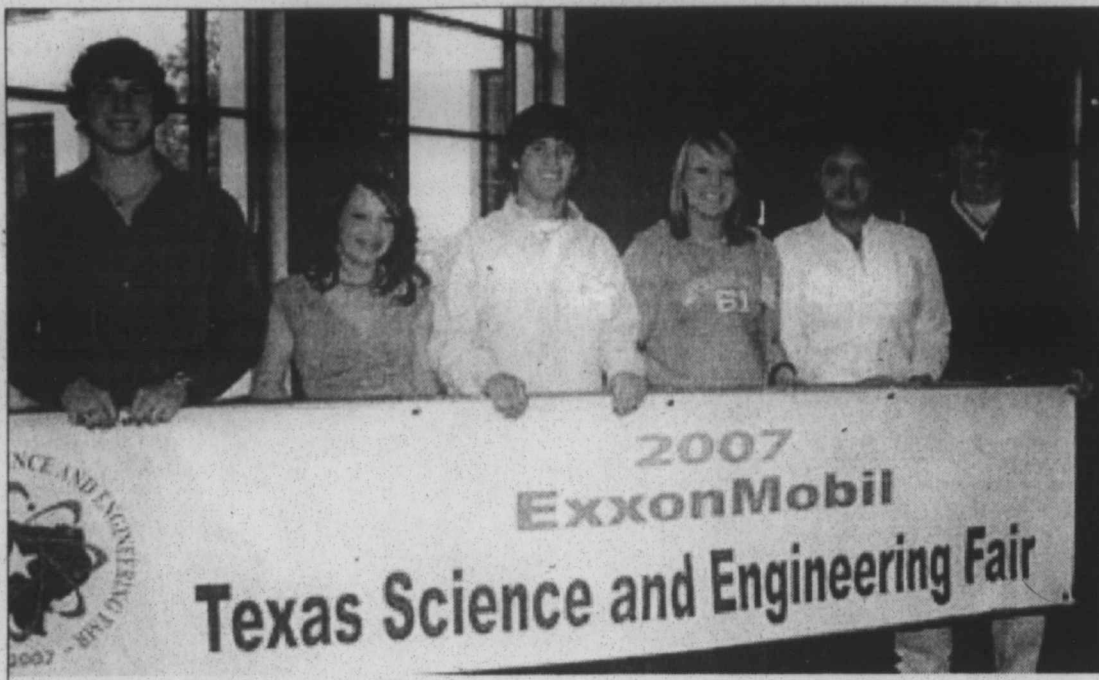
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State Scientists ... These O'Donnell High School students competed at the ExxonMobil Texas State Science Fair. They are, from left, Caleb Schneider, Bailey Brewer, Andy Miers, Lauren Botkin, Tabitha Escobedo, and Haden Popnoe. Caleb Schneider won Honorable Mention (4th Place) in Engineering; Andy Miers won Honorable Mention (4th Place) in Earth Science; and, Haden Popnoe won a special award from the U.S. Army. Popnoe was honored at a Mathematics Banquet at Texas Tech, where he was presented a cash award.

20 New Home Athletes To Compete In Area Track Meet

New Home High School athletes competed at the District Track meet held April 5 at Brownfield. New Home athletes did well, with the girls' team placing second overall and the boys' team coming in third. Twenty New Home athletes are advancing to the Area Track Meet.

District Meet results are as follows, with Area Qualifiers names printed in bold.

Lady Leopards: Tory Estrada, 1st in 3200M run and 3rd in the Mile and 1600M Relay; **Mallory Alvarado**, 2nd Shot Put; **Sarah Bygel**, 4th 400M Dash; **Sarah Usery**, 4th 200M Dash, 2nd 400M Relay, 2nd 800M Relay, and 3rd Triple Jump; **Jennifer Speckman**, 5th 3200M Run, 4th Mile; **Hailey Wilkinson**, 3rd 300M Hurdles, 2nd 800M Relay, 6th High Jump; **Rayley Palmer**, 2nd 800M Relay, 3rd 1600M Relay, 3rd Long Jump; **Maribel Mireles**, 2nd 400M Dash, 3rd 1600M Relay 2nd 400M Relay; **Whitney Decker**, 2nd 400M Relay; **Natalie Bruton**, 2nd 400M Relay and 800M Relay;

Allison Gibbins, 3rd 1600M Relay; **Nicole Taylor**, 1st 100M Dash, 200M Dash, and Long Jump; and **Mjikka Toscano** 3rd 100M Dash and 6th 200M Dash.

Leopards Team results: **Daniel Ford**, 3rd 3200M Run, 3rd Mile; **Adam Fiscal**, 5th 3200M Run, 5th Mile; **David Alvarado**, 1st 800M Run, 2nd Triple Jump, 3rd Long Jump; **Sterling Ford**, 2nd 800M Run, 6th Mile; **Zack Gibbins**, 6th 400M Relay; **Freddy Tello**, 6th 400M Relay, 4th 800M Relay;

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Kelvin Doggett, 6th 400M Relay, 4th 800M Relay; **Josh Nieman**, 6th 400M Relay, 4th 800M Relay, 1st 1600M Relay; **David Nevarez**, 4th 800M Relay, 1st 1600M Relay; **Tyler Nieman**, 1st 400M Dash, 1st 1600M Relay; **Chase Hiracheta**, 3rd 400M Dash, 1st 1600M Relay; **Trevor White**, 5th 110H Hurdles; **Kris Silva**, 4th 400M Relay, 5th 800M Relay, 5th 100M Dash, 2nd Triple Jump; **Damien Rodriguez**, 4th 400M Relay; **Josh Correa**, 4th 400M Relay, 5th 800M Relay, 3rd 200M Dash; and **Jacob Laseman** 5th 800M Run.

Various Production Agriculture Lease Agreements Impact DCP Participation

The Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Tahoka reminds agriculture producers that flexible and combination leases may alter the agreement terms of the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

"FSA rental regulations have been in effect for nearly 10 years, but recently have attracted interest due to the popularity of flexible or combination leases," said Rodney Schoppa at the local FSA office.

"These rental provisions are in place to protect both landlords and tenants, as well as to insure compliance with payment limitation rules."

The key determinant in terms of how FSA interprets producer lease agreements is whether the landlord shares in the production risk of the crop. Leases which are based on a share of the crop or proceeds are considered share leases and must be reported as such by the producer when signing up for DCP payments. In addition, producers must report shares on a field-by-field basis when certifying crop acreage.

Previously, most producers rented land for a specified cash rent fee only. Due to the recent

New Home SCHOOL MENU

April 23-27

Monday: Donut
Tuesday: Rice Krispy Bar
Wednesday: Griddlewich
Thursday: Honeybun
Friday: Biscuit

Lunch

Monday: Riblettes, lettuce/tomato, corn on the cob, pear cup
Tuesday: Deli sandwich bar, pickle spears, baby carrots, cucumber slices, orange wedges, chips, apples
Wednesday: Chicken and rice, carrot/cucumber, broccoli w/ cheese, rolls, mixed fruit
Thursday: Beefy nachos, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread
Friday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, French fries, pickle slices, cookie

spike in cash grain prices, many renters and landlords are becoming more creative in the way rent agreements are structured.

"While this is certainly acceptable, renters and landlords must have a clear agreement, and convey their rental terms to their local FSA office," said Schoppa.

If rent in a lease agreement is based on the amount of crop produced or the income derived from that crop (whether or not the crop is actually grown), or any combination of the two, it is a share lease and the landlord must receive a share of the DCP contract payment. This is because the landlord now shares the risk in the crop. The more bushels produced or the higher price received for that crop creates a higher rent.

Signup for the 2007 DCP is currently underway at all county FSA offices and continues through August 3, 2007. Additional information is available at county FSA offices.

For more information on DCP as well as flexible and combination leases, please contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 or visit: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Local 4-H Members Win at District 4-H Fashion Show

More than 80 4-H members from 20 counties participated in the 2007 District 4-H Fashion Show which was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock on Tuesday, April 10. Representing Lynn County were six young 4-H'ers who brought home several awards.

Coy Mercer, daughter of Joe and Kim Mercer of Tahoka, placed 2nd in the Junior Division - Buying Casual category. McKenzie Dimak, daughter of Scott and Rebecca Dimak of Tahoka, placed 3rd in the Junior Division - Buying Specialty category. Caley Bingham, daughter of Jim and Christy Bingham of Tahoka, participated in the Junior Division - Buying Dressy category. Maci Dimak, daughter of Scott and Rebecca Dimak, placed 3rd in the Junior Division - Embellished/Recycled category. Alison Quisenberry, daughter of Stephen and Amanda Quisenberry, placed 2nd in the Junior Division - Construction Specialty category. Nicole Taylor, daughter of Toby and Dana Taylor, placed 2nd in the Junior Division - Construction Casual category.

This year's theme at the show was "Fashion Is Blooming." Youth participants who enter the 4-H Fashion Show competition and modeling events have completed a 4-H clothing project, which is the equivalent of a 3-hour study of clothing and textiles, personal care and consumer buying. The purpose of the District 4-H Fashion Show is to showcase skills and knowledge learned from the 4-H clothing project where a panel of judges presents questions to each 4-H member about his or her garment that he or she constructed or purchased.

Anyone who is interested in having their child participate in 4-H and/or the 4-H clothing project should contact Texas Cooperative Extension - Lynn County for more information, 561-4562.

BULLDOG Booster Club News

Come out and support our Bulldogs! The 2006-2007 school year is fast approaching an end, but there is still a bit of Bulldog district baseball action remaining.

The following is a lineup of the events scheduled between April 19 and April 25:

- Bulldog varsity baseball team plays Slaton at HOME on Saturday, April 21, at 12noon.
- Bulldog varsity baseball team will be playing their final game of the regular season on Tuesday, April 24 in Idalou at 4:30pm.
- Athletic Booster Club meeting - Wednesday, April 25, at 8:30pm in the LRC.

The election of officers for 2007-2008 will be held at this meeting. All members, interested junior high and high school parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

Please get involved — we are about all of our junior high and high school Bulldog athletes!



Fashion Show ... These Lynn County 4-H members participated in the District 2 4-H Fashion Show last week, earning several awards. They are, in back from left, Caley Bingham, Nicole Taylor, and Alison Quisenberry; and in front, Coy Mercer, McKenzie Dimak, and Maci Dimak.

News from Planet NHS

Golfers Complete First Round in Style
By: Nate Willis

Sarah Bygel, Rebekah Bartley, and Nicole Taylor participated in the O'Donnell Invitational Golf Tournament held Monday, March 19, in Tahoka. Nicole shot a 101 and was 2nd overall, Sarah shot a 148, and Rebekah shot a 150. The girls teed it up again in the Sundown Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, March 26. Nicole shot a 96, Sarah 148 and Rebekah 150.

The men's golf team placed fourth out of nine teams in the O'Donnell Golf Tournament on Wednesday, March 21. The team consists of Nick Ramirez, Tanner Comey, who both shot a 92, Heath Link, 96, Daniel Ford 103, and Tyler Nieman 115. The guys' team hit the links next in the Sundown Tournament on Wednesday, March 28, placing second. Nick's 86 earned fourth place, and Tanner's 88 ranked sixth high individual. Other scores posted were: Daniel 91, Heath 95, Trevor 102, Jordan 103, and Tyler 122.

Monday, April 2, was the District Tournament at the Gaines County Golf Course in Seminole. The New Home boys team reigned as District Champions and advanced to regional on April 23-24. Members shot these rounds: Nick 87, Tanner 92, Heath 100, Daniel 101, and Tyler 125. Trevor and Jordan claimed individual medallist status, shooting 100 and 104 respectively.

The women's district outcomes: Nicole 100, Sarah 138 and Rebekah 154.

U.I.L. Competition Provides Regional Opportunities

On Thursday, March 29, Loop High School hosted the District Academic UIL Contests. Meghan O'Rourke placed 2nd in Ready Writing, making her regional qualifier. In Literary Criticism, Meghan won 4th place individual, which earned her the first regional alternate position. The Lit Crit team placed 2nd, becoming the regional alternate. Other team members include Mikaela Wallace, Kebbi Hutto and Sarah Clem.

Animal Judging Contests

New Home FFA students put their animal judging skills to the test at various colleges during the past few weeks. Starting out strong at Tarleton State university in Stephenville on Thursday, March 22, the livestock team took the first place title, competing with over 250 teams. Individual high rankings for team members were Trevor White 4th, Jordan Clem tied for 5th, and Corey Smith 9th out of approximately 950 students. The dairy cattle team, consisting of Sarah Clem, Kebbi Hutto, and Tanner Comey placed 25th. Brittany Holtz and Mark Overman represented the horse judging team in contest.

Two livestock teams and the wool team participated in judging contests at Texas Tech University on Thursday, March 29. One livestock team, Cody Cross, Jacob Laseman, and Heath Link, won 2nd place. The other livestock team, Trevor, Jordan, and Corey got 8th place. The wool team, Hailey Wilkinson, Allison Gibbins, Sarah Usery, and Natalie Bruton succeeded as 9th place winner.

At West Texas A&M in Canyon on Friday, March 30, the Dairy Cattle team placed 4th with Sarah C., Kebbi, Keely Nettles and Tanner. Kebbi placed 3rd high individual.

On Saturday, March 31, the livestock team won 5th at Clarendon College with Jordan, Trevor and Corey. The wool team earned 3rd place with Natalie as 4th high individual and Sarah U., 10th high. Other team members are Allison and Hailey.

Red Raider Day To Be Held April 21

T-Bar Country Club has set Saturday, April 21, as Red Raider Day.

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The family of Betty Jolly thanks you for all the prayers, visits, food, and flowers. Thanks to Freda Jeffcoat for the help and visits while Betty was in the hospital. Thanks to Rev. Jeff Bayley for the lovely service. It just fit our Betty. Thanks to Margaret Carter and Byron Norwood for the beautiful music. Tahoka is a great place to live.
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MERGER

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201 for consent to merge Wilson State Bank, Wilson, Texas, with and into Omni National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia. At the time of the merger, Wilson State Bank will have one office, located at 10000 North Central Expressway, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas. It is contemplated that the office of Wilson State Bank and the main office and branches of Omni National Bank will continue to operate after the merger.

Notice is also hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Omni National Bank to form an operating subsidiary. This operating subsidiary is being formed solely to facilitate the merger of Wilson State Bank with and into Omni National Bank, and will cease to exist upon the merger of Wilson State Bank into Omni National Bank.

These notices are published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on these applications by May 20, 2007, to Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Licensing Manager, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201.

The public file is available for inspection in the above district office of the Comptroller of the Currency during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensure.

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District Track... These Wilson High School athletes competed in the April 5th District Track Meet, winning several awards (see story). They are, in back from left, Felipe Ortega, Andres Martinez, Brandon Bassinger, Nathan Bassinger, and Wade Warren; and in front are Stacie Marquez and Xia Rios.

Mustangs Compete at District Track Meet

Wilson High School athletes competed at the District Track Meet on April 5, with the following results: JV Girls Team-2nd Place; Stacie Marquez-2nd place Shot Put, 2nd place Long Jump, 4th place 200m Dash, and 4th place Discus Throw...

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

April 23-27 Breakfast Monday: Donuts Tuesday: Sausage biscuit and gravy Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Sausage on a stick Friday: Pizza Lunch Monday: Hot dogs, chili and cheese, oven fries, fresh fruit, sherbert cup...

Wilson Bank Merger With First Bank Still On Track

By JUANWELL JONES

The pending merger between Wilson State Bank and First Bank & Trust in Lubbock is still on track, although a legal notice printed in this issue of The News may be confusing, stating that an application has been made for consent to merge Wilson State Bank into Omni National Bank of Atlanta, Georgia...

have built good relationships with their customers over many years - and banking is all about building relationships with people you know and trust. We want to keep and build on current relationships and develop new relationships throughout the community," Castro said.

Wilson VFD Hosts Fund Raiser

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will have a Fund Raising Dinner and Auction to be held on April 29, from 11:30-1:00 at the Wilson School Cafeteria. Cost for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

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To the Registered Voters of Tahoka Independent School District, Tahoka, Texas: (A las votantes registradas de Tahoka I.S.D., Tahoka, Texas) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2007, for voting in a general election to elect Board Trustees - Precinct 2.

Clean Up Day Set in Wilson

The City of Wilson is sponsoring "Clean Up Day" in Wilson this Saturday, April 21, and will provide dumpsters as a special collection site for the day. All citizens are encouraged to cooperate by cleaning up their property and bringing the collected items to the collection site at the water tower.

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION SCHOOL TRUSTEE)

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