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Good-bye 2007 ... It has become a tradition for The Lynn County News to provide a glimpse of the year past with photos taken from past issues of The News. If your picture was in the paper during 2007, you may find it again here, or inside where a full page of photos gives a glimpse of 2007. Thanks to the Tahoka High School yearbook class for putting these photo montages together.

Bale Count

12/26/2007

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	83,548
New Home Coop, Lakeview	46,273
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	*30,352
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 Tahoka	31,284
Wells Coop Gin	21,760
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	22,675
Grassland Coop Gin	12,697
Close City Gin, Post	10,950

TOTAL 259,539

* Same count as last week - no new information available at press time Wednesday

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 19	70	32	
Dec. 20	66	34	
Dec. 21	71	36	
Dec. 22	38	35	
Dec. 23	65	20	
Dec. 24	54	21	
Dec. 25	68	27	
Total Precipitation Dec:			1.09"
Total Precipitation Nov:			0.56"
Total Precipitation Oct:			0.09"
Total Precipitation Sept:			1.04"
Total Precipitation Aug:			3.15"
Total Precipitation July:			1.43"
Total Precipitation June:			3.38"
Total Precipitation May:			5.57"
Total Precipitation Apr:			1.15"
Total Precipitation Mar.:			4.22"
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.36"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			1.39"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			23.43"

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Kitchen renovation project continues to draw support of community at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church



Something new for the new kitchen ... The Downtown Bible Study Class, that meets at First National Bank of Tahoka on Sunday mornings, donated new cookware and utensils to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for their newly renovated kitchen. Class representatives Virginia Griffing (left) and Barbara Jaquess (right), presented the items to JoJo Lawson. Other members of the Downtown Bible Study Class are Bobby and Nancy Guilliams, Arlys and Christine Askew, Roy Riddle, Sam and Betsy Pridmore, Jerry Slover, Lenda Wood, Susan Teague, Bill and Rubeth Griffing, Milt and Dorothy Draper, Nancy Monk, Donnie Adams, Quaydene Caswell, and Jean Bell. The Pleasant Grove project is nearing completion, with the major appliances remaining to be placed in the kitchen.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Sheriff Files For Re-Election

Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin has filed for re-election for another four-year term. Franklin filed on Dec. 20, joining other local incumbents who had filed previously for other offices. Sherry Pearce, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, and Dgn Blair, Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 3, both filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket.

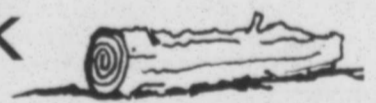
Two candidates have filed for District Attorney in the 106th Judicial Dis-

trict, which includes Lynn, Dawson, Gaines and Garza counties. Brian Kingston, an O'Donnell resident, and Sammy McCrary, a Lamesa resident, both filed on the Republican ticket.

Other local positions that will be on the ballot include Lyn County Attorney, and Precinct 1 Commissioner. Deadline to file is Jan. 2. Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will be held March 4, with the General Election set for Nov. 4, 2008.

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by dalton



THIS YEAR is winding down fast, and I'm not sure I have done everything I intended to in 2007. However, I can't remember exactly what all those things were. In October I lost my list of Things To Do, and so I haven't done anything since then.

I can hear some of the voices around the office saying things like "Since October? You haven't done anything since 1979!"

I remember trying to convince a few people years ago that when I appeared to be sitting around doing nothing in the office, I was thinking hard about all the things I needed to do, organizing in my mind how I would write a story or column, and considering all the details of publishing a newspaper. I never could sell that idea very well, although it actually was true most of the time.

I no longer have to worry about all those details, having turned most of it over to others, and it's a good thing, because my thinker, like some of my other parts, doesn't work as well as it once did.

Anyway, the year is about gone, and it's time to look forward to new and better days. I am optimistic that things will be better in 2008, although I do have a ruler on my desk which says that "CONFIDENCE is the feeling you have before you understand the situation."

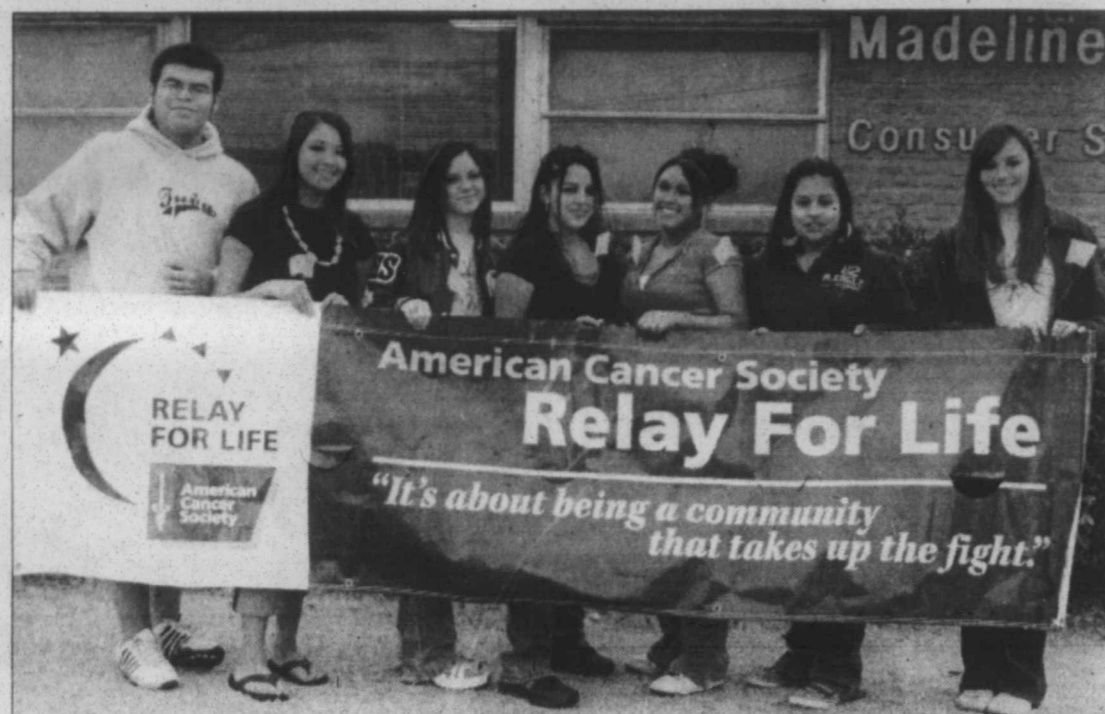
TWO CAJUN hunters get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt 'moose.' They bagged six.

As Boudreaux and Thibodeaux start loading the plane for the return trip, the Pilot says, "The plane can only take four of those." The two Cajuns object strongly. "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and all six are loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Boudreaux asks Thibodeaux, "Any idea where we are?"

"I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Thibodeaux.



Relay For Life Chairmen ... Committee Chairmen for the Tahoka Relay For Life include Billy Saldana (Logistics Chair), Sarah Calvillo (Luminaria Chair), Amy Barrera (Event & Entertainment Chair), Anissa Alvarado and Raquel Pesina (Sponsorship Chairs), Rebecca Pando (Advocacy Chair), and Kristin Box (Event Co-Chair, Team Coordinator, and Marketing Chair). Not pictured is Ryan Rios (Survivorship Chair). All are Tahoka High School students, who are working hard to prepare for the April 18 Relay For Life, to be held at the Tahoka football field. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Obituaries

Coughran Ketner

Graveside services for Coughran Ketner, 96, of Midland, were held Saturday, Dec. 22, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

He died Thursday, December 20, 2007. He was born November 1, 1912 in Tahoka, Texas to Joseph Edward Ketner and Ida Mae Coughran. Raised and educated in Tahoka, Coughran proudly served his country in WWII. He served through all European campaigns as Staff Sgt. of the Army Medical Corps. He was a member of The American Legion, VFW and a 32nd degree Mason with fifty years recognition. Coughran owned and operated Speedway



COUGHRAN KETNER

Food for twenty-one years. On December 28, 1942 he married the love of his life Merla Horton Ketner, in Clovis, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Merla.

Coughran is survived by his daughters, Retha Ketner Peterson, of Midland, and Patti Ketner Braue, of Irving; grandchildren, Shannon Foley and

husband Brian, of Cypress, Robyn LaForge and husband Justin, of Midland, and Ryan Peterson and wife Kelsie, of Boerne; great-grandchildren, James, Raleigh and Kaleigh LaForge, of Midland.

Honorary pallbearers were Brian Foley, Ryan Peterson, Justin LaForge, Tony Qutob, Bob Smith, Hyle Doss, Bill Roberts, Gary Rhea and Byron Jones.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials, in memory of Coughran, be directed to Children's Miracle Network re: James LaForge or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. To place on-line condolences please visit www.mem.com.

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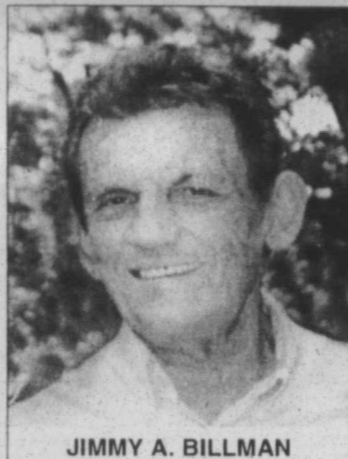
OBITUARIES

Gladys Jean Shaw

Services for Gladys Jean Shaw, 84, of Wilson, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in Englund's Chapel in Slaton, with burial in Wilson's Green Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw died Dec. 19, 2007. She was born Feb. 14, 1923 in Crosby County and graduated from Morton High School in 1940. She married Charles Shaw, Jr. on Feb. 17, 1943 in Maple. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2007.

Survivors include her daughters, Patsy Schneider of Wilson, Barbara Hutcheson and Betty Hunt, both of New Braunfels; brothers, Robert Flaniken and Raymond Flaniken, both of Round Rock, Mike Flaniken, of Bryan, Bill Flaniken of Calvert, Tex Flaniken, of Austin, and Joy Mentzel, of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



JIMMY A. BILLMAN

Jimmy Billman

Funeral services for Jimmy A. Billman, 59, of Gaylord, Michigan were held at the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord, MI on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.

He died Dec. 17, 2007 after a long battle with diabetes. He was born in Tahoka, Texas on Feb. 5, 1948. He was predeceased by his parents, Jim Bob and Anita Billman. He earned his degree in chemical engineering from the University of Houston and, in 1978, moved to Gaylord where he was the regional sales manager with Unichem International.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; his daughter, Rhiannon; and his son, Brady.

The family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Gift of Life or the charity of donor's choice, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734.

Condolences may be made online at the following website: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

Pray for our Nation



VYNOMMA CLARK

Vynomma Clark

Services for Vynomma Clark, 89, of Hale Center were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Wilson's Restlawn in Wolfforth, with Silas Short officiating.

She died Dec. 22, 2007, at Grace House in Lubbock. She was born March 16, 1918, in Richland Springs. She married Thomas Charles Clark on Dec. 20, 1940, in Post. He died March 24, 2004. She taught school for 23 years, and was a member of Church of Christ and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Survivors include a son, Tom and Miyong Clark of Leavenworth, Kan.; a daughter, Julie and Kenny Heathington of O'Donnell; four grandchildren; and a brother, James Parks of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorial be sent to Camp Blue Haven of the Hale Center Public Library.

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MARGARET WISEMAN

Margaret Sue Wiseman

Services for Margaret Sue Wiseman, 60, of Tahoka, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Burial followed in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died December 19, 2007 in Tahoka. She was born May 10, 1947 to Mary Jo and J.T. Miller in Cottle County, Texas. Margaret was raised in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1965. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Tech University. She was a life-long educator with a tireless devotion to her students and a great love for teaching. She taught at Jackson Elementary in Lubbock, TX and was teaching fifth grade at Tahoka Elementary at the time of her death. Margaret married Jim Wiseman on December 26, 1994.

Together they are the proud and loving parents of six children and seven grandchildren. Sons are Byron Norwood and wife Sandra of Tahoka; Daron Norwood and wife Kim of Baker, FL; Steve Wiseman and wife Michelle of Tahoka; and Donnie Wiseman and Robert Cook of Dallas. Daughters are Misti Arpai and husband James of Anchorage, Alaska and Jay Jay Wiseman and husband Brent of Lubbock.

Margaret lived her life in the promotion and protection of all children. Her dearest love and affection was given to her beloved grandchildren who fondly refer to her as Peep, Meemo, and Grandma Margaret. Grandchildren are Krista Spears and husband Ben, Slade Brown, Miller Norwood, Caleb Gyer, Shane and Reese Wiseman, and DeLayne and Roxy Norwood. She is survived by her father, her husband, her children, and her grandchildren. Other survivors include one brother, Steve Miller, and one sister, Debbie Engle, both of Tahoka.

Family suggests memorials to the First National Bank of Tahoka where a scholarship has been created in her name. (PAID)

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<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>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 <i>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</i> LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</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. LARRY GAUMOND Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</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>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: lumctahoka@poka.com PASTOR: VERNON BAKER Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 6 p.m. Sundays, 7 p.m. Wednesdays Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays</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>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. <i>"Where Christ Serves People"</i></p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m. <i>Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</i> There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>
<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>"New Beginnings" <i>Read Psalm 98:1-9</i> Even though people react differently to reaching middle age, many view it as a time to reflect on how they have lived up to that point in their lives. Often when we reach our middle years, we realize that many of the goals and dreams we had when we were young will not be fulfilled. Some of us may even look back with regret for the way we have lived. Much has been written about the negative ways we react to this "mid-life crisis." But the anxieties of middle age can also cause people to turn to the Lord, whether they need forgiveness, a fresh start, a renewed purpose in life, or simply God's encouragement to go on. The Bible tells us, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." God offers new starts and second, third, fourth, fifth - countless - chances. Forgiveness and renewal are always available. Whatever our stage in life, we can be grateful that God gives us forgiveness and opportunities for new beginnings. <i>Prayer: Lord, help us to live in ways that are pleasing to you and helpful to others. Amen.</i> <i>Thought for the Day: Whatever is in our past, God is in our future.</i> -- The Upper Room</p>		<p>Ambassadors for Christ 701 N. 1st • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone 806-797-5132 PASTOR: LONNY LANGEHENNIG SUNDAY SERVICES: Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</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. <i>(A Bible Study Class for all ages)</i> Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. <i>(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)</i> Evening Worship - 6 p.m. <i>(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)</i> Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. <i>(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)</i> EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</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>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>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. <i>For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</i></p>		



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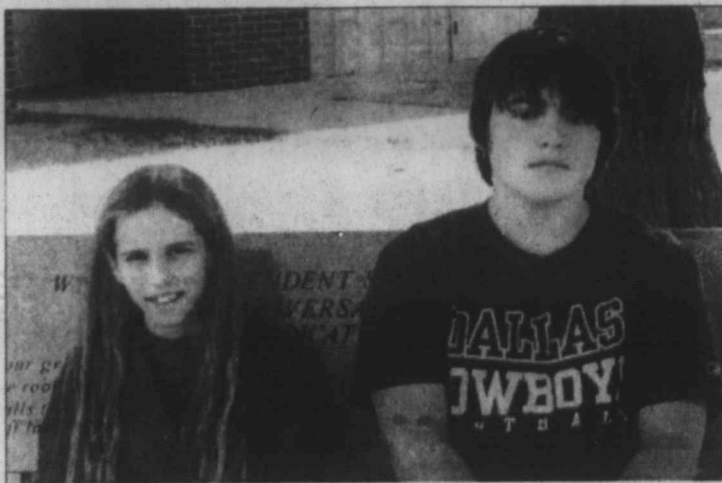
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Students of Month ... December Students of the Month at Wilson ISD are Megan Lehmann, Elementary, and Ray Parmer, Junior High. The High School Student of the Month is Mareli Olveda, who was not available for the picture.

Make a difference in your world.
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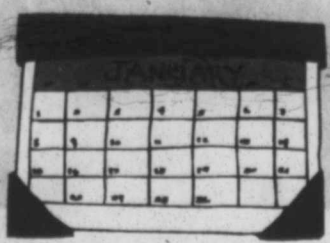
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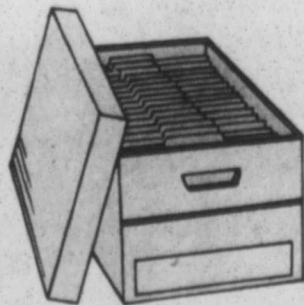
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A song in the air ... Wilson Junior High and Elementary students are shown Christmas caroling before school let out for the holidays.



PET TALK

Raisins Can Be Very Unfriendly To Man's Best Friend. Vet says. Raisins may seem like an innocent afternoon "snack" for people, but underneath their dried skin lies a potentially lethal toxin—one that can kill man's best friend.

"Not all dogs are affected," explains Mark Stickney, a veterinarian at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"Some dogs will respond negatively to raisin consumption, while others will not."

According to Stickney, not much is known about the specific agents in raisins that cause their toxic effects. What is known is that many dogs are experiencing renal failure after the ingestion of raisins.

"The dog need not ingest many raisins to experience the bad effects, usually a half ounce to an ounce," said Stickney.

What signs should a dog owner look for?

Stickney says a dog that has ingested raisins will have immediate reactions of vomiting and diarrhea. If the dog goes untreated, it will become more and more lethargic.

The pet will also drink more water than usual, and urinate less. These are all signs of renal failure, a condition that Stickney says can be lethal if not treated quickly. If a dog is displaying any of these signs, pet owners should immediately take it to a local veterinarian.

"The sooner the animal is examined, the higher the likelihood that the animal will live," he notes.

Pet owners should keep a close eye on their dog whenever raisins are present, especially when younger children are involved. Young children have the tendency to share their food with their pets. In the case of raisins, this may prove to be deadly.

Stickney says only dogs seem to be affected by the toxic agent inside of raisins, and not all dogs experience the severe affects of renal failure after ingesting them.

There are other items that should be kept away from animals in order to prevent potential sickness.

Antifreeze has been known to cause renal failure in dogs and cats. Antifreeze has a sweet taste which dogs and cats fancy, but if either animal ingests it, the results can be tragic.

Another study has found that Easter lilies can cause renal failure in cats. And one candy that all animals need to be kept away from is chocolate. Dogs and cats cannot digest the caffeine and other stimulants found in chocolate. If an animal ingests chocolate, it can cause excitability, seizures and irregular heart beats that can be deadly.

The bottom line: many common household items and foods can be very unfriendly to man's best friend.

Save the Date!

Lynn County Hospital District's Annual Fun & Food Festival and Auction
sponsored by the Tahoka Rotary Club
is set for April 12, 2008.

Just a reminder ...
We thought you might want to keep the Auction on your gift list during your after-holiday sales shopping.

- Tommy Botkin, Rotary President



Thefts, Accidents Are Investigated

Thefts, a forgery incident and two wrecks without injury in Tahoka put a slight blemish on the holiday of some Lynn County residents during the last week.

Tahoka Police talked with a 38-year-old woman who admitted stealing \$40 from the purse of an older woman. No charges were filed after restitution was promised.

Sheriff's officers took reports of two thefts, both occurring on Dec. 18. Hand tools were stolen from a cotton stripper parked on FM 1313 west of U.S. 87 and owned by Fred Martin. On the same day, parts from a stripper and plow parts were taken from a trailer parked near a barn on County Rd. BB north and east of Tahoka. Owner

Edwin Pebsworth valued the missing items at \$1,000.

Deputies also are investigating a report of a forged check on a Lubbock account, passed at Allsup's in O'Donnell in the amount of \$96.25.

On Friday on Country Club Rd. in Tahoka a 1999 Mercury driven by Ridd James Solomon, 87 and a 2002 Dodge driven by Francis Coor Jeter, 64, of Brownfield were involved in a minor collision.

On Sunday afternoon at a parking lot on Lockwood St. in Tahoka, a 1996 Dodge van driven by Elmer Hugh Owens, 82 of Tahoka and a 1990 Lincoln driven by Monico Gonzalez DeLeon, 83, collided with minor damage and no injuries.

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The Newsom Family
52-11p

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New Listings:

3 bdrm 2 bath home in Tahoka, 1/2 block East of the school. 2 living areas, storm cellar, storage building. Great location! 2012 N. 3rd St. Call for showing.

1621 N Bulldog Blvd (4th St). 2 bedroom 1 bath brick home with 3 outbuildings, beautiful sunny sunroom with free standing wood burning stove. Interior access cellar. On 3 lots. What a bargain!

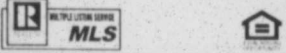
2311 N 3rd St. 2 bedroom 1 bath home with 2 living areas and a huge pantry. Nice back yard with covered patio and extra enclosed storage area. This home has a 2 car garage with an added storage area that could be made into a 3rd bedroom. This is a must see. 1 Block from the school.

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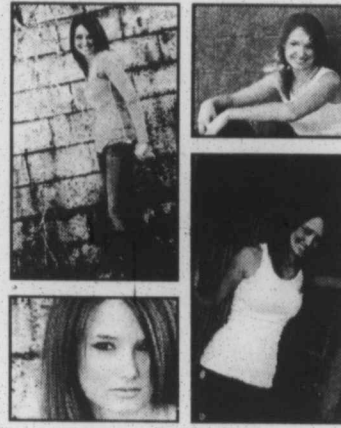
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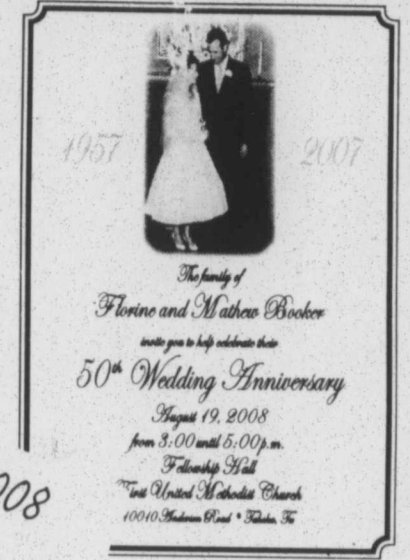
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Lynn County FSA Begins Making Disaster Payments

Lynn County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Rodney Schoppa said Thursday, Dec. 20 that FSA has been authorized to immediately begin making disaster payments.

"These payments are for approved Crop Disaster, Livestock Compensation, and Livestock Indemnity Program applications," said Schoppa, Lynn County Executive Director. "Payments made in Texas represent a portion of nearly \$1 billion dollars in disaster assistance to be issued through FSA nationwide, to date."

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster counties who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster

counties for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses because of blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses to the 2005-2007 crops from natural disasters and related conditions so long as the actual crop lost was planted or prevented from being planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits and may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

Sign-up for LIP and LCP began on Sept. 10, 2007 and sign-up for CDP began on Oct. 15, 2007; no sign-up deadlines for these disaster assistance programs have been set.

For more information about disaster payments, contact the Lynn County FSA at 806-998-4501 or visit the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Disasters: Is Your Business Prepared?

At one time or another, every community will be touched by an emergency or disaster. According to the Institute for Business and Home Safety, when a major disaster strikes, 25 percent of all affected businesses will not reopen. Therefore, as business owners and operators, it is important to understand how to prepare and manage your business through difficult times.

By preparing for emergencies and disasters in advance, businesses enhance the ability to recover, and save time and money in extreme situations.

Several steps should be taken to properly prepare your business for a disaster. The three most important steps are:

PLAN to Stay in Business - You should plan in advance to manage any emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and available resources to take care of yourself, your co-workers, and your business's recovery.

Specific tasks include developing an understanding of what types of emergencies might affect your business. It also doesn't hurt to give your business the upper hand in responding to medical emergencies, such as offering basic first aid and CPR training. A business also can be hurt indirectly when disaster

Jim Morris' Leadership Praised

Lynn County Hospital Board members told Administrator Jim Morris last Thursday night that his leadership in hospital supervision during the last year is very much appreciated.

Board President Jerry Ford made the statement to Morris following an annual evaluation of job performance, which board members had discussed in closed session Thursday and also in previous meetings. The board also voted to increase Morris' annual salary by \$2,500.

Otherwise, the December meeting was mostly routine, with attention given to several items related to the operations of the hospital.

Other board members present were Jannis Horwood, Virginia Griffing and Dalton Wood. Absent were Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher and Billy Tomlinson.



MATT PRUNER

Matt Pruner Joins Local NRCS

Mario Avila, Resource Team Leader for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Garza, Lynn, and Terry Counties, has announced the transfer of Matt Pruner as GS-9 Range Management Specialist to the Brownfield Field Office.

As a Range Management Specialist, Pruner will provide technical assistance to farmers and ranchers with conservation programs and in the planning and application of conservation practices. Pruner will also assist in keeping the public informed of opportunities to participate in cost-share programs, as well as providing the latest technology and research information available.

As a member of the Tahoka Resource Team staff, Matt will also be providing technical as-

sistance to producers in Lynn and Garza Counties.

Pruner is a native of Henrietta, Texas where he completed high school. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from Texas Tech University in 2004. Following graduation, Pruner briefly worked as the Harvest Biologist on the Callaghan Ranch in Encinal, Texas, and as a Meat Inspector for the Texas Meat Safety Assurance Unit before joining the NRCS. Matt's previous assignment was in Andrews County where he served as a Rangeland Management Specialist at the Andrews Field Office as part of the Midland Resource Team staff.

Pruner can be reached at the Brownfield Field Office (637-8092, ext. 3), 8-4:30 Monday-Friday or by calling the Tahoka Field Office (998-4507, ext. 3).

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