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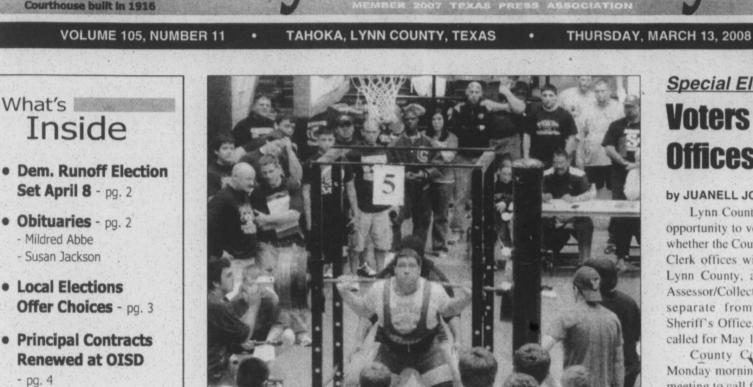
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Crowd pleaser ... Tahoka's Ty Cloe draws all eyes as he lifts 810 pounds in the squat-lift competition at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Levelland. He won first place in his weight-class, lifting a total of 1,870 pounds in squaf, deadlift and bench press events, and advances to the State Powerlifting Meet on March 29.

Cloe, Gomez Win Regionals, Advance to State Powerlifting

Tahoka High School powerlifters Ty Cloe and Marissa Gomez will represent Tahoka at the State Powerlifting competitions after winning first place in their divisions at the Regional Meets.

Cloe won first place as well as three other awards at the Regional Meet held in Levelland, including Outstanding Squat (he lifted 810 pounds), Outstanding Bench Press (480 lbs.), and Outstanding Total Weight Lifted (1,870 lbs.) The Boys State Powerlifting Meet

will be held March 29 at Abilene.

Marissa Gomez won first place in the girls regional competition in her weight class to advance to the Girls. State Powerlifting Meet, which will be held March 14 in Killeen.

Another Tahoka powerlifter, Jacob Stevens, placed 4th at regionals for a email us at: LynnCoNews@poka.com



Special Election Called: Voters To Decide May 10 If County Offices Will Remain Separate

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County voters will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on whether the County Clerk and District Clerk offices will remain separate in Lynn County, and whether the Tax Assessor/Collector Office will remain separate from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, in a special election called for May 10.

County Commissioners voted Monday morning during their regular meeting to call for the special election at the earliest uniform election date, which is May 10 - the election date for city, school and hospital board elections here. The wording that will be used on the ballot is not yet available, but there will be two separate issues to vote on: (1) the separation of County Clerk and District Clerk offices, and (2)

upon the AG opinion, although it could be as much as six months before county officials receive the AG response.

If voters choose to allow these offices to continue as separate entities, it is anticipated (contingent upon the asyet undetermined AG opinion) that the elected officials in those offices would continue to oversee their duties. If, however, voters choose to combine the offices, then there will be more issues to consider, with the immediate issue being that the county clerk and district clerk offices would no longer be considered valid, and the currently-elected county clerk and district clerk will no longer hold those positions. One clerk would most likely be appointed to fill the position until the next election, at which time only one clerk would be elected. Additionally, the Tax Asses-

"At this point, we are simply trying to anticipate the right course of action, and commissioners believe that ordering this election is the right thing to do in the meantime. Of course, everything is contingent upon the AG opinion."

-- County Attorney Donnis Scott

the separation of Tax Assessor/Collector and Sheriff offices:

Lynn County has maintained these offices separately for many years, but county officials discovered recently that because of declining county population figures for the past 40 years the county should have combined these job duties - approximately 38 years ago for the Sheriff/Tax Assessor duties, and about 18 years ago for the County/ District Clerk duties. State law, however, allows county voters to decide if these county offices may continue to operate separately. Lynn County voters will have that opportunity on May 10. Lynn County officials have sent an official request to the Texas Attorney General for an opinion on this issue, but in the meantime are anticipating that this election will be an action that the AG would order. All measures undertaken, however, will be contingent

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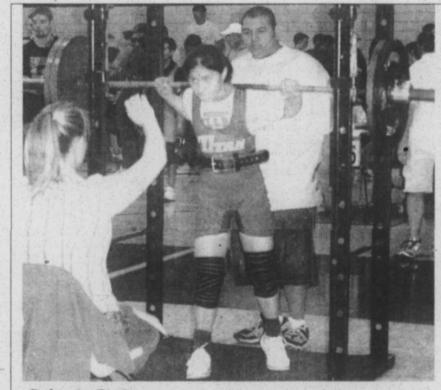
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medal, and Allen Henderson placed 10th. The Tahoka boys team placed 7th overall out of 24 teams in the competition.



Going to State ... Marissa Gomez will represent Tahoka in the Girls State Powerlifting Meet after winning first place at Regional competition at Levelland. She is shown here at a previous meet in the squat-lift competition. The girls state meet will be held March 14 at Killeen.

Burglaries, Criminal Mischief Investigated

Burglaries of three vehicles and a home at New Home over the weekend and criminal mischief at Tahoka, Wilson and New Home were reported to law enforcement officials during the last week.

Items valued at a total of \$2,249. including damage, were stolen from two vehicles at the residence of Lisa Alvarado in New Home, where a radio/ CD player and cell phone were taken from a Dodge Neon, and a radio/CD player, tools, \$50 in cash and a can of black spray paint were taken from a 2001 Ford pickup.

Deputies considered the missing can of spray paint significant, since graffiti was sprayed with black paint at

another residence in New Home the same night, Saturday or early Sunday. They also expected to make at least one arrest Wednesday in the case, with three suspects in mind.

On the same night in New Home at the residence of Ramon Correa Jr., a radio valued at \$75 was stolen from a vehicle owned by him.

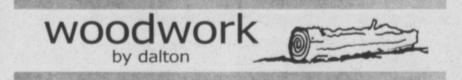
Also the same night, the residence of Silverio Hernandez in New Home was burglarized, and four knives and a .22 rifle were stolen.

At Wilson over the weekend, someone got inside the school gymnasium, sprayed a fire extinguisher around and kicked a panel from a door (See Burglaries, pg. 4)

Currently, Susan Tipton is Lynn County Clerk, Sandra Laws is District Clerk, Sherry Pearce is Tax Assessor/ Collector, and Jerry D. Franklin is Sheriff.

"Because of the time frame involved, with the county apparently not in compliance with state law for so many years, we are unsure of what the Attorney General's opinion will be," County Attorney Donnis Scott told The News. "At this point, we are simply trying to anticipate the right course of action, and commissioners believe that ordering this election is the right thing to do in the meantime. Of course, everything is contingent upon the AG opinion," she added.

(See County Offices. pg. 5)



OKAY, SO I am an old fogey (or, as some might say, something else which begins with the same first letter and rhymes with "cart"). I admit being opinionated and convinced that things were better 'way back when, although I have to say I have adapted to modern things on occasion (like air conditioning and indoor toilets).

Still, I am convinced that today's movies are mostly completely worthless, offensive and never should have been made. I only go to one or two movie theaters a year, and this is plenty. Today's movies are all noise, special effects with no plot worth following. This was reemphasized for me when we were on a trip recently and wound up with a few hours to kill in Brownwood, so we decided to go to a movie, at one of those theaters showing about eight different ones at once.

We chose one which sounded like it might possibly be okay, and while it was not great, it was obviously a lot better than the six or seven they showed previews of. The ones coming up were all ear-splitting loud sudden noises and screaming and violence. One was something about a woman who was going to have someone else's baby for money because her friend couldn't have one, and carry it to term in her body. One of the highlights appeared to be a scene where this pregnant woman was trying to use a toilet which didn't work.

"Remind me not to go see that," I told my wife. The other previews were just as bad, things blowing up and screaming in people's faces.

No wonder The Wizard of Ozand Gone With the Wind have lasted so many years.

Anyway, there still are some good movies on television, mostly on the Hallmark channel.

THE WEIRD GUY at Wilson says he tried sniffing coke once, but the ice cubes kept stopping up his nose.

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Appreciation Dinner...

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church served approximately 250 meals Sunday afternoon, inviting other churches in the community in appreciation for all the assistance people have given in remodeling their kitchen. Pictured above are some of those who cooked and served the meal, including chef Rufus Hunter, Cynthia Suggs, Gwendolyn Hunter, Wanda Williams and Nancy Rodriguez. At right, Nancy serves plates to those in attendance. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

Runoff Election Slated April 8

There will be a Democratic Primary Runoff Election for Texas Railroad Commissioner on April 8, Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton informed The News this week. The runoff is between candidates Dale Henry and Mark Thompson.

Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary may not vote in the Democratic Primary Runoff, but those who voted in the Democratic Primary election, or who did not vote at all, are eligible to vote in the runoff election.

Early voting will be held March 31-April 4, and the election on April 8, all at one polling location at the Lynn County Clerk's office.

Mark Your Calendars: The 2008 Lynn County Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, Sept. 20



I'm ready ... Monica Strickland is ready for action in the Tahoka Lady Bulldog softball game against Seminole on Saturday. Seminole won the game. The Lady Bulldogs played against Cooper on Tuesday, also a loss.

Mammograms Available At New Home May 20

The mobile mammogram bus will be at New Home on May 20. Please call Karon Durham at New Home ISD to set-up an appointment at 924-7524 ext. 26.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 17-21

Monday: HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Corn Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes & Carrots, Rolls, Lime Jell-O

Tuesday: Carne Con Papas Burritos, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chocolate Cake

Wednesday: Chicken with Mushrooms, Steamed Rice, Spinach, Bread, Lemon Bars

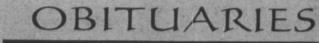
Thursday: Vegetable Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Cracker Assortment, Cornbread, Shortcake with Fruit

Friday: Closed for GOOD FRI-DAY

BAKE SALE

Don't forget about our Bake Sale this Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. at Thriftway. Also available. will be the raffle for the quilt and the AC/Heating unit tickets.

RECIPES WANTED Something New! We are going





MILDRED ABBE

Mildred Abbe

Services for Mildred W. Abbe, 93, of Lubbock and formerly of Tahoka, were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock, with Dr. Stan Blevins officiating.

She died Wednesday, March 5. 2008. She was born December 5, 1914 in Chicago, Illinois to Adolph and Inga Wagner. She married Robert E. Abbe in Chicago in 1940. Through Bob's career in the FBI and business, they lived in Chicago, Providence, Rhode Island, Lubbock, and Tahoka.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Abbe and Don and Sally Abbe of Lubbock, and Reda Abbe of Wilson and grandchildren, Loretta Abbe of Amarillo, Kevin Abbe of Wilson, and Meredith Abbe and Robert Abbe of Lubbock

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 1977 and her son, Buster, in 2002.

. Mrs. Abbe was active in family, school, community and church activities. Among her interests were PTA, Girl Scouts, SPAG Committee on Aging, Tahoka Senior Citizens Center, Lynn County Museum, Tahoka Garden Club and the Phoebe K. Warner Study Club. The Tahoka Chamber of Commerce named her Woman of the Year in 1987. She also wrote poetry and won many awards, including being named Texas Senior Poet Laureate.

She belonged to Westmoreland and Highland Baptist Churches in Lubbock, and First Baptist Church in Tahoka, where



Susan Jackson

Susan Gay Jackson passed peacefully on March 3, 2008 in Los Angeles, CA after a lengthy illness, with son John Peter Miller and daughter Eve Mangano at her side. She was 79 years old.

Susan was born April 28, 1929 in Quanah. TX to John Andrew Jackson of Erath County and Nettie Gay Rutledge of Paducah, TX, who both preceded her in death in 1949 and 1962, respectively. She was the sister of John Andrew Jackson, Jr. who also preceded her in death in 1966. In October 2007 she was preceded by her beloved and devoted daughter. Christine Miller Schirrmacher.

Susan was a 1946 graduate of Tahoka High School and went on to Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX, with a double major of English and geology to prepare for work in the oil industry. An expert horsewoman during her youth, she passed the love of horses on to her daughters, Christine and Eve. The happiest days of youth were spent with her Jackson and Yates relatives, riding and simply being with family - the Hale, Fulford and Barham Families, including her grandmothers, Hattie Henderson Yates and Susan Copeland Rutledge. She was extremely proud and passionate about her rich heritage as a fifth generation Texan. She was an endless source of anecdotes and history of Texas. Susan was the great-granddaughter . of one of the first Texas Rangers. Captain John Bishop Henderson. A little known fact was her interest in American Indians. When Susan was a young child in Lubbock, TX the milkman was a man by the name of Chief Runkels. She loved hearing his many life stories and Indian lore. She would wait in the early morning hours for him. Susan often asked him why he didn't share his incredible stories and heritage with as many people as possible. Chief. Runkels went on over the years to become the bearer of the great American Indian heritage and was a renowned speaker. He often attributed his joy and commitment to his work to a little girl in Lubbock whom he knew in the early 1930's and who encouraged him to honor his heritage. Susan loved people and this is an excellent example of how she held others up and cheered them on. Susan was an extraordinary writer and in the 1950's - 90's, Susan wrote various articles for the Oakland Tribune newspaper in California and was a contributor to Morrie Turner's Wee Pals cartoon strip. She was a person of the world who enjoyed a host of friends her entire life and a person who kept her friends. Among the many organizations she shared her talents with

over the years were the Democratic Party in Alameda County, CA, an activist who opened up her home as a gathering place for the United Farm Workers of America during the 1960's and a member of various school's PTA groups where she often served as president but always the editor of the newsletter. She was instrumental in many positive programs at the old Grover Cleveland Elementary School in San Leandro, CA, including the assimilation of a Special Needs class in 1959 - a person ahead of her time. She was an avid reader. Her children and friends could count on her to be up on the latest information and new ideas. Susan was a Cumberland Presbyterian and proud Scotsman. Her interest and her incredible skill at genealogy gifted her with bringing many distant relatives into her life, among them numerous Jacksons and Hendersons from all over the world with whom she kept up regular correspondence. For Susan, the world was full of friends she hadn't vet met!

She taught her five children many things; the love of books, sports, music, bringing interesting people into their lives and a strict sense of right and wrong. She was a doting grandmother and enjoyed entertaining her grandchildren with her own artwork. One of her grandsons went on to become a graphic artist starting his work as a young child at his grandmother's kitchen table.

Susan is survived by her son. John Peter Miller of Pleasanton, CA: Eve Levitt Mangano of Los Angeles. CA: Myra Lynn Barchacky of King City, CA and Janette Miller Lewis of Austin, TX. She is survived by grandchildren Brian Miller, Sarah Miller, Daniel Hidalgo and devoted grand-daughter in-law Annette, Kaitlin Schirrmacher Evans and Kyle Miller Schirrmacher. Susan is survived by great-grandchildren Aaron Hidalgo, David Hidalgo, Cheyenne Hidalgo and Cole Hidalgo.

Susan left her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren a legacy of finding the world an interesting place where one gives much more than they take. She walked her talk. Her parents would have been proud. Her children are.

A memorial service will be held at the Jesus Chris of Latter Day Saints on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 11:00 AM at 3655 S Centinela Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066. 310/391-6116. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the American Cancer Society in the name of Susan's daughter, Christine

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Senior Citizens Center cookbook this year and I would like to invite the entire Lynn County community, especially our senior citizens, to share their favorite recipes with us. They can bring them into the Center or mail them to PO Box 223, Tahoka TX 79373.

How healthy are those

Girl Scout Cookies?

Its Girl Scout Cookie-time.

the most? Our family opened our

annual package of Thin Mints Fri-

day night. We introduced our

daughter to the tradition and she

thought they were the best cookies

Did you know two different bak-

ers make Girl Scout cookies, and each of them make their particular

rendition of the classics (Thin

Mints. Tagalongs, Do Si Dos.

Samoas, Shortbread). Depending

on which baker supplies your par-

ticular cookie connection. the

names and nutrition information can

exactly be considered health food.

this year, there are a couple of new, more healthful options: Cinna-

spins come in 100-calorie pouches

topping out at only 2 grams of fat. 1

gram saturated fat, and 8 grams of

sugar. Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip

Cookies have 0 grams sugar (but 7

grams of sugar alcohol that's mostly

not digested). But they're relatively

high in fat (9 grams per serving) and

So which Girl Scout cookies are

the healthiest? According to Elaine

Magee, MPH, RD from WebMD the

most figure-friendly Girl Scout

cookies are those with the fewest fat

grams and calories per sensible

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cookies, meanwhile, are those low-

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our favorites that we wait for all year

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to be publishing a Lynn County she was church librarian. In lieu of flowers and in honor

of her life of service to causes she believed in, the family suggests donations to the Lynn County Pioneer Museum, Tahoka Senior Citizen's Center, the Girl Scouts or a charity of your choice.

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5. Peanut Butter Sandwich (3 cookies, 35

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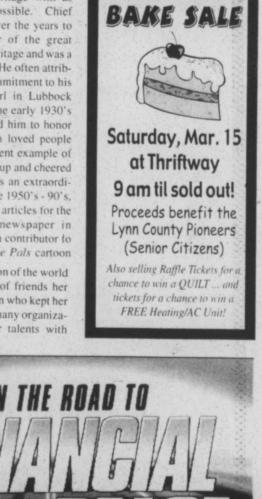
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by Julia Allen



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34 grams). *Highest in fiber;' Lowest in sugar. Fat grams: 9 : Saturated fat grams: 3 :

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Woman of Distinction ... Bettye Green of Tahoka was recently named 2008 Woman of Distinction for the Baylor University Women's Council, Lubbock Area. She is pictured standing next to her husband Harold at a display of her Baylor memorabilia. At left is Carol Kent of Dallas, director of the Baylor Women's Network. The presentation was made at the Spring Scholarship Dinner held March 6 at the City Bank Griffith Center in Lubbock when BUWC President Jon Ann Carter announced the award and praised Mrs. Green for her accomplishments and devotion to Baylor University. Mrs. Green is a 1948 graduate of Baylor.



NCA CHAMPS BACK TO BACK ... Kalyn Forsythe, center row, third from the right, a freshman with the Union Varsity Cheer squad of Tulsa, OK, recently competed at the National Cheer Association National Championships in Dallas in the Super Large Varsity category, which included teams with 30+ girls on a squad. The squad earned the National Championship trophy in this category for the second year in a row. In addition, the squad earned the title of Grand National Champions. For this honor, they earned the highest score of any squad competing at the NCA Nationals competition. This was also the first time in NCA history for any squad to earn a National Championship in the individual category and Grand National Champion two years in a row. She is the daughter of Jeff Forsythe of Tulsa, OK and the granddaughter of Geanne and Jerry Forsythe of Tahoka.

Several Local Elections Offer Choices For Voters

choices to make in upcoming May 10 city, school and hospital board elections, with a flurry of lastminute filings by candidates during the last week. The filing period ended Monday, with one excep- ' their election, with all three intion - the special election for a one-year unexpired term at without any opposing candidates. O'Donnell ISD has a filing deadline of April 9.

will be held April 28-May 6.

In Tahoka, two of the three council seats are contested, with incumbent Ray Box challenged by Daniel Harper for the At-Large District 5 seat, incumbent Clara Calvillo challenged by Bianca Baker for District 2, and incumbent Jeff Martin unopposed for the Dist. 4 seat.

The situation is the same for the Tahoka ISD trustee election. with two contested seats and one rectors" terms are for three years. unopposed. Incumbent John LCHD will most likely cancel Hawthorne is unopposed in his bid for re-election to a one-year unexpired term in an At-Large seat on the board. In the regular three-year terms, incumbent Frank McLelland is challenged by Starrlyn Knox Bray for Place 4, and two candidates are seeking the Place 3 seat for which incumbent Math Bartley is not seeking reelection. Jimmie Bingham and Mike Rivas have filed for Place 3.

Wilson ISD has five candidates for two trustee seats, including incumbent Clyde Wilke and Little. candidates Josh Isham, Christi Clark, Danny Mendez and Kim Steen. Steen has also placed her name on the ballot for the Wilson city council election, in which she and Cody Paul Donald have filed for the two council positions, and Donald Klaus has filed for the mayor's position. The city election is uncontested, which means the city will not be required to conduct the election. A person cannot serve two elected positions Arguello.

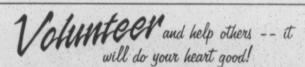
Voters will have several at the same time, which means if Steen is elected to both the Wilson City Council and School Board she must choose only one board on which to serve.

New Home may also cancel cumbents seeking re-election Alan Nettles, Gene Link and Shane Fiedler have all filed for Early voting in these elections another two-year term on the council. New Home ISD will not have their election until November 2009, in conjunction with general elections.

Lynn County Hospital District has two candidates for two seats on the board of directors, including incumbent W. Calloway Huffaker, and candidate Frances A. Truehart seeking the seat currently held by Regina Crutcher who is not seeking reelection. Ditheir election as well.

And in O'Donnell, there are plenty of candidates for voters to choose from, with five candidates in the city election and six candidates in the school board election. Mayor James Williams is unopposed in his bid for re-election with the City of O'Donnell, but four candidates have filed for the two city council seats, including the two incumbents Harry Howell and Scotty Martinez, and challengers Max Mendieta and Rex

O'Donnell ISD has five candidates seeking two seats in the regular election, and one candidate to date (with filing open through April 9) in the special election for a one-year unexpired. term. Sharmye Jonas filed for the special election, and filing for the two regular three-year terms on the board are Chad Sumners. Craig Dempsey, Maria Casillas, Cade Furlow and incumbent Stella



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New Computers at Library ... Anthony Garcia (left) and Eddy Gonzalez take advantage of the new computers at the City-County Library in Tahoka. Funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was used to purchase the new computers.

Gates Foundation Grant Provides Computers for City-County Library

The City-County Library in Tahoka has been chosen to participate in the Gates Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Grant Program (PAC HUG) awarded to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This program enabled the library to purchase two new computers that are available for public use

'We are so excited to be ableto offer these new computers to our patrons," said Claudia Guin, director for the City-County Library. "In addition to internet access, these computers are loaded with various software programs that allow the user to do just about anything they need to do."

This is the third grant that the library has received from the Gates Foundation. The purpose of the PAC HUG grant is to level the playing field and help libraries that were granted older computer models between 1997 and 2000. replace their systems with hardware that will be easier to support and upgrade in the future.

"Rural libraries like ours typically have very small budgets and purchasing new computers every time the technology changes is something we just can't do. The

generosity of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission enables us to offer our patrons access to up-to-date computers."

Tahoka Tumblers Compete In New Deal

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the New Deal Tumbling Meet on Saturday, March 8. The following entries awarded were; First Place- Haley Kizer, Gavin Vega, Bryannah Pedroza, Karlie Swinford, Mason Walker, Alyssa Rodriquez, Alyssa Dotson, MyKeah DeLeon, Layney Vega, Callie Nevill, Natalie Stice. Yulissa Villegas, Ashlee Anderson, Amanda Anderson, and Caley Bingham.

Second Place- Malorie Liendo, London Williams, Zoey Redman, Amy Tew, Katie Crank, Ragan Whitley, Alex Tew, Ry'Lee Vega, Nadalie Carrasco, Faith Arce, Kaylyn Green, Shelby Meeks, Sarah Crank, Madison Moya, Kenzie Henry, Kendra DeLeon, Kelsi Hilger, Andrea Garcez, Megan Alvarado, and Cnarlie Duran.

Third Place- MaKennah Engle and Ann Marie Arce.

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Nine Advance to State ... These nine Tahoka Band students earned a Superior or "I" on their class I (the hardest level) solo or ensemble, thus qualifying them for the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC) in San Marcus on Saturday, May 24. Trey Daves earned his I at the vocal solo and ensemble contest at Frenship High School on Feb. 2, where he sang "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired." This is his third consecutive year to advance to the TSSEC. The others earned their division I ratings at the instrumental solo and ensemble contest at Coronado in Lubbock on Feb. 23. The sax trio of Benjamin Freitag, Jannifer Marquez, and Lucy Perez performed "Adagio & Allegretto." The brass quartet of Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, Brandon Moss, and Kristin Box jazzed it up with "When the Saints Go Marching In." Directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith stated, "We are very proud of these young people and their hard work that enabled them to advance to this higher level of competition. We are also proud of those who competed but were unable to advance."

Burglaries...

(continued from page 1) to a concession stand. However, nothing was reported missing.

In Tahoka, James Trammel reported Saturday that two windows had been broken on the west side of his shop on N. 1st St. No estimate of the damage was listed.

Two horses which were reported stolen recently at Draw were found by a neighbor, penned up and returned to the owner. They apparently had just strayed away.

The total number in jail this week was 41, with the latest arrests being made for driving while intoxicated third offense or more, possession of a controlled substance (Hale County), application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear on charges of DWI first offense and also driving while license invalid.

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 First Bank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

The board of directors, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Curtis Gicklhorn, 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.

Lynn County Merchants Appreciate Your Business!

AgTexas Returns \$2 Million to Customers

AgTexas, FCS, a rural lending cooperative, recently returned \$2 million in earnings to its borrowers, following a year of outstanding growth. The amount was distributed as a cash patronage and was based on the association's financial performance in 2007.

As a cooperative, AgTexas is owned by its borrowers: farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners, rural homeowners and other rural landowners. When the association performs well, it shares its earnings with them in the form of patronage refunds, which lower the borrowers' effective interest rate.

This latest patronage payment reduced AgTexas customers' average interest rate by 58 basis points in 2007, and highlighted the co-op's solid 2007 financial results. The cooperative reported net

Principal Contracts Renewed; Three Teachers Hired at OISD

School District Board of Trustees renewed principal contracts, approved three new teacher contracts, accepted the resignation of a board member and called for the trustee election, and were informed of two staff resignations at their March 4 board meeting.

Trustees unanimously approved one-year contract extensions for both principals in the district. Elementary Principal Penny Forbes was given a three percent raise, for an annual salary of \$66,138. Middle/High School Principal Clay Burns is accorded an annual cost of living increase through the administrative salary funding formula, so his salary automatically increases each year without board action. Burns' salary will be \$63,212, according to

year-end loan volume of \$416 million at Dec. 31, 2007, a 39.1 percent increase from Dec. 31, 2006. Net income of \$4.53 million in 2007 was up compared to the \$4.34 million reported at Dec. 31, 2006.

"We had another successful year during 2007," said Mitchell Harris, AgTexas, FCS, chief executive officer. "Our new loan growth exceeded our goals, which in turn, meant more earnings to continue a strong patronage program. We will continually strive to increase growth, enhance financial stability and expand patronage in the years to come." AgTexas, FCS offers mort-

gage loans for rural homes, improved and unimproved rural properties, and provides operating and capital credit to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. The financing co-op is headquartered in Lubbock and operates field offices in Brownfield, Burleson, Comanche, Corsi-cana, Eastland, Hillsboro, Levelland, Lubbock, Ralls, Seminole and Stephenville. AgTexas is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

O'Donnell Independent information from Superintendent Rodney Schneider.

Trustees accepted the resignation of board member Monty Hancock, and called a special election to fill this vacated position with a one-year unexpired term in the May 10 election. Trustees also called a regular election for two trustee positions with regular three-year terms, currently held by Stella Arguello and the position vacated by David Eaker. Terri Bessire was named Early Voting Judge, with Linda Hensley as Alternate Judge/Clerk, Wayne Vandivere as Presiding Election Judge, and Mary Rios and Debra Garza as Voting Clerks.

Daniel Fontenot was hired as a teacher/coach for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year, and Rhonda Fontenot and Philena Farmer were hired as math teachers for the 2008-09 school year. Supt. Schneider informed the board of two resignations, including math teacher Bill Clopton who is retiring at the end of the school year, and Charity Pyron, a steacher's aide.

In other business, trustees approved a TASB policy update, authorized the sale/disposal of surplus school property, and approved the 2008 Board Training Report, which lists board members who are in compliance with the state requirements for continuing education credit. The Board also approved the Superintendent Goals and Objectives for 2008-09, and discussed the 2008-09 school calendar

The Celebration of Excellence award for the month honored Dana Brownlow, whom the administrative team noted was "instrumental in spearheading a campaign to raise awareness about the effects of bullying among students, faculty, and community members.'

The next board meeting was set for March 24.





Cori Vega Named All District Def. **Player Of Year**

Tahoka High School junior Cori Vega was named Defensive Player of the Year in All-District 4-2A basketball honor lists that were released recently.

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Also named to First Team All-District from Tahoka were Kyra Helm, a sophomore, and senior Jessica McLelland. Corlee Greene, a senior, was named to the Second Team-All-District.



Softball

On March 8th, the Tahoka softball team traveled down to Seminole to play their varsity team. The girls lost with a final score of 2-16. Kaitlyn Reno helped the team out with an RBI. Her hit brought in two runners, Cori Vega and Kadi Larpenter. Sarah Zuniga also got a double during the game.

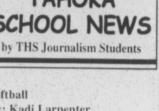
Baseball **By: Rebecca Pando**

Tahoka beat Crosbyton 6-5 on March 3. Tyson Porter pitched all eight innings with 14 strike outs.

Martin Rosas, Jacob Stephens, and Ridge Hall had one RBI each. They had eight hits as a team. Leading the hits were Stephens. Martin Rosas, and Larry Saldana with two hits each.

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Tahoka has talent! ... Local talent was showcased in a Tahoka Elementary Talent Show on March 3, to help raise money for the upcoming ACS Relay For Life. Pictured above are the Harbison brothers, Jackson, Bentley and Quincy, and the Sister Act below is comprised of Pat Williams, Carol Miller, Debbie Engle and Rhonda McNeely.



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Texas 79373.

For more information or to

Chairperson, Amy Barrera @

928-0353 or Patty Rambo @ 561-

Elementary Students, **Staff Showcase Talent** For ACS Event Here

Tahoka Elementary had a Talent Show, March 3, to help raise money for the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay For Life. The talent show brought in over \$200 in donations to help with the cost. Elementary students participated in the talent show along with a few staff members.

"Other fundraisers have been planned for the next few weeks,

Letter To The Editor

Keep County Offices Separate Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the article in the Lynn County News dated March 6, 2008, pertaining to the County of Lynn not being in compliance with the state law in regard to the combination of the sheriff's office/tax collector and county/district clerk's offices due to a decline in population.

Not since the very early days have those offices been combined in Lynn County and I, for one, cannot believe it would be feasible to combine these offices now or at any time in the future. I spent a total of 37 years working in courthouses in Lynn and Dawson Counties and never in that period of time were the above offices combined. During the time period that the county was not in compliance with state laws, I would venture to say the work load and the paper work required has increased at least 75% in all of these offices.

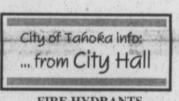
I cannot see any way the sheriff's office could also run the tax collector's office; and I cer-

County Burn Ban Still Effective

Lynn County Commissioners remind county citizens that a burn ban remains in effect in Lynn County, due to drought conditions that are conducive to fire.

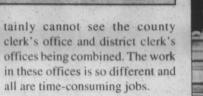
Judge H.G. Franklin said landowners should also notify his office prior to conducting any con-

For more information, contact 5285. Donations can also be Judge Franklin at the Lynn County mailed to PO Box 1414, Tahoka, Courthouse.



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For people who don't know what work is done in the county clerk's office, at the time I worked there we handled all real estate transactions (deed, mortgages, farm leases, etc.), all birth and death certificates, all military discharges, all financial statements, filing of corporation names or any name changes thereof, all probate cases, abstract of judgments, federal tax liens, state tax liens, county court criminal cases, all elections (including early voting for the county and some outside entities), posting notices of the county commissioner's agenda, plus keeping the county commissioner's court minutes, issuing marriage licenses, furnishing certified copies of instruments filed for record in the office, and probably some things I've forgotten

The district clerk's office handles all district criminal cases, certain civil cases, divorces, child custody cases, all child support collections, real estate tax suits and tax foreclosure suits and sheriff's tax sales.

The tax collector's office registers vehicles, transfer titles, etc., does all the voter registration work. and furnishes a printout of the voter registration lists for voting precincts, plus other jobs.

You can probably understand all the various jobs of the sheriff's office, which in the last several years has added the responsibility of 911 calls not just for the county. but also for ambulance and fire services and for all cities in Lynn County.

Just think how hard it would be and how long it would take for one office to go into another and learn all the business done in that office; plus one clerk would have to go back and forth between the offices to do the work required of them in each office. Some might think that combining these offices would save money, but that is not necessarily so. It would probably require more people be hired and trained and that would certainly add to the cost to the county in new. wages, health insurance costs, and

clerks, the combining of those two

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THS Class Of 58

Reunion Planned

Class of 1958 is planning a 50th

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Lane, Augusta, KS 67010, Pho:

316-775-5700, or email him at:

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one in the Class of 58 is included.

A class book is being planned

k5erj@yahoo.com.

The Tahoka High School

An attempt is being made to reach each class member. If you

The voters of Lynn County

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Going for 1st place ... Britt Wuensche pulls ahead in the 800M relay event, part of a four-man Tahoka team that won first place in the Denver City Track Meet on Friday, March 7. The 800M Relay Team is comprised of Wuensche, Xavier Zamarron, Raymond Hernandez, and Antonio Baker. The Tahoka boys won gold, winning all three relays at the meet - the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 events, competing against athletes from 3A-Seminole, 3A-Brownfield, 2A-Littlefield, 2A-Muleshoe, 2A-Denver City, and 1A-Seagraves. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

County Offices ... (from page 1)

continue to keep these offices velopment. separate?" he asked at the meetcounty officials may not use tax- to consider setting a policy reconstituents about the issue.

In other business at Monday ing. morning's meeting, Mrs. Scott potential wind energy development in the county. She attended the issue, and brought back fig- by Judge Franklin, including ures showing that Lynn County Don Blair, Keith Wied, Mike is not included in one of the five Braddock and Brad Hammonds, Wind Zones chosen for trans- as well as other county officials. mission line approval to carry the wind energy to other designations, but that the second round of designations would be pension costs. Also, because of coming up in the future. There continuing education requireare 25 Competitive Renewable ments for county and district

Commissioner Don Blair Energy Wind Zones in Texas, said he hoped the public would and Lynn County is situated in choose to keep the county offices Zone 14. Commissioners agreed separate. "Can we, as the com- that Lynn County should have a missioners court, put something representative attend any upin our local paper to let the coming wind energy meetings people know that we want to regarding future wind farm de-

County Judge H.G. ing. The County Attorney said Franklin asked commissioners payer funds to advertise opin- garding indigent burial costs to ions, but that individual com- the county, and commissioners missioners may, of course, give a asked the County Attorney to verbal opinion when asked by bring information regarding such a policy to their next meet-

Bonds for county officials presented information regarding and monthly bills were approved.

All four commissioners a meeting in Austin regarding were present for the meeting left

Attend a FREE **Teaching Certification**

Commissioner Mike Braddock said at Monday morning's commissioner meeting so make sure to donate to the that landowners should be aware worthy cause. We encourage all that anyone considering a conbusinesses and organizations to trolled burn must have a certified get a team and walk for a cure for professional conduct the burn, and cancer in the 2008 Relay for must notify all proper authorities Life," stated an Elementary of the prescribed burn. County

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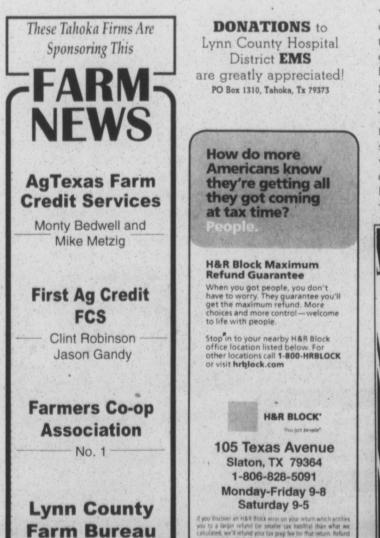
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Fire hydrant replacement ... The City of Tahoka has begun replacing fire hydrants in Tahoka, such as this one, with those painted with a black top being replaced first. Also, city workers will be flushing hydrants on Friday afternoons to make sure hydrants are working property. City Administrator Jerry Webster says there are more than 100 fire hydrants in Tahoka and that the city and fire department are working together to prioritize replacing those not in good working. order.

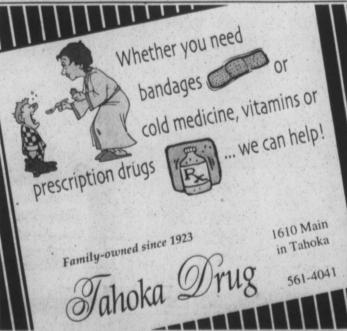


FIRE HYDRANTS

We have started our fire hydrant flushing and replacement program. We will be flushing hydrants on Friday afternoons. Sometimes this causes water to turn a little brown due to the flushing. If this occurs, just let your water run for a little bit and it will clear up. The flushing of hydrants serves two pusposes: It gives us the chance to grease the fittings; and we can determine if the hydrant is working properly.

Speaking of the latter, we are beginning our hydrant replacement program. There are about 25 hydrants in town that have been painted black. Black means that this particular hydrant will not work. We are working with Fire Chief Steve Sanders in prioritizing the order in which we replace hydrants. Our goal is to replace one hydrant each month until we have them all replaced.

This replacement program class reunion to be held September will require some sacrifice on all our parts because we will have to turn the water off to replace many of the hydrants. We will dig the hydrants out during the day and get everything ready. Then, we will replace the hydrant at night. This is done to cause as little interference with the citizens as possible. As we replace the hydrants we will install a valve at the base of each one so that next time only that line will have to be turned off.



Girls Little Dribbler Signups Set Here

Tahoka Girls Little Dribbler signups will be held Thursday. March 13 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Middle School Track Meet (held at the THS track), and again on Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center.

The program is for girls in grades 2-6. Cost is \$35 per person. and parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate for proof of age.

For more information, contact Lance Forsythe at 777-0331.

Information Meeting If you hold any bachelor's degree and

would like to find out how to become certified teacher in Texas, attend a FREE nformation meeting at a convenie location near you.

Lubbock

Thursday, March 27th at 6pm Region 17 Service Center - Roger's Room 1111 West Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79416 et or call 806.281.5862



Amarillo Saturday, March 29th at 9am Panhandle Conference Center - ABCD 5800 Bell

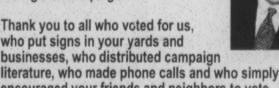
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THANK YOU!

TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS:

Thank you so very much for the many acts of support and kindness' during this campaign.



businesses, who distributed campaign literature, who made phone calls and who simply encouraged your friends and neighbors to vote.

Every vote matters and every person makes a difference!

TOGETHER, WE MADE A CHANGE! We thank you for your confidence and I look forward to serving the 106th **Judicial District.**

Again, Very Sincerely, "Thank You!"



